

# FAIR REPORT

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## REFINERY ON FAST TRACK

# PACHPADRA SET TO POWER RAJASTHAN'S NEXT GROWTH STORY, SAYS CM BHAJAN LAL SHARMA

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**JAIPUR:** Rajasthan's ambitious Pachpadra Refinery and Petrochemical Complex is racing toward completion, with Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma declaring the mega project a future "growth engine" for the state's economy and announcing that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to inaugurate the facility soon.

Chairing a high-level review meeting on the project, Sharma emphasized that the refinery would not only transform Rajasthan's industrial landscape but also generate large-scale employment,



attract fresh investments and strengthen the state's position as a key energy and petrochemicals hub.

Officials of HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL) informed the Chief Minister that the project has gained significant momentum and is

now firmly on the fast track. According to the management, Sharma's continuous micro-monitoring and regular reviews have helped accelerate execution and resolve bottlenecks that often delay projects of such scale.

The review meeting revealed that more than half a dozen units of the refinery complex have already been commissioned, while production of several petroleum and petrochemical products has commenced. The progress signals that the long-awaited project is steadily moving from the construction phase toward full-scale commercial opera-

tions. The Pachpadra Refinery, one of the largest industrial investments in Rajasthan's history, is expected to serve as a catalyst for downstream industries, logistics, infrastructure development and regional economic growth across western Rajasthan.

With commissioning activities gathering pace and preparations underway for its formal launch, the refinery is emerging as a flagship symbol of Rajasthan's industrial ambitions—one that policymakers believe could redefine the state's economic trajectory for decades to come.

## TEARS IN THE HOUSE

# BJP MLA BREAKS DOWN OVER RG KAR CASE, CM VOWS JUSTICE IN EMOTIONAL ASSEMBLY MOMENT

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**KOLKATA:** In a rare and deeply emotional scene that brought the Assembly to a standstill, BJP MLA Ratna Debnath broke down while speaking on the RG Kar case, turning a routine legislative session into a moment of collective anguish and reflection. As the House watched in silence, Debnath struggled to

hold back tears while raising concerns over the case that has continued to stir public outrage and demands for accountability across West Bengal. The emotional intervention underscored the pain and frustration felt by many over a tragedy that has shaken the conscience of the state. The atmosphere inside the Assembly grew visibly tense as members across party

lines listened to the legislator's remarks. For a brief moment, political rhetoric gave way to raw human emotion, highlighting the continuing public demand for justice and closure. Responding to the emotional appeal, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari sought to reassure both the House and the public, stating that justice would be ensured in the RG Kar case.

## ONE LETTER, ZERO MERCY: GOOGLE MAPS' SPELLING SLIP HOLDS ENTIRE UP VILLAGE HOSTAGE

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**New Delhi:** Somewhere in a Mountain View office, an algorithm swapped one letter — and an entire village in Firozabad has spent its days filing complaints, getting forms rejected, and wondering since when bureaucracy decided to take its cues from autocorrect.

The village in question is Akilabad Hasanpur. Google Maps, however, insists it's "Akilabad Hasanpur" — a delightfully confident, en-

tirely fictional place that exists nowhere except inside a server somewhere, yet apparently carries enough authority to override reality for every government portal that matters. The fallout has been almost poetic in its absurdity: residents attempting basic digital and online tasks have found themselves stonewalled, their applications bounced back for the unforgivable crime of writing their own village's name correctly.

## CAMERAMAN OR COMBATANT? ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR SPARKS FRESH MEDIA CONTROVERSY



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**NEW YORK/GAZA:** The death of Al Jazeera cameraman Ahmed Wishah in an Israeli airstrike has ignited a fierce political and media storm, with competing narratives emerging over who he really was.

The Israeli military has claimed that Wishah was not merely a journalist but a Hamas sniper operative who allegedly participated in military activities against Israeli forces. According to the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), the strike targeted individuals it described as Hamas operatives, including

Wishah. The allegations quickly reverberated beyond the battlefield after New York mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani publicly mourned Wishah's death as that of a journalist. Critics have since questioned whether political leaders and media organizations acted before all facts were known.

However, the claims remain hotly contested. Al Jazeera has strongly rejected the Israeli accusations, describing them as baseless and part of a broader campaign against its journalists. The network maintains that Wishah was carrying out his professional duties as a

cameraman and has called for an independent investigation into his killing.

International media watchdogs and press freedom groups have also called for greater scrutiny, noting that journalists operating in conflict zones are frequently caught in the crossfire of competing wartime narratives.

As the war of weapons continues on the ground, a parallel war of information is raging online. Whether Ahmed Wishah was a journalist, a militant, or both remains at the center of a controversy that has quickly become a global political flashpoint.

# LAND, POWER & POLITICS: DID CM MOHAN YADAV'S EMPIRE GROW AFTER TAKING OFFICE?

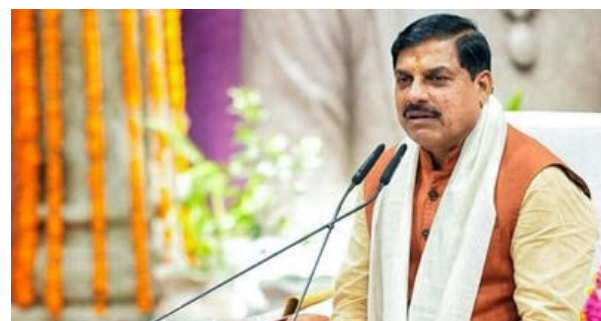
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**BHOPAL:** A viral allegation has triggered a fresh political storm in Madhya Pradesh, with opposition voices claiming that Chief Minister Mohan Yadav amassed significant land holdings after assuming office. The charge has rapidly spread across social media, raising questions about transparency, public office, and political accountability.

However, a closer look at the records presents a more nuanced picture.

The allegations center around claims that Yadav's family's land assets witnessed a sharp rise during his tenure as Chief Minister. Critics argue that the expansion warrants scrutiny and have demanded detailed disclosures regarding the source and timing of the acquisitions.

