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Cyclone Ditwah: India Dispatches Urgent Relief As PM Modi Assures Sri Lanka Of Solidarity

Minister Narendra Modi. He expressed sorrow for the lives lost and the extensive damage caused. Modi offered prayers for the affected families' safety and recovery.

The cyclone, which struck Sri Lanka on Friday, resulted in the deaths of 46 people, while 23 remain missing. The Disaster Management Centre (DMC) reported that the storm could intensify over the next 12 hours, potentially worsening the situation across the island.

Cyclone Ditwah caused significant damage in Sri Lankan President Anura Lanka, resulting in 46 Kumara deaths and 23 missing, Modi conveyed, "My heart-

The devastating impact Narendra Modi. India has have lost their loved ones and assistance as the situof Cyclone Ditwah on Sri dispatched relief materials due to Cyclone Ditwah. I Lanka has prompted con- under Operation Sagar pray for the safety, comfort, dolences from Prime Bandhu, offering support and swift recovery of all

from Indian Prime Minister people of Sri Lanka who ready to provide more aid



as rescue efforts continue. India Extends Support

In a message to Sri

affected families. In solidarity with our closest maritime neighbour, India has urgently dispatched relief Dissanayake, materials and vital HADR support under Operation ation evolves. Guided by Neighbourhood India's First policy and Vision MAHASAGÁR, India continues to stand firmly with Sri Lanka in its hour of

Heavy rainfall exceeding 300 mm (11.8 inches) over the last day led to landslides, particularly affecting the eastern and central parts of Sri Lanka. As a precaution, schools have closed train services halted, and the Colombo Stock Exchange ended trading early due to persistent rain.

Displacement

Emergency operations are ongoing in severely impacted areas, with many roads obstructed by landslides. "We are continuing rescue operations in the

worst-hit areas, but some viduals have sought refuge Bandaranaike International aftermath. India stands villages are difficult to in schools and other shelblocked by landslides...we are doing our best to get everyone to safety," Brigadier Dharmawickrema,

Emergency Operations Director at the DMC, told Reuters. Over 43,991 indi-

became uninhabitable.

transportation were notable, as several flights, including those from Muscat, Dubai, New Delhi, and Bangkok, were diverted from

Airport (BIA). According to Minister The cyclone's effects on Karunathilake, further diversions to Trivandrum or Cochin airports in southern

> tions worsen. As Sri Lanka grapples Colombo's with Cyclone Ditwah's

India may occur if condi-

ready to assist its neighreach because roads are ters as their homes Ports and Civil Aviation bour further, illustrating the enduring bond between the two countries. With ongoing rescue efforts and international support, Sri Lanka aims to navigate this challenging period and restore normalcy for its cit-

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel graces the annual Sneh Milan of the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) foundation for growth opment.

To propel Gujarat forward Annual Trade Expo sched-

industry, including GCCI, in linked the Prime Minister's

Swami.

Gandhinagar, November 2025: Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel while addressing at the GCCI Annual Sneh Milan in Ahmedabad stated that, the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the efforts of Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah have enabled Ahmedabad to secure the hosting rights for the Commonwealth Games 2030—an opportunity that will set new development benchmarks for the city. He added that this milestone has also paved the way for Gujarat to bid for the Olympic Games in

He said that Gujarat has consistently benefited from the Prime Minister's exceptional administrative acumen. During his tenure as Chief Minister, he recognized the potential across all sectors and ensured a business-friendly environment, providing essential infrastructure and institusupport. Consequently, Gujarat has

growth engine today. Speaking Gujarat@75 in 2035, the Chief Minister was confident that by following the path charted by the Prime Minister, Gujarat would set new milestones in fulfilling the vision of a Viksit Bharat called upon everyone to Summit and the flag-hoist- Prime

emerged as the nation's

He highlighted the the mantra of promoting Mandir the following day to an Atmanirbhar Bharat and state's development jour- indigenous ney. CM stated that Shri thereby strengthening the ing India's development the Chamber plans to Narendra Modi laid the nation on its path to devel- and its rise as a global undertake in this regard...

across all sectors in Gujarat, enabling the state
Chief Minister unveiled the industry with spirituality to today to produce every- logo of GATE-2026, the ensure societal stability thing from chips to ships. second edition of the GCCI and nurture virtuous indi-

on the path of development

while fostering inclusivity,

the Prime Minister's princi-

ples of 'Vocal for Local' and

'Local for Global' have been

embraced, culminating in

the launch of the Vibrant

cant role of trade and

CM stated the signifi-

Gujarat Regional Summit.

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uled for 2026, and also

released the book authored

Pujya Gnanvatsal

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Dr. Gnanvatsal Swami

of the BAPS organization

described the conference

as a harmonious blend of

industry and spirituality. He

shaping a Viksit Bharat. He presence at the G20 full support in realizing

contribute by embracing ing ceremony at the Ram Narendra Modi's vision of

products. two parallel processes driv- outlined various initiatives

viduals.

On this occasion, GCCI

President Shri Sandeep

Engineer, along with the

entire team, extended con-

gratulations to Gujarat,

including the Chief Minister,

for Ahmedabad and the

state being awarded the

hosting rights for the

Commonwealth Games

2030. He assured GCCI's

Minister

leader. He highlighted the On this occasion, the vital role of integrating

prompting condolences felt condolences to the Sagar Bandhu. We stand TMC Turns Up the Heat on Election **Commission Over Bengal's SIR Drive** said. "But there was com- the Election Commission EC, however, denied the Trinamool plete silence from the (EC) for using the Special Congress intensified its Commission. That silence Intensive Revision (SIR) of

Commission on Saturday, accusing the poll body of using the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls to unfairly target West Bengal. At a press briefing in New Delhi, TMC MP Sajda Ahmed painted a tense picture of the situation on the ground, saying fear and uncertainty were spreading across the state. According to Ahmed, the

party held a prolonged meeting with the Election only to walk away without people are worried." answers. "We asked five

criticism of the Election speaks volumes. Bengal is electoral rolls to unfairly



Commission a day earlier, being singled out, and its

The Trinamool very clear questions," she Congress (TMC) criticized since the SIR began. The

target West Bengal, alleging that 39 Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have died allegations and appointed Subrata Gupta as Special Roll Observer for West

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She also raised alarm over the deaths of several Booth Level Officers, describing them as frontline workers pushed to breaking point. "These BLOs are operating under enormous pressure," Ahmed said. "Only with proper time, support, and protection will they be able to carry out their responsibilities with confidence."

