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THE DAWN OF A FEARLESS PEN

In Bengaluru, Rajasthan CM Bhajan Lal Sharma courts diaspora, links investment with state's development push

Invites overseas Rajasthanis to Jaipur's December 10 Pravasi Rajasthani Diwas; pitches Bengaluru's technology ecosystem and Rajasthan's entrepreneurial base as a potential growth partnership

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BENGALURU/JAIPUR

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on Sunday made a strong pitch to the state's diaspora in Bengaluru, urging non-resident Rajasthanis to move beyond business transactions and become active partners in the state's economic and social transformation.

Addressing the Pravasi Rajasthani Sangam in Bengaluru, Sharma said Rajasthanis settled across India and abroad were carrying the state's culture, traditions and heritage with them, while continuing to maintain a connection with their "matribhoomi".

"Business should not remain confined to transactions; it should also become a medium of transformation," the Chief Minister said, calling upon the diaspora to contribute to Rajasthan's development through investment, social initiatives and community service.



'Karmabhoomi se Matribhoomi'

Sharma highlighted the diaspora's contribution during the recent West Asia crisis, particularly by Rajasthani chapters in Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Riyadh and Bahrain, which helped Indians with accommodation and arrangements for their safe return. He cited these efforts as an example of Rajasthan's tradition of service, sensitivity and social responsibility, and said the government wanted to strengthen such links between the state and its diaspora. The Chief Minister also referred to the 'Karmabhoomi se Matribhoomi' campaign, under which expatriate Rajasthanis have participated in initiatives linked to their native state, including water conservation and other social causes.

Government showcases investment reforms

Seeking to position Rajasthan as an increasingly investor-friendly state, Sharma said the state was now the country's seventh-largest economy, with GSDP growth of more than 12 per cent and per-capita income crossing Rs 2 lakh. The government, he said, has set an ambitious target of taking Rajasthan's economy to \$350 billion by 2030 and \$4.3 trillion by 2047. Among the measures highlighted were reduction in the maximum time limit for Consent to Operate from 120 days to 30 days for MSMEs and 60 days for large enterprises. The govern-



ment has also expanded the list of non-polluting 'White Category' industries from 104 to 877. Sharma said the Raj Nivesh single-window system had been expanded to facilitate investors, while the Rajasthan Industrial Park Promotion Policy-2026 would support the planned development of industrial areas and parks. The state is also seeking to attract investment through the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme, Rajasthan MSME Policy, Rajasthan Export Promotion Policy-2024 and the One District-One Product policy.

Bengaluru technology, Rajasthan enterprise

The Chief Minister sought to turn the Bengaluru gathering into more than a diaspora outreach exercise, pitching a possible convergence between Karnataka's technology ecosystem and Rajasthan's entrepreneurial strength. "Bengaluru's technology and Rajasthan's entrepreneurship can together write a new chapter of development," Sharma said. He urged Rajasthanis settled outside the state to look beyond balance sheets and participate in projects that create wider social and economic value in their home state. The government has also established the Department of Domestic and Overseas Rajasthani Affairs to institutionalise its engagement with the diaspora. A Rajasthan Development Support Portal has been launched for those wishing to contribute to social-development initiatives in the state.

Push for Rajasthan Bhawan in Karnataka

The Chief Minister also addressed a longstanding demand for a Rajasthan Bhawan in Karnataka, saying the state government had approached the Karnataka government and was making efforts to establish a permanent cultural, social and administrative centre for Rajasthanis. The move is significant given Bengaluru's large Rajasthani business and professional community and the city's importance as one of India's principal technology and investment hubs. Sharma also invited Rajasthanis from across the world to attend the Pravasi Rajasthani Diwas in Jaipur on December 10, 2026, saying their experience, ideas and participation could add momentum to the state's development agenda. Rajasthan Foundation Bengaluru Chapter president Sachin Pandya described the gathering as a convergence of business, development and culture.