The BJP, meanwhile, has strongly rejected the accu-



sations, describing them as a "manufactured controversy built on selective facts and half-truths." Party leaders maintain that

most of the properties being cited were either inherited, acquired through legally documented transactions, or belonged to family

members long before Yadav entered the Chief Minister's Office.

According to the BJP's rebuttal, the opposition has allegedly combined old holdings, family-owned assets, and legally registered transactions to create an impression of sudden wealth accumulation. The party insists that all relevant disclosures have been made in accordance with election and legal requirements.

## THE SILENCE THAT EMPOWERS CORRUPTION



**Hemraj Tikamchand Tiwari**

By Special Feature Desk

**D**emocracy Does Not Die When Politicians Lie. It Dies When Citizens Stop Asking Questions.

As a journalist, one lesson becomes painfully clear over time: corruption reaches its most dangerous form not when

politicians become powerful, but when society becomes unwilling to question them.

India has lived through this before. For decades, citizens accused successive governments of institutional decay, cronyism, and systemic corruption. The public anger against Congress was built on precisely these allegations. Yet history presents an uncomfortable question today: Has blind loyalty merely changed addresses?

The NEET controversy exposed serious concerns about examination integrity, paper leaks, and administrative failures. Millions of students and par-



ents demanded answers. Yet, as is often the case,

outrage gradually gave way to political polariza-

tion. Citizens stopped asking what went wrong

and instead began defending political camps.

This is where democracy suffers its deepest wound.

A healthy democracy requires citizens who are loyal to institutions, not to parties; to facts, not to personalities. The moment questioning the government becomes synonymous with disloyalty, accountability begins to disappear.

The problem extends beyond examinations. From allegations of corruption and controversial encounters to administrative failures and governance lapses, India has witnessed numerous incidents that

trigger outrage for a few days before silence returns. Communities that are vocal when out of power often become remarkably quiet when their preferred leaders are in office.

The real test of democracy is not winning elections. It is facing uncomfortable questions after winning them.

A government confident in its performance should welcome open scrutiny. Yet increasingly, Indian politics appears more comfortable with carefully curated interviews than with unrestricted press conferences. Tough questions are filtered, interactions

are managed, and accountability is often replaced by messaging.

Democracy is not strengthened by slogans. It is strengthened by answers.

The day citizens stop asking questions because they fear offending a political party is the day corruption receives its strongest protection. Governments come and go. Parties rise and fall. But the right to question power remains the foundation upon which every democracy survives. The question is simple: Are Indians still questioning power—or merely choosing which power not to question?

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## Students' safety at risk, action taken: Two educational institutes sealed

**Fire safety audit found serious negligence, no safety equipment or fire NOC; 97 institutes given directions**  
FAIR REPORT

**Chittorgarh-** Taking a major step for students' safety, the Municipal Council sealed two educational institutes for ignoring fire safety rules. After recent fire incidents in the country, District Collector Dr. Manju directed Municipal Council Commissioner Ravindra Singh Yadav to form a committee and inspect coaching institutes and libraries in the city. During the inspection, serious fire safety violations were found at Dronacharya Classes in Nagar Palika Colony and E-Cube Library and Study Point in Kumbhanagar. Both institutes had earlier received notices to complete fire safety arrangements and obtain a Fire NOC, but no improvement was made within the given time. At Dronacharya Classes, required fire safety equipment, emergency exit arrangements and other safety measures were missing. The institute also did not have a Fire NOC. Due to non-compliance despite notice, the Municipal Council sealed

the institute. Similarly, E-Cube Library and Study Point was found without mandatory fire safety equipment and proper arrangements. Lack of emergency exit facilities was also found. The inspection also revealed that educational activities were being conducted in the basement, which was against safety rules. The institute was sealed due to lack of Fire NOC and failure to follow instructions. The Municipal Council made it clear that during the sealing period, no operation or activity will be allowed inside the premises. Any attempt to break the seal or continue activities will lead to legal action. As part of the campaign, the Municipal Council has also issued notices to 27 coaching institutes and 70 commercial establishments, directing them to improve fire safety arrangements within seven days. Action will be taken against those who fail to comply. The action was carried out in the presence of Revenue Officer Kamalendra Pratap Singh, Additional Administrative Officer Ramesh Chawla, Assistant Fire Officer Mahendra Sargara, fire team and encroachment branch officials.



## Chain Snatching Gang Active: 5 Jewellery Theft Cases Reported Against Women in One and a Half Months

**From crowded roadways buses to outside homes, criminals are targeting women through different methods**  
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**Chittorgarh:** Cases of jewellery theft and robbery against women are continuously coming to light in the district. Criminals are targeting women by taking advantage of crowded places like roadways buses and also women sleeping outside their houses at night. In the last one and a half months, several cases of chain snatching and jewellery theft have been reported. The latest case took place at Chittorgarh Roadways Bus Stand. Suraj Devi, a 62-year-old resident of Badi Sadri, had come to Chittorgarh on June 20 for social work. Around 3 pm, while she was boarding a bus to go back to Badi Sadri, there was a heavy

crowd. During this time, three unknown women pushed their way into the bus along with her. After sitting inside the bus, Suraj Devi found that her gold chain weighing around one and a half tola was missing. The value of the chain is estimated to be around Rs 2.19 lakh. It is suspected that the chain was cut by taking advantage of the crowd. Earlier, on April 15, a similar incident happened in a roadways bus, where 70-year-old Mangibai from Udaipur district lost her gold chain weighing around two and a half tola. On June 22, in Banaikia Kalan village under Kapasan police station area, criminals stole gold jewellery from two women who were sleeping outside their houses. Gold ornaments of Sainibai Bairwa and Sohni Bai were stolen, causing a loss of around Rs 2.62 lakh. On May 25, in Nimbahera, a criminal stole gold earrings from 80-year-old Gendibai while she was sleeping outside. On May 12, two masked criminals sprayed something on 52-year-old Kalindri Chauhan and robbed her of gold jewellery, mobile phone and cash. With continuous incidents, fear has increased among women. Police are investigating the cases with the help of CCTV footage and suspects.

