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Women at the Centre of BJP’s Rural Pitch as Bhajan Lal Sharma Showcases Welfare Push in Tribal Udaipur

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With the next phase of Rajasthan’s political narrative increasingly centred on welfare delivery and grassroots outreach, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on Saturday used a Gram Vikas Chaupal in Udaipur’s tribal Jhadol region to position women’s economic empowerment as the cornerstone of the BJP government’s rural governance agenda.

Addressing villagers at Beeda village, Sharma framed the state’s development strategy around the Centre’s “poor, youth, farmers and women first” approach, repeatedly invoking Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership to underline what the BJP describes as a model of welfare-driven governance. The event also reflected the government’s attempt to consolidate its



political footprint in tribal Rajasthan through direct citizen engagement and beneficiary outreach.

Sharma argued that flagship interventions—from the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign and Ujjwala LPG connections to household tap water, pensions and maternal health initiatives—have fundamentally altered the social and economic status of women. He said

the state government had aligned its budget priorities with public feedback while using Gram Vikas Chaupals as a platform to bridge governance with rural communities. However, the political messaging went beyond welfare announcements. By spotlighting Rajasthan Rural Livelihoods Development Council (Rajeevika), the Chief Minister projected self-help groups as instruments

of financial independence rather than merely welfare beneficiaries. The emphasis echoed the BJP’s broader electoral strategy of converting government scheme beneficiaries into a politically engaged support base. The programme’s most striking moments came through testimonies of women who credited Rajeevika with transforming their livelihoods. Gayatri Suthar described her journey from joining a self-help group to becoming a “Lakhpatri Didi” and master trainer after working as a banking correspondent, data-entry facilitator and disability support worker. Meera Devi recounted how a 40,000 loan enabled her to establish a goat-rearing enterprise, increasing her annual earnings significantly while allowing her to expand self-help groups in her village.

Rekha Meghwal said continuous skill development

under Rajeevika, coupled with government support including a tablet provided under a budget announcement, had helped her earn nearly 3 lakh annually through multiple community-level roles. Bhanu Kumari narrated how financial inclusion through self-help groups, banking services and the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana improved her family’s economic condition. Collectively, the success stories reinforced the government’s central political message—that women-led rural entrepreneurship is emerging as a key pillar of Rajasthan’s development narrative. The event also carried symbolic significance. Traditional Walar dance performances by local artists and Gair dance by schoolchildren highlighted the government’s effort to blend cultural identity with governance outreach in tribal belts.

‘India’s Rise Faces External and Internal Challenges, National Interest Must Remain Supreme’: Ajit Doval

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NEW DELHI

Stressing the need for unwavering national resolve amid an increasingly complex geopolitical landscape, Ajit Doval on Saturday said India continues to face challenges from both within and beyond its borders, asserting that the country’s rapid development is viewed with concern by several global powers.

Addressing an audience at a public event, Doval said India’s economic and strategic rise has altered global equations, making it imperative for policymakers and citizens alike to place national interest above all other considerations.

“Even today, India faces many challenges from inside as well as outside. India’s development is still seen as a threat by many powers. We must keep our National Interest at the forefront,” Doval said. His



remarks come at a time when India is navigating an increasingly volatile international environment marked by geopolitical competition, regional security concerns and evolving technological and economic rivalries.

Without naming any country or organisation, the National Security Adviser underscored the importance of safeguarding India’s long-term strategic interests while maintaining national unity and institutional resilience.

Doval’s intervention reflects the government’s consistent emphasis on strengthening national security, enhancing strategic self-reliance and ensuring that India’s developmental trajectory remains insulated from both internal disruptions and external pressures. His remarks are likely to add to the ongoing debate on balancing economic growth, national security and geopolitical interests in an increasingly uncertain global order.

CJI Suryakant: Mediation Isn’t Imported, It’s Inherited - Rooted in Kautilya, Practised by Gandhi

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JAIPUR:

Chief Justice of India Suryakant on Friday made a case that India didn’t need a mediation law to discover mediation — it needed one only to codify what its civilisation had practised for millennia. Addressing the second-day session of the Commonwealth countries’ mediation seminar in Jaipur, the CJI traced the philosophical lineage of dispute resolution from the Vedas to Kautilya’s Arthashastra to Gandhi’s law chambers, arguing that mediation is not a borrowed Western mechanism but India’s civilisational instinct for consensus. The CJI illustrated his argument with a domestic parable that landed harder than any statute could. Two sis-

ters were locked in a dispute over a single orange, each insisting entitlement — the elder by virtue of age, the younger by virtue of her own logic of deservingness. Neither yielded. After a long and fruitless debate, the two settled for the most obvious compromise: the orange was split down the middle.

What followed captured the essence of what the CJI was really warning against. One sister peeled her half, ate the fruit, and discarded the peel. The other peeled hers, discarded the fruit, and used the peel to bake a cake. Had the sisters spoken — truly spoken — instead of merely negotiating a split, each could have had exactly what she wanted in full, rather than half of everything and the whole of nothing.

The story wasn’t decoration. It was the CJI’s argument in miniature: that adversarial compromise and true mediation are not the same thing, and that most disputes fail not for lack of a solution, but for lack of a conversation. Kautilya’s four options, and where mediation actually begins The CJI credited Kautilya as among the greatest philosophers he has encountered, noting that the Arthashastra’s four statecraft options — Sama, Dama, Danda and Bheda — placed persuasion and conciliation first, ahead of coercion. This meant that the principle of mediation stemmed from that very philosophy, which in turn shaped the codified principles of governance that followed.

Jaipur Ticket Collector Scripts Stunning Comeback, Wins Commonwealth Games Javelin Bronze

Jaipur: For five rounds, Yashveer Singh was out of medal contention. Then came one final throw that transformed both the competition and his career: The Jaipur railway ticket collector unleashed a personal-best 85.41m effort on his sixth and last attempt to clinch a dramatic bronze medal in the javelin event at the Commonwealth Games. The throw eclipsed his previous best of 83.72m and completed a remarkable comeback for an athlete who had missed the 2024 Paris Olympics after undergoing surgery. Yashveer’s sporting journey began on the railway grounds of Jaipur, where he trained under the watchful eye of his father, a former javelin thrower who now serves as a Complaint Incharge with the Railways. Having moved from Haryana to Jaipur because of his father’s transferable railway job, Yashveer grew up watching and learning the finer aspects of the sport from him.

