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India-France Tech Axis Gains Momentum as Modi and Macron Showcase Innovation Power at VivaTech 2026

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Paris: In a powerful display of technological ambition and strategic partnership, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron jointly toured the exhibition arena at VivaTech 2026, one of the world's most influential technology and innovation summits, underscoring the growing importance of the India-France partnership in shaping the future global digital order.

Walking through pavilions showcasing breakthroughs in artificial intelligence, quantum comput-



ing, robotics, clean energy and next-generation mobility, the two leaders witnessed firsthand the innovation ecosystem driving the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Prime Minister Modi described the energy and enthusiasm at the event as something that "must be seen to be believed," reflecting the scale of technological transformation underway.

The visit carries significance far beyond a technology exhibition. At a time when nations are competing for leadership in critical technologies, semiconductor supply chains and AI governance, the India-

France relationship is increasingly emerging as a key pillar of strategic cooperation between democratic powers.

Industry leaders, startups and investors from across the globe converged at the summit, highlighting innovation as a central arena of geopolitical influence and economic competition. The joint appearance of Modi and Macron sent a clear message: New Delhi and Paris intend to deepen collaboration in technology, innovation and digital infrastructure as they seek a greater role in shaping the future global economy.

RAJASTHAN POLICE SHAKEUP: 40 INSPECTORS RESHUFFLED IN SWEEPING TRANSFER DRIVE

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Jaipur: In one of the most significant administrative reshuffles in recent months, Rajasthan Police Headquarters on Friday issued transfer orders for 40 Police Inspectors across the state, with the Jaipur Police Commissionerate bearing the maximum brunt of the sweeping personnel changes.

The orders, issued under the authority of the Additional Director General of Police, signal a clear intent by the state administration to break entrenched postings, disrupt comfort zones, and inject fresh accountability into a force long criticised for stagnation at supervisory levels.

Rajasthan Opens Transfer Window for Government Employees, Priority Categories Get Special Relief

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Jaipur: In a major administrative decision affecting thousands of government employees, the Rajasthan government has temporarily lifted the statewide ban on transfers, opening a special transfer window from June 19 to July 5, 2026. The move, announced by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Coordination, is expected to trigger significant personnel reshuffling across departments. However, the relaxation comes with notable exceptions. Third-grade teachers in the Education Department and personnel of the Health Department will continue to remain under the transfer ban. Officials said the restriction on health workers has been retained in view of the monsoon season and the possibility of disease outbreaks, while the education sector will remain governed by

separate considerations.

The government has also laid down a priority framework for transfer requests. Special preference will be given to single women, widows, divorced or deserted women employees, personnel suffering from life-threatening illnesses such as cancer, severe heart, brain, lung or kidney diseases, employees with disabilities, those with long years of service at a particular posting, and cases involving government-employed spouses seeking co-location.

The decision is being viewed as an attempt to balance administrative efficiency with employee welfare. With departments now preparing transfer proposals, the coming weeks are likely to witness heightened activity across the state bureaucracy as employees seek postings aligned with personal and professional needs.

When Loyalty Meets Surveillance: The Neeraj Jain Episode Raises Uncomfortable Questions

BY SUSHIL PAL
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Politics often tests loyalty, but sometimes it also tests fairness. The controversy surrounding former Ajmer Deputy Mayor Neeraj Jain has sparked a debate that goes beyond one individual and touches upon the larger question of how political organisations treat their long-serving workers.

Neeraj Jain is not a newcomer navigating unfamiliar terrain. His political journey, stretching nearly four decades from the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) to the Bharatiya Janata Party, has been built on organisational commitment, grassroots engagement and ideological conviction. Even his critics rarely question his dedication to the party.

At the heart of the controversy lies his outspoken nature. Jain has long been known for speaking his mind, sometimes bluntly. But

does candour amount to disloyalty? More importantly, should private conversations, allegedly recorded without consent and selectively circulated, become the basis for judging decades of political service?

The episode raises a troubling question: Is internal dialogue being replaced by surveillance and suspicion? Every political worker, regardless of party, occasionally expresses disagreement, frustration or criticism. The strength of an organisation lies not in suppressing such voices but in addressing them through dialogue.

If action is ultimately taken against Neeraj Jain, the debate will not be limited to one leader's future. It will become a test of whether political loyalty earned over decades still carries value in an era increasingly shaped by internal mistrust, factional battles and the politics of recorded conversations.

CM Bhajanlal Sharma Launches 'ONDC DigiDukaan' App to Accelerate Digital Transformation of Rajasthan's Traders



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Jaipur: In a significant push towards digital commerce and technology-driven business growth, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on Friday launched the 'ONDC DigiDukaan' application at a grand event organised by the Jaipur Trade Federation at the Birla Auditorium in Jaipur.

Addressing a gathering of traders, industry representatives and business leaders, the Chief Minister said the state's double-engine government is committed to fostering

technology adoption, trade expansion and investment promotion across Rajasthan. He emphasised that digital platforms are becoming indispensable for businesses seeking wider market access and sustainable growth in an increasingly competitive economy.

Sharma expressed confidence that the DigiDukaan app, built on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) framework, would empower traders by connecting them to a larger digital marketplace, enabling them to reach customers beyond geographical

boundaries and compete effectively in the digital era.

"The future of commerce lies in technology-driven accessibility and transparency. DigiDukaan will help Rajasthan's traders integrate with the digital ecosystem and unlock new opportunities for business expansion," he said.

The launch event witnessed enthusiastic participation from members of various trade associations and merchant bodies. Industry and Commerce Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore was also

present and highlighted the government's efforts to strengthen Rajasthan's business environment through innovation and digital infrastructure.

The initiative is expected to provide a major boost to small and medium traders, helping them leverage the benefits of e-commerce while retaining their local identity. Business leaders present at the event welcomed the move, describing it as a transformative step towards modernising Rajasthan's vast trading community and integrating it with India's rapidly evolving digital economy.

