



Kerala becomes Keralam; Union Cabinet approves change of name

New Delhi(GNS): The Union Cabinet has approved the Kerala government's proposal to rename the state from Kerala to Keralam.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan had urged the Centre to amend the Constitution under Article 3 to reflect the name 'Keralam' — the state's name in Malayalam — in the First Schedule and across all languages listed in the Eighth Schedule. The move comes ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections.



Encroachers have no vested right on Railways land in Haldwani, says Supreme Court

New Delhi(GNS): Noting that encroachers of the Indian Railways land in Haldwani in Uttarakhand did not have any vested right to be there, the Supreme Court on Tuesday indicated that over 5,000 encroacher families will have to vacate the land for the Railways' proposed expansion project.

fill up forms and complete other formalities for availing benefit of PMAY by eligible families by March 31. The bench asked the Collector and Uttarakhand State Legal Service Authority Secretary to file a status report and posted the matter for further hearing in April.



A bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi directed the Centre and the state authorities to ascertain the eligibility of families residing on the encroached Railway's land for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). It ordered the Nainital Collector, Haldwani Sub-Division Officer and other officials, including members of District Legal Service Authority to visit the area and set up a camp to assist the families occupying the land to

The bench made it clear that the stalemate over encroached Railways' land cannot be allowed to continue endlessly. On behalf of the petitioners, advocate Prashant Bhushan, said they had been staying in the area around the Haldwani railway station for four to five decades and that the state government had earlier said it would regularise the area. However, the bench said, "It's public land or to say it's Railway land — a fact which is not in dispute. You are actually get-

ting a concession for being there. You cannot claim it as a right to be there. You are getting a concession because the authorities slept over the illegalities for years." According to the Indian Railways, there are 4,365 encroachers on the land on which around 50,000 people, mostly Muslims, reside. Thousands of families are facing eviction from the Railways' land in Haldwani's Banbhoolpura area after the Uttarakhand High

Court on December 20, 2022 ordered removal of encroachments after giving them one-week notice. On January 5, 2023, the high court's order was stayed by the top court which had in September 2024 asked the Uttarakhand Government to submit a concrete proposal to rehabilitate 50,000 people residing on the Railways' land. As Bhushan said the Railways can take only whatever was required or

shift the project, the CJI said the court can't ask the railways to shift the project as it's for the experts to take a call. On behalf of the Centre, Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati asserted that an expansion project was needed for the Railways as hills start from Haldwani upwards. Senior advocate Colin Gonsalves, representing some of the petitioners, said there were several religious places in the area and people needed resettlement before being displaced. "Have mercy on these people. They are residing in unhygienic conditions where there is no potable water, electricity and sewage arrangement. Let them decide if they want a house under the PMAY scheme and if there are any impediments, the court will take care of it," the CJI told Gonsalves.

NEET link suspected in Lucknow patricide: Son arrested, police probe motive



New Delhi(GNS): A day after a 21-year-old man was arrested for allegedly shooting dead his father, dismembering the body and hiding the torso in a drum in the Ashiyana area here, an officer on Tuesday said the accused has been sent to police remand and is being further questioned to ascertain other aspects of the case.

had gone missing, said it was unimaginable that the son could commit such an act.

Additional DCP (Central) Jitendra Kumar Dubey said that the accused, Akshat Singh, is in police custody and is being interrogated. Prima facie, the root of the incident appears to be anger over his father repeatedly pressuring him to focus on studies and clear the NEET medical entrance examination. However, further questioning is underway and a thorough investigation is in progress," Dubey said.

The neighbour said on February 20, after the family claimed Manvendra had gone missing, locals accompanied them to the police station. However, Akshat allegedly told them that he had already lodged a complaint and was in touch with the police, thereby deflecting suspicion.

On Monday, DCP (Central) Vikrant Vir said Akshat allegedly shot dead his father, Manvendra Singh (50), around 4.30 am on February 20 following a dispute. The accused later chopped his body parts in an attempt to destroy evidence, disposing the severed hands and legs at different locations in Lucknow, while concealing the torso inside a drum kept at the ground floor of their house.

Manvendra Singh's brother, who had been in business with him for several years, said he never suspected his nephew. Speaking to a television channel, he said he had called his brother on the evening of February 20 but found his phone switched off.

Police said the accused has confessed to the crime and the weapon used in the murder has been recovered. A forensic team has examined the spot and collected evidence. The body has been sent for post-mortem. The grisly crime has left residents of Sector L in Ashiyana shaken. A neighbour, who had joined the family in searching for Manvendra Singh after learning that he

"When I spoke to my nephew, he told me that his father had gone to Delhi on urgent work and would return in two days. The next day too, all his phones were switched off, which raised suspicion. I went to the house and inquired, but never imagined that Akshat could be involved," he said.

Family members and neighbours said Manvendra Singh owned four pathology centres and three liquor shops and was financially well-off. His brother said he was not fully aware of any extreme academic pressure on Akshat, adding that the family was financially capable of securing admission to a private medical college if required.

The victim's brother also said he did not have the courage to see the torso when informed that it was found inside a blue drum on the ground floor of the house.