"She Sacrificed Power": DK Shivakumar **Praises Sonia Gandhi Amid Karnataka Row**

The ongoing struggle Siddaramaiah and DK President Abdul Kalam, fices for the greater good. Shivakumar over the Chief Minister's position has resurfaced, causing unrest within the Congress. This internal conflict comes after a series of electoral losses, and DK Shivakumar's remarks about Sonia Gandhi 'sacrificing power' added fuel to the fire. At an event in Bengaluru, he mentioned Sonia Gandhi's decision in 2004 to step aside for Manmohan Singh

as Prime Minister. Sonia Gandhi's leadership, described Singh as an Minister Siddaramaiah and highlighting her 20-year exceptional economist with DK Shivakumar has resurtenure as Congress a background as the faced within the Congress, President. He noted that Reserve Bank Governor amid calls for a leadership

she declined the Prime and Union Finance Minister. change based on a postinstead endorsing

power Minister role even after This reference was a subtle between being approached by then- reminder of political sacri-

power struggle The



DK Shivakumar praised Manmohan Singh. He

between Karnataka's Chief

2023 election agreement, and is further complicated by BJP's potential efforts for a no-confidence vote. The call to replace

Siddaramaiah has grown louder among MLAs supporting DK Shivakumar. They demand adherence to a 'deal' made post-2023 Assembly elections, which suggested a 2.5-year term for each leader. The halfway point has passed without any change, prompting reminders from Shivakumar's camp about the agreement. includes another pointed comment bv Shivakumar on the importance of keeping one's

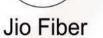
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Rahul Gandhi, Kharge review Bihar poll debacle with state leaders

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi met with party chief Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday to review the political fallout from the recent Bihar assembly elections, where the party suffered a significant set-

The meeting, attended by Congress Bihar incharge Krishna Allavaru and state party chief Rajesh Ram, addressed the reasons behind the party's poor performance in the state.

Earlier, Gandhi and Kharge had convened sepleaders and all contesting polls. candidates at Indira

sions were held in batches dates pointed to several squabbles and factional difto gain insight into the fac- reasons for the defeat, ferences within the Bihar



tors that contributed to the arate sessions with Bihar party's decimation in the

Bhawan. These discus- party revealed that candi- alliance's appeal. Internal

including the NDA government's Rs 10,000 incentive scheme for women voters, Sources close to the which boosted the ruling

Congress, coupled with the late distribution of party tickets, were also cited as key issues that hampered the party's campaign.

Gandhi reportedly emphasized the need for introspection and cohesive action, asserting that it is crucial that we understand the ground realities and work unitedly to regain the trust of the people of Bihar.

According to sources, Kharge echoed this sentiment, saying the party will address the internal challenges and strengthen the grassroots connect to ensure better outcomes in the future.







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Editorial

Practical Policy Shifts

The past year and a half have seen an unexpected softening of India's economic policy posture, an evolution marked not by headline-grabbing liberalisation, but by a series of decisions that collectively signal a shift toward greater pragmatism. The notification of the longpending Labour Codes has naturally attracted the most attention, but the deeper story lies in how the government has recalibrated its political economy after entering its third term. The Labour Codes themselves are a reminder of how difficult structural reform can be in a country where the interests of workers, employers and politicians rarely align. Their implementation, delayed for years, suggests renewed resolve to simplify the regulatory maze that has long governed employment. Yet, the move also reflects a changed environment: one in which the government seems more comfortable weighing political risk realistically, rather than avoiding it altogether. By pushing ahead after years of hesitation, it has signalled that the reform agenda is no longer hostage to bureaucratic caution or fears of backlash. This recalibration is also evident in the decision to manage sensitive issues like pensions through dialogue instead of confrontation. The rollout of the Unified Pension Scheme came with expectations of political turbulence. Advertisement Instead, it unfolded quietly. Stakeholders were consulted opposition softened, and employees retained the freedom to choose between the old and new frameworks. The result was a rare instance of policy adjustment ~ on a subject with major fiscal implications – achieved with minimal polarisation. It showcased how process matters as much as outcomes in building durable reform. Equally striking has been the subtle retreat from protectionist instincts that had dominated earlier years. Import licensing for laptops and other electronics, once touted as a tool for strengthening domestic manufacturing, has been deferred repeatedly. While such curbs remain on paper the hesitation to enforce them suggests a recognition that unpredictability in trade policy hurts India's competitiveness far more than it helps. Advertisement The rollback of dozens of quality control orders on raw materials and intermediates reinforces this message. These measures were once used as easy non-tariff barriers but ended up burdening domestic producers instead. Their removal points to a more realistic understanding of how global supply chains truly function. Meanwhile, tax policy has been nudged in a direction that lightens the load on households and small businesses. Rationalisation of GST procedures and relief for middle-income taxpayers strengthen the perception that the government is attempting to create a more stable and less adversarial fiscal environment. This is not reform by spectacle, but reform by steady sanding down of friction points. The emerging pattern is clear: India's economic policy is undergoing a quiet reset. It does not mark a departure from ambition but an embrace of method ~ consultation sequencing, and course correction. If this approach is sustained, the cumulative benefits may ultimately prove more transformative than any single grand reform enact-

engrossed in our mundane preoccupations that we hardly find any time for our spiritual pursuits, something which is much more important to our eternal self. Many of us are often found saying that they remain so occupied with their work that they hardly find time for anything beyond work or personal affairs, let alone spending time for matters religious and divine. Notwithstanding this, we always have expectations that God will answer our prayers to grant all our

wishes.

Is that not conflicting and contradictory? If we, being such puny creatures in the humongous cosmos, find no time for God, why should we expect God, being the master of the multiverses, to find time to answer our prayers? It is said that our prayers are very powerful and their vibrations, if made with concentration and devotion, could reach the Almighty. However, a hurried or halfhearted prayer or a prayer with divided attention is never answered by God. We, being the children of God, should commune with Him like His true children. If we earnestly pray to him as His children, He responds generously. Let us take an example. If there are many sons of a father, who shall he be attached to more or favour more? Of the many sons, those remembering him or making an effort to stay in touch with him shall be more loved or favoured.

It is natural for the father to think that other sons are self-sufficient and happy enough not to require his help or favour. Same is the case with God. Those who remember Him with love, devotion and regularity are more favoured and blessed

SPIRITUAL PURSUIT, WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO OUR ETERNAL SELF All of us remain ever so approaches to reach out to God ~ inward and outward. The inward approach

> The outward approach goads us to search for Him in places of religious worship and through complex religious rituals and sacraments Hinduism has space for all paths to God. One should adopt one of these paths and reach out to God with all honesty and true devotion. One of the best ways to approach God is through yoga (union),

soul consciousness to find

as stressed by Hinduism. This yoga or union is the 'union with God'. Through yoga and yogic practices, we can unite with God. Many wonders of science invented in the West are used in the world, including in the East. Similarly, yoga is for all even though it was invented in the East, India to be precise. One who practices yoga is called a yogi. And anyone who has established God in his soul temple is a yoqi. It has rightly been said that we should seek God in our bodily temple first before visiting a brick-and-mortar temple. And what better way to seek God than through yogic meditation. Across different cultures, meditation refers to focusing one's attention deliberately ~ whether on the breath, a sound, a mantra, an image or simply the act of observing the mind itself.