At Arunachaleswarar's Abode, a Prayer for India

Seeking Mahadeva's Blessings for Every Citizen

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THIRUVANNAMALAI

In a deeply spiritual gesture, prayers were offered at the revered Arulmigu Arunachaleswarar Temple in Thiruvannamalai, seeking the blessings of Lord Mahadeva for the happiness, prosperity and well-being of every citizen of the nation.

At the ancient temple, one of Tamil Nadu's most sacred Shaiva pilgrimage centres, the worship was centred on Lord Arunachaleswarar, revered as a manifestation of Shiva and associated with the sacred element of fire.

The prayer carried a message that extended beyond personal devotion. It sought divine grace for the country as a whole, with a wish for peace, prosperity and good fortune to reach



every household.

Thiruvannamalai occupies a distinctive place in India's spiritual landscape. The Arunachala hill and the temple dedicated to Arunachaleswarar have for centuries drawn devotees, ascetics and spiritual seekers from across India and beyond. The temple's traditions are deeply intertwined with the worship of Shiva and the belief in Arunachala as a

sacred embodiment of the divine.

The prayer at the temple thus brought together two powerful themes—faith and national well-being.

Seeking Mahadeva's blessings for every citizen, the worship reflected the enduring Indian tradition in which personal devotion is often expressed through a larger prayer for sarva loka kalyanam—the welfare of all.

'Har Ghar Tiranga' returns with Vande Mataram focus as PM Modi urges citizens to renew pledge for Viksit Bharat

New Delhi: With the national flag once again at the centre of a nationwide public campaign, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday called upon citizens to participate enthusiastically in the #HarGharTiranga movement, describing the Tricolour as a symbol of national pride and a continuing source of inspiration to serve the country.

In a post on X, Modi said the campaign should also become an occasion to renew the collective resolve to contribute to the making of a Viksit Bharat. This year's initiative, he noted, has been dedicated to Vande Mataram, as the country marks the 150th anniversary of the iconic patriotic song. The Prime Minister's message comes as the government seeks to take the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign beyond a symbolic display of the national flag and turn it into a broader public mobilisation around patriotism and nation-building.

Trump Ready to End Iran War Without Nuclear Deal - But Tehran Raises the Stakes

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WASHINGTON/TEHRAN

President Donald Trump signaled to senior officials that he would accept an end to the Iran war even without a nuclear agreement — provided Tehran fully reopens the Strait of Hormuz to global shipping, according to a Wall Street Journal report cited by the Jerusalem Post. Trump told aides privately that Iran's nuclear program is likely unable to be revived after Operation Midnight Hammer inflicted heavy damage on its facilities (The Jerusalem Post), easing pressure for a formal deal.

Iran Hardens Its Position

Just as an off-ramp appeared within reach, Iran raised the stakes. IRGC commander Mohammad Bagher Zolghadr declared

the Strait will not reopen until the United States "corrects its behavior," laying out conditions for what that correction would require (The Jerusalem Post). Those demands reportedly include lifting the US naval blockade, withdrawing military forces from the region, and permanently ending the war (CNN).

A White House Under Pressure

Behind closed doors, cracks are showing. Trump has privately complained that disclosures about dwindling US munitions stockpiles make Washington look weak at a critical moment, even as he continues threatening further military action to pressure Iran into a deal (CNN). Notably, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Gen. Dan Caine, has told other ad-



though this agreement alone would not reopen the waterway to the extent Trump is hoping for (CNN). A June framework had left key terms deliberately vague — committing Iran only to "best efforts" for safe passage over 60 days (ABC17NEWS), buying time rather than resolving the standoff.