Affordable world-class healthcare for all' should be everyone's mission: President

New Delhi(GNS): Affordable world-class healthcare for all' should be everyone's mission, President Droupadi Murmu said on Tuesday. She was speaking after inaugurating 'Saving Lives and Building a Healthier Bharat' campaign, organised by P D Hinduja Hospital, at an event in Mumbai's Lok Bhavan. "I am confident that India will gain prestige as a global healthcare destination," Murmu said. She asked private hospitals and medical institutes to keep in mind social responsibility along with healthcare.

Murmu arrived in Mumbai Tuesday afternoon for a two-day visit to Maharashtra. She was received at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport by Governor Acharya Devvrat, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Sunetra Ajit Pawar and Mayor Ritu Tawde.



What happens to terms Keralite, Keralan Tharoor's witty take on Keralam replacing Kerala

New Delhi(GNS): Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor had a witty take on Kerala's name change on Tuesday, asking what happens now to the terms "Keralite" and "Keralan" for the "denizens" of the new "Keralam".



'Keralamian' like a rare earth mineral! @CMOKerala might want to launch a competition for new terms resulting from this electoral zeal," he said, sharing the media report on the name change.

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the proposal for altering the name of Kerala to Keralam.

of India will take further action, and the recommendation of the President will be obtained for the introduction of the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026, for the alteration of Kerala as Keralam in Parliament.

The Legislative Assembly of Kerala passed a resolution on June 24, 2024, to alter the name of Kerala to 'Keralam'.

After approval of the Union Cabinet, the President of India will refer a Bill, namely the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026, to the State Legislative Assembly of Kerala for expressing its views under the proviso to Article 3 of the Constitution of India.

Ahead of the Cabinet decision announcement, Tharoor said, "All to the good, no doubt, but a small linguistic question for the Anglophones among us: what happens now to the terms 'Keralite' and 'Keralan' for the denizens of the new 'Keralam'?"

Thereafter, the government of Kerala requested the government of India to take necessary steps to amend the First Schedule to the Constitution by altering the name of Kerala to Keralam according to Article 3 of the Constitution. Meanwhile, on Monday night, Tharoor said he was truly pleased to see C Rajagopalachari honoured by a statue at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

After receipt of the views of the State Legislative Assembly of Kerala, the government

like a microbe and

DGCA steps up audits, accountability after back-to-back aviation incidents

New Delhi(GNS): The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Tuesday announced stricter safety measures for non-scheduled operators following a high-level meeting.



The decision comes after two crashes were reported within a month -- the January 28 accident that claimed the life of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar and a recent air ambulance crash earlier this week.

The regulator said the meeting was conducted in response to a "recent surge in aviation incidents" and stressed the need for increased focus on safety across the sector.

Operators will now be required to disclose safety-related information, including aircraft age, maintenance history and pilot experience, on their websites. A safety ranking system for non-scheduled operators is also being planned, with ratings to be published on the DGCA website. The regulator said surveillance will be strengthened through random audits of cockpit voice recorders, flight data and technical logs to detect unauthorised operations. It

Based on a review of accident data over the past decade, the DGCA said non-adherence to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), inadequate flight planning and training deficiencies were the primary causes of accidents. It announced a "zero-toler-

ance policy toward safety compromises" and said safety must take precedence over commercial considerations, charter commitments and VIP movements. The regulator also said that a Pilot-in-Command's decision to delay, divert or cancel a flight for safety reasons will be final and must be respected by operators. The DGCA introduced a set of measures to improve oversight and accountability.

added that senior management will be held responsible for systemic lapses, stating that safety failures cannot be attributed only to pilots. Penalties have also been tightened, with pilots facing licence suspension of up to five years for violating flight duty time limitations, while operators may face licence action for non-compliance. Maintenance oversight will be increased, particularly for older aircraft and those undergoing ownership changes. Operators lacking adequate maintenance capability will be required to outsource work to approved Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul facilities. On weather-related risks, the DGCA said such incidents are often linked to poor judgement and directed operators to implement real-time weather update systems and ensure compliance with SOPs. Pilot training programmes will also place greater emphasis on weather awareness and decision-making.

Supreme Court's stern remarks intensify debate on freebies vs. employment

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Amid the ongoing debate over free schemes in the country, the Supreme Court has once again issued a scathing remark. The Supreme Court stated that if governments continue to provide free rations, gas, and electricity to people from dawn to dusk, why would people work? This could lead to a loss of the work ethic. The court clarified that governments should focus on job creation so that people can earn a respectable living.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant made the remarks while hearing a petition filed by the Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited. The company challenged a provision that proposed free electricity to all consumers, regardless of their economic status. The court

questioned whether providing free electricity without any distinction between those who can afford to pay and those who cannot is not a policy of appeasement.

The bench, also comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M. Pancholi, noted that most states in the country are grappling with revenue deficits, yet the emphasis is on freebies rather than development work. The court also questioned why such schemes are announced around elections and whether this does not compromise fiscal discipline.

The court's comments come at a time when serious questions are being raised about the financial health of the states. According to data, approximately 53 percent of the total subsidies of 19 states are spent on electricity subsidies

alone. The combined fiscal deficit of the states in 2024-25 was 3.3 percent of GDP. As of March 2025, total state debt was 27.5 percent of GDP and is projected to exceed 29 percent next year. Interest payments are also rising faster than revenue growth.