In ordinary life, our mind jumps from thought to thought ~ worrying about the future, reliving the past or reacting to emotions. Meditation gently trains the mind to notice this restlessness and return to the pres-

There are said to be two itation, one can reduce guides us to look inside our

sciously. It is not about supmental clutter and distracpressing thoughts, but tions, enhance self-awareunderstanding them more ness, build emotional staclearly. And it is not about bility, and improve focus changing who you are, but it is about seeing who you and creativity. Meditation is, thus, said to reduce stress truly are beneath the noise. and anxiety, lower blood



pressure and heart rate, improve attention span and memory, help manage pain and insomnia, enhance emotional intelligence and empathy, and promote overall mental well-being and resilience. From a scientific perspective, regular meditation changes brain patterns ~ lowering stress hormones like cortisol improving emotional stability, and even increasing gray matter in areas linked

with memory and empathy. While many practice meditation for relaxation or focus, in deeper Indian traditions, it is a path to selfrealization ~ understanding the nature of the mind and the self. In yogic philosophy, dhyana or meditation is one of the eight limbs of yoga that leads to Samadhi or the union with the higher Self. Meditation is, thus, the art of stilling the inner storm so the self-reflection becomes clear. It is not about escaping life, but engaging with it more con-

the spine erect is said to be aood for meditation. according to Patanjali. By penetrating the third eye or concentrating at the space between our eyebrows, we can dive deep inside ourselves and experience the Divine. By doing so, we can also develop our intuitional

capacity or the sixth sense. When the fog of ignorance is removed by meditation, we see the right path and see God. God is immanent in the infinite bounties and beauties of creation. If we stay tied to the mundane and the finite, we cannot move towards the infinite God. We cannot perceive the infinite God with our finite senses. Waves cannot exist without the ocean, but the ocean could exist with or without waves as the originating source. Even though the wave cannot measure the ocean, there is still a point of contact between them. Where the infinite becomes the finite, there is a point of

However, we need to expand these points of contact to extend our consciousness to infinity to be able to experience the infinite God. We have all descended from the infinite

> into the finite. God has condensed his consciousness into different finite forms, whether animate or inanimate. If we have never seen or tasted an apple, anyone can fool us about what it looks or tastes like. Same is the case with God-realization. As they say, we cannot love something we do not know.

Knowledge of God must precede the love for him. And meditation is one of the most effective ways to know our real self and God.

One reason for God creating us is that we find time to love Him and return to Him. We are fortunate to have been born as a human, who with mediational prayers, can return home, unlike many other creatures. The true practice of religion is to sit still in meditation and talk to God, closing the door of our senses which are outward-oriented. Through regular meditation and meditative practices, we can recognize our inherent power. God made us in His image as asserted in Hinduism, in the Bible and many other religious scriptures. We all have the same power as Him. But we need to develop this power. Being children of God, we have immense powers which we need to recognize and realize

through regular deep meditation. By the power of our mind, we can see further than the furthest.

But strong meditative practices require strong willpower. Our willpower is what makes us divine. When we stop using this willpower, we become human. Many of us express their helplessness saying they do not have strong willpower to engage in such practices. But when we resist something or persist in something, we are using our willpower. We all have this willpower required to engage in uplifting spiritual or meditative practices. We need to recognize it. Behind the human will, there is a divine will which can never fail. But our willpower develops in the right company. If we want to be singers, we need to go to someone who is a very good singer, has knowledge of singing or likes singing. Keeping company with those not associated with singing will not

help us. The same is the case with spiritual practices. We need to associate ourselves with the right kind of people with dedication and will. A time will come when everything is accomplished by us at will. In fact, proper visualization by the exercise of concentration and willpower enables us to materialize our thoughts. As we continue practicing visualization, our thoughts start getting materialized. If we can tap into the inexhaustible source of life through the powerful instrumentality of meditation, we can be freed from the limitations of our body.

than those who do not. ent moment. Through med-Chilling effect of a privacy upgrade

À few days ago, the government notified the Digital proof that India is finally greater trust, and real That's not privacy accountability in the digital economy. However, as the muzzle. And the fine print makes clear, consequences do India's new data framework not stop at the does something very different: it grants sweeping

For a country that prides enables journalists itself on being the world's and citizens to largest democracy and a access and publish sensirising digital superpower, tive information, when pubthis should worry us. On lic interests outweigh paper, the DPDP framework promises control and disclosure. This safeguard consent. But for millions of has enabled people to Indians, especially those uncover who rely on an independent exposed wrongdoing, and press and the Right to empowered ordinary citi-Information to hold power zens for nearly two accountable, these rules decades. At the same time, threaten to shrink the very Rule 23 gives the governtransparency that keeps ment the authority to democracy healthy. Two of demand personal data from ble. Small Firms and start-

journalists, start-ups, and

everyday consumers.

sage is simple: the new rules could make iournalism itself a consent-based Personal Data Protection activity. If routine news-Rules, 2025, touted as gathering is reinterpreted "data processing," taking privacy seriously. On reporters may need conpaper, they promise sent from the very people stronger citizen rights, they are investigating, heavy cost. India's digital

protection. That's a newsroom.

The rules weakpowers to the State while en the RTI frameimposing heavy burdens on work by diluting the public-interest override, a principle that

potential harm caused by corruption, tant media watchdogs, without notifying the user

telling you when the State comes knocking. So, while citizens may soon be forced to jump through more hoops to access information, the State gets an express lane.

This imbalance carries a



economy thrives because consumers trust platforms with their information. Startups innovate because they aren't bogged down by compliance paperwork. investigate Journalists because they can protect their sources. RTI activists difficult questions ask because they know the law backs them. Under the new regime, these pillars wobthe country's most impor- any platform or company, ups now face the same stricter audits, annual DIGIPUB and the Editors whose data is being impact assessments, and Guild of India, have sound- accessed. Companies are compliance certifications guards democracy nor con-

follow. This is a huge blow for India's start-up ecosystem, which is already struggling funding winters and regulatory whiplash, this is not protection; it's a hurdle. When young companies paperwork instead of developing products, innovation suffocates, competition and consumers pay the ultimate price.

for journalists,

researchers, and publicinterest watchdogs, the chilling effect is immediate. When the line between reporting and "processing personal data" becomes blurry, over-compliance becomes the safe, and undemocratic, choice. This isn't about rejecting data protection. Indians deserve better privacy protection norms, transparent rules, stronger safeguards and greater accountability from platforms that handle our data. But privacy cannot come at the cost of undermining the institutions that defend our freedom. A law that claims to empower citizens while tightening its grip on press and limiting transparency neither safe-

a mother's quest to give her daughter the wings she never had 29 November 2025: roads—will she rise into her be. This is definitely not "Jab milegi sapnon ko

udaan aur beetega raat ka peher, tab hogi umeedon ki Seher..." Some stories begin in darkness - shaped by silence, tradition, and burdened by wounds passed down through generations like an inheritance. Yet, every darkness waits for its dawn. Staying true to are compelled to divert its legacy of socially rooted their scarce resources into storytelling, COLORS presents 'Seher Hone Ko Hai', a stirring saga of a mother who was forced into marriage at a very young age and now refuses to let hisrepeat itself. Determined to give her daughter Seher the freedom she never had, she stands by her dreams of getting an education and building a career. The battle to give her that opportunity is where this story begins. In the poetic lanes of Lucknow, Kausar fights to make Seher a doctor and set her free. But standing in returning to television and her way is Parvez, Seher's orthodox father, who plans marry her off to Osmaan's grandson Mahid, between the expectations the heir to an influential family, even as Mahid seeks treatment from Dr. Farid, a man of science. As Kausar races to save Seher from being married pushing him to confront the "Coming back to fiction with