‘Back BJP’s Delimitation Push, Betray Tamil Nadu’: Stalin’s ‘21st Century Ettappan’ Jibe Sparks Political Firestorm

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CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin on Saturday launched a blistering attack on the BJP over its proposed parliamentary delimitation exercise, declaring that any political party or individual backing the move would be remembered as the “Ettappans of the 21st century” for betraying the interests of Tamil Nadu.

Escalating the political battle over the Centre’s proposed redrawing of parliamentary constituencies, Stalin alleged that support for the proposed delimitation law would amount to the “greatest betrayal” of the state’s people.

“Anyone who supports the law that the BJP is



planning to introduce to redraw parliamentary constituencies is committing the greatest betrayal against Tamil Nadu. History will record them as the “Ettappans of the 21st century,” Stalin said.

In a separate remark, he reiterated that any political party or individual supporting the BJP’s bid to

pass the delimitation legislation would be betraying the people of Tamil Nadu, asserting that history would remember them as the modern-day “Ettappans”—a reference widely used in Tamil political discourse to denote treachery.

The remarks are expected to intensify the already

charged political confrontation over delimitation, an issue on which several southern states have expressed concerns over the potential impact on parliamentary representation. Stalin’s sharp attack is likely to further sharpen the political narrative ahead of the next phase of national political mobilisation.

Rajasthan to Standardise Maternal Care Protocols, Strengthen Referral System for High-Risk Pregnancies

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JAIPUR

Seeking to strengthen maternal healthcare and reduce preventable maternal deaths, Rajasthan Chief Secretary V. Srinivas on Saturday directed the Health Department to reinforce the referral transport mechanism for pregnant women and standardise treatment protocols for high-risk pregnancies across the state.

Chairing a statewide review of safe motherhood services through video conferencing, Srinivas instructed officials to ensure that high-risk pregnant women are referred to higher healthcare institutions one to two days before their expected



date of delivery to facilitate timely medical intervention and safer institutional deliveries.

He also directed the department to issue a

detailed circular on the implementation of Janani Express and safe delivery services, while calling for Standard Operating Procedures

(SOPs) on the treatment and management of anaemia and hypertension during pregnancy to ensure uniform clinical practices across Rajasthan.

The review included an assessment of maternal mortality cases, including a recent maternal death reported from

Bhilwara. Srinivas interacted with the gynaecologist and the Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) at Shahpura Community Health Centre through video conferencing to review the sequence of events and adherence to treatment protocols.

The Chief Secretary expressed satisfaction over the state’s efforts to reduce cases of severe anaemia among pregnant women while stressing the need for continuous monitoring of high-risk pregnancies and early intervention at the field level.

Officials from Alwar, Bharatpur and Dausa briefed the meeting on the identification and management of high-

risk pregnancies, while specialists guided district-level doctors on treatment protocols for anaemia, hypertension and obstetric emergencies.

Srinivas directed health authorities to intensify screening and treatment for anaemia and hypertension in Beawar, Chittorgarh, Baran, Jhalawar and Salumber districts. He also reviewed the availability of medicines, surgical preparedness and the functioning of 104 and 108 ambulance services.

Emphasising the need for uninterrupted emergency care, the Chief Secretary said no pregnant woman should lose her life due to the

non-availability of blood, and instructed officials to organise special blood donation camps wherever shortages are anticipated.

He also reviewed the preparedness of medical colleges in Bikaner, Ajmer, Jodhpur, Udaipur and Kota, focusing on ICU facilities, management of high-risk deliveries and institutional treatment protocols.

Principal Secretary, Medical and Health, Gayatri Rathore, presented an update on the implementation of the Prasav Sakhi initiative, identification of high-risk pregnancies by ANMs and measures being taken to address severe anaemia.

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Lakshmi Yojana portal goes live; 34,000 women register in 12 hours

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

Women began queuing at registration camps across Delhi from 8 am on Saturday as the portal for the Delhi Lakshmi Yojana went live, beginning the rollout of the city Government's ₹2,500 monthly financial assistance scheme. According to figures shared by the Government, within 12 hours, more than 34,000 registrations have been completed. Nearly over 9,000 applications have been pending for MLA recommendation.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday launched the online registration portal (www.dly.delhi.gov.in) for the Delhi Lakshmi Yojana at the office of the district magistrate in East Delhi.

"The Delhi Lakshmi Yojana is a scheme that will provide economic empowerment to the sisters of Delhi. The Government has allocated a

budget of ₹5,100 crore for this. The portal has started from today, and registration has also begun," Gupta said while addressing a gathering after launching the portal.

The Chief Minister said the Delhi Cabinet had originally approved the scheme as the Mahila Samridhhi Yojana, but it was later renamed Delhi Lakshmi Yojana to better reflect the broader vision of women's dignity, prosperity and economic empowerment. The name draws inspiration from Goddess Lakshmi, who symbolises prosperity, financial security and the well-being of families.

The Delhi Government's Women and Child Development Department has set up camps to help applicants check their eligibility, fill in personal and family details and upload the documents required for the scheme. Officials and volunteers at the centres were seen guiding women through



the online process as queues formed from early morning. The scheme will initially be implemented for a period of three years and is expected to benefit nearly 17 lakh women.

The Delhi cabinet, headed by Gupta, on Tuesday, approved the scheme, fulfilling a key BJP poll promise made during the assembly elections last year.

According to the scheme guidelines approved by the cabinet, women aged between 21 and 60 years

whose family income is up to ₹2.5 lakh per annum will be eligible to apply.

Women already receiving benefits under any other financial assistance scheme or pension, taxpayers, Government employees, women with more than three living children, families with annual electricity consumption exceeding 2,400 units, those owning four-wheelers, or families with any member in Government service or facing a criminal case will not



be eligible for the scheme.

The Chief Minister said the scheme is expected to benefit around 17 lakh women initially and will be implemented for a period of three years.

The scheme offers beneficiaries two financial options. Under the first, ₹1,000 every month will be credited to a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) wallet for day-to-day expenses, while the remaining ₹1,500 will be deposited in a recurring deposit (RD) or fixed deposit (FD) account.

