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## New Land Law Empowers RIICO, Expands Industrial Development Powers in Rajasthan

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**Jaipur:** In a significant move to accelerate industrial growth and streamline land management, the Rajasthan government has officially notified the Rajasthan Land Revenue (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2025. The newly enacted law grants expanded powers to the Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (RIICO), enabling it

to independently oversee land acquisition, planning, and sale processes in industrial zones across the state.

According to the notification, RIICO will now act as the primary authority for land-related decisions within designated industrial areas, reducing bureaucratic delays and simplifying investor procedures. The state government aims to make Rajasthan a more attractive destination for



industries by ensuring faster project clearances and transparent land al-

lotment policies. Officials said the law would bring greater uni-

formity in land regulation and empower RIICO to develop industrial infrastructure more efficiently. “The amendment will remove procedural bottlenecks that have long hindered industrial expansion. It provides RIICO with the autonomy needed to develop and manage industrial estates in line with global standards,” a senior official from the Industries Department said. The decision comes

amid Rajasthan’s ambitious plan to boost manufacturing and attract large-scale investments in sectors such as renewable energy, cement, automotive components, and textiles. Over the past year, the state has witnessed a surge in proposals from domestic and international investors, particularly in the western and southern industrial belts. Experts believe that empowering RIICO will

also help in the smoother implementation of the Rajasthan Industrial Development Policy, which envisions the creation of new industrial corridors and smart industrial townships. The move is expected to improve the state’s ranking in the Ease of Doing Business Index and reinforce its image as an industry-friendly destination. However, some land rights activists have raised concerns about po-

tential misuse of powers, urging the government to ensure transparency and fair compensation during land acquisition. They have called for strict oversight to balance industrial progress with the rights of local communities. With this legislative step, Rajasthan appears poised to position itself as one of India’s leading industrial growth hubs, blending policy reform with proactive governance.

## Rajasthan Intelligence Arrests Alwar Man for Spying for Pakistan’s ISI

Suspect trapped through honeytrap, shared sensitive military information via social media

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**Jaipur,** October 10: In a major counter-espionage operation, the Rajasthan Intelligence Department has arrested Mangat Singh, a resident of Govindgarh in Alwar district, for allegedly spying for Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). The arrest has been made under the Official Secrets Act, 1923, after investigators uncovered evidence of Singh transmitting sensitive military information to foreign handlers. According to officials, the arrest follows heightened surveillance under “Operation Sindoor”, an ongoing intelligence cam-



paign to monitor strategically sensitive regions of the state. During routine monitoring, intelligence officers found Singh’s activities suspicious, prompting a deeper probe into his communications and digital footprint. Investigations revealed that Mangat Singh had

been in contact with Pakistani handlers for nearly two years. He was reportedly honey-trapped by a female operative using the alias Esha Sharma on social media platforms. Under her influence and in exchange for money, Singh allegedly shared confidential information

related to the Alwar Cantonment area and other strategically significant sites across India. A technical examination of his mobile phone and electronic devices yielded crucial evidence, including messages, photos, and digital transactions linking him to the espionage network. Singh was interrogated at the Central Interrogation Center in Jaipur, where multiple intelligence agencies jointly questioned him before his formal arrest. Officials have described Alwar as a district of high strategic importance due to its prox-

imity to the National Capital Region (NCR) and the presence of key defense establishments. The Rajasthan Intelligence Department has intensified surveillance across all sensitive zones to preempt any future espionage attempts. Authorities emphasized that such cases highlight the growing threat of digital honeytraps being used by foreign intelligence agencies to compromise individuals with access to sensitive data. Singh remains in custody as investigations continue to trace the full extent of his connections and potential accomplices.



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**Bhiwadi:** In a major breakthrough, Alwar district police have busted a sextortion and honey-trap racket operating out of Bhiwadi, arresting three people, including a 26-year-old woman identified as Arfeena alias Simran. The gang allegedly trapped unsuspecting victims through social media and video calls before extorting money by threatening to leak their private videos online. According to police officials, the accused gang members used fake social media profiles to lure men into online conversations. Once the victims were engaged in video calls, the accused recorded compromising visuals and later demanded large sums of money to prevent the vid-

eos from being circulated on the internet. Superintendent of Police (SP) Alwar said, “We received multiple complaints about online blackmail and extortion from residents in the Bhiwadi area. Based on electronic surveillance and victim statements, our cyber team traced the suspects and carried out the arrests. The gang was operating in a highly organized manner, targeting businessmen and professionals.” The police have recovered several mobile phones, laptops, and bank account details linked to the extortion transactions. Preliminary investigation suggests that the gang had blackmailed several victims over the past few months, extracting money through online payment apps. Investigators are now examining

whether the group has connections with similar cybercrime networks operating across Delhi-NCR and neighboring states. Officials also suspect the involvement of more people who managed the technical and financial aspects of the racket. Authorities have urged citizens to remain cautious about online interactions and avoid sharing personal visuals or private information with unknown individuals. Cybercrime awareness campaigns are being intensified in the region as cases of sextortion continue to rise. The arrested accused have been booked under sections related to extortion, cybercrime, and criminal intimidation. They were produced before a local court and remanded to police custody for further interrogation.