Mumbai, The upcoming

episode of "Kaun Banega

Crorepati" is set to feature

a comedy special when

Rukh was expelled from

Parth Samthaan as Mahid, done so far. Mahid is

own dawn, or be pulled your boy-next-door characback into the darkness her ter — in fact, it's the most mother lives in? Starring challenging role I've ever



COLORS lights up a new dawn of dreams with 'Seher Hone Ko Hai' —

Rishita Kothari as Seher, wounded, scared, and Farid, and Deepak Qazir as Osmaan, 'Seher Hone Ko Hai' premieres on the 2nd of December, airing every day at 10:00 pm only on COLORS and JioHotstar.

Parth Samthaan, on essaying the role of Mahid, a character, this layered says, "Mahid is a beautifully conflicted soul, torn of a revered family and the unresolved wounds of his childhood. His encounter with Seher becomes the turning point in his life,

Mahhi Vii as Kausar, emotionally unstable, vet Vaqaur Shaikh as Parvez, he lives by a strong sense Apurva Agnihotri as Dr. of justice, helping whoever is in need and punishing the culprit in his own way. He believes Allah has sent him into this world with a purpose of protecting the vulnerable and ensuring that justice is served. Returning to television with feels incredibly special, and I look forward to the audience embracing him with the same love and support

Mahhi Vij, playing the role of Kausar in COLORS' Seher Hone Ko Hai, shares, off to Mahid, the young girl man he truly is, rather than Kausar feels like coming stands at a perilous cross- the one he was shaped to home, both as an actor and

they've always shown me."

ney moved me the moment I heard it. I've worn many hats over the years: a performer, a reality-show winner, a woman who has learned to turn setbacks into strength—and this role asks for every one of those truths. What I love most is the quiet, unstoppable courage with which Kausar fights to give her daughter the life she never had. As a mother, that sentiment is so primal to me: wanting better, wanting brighter, wanting freedom for your child even if you never had it yourself. This role is my tribute to mothers everywhere and their infinite capacity to love, to fight, and to reshape the futures of the children they raise."

as a mother. Kausar's jour-

ping into the title role, expresses, "Playing Seher is an honour because she represents countless girls who dream with a silent fire. Her dream of becoming a doctor is a continuation of a dream Kausar never got to chase. Raised in a world where even wanting an education can be dangerous, Seher survives by staying gentle, observant, and deeply resilient, and what moved me most is how she learns to navigate life with both fear...

Rishita Kothari, step-

ed the alarm. Their mes- explicitly prohibited from that even global tech giants sumers. Nature shows path to cyclone resilience

unfolds, cities remain at inclusive pathway – acting the frontline of the climate as shields, buffers, and crisis. With nearly 70 per sponges that absorb cli-ture alone cannot protect cent of the world's popula- mate shocks tion projected to live in strengthening long-term ing climate hazards. The urban areas by 2050, resilience. Cyclone Senyar, 16th UNEP Emissions pressures on infrastruc- developing over the southture, ecosystems, and east Bay of Bengal and public health continue to expected to intensify into a intensify. The growing frequency and severity of climate-related disasters - lights the vulnerabilities of such as the emerging coastal regions in India, pledges are met, global Cyclone Senyar in the Bay of Bengal – underscore the urgent need to rethink and the Andaman & that only accelerated how we build and protect Nicobar Islands. our cities.

In this context, Nature- rainfall, strong winds, this urgency, NbS emerge

Based Solutions (NbS) while cyclonic storm by late November 2025, high-

With risks of heavy

storm surge, and coastal As the 21st century offer a sustainable and flooding, Senyar serves as a timely reminder that conventional grey infrastruccommunities from escalat-Gap Report 2025 warns that global GHG emissions reached a record 57.7 Gt CO2e in 2024, up 2.3 per cent from the previous year. Even if existing particularly Tamil Nadu, warming could still reach Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, 2.3–2.5°C. UNEP stresses action can realign pathways toward 1.5°C. Within

as one of the most direct, cost-effective, and equitable bridges between mitigation and adaptation.

Defined by IUCN as actions that protect, sustainably manage, and restore ecosystems for human and biodiversity benefits, NbS now underpin global resilience policy and the Sustainable Development Goals. Their applications - spanning urban forests, coastal wetlands, mangrove restoration, bioswales, and floodplain rejuvenation enhance ecological health while reducing disaster **Amitabh Bachchan and Shah Rukh Khan!** and was also kicked out of Bachchan,



Kiku Sharda reveals the rift between

Gurukul in Mohabbatein, the film Piku. Amitabh exclaims, "But Shah Rukh

wasn't in 'Piku'!" Kiku then delivers а comedic retort, "Sir, when you kicked him out, how will he get into the film?" Big B bursts out laughing at Kiku's mischievous comment, and Sudesh Lahiri joins in, making the moment even more hilarious. This special segment promises Kiku's signature sense of fun and mischief. Don't miss Kiku Sharda's explosive banter with Amitabh Bachchan - only on Sony Entertainment Television and SonyLIV.

Kiku Sharda, posing as Bachcha Yadav, humorously mentions the rift between Amitabh Bachchan and Shah Rukh Khan. With his trademark deadpan humor, Kiku says, "Sir, I heard you don't get along with Shah Rukh Khan at all. You even kicked him out of the house in 'Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham'!" He continues the joke by adding that Shah

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BCCI Is Unhappy With Gautam Gambhir's Attitude, Press Conference After India Vs South Africa Series Loss

intense pressure following a Cricket in India (BCCI) fol- have compromised the humiliating 0-2 Test series defeat at home against South Africa. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is reportedly displeased with Gambhir's recent remarks during a press conference, adding to the scrutiny over his team management methods.

Gautam Gambhir having BCCI's support currently, the situation could change if the team's performance in the T20 World Cup 2026 is affected. His comments after the defeat, especially about the pitch conditions following the Kolkata Test, have been controversial. The Board perceives these remarks as unnecessary, contributing to the drama off the field.

head coach of Team India, reliance on all-rounders choices are seen as under-Team India's head coach, faces increasing scrutiny over specialist players. This Gautam Gambhir, is under from the Board of Control for approach is believed to



lowing a home Test series loss to South Africa, with his leadership and recent comments under review, especially concerning the T20 World Cup 2026.