In Tamil Nadu, domestic consumers are provided free electricity up to approximately 100 units every two months. Punjab provides substantial electricity subsidies. In Delhi, electricity and water are available free or at subsidized rates for a limited number of units. Bihar and Himachal Pradesh also provide free electricity to domestic consumers up to a certain limit. In many states, farmers are provided free electricity for irrigation. These schemes are intended to provide relief, but their long-term econom-

ic impact remains debated.

The Supreme Court has previously expressed concern about free rations and other subsidies. The court stated that indefinite free distribution could increase dependency rather than integrate people into the mainstream. However, the court also acknowledged that providing relief to the poor and needy is the responsibility of the welfare state. The question is whether assistance should be targeted or universal.

The history of freebies in India is not new. In the 1950s and 1960s, Kamaraj introduced free education and midday meals in Madras state. Subsidized rice distribution schemes emerged in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and other states in subsequent decades. Over time, free televisions, bicycles, laptops,

and even household appliances became part of election promises. After 2015, free electricity and water became major political issues in states like Delhi and Punjab. Schemes like free bus travel for women and direct financial assistance were also implemented in various states.

Supporters argue that in a country with social inequality, it is the government's responsibility to provide basic services to vulnerable groups. Relief on essential services like education, health, food, and energy improves living standards and strengthens human resources. Critics argue that if plans exceed financial capacity, they hamper development projects and increase the debt burden, potentially burdening future generations.

Editorial

AI for all: On the India AI Impact Summit 2026

The attendance at the AI Impact Summit, in New Delhi, showed an extreme enthusiasm for Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies by digitally connected Indians. While statistics shared by AI firms have frequently cited India as the biggest user base outside the U.S., the crowds over the week were the biggest indicator of just how keen many Indians are to adopt this technology. At its core, the summit was a continuation of a series of annual multilateral discussions on AI, and 89 countries have signed a declaration laying out a voluntary set of commitments to share knowledge on AI democratisation. The summit's context comes with foreboding challenges for India: namely, deploying and diffusing a technology whose capital and infrastructure reside abroad, and finding a place in the global AI ecosystem that will place Indians well in the economic transformations that this technology's adoption promises. India's data centre capacity is growing healthily, but the AI moment calls for further momentum, a difficult ask when the costs of graphics processing units (GPUs) driving AI push up the cost of domestic deployment so much, not to mention the additional electrical capacity that must be built. A national strategy that relies overwhelmingly on becoming a hub for the deployment of models, with less emphasis on their training and finetuning, could pose risks; after all, with fewer labour costs, the advantage that India has will be smaller than in the ITeS era.

On the international cooperation front, it is disappointing that India has so eagerly enabled the U.S.'s hands-off impulses for AI. This is a technology with enormous scope for economic and social disruption. Countries must use the annual AI forum to collectively build tools and safety standards that can exercise actual leverage over how LLMs diffuse throughout society. Leadership of the Global South entails empowering countries that are individually vulnerable to collateral damage in an era of great power rivalries.



Globally, the world has moved from traditional metering systems to

advanced digital metering systems. Over the past few years, the process of replacing traditional electricity meters with advanced digital or prepaid meters has accelerated in many states of India. Reports have emerged from numerous locations that electricity department employees are removing old meters and installing new prepaid or digital meters without consumers' consent, leading to public dissatisfaction and protests. This situation has raised an important legal question: Is there any statutory provision in India that allows for the mandatory implementation of these meters?



Smart and Prepayment Electricity Meters - Section 47(5) of the Electricity Act 2003 and the role of State Electricity Regulatory Commissions

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I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that to answer this question, a thorough examination of Section 47(5) of the Electricity Act 2003, the rules framed by the Central Electricity Authority, and the regulations and rate orders issued by the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions is necessary. Over the past few years, the drive to replace conventional (postpaid/accurate) meters with smart and smart prepaid meters has grown rapidly in India. The primary objective is to improve the financial health of power distribution companies, reduce aggregate technical and commercial losses, implement real-time data-based billing, and provide consumers with the option to control electricity consumption. The broad framework of this strategy is the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme, which targets the rollout of hundreds of millions of smart meters. However, there is ongoing debate about whether meter replacement is mandatory or optional on a theoretical and historical scale. Amid numerous media reports and consumer protests, it is important to understand the legal and regulatory framework, particularly in the context of Section 47(5) of the Electricity Act, 2003, and the regulations/orders of the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions. This article will discuss these issues.

Friends, if we consider Section 47(5) of the

Electricity Act, 2003: Understanding the actual legal intent, the Electricity Act, 2003, is the fundamental law governing the electricity sector in India. Section 47 primarily deals with security deposits. Section 47(5) states that if a consumer agrees to receive electricity supply through a prepayment meter, the distribution licensee cannot collect a security deposit. Two important points emerge here: first, this provision provides the consumer with a choice. Second, this provision does not authorize the distribution company to mandate prepayment meters for all consumers. That is, the purpose of Section 47(5) is to provide consumers with choice, not to impose a mandatory requirement. A literal and objective analysis of the law's language reveals that it never mandates that every consumer must accept a prepayment or digital meter; they do have the option.