The Cost So Far

The human toll continues to climb. The conflict has cost 18 American lives and left over 600 US troops injured (MS NOW)—a toll critics argue exposes the limits of Washington's strategic gains despite tactical military successes. With the Strait of Hormuz still choked and Tehran unwilling to blink first, Trump's search for a face-saving exit appears to be running straight into Iran's hardened red lines.

ministration advisers that Washington needs to find an exit from the war (CNN)

Oman as the Middleman

With direct US-Iran talks stalled, Oman has emerged as the critical intermediary. Iran is finalizing a separate deal with Oman over new shipping routes through the Strait,

Rajasthan Eyes Next-Gen Industrial Boom, Woos Investors for AI, Semiconductors, Defence

■ FAIR REPORT
BENGALURU/JAIPUR

Rajasthan is pitching itself as a future-ready investment destination, with Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma engaging industry leaders and investors in Bengaluru on Sunday to explore opportunities in advanced manufacturing, technology and emerging sectors.

Sharma said the state's reforms aimed at strengthening the Ease of Doing Business framework had enhanced investor confidence and created a business-friendly environment. He high-



lighted Rajasthan's industrial policies, infrastructure, logistics connectivity, skilled workforce and transparent regulatory processes as

key drivers of future investment.

The discussions pointed to a significant expansion of Rajasthan's industrial ambitions, ex-

tending beyond conventional manufacturing to sectors expected to define the next decade of economic growth.

Proposals discussed

included semiconductor and AI-based manufacturing, aerospace and defence components, copper processing and value addition, integrated industrial parks for MSMEs, bio-energy and agri-innovation parks, technical textiles, footwear manufacturing, cold-chain and refrigeration equipment, rubber recycling, tourism and hospitality, and Global Capability Centres (GCCs).

The breadth of proposals signals Rajasthan's attempt to move higher up the industrial value chain—from raw materials and traditional manu-

facturing towards technology-intensive and knowledge-driven industries.

The government's larger challenge will now be converting investor interest into projects on the ground, creating skilled employment and building strong local supply chains.

For Rajasthan, the Bengaluru outreach represents a strategic bet: to transform its geographic, mineral and human-resource advantages into a modern industrial ecosystem capable of attracting capital, technology and high-value jobs.

90-Year-Old Jaipur Man Allegedly Extorted of ₹9 Lakh for Three Years; Fake Marriage Bureau Racket Exposed by Son's Money Request

■ FAIR REPORT
JAIPUR

A three-year extortion racket targeting a 90-year-old man has come to light in Jaipur's Mahesh Nagar area, after his son's routine request for a bank transfer inadvertently uncovered the alleged fraud.

According to the police complaint, the ordeal began in 2022 when unidentified callers claiming to represent a marriage bureau operating under the name "Shaadi Centre Dot Com" contacted the elderly man. What allegedly began as a conversation gradually turned into sustained intimidation, with the callers threatening to defame him and implicate him in false

cases unless he paid money.

For nearly three years, the nonagenarian reportedly remained silent, making payments in instalments. Police records cited in the complaint indicate that the alleged extortion amounted to nearly 9 lakh.

The racket reportedly unravelled only when the man's son approached him for money and needed access to his bank account. Sensing his father's hesitation, the son pressed him for an explanation. The elderly man then disclosed the alleged blackmail, following which the family checked his banking records and discovered the substantial outflow of funds.

Operation Sindoor showed India’s strength: Rajnath

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 ■ New Delhi

Operation Sindoor demonstrated the unmatched valour of our defence forces who sent a global message that India will go to any extent to ensure the safety of its citizens while protecting the sindoor worn by our women, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Sunday.

Making this assertion while addressing the ‘Sindoor Maharaktadan Yatra’ blood donation camp at Base Hospital, Delhi Cantonment, he commended the Indian forces for eliminating terrorists and their handlers based in Pakistan and ensuring that those who dared to cast an evil eye on India faced dire

consequences. Drawing a parallel with Sindoor Maharaktadan Yatra, Rajnath Singh asserted that while Operation Sindoor showcased courage, the mega blood donation camp represents compassion.

Approximately 1,000 wrestlers and athletes from Maharashtra were among the donors who participated in the camp, demonstrating the spirit of selfless service and solidarity with the Defence Forces.