Rahul Gandhi Portrayed as Parashuram in Varanasi Birthday Poster, Political Symbolism Triggers Debate

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Varanasi: A striking display of political symbolism on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's birthday in Uttar Pradesh after party workers in Varanasi unveiled posters depicting him as the mythological warrior-sage Parashuram, holding an axe in one hand and the Constitution in the other.

The imagery, designed to project Gandhi as a defender of constitutional values while drawing upon a revered figure from Hindu tradition, quickly attracted atten-



tion on social media and in political circles. Sup-

porters described the poster as a symbolic rep-

resentation of a leader committed to fighting in-

justice and safeguarding democratic institutions.

However, the move also sparked debate over the increasing use of religious and civilizational imagery in contemporary political messaging. Critics questioned whether invoking sacred figures for political branding risks blurring the line between faith and electoral narratives, while supporters argued that political symbolism has long been a feature of Indian public life.

The choice of Varanasi, one of Hinduism's most sacred cities and a major political battle-

ground, added further significance to the development. The juxtaposition of Parashuram's axe—a symbol traditionally associated with justice and strength—with the Constitution appeared aimed at conveying a message of both cultural rootedness and constitutional commitment.

As images of the poster circulated widely online, the episode underscored how visual symbolism continues to shape political narratives and public perception in India's increasingly competitive electoral landscape.

Priyank Kharge's 'Regressive Laws' Remark Triggers Political Storm, Rekindles Debate on Faith and Constitution

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Bengaluru: Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge has ignited a fresh political controversy after describing anti-conversion and cow protection laws as "regressive" and "not in accordance with the Constitution," while stating that the government would still allow discussion on the issue in the legislature.

The remarks have triggered sharp reactions from political opponents, who accused the Congress leader of dismissing laws that supporters argue are aimed at preventing coercive religious conversions and protecting cultural sentiments associated with cattle. Critics questioned how legislation enacted through democratic processes and debated in elected assemblies could be summarily labelled unconstitutional without judi-

cial scrutiny. Kharge's statement has once again brought the ideological fault lines in Indian politics into focus, with constitutional interpretation, religious freedom and cultural traditions emerging as key battlegrounds. Supporters of anti-conversion laws argue that such legislation is designed to curb fraud, inducement and coercion, while opponents contend that it may infringe upon individual liberty and freedom of conscience. The controversy is expected to intensify as political parties seek to frame the debate ahead of future electoral contests. Beyond the immediate political sparring, the episode has reopened a larger national conversation: where should the balance lie between constitutional freedoms, state regulation and the protection of long-standing social and cultural traditions?

PM Modi Heads to Bengal, Paschim Banga Divas Celebrations and Development Push Take Centre Stage

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Kolkata: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a two-day visit to West Bengal on June 20 and 21, with the spotlight firmly on Paschim Banga Divas celebrations and a fresh round of development initiatives aimed at boosting infrastructure and public welfare in the state.

The Prime Minister is scheduled to attend the Paschim Banga Divas programme in Tarakeswar, Hooghly district, a location that carries deep historical and political significance due to its association with Syama Prasad Mookerjee. Modi is expected to pay tribute to Mookerjee's contribution to preserving Bengal's cultural identity and national integration.

The visit comes at a politically significant moment, with the Centre emphasising both cultural

heritage and development-driven governance in one of India's most electorally crucial states. During the event, the Prime Minister is expected to launch and dedicate multiple development projects aimed at strengthening connectivity, public services and economic opportunities.

Government officials have described the programme as a blend of cultural remembrance and future-oriented development, reflecting Bengal's rich legacy while focusing on growth and modernization.

The Prime Minister's engagements over the two days are likely to draw significant public attention, with large crowds expected at the events. The visit underscores the Centre's continued focus on West Bengal as both a cultural powerhouse and a key driver of India's growth story.

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CM Bhajan Lal Sharma Performs Yoga with World Champions, Hails Rajasthan's Golden Generation

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Jaipur: Ahead of International Yoga Day on June 21, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on Friday joined medal-winning athletes from the World Yogasana Championship for a special yoga session at the Chief Minister's residence, underscoring the growing importance of yoga as a way of life.

Addressing the young champions, Sharma emphasized that yoga is not merely a physical exercise but a powerful tool for



achieving a healthy and balanced life. He urged people from all walks of life to incorporate yoga into their daily routine to improve physical, mental and emotional well-being.

The event celebrated Rajasthan's remarkable success at the inaugural World Yogasana Championship held in Ahmedabad, where the state's athletes delivered an outstanding

performance on the global stage. Representing India with distinction, Rajasthan's yogasana champions secured an impressive tally of 10 medals, including nine gold and one

silver, bringing international recognition to both the state and the country.

The Chief Minister congratulated the medal winners and praised their dedication, discipline and commitment, stating that their achievements have elevated India's stature in the rapidly growing sport of yogasana.

With International Yoga Day around the corner, the interaction served as both a celebration of sporting excellence and a powerful message on the transformative role of yoga in building a healthier nation.

Rajasthan Assembly Rolls Out Yoga Mats Ahead of International Yoga Day, Devnani Calls It India's Timeless Gift to Humanity

FAIR REPORT

Jaipur: In a powerful display of wellness and collective mindfulness ahead of International Yoga Day 2026, legislators, senior officials and employees of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly gathered at the iconic Kartavya Dwar on Friday morning for a mass yoga session led by Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani.

The early-morning Yoga Utsav transformed the Assembly premises into a hub of physical discipline and mental rejuvenation as participants performed a series of asanas, pranayama

exercises and meditation practices under the guidance of expert yoga instructors.

Addressing the gathering, Devnani described yoga as far more than a physical exercise, calling it an invaluable legacy of Indian civilization that harmonizes the body, mind and soul. He said yoga promotes physical fitness, mental clarity, emotional balance and self-confidence, making it an essential tool for combating stress and lifestyle-related disorders in modern society.