Gambhir's Gautam Leadership Under Scrutiny Gautam Gambhir's leadership has been a point of team's stability and depth, affecting their success in the longer format. India's Test record at home, once formidable, is now a major concern for cricket's top brass. Former players and

cricket experts have criticised Gautam Gambhir for not balancing his team selections effectively. His T20 World Cup.

mining the foundation needed for success in the fiveday game, especially when compared to previous coaches like Rahul Dravid and Ravi Shastri.

T20 World Cup 2026: A **Crucial Test**

The upcoming T20 World Cup 2026 is seen as a critical test for Gambhir. His future with the team hinges on this event, as the BCCI is considering changes in the Test format August Gambhir's success as the white-ball coach has given him some leeway, but the pressure is mounting.

Public sentiment is turnagainst Gautam Gambhir, and his time to reverse this perception is limited. The Board's patience may wear thin if India fails to deliver in the

Over 1,500 Veterans and Veer Naris attend **Army's Ex-Servicemen Rally at Hisar**

The Indian Army's Dot on Target Division under Sapta Shakti Command successfully organised an Ex-Servicemen Rally and medical camp at Hisar Military Station here on Saturday. The rally covered ten districts of Haryana, including Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri, Fatehabad, Hisar, Jind, Jhajjar, Rewari, Mahendragarh,

Rohtak, and Sirsa. The event witnessed participation of more than 1,500 Veterans, Veer Naris, Veer Matas, and their Next of Kin (NoK) from the region.

The event was attended by Rao Narbir Singh, Sainik and Ardh Sainik Welfare Minister, Haryana, as the Chief Guest, along with Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, Army Commander, Sapta Shakti Command, Maj Gen Amit

Dubbed a 'game chang-

er' in India's air defence

system, the S-400 missile

system is expected to fea-

ture prominently in talks

between Defence Minister

Rajnath Singh and his

Russian counterpart Andrey

Belousov during President

Vladimir Putin's high-profile

visit to India on December 4.

2018 (worth US \$5.43 bil-

lion), India had placed an

order for five S-400 air-

defence systems from

Russia. While three of these

have already been deliv-

ered and deployed at vari-

ous locations, the remaining

two are expected to arrive

Under a deal signed in

Senior Army Officers, Civil redressal, documentation communication, interaction, Dignitaries, and represen- updates, pension-related empowerment, felicitation, tatives



S-400 'game changer' likely to lead

Welfare Organisations.

In a statement issued here, the Army spokesperson stated that various Record Offices, Banks, MSMEs, Police, and Welfare Government Agencies, including DIAV, AWPO, ECHS, and Zila Sainik Boards, had established help desks to assist Talwar, GOC, DOT Division, ex-servicemen in grievance towards ensuring regular from the Army.

opportunities.

A Medical Camp under the aegis of Military Hospital, Hisar, provided health check-ups and specialist consultancy to the attendees.

Addressing the gathering, the Army Commander reaffirmed the commitment of Sapta Shakti Command

and comprehensive care of our Veterans, Veer Naris, and Veer Matas. The rally culminated with a felicitation ceremony wherein Veer Naris, Veer Matas, War Wounded Veterans were honoured with tokens of appreciation for their distinguished service and sacrifice to the

Ex-Servicemen Rally stands as a testament to the Indian Army's enduring bond with its Veterans and Veer Naris, reaffirming the nation's collective respect, gratitude, and responsibility those who have served with honour and pride. The event also re-emphasised that Veteran welfare is a shared national obligation requiring integrated efforts

Gautam Gambhir, the contention, particularly his **Ukraine Confirms Responsibility For Attacks On Russian Tankers Virat And Kairos In Black Sea**

Russian shadow fleet tanker 'Virat' suffered an tankers, which attack off Turkey's Black empty at the time, without due to suspected trans-Sea coast. This attack, involving unmanned sea vessels, happened on a Saturday morning, according to Turkey's transport ministry. Ukraine has claimed responsibility, citing the use of "Sea Baby" drones in the operation. These drones were directed towards the tankers, resulting in an explosion.

The Turkish ministry reported that the Virat had minor damage on its starboard side. However, none of its 20 crew mem-

evening, Turkey's trans-In a recent incident, the port ministry mentioned explosions on these were

among the 20 crew members; the attack followed a Friday incident involving the 'Kairos', both targeted



detailing the cause.

The Russian tanker 'Virat' was attacked off the bers were injured. This Turkish Black Sea coast attack followed a similar on Saturday morning, with incident on Friday, where Ukraine claiming responthe Virat and another sibility using Sea Baby tanker, the Kairos, were drones, leading to minor targeted. On Friday damage but no injuries sanctioned Russian oil.

sanctioned Russian oil.

A Ukrainian security source confirmed to AFP that Kyiv was behind the attacks on two oil tankers. These vessels were suspected of transporting

"Modernised Sea Baby naval drones successfully targeted the vessels," the source stated. Ukrainian SBU security also released a video showing drones approaching the ships, leading to significant explosions.

Turkish Transport and Minister Infrastructure Abdulkadir Uraloglu indicated that initial reports suggested the Kairos might have hit a mine. Later, they learned about the explosion on the Virat. "Our crews indicate that there were explosions on the other ship and that these were also caused by external interference," Uraloglu said. He mentioned possible causes like a mine, missile, marine vessel, or drone, but stated they lacked

During the first edition of Operation Sindoor launched

by next year.

agenda during Putin's India visit hubs based in Pakistan and game changer in this. Their Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, long-range radars and mis-Indian Air Force Chief Air sile systems could threaten

Chief Marshal Amar Preet the enemy aircraft well Singh had hailed the S-400 inside their own territory. So, as a game changer as it neutralised waves of swarm thing that they could not drones and launched by Pakistan.

SAM) that we had bought, weapons, so they could

we were able to do somemissiles even operate in their own territory. Their range was "Long range-SAM (LR- more than the range of their

weapon release range without being threatened, and those who came had to face damage. So, this was a game changer," he had said during the annual meeting of the Air Force Association held in September.

Preliminary assessments indicate that New Delhi is expected to press for a fresh procurement of five more S-400 air-defence regiments while simultaneously evaluating the induction of Russia's fifth-generation Su-57 combat aircraft into the Indian Air Force. Officials are also likely to review the purchase of Russia's advanced S-500 system, a next-generation platform designed to neutralise ballistic missiles at ranges of around 600 km by India against the terror S-400, turned out to be a never even come up to the and engage aerial threats

Operation Sagar Bandhu: India Responds With Urgent Humanitarian Aid To Sri Lanka Affected By Cyclone Ditwah

tarian aid to Sri Lanka, its major landslides. closest maritime neighbour amid severe weather The powerful Cyclone Ditwah has unleashed massive destruction across the island nation, causing floods and landslides, particularly in central hill and eastern coastal areas. Sri Lanka is experiencing one of its most devastating weather events in recent years.