Friends, if we consider the question, can the State Electricity Distribution Rules of any state be above the Act? To understand this through legal theory, a fundamental principle of the Indian legal system is that subordinate rules, regulations, or orders cannot contradict the parent Act. If the Act does not mandate something, it cannot be made mandatory by enacting rules. The Central Electricity Authority has issued regulations regarding meter installation and operation, encouraging the use of advanced metering systems. However, these regulations can only be effective within the limits of the Act. If the Act provides

consumers with a choice, that choice cannot be eliminated by enacting rules. Thus, consumers' statutory freedom cannot be limited solely for administrative convenience or financial expediency.

Friends, if we consider the role and jurisdiction of State Electricity Regulatory Commissions, each state has a State Electricity Regulatory Commission. These commissions are responsible for determining electricity rates, monitoring the operations of distribution companies, protecting consumer interests, and formulating rules and regulations. However, their powers also derive from the Electricity Act, 2003. Therefore, they cannot enact rules that violate the spirit of the Act. The question now arises: has any State Commission issued a regulation or rate order mandating smart or prepayment meters for all consumers? Based on available public records, it is clear that in most states, such regulations have been drafted or are merely incentives. Clear, comprehensive, and binding regulations enforcing a fully universal requirement have not yet been widely implemented.

Friends, if we consider the situation in different states: policy incentives versus statutory mandates, distribution companies in many states have initiated the process of installing advanced meters on new connections through administrative orders. In some states, these meters have been installed in government offices and institutions in the first phase. In some places, a decision has been made to make

smart meters mandatory for all new consumers. However, an important distinction must be understood here: the difference between an administrative decision and a statutory mandate. If a distribution company issues an order on its own, it will be valid only if it receives the approval of the State Electricity Regulatory Commission and is in accordance with the Act. Only if the Commission, after formalizing regulations and public consultation, declares it mandatory within the limits of the Act, will it have full legal force. According to available information, smart metering has been promoted at the policy level in most states, but clear and undeniable examples of making it completely mandatory for all consumers are limited or controversial.

Friends, if we consider the issue of consumer rights and consent, the Indian Constitution provides consumers with legally protected rights. Electricity service is an essential public service. If a consumer's meter is changed without their consent and placed on a system that impacts their service rights, this may violate the principles of natural justice. Consumer organizations have argued in several places that Section 47(5) provides options, but mandating them violates consumer rights. Transparency in the security deposit refund and payment system must be ensured. The same argument has been presented in court petitions that if the Act provides options, they cannot be completely eliminated by administrative order.

When will the real cause of death of three girls be revealed?

Manoj Kumar Agarwal

The truth behind the deaths of three minor sisters (Nishika, 16, Prachi, 14, and Pakhi, 12) in Ghaziabad on February 4th remains elusive. They committed suicide by jumping from the 9th floor of Bharat City Society. Police launched an investigation following the incident. The case is being considered a suicide, but shocking revelations are emerging regarding the girls' father, whose own character is beyond belief.

You know, it was reported that the three girls were seriously addicted to Korean games and online content. The family's attempts to dissuade them from these activities led to a mental breakdown, and they allegedly committed suicide by jumping from

their ninth-floor apartment. Now, another theory is emerging. It is being said that the father of the deceased girls was facing financial difficulties. He had no money to pay the electricity bill, so he sold his daughters' phones, which led to a strained family atmosphere. Previously, the girls' father, Chetan, had stated that the three girls were playing a Korean game, completing a final task, and that they jumped from the roof to their deaths. Now, these vague statements have further deepened the police's suspicions.

Some uncomfortable truths lurk behind the suicide case of three sisters. The deeper the police investigate, the more complicated the case becomes. Until now, it was known that the father of the deceased girls had been married three times and

had five children, but now new facts are emerging. It is being said that the father was also having an affair with a fourth woman, who also died after falling from the roof. Not only this, after that woman's death, he had an affair with one of her relatives, due to which she became pregnant. Chetan, the father of the girls, has confessed all these things during interrogation.

When Chetan, the father of the deceased girls, was questioned during police interrogation about his marriages and the death of his live-in partner, he admitted to having married three times and the death of one woman. Chetan stated that his first wife was Sujata, but they had no children. Subsequently, with Sujata's consent, he married his sister-in-law, Hina. Later, Chetan developed a relationship

with Tabu, who lived next door to his in-laws in Seelampur, and about nine years ago, he brought her to live with him in his flat in Rajendra Nagar. This led to frequent disputes within the family. In 2018, Tabu fell to her death from the third floor. Chetan denied any involvement, stating that he was not present at home at the time of the incident and that the police investigation had already cleared him.

The mystery of three minor sisters who jumped from a building to suicide is becoming more complicated. A close investigation is underway, focusing on the complicated relationships between the two siblings, a father, two mothers, and a total of five siblings, and the theory of Korean game addiction. The father of the minor girls, aged just 12, 14, and 16, stated clearly that his

daughters were going to Korea. According to the family, the three sisters were addicted to Korean games. They played the online task-based Korean Lover game. They had become so addicted to the three girls that they performed all their daily tasks together, such as bathing, eating, going to school, and sleeping. Consequently, they committed suicide by jumping from a building together. The family is in shock. However, the truth remains unanswered.