The session began with the ceremonial

lighting of a lamp and Vedic invocations, followed by a structured yoga protocol that included standing, sitting and reclining postures. Participants also engaged in breathing techniques and meditation aimed at enhancing focus and inner well-being.

Concluding the event, Devnani led a collective pledge for global harmony, healthy living and human unity, invoking the spirit of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" and reaffirming yoga's role as a bridge connecting individual wellness with universal peace.

21st Kalyan Mahakumbh to begin from July 1 in Nimbahera, thousands of devotees expected

8-day religious event to start with Kalash Yatra; Ling Mahapurana Katha and 51 Kundiya Atirudra Mahayaga will be the main attractions

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Chittorgarh- Nimbahera is all set to witness a grand religious event as the 21st Kalyan Mahakumbh will be organized from July 1 to 8. The event is being organized by Shri Sheshavatar Kallaji Vedpeeth and Research Institute and Shri Kallaji Temple Mandal Trust. Preparations for the grand event are going on at a large scale. Officials of Vedpeeth informed during a press conference that a spiritual Kalyan Maha Padyatra will be taken out on June 21 from Shri Kallaji Temple in Kamdhaj Nagar. The yatra will reach the memorial of Thakur Shri Kallaji near the second gate on Durg Road. Thousands of devotees from Nimbahera and nearby villages are expected to participate. During the Mahakumbh, Shri Ling Mahapurana Katha will be organized as the 15th Purana. The recitation is already being performed by priests and students at the temple with proper rituals. So far, 109 devotees have participated in the program. It will continue till June 30. The

grand opening of the Mahakumbh will take place on July 1 with a huge Kalash Utsav and Shobha Yatra from Dashahara Ground. The five-kilometre long procession will include a special band from Mumbai, 21 Malvi drums, cultural tableaux, 11 bands, 51 horses and camels and Prabhat Pharis from 200 villages. Thousands of devotees from Mewar, Malwa, Gujarat and Marwar will participate. Shri Ling Mahapurana Katha will start from July 1 at Vedpeeth campus at 3 PM. The Katha will be narrated by Jagadguru Swami Gyananand Teerth of Avantara Peeth Bhanpura. The event will focus on Lord Shiva and the importance of Shivling. A five-day 51 Kundiya Shri Atirudra Mahayaga will also be organized from July 4 to 8. Around 1500 devotees will participate and offer prayers for peace and prosperity. Several dignitaries including Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, Mahara Vishwaraj Singh, MP CP Joshi and Coop-

eration Minister Gautam Dak have been invited to the Mahakumbh. The Mahakumbh will conclude on July 8 with Prakatya Utsav and divine darshan of Thakur Shri Kallaji and Panch Devs. Before this, flag hoisting, Maha Aarti and completion of the Yagya will be performed. During the Mahakumbh, devotional music programs and Kavi Sammelan will be organized every day after the evening Aarti. 21st Kalyan Mahakumbh to begin from July 1 in Nimbahera, thousands of devotees expected 8-day religious event to start with Kalash Yatra; Ling Mahapurana Katha and 51 Kundiya Atirudra Mahayaga will be the main attractions Chittorgarh- Nimbahera is all set to witness a grand religious event as the 21st Kalyan Mahakumbh will be organized from July 1 to 8. The event is being organized by Shri Sheshavatar Kallaji Vedpeeth and Research Institute and Shri Kallaji Temple Mandal Trust. Preparations for the grand event are going on at a large scale.

Check records of criminals, take strict action against organized crime: ADG Raghavendra Suhas

ADG (Training) reviews crime situation during annual inspection; watches parade, checking and serious crime investigation demo

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Chittorgarh- Additional Director General of Police (Training) Shri Raghavendra Suhas, who arrived in Chittorgarh for a two-day annual inspection, directed police officers to control crime, take effective action against organized crimes and strengthen police working. He said maintaining public trust in security and law and order is the biggest responsibility of police. ADGP Training reached Police Line on Thursday, where Superintendent of Police Shri Dharmendra Singh and other officers welcomed him. During the inspec-



tion, he held a meeting with police officers and personnel and interacted with them directly. The personnel shared their service-related and personal problems, and necessary instructions were given for their solutions. During the meeting, ADG said that the morale, welfare and efficiency of police personnel are among the department's top priorities. He asked all officers and personnel to perform their duties with honesty, dedication and sensitivity. After this,

ADG held a crime meeting with Additional SP, all Circle Officers and Station House Officers. He reviewed the law and order situation, crime status and police working. He directed officers to take strict action against gang wars, illegal weapons, drug trafficking, habitual criminals, hardcore criminals and organized criminal activities. He also stressed on quick disposal of pending cases, better investigation of serious crimes, use of scientific methods, technology

and timely action against criminals. ADG also inspected the Superintendent of Police office. He visited different branches and reviewed record keeping, pending work and office arrangements. He directed officials to keep records updated and maintain transparency in work. On Friday, a parade of six platoons was organized at Police Line under the leadership of SP Dharmendra Singh. ADG took the salute and appreciated the discipline and coordination of the personnel. ASP Mukul Sharma, DSP Brijesh Singh, Manish Sharma, Anjali Singh, Mukesh and Police Inspector Anil Pandey performed the role of platoon commanders. After the parade, a demo of effective checking and search operation to catch drug smugglers was presented under the leadership of

Bhadesar DSP Vinod Kumar. The demo showed checking of suspicious vehicles, security measures and coordination among police teams. Under the leadership of DSP Shiv Prakash, a demo of investigation process in a serious crime case involving rape and murder of an unidentified woman was also presented. The process of securing the crime scene, collecting evidence, scientific investigation and case investigation was shown. ADG Raghavendra Suhas appreciated the parade, checking operation and investigation demo. He said that police preparation, discipline and professional working style can help in effective control of crime. During the inspection, Additional SP Mukul Sharma, Bhagwat Singh, all Circle Officers, Station House Officers and police office staff were present.