## Rajasthan Soaked, Not Scorched: 20 Districts Under Thunderstorm Alert as Pre-Monsoon Fury Hits Jaipur, Hail Pounds Churu

FAIR REPORT

**Jaipur:** Just weeks after the desert state was gasping under blistering heat, Rajasthan's skies have flipped the script entirely. The Meteorological Department has issued a thunderstorm and rain alert for 20 districts today, as pre-monsoon showers continue to batter the state for a second straight day. Jaipur woke up to heavy showers, while Churu bore the brunt of nature's fury with hailstones pelting the region — visuals from the district showed a commuter wading his two-wheeler through knee-deep, muddy floodwater, a scene increasingly familiar across Rajasthan's pre-monsoon weeks.

The sudden weather shift has brought a sharp drop in temperature alongside a corresponding spike in humidity, offering residents an unexpected — if soggy — break from the season's earlier heat stress.

With intermittent showers reported since morning in several parts of Jaipur, authorities are urging caution, particularly for those on two-wheelers and in low-lying, flood-prone areas as the system continues to move through the state.

## FROM DESERT OIL TO METRO RAIL: MODI'S JULY 4 VISIT MAY SIGNAL RAJASTHAN'S NEXT DEVELOPMENT DECADE

FAIR REPORT

**Jaipur:** After months of delays, technical setbacks and a dramatic fire incident, Rajasthan's most ambitious industrial project appears poised for its defining moment. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to inaugurate the Pachpadra Refinery and Petrochemical Complex in Balotra on July 4, potentially transforming

the state's economic landscape and marking the beginning of a new industrial era.

The inauguration, if it proceeds as scheduled, will end a turbulent chapter for the 79,459-crore mega project. Earlier launch dates in January and April were abandoned, with the latter derailed by a major explosion and fire inside a critical processing unit

just a day before the planned inauguration.

Yet the refinery's significance extends far beyond its troubled gestation. Spread across 4,400 acres and designed to process 9 million metric tonnes of crude annually, the complex represents a strategic shift in Rajasthan's economic identity—from a resource-rich state to a value-added manufacturing power-

house. The project is expected to generate nearly 90,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities while fueling downstream industries ranging from plastics and chemicals to automotive and healthcare manufacturing.

Adding further momentum to the state's infrastructure ambitions, Modi is also expected to lay the foundation stone for

Jaipur Metro Phase-II, strengthening urban mobility in the capital city.

Together, the refinery and metro expansion symbolize a larger vision: a Rajasthan that is no longer merely connecting to India's growth story, but actively shaping it. If July 4 unfolds as planned, it could be remembered as the day the state accelerated into its next decade of development.

**Gujarat: Convicted AAP MLA faces imminent disqualification, deepens party's troubles**  
**Gandhinagar:** The conviction and seven-year jail sentence handed to Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Chaitar Vasava has placed the party's Gujarat unit in a fresh political crisis, with legal experts and constitutional authorities indicating that the tribal leader now faces the prospect of losing his Assembly membership unless he secures timely relief from a higher court. A day after a Sessions Court in Narmada district convicted Vasava and eight others in a 2023 case involving the alleged assault, intimidation and obstruction of forest department personnel, attention has shifted from the verdict itself to its impact on the AAP's legislative strength in Gujarat and the legal process that could determine the future of the Dediapada legislator.

## Action under Operation Trinetra: 25 grams illegal MDMA (Molly) powder seized, two accused arrested

**Joint action by Sadas Police and DST team, drug recovered from bike riders during checking**  
FAIR REPORT

**Chittorgarh:** Under Operation Trinetra, launched against illegal drug trafficking, Sadas Police and the District Special Team (DST) have taken joint action and arrested two accused. Police recovered 25 grams of illegal MDMA (Molly) powder from their possession. A motorcycle used for the illegal activity was also seized. District Police Su-

perintendent Dharmendra Singh said that a campaign is being run against illegal drug trafficking under the direction of Udaipur Range IG Gaurav Shrivastava. Under the supervision of ASP Mukul Sharma and leadership of Sadas Police Station Officer Azad Patel, the police team and DST team conducted a checking opera-

tion based on information received from a source. The joint team set up a checkpoint near Salariya village on the Bassi-Sadas road. During checking, two persons riding a motorcycle were stopped and searched. Police recovered 25 grams of MDMA (Molly) powder packed in a plastic bag from their possession.

The illegal substance was seized and both accused were arrested. The arrested accused have been identified as Lucky alias Lokendra Singh Rajput, resident of Tumdiya, Sadas Police Station area, and Fazil son of Aziz Mirasi, resident of Sadas, currently living in Bassi Police Station area. Police have registered a case under the NDPS Act and investigation is underway to find the source of the illegal drug and its supply network. The action was carried out by Sadas Police, Cyber Cell and DST team members.



## Dotasra's Dare: Kirodi Folds in 10 Minutes, Bows Before Gehlot — Now Let Him Resign

FAIR REPORT

**Jaipur:** Rajasthan's political slugfest just got personal. Congress state president Govind Singh Dotasra has fired a fresh broadside at Agriculture Minister Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena, mocking him as a leader who talks tough but folds fast.

Speaking at a Jaipur City Congress event, Dotasra alleged that whenever Kirodi challenges RLP's Hanuman Beniwal, the bravado lasts barely ten minutes before he's seen "bowing before" former CM Ashok Gehlot—a

jibe aimed squarely at Kirodi's credibility as a straight-talking strongman.

Doubling down, Dotasra renewed his long-standing demand for Kirodi's resignation, reviving questions about unresolved controversies trailing the minister's tenure.

Kirodi, known for his combative style, is unlikely to let this slide quietly. With Assembly sessions looming and BJP-Congress rhetoric already heating up, expect a sharp counterpunch — this slugfest is far from over.