According to media reports, the police investigation revealed a shocking fact: the three sisters had started their own YouTube channel. They uploaded videos on Korean culture, Korean dramas, music, and Korean lifestyle. The channel had become quite popular, with over 2,000 subscribers.

US customs rolls out new 10% global tariff, lower than Trump's promised 15% levy

New Delhi, (GNS): The United States Customs and Border Protection has rolled out the 10 per cent tariff duties imposed on all imports which are not covered by exemptions.

However, this rate is lower than the 15 per cent duties promised earlier by US President Donald Trump.

After the US Supreme Court's ruling deemed earlier tariffs imposed by Trump using emergency powers as "illegal", the President had announced 10 per cent additional tariffs on imports from all countries on Friday. The next day, Trump decided to increase this to 15 per cent.

A US Customs notice, which is described as intended to "provide guidance regarding the February 20, 2026 Presidential Proclamation", said imports would be subject to "an addition-



al ad valorem rate of 10%", Reuters reported.

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A White House official, quoted by The Financial Times, has said the increase to 15 per cent will

come later. This has, however, not been officially confirmed. The collection of the new tariffs began at midnight, while the earlier tariffs were annulled.

Supreme Court ruling and Trump's new tariffs The US Supreme Court, which has a con-

servative majority, ruled six to three that Trump had exceeded his authority in using a 1977 law to impose sudden tariffs on individual countries. This led to the halting of earlier tariffs imposed on countries, which ranged from 10 to 50 per cent.

Following this, Trump imposed additional 10% tariffs under Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974, which allows the US President to impose new duties for up to 150 days on any and all countries to address "large and serious" balance-of-payments deficits and "fundamental international payments problems," according to Reuters. This period can only be extended by a vote of the US Congress. Trump had, on Monday, criticised the US Supreme Court, claiming that they gave him "far more powers and strength" with the ruling.

Over 1,300 houses razed in Rajkot's largest-ever demolition drive amid heavy police deployment



New Delhi, (GNS): Over 1,300 houses were razed as part of a mega demolition drive launched by civic authorities in Gujarat's Rajkot on Tuesday to clear illegal settlements along the Aji River. The RMC had demolished around 1,350 houses along the Aji River as of 2 pm on Tuesday. (PTI)

The RMC had demolished around 1,350 houses along the Aji River as of 2 pm on Tuesday. (PTI) The demolition drive, which is the largest-ever by the Rajkot Municipal

Corporation, was carried out amid tight security, with the deployment of more than 2,500 police personnel, PTI news agency reported.

Deputy Municipal Commissioner Mahesh Jani told PTI that around 1,500 properties were issued notices, which included around 681 houses along the riverbank. Of these, the RMC had demolished around 1,350 houses along the Aji River as of 2 pm on Tuesday, civic chief Tushar Sumera told PTI.

Delhi HC protects personality rights of singer Jubin Nautiyal

New Delhi, (GNS):The Delhi High Court (HC) has protected the personality rights of singer Jubin Nautiyal by restraining various entities from using his name, image, and identity without his consent.



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The court also barred the creation or dissemination of AI-generated voice models, digital avatars. (Jubin Nautiyal) A bench of Justice Tushar Rao Gedela, in his February 19 order, observed that the damage to his image and personality appeared to be real and present and directed various entities to take down the infringing content. The court's 20-page order also barred the creation or dissemination of AI-generated voice models, digital avatars, caricatures and other

content imitating Nautiyal.

"In the considered opinion of this Court, the plaintiff has a prima facie strong case and, having regard to his well-known, popular and well-accepted personality, the balance of convenience is tilted in favour of the plaintiff. In case ex-parte ad-interim injunction and other directions, as sought, are not passed, the irreparable loss and injury which may occasion may not be compensated in monetary terms. The dent and damage to the image and personality of the plaintiff, prima facie, appear to be real and present," the court observed.

Dhurandhar 2 has high chances of destroying pan-India South films, superstars will 'stand exposed': Ram Gopal Varma

New Delhi, (GNS): Dhurandhar 2: The Revenge is one of the most awaited films of the year. The sequel to last year's blockbuster, Dhurandhar, the second part will release in theatres on March 19. Filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma has pinned high hopes on the film, saying that Dhurandhar 2 will be nothing less than an 'asteroid strike that might end the pan-India south films movement. (Also read: Ram Gopal Varma says Toxic-Dhurandhar 2 clash isn't north vs south, but 'treating audience like dumb vs respecting them')

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What RGV said about Dhurandhar 2 Taking to his X account on Tuesday, Ram Gopal Varma wrote, "Dhurandhar 2 has high chances of completely and permanently obliterating the pan india south films movement by establishing a brand new benchmark with ultra realistic making , genuine character depths etc that actually engage the audience's brain while



still delivering a raw visceral impact. Once audiences taste this new standard , every film currently under production in the previous masala style can become instantly endangered."

He went on to add, "Those ultra big budgeted masala projects that are already deep into shooting or post production will have an uphill task in competing with the new standards set. Producers who bet



entire empires on the same previous formulaic making might face empty theatres and career ending losses because of the high costs involved and the audience taste converting to the international standards Directors married to the belief of "mass + vfx + scale + gravity defying stunts = guaranteed hit will have no choice but to reinvent themselves by studying the Dhurandhar audiences."