CBN team reaches drug smuggling hideout, recovers 17.960 kg of Doda Chura from Scorpio

FAIR REPORT

Chittorgarh: The Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) Neemuch has achieved another success in the campaign against illegal drug trafficking. The team reached a suspected smuggling location in Kanera village of Nimbahera and recovered 17.960 kg of illegal Doda Chura from a Scorpio vehicle. Two persons present at the spot

have been detained and are being questioned. The action was taken after a major recovery of more than 1619 kg Doda Chura by the CBN team on June 17. During questioning of the arrested accused, the team received information about the vehicle and reached Kanera village for further action. The CBN officials raided a yard in the village where a Mahindra Scorpio was parked.

Yoga Day celebration in Chittorgarh, programs planned at over 5,000 places across the district

Chittorgarh- To take yoga to every person, Chittorgarh district is preparing for a big event on the 12th International Yoga Day. On June 21, yoga practice programs will be organized from gram panchayats to government institutions across the district. This year, the target is to connect around 2.5 lakh people with yoga. During a press conference held at the Deputy Director Ayurveda Department office on Friday, Deputy Director Dr. Tarun Kumar Pramanik said that yoga programs will be organized at all gram panchayats, anganwadi centres, schools, panchayat and sub-division headquarters and other government institutions. He said that voluntary organizations, NGOs, Patanjali Yoga Samiti, Art of Living and other yoga organizations will participate in the programs. All programs will be conducted according to the Common Yoga Protocol. Preparations for Yoga Day have been increased in the district. More than 4,300 yoga places have been registered on the Yoga Sangam portal so far.

No Negligence in Service Camps, Responsibility Will Be Fixed for Rule Violations: Collector

FAIR REPORT

Chittorgarh- There will be no negligence in the ongoing urban and rural service camps being conducted to provide benefits of government schemes to eligible people. District Collector Dr. Manju clearly instructed officials that the problems of every eligible person coming to the camps should be solved on the spot and maximum benefits of schemes should reach the public. If anyone works against rules due to pressure or any irregularity is found, responsibility will be fixed on the concerned officer. A video conference meeting was held on Thursday evening from the DOITC VC room at the district headquarters to review the service camps being conducted in Municipal Council, Municipalities, Urban Improvement Trust and rural areas. Sub-Divisional Officers, Tehsildars, Development Officers and concerned department officials joined the meeting through video conference. The Collector said that the aim of service camps is to provide relief to the last person. Work should be done

with transparency in the camps and no eligible person should face unnecessary problems. She directed officials to resolve pending cases on time. Hotels, malls and big establishments to be inspected. In the meeting, the Collector directed officials to regularly inspect hotels, malls, big commercial establishments and public places in Municipal Council and Municipality areas. She instructed to ensure compliance with fire safety rules and monitor safety, cleanliness and public facilities.

Focus on drain cleaning before rains

Keeping the monsoon in mind, the Collector directed all urban bodies to complete cleaning of drains, drainage systems and water channels as priority. Officials were asked to identify sensitive areas and run special campaigns so that people do not face waterlogging problems during rains. Chief Executive Officer Zila Parishad Vinay Pathak reviewed rural service camps and directed Development Officers to speed up the process of land allocation to nomadic and semi-nomadic families as per eligibility.

Jaipur Gears Up for Mega Arogya Mahotsav: Where Healthcare, Spirituality and Innovation Converge

FAIR REPORT

Jaipur: The Pink City is set to witness a unique confluence of healthcare, wellness, spirituality and technology as the two-day Arogya Mahotsav 2026 begins on Saturday at the BM Birla Auditorium. Designed as a comprehensive platform for healthy living and informed lifestyle choices, the festival will bring together leading medical experts, wellness practitioners, policymakers, entrepreneurs and spiritual leaders under one roof. The event will be attended by Governor Haribhau Bagde, Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Deputy Chief Minis-



ters Diya Kumari and Prem Chand Bairwa, and Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, among other dignitaries. Bollywood actor Huma Qureshi will be a key attraction at the closing session.

More than 150 stalls showcasing healthcare innovations, AI-driven medical technologies, startups, government initiatives and wellness solutions will be

set up. Visitors will also benefit from free health check-ups, including cancer screening, blood pressure, diabetes and lung examinations, along with consultations from special-

ist doctors.

The festival agenda spans critical themes such as cancer care, mental wellness, preventive healthcare, Ayurveda, homeopathy, meditation, wealth management and the future of AI in healthcare. The second day will begin with a grand International Yoga Day celebration led by the Isha Foundation team.

With free public entry and a diverse lineup of experts and spiritual guides, Arogya Mahotsav aims to transform healthcare awareness into a mass movement while promoting holistic well-being in an increasingly digital world.

States Focus



PASSPORT DELIVERY NOW TRULY DEMOCRATISED: JAISHANKAR

The passport delivery process today has become "truly democratised", and this seamless service serves as an engine for a prosperous, globally connected and Viksit Bharat, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Friday. In his address at the Annual Regional Passport Officers' Conference, which also marked Passport Seva Divas, he said the annual passport issuance volume has surged to over 138 lakh in the financial year 2025-26, which reflects the "soaring aspiration" of India and its people. The external affairs minister said the passport service today has become "swift" and "accessible", while acquiring a passport was akin to a privilege earlier. (PTI)



DEFENCE MINISTRY INKS ₹425 CR DEAL FOR NAVY GENERATORS

Ministry of Defence on Friday signed a contract with Bharat Forge Limited, Pune, for the acquisition of 12 sets of 1.25 MW Marine Gas Turbine Generators, with a minimum 60 per cent indigenous content, for the Indian Navy at a total cost of around Rs 425 crore. Giving details, officials said the contract was inked under the Buy (Indian) category in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh. The project reinforces the Government's commitment to Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make-in-India by creating a robust domestic manufacturing ecosystem. It would enhance maritime self-reliance in critical strategic technologies and bolster the Indian Navy's operational readiness through indigenous production and end-to-end life-cycle support. (PTI)

PM-VBRY has created over 70 lakh jobs, says PM Modi

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) has created over 70 lakh jobs across the country so far, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday as he transferred incentives worth ₹2,400 crore for 15 lakh first-time employees and their employers. The amount will be transferred to the beneficiaries through the direct benefit transfer.