## Without a Single Cut: Jaipur Doctors Treat a Baby's Racing Heart Before It Was Even Born

FAIR REPORT

**Jaipur:** In a quiet but remarkable medical breakthrough, doctors at Mahatma Gandhi Medical Hospital, Jaipur, have successfully treated a life-threatening heart condition in an unborn baby — without a single needle touching the child itself.

The fetus had been diagnosed with Supraventricular Tachycardia (SVT), a condition in which the heart races at an abnormally and dangerously high speed due to a short-circuit in its electrical signalling. Left untreated, sustained SVT in the womb can starve the fetal heart of efficient pumping power, leading to fluid build-up, heart failure, or worse.

Rather than risk an emergency delivery or invasive intervention, the medical team turned to a method that sounds almost like science fiction: transplacental anti-arrhythmic therapy. Medication was administered to the mother, allowing it to cross the placenta and reach the baby's bloodstream directly — effectively treating the unborn child's heart

from the outside in. The results came fast. Within 72 hours, the fetal heartbeat had returned to a normal, steady rhythm — a turnaround that doctors and family alike would have once considered nothing short of miraculous, and which medical literature shows succeeds in the vast majority of comparable cases worldwide when caught early.

The image of paediatric cardiologist Dr. Prerna Bhat cradling the now-healthy newborn in the NICU — stethoscope still around her neck — tells its own story: of a heart that began struggling before its first breath, and a medical team that fought for it before it ever saw the world outside the womb.

The case adds Jaipur to a small but growing list of Indian cities — alongside centres in Bengaluru and beyond — where fetal cardiology teams are increasingly able to intervene on conditions once thought untreatable until after birth, marking a quiet but significant leap in India's maternal-fetal medicine capabilities.

## Senior Citizen Pilgrimage Scheme 2026: 1230 Elderly People from Chittorgarh Selected Through Lottery

**Out of 2781 applications, 134 will visit Pashupatinath Temple by air and 1096 will travel to major pilgrimage places by train**  
FAIR REPORT

**Chittorgarh-** Under the Rajasthan Government's Senior Citizen Pilgrimage Scheme 2026, 1230 senior citizens from the district have been selected through a computerized lottery process on Wednesday. The lottery was conducted in the presence of District Collector Dr. Manju at the video conference room of the Information Technology Department. A total of



2781 applications were received from the district this year. After completing the required process, 1230 senior citizens were selected. Among them, 134 sen-

ior citizens will visit the famous Pashupatinath Temple in Nepal by air, while 1096 senior citizens will travel to different major religious places by

train. District Collector Dr. Manju said that a waiting list and additional waiting list have also been prepared along with the selected passengers.

All selected passengers will receive information through SMS from the department. Details about the travel schedule and document verification

will also be provided separately. Under the scheme, senior citizens will visit major pilgrimage places including Haridwar-Rishikesh, Ayodhya, Varanasi, Mathura-Vrindavan, Dwarka-Somnath, Tirupati, Kamakhya, Jagannath Puri, Rameshwaram and Vaishno Devi. The 134 passengers selected for air travel will reach Delhi through the Jaipur-Delhi route and then travel to Kathmandu to visit Pashupatinath Temple. The lottery process was completed in a transparent manner in the presence of officials from different departments.

## Congress targets MP CM over land scam, seeks judicial probe

FAIR REPORT  
New Delhi

Congress on Wednesday demanded a judicial probe by a sitting Supreme Court judge into the charges of land purchase by family members of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and questioned the silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing a Press conference Congress spokesperson and Chairman of the AICC Media and Publicity Department Pawan Kherra along with MP Congress president Jitu Patwari alleged that land purchases by Yadav's family members had taken place under the patronage of the BJP and the RSS.

"Sangham Sharnam Gachchhami", remarked Kherra, suggesting that those involved in the alleged land-

grabbing had the protection of the Sangh (the RSS).

He also referred to the RSS not registering itself, saying it wanted all the authority but no responsibility or accountability.

Kherra alleged that the BJP has betrayed the religious faith of people, pointing out that not only had family members of the MP CM purchased land in the sacred city of Ujjain but also accused those managing the Ram temple in Ayodhya of "looting" donations.

The Congress spokesperson equated the land purchase by the CM's family with "inside (insider) trading" in the stock market, pointing out that his family obviously had prior knowledge that particular areas would be developed and they had bought land in advance. He alleged that the chief minister had knowledge of upcoming projects and he "grossly misused" his influence and power.

Questioning the BJP's silence on the matter, Kherra compared it with the Congress' decision to remove Ashok Chavan as Maharashtra chief minister after allegations that his



Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav

Congress spokesperson Pawan Kherra

mother-in-law owned an apartment in Adarsh Housing Society in Mumbai.

"In this matter, no action is expected from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He'll feast on 'melody' abroad and 'jhal muri' at home, his chief minister will swallow land and the donated gold-silver,"

he alleged. MP Congress Committee (MPC) president Jitu Patwari criticised MP BJP president Hemant Khandelwal for seeking to divert attention from the issue by saying that Yadav was being targeted as he belonged to the OBC community.

"Such big allegations have been made; who is stopping them (agencies and the Yadav Government) from filing an FIR against the media house which has released the report?" he asked. Patwari said the BJP is talking about caste to divert attention from Yadav's alleged land scam issue.

"It is unfortunate that the media is also printing such headlines, whereas it should say that just because the chief minister is OBC, it doesn't mean corruption gets a free pass," he said. Patwari posed several

questions to Yadav, asking him to provide straight answers. He asked if everything is transparent, then can the BJP order a judicial probe and can Yadav issue a white paper detailing the land his family has owned since 2023.

"Chief Minister Mohan Yadav should explain: Which companies of your family have directly benefited from the development projects? Will the Government make public the changes made in the master plan of the relevant area?"

"Were the relevant farmers there, who already own land there, aware of these transfers? Will you take the initiative to pursue a judicial inquiry into this matter yourself?" he asked, reiterating why full details of land purchased by the chief minister's family be brought before the public.