The cyclone has resulted in over 130 deaths in Sri Lanka, with many missing as rescue efforts continue. More than 200,000 people from over 61,000 families have been severely impacted. Thousands have taken teams, along with 16.5 refuge in emergency shel- tonnes of aid. The Indian of their homes. The central (IMD) warns Cyclone speeds possibly reaching tents.

tea-growing

regions, Ditwah might impact the 70-90 km/h, gusting up to India swiftly initiated including Badulla and coasts of North Tamil Nadu, 100 km/h. Operation Sagar Bandhu Kandy, have reported the Puducherry, and South India's coastal states provide essential humani- highest casualties due to Andhra Pradesh. are preparing for the



India launched Operation Sagar Bandhu to aid Sri Lanka, hit by Cyclone Ditwah, which caused over 130 deaths impacting over 200,000 people; India has deployed ships, aircraft, and NDRF

advances from Sri Lanka, attention turns to India's The coast. Meteorological Department (IMD) predicts the cyclone and widespread damage, will approach the North Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and South Andhra Pradesh coasts by early Sunday. Although currently a cyclonic storm, it may

As Cyclone Ditwah storm's impact. Tamil Nadu has issued a Red Alert for several districts, including Nagapattinam and Thanjavur, due to expected heavy rainfall exceeding 20 cm in 24 hours. Chennai and nearby areas are on Orange Alert, anticipating significant rain and potential urban flooding.

In a rapid response, India has deployed the INS Vikrant and INS Udaigiri for relief operations in Sri These ships, Lanka. already in Colombo for an International Fleet Review, delivered 4.5 tonnes of dry rations and 2 tonnes of fresh food. The Indian Air Force sent a C-130J aircraft with 12 tonnes of ters due to the destruction Meteorological Department slightly intensify, with wind urgent supplies, including

with 1st SOA Sahitya Samman

Literary Festival kicked off on Saturday with Odisha governor Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati asserting that though technology had been expanding and reshaping human relationship, it could not replace the depth of human experience.

"At present, Artificial Intelligence has been reshaping communication, creativity and even human relationship, but the future influenced by Al will still depend on empathy, ethical judgment and ability to imagine what lies ahead," Dr. Kambhampati said while speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the twoday festival at SOA campus

the legacy of all Prime

Ministers of India since

Independence—has taken

a major step forward in

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the world's largest collec-

tions of rare archival mate-

rials, comprising over 25

million documents belong-

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The ceremony was lakh. Instituted this year, Culture and Heritage of The 3rd edition of SOA graced by legendary poet, the award will be presented India (PPRACHIN) which is



Odisha: Javed Akhtar conferred

writer, scriptwriter and to an eminent litterateur thinker Javed Akhtar who whose work exemplifies was presented with the first SOA Sahitya Samman on the occasion.

citation, a shawl, a silver SOA and cash prize of Rs. seven and Restoration of Ancient SOA attended as guests of

excellence, creativity and intellectual depth.

This is the third Literary The award comprises a Festival organised by the Centre

being attended by more than 100 poets, writers, novelists, theatre and media persons from across the country many of whom will be speaking at 30 different sessions over two

The theme of the festival this time is 'Culture, Creativity and Artificial Intelligence' focusing on the impact of technical innovation on human creativity and literature.

The program was presided over by SOA Vice-Chancellor Prof. Pradipta Kumar Nanda while Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary of Sahitya Akademi and Ms. Saswati idol of Goddess Saraswati Preservation, Propagation Das, Vice-President of

Trump Claims "White People Are Being Killed," **Pulls US Out Of G20 Johannesburg Summit**

US President Donald Trump has said the United South Africa, held on respectful," November 22-23, 2025, prompting the US because of what he to described as human rights entirely. abuses against white Afrikaners. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Trump claimed that "they are killing white people" and taking their farms, accusing President Cyril Ramaphosa's government rights of ignoring violence against against

descendants of Dutch, French and German set-Boycott US

Diplomatic Fallout The move resulted in

embassy representative for the G20 presidency han-States boycotted the G20 dover. However, South Summit in Johannesburg, Africa rejected this as "dis- of 2026 G20

> withdraw Donald Trump

boycotted the G20 Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, in November 2025, human citing concerns white Afrikaners and

subsequently announced South Africa's exclusion and from the 2026 G20 Summit in Miami, Florida.

President Ramaphosa the complete absence of had earlier suggested the any US delegation at the US might still participate in summit. The US had initial- some form, but the boycott

ly planned to send an remained in place, casting a shadow over Africa's first time hosting the G20. Tensions Deepen Ahead

> Following boycott, the Trump

announced South would Africa not be invited to the 2026 G20 Summit in Miami, Florida, which will take place under the US presidency.

This added to existing tensions between the two countries, including a previous Oval Office meeting where Trump reportedly showed Ramaphosa a video highlighting alleged attacks on

white farmers.

South African officials, along with independent fact-checkers, have consistently rejected claims of a "white genocide" or organised, systematic killings. Impact on Global

Discussions

The absence of the United States-the world's largest economy-combined with the nonattendance of China's Xi Jinping, limited high-level engagement on critical issues such as climate policy, debt restructuring and financial support for developing nations.

Despite the disruptions, These records are regularly several G20 countries consulted by bonafide praised South Africa's con-researchers and scholars duct as host. Meanwhile, studying Modern and Trump's threat to exclude South Africa from the Miami summit faces uncertainty, as South Africa holds per- PMML is undertaking a manent G20 membership.

project of its rare archival the frequently accessed The Prime Ministers' Museum and Library (PMML)—a premier nationspondence, al institution dedicated to preserving and showcasing

said on Saturday.

collection, which includes material has already been personal papers, corre- digitised, uploaded, and speeches, made available through the diaries, and newspaper newly developed system.



Prime Ministers' Museum and Library undertaking compre-

hensive digitisation project of its rare archival collection

articles. This transformative A dedicated IT Platform effort ensures long-term has been created to facilitate remote access to these preservation of fragile documents while enabling Digital Archives. restricted remote access "Registered scholars for genuine research scholars," the Ministry of Culture

requests to view specific archival documents without A substantial portion of needing to visit the PMML

premises. Once approved, the requested materials will be securely made available on the scholar's desktop for viewing only," the Ministry

The launch of PMML's Digital Archives marks a significant milestone in leveraging technology to safeguard invaluable historical resources and enhance accessibility for researchers, scholars, and knowledge seekers across the world.

Ashwani Director, PMML, said this initiative reflects the institution's unwavering commitment to promoting highquality research and strengthening the study of Modern and Contemporary may now submit online India by enhancing ease of access to archival materials.