Addressing the event, Modi said that when the Government, the youth and the industry work together, job creation grows multi-fold. He informed that Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana has created 70 lakh jobs and provided social security cover for the beneficiaries under the scheme. The Government encour-

ages those institutions or employers who generate new jobs, Modi said, adding that the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana forms a bridge between the youth and the industry for first-time job seekers. He said, "Through PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana, we are supporting employment generation, empowering youth and building a

stronger workforce for the future." The scheme is about empowering first-time employees and building a bridge between the youth and the industry, he stated. The aspirations, skills and potential of four youth shape the path to a Viksit Bharat, he said. Modi further said that India's youth will be at the

forefront of driving global growth, innovation and entrepreneurship in the years to come.

In the 21st century, opportunities will belong to nations that nurture skilled talent, foster innovation and uphold the highest standards of quality, he said, adding that India has unprecedented capability in these three areas.

Under PM-VBRY, the Government has provided an outlay of ₹99,446 crore and targeted 3.5 crore job creation in two years.

Under the scheme, up to ₹15,000 is provided for first-time employees. Employers get up to ₹3,000 per month per new employee under the scheme.

To boost employment in the manufacturing sector, extended benefits are being provided for up to four years under the scheme.

NIA arrests 10 accused in Manipur ethnic violence cases

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested 10 accused in six different cases of ethnic violence in Manipur.

In a coordinated operation with Manipur Police and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), a joint multi-location search operation in the districts of Imphal East, Imphal West, Bishnupur, Churachandpur, Ukhrul, Chandel, and Pherzawl in the strife-torn north-eastern state led to the arrest of the accused.

Investigations in multiple cases revealed that the accused had played active roles in various incidents of violence during the period of ethnic unrest in Manipur, including attacks on security



forces, looting of arms and ammunition, and bank robberies, a statement issued by the NIA said. The operations, conducted on the basis of extensive intelligence, technical and field investigations by the NIA along with the state police and the central security agency, were focused on identifying and prosecut-

ing individuals, across communities, involved in criminal and terrorist activities in the state, it said.

The NIA expects the arrests to reveal significant information about the planning, execution, and support networks involved in the cases of violence, the statement said.

The agency is also exam-

ining possible linkages between the various incidents, as well as the individuals and groups involved in the insurgency, it said.

More than 260 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Meiteis and Kuki-Zo groups since May 2023.

No leave for medical students during NEET exam: NMC

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

The National Medical Commission has directed all medical colleges and institutions under its purview not to grant leave to students on June 20 and 21, except in exceptional circumstances, to support the fair conduct of the NEET-UG re-exam on Sunday.

The move comes in the backdrop of some instances when students of medical colleges were found to be involved in activities that could compromise the sanctity and integrity of the examination process, the Commission said in a notice issued on Thursday. The instruction has been issued in compliance with directions received from the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education regarding the conduct of the medical entrance examination, it said. The Commission also asked medical colleges to remain vigilant and sensitise students against involvement in any activities that could compromise the sanctity and integrity of the examination process.

"In the past, instances have come to notice where some students of medical colleges were found to be involved in activities that could compromise the sanctity and integrity of the examination process," the notice said. "In view of this, and as a matter of general deterrence, all the medical colleges are hereby directed to remain vigilant and ensure that students are sensitised against any involvement in activities prejudicial to the conduct of the examination," it added.



TN Assembly unanimously resolves against Mekedatu Dam

FAIR REPORT
Chennai

The Tamil Nadu Assembly on Friday adopted a unanimous resolution against Karnataka's move to construct a dam across river Cauvery at Mekedatu, expressing support for all measures undertaken by the State Government on the issue.

Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay piloted the government resolution over the nearly 13 years long dispute with the neighbouring State, with the members of the opposition, including Leader of the



Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin and AIADMK chief Edappadi K Palaniswami, backing the Government. The Congress too supported the ruling TVK in the Assembly, taking a contradictory stand opposing the Karnataka Congress Government, which is keen on pursuing the balancing reservoir project.

Experts flag concerns over SC-appointed Aravalli panel

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

Scientists, senior environmental and policy experts, and other stakeholders from across India have written to the Chief Justice of India (CJI), raising questions over the composition of the Supreme Court-appointed high-powered expert committee tasked with reviewing the Centre's report on the definition and delineation of the Aravalli hill range.

The letters, written on Thursday and Friday, seek changes to the committee's composition, citing concerns about its independence.



The committee, constituted under the Supreme Court's May 25 order, is headed by Kanchan Devi,

Director General of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, and has been directed to submit

its report by August 31.

The other members of the panel are Dr Subhash Ashutosh, former director general of the Forest Survey of India; Dr Rajendra Kumar Sharma, former director of the Geological Survey of India; Brij Mohan Singh Rathore, former joint secretary in the Environment Ministry; and Professor Ashok K Bhatnagar, former head of the Department of Botany at Delhi University.

The court also appointed Professor Jagdish Krishnaswamy of the Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Bengaluru, and

Professor Laxmikant Sharma of the Central University of Haryana as special invitees whom the chairperson may associate with the committee's work, if required.

The Environment Ministry was directed to nominate an officer of the rank of director to serve as the panel's member secretary.

In one of the letters, environmentalist and social scientist, Dr Ravi Chopra, expressed doubts about the panel's ability to provide independent written opinions on the disputed issues, noting that almost all its members are serving or retired Government officials.