Under the second option, the entire ₹2,500 monthly assistance can be deposited into an RD or FD account to help beneficiaries build long-term savings with interest.

The chief minister said a digital "negative list" would regulate spending through the CBDC wallet to ensure the assistance is used only for essential household needs. The amount cannot be spent on alcohol, tobacco, narcotic substances, lottery tickets, gambling, betting or other

prohibited goods and services. She said the scheme would operate through a fully digital platform integrating applications, document verification, eligibility assessment, approvals, PFMS integration, banking services, CBDC transfers and SMS alerts to ensure transparency and accountability.

Every application will undergo a four-stage verification process involving the District Programme Management Unit, the District Women and Child Development Officer and the District-Level Approval, Monitoring and Grievance Redressal Committee before approval, she said.

The verification process will include Aadhaar authentication, Delhi voter registration, family income, electricity consumption, vehicle ownership, pension status and government employment records. False declarations or fraudulent claims would

invite recovery of the assistance amount along with legal and administrative action, the Chief Minister said.

The chief minister said the Delhi Lakshmi Yojana is not limited to providing monthly financial assistance. Beneficiaries will also be connected with various government schemes and government services, including APAAR ID, ABHA ID, Poshan Tracker, immunisation, the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign, the Swachh Bharat Mission and other social development programmes.

"Efforts will also be made to link women with self-help groups, skill development and entrepreneurship training so that they can become self-reliant in the long run," she said.

Applicants or their parents or husbands must have been residents of Delhi for at least 10 years, and the beneficiary must be a registered voter in the national Capital.

How social media amplified Jantar Mantar violence and drew police scrutiny

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

Delhi Police have expanded their investigation into the violence at the student-led Jantar Mantar protests in mid-July. They are now focusing on several well-known YouTubers, social media influencers, and three digital marketing firms. The Special Cell is reviewing posts, videos, and livestreams to find content that may have spread rumours, heightened emotions, or encouraged clashes between protesters and security forces.

This is different from earlier efforts, which mostly involved blocking accounts or removing content. Now, police are examining how online activity turned a protest about alleged NEET paper leaks into a major event both online and in person. What began as an online campaign against exam issues quickly became a sustained protest at Jantar Mantar. Posts and videos

FAIR REPORT gram and other platforms reached more young people than traditional political messages.

Many creators used their phones to record gatherings, interview participants, and share short videos calling for Union Education



Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to resign.

The march toward Parliament on July 20 turned violent. Police reported that over 100 security personnel were injured, and several FIRs were filed for rioting, attacking officers, and damaging property.

Protesters were also injured during the use of tear gas, baton charges, and clashes near Connaught Place and nearby areas. Later, facial recognition systems identified nearly 2,900 people with past criminal records among those present at the peak of the protest.

As clashes happened on

the streets, social media also became a place for competing stories. Delhi Police found and blocked over 400 accounts linked to Pakistan that shared AI-generated

FAIR REPORT is, and fake videos. These included false claims about protester deaths, army involvement, and altered content featuring activist Sonam Wangchuk. Another 180 accounts were flagged for spreading misinformation. Police also requested the removal of hundreds of posts with abusive content aimed at the Prime Minister and the Government.

Livestreams and real-time

posts played a key role during the protest. Videos and comments could quickly unite people or create divisions. Investigators say some content went beyond simply documenting events; it spread rumours and strong language that may have influenced the crowd. Digital forensic teams are now examining mobile data, chats, location details, and other electronic evidence, along with CCTV and bodycam footage.

The latest part of the investigation focuses on well-known YouTubers and influencers whose channels are popular with young people,

who made up much of the protest crowd. Police say they are reviewing some livestreams and posts to see if the language or presentation may have encouraged unrest.

Three digital marketing and social media management companies are also being investigated. Police are looking at their documents and promotional work to see if they helped spread protest messages or planned strategies. Influencers have been questioned in past Delhi protests, but this investigation is bigger, showing how much India's creator economy has grown. Independent channels and short videos often cover stories that traditional media miss, offering quick updates and a personal touch.

However, the same tools that allow more people to share their views can also spread false information quickly, especially when algorithms promote posts that get strong reactions. Livestreams, in particular, give a raw sense of being present, which can influence how people behave in the moment. Police have sent notices under the Information Technology Act and asked platforms to provide data and remove

certain content. Earlier checks found about 450 posts with deepfake or AI-generated material. Now, investigators want to find out if any of this content was part of a planned effort to mislead people or increase tensions.

The Jantar Mantar incident shows that social media can both help and harm modern protests in India. It makes it easy to spread information and highlight real issues, as seen in the protest's early online success. But it can also allow foreign interference, fake stories, and fast-spreading content that is hard to verify.

For influencers and digital companies, this investigation raises questions about their responsibilities. When a livestream or short video reaches hundreds of thousands of people instantly, it becomes harder to tell the difference between sharing opinions and contributing to public disorder, especially when legal issues arise.

As Delhi Police follow the digital trail, the case highlights a bigger challenge. In a time when smartphones let anyone broadcast and algorithms decide what becomes popular, keeping public order now means watching both physical spaces and online activity.

BJP file police complaint against Rahul, Pappu Yadav over Ram Temple skit



FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi/Varanasi

BJP leaders, led by MP Bansuri Swaraj, filed a police complaint in Delhi on Saturday seeking action against Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi and MPs Pappu Yadav and Awadhesh Prasad for staging a skit during a protest over alleged donation theft at the Ram temple in the Parliament complex. Separately, Varanasi Police registered an FIR against the three leaders.

Swaraj, MP from New Delhi, along with BJP MLAs, submitted the complaint at the Parliament Street police station. The complaint alleged that Gandhi, Independent MP Pappu Yadav, and Samajwadi Party's Awadhesh Prasad had mocked Sanatan culture and attempted to ridicule Indian traditions.

On Friday, Pappu Yadav, wearing saffron, performed the skit with other Opposition MPs in front of the Makar Dwar at the Parliament complex. The protest was against alleged embezzlement of donations at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

During the skit, MPs, including Gandhi, placed money in

boxes. At the same time, Independent MP Rajesh Ranjan (Pappu Yadav) put money into his pockets to symbolise the alleged theft at the Ram temple.