## Nation Focus



### Coordination helped NEET-UG re-exam go smoothly: PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday stressed on coordination between various departments during a Union Cabinet meeting and lauded such efforts for the smooth conduct of the NEET-UG re-exam, sources said.

The prime minister cited the example of the NEET retest and stressed on coordination between various ministries while adopting a "whole of Government approach" in resolving issues, they said. Modi is learnt to have said the seamless and coordinated action between ministries is the guarantee of overcoming any challenge. During the West Asia crisis too, the prime minister had stressed on the importance of coordination between various ministries to ensure that the shortage of energy should not affect the common people.

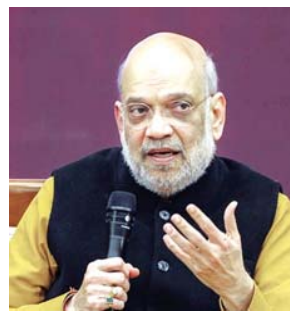
## Shah to chair NCORD meeting, unveil drug-free India vision document

FAIR REPORT  
New Delhi

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will chair the 10th apex-level meeting of the Narco-Coordination Centre (NCORD) on Friday, focusing on synthetic drugs, darknet-enabled trafficking, and rehabilitation infrastructure over the next three years. The meeting will bring together stakeholders from 44 central ministries and departments, along with 108 representatives from state Governments and drug law enforcement agencies. It will be held in a hybrid format to ensure wide participation and coordinated action.

Shah is also scheduled to release a vision document on narcotics control for 2026-2029. Prepared through consultations with central Government departments, drug law enforcement agencies, and other stakeholders, the document sets a national roadmap built on demand reduction, supply reduction, and harm reduction. It defines responsibilities, timelines, and measurable targets, and links enforcement to rehabilitation, public awareness, capacity building, and inter-agency coordination. "This vision document will serve as a guiding framework for policy formulation, implementation and institutional strengthening across the country to curb the menace of drugs," a Government statement said.

Shah will also release the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Annual Report for 2025 and inaugurate the newly constructed NCB zonal offices in Jammu and Guwahati. The offices are expected to strengthen operations in sensitive border regions. Officials said the deliberations will focus on a whole-of-Government approach to combat drug trafficking and



drug abuse effectively. The high-level gathering will also review the progress of the ongoing Drug Disposal Fortnight Campaign. Under this initiative, central and state law enforcement agencies are expected to destroy approximately 2,09,500 kg of seized drugs valued at around Rs 6,000 crore nationwide. Friday's meeting is expected to reinforce the Government's "Zero Tolerance Policy" against drug trafficking, as emphasised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Officials said the apex-level review will assess collective efforts so far and chart a clear course for the next three years. Emphasis will be placed on strengthening rehabilitation centres, enhancing awareness among youth, improving intelligence sharing, and leveraging technology to disrupt darknet networks and synthetic drug supply chains. The vision document is seen as a significant step towards institutionalising a long-term, result-oriented strategy.

By setting clear targets and accountability mechanisms, the Government aims to move closer to its goal of a drug-free India. With participation from both central and state stakeholders, the meeting is expected to produce actionable decisions that tighten the noose around drug cartels while expanding support systems for those affected by substance abuse.

## India maintains travel advisory for Iran despite US-Iran ceasefire agreement

FAIR REPORT  
New Delhi

Even as a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at ending hostilities between the United States and Iran has raised hopes for de-escalation, the Indian Government has urged its citizens to refrain from all non-essential travel to Iran for the time being.

The Indian Embassy in Tehran issued a fresh advisory on Wednesday, acknowledging recent positive developments in the security environment while stopping short of lifting restrictions. Officials said the mission continues to closely track the situation on the ground following the landmark agreement signed last week between US President Donald Trump and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian.

"Notwithstanding the recent improvements, Indian



nationals are advised to continue avoiding all non-essential travel to Iran until further notice," the embassy stated. The updated guidance was also shared on the mission's social media.

For Indian nationals already living in Iran or those who must travel for compelling reasons, the embassy called for "a high degree of caution" at all times. It urged them to stay alert, monitor

for the latest updates.

Emergency assistance is available through the embassy's 24-hour helplines: +98-912-810-9115, +98-912-810-9109, +98-912-810-9102, and +98-993-217-9359. Queries can also be sent to cons.tehran@mea.gov.in.

India began issuing travel warnings for Iran on February 28, shortly after the outbreak of conflict in West Asia triggered by joint US-Israeli strikes on Iranian targets and subsequent retaliatory actions. Wednesday's advisory marks the first update since technical-level discussions commenced in the wake of the US-Iran MoU.

The Indian Government has consistently prioritised the safety of its large diaspora in the region and continues to review the situation in light of ongoing diplomatic efforts.

## CRPF suspends DIG for sharing messages opposing CAPF bill

FAIR REPORT  
New Delhi

The CRPF has suspended a senior DIG-level officer for allegedly sharing content critical of the Government during the passage of the CAPF bill. Cadre officers have called the bill discriminatory.

This is the first reported case of such action among the approximately 15,000 cadre officers in leadership roles within the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), which collectively have about one million personnel.

Officials identified the officer as Deputy Inspector General (DIG) B C Patra, who is currently posted at the Tripura Sector headquarters in Agartala.

Patra, a 1994-batch CRPF cadre officer, rejoined the Central Reserve Police Force in April following a deputation with the National

Security Guard (NSG).

Officials stated that Patra was suspended under Sub-Rule (1) of Rule 10 of the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965, and that a preliminary enquiry is ongoing.

Officials expressed concerns about audiovisual and pictorial content on social media that allegedly called for the change of the country's lawfully elected Government during the passage of the Central Armed Police Forces (General Administration) Bill 2026.

The bill became an Act after receiving presidential assent in April.

CRPF Director General (DG) GP Singh confirmed the suspension.

"The rules and statutes and the oath taken bind all serving and uniformed officers of the CRPF.

"Any word(s) - written or spoken or action contravening the same would be dealt



appropriately in consonance with the law of the land," the DG said.