NTA to hold nationwide mock drill for NEET exam

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

The Centre is not leaving anything to chance, and the National Testing Agency (NTA) will conduct a nationwide mock drill on Saturday as part of the preparations to ensure the NEET UG-2026 re-examination on Sunday, June 21, is conducted smoothly and securely.

The mock drill will begin at 9 AM and continue until late evening. More than 2.5 lakh security personnel are expected to participate in the

exercise across the country.

All examination centres have already been handed over to the National Testing Agency (NTA). On the day of the examination, the centres will operate under a three-tier security system to prevent any irregularities.

According to officials, paramilitary forces will be responsible for the custody and security of question papers and answer booklets. More than 5,000 examination centres across the country will be monitored through CCTV surveillance



and security personnel deployed.

The nationwide mock drill is aimed at assessing preparedness, coordination among agencies, and the effectiveness of security measures ahead of the examination. Elaborate security arrangements are in place to ensure the examination is conducted smoothly for the 22.79 lakh candidates who would be appearing for the re-NEET. On Friday, the Government issued detailed advisories on where to track updates on the examination, and also listed the arrangements in place.

Himanta urges FM Sitharaman to raise northeast funding limits

FAIR REPORT
Guwahati

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday urged Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to allow the northeastern states to have access to enhanced funds through externally aided projects, citing "exceptional track record and honest implementation of schemes and projects" in the region.

He said that such projects, worth Rs 53,000 crore, are underway in Assam alone.

"On behalf of Assam and our sister states in the northeast, I made a passionate appeal to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to allow



our Governments access to enhanced limits through Externally Aided Projects (EAP), keeping in view our exceptional track record and honest implementation of schemes and projects," Sarma said on X.

After attending a seminar on 'Leveraging EAPS in North-Eastern States' in Shillong, he said that over the past few years, these projects, backed by multilateral financial agencies, have empowered Assam to initi-

ate multiple mega transformative projects, which were initially considered unviable due to the high cost of capital.

Currently, such projects worth Rs 53,000 crore are underway in Assam alone, in sectors such as building bridges and embankments, hospitals, robotics, mega power and infrastructure projects, Sarma said.

"Needless to say, Externally Aided Projects also bring in vibrant project management skills and global best practices into our Government machinery," he added.

Sarma maintained that the inaugural session of the seminar was "an excellent platform to improve

collaboration and planning in the implementation of such projects".

The Chief Minister's Office (CMO), in a post on social media, said Sarma highlighted the transformative growth of Assam.

Sarma cited the successful completion of the EAP-funded Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Project in just three-and-a-half years.

He also mentioned projects such as the Kumar Bhaskar Varma Setu in Guwahati and the ongoing Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge as examples of the state's strong development momentum and effective utilisation of Externally Aided Projects, the CMO said.

BJP dismisses Rahul's future PM prospects



FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

The BJP on Friday took a swipe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on his 56th birthday, dismissing projections of him as a future prime minister and asserting that a PM from the Nehru-Gandhi family is a "thing of the distant past".

The ruling party also said repeated attempts to reinvent Gandhi's image have failed to win public support and challenged the Congress leader to do serious work on the ground instead of engaging in "frivolous and mischievous" activities.

Addressing a press conference here, BJP national spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said a member of the Nehru-Gandhi family has not occupied the post since Rajiv Gandhi.

"A prime minister from the Nehru-Gandhi family has become a thing of the distant past. The last prime minister from the Nehru-Gandhi family was the late Rajiv Gandhi. Since 1989, 37 years have passed," Trivedi said, when asked about Congress leaders projecting Gandhi as a future prime minister and his recent claim that the Government would fall within a year.

"Even today, if they are talking about Rahul Gandhi becoming prime minister in the future, he will have to do something serious on the ground instead of engaging in activities that are frivolous and mischievous," he added.

Replying sharply to Youth Congress workers celebrating Gandhi's 56th birthday by depicting him as Lord Parshuram, Trivedi said it should be left to the "wisdom of the people" to decide how the day should be observed.

"I think Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday should be celebrated as Children's Day. I leave it to the wisdom of the people and viewers to decide what day Rahul Gandhi's birthday should be observed as," Trivedi said.

Youth Congress workers in Varanasi celebrated Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi's 56th birthday with symbolic rituals, including pouring milk over his photograph in the Ganga River.

In the image used during the celebration, Gandhi was depicted as Lord Parshuram, holding an axe in one hand and a copy of the Constitution in the other.

Trivedi, a Rajya Sabha MP, said despite undergoing "dramatic" changes in style, body language and appearance over a decade, Gandhi has continued to "lose his place in the hearts of the people".

Targeting the opposition alliance, Trivedi claimed that the INDIA bloc has lost relevance.

"I think the very existence of the INDIA (bloc) has become a subject for reflection. When Narendra Modi became prime minister, there was the UPA.

"Where is the UPA today? What is its actual status?" he said.

NSF slams Yoga Day order for hurting faith

FAIR REPORT
Kohima

The Naga Students' Federation (NSF) has expressed grave resentment and unequivocal opposition to a recent circular issued by the Directorate of School Education, Government of Nagaland, which directs educational institutions across the State to observe the 12th International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2026.

The student body has strongly objected to the scheduling of the event, pointing out that June 21 falls on a Sunday. The Federation viewed the directive as a blatant disregard for the religious sentiments and spiritual convictions of the Naga people, emphasising that Sunday occupies a sacred place in the Christian faith and is strictly devoted to worship, prayer, and fellowship.

In a joint statement, NSF President Mteisinging and Education Committee Convenor Pithungo Shitio asserted that institutionalising such activities on a Sunday violates the religious freedom guaranteed under Article 25 of the Indian Constitution. They added that the directive is inconsistent with Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights



(ICCPR) and Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

"The Federation condemns in the strongest terms the unwarranted directive and calls upon the Directorate of School Education and the Government of Nagaland to immediately withdraw the notification," the statement read. The NSF cautioned the state Government against any attempt to coerce compliance under the guise of official instructions, warning that authorities would be held solely responsible for any untoward consequences.