Varanasi Police also registered a case against the three opposition leaders based on a formal complaint submitted at the Kotwali police station by some seers alleging that these MPs have insulted Sanatan Dharma, according to Gaurav Banswal, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Kashi Zone.

Yadav represents the Purnia constituency in Bihar as an Independent MP. Awadhesh Prasad is the Samajwadi Party MP from Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh. Agatguru Balak Das said the manner in which Pappu Yadav insulted Lord Ram and Sanatan Dharma in the House was unforgivable.

"No follower of Sanatan Dharma can forget this act. It has hurt our religious sentiments. So we have demanded that a case be registered," he said.

On Saturday, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and Bajrang Dal activists held a protest in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, against the opposition leaders over the skit.

Woman killed after DTC cluster bus runs over her; driver apprehended

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

A 60-year-old woman was killed after a DTC cluster bus ran over her near the Pooth Kalan bus stand on Saturday here, triggering protests by her family members and locals who briefly blocked the road and pelted stones before police pacified them.

Police apprehended the bus driver Rajesh, seized the vehicle, registered a case and initiated separate legal action against unidentified people who allegedly vandalised the bus after the accident. The deceased was identified as Indira, wife of Ramesh and a resident of Sultanpuri.

According to police, a PCR call regarding the accident at the Pooth Kalan bus stand on Kanjhawala Road in



outer Delhi was received at the Sultanpuri police station at 11:05 am.

"When a police team reached the spot, Indira was found lying unconscious near the rear wheel of a DTC cluster bus on route number 114A from Azadpur to Auchandi Border," a senior police officer said.

She was transported to Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital in Mangolpuri,

where doctors declared her brought dead, the officer said. Police said after the victim's death, her family members and residents blocked the road near the accident site, causing temporary traffic disruption. During the commotion, some unidentified people allegedly pelted stones at the DTC cluster bus involved in the accident and damaged its window panes, they said.

Police reached the spot and assured the protesters that strict legal action would be taken against the driver.

Following the assurance, the protesters dispersed, and traffic was restored.

Police are examining the circumstances leading to the accident and are also collecting eyewitness accounts. **FAIR REPORT** ablish the sequence of events.

BJP slams Kejriwal over E20 opposition; questions his expertise

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

Union Minister Harsh Malhotra on Saturday slammed AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal for his opposition to E20 petrol, saying that his remarks on the issue made it seem "he did not even study at any IIT".

Kejriwal claims to be an IIT graduate. However, his statements not only on E20 but also on several technical issues make it seem as if he has not even studied at an industrial training institute (ITI), Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways Harsh Malhotra said.

"Had Kejriwal truly been educated at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), he would never have opposed ethanol-blended petrol, which helps the nation save foreign exchange, increases farmers' income, and provides cleaner air to citizens," Malhotra, who also heads Delhi BJP, said in a statement.

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supremo Arvind Kejriwal who held a National Townhall against E20 at Delhi's Constitution Club and announced that he will march to the Prime Minister's residence on 4 August to personally submit more than two lakh online



AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal during the National Town Hall Against E20 at the Constitution Club in New Delhi

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petitions signed by people across the country against E20 petrol.

He said he would leave at 12 noon with a group of 100 people to hand over the peti-



minimum temperature of 27.6 degrees Celsius and a maximum of 33.7 degrees Celsius, while Ayanagar saw a minimum temperature of 27.1 degrees Celsius and a maximum of 33.6 degrees Celsius. According to IMD data, Safdarjung, Palam and Ridge stations recorded trace amounts of rain in the morning hours.

Lodhi Road recorded trace rainfall between 8.30 am and 11.30 am and 0.1 mm rain in the next three hours.

The IMD has forecast very light to light rain for the next few days.

"There is a possibility of very light to light rain on Sunday. Similar weather conditions are expected to continue for the next few days," said an IMD official.

According to the IMD forecast, the maximum temperature on Sunday is likely to be around 33 degrees Celsius, while the minimum temperature is expected to be around 26 degrees Celsius.

The air quality in the city remained in the "satisfactory" category on Saturday, with a 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) reading of 80 at 4 pm.

tions to the Prime Minister.

The event at the Constitution Club began with a street play by students, featuring satirical performances inspired by 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' and other characters to highlight concerns surrounding E20. Kejriwal also pressed three demands over the roll-out of E20 fuel. The AAP Chief appealed to only those who are not afraid of police 'lathis' (batons) or imprisonment to join him in the march.

Responding to a question about his announcement to march to the Prime Minister's residence and the related security concerns, Arvind

Kejriwal said, "Just as the Leader of the Opposition (LOP) was allowed to go up to a certain point, I hope we too will at least be allowed to reach that point."

Malhotra said Kejriwal's Town Hall speech today on the E20 issue has once again raised serious questions about his claimed educational qualifications.

He seems determined to spread "misinformation" regarding E20 petrol, Malhotra charged, challenging Kejriwal to produce even 100 vehicles that have actually suffered damage or engine failure because of using E20 fuel.

ED attaches ₹782 cr Raheja Developers assets

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

On Saturday, the Enforcement Directorate (ED)'s Delhi office provisionally took control of properties worth about ₹782.36 crore owned by Raheja Developers Ltd. This action, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, brings the total seized assets in the case to ₹2,399.65 crore.

The latest order focuses on properties linked to Raheja Developers and its top staff, including Director Navin M Raheja. According to ED officials, this is part of a bigger investigation into claims that funds from about 4,600 homebuyers, who paid



nearly ₹2,425.99 crore for homes that were never delivered, were misused. Buyers paid for apartments that were promised but never received, and investigators

say much of the money was not used as intended, leaving buyers without homes and limited choices.

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Delhi

Police had already filed several FIRs after complaint from buyers who said they were cheated, which led to the PMLA investigation. This is not the first time the ED has taken action. On April 28, 2026, it took control of properties worth ₹1,113.81 crore. Another round on June 15, 2026 froze assets worth ₹503.48 crore. With the latest attachment of ₹782.36 crore, the total now exceeds ₹2,399 crore, which is almost the same as the amount allegedly collected from homebuyers.

This large operation shows the ED's efforts to recover money from crime and help homebuyers who invested their savings. Many buyers

are still paying loans for homes they never got.

ED sources say the temporary attachment keeps the assets safe during the investigation. Under the PMLA, these properties cannot be sold, transferred, or used as collateral without the agency's approval.