Expressing gratitude to the donors, the defence minister expressed confidence that the blood donated today would serve as a credible reserve for needy soldiers and their families in the future. He described blood donation as jivandan and



mahadan and stressing that despite remarkable advances in science and medicine, no artificial substitute for human blood has yet been developed. Since blood can only be produced by the human body and donated by one person

to another, Rajnath Singh said, blood donation remains one of the noblest forms of charity.

He underlined that every blood donor and recipient is, in their own way, serving the nation. He urged the

people, particularly the youth, to make blood donation a culture.

Calling upon the youth to prioritise fitness, the defence minister emphasised that a healthy and fit individual becomes a greater asset to society and is better equipped to undertake noble causes such as blood donation.

Highlighting Maharashtra's enduring tradition of valour and compassion, Rajnath Singh said that the legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj continues to inspire generations.

He emphasised that the true purpose of physical strength lies in protecting others and safeguarding the nation, adding that the contribution of the athletes and

wrestlers from the land of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj would be remembered as a noble service to the nation.

The event was attended by Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra Eknath Shinde; Minister of State for Ayush (Independent Charge) Pratap Rao Jadhav; Minister of Industries, Government of Maharashtra Uday Ravindra Samant; Member of Parliament Dr Srikant Lata Eknath Shinde; Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth; DG Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin; Adjutant General Lt General VPS Kaushik; Commandant, Base Hospital, Delhi Cantonment Major General Vishal Chaudhary and other senior military and civil dignitaries.

Nation Focus



Specialist Diving and Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams of the Indian Navy and the US Navy pose for a group photo in front of a naval helicopter at the Southern Naval Command base in Kochi, Kerala PTI

INDIA, US NAVIES TO HOLD 8TH EOD EXERCISE IN KOCHI FROM AUG 10-14

An exercise between the navies of India and the US, which aims to enhance interoperability and strengthen professional cooperation between specialist diving and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) teams of the two sides, is set to be held in Kochi, from August 10-14, officials said on Sunday. The Indian Navy and US Navy have been conducting joint salvage and EOD exercises since 2005.

"The Indian Navy-US Navy explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) exercise is scheduled to be conducted at Southern Naval Command, Kochi, from August 10-14," a spokesperson of the Indian Navy said.

The bilateral exercise aims to enhance interoperability and strengthen professional cooperation between the specialist diving and EOD teams of the two navies, the official said. (PNS)



3.3-MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE JOLTS RAPAR IN KUTCH

A mild earthquake measuring 3.3 on the Richter scale shook Rapar and adjoining areas of Kutch on Sunday afternoon, triggering brief concern among residents.

According to the Seismology Department, the tremor was recorded at around 1.34 pm, with its epicentre located approximately 15 km from Rapar.

The tremor was accompanied by a loud rumbling sound, following which residents in areas near the epicentre reportedly stepped outside their homes as a precaution. There were, however, no reports of casualties or damage to property at the time of reporting.

Kutch falls within a very high-risk seismic zone and experiences tremors from time to time. (PNS)

PM remembers quit India Movement on 84th anniversary



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 ■ New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday remembered those who participated in the historic Quit India Movement, and said their courage will always remain an inspiration for every Indian. The Quit India Movement was launched under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi on August 9, 1942 and gave a decisive impetus to India's quest for FAIR REPORT lence.

who participated in the historic Quit India Movement. Their courage will always remain an inspiration for every Indian," Modi said in a post on social media..

The prime minister said the clarion call of Quit India infused new energy in the freedom struggle and reflected the unwavering determination of people to break free from colonial rule.

August 9, 2026, marks the 84th anniversary of the Quit India Movement, one of the defining milestones in the nation's freedom struggle.

India to lead next biotech, AI-driven industrial revolution: Jitendra Singh

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 ■ New Delhi

India will be an essential player in the next industrial revolution, which will be biotechnology and AI-driven, unlike the last industrial revolution, which was IT-driven and India was late in becoming a part of that, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences Jitendra Singh, said on Sunday.



