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SC Rejects PIL Seeking SIT Probe into Rahul Gandhi's 'Vote Chori' Claims

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New Delhi: In a decisive ruling today, the Supreme Court of India refused to entertain a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) demanding the constitution of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe allegations of vote manipulation levelled by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

The petitioner approached the apex court seeking judicial intervention into claims of irregularities during recent elections. During the hearing, the petitioner urged the bench to examine the matter and initiate an investigation.



However, the bench, headed by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud along with Justice S. Ravindra Bhat and Justice J. Surya Kant,

remained unpersuaded. Justice Suryakant reportedly remarked sharply, "Pursue your remedy wherever you want. We are

not inclined to entertain the petition."

The court clarified that the petitioner could seek recourse through the Elec-

tion Commission of India (ECI) if deemed necessary, emphasizing that the matter falls under the statutory and constitutional jurisdiction of the election authority rather than the judiciary. Legal experts interpret this move as the Supreme Court's effort to uphold institutional boundaries and prevent judicial overreach into ongoing or potential election disputes. By directing the petitioner to the ECI, the court reiterated that electoral remedies are best addressed through statutory mechanisms designed specifically for such purposes. The ruling comes amid a

politically charged climate, with opposition parties raising concerns over transparency and accountability in the electoral process. While the petitioners expressed disappointment, the court's clear stance underscores a message: judicial intervention will not substitute statutory oversight in electoral matters. With the Supreme Court declining to initiate an SIT, the petitioner and concerned parties may now focus on filing complaints or appeals directly with the Election Commission, which holds the authority to investigate allegations of electoral misconduct.

Rajasthan Eyes ₹4 Lakh Crore Boost as Amit Shah Unveils Mega Investment Drive

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Jaipur: Union Home Minister Amit Shah kick-started a state-level exhibition on new criminal laws in Jaipur and laid the foundation for 4 lakh crore in investment proposals, marking a bold push for Rajasthan's economic and legal transformation. Addressing the event, Shah highlighted that of the 35 lakh crore in MoUs signed at the Rising Rajasthan Summit, 3 lakh crore has already been executed, signaling rapid implementation. The proposed projects cover infrastructure, renewable energy, agriculture, and digital technology, promising massive employment opportunities and industrial growth.

On the legal front, Shah announced new

criminal laws designed to ensure that any FIR filed after 2027 will be resolved within three years, strengthening judicial efficiency and public trust.

State officials emphasized that the 4 lakh crore initiatives will be delivered through public-private collaboration, combining investment momentum with governance reforms. Industry leaders and policymakers attended, underlining Rajasthan's ambition to become India's next investment powerhouse.

The dual thrust of economic growth and judicial efficiency reflects a clear strategy: modernize governance while attracting mega investments, positioning Rajasthan as a hub of opportunity and transparency.

Amit Shah inaugurates, lays foundation stone of development works worth Rs 9,315 crore in Rajasthan



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Jaipur: Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrived in Jaipur on Monday, marking his third visit to Rajasthan in the last three months. During his visit, he inaugurated a state-level exhibition on three new criminal laws at the Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre (JBCC). The exhibition commemorates the upcoming implementation of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, which came into force on July 1, 2024. Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma,

Deputy Chief Ministers Diya Kumari and Premchand Bairwa, and several cabinet ministers attended the event. HM Shah also flagged off a Forensic Science Lab (FSL) van, patrol scooters, and bikes dedicated to enhancing women's safety. Highlighting the government's commitment to modern policing, Shah inaugurated a technology-based session on enhancing law enforcement through digital tools. The newly launched scooters and bikes are aimed at empowering women police officers and strengthening urban safety.

Operation Neelkanth: Major Success for Nagaur Police ₹55 Lakh Worth of MD Drug Seized, Three Inter-State Peddlers Arrested with Swift Car

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Jaipur | October 12, 2025 — In a decisive strike against the illegal narcotics trade, the Nagaur Police, under the ongoing Operation Neelkanth launched by Superintendent of Police Mridul Kachhawa, achieved a major breakthrough on Sunday. A joint team from Kotwali Police Station and the District Special Team (DST) seized 274 grams of the banned synthetic drug MD (Mephedrone) — valued at approximately 55 lakh — and arrested three inter-district traffickers in a swift and coordinated action. According to SP Kachhawa, the operation was conducted on the Indas Road in Nagaur, where police intercepted a Maruti Swift car following a precise tip-off. Upon inspection, officers discovered a substantial quantity of the



contraband concealed within the vehicle. The three occupants were immediately detained and subsequently arrested under the NDPS Act.

The arrested accused have been identified as:

Sunil Vishnoi (28), son of Bhagirath Ram

Maniram Vishnoi (30), son of Mangi Lal — both residents of Bhed, Police Station Panchori, and

Ramdhun Vishnoi (53), son of Gopiram, resident

of Alay, Police Station Shri Balaji, Nagaur.

Authorities confirmed that a detailed investigation is now underway to unravel the larger supply network and interstate links of the arrested traffickers. This high-impact operation was executed under the direct supervision of Additional Superintendent of Police Sumit Kumar, IPS Officer Jatin Jain, and RPS Officer Rampratap Vishnoi, while the

on-ground team was led by SHO Vedpal Shivran.