The Directorate says the investigation is still going on, and more assets could be attached or arrests made. The case against Raheja Developers reflects a common trend in India's real estate sector, where companies collect large sums and then delay or abandon projects. This investigation stands out because of the large amounts involved and

the extensive use of the PMLA to freeze assets.

For the thousands of families waiting for justice, the latest attachment gives hope that the lost money might be recovered and returned through legal action. Still, the long wait and financial stress have been hard for many. Navin M Raheja and others are still under investigation.

The ED has not said when charge sheets will be filed, but the three big attachment orders in four months show the process is moving faster. With nearly ₹2,400 crore in assets now attached, authorities are working to break up the financial network built on broken promises. The investigation is ongoing.

States Focus



HIMACHAL TO START HELICOPTER SERVICES IN CHAMBA, SAYS CM

Chief Minister Sukhvir Singh Sukhu said on Saturday that the Himachal Pradesh Government is working to initiate helicopter services in Chamba district by the end of 2026 or early 2027. "The facility will improve air connectivity and provide further impetus to tourism and other developmental activities in the district," he said.

He made the statement after inspecting the under-construction heliport at Sultanpur, which is being built at an estimated cost of ₹12 crore. "Once completed, this facility will boost development in Chamba district and encourage tourism in the region," Sukhu added.

Earlier, the chief minister visited disaster-affected areas of Chamba to take stock of the damage caused by heavy rains and landslides during the current monsoon season. During his visit, he inspected the affected areas on the ground and interacted with locals to understand their concerns and difficulties. Sukhu first visited Sheetla bridge and the Rana Mohalla area of Sultanpur, where significant damage has been reported during the ongoing monsoon.

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Centre to release ₹2,117 cr SDRF to 7 flood-hit States



FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

The Central Government has approved the advance release of its share of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), worth ₹2,117.85 crore, to support seven flood-affected states during the ongoing monsoon season, an official statement said on Saturday.

Of the affected states, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha and Nagaland have already received the first instalment of the Central share for the financial year 2026-27.

"To ensure timely availability of funds for relief operations, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has approved the advance release of the second instalment of the Central share of SDRF to Himachal Pradesh and Odisha," the statement said.

Himachal Pradesh has been sanctioned ₹193.95 crore, and Odisha is to get ₹500 crore as their second instalments. The advance release of first instalments has been approved for Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat and Maharashtra by relaxing documentary requirements under applicable guidelines, considering the urgent need for resources for relief measures, the statement said.

The assistance approved for Arunachal Pradesh amounts to ₹44.55 crore, for Assam ₹379.35 crore, for Gujarat ₹500 crore, and for Maharashtra ₹500 crore.

"With this approval, a total of ₹2,117.85 crore has been made available to the flood-affected States to strengthen their ongoing relief and response measures," the statement said.

Antilia bomb scare: Charges framed against 10 accused

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 ■ Mumbai

A special NIA court on Saturday framed charges against ten persons, including former policemen Sachin Waze and Pradeep Sharma, in the 2021 Antilia bomb scare and businessman Mansukh Hiran murder case.

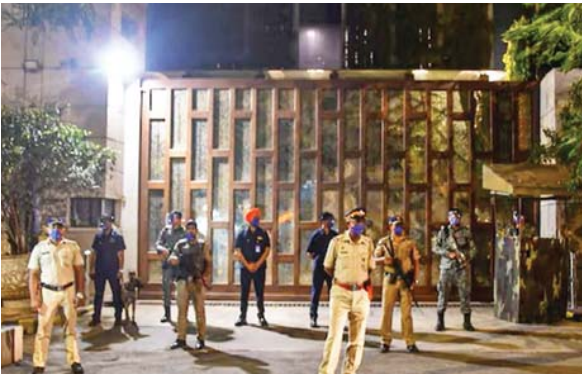
The accused will face trial for offences under the Indian Penal Code related to murder, extortion, destruction of evidence and criminal conspiracy as well as relevant provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Explosive Substances Act.

Special National Investigation Agency court judge Chakor Baviskar framed the charges after the accused pleaded not guilty.

Besides Waze and Sharma, the other accused in the case are Riyazuddin Kazi, Sunil Mane, Vinayak Shinde, Anand Jadhav, Satish Tirupati Mothkuri, Manish Vasantbhai Soni, Naresh Gaur and Santosh Shelar.

Kazi, Mane and Shinde are also former policemen.

The prosecution has accused all ten persons of forming a "terrorist gang" and entering into a criminal conspiracy between February and March 2021.



Security personnel outside Mukesh Ambani's home Antilia in Mumbai after the bomb scare

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An SUV with explosives inside was found near billionaire industrialist Mukesh Ambani's south Mumbai residence 'Antilia' on February 25, 2021.

Businessman Mansukh Hiran, who claimed that the SUV had been stolen from his possession, was found dead in a creek in neighbouring Thane on March 5, 2021.

A few days later, Waze, once known as an 'encounter specialist' police officer, was arrested in the case.

According to the NIA, the accused allegedly posted a message on the Telegram channel 'Jaishish-Ul-Hind' containing the threat "Agle baar connect ho kar ayega" (next time the bomb's wires

will be connected) to create an impression that a terrorist organisation was involved in the incident.

The NIA's draft charges, filed earlier before the court, identified Waze as the mastermind of the crime. His motive was to terrorise wealthy individuals and extort money to meet a ₹100-crore monthly target allegedly set by a high-ranking political figure while simultaneously attempting to regain his "lost glory" as a "super cop", the central agency said.

Further, he conspired with other accused to eliminate businessman Mansukh Hiran because Hiran refused to take the blame for the explosives and was considered a

"weak link" who could expose the conspiracy, the NIA alleged.

Pradeep Sharma, another former 'encounter specialist' officer of Mumbai Police, allegedly played a key role in the conspiracy to abduct and kill Hiran.

He was involved in the procurement of SIM cards and had directed co-accused Shelar, Jadhav, Mothkuri and Soni to dump Hiran's body into the Thane creek, the NIA claimed.

To cover up the crime, the accused allegedly destroyed critical evidence including digital video recorders (DVRs), CCTV footage and the victim's mobile phone.

The operation was partially funded through extortion, the draft charges stated.