Speaking at a media conclave, he said India is now among the first few countries in the world to have a dedicated Biotechnology policy, that is BioE3. We also have a National Quantum Mission, India AI Mission and have made rapid advances in Space and other frontier areas.

He said India's space economy, which was earlier almost negligible, has grown to around \$9 billion and is projected to reach \$40-45

now operating against global benchmarks in several areas. Referring to India's progress in space, he cited the Chandrayaan mission's detection of evidence of water molecules on the Moon as an example of the country contributing to global scientific knowledge.

He said India had never lacked human talent or scientific capability, but what was required was an enabling policy environment that could translate these capabilities into outcomes.

The minister said the global economy is witnessing a gradual shift towards emerging domains such as biotechnology, circular economy, recycling and other technology-driven sectors alongside traditional manufacturing. He said the next phase of industrial transformation is increasingly likely to be driven by artificial intelligence and biotechnology.

NIA arrests key conspirator in Malappuram illegal explosives case

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested another key suspect in the Malappuram illegal explosives case, raising the total number of arrests to ten. On Saturday, Haris TA was taken into custody in Manjeri, Malappuram district, Kerala. Authorities say he was a main conspirator and played a major role in illegally obtaining the explosives.



Biradar had licenses to deal with explosives in some cases. However, they still broke the law by selling and moving the seized materials. This highlights the challenges of the clandestine explosives trade, which poses serious risks to public safety and national security.

Agencies continue to stress the importance of strict compliance with licensing norms for manufacturing, transporting, and storing explosives. The lack of valid permits in this case underscores the deliberate nature of the violation. As the investigation progresses, the NIA is expected to file additional chargesheets and continue efforts to dismantle the network behind the illegal consignment.

related laws. Given the seriousness and possible national security risks, the NIA re-registered the case and took charge of the investigation. Since then, the agency has searched 19 locations in three states, found important evidence, and identified more suspects involved in the conspiracy. Haris TA on Saturday followed closely on the heels of another significant development: on August 7, the NIA arrested three more suspects from Vijayapura, Karnataka, Mantagoud Biradar, Papagoud Bheeramaya Choudri, and Prakash Gauda Biradar, all from Vijayapura district.

With Haris TA in custody, the total number of arrests in the case is now ten. Investigators believe the seized explosives were part of a broader network involved

in illegal procurement and distribution. Recovery of over 10,000 shock tubes has raised serious concerns about the possible end-use of the material and the sophistication of the supply chain that enabled it to reach Malappuram undetected until the February interception.

Throughout the probe, the NIA has focused on tracing the origin of the explosives, the financing of the operation, and the roles played by various individuals at different stages of procurement, storage and transportation, sources said.

By conducting searches in several states, the NIA has mapped out how far the conspiracy spread and found important leads. Officials said that Mantagoud Biradar, Papagoud Bheeramaya Choudri, and Prakash Gauda

The arrest of Haris TA, named as a main conspirator in getting the explosives, along with the earlier arrests of Mantagoud Biradar, Papagoud Bheeramaya Choudri, and Prakash Gauda Biradar, is an important step in uncovering the whole plot. "With searches in several states and more suspects in custody, the agency is working to make sure everyone involved in the illegal explosives trade is held accountable", the sources added.

ED files chargesheets in two money laundering cases linked to RAAG

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) announced on Sunday that it had filed chargesheets in two distinct money-laundering cases involving companies and former executives associated with the Reliance Anil Ambani Group (RAAG).

In the first case, the ED filed a prosecution complaint on Saturday in a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Dwarka against Reliance Infrastructure Limited, former Reliance Group executive Sateesh Seth, who is 70, and others.

The ED arrested Seth in June, and he is still in judicial custody. He left the Reliance Group in 2025. In the second case, the ED filed a supplementary chargesheet on Saturday in a special court at Rouse Avenue related to Reliance Communications Limited (RCOM). The main chargesheet was filed in March.