Patra was not available for comment.

Officers familiar with the case described the action against the DIG as unjustified and in bad faith. They stated that Patra is

being targeted because he was the lead petitioner among CAPF cadre officers in cases regarding promotions and service parity with the IPS, which the Supreme Court heard.

"The DIG is being unfairly treated and punished by CRPF headquarters because

he led the legal battle for the rightful claims of cadre officers, seeking parity with Indian Police Service (IPS) officers who join the CAPFs on deputation," a senior officer said on condition of anonymity.

He claimed that about two dozen other officers who had actively pursued court cases were recently given hasty posting orders. An association of former CAPF officers has scheduled a press conference on July 2 to oppose the DIG's suspension and actions against CAPF personnel whose families protested the CAPF Bill at Raighat in April.

"DIG Patra is an outstanding officer who has been commended with multiple awards," said Ranbir Singh, general secretary of the Alliance of All Ex-Paramilitary Forces Welfare Association (AAPWF).

In their representations

to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), serving cadre officers described the Bill's provisions as "oppressive" and "discriminatory."

They warned they would continue to stagnate in their current ranks if IPS deputations were not limited as the Supreme Court directed last year. The Centre appealed against this order, but the apex court rejected the appeal.

The Government stated that the bill aims to establish a unified legal framework for service conditions across the CAPFs, replacing the current separate rules for cadre officers and those deputed from the Indian Police Service (IPS).

MHA officers have said that deputing IPS officers to CAPFs is a "valid requirement" because they are an all-India service and play a supervisory role in state police organisations.

## Season's first rains disrupt road, rail traffic in Mumbai; Opposition slams BMC

FAIR REPORT  
Mumbai

The season's first rainfall disrupted both road and rail traffic in Mumbai on Wednesday morning, flooding low-lying areas and leaving commuters stranded during rush hours.

Some parts of the city received over 300 mm of rainfall in 24 hours ending at 8 am, officials said.

There was a moment of embarrassment for the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) when its supervisor fell into an open drain while Mayor Ritu Tawde was inspecting waterlogged Gandhi Market in King's Circle. He was quickly pulled out, but a video of the incident went viral in no time.

Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA and former minister Aaditya Thackeray said that several flights were cancelled and subways were flooded.

The BJP controlled the BMC for four years through an administrator (when elections were pending) and the present mayor is from the saffron party, he said.

"But she is more concerned about what is happening in Bangladesh. She does not know what is happening in Mumbai. We need a mayor who serves Mumbai but they (the BJP) are busy serving Delhi," Thackeray said, taking a swipe at Tawde over her past statements about illegal Bangladeshis.

Congress MP Varsha Gaikwad shared a video of the BMC supervisor falling into a drain on X, targeting the mayor. "This man has fallen into the pit of your inaction and corruption. This is not an accident, your corruption has been caught red-handed," said the city Congress chief.

Manisha Kayande, a leader of the ruling ally Shiv Sena and a state legislative council member, urged Tawde to intensify drain-cleaning to prevent waterlogging and traffic disruptions during the monsoon.

"It is not about politics but about solving people's problems," she told reporters. The BMC is controlled by the BJP and Shiv Sena alliance.

Municipal Commissioner



Commuters wade through a waterlogged road amid heavy rainfall in Mumbai, Maharashtra on Wednesday

Ashwini Bhide appealed to people to follow weather advisories and contact civic control rooms in case of emergencies. She said all departments had been directed to remain vigilant as heavy rainfall was likely to persist.

Mayor Tawde and former mayor Kishori Pednekar visited some waterlogged areas. The IMD has issued an

'orange' alert for Mumbai and neighbouring Thane and Palghar districts, predicting 'heavy to very heavy rainfall' and thunderstorms over the next 24 hours.

The observatory at Colaba in south Mumbai recorded 248 mm rainfall, while the suburban observatory at Santacruz logged 225 mm in the 24 hours ending at 8 am

on Wednesday, the BMC said. Among the areas that received exceptionally heavy rains, Malvani in the western suburbs recorded 340 mm, while Parel in central Mumbai received 334 mm rainfall during the period.

The intensity reduced later as the island city, eastern and western suburbs recorded 13 mm, 6 mm and 7 mm

### MAN KILLED ON MUMBAI LOCAL OVER DOOR ROW AMID RAIN, ACCUSED ARRESTED

Mumbai: A 22-year-old man was allegedly stabbed to death by a co-passenger on a Mumbai local train during an argument over whether the doors should be kept open amid the rains, in the second such incident this year, officials said on Wednesday. The accused, subsequently identified as Sachin Ramesh Suvarna (30), was arrested hours later following a massive manhunt, which included the scanning of footage from nearly 400 CCTV cameras, an official said.

Victim Mayank Lohar was fatally assaulted by Suvarna inside a first-class compartment on Tuesday, which also marked the arrival of monsoon in the city, between Andheri and Borivali railway stations in the western suburbs, he said.

Officials said Lohar and Suvarna got into an altercation as the train, a Churchgate-Nallasopara fast local, pulled into the Andheri station at 10.42 pm. One of them wanted the doors to be kept open, while the other objected, citing the rains. During the argument, Suvarna, who works at the Sahar Cargo complex of the Mumbai airport, pulled out "sattu" (a sharp weapon) from his possession and allegedly stabbed Lohar in the abdomen and chest, he said.

rainfall, respectively, from 8 am to 2 pm, it said. The southwest monsoon reached Mumbai on Tuesday, 13 days after its normal onset date.

The overnight rain inundated several low-lying areas of the city by Wednesday morning, affecting road and rail traffic. Civic officials said water accumulation was reported at the Andheri

plained of delayed services and overcrowded local trains during the morning peak hours, particularly on Central Railway corridors.

The heavy rain also affected Central Railway's Trans-Harbour line services between Thane and Vashi/Panvel in neighbouring Navi Mumbai following a track cave-in between Turbhe and Koparkhairane stations, officials said.