The conspirators used "benami" SIM cards and unregistered mobile phones to conceal their identities, and the policemen among them created fake alibis by staging midnight raids and preparing "nil panchnamas" to show that they were on duty away from the crime scenes, the prosecution said.

While Sharma, Kazi, Gaur and Mane are out on bail, Waze and the remaining five accused continue to be in judicial custody.

Suvendu assures Taslima Nasreen of full security in West Bengal

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Kolkata

West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Saturday assured exiled Bangladeshi author Taslima Nasreen of full security whenever she visits the State, using her return to Kolkata after nearly 19 years to project what he described as a fundamental political shift in Bengal under the BJP Government.

Addressing a literary event on anti-fundamentalism at Rabindra Sadan, where Nasreen made her first public appearance in Kolkata since being forced to leave the city in 2007, Adhikari said the state had entered an era where freedom of expression and constitutional rights would be protected.

"It is my duty as the chief minister and also as the minister in charge of the police department to provide you with security whenever you visit West Bengal," Adhikari said.

"Not just once, whenever



you wish, come to West Bengal as many times as you want. You will receive complete security," he told the author and the gathering.

Making a broader political statement, the chief minister said Bengal had changed with the change of Government.

"This is a West Bengal free from shackles and fear. Every pillar of the Constitution is protected here. Everyone has the right to come here, and everyone has the freedom to

express themselves," he said.

Welcoming Nasreen to what he called a "safe West Bengal", Adhikari said her presence itself demonstrated that democracy, constitutional values, freedom of speech and fundamental rights were now secure in the State.

"Today it has been proved that under the new Government, democracy, the Constitution, freedom of speech and fundamental rights are protected in

Bengal," he said.

Without naming any political party, Adhikari contrasted the present with the past, saying, "The era of threats, intimidation, and attempts to silence people is over."

The chief minister presented Nasreen with a portrait of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, noting that the year marked the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram.

The event marked Nasreen's first public appearance in Kolkata since November 2007, when she left the city amid violent protests over portions of her autobiographical work 'Dwikhandito' (Split: A Life).

The controversy had erupted after the publication of the book, triggering demonstrations in several parts of West Bengal.

The then Left Front government banned the book and, citing a deteriorating law and order situation, shifted Nasreen out of Kolkata before she eventually left the State.

For the BJP Government,

Nasreen's return carries political symbolism that extends beyond a literary event.

Her forced departure from Kolkata in 2007 has long remained a contentious episode in Bengal's political discourse, frequently invoked by the BJP to accuse successive Left Front and Trinamool Congress Governments of compromising freedom of expression in the face of religious extremism and vote-bank politics.

By hosting Nasreen publicly at one of Kolkata's premier cultural venues and framing her return as evidence of restored constitutional freedoms, the BJP Government sought to reinforce its narrative of a decisive break from the State's previous political order.

Nasreen, known internationally for her outspoken criticism of religious fundamentalism and advocacy of women's rights, has lived in exile since leaving Bangladesh in 1994 following threats from Islamist groups over her writings.

India-China border trade at Nathula resumes after six years

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Gangtok

The border trade between India and China through the Nathula Pass resumed on Saturday after six years, marking the revival of one of the oldest trading corridors along the ancient Silk Route, officials said.

The trade had remained suspended since 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent strain in India-China border relations.

A formal reopening ceremony was held at Nathula in East Sikkim, where officials from the two neighbouring nations participated, signalling the return of seasonal trade through the strategically significant mountain pass at over 14,000 feet.

Announcing the resumption, Sikkim's Commerce and Industries Department Secretary Karma D Youtso said the seasonal trade will be conducted from Monday



to Thursday until November under the existing bilateral trade protocol.

"Thirty-eight registered traders have been issued trade passes this year. Around 36 notified items, including handicrafts, handloom products, traditional religious articles, ready-made garments and other approved goods, will be traded through the route," Youtso said.

She added that elaborate security arrangements have

been put in place, with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) enforcing the Standard Operating Procedure. Additional ITBP personnel have been deployed at Nathula, including a women's platoon for the first time.

The reopening is expected to inject fresh momentum into the local economy by generating business for registered traders, transport operators and other stakeholders dependent on border trade.

Punjab Guv urges youth to contribute to nation building

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Chandigarh

Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria on Saturday urged the youth to pursue excellence with integrity, remain committed to education and public service, and contribute to nation-building.

Addressing a felicitation ceremony for successful civil services candidates organised by Sankalp IAS at Punjab Lok Bhavan, Kataria said every honest effort, irrespective of the profession, strengthens the nation and helps realise the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

He praised Sankalp IAS for mentoring civil services aspirants and said the institution has emerged as one of



Gulab Chand Kataria

the country's leading centres for producing successful IAS, IPS and other civil services officers.

He appreciated the organisation's management, mentors, donors and students for their contribution through quality education and guidance.

Highlighting Chandigarh's achievements in school education, Kataria said government schools in the city have consistently delivered strong academic results.

He noted that Chandigarh ranked first among all states and Union Territories in the Performance Grading Index

(PGI) 2.0 for school education and is the only State/UT to receive the "Uttam-3" grade.

The governor also urged the youth to stay away from drugs and focus on education, character building, and public service, asserting that a drug-free and empowered youth is essential for achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047. Rajya Sabha MP Avinash Rai Khanna appreciated the governor's campaign against drug abuse and said public office is a responsibility to serve society with honesty and dedication.

He highlighted the importance of Education and Social Responsibility (ESR) and called for support for humanitarian initiatives, including donations of life-saving medical devices for those in need.

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Mumbai

Air India on Saturday said it has deployed its new B787-9 aircraft on the Delhi-Toronto route and has expanded its Canada operations for the Winter 2026-27 season with a new non-stop service between Mumbai and Toronto.

The development will see overall capacity between India and Canada increasing by 4,400 seats each month, with premium seat capacity to Toronto boosting by 71 per cent, Air India said.

The launch of a seasonal 3x weekly non-stop service between Mumbai and Toronto between October 25 this year and March 26 next year will add nearly 2,000 seats each week



between the two countries, making Air India the only carrier operating direct flights between the two cities, the airline said.