No deaths reported after Feb 11 as Chayansa village health situation stabilises

New Delhi, (GNS): The health situation in Chayansa village in Haryana has stabilised, with no deaths reported due to the unidentified illness after February 11, officials said on Monday, adding that the exact cause of the earlier deaths remains unconfirmed as several families did not permit post-mortem examinations. According to health officials, 1,024 OPD consultations have been conducted so far, and blood samples of 723 residents have been collected. According to health officials, 1,024 OPD consultations have been conducted so far, and blood samples of 723 residents have been collected. Panic gripped had residents of village on February 6 after authorities in Palwal district declared a health emergency following at least seven

deaths linked to illness between January 6 and February 11. While officials had suspected a hepatitis outbreak, they have neither been able to confirm the diagnosis nor identify its source.

Palwal deputy commissioner Dr Harish Kumar Vashishth on Monday said the district administration and health department are maintaining heightened vigilance and round-the-clock surveillance in the village to prevent any further spread. "Since February 11, no death linked to the unidentified illness has been reported. The situation is now under control and has normalised," he said at a press conference. He clarified that while investigations are ongoing, determining the precise cause of the outbreak has been challenging. "In some cases, post-

mortems could not be conducted as families did not consent, which limits clinical conclusions. However, based on available medical records and investigations, it appears that the deaths during the outbreak period may have been caused by two different diseases," the DC said.

The deputy commissioner said the administration's focus extends beyond managing the immediate crisis to preventing similar incidents in the future. He announced that a special campaign will be launched against unqualified medical practitioners and the sale of unregulated energy drinks in the area.

"People should seek treatment only from registered doctors. Reuse of syringes and unsafe injections can be a major source of infection. We will take strict action against

quacks and unsafe medical practices," Dr Vashishth said, also flagging contaminated drinking water as a potential risk factor. Health department teams remain deployed in the village on a 24x7 basis, conducting door-to-door surveys, health screenings and awareness drives. Special medical camps have been set up to provide blood tests, consultations and medicines free of cost, officials said. Three camps have been operational since February 2 near the IMD school, another school campus and the panchayat area. Tests for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV, liver function and other parameters are being conducted regularly. A government helpline number — 01275-240022 — has been activated for public assistance.

NGT fines Delhi Pollution Control Committee 50,000 for delay in funds transfer

New Delhi, (GNS): The National Green Tribunal has imposed a cost of ₹50,000 on the Delhi Pollution Control Committee for an inordinate delay in transferring funds to the Delhi government's forest and wildlife department.

Deprecating the "widely prevalent tendency" of non-compliance with its orders by "offering lame excuses", NGT said the reasons for the delay in the transfer of the amount were "unacceptable". In November 2023, the green body directed the Delhi Pollution Control Committee to release ₹8 lakh, collected as environmental compensation from four illegal stone crushing units in Nilothi village here, to the Department of Forest and Wildlife. The Delhi government's department was directed to use the amount for afforestation efforts in the village. A bench of NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava and expert member Afroz Ahmad, in a

January 8 order that was made available on Tuesday, noted DPCC's submission that the delay was due to the shifting of its office.

"We find the reasons given for the delay of more than one year in the transfer of the amount by DPCC to the Department of Forest and Wildlife, GNCTD, to be wholly unreasonable and unacceptable," the bench said.

It said non-compliance with the tribunal's order was an offence, and even the chairman and the member secretary of the DPCC were liable to be prosecuted for such violation.

"However, by taking a lenient view, we do not consider it appropriate to direct such prosecution. Yet, to curb the widely prevalent tendency of non-compliance with the orders passed by this tribunal and offering lame excuses for the same, we consider it to be necessary to impose appropriate costs on DPCC," the tribunal said.

Animal swap: Delhi Zoo to get tiger, send white tigress to Patna to strengthen breeding

New Delhi, (GNS): The National Zoological Park will receive a tiger from Patna Zoo, and will send a white tigress along with several other species under an animal exchange scheme aimed at promoting breeding, an official said.

Delhi Zoo Director Sanjeet Kumar told PTI that the exchange has been designed to address both breeding requirements and the need to diversify

species within the zoo.

He said the zoo will receive four gharials, four grey wolves – two males and two females – and two barn owls from Patna Zoo in March. In return, the zoo will send a group of animals that includes Sangai deer, a tigress, painted storks, white pelicans, and black bucks.

Explaining the rationale behind the exchange, Kumar said the zoo currently has

only one female wolf, which limits the scope for a sustainable breeding programme. "The main objective of this exchange is to develop a healthy breeding environment and also to add more species to our collection," he said.

Kumar said that NZP currently houses 13 tigers and cubs. Of these, seven are Royal Bengal tigers, and six are white tigers.

He said the number of female tigers is

higher, while most of the males are old, as at present, there are only four male tigers.

On the aquatic side, Kumar said the zoo will receive four gharials, which will be added to its existing group of three.

"We will get four gharials to our existing fleet of three to increase our gharial numbers for visitors," he added. The director said that exchanges with other zoos are also in the pipeline and

are being discussed.