Ramdevra,

Jodhpur, rounding regions. By offer-

Rajasthan. Cities such as economic growth in the sur-

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, on Saturday flagged off the inaugural special train of the new Jaisalmer-Delhi (Shakur Basti) rail service from

In view of public sentiment, Vaishnaw announced that the Jaisalmer-Delhi (Shakur Basti) Express will be named Swarn Nagari

Jaisalmer station.

The introduction of the Jaisalmer-Delhi (Shakur Basti) Jaisalmer Express vide easier access to will significantly enhance advanced medical and edu-

Makrana, Jaipur, and Alwar

region

will now be connected to the national capital with greater ease and conven-The new service will pro-

ing a reliable and convenient travel option, the train will benefit residents, tourists, students, and businesses alike, strengthening regional mobility and devel-

In his address, Vaishnaw, rail connectivity between cational facilities, improve said Indian Railways is pro-

of destinations, and support establishing new milestones every day.

> He said under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Indian Railways is committed to taking its developmental journey to new heights.

The Railway Minister

said unprecedented work is being undertaken for raildevelopment in Rajasthan, with projects worth about Rs 55,000 crore currently in progress. As part of expanding the railway network in border areas, the proposal for a new line from Anupgarh to Khajuwala, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Barmer and up to Bhabhar is progressing

the national capital and the connectivity to major tourist gressing rapidly and is through various stages. International seminar at Sanskriti University: Vedas are not just a religion but a way to understand oneself.

day of the two-day internathe blessings of parents talk about the Supreme tional seminar organized at and gurus in the learning Soul and teach the values Memorial Auditorium of Sanskriti University started with inspirational sessions from renowned scholars. Learned speakers gave informative speeches on Vedic knowledge, philosophy, consciousness and application of Vedic literature in today's life.

Vedic scholar and poet Aditya Rangan started the session by chanting traditional mantras and explaining the importance of starting every learning process with a sacred mindset. Editor of Bharat Darshan Prof. T.N. Prabhakar threw Kannada Pranayama and its ancient roots. Former Chairman of **Doctors** Commission, Prof. Dr. Sai Raghuram Bhatt emphasized the importance of Vedic literature and called for "Living Vedas" through publications and new learning. Vice Chairman of Maharishi Sandipani National Veda Vidya shared thought-provoking thoughts on Indian knowledge traditions. He men-

Mathura. The second stressed the importance of sion was that the Vedas importance of peace, hapjourney. He said, Vedas are of truth and righteousness. not just religious scriptures Motivating the students, he



Dr. RV Jahagirdar, Chancellor of Sanskriti University Dr. Sachin Gupta, Dr. Raghuram Bhatt, Vice Chancellor Prof. MB Chetty, Dr. Ajit Sabnis, Dr. Renu Gupta releasing books on the second day of the two-day international symposium organized at Santosh Memorial Auditorium of Sanskriti University.

oneself.

NASA, former American scientist Dr. R. Narayana Swami delivered a scholarly address on the Rig Veda hymn, 'Tat Ekam' and explained its philosophical depth and the idea of "the One who has many names". He emphasized that the purpose of Vedic studies is Pratishthan Ujjen, Prof. not just to recite old texts, Prafulla Kumar Mishra but to introduce the new generation to its spiritual heritage.

study the Vedas, and main message of this ses- ful?" He stressed the and the audience how...

but a way of understanding said, when light comes, darkness disappears. Pediatrician and scholarly speaker Dr. Yogesh Waikar spoke on the concept of man, special man and one's own structure, mind, evidence and soul. He emphasized self-awareness and understanding your identity, passion and purpose. He also explained in detail about Nasadiya Sukta and Hiranyagarbha Sukta. He said that Vedas are not in books but within In the next session, you. Vedic scholar and poet tioned Sri Aurobindo's work 10552 mantras of Rigveda, Aditya Rangan said in his scholars on the use of field Friday night. They for the World's Fair, dis- its 10 mandalas and 1050 statement in Sanskrit, Vedas, along with their allegedly sprinkled petrol cussed the right time to suktas were explained. The "What makes life success- views, told the students and set them afire. Some

piness and well-being, and discussed how mantras help in physical, mental and financial wellbeing. Ram Chandra Bhatt, Vice-Chancellor of Swami Vivekananda Research and Institute, conducted a session on the scientific practice of "Om" and told about the five important points of understanding the Vedas through chanting – Anravani, Antaryatra, Antaryagya, Insight and Antaratma. In the next session, Oriental Studies scholar Dr. R.V. Jahagirdar interacted with the students and asked how many were familiar with Vedic knowledge or interested in Vedic studies. He explained the basics of the four Vedas, about 20,00,000 total Vedic lines and different types of mantras. He emphasized that the Vedas celebrate life and teach us to live happily. Application of Vedic

Principles in Modern Leadership

Mathura. In the two-day international seminar organized at Santosh Memorial Auditorium of

Red Fort blast case: Muzammil Ganaie, Adeel Rather among 4 sent to 10-day judicial custody

Ganaie had rented premises in Fatehpur, Taga and Dhauj in Faridabad, as well as in Khori

Jamalpur village. He reportedly told the house owners that he intended to start a fruit business.

A Delhi court on Saturday remanded Red Fort blast accused Dr. Muzammil Ganaie, Dr. Adeel Rather, Dr. Shaheen Saeed and Irfan Wagay to 10-day judicial custody.

As the probe intensified, investigators from the Delhi Police identified two more hideouts allegedly linked to Muzammil Ganaie. Officials said the locations were rented under false pretences and used for

several months, according to a news agency.

Ganaie had rented premises in Fatehpur, Taga



well as in Khori Jamalpur village. He reportedly told the house owners that he intended to start a fruit metres business.

above Khan's plastic raw material workshop and was located roughly four kilofrom Al-Falah University, where Ganaie

One of the rented hous-

es belonged to Jumma

Khan and consisted of

three bedrooms, a hall and

As many as 15 people were killed when a slowmoving Hyundai i20 car exploded on the evening of November 10 near Lal Metro Station. Several others were injured. The blast ignited multiple nearby vehicles, causing extensive damage.

Preliminary investigations have linked the explosion to a terror module recently uncovered in Faridabad. Several suspects have already been detained, and authorities are conducting an extensive investigation to dismantle the network behind the attack.

Former MP Dhananjay Singh writes to PM, demands CBI probe into codeine syrup case

Former MP Dhananjay Singh has written to the Prime Minister and the Pradesh Chief Minister requesting Central Bureau Investigation (CBI) probe into the ongoing codeine syrup trafficking case, after his name also surfaced as a 'suspect' following a key

The Uttar Pradesh STF recently arrested Amit Singh 'Tata', a close associate of the alleged mastermind Shubham Jaiswal, from Lucknow's Gomti Nagar. Following his arrest, reports emerged linking Amit Tata to Dhananjay Singh, prompting political speculation and demands for an inquiry into Singh's possible role.