A Central Railway spokesperson said the up line on the Thane-Vashi section was declared unsafe at 5.06 am, while the down line was declared unsafe at 5.50 am, affecting train operations. The up line was restored at 7.27 am with a speed restriction of 10 kmph, while the down line was declared safe at 7.35 am with trains permitted to run at 30 kmph. "Track cave-in occurred because of excess water flow," the official said.

As per a spokesperson of the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST), buses on more than 24 routes were diverted due to heavy rains in the morning.

Several commuters com-

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## ₹631-CRORE DEVELOPMENT PUSH:

# CM BHAJAN LAL SHARMA UNVEILS 1,538 PROJECTS, FLAGS OFF CLEANLINESS DRIVE IN JAIPUR

FAIR REPORT

**JAIPUR:** In a major infrastructure and urban development push, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on Tuesday inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for 1,538 development projects worth nearly 631 crore at a grand ceremony held at Sanganer Stadium.

Addressing a large gathering of citizens, public representatives and officials, Sharma said the state government is committed to accelerating development while ensuring that the benefits of welfare schemes reach every household. The event also witnessed the distribution of land ownership pattas to beneficiaries,



marking a significant step toward strengthening property rights and citizen empowerment.

Highlighting the government's focus on urban sanitation and public health, the Chief Minister flagged off Super Sucker Machines for modern sewer cleaning operations. He also launched a fleet of awareness vehicles aimed at mobilizing public participation in Swachh Survekshan 2026, India's flagship cleanliness ranking exercise.

In a move to encourage civic engagement, Sharma distributed prize cheques to winners of the Safai Seva Marathon, applauding their contribution toward promoting cleanliness and environmental responsibility.

The high-profile event was attended by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Jogaram Patel, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Urban Development and Local Self-Government Jhabbar Singh Kharra, and Member of Parliament Manju Sharma, along with several elected representatives and senior government officials.

With projects spanning civic infrastructure, urban services and citizen welfare, the 631-crore package is being viewed as one of the most significant development announcements in the Jaipur region this year, reinforcing the government's emphasis on infrastructure-led growth and cleaner, more livable cities.

# MORE THAN A BILLIONAIRE: WHY GAUTAM ADANI'S BIGGEST LEGACY MAY BE THE INDIA OF TOMORROW

FAIR REPORT HEMRAJ TIKAMCHAND

**NEW DELHI:** On the occasion of industrialist Gautam Adani's birthday, a deeply personal tribute from his wife offered a rare glimpse beyond balance sheets, market valuations and infrastructure megaprojects.

"Your life is a beautiful reminder of what can be achieved when immense vision is guided by a pure heart," she wrote, capturing a sentiment that increasingly defines the public conversation around one of India's most influential business leaders.

At a time when India is racing toward its ambition of becoming a developed nation, Gautam Adani's journey mirrors the country's own transformation — from scarcity to scale, from aspiration to execution. Over the past two decades, the Adani Group has emerged as a key player in sectors that will shape the future of Bharat: ports, airports, logistics, renewable energy, data centres, green hydrogen and critical infrastructure.

Supporters argue that Adani's rise represents more than corporate suc-



cess; it reflects a larger shift in India's economic confidence. Massive investments in clean energy, digital infrastructure and supply chains are increasingly being viewed as building blocks of a self-reliant and globally competitive India.

As geopolitical uncertainties reshape global trade routes and supply chains, India's infrastructure ambitions are becoming central to its growth story. In that landscape, entrepreneurs capable of thinking decades ahead are likely to play a decisive role.

For many, Gautam Adani's birthday is not merely a celebration of per-

sonal achievement but a moment to reflect on a broader question: what kind of India is being built for the next generation? If the last decade was about establishing India as a major economic force, the next may be about determining who helps shape its future. And in that conversation, Gautam Adani remains one of the most consequential names.

The tribute may have been personal, but its message resonates far beyond family. Vision, when combined with execution and national ambition, has the power to transform not just companies, but countries.

# AAP Leader Found Dead in Rajkot Flat; Family Alleges Murder by Live-in Partner

FAIR REPORT

**RAJKOT:** A 23-year-old Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader, identified as Nandani, was found dead inside her flat here, hanging from the ceiling, police said. The discovery has triggered outrage after her family alleged she was murdered by her live-in partner, identified as Aslam. According to the family, Aslam was already married at the time he entered into a relationship with Nandani, and his relatives had previously assaulted her. They claim Aslam's wife and in-laws



had attacked Nandani with a knife in an earlier incident, and have demanded that police treat her death as a case of murder rather than suicide. Nandani had contested a recent municipal corporation election on an AAP ticket, building a

modest but visible profile in local politics before her death.

Police have not yet confirmed the cause of death and an investigation is reportedly underway. No arrests have been announced so far in connection with the case.

# AIR INDIA JET DRIFTS INTO PAKISTANI AIRSPACE AMID BORDER STANDOFF, SPARKS AVIATION ALARM

FAIR REPORT

**NEW DELHI:** In a dramatic mid-air episode unfolding against the backdrop of one of South Asia's most volatile aviation stand-offs, an Air India flight from Delhi to Amritsar briefly crossed into Pakistani airspace on Monday night, triggering a regulatory probe and raising fresh concerns over civilian aviation operations near the heavily militarised border. The incident involved Air India flight AI479, which was attempting to land at Amritsar airport when it reportedly executed a go-around manoeuvre after an unsuccessful

approach. During the manoeuvre, the aircraft drifted across the international boundary and entered Pakistani airspace before air traffic controllers guided it back onto its designated route. Aviation sources said the aircraft penetrated only a short distance into Pakistani territory, but the timing of the breach has amplified scrutiny. The incident occurred while India and Pakistan continue to enforce reciprocal airspace bans following the fallout from the Pahalgam terror attack, making any cross-border aviation movement particularly sensitive.