The service will be operated by Air India's Boeing 777-300ER aircraft with significantly upgraded cabin interiors, featuring eight luxurious first class suites with privacy

sliding doors, 40 flat beds in business class, and 280 seats in economy, it said.

Through Air India's hubs at Mumbai and Delhi, customers travelling to/from Canada can connect seamlessly to destinations including Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kochi,

Ludhiana, and Vadodara, among several other Indian cities, Air India said.

It also said that of the 10x weekly flights the airline operates on the Delhi-Toronto route this Winter, 7x weekly services will be operated by the brand-new Boeing 787-9 aircraft, featuring the airline's latest cabin products.

The remaining 3x weekly services will be initially operated by Boeing 777-300ER aircraft and will transition to the new Boeing 787-9 from January 2027 as more aircraft join the fleet.

With that, all Air India flights to and from Toronto will feature all-new or significantly upgraded cabin interiors, delivering a consistent premium experience across the market, it said.



An army personnel displays combat free fall ahead of the match of NorthEast United FC and Bodoland FC in the ongoing Durand Cup 2026 in Guwahati, Assam on Saturday

Ram temple donation probe in final stage: Trust member

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Ayodhya (UP)

The investigation into the alleged theft of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya has intensified, with a newly constituted probe team questioning people inside the temple premises, a member of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust said on Saturday.

Trust member Mahant Dinendra Das said the inquiry into the alleged irregularities involving gold, silver and other offerings made by devotees has reached its final stage.

His statement comes days after the trust tightened surveillance over the collection and counting of donations by introducing enhanced transparency measures amid the ongoing probe.

Reacting to an incident in Parliament in which a picture of Ram Lalla was



allegedly placed on the floor, Mahant Das expressed strong objections, calling it an affront to religious sentiments.

He appealed to Members of Parliament to respect religious faith and the image of Lord Ram.

Additionally, Das mentioned that worship and darshan at the Ram temple are continuing smoothly, with daily aarti and rituals being performed in

accordance with the Vaishnav tradition.

Since July 25, every stage of the donation handling process — from removing empty boxes from the counting room to transporting, filling, sealing and returning them — has been under continuous videographic surveillance, Das said earlier.

An eight-member monitoring team, comprising bank employees, trust representatives, private security

personnel and other designated staff, has been deployed to oversee the process. Around 40 donation boxes installed across the temple complex are now being emptied on different days instead of all at once.

According to the trust, two professional videographers and 360-degree cameras have been deployed to record the entire exercise, while additional CCTV cameras have been installed inside the donation counting room.

Officials of the State Bank of India seal the donation-filled boxes after they reach the counting room.

The enhanced monitoring was introduced weeks after the alleged theft of temple offerings triggered a Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe. Police have arrested multiple accused in the case and the investigation is underway.

President approves tougher law on paper leak cases

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

An amended law that empowers states to set up fast-track courts for speedy trials of accused and enhance punishment in public examination question paper leak cases has received the assent of President Droupadi Murmu.

In a gazette notification issued on Friday, the law ministry said President Murmu has given her assent to the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, after it was cleared by both Houses of Parliament earlier this week.

Now, investigations into paper leak cases are to be completed within two months. According to the legislation, individuals involved in paper leaks or unfair means in exams will get jail terms for a minimum of five years and a maximum of 10 years, and a fine of up to ₹50 lakh. For organised



crimes, the amended law proposes a minimum sentence of seven years and a fine of up to ₹10 crore.

The Government pushed for an early passage of the Bill by Parliament amid massive protests here and in other parts of the country by students against the NEET 2026 paper leak.

The new law amends a two-year-old Act by enhancing fines and imposing stricter punishments on paper leak convicts.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had promised the law and fast-track courts amid the recent student protests.

Nepalese mountaineer Purja dies in avalanche on Broad Peak in PoK

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Kathmandu

Veteran Nepalese mountaineer Nirmal Purja died in an avalanche on Broad Peak, located in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir's Gilgit Baltistan, his expedition company said on Saturday. Purja, 43, was among 10 climbers swept away by the avalanche that struck Broad Peak, located in the Karakoram Range near K2, at an altitude of around 7,000 metres on Thursday.

Three bodies, including a Nepalese mountaineer, have already been identified, and six other bodies have been located at the mountain, said a Nepal Mountaineering Association official.

"It is with profound sadness and immense heart-break that we confirm that Nirmal 'Nimsdal' Purja tragically lost his life following the avalanche on Broad Peak," Elite Expedition said in



a statement on social media.

"Today, we mourn not only Nims, but every life lost in this tragedy, including his trusted climbing partners and guides, Pur Bahadur Gurung (Yukta) and Nima Sherpa," it said.

"The world has lost one of

mountaineering's greatest climbers; a leader who inspired millions through his courage, humility and unwavering belief that human potential is far greater than we often imagine," it added.

Nepal Prime Minister

Balendra Shah extended his condolences on the death of Purja and five other Nepalese climbers.

"Only the physical journeys of Nirmal Purja and all the other departed mountaineers have come to an end; the legacy of their courage, dedication, and contributions will forever remain alive and inspiring. Heartfelt tributes to all the departed mountaineers. Sincere condolences to the bereaved families, relatives, and well-wishers," he said in a social media post.

The Broad Peak expedition marked the end of Purja's illustrious mountaineering career. It is the world's 12th-highest mountain and is considered one of the most challenging peaks to climb.

Purja had successfully climbed all 14 peaks above 8,000 metres around the world in just six months

and six days, setting a new record in 2019. He was about to complete his mission of climbing all 14 eight-thousanders twice after completing the Broad Peak.

Beginning in 2003, Purja had a distinguished 16-year military career, of which he spent six years as a Gurkha and 10 years with the UK Special Forces.

Purja was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 2018.

The avalanche struck the mountain at an altitude of around 7,000 metres on Thursday, sweeping away the 10-member climbing team that had begun its summit push, according to the Alpine Club of Pakistan (ACP). The climbers — six from Nepal, one Pakistani, one Omani, one American and one Chinese — went missing at around 9 am on Thursday following the avalanche.

Justice Ujjal Bhuyan calls for transparency in appointments

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

Criticising the collegium for not giving reasons for judicial appointments, Supreme Court judge Ujjal Bhuyan on Saturday said that failure to do so allows space for judges who make unconstitutional remarks like describing "groups of people as ants".