In a detailed post on X and the Chief Minister to connection misled

attempted spread misinformation about him. He alleged that the case was being used to tarnish the image of the Prime Minister since it is connected Varanasi. Singh wrote that

multiple political figures from the opposition were "spreading false allegations" and emphasised that only a centrallevel investigation could Fortuner allegedly linked to out the Stressing that the matter is Dhananjay Singh, has preinter-state and sensitive, he vious criminal cases regisurged the Prime Minister tered against him. This

on Saturday, Dhananjay order a CBI probe so that Singh stated that certain "strict action can be taken political opponents had against the real culprits, tigation into Dhananjay journalists and and baseless allegations

> may come to an end." Amit Singh Tata, who was arrested with a truth. a fleet of vehicles used by

demands from several quarters for a deeper inves-Singh's proximity to the accused. Meanwhile, activist and

Azad Adhikar Sena chief Amitabh Thakur has also written to the Uttar Pradesh DGP, seeking a thorough probe into Amit Singh Tata's role. Thakur cited a viral video purportedly showing Shubham Jaiswal and Amit Tata assaulting individuals — an incident he said warrants immediate legal action.

As the codeine syrup racket investigation widens, calls for a transparent, independent probe continue to grow, with the case gaining significant political attention in Uttar Pradesh.

SMS Hospital here, after

30 to 40 percent burns

while her lover suffered 60

The woman sustained

Angry villagers try to set afire woman, lover in Rajasthan they were referred to the

In a bizzare incident, attempts of burning alive a women and her lover, were made allegedly by their relatives in Badilav village of the Dudu block in Jaipur district, police said on Saturday.

According to police sources, the couple was Sanskriti University, in vari- found in an objectionable ous informative sessions, condition in an agricultural villagers who reached the

Despite generous flow

permanent buildings for the

tiny tots under the integrat-

child development

As a result, these

The State has 74,224

Centres are functioning

either in rented houses or

in makeshift accommoda-



The duo with grave burn Center(CMC) from where

injuries was taken to nearby Community Health

per cent burns, the police said adding condition of the

the first aid.

two at the hospital was stated to be serious but stable. The forensic experts have visited the crime spot

Three to four persons were taken into custody for inter-1/4th of Anganwadi centres in Odisha

Corporation's campaign against single-use plastic and banned polythene continues

being taken by the been issued to run a contin- inspections were conduct-Corporation under the ongoing special campaign "Abhiyan 7.0" against single-use plastic and banned polythene in the state. As per the instructions of the government, this campaign is being run from 24 November 2025 to 31 December 2025, the objective of which is to strengthen environmental protec- use, storage and sale of tion and cleanliness of the banned plastic and to city. Besides, its main goal ensure punitive action. In is to promote plastic-free this sequence, the use of lifestyle among the people. environment-friendly

Mathura. Strict action is Commissioner, orders have the campaign, intensive

uous campaign against the ed by sanitation inspectors



Corporation team taking action under the campaign

On the instructions of options is also being Municipal encouraged. To speed up various areas and took

and ETF teams in all zones under the leadership of Assistant Municipal Commissioner

Kalpana Singh Chauhan.

Teams conducted raids in

and storage of banned plastic. During this time, the team collected a fine of Rs 15,000 on those using, storing and selling banned plastic. About 5 kg of banned plastic was seized. Traders and citizens were made aware to adopt ecofriendly bags and develop plastic-free market. Assistant Municipal Commissioner appealed to the citizens not to use, store and sell banned plastic/polythene and coop-

action when they found use

single-use functional Anganwadi centers out of which 54,074 erate in the campaign to centers have their own make the city clean and buildings while 20,150

construction of 7,389 merged with main centres underway, to optimize resources and Centres of funds from the centre, Women around one fourth of Development Minister Anganwadi centres (AWCs) Pravati Parida, who is also of the State do not have

the Deputy Chief Minister, told the in the State Assembly Saturday. 39.86

crore have been granted for construction of AWC buildings in joint

Child streamline operations. The funds are being sanctioned to districts in



Wolves continue to terrorise Bahraich villages,

coordination with revenue phases, along with a secuand disaster management rity deposit to cover the department and panchayati cost of electricity from the departments. nearest supply source, she Meanwhile, 10,416 mini- said, adding that the have no buildings of which AWC centres have been Government has decided to

do not have a building of their own of AWCs in a phased man-

> The Collectors of all districts have been asked to monitor the expeditious completion of new AWC buildings in coordination with Block Development Officers, Zilla Parishad Executive Officers, District Social Welfare Officers and Child Development Programme Officers, she added.

Balasore district at 1,755 has the highest numbers of building-less AWCs followed by Cuttack (1,524), and Ganjam (1,356).

District Panchayat President inaugurated the drainage pipeline

Mathura. Taking important steps towards consolidating the unnecessary water flow due to natural disaster, District Panchayat President Kishan Choudhary today formally inaugurated the new drainage pipeline at Nagla Var by cutting the ribbon. The village head and other dignitaries gave a warm welcome to Jippa by garlanding him and tying a turban and presenting him a picture of Radha Krishna. Addressing the inauguration program,



gurating the drainage pipeline by cutting the ribbon. Shri Chaudhary said that the providing basic facilities to

government is committed to the general public and with District Panchayat President

the commencement of this pipeline, hundreds of people of the area will get relief from this natural disaster. People will no longer have to face the problems of waterlogging here. No obstacle will come in the way of development work. Pushpendra Master, Bhuri Singh, Rakesh, Pradhan, Chandrapal Pradhan, Chandan Singh, Darav Singh Pradhan and other rural and local officials were present in large numbers in the inauguration program

5-year-old boy killed despite intensified patrols around 4:30 pm while his After running nearly 500 family to shift him to

Two man-eating wolves have once again unleashed terror in the region, claiming the life of a five-year-old boy named Star after dragging him away from his home in broad daylight.

The horrific incident occurred in Mallahan Purwa, a hamlet under Ghodahia village in the Kaisarganj police station area, about 50 km from the headquarters, arcane field. district police said on Saturday.

nesses, Star was playing chased the wolves with outside his house on Friday

bours were nearby.

Suddenly, two wolves emerged from the fields and attacked the child. One wolf grabbed him by the neck while the

other caught hold of his legs. Before anyone could react, the wolves dragged him towards a nearby sug-

Villagers, including eye-According to eyewit- witness Rajendra Singh,

family members and neigh- metres into the fields, the wolves finally dropped the

child and fled. When the villagers reached him, the boy was found scious, covered in blood, with severe

injuries and both palms missing.

Star was rushed to Kaisarganj Community Health Centre for first aid and then referred to Bahraich District Hospital Lucknow Medical College.

Tragically, he succumbed to his injuries on the way, around 11:30 pm.

The victim's father, Roshan Kumar, works as a labourer. Star was the second of three sons, and the family had recently welcomed a newborn. His mother reportedly collapsed repeatedly after learning of his death.

This incident is part of a disturbing pattern of wolf attacks in Bahraich over due to his critical condition. the past three months. sticks, shouting loudly. Doctors later directed the According to local residents,