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Canadian PM to visit India

New Delhi, (GNS): Carney's visit is not only an effort to revive relations, but also an opportunity for Canada to reduce its dependence on the United States amid global trade challenges and build stronger economic ties with new partners in the Indo-Pacific region. Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney is scheduled to visit India on February 26, 2026. According to a press release issued by the Canadian government, this visit is part of a comprehensive three-nation Indo-Pacific tour to India, Australia, and Japan, which will run from February 26 to March 7. The primary objective of this visit is to strengthen Canada-India bilateral relations, promote trade, and establish new ambitious partnerships in areas such as defense, energy, technology, artificial intelligence (AI), talent, culture, and defense. Carney will first arrive in Mumbai, where he will meet with leading business leaders to explore investment oppor-



tunities in Canada and promote business cooperation between the two countries. He will then travel to New Delhi, where he will meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Both leaders will focus on deepening bilateral relations. This visit could mark a turning point in Canada-India relations, as relations had become extremely strained following accusations leveled by then-Canadian Prime

Minister Justin Trudeau against India for the 2023 killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. India categorically rejected these accusations, calling them "absurd." This controversy led to India recalling several diplomats, including its High Commissioner, in October 2024, and Canada expelled an equal number of Indian diplomats. Diplomatic relations between the

two countries reached a low point. However, the victory of Liberal Party leader Mark Carney in the Canadian parliamentary elections in April 2025 initiated a process of improving relations. Carney assumed office as Prime Minister in March 2025, and subsequently, both countries appointed High Commissioners to each other's capitals, easing tensions and opening the way for dialogue. What issues will be discussed? Carney's visit is not only an effort to revive relations, but also part of a strategy to reduce Canada's dependence on the United States amid global trade challenges and build stronger economic ties with new partners in the Indo-Pacific region. Discussions between the two leaders are expected to focus on trade agreements, defense agreements, AI and technology cooperation, the energy sector (such as critical minerals and clean energy), and defense partnerships.

Bitten by a dog, fearing rabies; young man takes dire step



New Delhi, (GNS): A young man in Thane, Maharashtra, committed suicide out of fear after experiencing symptoms of rabies. Police stated that a suicide note recovered from the scene attributed the fear of rabies to this act, and his family members also confirmed this.

A heartbreaking incident has come to light from Kalyan, Maharashtra. A bank employee reportedly committed suicide due to fear of contracting rabies. It is reported that he was bitten by a stray dog a few

days ago, and he was afraid of contracting the incurable disease. This fear led him to end his life.

According to a PTI report, the deceased has been identified as 30-year-old Vishwanath Amin. He was a resident of the Tisgaon Naka area of Kalyan East. A few days ago, Amin was bitten by a stray dog. He received a rabies injection in time, but even after this, some unusual changes began to occur in his body, which distressed him and led him to take this horrific step.

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How much has the Tender Documents submitted

Gurugram, (GNS): Gurugram Metro Rail Limited (GMRL) has sought a loan from the World Bank for the construction of the Old Gurugram Metro Project. Last week, the tender documents for the second phase were submitted to the World Bank. Approval from the World Bank is expected to take about a month. After that, the tender will be issued.

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This will be the route in the first phase: The Old Gurugram Metro Project is approximately 28.5 km long. In September last year,

GMRA issued the tender for the first phase of this project, costing approximately 1,277 crore. The first phase involves the construction of a metro route from Millennium City Centre Metro Station to Sector 9. The second phase involves the construction of a metro route from Sector 9 to DLF Cyber City. The third phase involves the construction of a metro depot in Sector 33. Sources say GMRL has sought a loan of approximately 2,880 crore from the World Bank for this project.

Railway Station Will Not Be Connected to the Metro: GMRL had included the plan to construct a metro route from Sector 5 to the railway station in the Old Gurugram Metro Project. Sources stated that a survey for this two-kilometer-long metro route has not yet been conducted. Consequently, if this route is included in the project, obtaining a loan from the World Bank will be delayed.

INS Anjadeep is very dangerous, India's enemy will be nowhere in the water; Navy's strength increases

New Delhi, (GNS): Anjadeep is named after Anjadeep Island, located off the Karwar coast of Karnataka. This name also revives the memory of the earlier Petya-class warship INS Anjadeep, which was decommissioned in 2003.

The Indian Navy is rapidly progressing towards becoming fully self-reliant by 2047. New indigenous ships are being inducted into the Navy one after another. In this series, on February 27, the indigenous anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW) INS Anjadeep will join the Indian Navy's fleet. Its speciality is that it can track and destroy enemy submarines both on the surface and in the depths of the sea. It will be officially commissioned into the Navy at the Chennai Port in the presence of Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi. The first three anti-submarine warfare (ASW) warships (INS Arnala, INS Andrott, and INS Mahe) have been inducted into the Navy.

Why is this warship special? INS Anjadeep can be used for both offensive



and defensive operations. It is equipped with anti-submarine rocket launchers, lightweight torpedoes, 30-millimeter naval guns, ASW combat suites, hull-mounted sonar, and low-frequency variable depth sonar. It can travel at a speed of 25 knots per hour and has a range of approximately 3,300 kilometers at a time. It is capable of detecting enemy submarines at a distance of 100 to 150 nautical miles from the coast. The 77-meter-long INS Anjadeep is capable of detecting and destroying any submarine operating in areas with a depth of 30-40 meters. This warship will also play a vital role in

securing sea lanes for larger warships.