# HORMUZ SHOWDOWN:

# TRUMP CLAIMS IRAN BACKS DOWN ON SHIP TOLLS — BUT 60-DAY CLOCK COULD IGNITE THE NEXT CRISIS

FAIR REPORT

**WASHINGTON:** In a dramatic intervention that could reshape the future of global energy markets, US President Donald Trump has claimed that Iran has assured Washington that no tolls, insurance levies or transit charges will be imposed on ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz—the world's most strategically important maritime chokepoint.

The announcement, made on Truth Social, comes after weeks of escalating rhetoric, military posturing and conflicting claims over control of the narrow waterway through which a significant share of global energy supplies move. Trump's message was unmistakable: Tehran has conveyed that commercial shipping will continue without additional charges, easing immediate fears of a fresh disruption to international trade.

Yet beneath the apparent breakthrough lies a warning. The toll-free arrangement is linked to a 60-day negotiating framework between Washington and Tehran. Trump has repeatedly signalled that if efforts toward a broader agreement collapse, the United States could consider imposing its own charges on transit through the strait, arguing that America bears the burden of securing one of the

world's most vital shipping corridors. The stakes extend far beyond diplomacy. The Strait of Hormuz remains the lifeline of global energy commerce, and any disruption has the potential to send oil prices soaring, rattle supply chains and unsettle financial markets worldwide. Recent tensions have already generated confusion over navigation rights, security guarantees and the future governance of the waterway.

Adding to the uncertainty, conflicting signals continue to emerge from the region. While US officials insist the strait must remain open and free from unilateral charges, questions remain over how future transit rules will be enforced once the current negotiation window expires. For now, markets appear relieved. Oil prices have softened as shipping activity through the corridor shows signs of stabilisation and traders bet that immediate confrontation has been averted. With Washington and Tehran still locked in a struggle over influence, security and control in the Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz remains less a settled agreement than a temporary truce. The countdown has begun, and the next sixty days may determine whether the world's most critical energy artery remains open—or once again becomes the epicentre of a global geopolitical storm.

# KOLKATA WAREHOUSE COLLAPSE KILLS 3, DOZENS FEARED BURIED AS RESCUE TEAMS BATTLE THE CLOCK

FAIR REPORT

**KOLKATA:** What began as a routine workday turned into a nightmare of dust, screams and twisted steel on Wednesday after a three-storey under-construction warehouse in Kolkata's Taratala area suddenly collapsed, killing at least three workers and trapping many more beneath a mountain of concrete debris.

The massive structure near Brace Bridge reportedly came crashing down

during casting work, sending workers scrambling for safety as sections of the building pancaked within seconds. Witnesses described scenes of panic as clouds of dust engulfed the area and desperate cries for help emerged from beneath the rubble. As darkness approached, a full-scale rescue operation resembling a battlefield mission unfolded. Personnel from the NDRF, Army, SDRF, Fire Services, Kolkata Police and disaster management

teams converged on the site, deploying cranes, gas cutters and heavy machinery in a frantic race to save lives. Officials confirmed that 21 people had been rescued, while at least three fatalities had been reported. However, fears remain that between 12 and 18 workers could still be trapped under the wreckage, making every passing minute crucial. The tragedy has already sparked serious questions. Preliminary allegations suggest the roof

collapsed during casting work, with concerns emerging over the possible use of substandard construction materials. Local residents have also claimed that complaints regarding irregular construction activity at the site had been raised earlier, fueling allegations that the disaster may have been avoidable. Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari visited the scene and expressed grief over the loss of life, while assuring that all available resources had

been mobilised for rescue operations. State authorities have promised a thorough investigation once the immediate emergency ends. For now, Kolkata waits anxiously as rescuers dig deeper into the mangled remains of the structure. Beneath the shattered concrete, families cling to hope that more survivors can still be brought out alive from what has rapidly become one of the city's most devastating construction disasters in recent memory.

# FOUR VOTER IDs, THREE STATES, ONE BIG POLITICAL STORM: PRAKASH RAJ UNDER FIRE AS WARRANT REVIVES SIR DEBATE

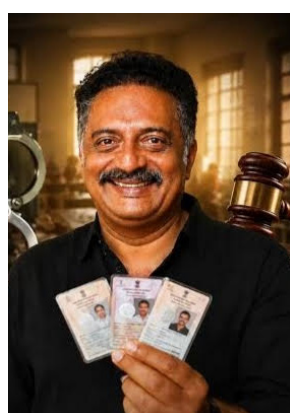
FAIR REPORT

**NEW DELHI:** Actor and outspoken government critic Prakash Raj has found himself at the centre of a fresh political and legal storm after a Bengaluru court reissued a non-bailable warrant in a case linked to allegations that his name appeared in multiple electoral rolls across three states.

The development has reignited debate around voter-roll integrity, electoral reforms and the increas-

ingly heated politics surrounding the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise.

According to court proceedings, the case stems from allegations that Raj's name was listed in four electoral rolls spread across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Telangana. The court's latest action reportedly followed repeated non-appearance in response to judicial summons, bringing renewed attention to a controversy that has simmered for years.



What has added fuel to the fire is the political backdrop. Raj has been among the

most vocal critics of electoral irregularities and has publicly questioned aspects of the voter-roll revision process. His critics are now asking whether his strong opposition to SIR was driven purely by principle or influenced by allegations surrounding his own voter registrations.

Supporters of the actor, however, argue that allegations remain unproven and that criticism of electoral processes should not be conflated with ongoing legal disputes. They point out

that the case is still before the courts and that Raj has previously disputed claims regarding multiple voter registrations.

The controversy has exploded across social media, where political supporters and detractors are locked in a fierce battle over accountability, transparency and the integrity of India's electoral system.

Beyond the celebrity factor, the episode has raised larger questions. If voter rolls contain duplicate entries, who bears responsi-

bility—the voter, the system, or both? And as authorities push for cleaner electoral databases, how aggressively should alleged violations be pursued?

For now, the legal spotlight remains firmly on Prakash Raj. With the next hearing approaching and political temperatures rising, a case that began as an electoral complaint has evolved into a national debate over democracy, accountability and the credibility of the voter registration system itself.