## Maha govt to set standards for app-based services under new rules: Minister

**Mumbai:** In a bid to bring in greater discipline, transparency and passenger safety in app-based transport services, including Ola, Uber and Rapido, the Maharashtra government, on Friday, promulgated the “Maharashtra Motor Vehicle Aggregator Rules, 2025, and Maharashtra Bike-Taxi Rules, 2025”. The state government proposes to set new standards for all these app-based transport services. The state govern-

ment has sought objections and suggestions from the people till October 17 and thereafter these draft rules will come into effect, the State Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik said. “These new rules will make the relationship between aggregator companies, drivers, and passengers more transparent, and will bring significant changes in terms of fares, service quality, driver’s rights and passenger safety.

## Commemorative coins, stamps of RSS available online

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**New Delhi,** The commemorative coins to mark the 100th anniversary of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), issued by the Kolkata Mint, are available for purchase online through the official website, <https://indiagovt-mint.in/hi/product-category/kolkata-mint/>. The government of India has launched special commem-

orative coins and stamps to mark the 100th anniversary of the RSS, a prominent socio-cultural organisation known for its contributions to national unity and service. The announcement was made by the office of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman via a post on X, highlighting the significance of the RSS’ century-long journey of dedication

and social impact. These coins, designed to honour the RSS’ legacy, are expected to become cherished collectibles for enthusiasts and supporters alike. The special stamps, released alongside the coins, can be obtained at Philately Bureaus across the country, offering philatelists and the public a chance to own a piece of this historic milestone.

## Can Shah Bano Happen Again — Even With Ram Mandir? A Constitutional Question the Congress Can No Longer Dodge



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In 1985, the Supreme Court of India delivered a verdict that tested the moral fibre of Indian democracy. The Shah Bano case upheld a divorced Muslim woman’s right to maintenance—a ruling ground-

ed in the spirit of equality and constitutional justice. Yet, that moral triumph was short-lived. Under political pressure, the then Congress government led by Rajiv Gandhi chose expediency over principle. By passing the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986, it effectively overturned the Supreme Court’s judgment—placing appeasement above justice and setting a precedent that the will of Parliament could silence the wisdom of the judiciary. Four decades later, India stands at a similar crossroads of faith and law—but on a far mightier stage: the Ram Mandir at



Ayodhya. In 2019, a five-judge bench of the Supreme Court delivered a historic and unanimous verdict that resolved one of the most sensitive disputes in the nation’s history. The court awarded the disputed land to Ram Lalla Virajman, recognizing both faith and evidence, and granted five

acres elsewhere for a mosque. The verdict was accepted across communities, symbolizing closure, reconciliation, and national maturity. But the question now being whispered in drawing rooms and debated in quiet corridors is this: Legally speaking, no. The Ram Janmabhoomi

land has been lawfully transferred to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust. The Supreme Court’s judgment has been executed in full. There is no legal doorway left for reversal—neither by Parliament, nor by executive order. Yet, politics often finds paths where law finds none. History teaches us that when votes outweigh values, even the settled can be unsettled. That is why the question remains alive—not in the courts, but in the conscience of our polity. Would a future Congress, if swayed by ideological compulsions or coalition arithmetic, ever attempt to

revisit or reinterpret the Ayodhya verdict under the garb of “review” or “reconciliation”? The Congress owes the nation an answer. Because this is no longer about religion or temple—it is about the sanctity of the Supreme Court and the permanence of justice. India’s democracy survives not merely on constitutional text, but on political intent. The Shah Bano chapter remains a scar—a reminder that even a secular state can stumble when principle bows to populism. The Ram Mandir verdict must never be allowed to meet the same fate. The people of India have moved on; the question is—has the Congress?

## Nobel Peace Prize goes to Maria Machado, Trump misses out Venezuelan opposition leader wins prize for promoting democratic rights

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**New Delhi:** The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize to Maria Corina Machado for her tireless work promoting democratic rights for the people of Venezuela and for her struggle to achieve a just and peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy. The Nobel Committee stated that at a time when authoritarianism is on the rise and democracy is weakening in many parts of the world, the courage of people like Maria Machado inspires hope. The Committee stated, “De-



mocracy is the prerequisite for lasting peace. When power suppresses the people through violence and fear, it becomes necessary to honor such courageous individuals.” Machado founded the organization Sumate, which works for the betterment of democracy.