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Rajasthan Pushes Governance Agenda at Northern Zonal Council Meet, 48 Key Issues Taken Up with Centre

FAIR REPORT

Jaipur: Reinforcing the spirit of cooperative federalism and inter-state coordination, Rajasthan actively participated in the 22nd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Northern Zonal Council, where a wide-ranging review of governance, development and administrative issues took place between the Centre and member states.

Representing Rajasthan through video conferencing, Chief Secretary Sudhanshu Pant engaged in deliberations on 48 state-specific agenda points covering Centre-State relations, socio-economic development, effective implementation of welfare



schemes and mechanisms to strengthen administrative coordination.

The meeting brought together senior officials from the Union Government, the Inter-State Council Secretariat and states and Union Territories of the Northern Region for discussions aimed at resolving long-pending issues and accel-

erating development outcomes. Key areas included policy coordination, infrastructure development, public service delivery, resource management and improving institutional cooperation between governments.

Officials described the deliberations as constructive and solution-oriented, with a strong empha-

sis on removing administrative bottlenecks and ensuring that development initiatives translate into tangible benefits for citizens.

Inter-state issues affecting multiple regions were also discussed, highlighting the importance of collaborative governance in addressing challenges that transcend

state boundaries.

The meeting underscored Rajasthan's proactive approach toward policy engagement and governance reforms, while reaffirming the crucial role of cooperative federalism in achieving balanced growth, efficient administration and citizen-centric development across the country.

The Fauci Files and the Crisis of Public Trust

FAIR REPORT
DR. SUDHIR VYAS

Jaipur: Fresh allegations by former U.S. National Security Adviser Tuli Gabbard have reignited one of the most consequential debates of the Covid era: whether American-funded coronavirus research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology contributed to a global catastrophe.

The documents reportedly allege that U.S. taxpayer funds supported risky but coronavirus research and that former NIAID director Anthony Fauci played a role in shaping narratives surrounding the pandemic's origins. If true, these claims raise profound questions about scientific transparency, regulatory oversight and public accountability. Yet allegations are not evidence. No definitive public proof



has established Covid-19 as either a laboratory-created biological weapon or a virus that escaped from a research facility. Intelligence agencies and scientists remain divided. What is undeniable, however, is the damage caused by secrecy and institutional defensiveness. During the pandemic, dissenting views were often dismissed, while critical questions about research

funding and biosafety received inadequate scrutiny. That approach eroded public trust.

The central issue today is not ideology but accountability. If public funds financed high-risk research, citizens deserve full disclosure. The world owes the millions affected by Covid-19 one thing above all else: transparency without fear, favour or political calculation.

ARREST ME OR NAME THE MINISTER: KIRODI LAL THROWS DOWN THE GAUNTLET AT ACB

FAIR REPORT

HEMRAJ TIKAMCHAND

In a move that blended political theatre with raw defiance, Rajasthan Agriculture Minister Kirodi Lal Meena walked into the Anti-Corruption Bureau headquarters on Friday afternoon — uninvited, unescorted, and unapologetic.

His message was surgical: "If I am guilty, arrest me. If I am not, then tell the people who this mysterious doctor-minister really is."

The trigger is the deepening ACB case involving the Seed Corporation Director and Agriculture Department employees, caught in what investigators describe as a systematic corruption web. With Meena's name circulating in political corridors as a person of interest, the minister chose confrontation over silence. That choice was deliberate. Kirodi Lal Meena is not a politician who retreats quietly. The former MP and fierce political survivor has built his entire brand on aggressive transparency — or at least its appearance. But questions remain sharper than his defiance. Who is the "doctor-minister" he cryptically referenced? Why does a sitting Cabinet minister feel compelled to personally appear at an anti-corruption agency rather than communicate through legal counsel? And most critically — does the ACB have the institutional spine to pursue this case wherever it leads, regardless of ministerial rank or political convenience?

Sena Power Shift: Shinde Camp Swells as MPs Return, Intensifying Battle for Balasaheb's Legacy

FAIR REPORT

Mumbai: In a dramatic development that could reshape Maharashtra's political landscape, six Members of Parliament from the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena faction have reportedly returned to the Eknath Shinde camp, significantly strengthening the ruling alliance and reigniting the fierce battle over the legacy of Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray.

The move takes the strength of the Shinde-led Shiv Sena in the Lok Sab-



ha to 13 MPs, providing a substantial boost to the NDA's parliamentary numbers. Political observers view the development as another mile-

stone in the ongoing realignment of Maharashtra politics that began with Shinde's rebellion and the subsequent split in the Sena.

Supporters of Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde have projected the development as a validation of his claim to represent the ideological and political legacy of Balasaheb Thackeray. Many within the camp describe Shinde, a longtime associate of the late Anand Dighe, as carrying forward the original vision of the party.

The reported return of the MPs also strengthens the hands of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a time when

major legislative and political issues, including delimitation and women's reservation, remain subjects of national discussion.

While the Shinde camp is celebrating the development as a major political victory, the episode underscores that the struggle for Shiv Sena's identity, influence and legacy remains far from over. With parliamentary arithmetic and political symbolism increasingly intertwined, Maharashtra's political battlefield has entered yet another decisive phase.

CM Cracks the Whip: Bhajan Lal Sharma Orders Action Against Officials Over Wrong Land Lease Issue

FAIR REPORT

Jaipur: Sending a strong message on accountability and governance, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on Friday directed strict action against erring officials during the sixth review meeting of the state government's flagship Raj Unnati monitoring initiative. Chairing the high-level meeting at the Chief Minister's Office, Sharma reviewed the progress of major projects, public grievances and government schemes, while warning officials against delays and negligence. In one of the most significant decisions emerging from the review, the Chief Minister ordered the suspension of mul-

tipal officials and employees, including the Secretary of the Urban Improvement Trust (UIT), Sri Ganganagar, after a complaint regarding the issuance of an allegedly incorrect land lease came to light through the grievance portal. Officials present at the meeting were instructed to ensure timely completion of projects and maintain strict accountability at every level of administration. Sharma emphasized that public trust in governance depends on transparency, efficiency and swift redressal of grievances. The action is being viewed as part of the state government's broader push to strengthen administrative discipline and improve service delivery.