80 Percent Indigenous Materials Used This ship was built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE). It was developed entirely in India and utilizes 80 percent indigenous materials. It was built under the Indian Navy's Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Shallow Water Warship Project, which consists of 16 ships. This is the third ship in this series.

Named after the Island: Anjadeep is named after Anjadeep Island, located off the Karwar coast of Karnataka. The name also evokes the memory of the earlier Petya-class warship, INS Anjadeep, which was decommissioned in 2003. Pakistan is Enhancing Naval Strength with Chinese Assistance

Pakistan is expanding its submarine fleet with Chinese assistance. Pakistan has purchased a total of eight Hangor-class submarines from China. To counter these submarines, the Indian Navy has accelerated work on the Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Shallow Water Craft project.

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The project will involve an investment of 3,500 crore. Work is expected to begin by next year. On Monday, during Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's visit to Singapore, Universal Success Group signed three MoUs to



invest 6,650 crore in the state. Two of these projects will be developed in Yamuna City in Gautam Buddha Nagar district and Noida-Greater Noida. Under the first project, a residential township will be developed in the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) area. This will be a large group housing project,

providing housing in multi-story buildings. It is claimed that its implementation will provide employment to approximately 12,000 people. Following the signing of the MoU, YEIDA officials have begun developing a plan to address land availability and other issues.

Singapore City Also Proposed: Singapore City is

also proposed on approximately 500 acres in Sector 7 of Yamuna City. The authority's officials recently sent a formal proposal to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. This gift, received on the first day of his visit to Singapore, will give a new identity to the rapidly developing urban area around the airport. This agreement has now paved the way for the development of Singapore City in the city.

Logistics Park: Universal Success Group Additionally, a logistics park will be developed on 50 acres of land on the Kanpur-Lucknow Highway. This project is proposed to involve an investment of 2,650 crore and is expected to generate approximately 7,500 jobs. This is also planned to be operational in 2027.

A man's body was found inside a car in a mall parking lot in Delhi; police are investigating



New Delhi, (GNS): The discovery of a man's body inside a car in the basement of a mall in Mayur Vihar, Delhi, has caused a stir. The incident occurred in the basement parking lot of Star City Mall in Mayur Vihar. Police arrived at the scene, took possession of the body, and sent it for a post-mortem.

The post-mortem will determine whether the driver committed suicide or died of suffocation. Preliminary information suggests the man died of a

heart stroke. The man has been identified as 42-year-old Narendra, a resident of Noida.

Earlier, a speeding Scorpio SUV collided with a van near Sector 82, Noida, in Gautam Buddha Nagar district, early Sunday morning. One woman was killed and four others were injured in the accident. Noida Sector-39 police station in-charge Inspector DP Shukla said that a Maruti Eco van was hit by a speeding Scorpio SUV around 4 am on Sunday.

You'll soon have the opportunity to build a home in Yamuna City; find out when the scheme will launch

New Delhi, (GNS): A scheme for 973 residential plots will be launched near the Noida International Airport. The UP RERA has approved the scheme after objections were resolved. The scheme is expected to launch this month. A scheme for 973 residential plots is proposed in Sector 15-C, Sector 18, and Sector 24-A of Yamuna City. A scheme for 973 residential plots will be launched near the Noida International Airport. The UP RERA has approved the scheme after objections were resolved. The scheme is expected to launch this month. A scheme for 973 residential plots is proposed in Sector 15-C, Sector 18, and Sector 24-A of Yamuna City. The maximum 965 plots will be 150 to 200 square meters.



Additionally, there are six plots ranging from 200 to 250 square meters and two plots ranging from 250 to 500 square meters.

This proposal was submitted to the UP RERA two months ago. RERA had imposed conditions on the plan, including a lump sum payment and a lease agreement, which YEIDA has now accepted. Consequently, it is believed that the residential plot scheme will commence soon. Officials with the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) say they plan to launch the scheme this month or in the first week of March.

Many companies will enter the medical device park: Applications for 22 plots of up to 8,000 square meters in the Medical Device Park will be available until February 28th. New companies

will be able to occupy all these plots in Sector 28 by next month. The YEIDA team recently participated in an event in Dubai to promote investment in medical devices. YEIDA CEO RK Singh says that the city is gradually taking shape. Therefore, efforts are being made to provide all kinds of amenities in Yamuna City.

Hotels and hospitals will also be open: Yamuna City also offers opportunities to build hotels, shops, industries, nursery schools, and crèches. The application deadline has been extended. A YEIDA official stated that a plan for 10 plots of land in Sectors 28 and 29 for four- and five-star hotels was launched on January 28th. The application deadline has been extended to February 28th. Additionally, a

plan for eight plots in Sector 22A for commercial footprints and 10 plots in Sectors 18 and 20 for shops has also been announced. Applications for the plot scheme for five hospitals in Sectors 22E, 20, and 18 can be submitted until February 25th.

Play schools will also open: YEIDA has launched a plan for three plots of land each for nursery schools and crèches in Sectors 17, 22D, and 18. Applications for these plots can be submitted until March 5th. All plots are located in residential areas, where the population is rapidly increasing. More than 1,100 houses have been completed in the residential sectors, but the city lacks schools for children. Play schools will be available for young children.