"I have noticed that the last three collegium resolutions contain no reasons whatsoever. Is this a step back from the principle of transparency?" Justice Bhuyan said.

Speaking at a panel discussion at the launch of a report by legal think-tank Vidhi's JALDI initiative, Justice Bhuyan stressed that not disclosing reasons for elevation allows undesirable candidates to enter the judiciary. "By not giving reasons, the



institution actually does a disservice to many judges who are genuinely outstanding and have done tremendous work.

"Conversely, by withholding reasons, we also create space for individuals to enter the judiciary who may later describe groups of people as 'ants' and make other remarks that are wholly unconstitutional and contrary to the values of the Constitution," Justice Bhuyan said. To prevent entry of such

people, "there should be some discussion, there should be some reasons given", he said. Justice Bhuyan said that recently a high court judge had made such remarks.

Though Bhuyan did not name any individual, a former Allahabad High Court judge had sparked a furore with his remarks at a VHP event in 2024, with opposition leaders calling for action against him for his "hate speech". Justice Bhuyan said the last three statements of the Supreme Court collegium did not contain any reason at all for recommending elevation of judges.

"Some may even say they were somewhat formulaic or copy-paste in nature. But at least some reasons were given to justify the recommendations," he said.

Sainik School Holds Cleanliness Drive at Historic Chittorgarh Fort, Cadets Spread Message of Cleanliness

Special drive organised as part of the 66th Foundation Day celebrations; cadets take pledge to protect the environment and heritage

■ FAIR REPORT
 CHITTORGARH

As part of the celebrations for the 66th Foundation Day of Sainik School Chittorgarh (August 7), a special cleanliness drive was organised at the historic Chittorgarh Fort on Saturday. The drive was conducted under the guidance of Principal Colonel Anil Dev Singh Jasrotia, Vice Princi-



pal Lieutenant Colonel Isha Thakral, and Administrative Officer Major C. Sreekumar. School Public Relations Officer Babulal Shivran said the main aim of the drive was to create awareness about cleanliness, environmental protection, and the conservation of historical heritage. Cadets and staff of the school actively participat-

ed in the campaign. During the drive, the cadets collected garbage from the fort premises and nearby areas. Plastic and other harmful waste were collected separately and arranged for proper disposal. The cadets also cleaned the fort walls and other important places, giving a message to keep historical monuments clean and safe. On this oc-

casion, Colonel Jasrotia explained the importance of cleanliness, environmental protection, and preserving cultural heritage. He said that keeping historical places clean is the responsibility of every citizen, and such campaigns help bring positive change in society. The cadets participated with great enthusiasm and discipline, showing their commitment to cleanliness. At the end of the programme, all participants took a pledge to protect the environment and preserve historical heritage. The programme was coordinated by Jaipal Singh Shekhawat.

73.150 Kg Doda Chura Seized from an Abandoned Venue Car Parked Near a Fenced Area, CBN Finds No Accused

Action taken on secret information in Burniyas village of Begun; car also seized, search on for the owner and drug trafficking network

■ FAIR REPORT
 CHITTORGARH

The Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) is continuing its action against drug trafficking in the district. In the latest operation, the CBN Rajasthan Unit recovered 73.150 kg of illegal doda chura from an abandoned Venue car parked

near a fenced area in Burniyas village of Begun. No accused was found during the operation. The team seized the doda chura along with the car and registered a case under the NDPS Act. Investigation has been started. According to information, the CBN Chittorgarh Cell received secret information that a Venue car parked near a fenced area in Burniyas village was carrying illegal doda chura. Taking the information seriously, the officers formed a special team and

immediately rushed to the spot. The team reached the location and identified the Venue car parked at the mentioned place. After this, the car and the surrounding area were searched carefully. During the search, a total of 73.150 kg of illegal doda chura was recovered from inside the car and seized. During the operation, the officers searched for the owner of the car and the fenced area, but no one was found at the spot. Even after making inquiries and extensive

searches, no one came forward. After completing all legal formalities, the CBN team seized both the doda chura and the Venue car. The CBN has started an investigation under the NDPS Act. It is now trying to identify the owner of the car, the people linked to the fenced area, and the source and destination of the consignment. Officials believe that the seized vehicle and the recovered doda chura may provide important clues to reach the drug trafficking network.

Police Take Out Awareness Rally Under Women's Safety Campaign

IPS Usha Yadav and SP Dharmendra Singh flagged off the rally; students were informed about cyber safety, women's helpline and legal rights.

■ FAIR REPORT
 CHITTORGARH

Under the Women's Safety Campaign (Safety and Dignity for Every Woman), Chittorgarh Police organised an awareness vehicle rally and an interaction programme on Saturday to promote the safety, dignity and empowerment of women and girls. IPS Usha Yadav, Commandant of Hadi Rani Women Battalion, Ajmer,



and SP Dharmendra Singh flagged off the rally from the Collectorate campus. The rally passed through major

roads of the city, spreading awareness about women's safety, cyber crime prevention and women's helpline

services. Later, an interaction programme was held at the Police Lines Community Hall for students. The rally

included Kalika Patrolling Unit, Sadar Police Station, Kotwali Police Station, Women Police Station, Cy-

ber Police Station, Chandriya Police Station, Traffic Police, Police Lines staff and students from different

schools. The rally travelled through Subhash Chowk, Ochhadi Gate, Gandhinagar, Private Bus Stand, Nai Puliya and Shastri Nagar before reaching the Police Lines. During the interaction programme, students were informed about women's safety laws, cyber crime prevention, women's helpline numbers, emergency services and different public awareness campaigns run by the police. They were also encouraged to respect women and help create a safe society. IPS Usha Yadav spoke with the students and highlighted the importance of women's safety, self-respect, education and awareness. She asked students to imme-

diately inform the police if they see any crime or emergency. The programme was attended by Additional SP Gajendra Singh Jodha, Additional SP (Hadi Rani Women Battalion) Seema Bharti, Circle Officer Brijesh Singh, Cyber Police DSP Manish Sharma, Sadar SHO Prem Singh, Traffic In-charge Motiram, other police officers, staff and students from different schools. At the end of the programme, the district police appealed to the public that women's safety is the responsibility of the whole society and everyone should contribute to building a safe and respectful environment for women and girls.