The agency said that RCOM, Reliance Telecom Limited (RTL), former RAAG executives Seth, Gautam Doshi, Amitabh Jhunjhunwala, and others are named as accused in this prosecution complaint under the PMLA.

The ED arrested Doshi in June and Seth in July. Both remain in judicial custody. Doshi left the RAAG in 2020. The chargesheet in the Reliance Infrastructure case is based on a February FIR from the Mumbai Police Economic Offences Wing (EOW). The FIR says that shell companies were created and operated using forged documents and bank accounts to move money and



send funds overseas through fake invoices for overpriced diamond exports.

The ED said its investigation found an "organised scheme" to "divert" public funds from four toll-road projects awarded by the NHAI: Trichy-Karur (NH-67), Trichy-Dindigul (NH-45), Salem-Ulundurpet (NH-68), and Jaipur-Reengus (NH-11). The projects were funded by NHAI grants and loans from banks and financial institutions.

"About ₹187 crore was siphoned during September-October 2010 through sham, post-facto or back-dated arrangements for fictitious sub-contracting work," the agency has alleged.

The agency said that funds were moved from Reliance Infrastructure, its project-specific special purpose vehicles, or EPC contractors to construction contractors, and then to shell companies not involved in road construction. "Documents were later created to make the transfers look like real project expenses, while the money was moved through shell companies and diamond traders," the ED said. The agency also said it has

attached immovable assets and equity shares of Reliance Power Limited, held by Reliance Infrastructure, as well as land in the name of Ksheeraabdh Constructions worth ₹187 crore. "Further investigation with respect to the role of other individuals is underway," it has added.

The supplementary chargesheet is based on several CBI FIRs that claim RCOM, RTL, and Reliance Infratel Limited diverted both fund-based and non-fund-based credit facilities. The investigation found that new credit was often used to repay, rotate, and extend earlier domestic and foreign debts, instead of being used for its approved purposes.

"Funds were layered through group companies, purpose-built conduit entities, multiple bank accounts, and liquid mutual funds; used to pay off earlier External Commercial Borrowings and Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds (FCCB); and shown as legitimate business expenses or income," the agency alleged. It also said that loan proceeds were "diverted" to group companies like Reliance Infrastructure Limited and Reliance Capital Limited, siphoned off to buy personal assets for the promoters outside India, and used to inflate RCOM's profits artificially.

The ED estimates the proceeds of crime in this case at ₹40,185 crore and has attached assets worth ₹8,078 crore. The agency has asked for these assets to be confiscated from the Anil Ambani Group in its chargesheet. Former RAAG executives named in the case could not be reached for comment.

AIIMS Delhi performs second dual kidney transplant from 70-year-old donor

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

The country's premier institute, AIIMS-Delhi, has performed its second dual kidney transplant using organs from a marginal donor, a 70-year-old woman who was declared brain dead, for a single recipient, doctors said.

The surgery underscores efforts to expand the deceased-donor pool and provide kidney transplantation to more patients with end-stage kidney disease.

The successful transplant was performed on July 28 by the Department of Surgical Disciplines in collaboration with the departments of Nephrology, Anaesthesia,

Transplant Immunology and the Organ Retrieval Banking Organisation (ORBO), AIIMS, Delhi.

The donor, a septuagenarian woman from Command Hospital, Chandigarh, was considered a marginal donor due to her advanced age.

Kidneys from marginal donors, also called expanded criteria donors, come from individuals with higher medical risks or those who are over 60 years of age.

"In view of the advanced age and marginal donor characteristics, both kidneys were utilised for transplantation in a single recipient as a carefully planned strategy to maximise the use of available

donor organs," Dr Asuri Krishna, professor in the department of Surgery at AIIMS-Delhi, said.

The kidneys were transported from Chandigarh to Delhi by an Army helicopter, enabling their rapid transfer. Despite a cold ischaemia time of around 12 hours, both kidneys started functioning immediately after transplantation, Dr Krishna said.