Constable Dinesh Swami of the DST played a notable and commendable role in tracking and intercepting the suspects.

SP Kachhawa lauded the coordinated effort, stating that Operation Neelkanth continues to dismantle drug supply chains across the district.

"Nagaur Police remains steadfast in its mission to uproot the drug menace. Each successful seizure sends a clear message — there will be zero tolerance for narcotics trafficking," he affirmed.

The latest bust stands as one of the largest synthetic drug seizures in recent months, marking another decisive win for law enforcement in Rajasthan's intensifying campaign against organized narcotics crime.

RAJASTHAN CRICKET: THE PRICE OF POWER

THE GAME BEHIND THE GAME



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Jaipur: There was a time when cricket in Rajasthan was the language of passion — the thud of the ball on the red soil, the cheer of the crowd under the winter sun, the dream of every boy in whites. Today, that language has changed. The Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA) — once a proud custodian of talent — has descended into a theatre of intrigue, where power overshadows

purpose, and ambition outplays integrity. What was built to nurture sport has become a syndicate of influence, where tenders, sponsorships, and even team selections are dictated not by merit but by proximity to power.

The Money Trail — Contracts and Corruption: Documents accessed by Image ReNoot Media Investigations reveal a disquieting pattern: over 68 crore worth of contracts — from stadium renovations to catering and hospitality — have been awarded to firms linked to political circles. Many of these contracts bypassed open bidding, favouring pre-selected bidders under the guise of "urgency." One Jaipur-based company, previously blacklisted in another state, re-emerged here as a recurring beneficiary. Its owner,

records suggest, is related to a former Cabinet Minister. A retired financial officer, speaking softly and without bitterness, confessed: "In the files, everything shines. But money has its own quiet routes — it travels from conference tables to private accounts."

The Silent Sponsors — Money Without Memory: Between 2020 and 2024, 12 crore in sponsorship funds slipped through unofficial channels, routed via shell firms that left no digital trail.

Audit queries were raised — then quietly buried. A former RCA member, now disillusioned, remarked: "In Rajasthan cricket, sponsorships are not acts of support — they are acts of purchase." These "donations" buy far more than goodwill: they buy influence, votes, and

access. In this unspoken economy, integrity fetches a poor price.

The Tender Trap — Bureaucracy as Theatre: Transparency, the essence of fair play, lies in tatters.

The Jaipur Cricket Academy's renovation tender tells the story best: one firm underbid by a token 12 lakh — just enough to avoid re-tendering. Whistleblowers who questioned the process were transferred or silenced. "We were told that silence is loyalty," said a coordinator. "And loyalty keeps your seat." Thus, accountability was replaced by obedience — the deadliest substitution of all.

Politics on the Pitch: The lines between sport and statecraft have blurred beyond recognition.

Each RCA faction today

carries a political patron. Ministers, MLAs, and bureaucrats hover over selection committees like invisible umpires. The recent marginalisation of Dhananjay Singh Khimsar, a seasoned administrator, had little to do with cricketering merit and everything to do with electoral arithmetic.

A veteran sportswriter observed, with a half-smile: "The stadium is Rajasthan's second assembly now — where runs are replaced by votes, and strategy meetings by power caucuses."

The Forgotten Grassroots: Beneath this spectacle of privilege lies a wasteland of neglect.

District academies in Ajmer, Kota, and Udaipur struggle with broken nets, obsolete kits, and unpaid coaches. Young aspirants train on cracked turf,

while millions are spent on VIP lounges and imported lighting.

A Ranji hopeful summed it in one weary sentence: "We play cricket for dreams. They play cricket for deals."

Oversight Lost, Accountability Dead: Though the RCA falls under the Rajasthan Sports Act, supervision is sporadic — swift when politics demands, absent when ethics do. The CAG audit has not been published since 2018. Ombudsman reports are withheld.

Files sleep, while ambitions wake. In effect, RCA today functions not as a sports institution but as a private fief under public sanction.

Echoes of a Forgotten Golden Age: The corridors of the Sawai Mansingh Stadium still whisper the name of Lalit Modi, the

man who once made Rajasthan a crucible of the IPL dream. That dream, however controversial, carried vision and vitality. What remains now are fragments — committees without conviction, tournaments without direction. The floodlights still burn bright, but the flame of purpose has dimmed. A former president, long since resigned to cynicism, remarked: "We don't produce players anymore. We produce panels."

A Blueprint for Redemption: The future need not mirror the past. Reform is possible — if the will exists. Sports governance experts propose a new charter for Rajasthan cricket: Independent financial audit under state oversight. Fixed tenure limits for office bearers. Public disclosure of sponsorship and tender re-

cords. Creation of a Sports Ethics Commission, empowered to investigate conflicts of interest. Only through sunlight can the mildew be cleared.

Epilogue — The Silent Stadium: At dusk, the Sawai Mansingh Stadium glows under a hundred halogen lamps. Yet, in the vastness of its echo, one hears not applause but absence. The cheers that once rose for Rajasthan's heroes are now replaced by murmurs of disillusionment. Until transparency replaces turf wars, Until conscience outruns convenience, Cricket in Rajasthan will remain captive to the corridors of influence. The scoreboard may still count the runs, but the real defeat is written elsewhere — in silence, in compromise, in lost faith.