SMS Doctors Remove Massive 12-Kg Tumour from Teenager, Deliver New Lease of Life

FAIR REPORT

Jaipur: In a remarkable feat of surgical expertise, doctors at Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Medical College and Hospital successfully removed a massive 12-kilogram abdominal tumour from a 15-year-old girl, restoring her health and offering hope to her family after months of suffering. The teenager from Sighana in Jhunjhunu district had been battling progressive abdominal swelling, persistent heaviness and difficulty in eating for several months. As the tumour continued to grow, it began interfering with her daily activities and overall quality of life, prompting

her admission to the Surgery Department at SMS Hospital.

A team of specialist surgeons performed the highly complex operation on Thursday. According to surgeon Dr. Hanuman Khoja, the enormous tumour had occupied a significant portion of the abdominal cavity, making the procedure particularly challenging. Using advanced surgical techniques and meticulous planning, the team successfully removed the growth without complications. The surgery was conducted under the supervision of Department Head Dr. Richa Jain. Doctors reported that the patient's recovery has

been encouraging, with a significant reduction in abdominal swelling. She is now able to consume food normally, and her intestinal functions have returned to normal. Hospital Superintendent Dr. Mrinal Joshi said the entire treatment was provided free of cost under the Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya (MAA) scheme, sparing the family any financial burden. The successful surgery stands as a testament to the advanced medical expertise and high-quality healthcare services available at SMS Medical College, one of Rajasthan's premier government healthcare institutions.

BUY INDIAN OR FACE THE CONSEQUENCES: RAJASTHAN DRAWS A LINE IN THE TENDER SAND

Hemraj Tikamchand

Jaipur: The Rajasthan government has served notice on a practice as old as public procurement itself — the quiet, lucrative preference for foreign firms over domestic manufacturers, dressed up in paperwork and plausible deniability.

No more. The state Finance Department has issued a landmark circular mandating that all government departments, across every sector, must prioritise Make in India products in purchases, supplies, and tenders. The directive is not a suggestion. Officials found favouring foreign compa-

nies over eligible Indian manufacturers will face direct departmental action.

The teeth don't stop there. Companies caught presenting fake Make in India certificates — a rampant abuse that allowed foreign-origin goods to masquerade as domestic products — will

face immediate blacklisting. In government procurement, blacklisting is a death sentence. No tenders. No contracts. No second chances.

The circular instructs departments to frame tender conditions in a manner that structurally advantages Indian manufacturers, not merely pays lip

service to the policy while routing contracts abroad through intermediaries and shell compliance.

The Stakes Are Real Rajasthan's annual government procurement runs into thousands of crores. Every rupee routed to a foreign supplier over a capable Indian one is a job not created, a fac-

tory not expanded, a family not elevated. This policy, if enforced with the rigour its language demands, could redirect that economic current decisively inward.

The word "if" carries the full weight of Indian governance history. Rajasthan now has a chance to rewrite it.

NO GATES. NO QUEUES. NO WAITING. RAJASTHAN JUST DROVE INTO THE FUTURE.

FAIR REPORT

Jaipur: The boom barrier — that rusted symbol of India's love affair with bureaucratic friction — has fallen for the last time at Daulatpura. In its place stands something quietly revolutionary: silence, speed, and seamless movement.

Rajasthan has officially entered the era of barrier-free tolling.

The Daulatpura Toll Plaza on the iconic Jaipur-Delhi Old Highway became the state's first fully automated, barrier-free toll collection point — where vehicles pass through without stopping, without fumbling for cash, without the collective exhaust-fume frustration that has defined highway travel for generations.

The system reads your FASTag. Deducts the toll. You never slow down. The highway breathes again.

The Tech Behind the Transformation

Overhead sensors, RFID readers, and high-resolution surveillance cameras now form an invisible digital checkpoint. The infrastructure doesn't just collect tolls — it watches, re-

records, and flags. Vehicles without valid FASTags face automatic penalty detection, eliminating the human negotiation that once made toll evasion disturbingly easy.

This is not merely convenience. It is accountability, encoded in asphalt.

The Bigger Picture

Globally, barrier-free tolling is the backbone of smart highway ecosystems from Singapore to Stockholm. India's National Highways Authority has long pushed for this transition. Rajasthan's Daulatpura implementation signals that Tier-2 state infrastructure is finally catching up.

The implications cascade outward — reduced fuel burn at idle engines, lower emissions, faster freight movement, and measurable GDP gains from time saved.

One caveat remains: technology only works when compliance follows. The FASTag mandate must be enforced without exception, not negotiated at the roadside. The future doesn't wait at toll booths. Neither should India.

ANTF Strikes Hard

Four Simultaneous Raids Across Rajasthan Smash Drug Network, Five Held

FAIR REPORT

Jaipur: In one of its most aggressive anti-narcotics offensives in recent months, Rajasthan's Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) launched four coordinated operations across Jalore, Beawar and Jaipur, delivering a decisive blow to drug traffickers and dismantling multiple links in the illegal narcotics supply chain. Acting on intelligence inputs and under the guidance of Director General of Police Rajeev Kumar Sharma, ANTF teams, in coordina-

tion with local police units, conducted swift raids that resulted in the seizure of large quantities of opium, smack, ganja and suspected drug proceeds. Five alleged traffickers were detained during the statewide crackdown. The biggest recovery came from Jalore's Bhinmal area, where nearly one kilogram of illegally manufactured opium was allegedly recovered from a residential property. In Beawar, a husband-wife duo was intercepted while allegedly delivering smack on a scooter, leading to the seizure of narcotics and the vehicle.