The recipient, a 56-year-old woman, underwent implantation of both kidneys on the right side. She had an uneventful recovery and was discharged after 10 days with normal kidney function, according to the doctors.

The organ retrieval and transplantation were facilitated



by coordinated efforts involving the Army Research and Referral Hospital, Delhi, and various teams at AIIMS. AIIMS Director Dr Nikhil

Tandon provided support and guidance for the procedure, while Balram, transplant coordinator at ORBO, played a key role in coordi-

nating the logistics, communication, organ retrieval and transportation, Dr Krishna said. The transplant surgery was led by Dr Krishna, along

with Dr Sushant, Dr Aditya Baksi, Dr Brijesh Kumar Singh and Dr Mohit Sangade of the Department of Surgical Disciplines.

The nephrology team was involved in recipient assessment, perioperative management and post-transplant care.

Dual kidney transplantation from carefully selected marginal donors is a strategy to increase utilisation of deceased-donor organs. In selected cases, both kidneys from a donor may be transplanted into a single recipient to provide adequate renal function and utilise organs that might otherwise be declined because of donor age or other margin-

al characteristics, Dr Krishna said. The latest procedure was AIIMS -Delhi's second such dual kidney transplant from a marginal donor and underscores efforts to expand the deceased-donor pool and provide kidney transplantation to more patients with end-stage kidney disease, he said.

"The immediate functioning of both kidneys despite around 12 hours of cold ischaemia and the recipient's discharge with normal kidney function after 10 days marked an encouraging early outcome," he said. Cold ischaemia is the preservation phase of a donor organ to slow metabolism before transplantation.

States Focus



J&K CM Omar Abdullah in conversation with PDP President Mehbooba Mufti during a condolence meeting of senior J&K National Conference leader and former J&K minister Sheikh Mustafa Kamal in Srinagar

No change in July 20 Delhi protest: Omar Abdullah

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday asserted that the proposed protest plan of his party in Delhi on July 20 over the alleged delay in the restoration of statehood would not change, but said there can be changes in the venue or the mode of the protest. He, however, refused to term the delay in getting permission for the protest as sabotage or diversion. "I will not go into whether it is a sabotage, diversion or anything else. You and I both understand it. Our programme will not change, the venue or the mode may change, but the programme to go to Delhi will not change," Abdullah told reporters here. The chief ministers said his party would not hold the protest by hiding in some corner. "Had that been the case, we would have held it in the lawns of our house. But we will go to Delhi and raise our voice there somehow. Then see what is to be done in the future," he added.



Bihar CM launches live classes, free online JEE-NEET coaching

Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary on Thursday launched the 'Bihar School Live Classes' initiative and a free online coaching programme for JEE and NEET aspirants. The chief minister inaugurated the 'Bihar School Live Classes' programme at Government Girls' Higher Secondary School in Shastri Nagar in Patna. Under the initiative, schools will be connected through video conferencing to a central teaching hub, enabling students to attend live classes delivered by subject experts, officials said. Choudhary also launched the Bihar School Examination Board's (BSEB) free online coaching programme for the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for admission to engineering colleges, and the medical entrance test NEET.

Border infrastructure indispensable in tech-driven future warfare: Rajnath

FAIR REPORT
 New Delhi

Even as advanced weapons and platforms are being inducted into the armed forces to tackle the evolving nature of warfare, critical infrastructure such as ports, roads and tunnels will continue to play an indispensable role in the future, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday.

In his address at Strategic Infrastructure Conclave hosted by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) here, he also emphasised that while the outcome of war is largely determined by military prowess, precision capabilities and modern technologies, basic infrastructure is central to enabling military operations. "Sometimes, the first front of a war is not at the border itself, but on the road that leads our soldiers to the frontline. Therefore, the person who builds that road is as vital a guardian of national security as the soldier who stands at the border," Singh said. He commended the BRO for adopting niche technologies to establish robust infrastructure and carry forward



Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with others during the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Strategic Infrastructure Conclave in New Delhi

the Government's resolve of building world-class infrastructure, continuously strengthening national security, and transforming India into a Viksit Bharat by 2047 as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The defence minister asserted that border infrastructure will remain indispensable in technology-driven warfare in future. Connectivity is an essential component of civilisational development, and the Government has "ensured that no resident of a remote area feels cut off from mainstream", he said. He further emphasised that innovation, research, and execution excellence are key to "future-ready strategic infrastructure".

"Even as state-of-the-art weapons and platforms are being inducted into the defence forces to address the challenges posed by the evolving nature of warfare, ports, airfields, roads and tunnels will continue to play an indispensable role in the future," Singh said. The two-day conclave, which commenced on Wednesday, served as a platform for deliberations on emerging technologies, innovative engineering solutions, digital transformation in planning, project monitoring and execution to improve productivity, sustainable construction methodologies and best practices aimed at accelerating the development of strategic infrastructure in

Indian Navy to host Operation Southern Readiness 26-2 in Kochi

FAIR REPORT
 New Delhi

The Indian Navy will host Operation Southern Readiness 26-2 at the Southern Naval Command, Kochi, from July 20 to 23. The four-day multinational training engagement will be conducted in partnership with the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) under the aegis of the Indian Navy-led Combined Task Force 154 (CTF 154), CMF's dedicated Training Task Force, the defence ministry said here on Thursday.

The event will bring together personnel from CMF Partner Nations for professional maritime security training, practical experience, and exchange of best practices. Through its association with the CMF, a multinational maritime partnership comprising over 40 nations, the Indian Navy continues

to contribute to regional capacity building and collective maritime security. The training programme will combine classroom instruction, simulator-based training, and practical exposure. Sessions will cover areas including Maritime Law, Maritime Domain Awareness and Information Sharing, Counter-Narcotics, Force Protection, Asymmetric Threats, and maritime Uncrewed Systems. Participants will also be trained in Damage Control and Firefighting, maritime communications, Survival at Sea, Boarding procedures, and hands on training onboard Indian Naval ship. Operation Southern Readiness 26-2 will showcase the Indian Navy's modern training infrastructure, state-of-the-art simulators, advanced instructional methodologies, and professional expertise.



Ganga cannot be kept clean by focusing only on riverbank cities: NMCG

FAIR REPORT
 New Delhi

Keeping the Ganga clean needs interventions not only in cities built along the river but also in those across its basin, as wastewater from these areas eventually flows into the river system, the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) said on Thursday. The mission cited the example of Meerut, where the Namami Gange programme is being implemented. "Meerut is not located on the main course of the Ganga.

The Ganga cannot be seen from here. Yet, the water from every drain and every sewer line here eventually flows into that very Ganga system. In the language of river science, this is called a basin, and the truth is that the Ganga can remain as clean as its entire basin remains clean," the mission said in a post on social media. "If the cities on the banks get beautified but the cities in the basin remain overlooked, the pollution will circle back and reach the river anyway. That is why the Namami



Gange initiative reached Meerut," it added. The mission said Meerut had for decades grappled with a limited sewage network amid rapid urbanisation, and its wastewater management struggled to keep pace with the expansion. In 2020, a Rs 691-crore sewerage project was approved to address the challenge. Construction began in 2024 and is still underway, it said. A total sewage treatment capacity of 220 million litres per day (MLD), modern sewage treatment plants (STPs), an extensive sewer

network and scientific wastewater management use of treated water are its aims. By connecting more and more areas of the city to the sewer network, it is ensured that Meerut's wastewater does not reach the Ganga system untreated, the NMCG said. "When such a large city in the basin starts accounting for every drop, its impact will be visible far downstream in the main channel. The Ganga is not just a river; it is a system. And a system changes only when every city in it changes," it added.

BJP slams Telangana Government over alleged Islamic verse homework row

FAIR REPORT
 New Delhi

The BJP on Thursday criticised the Congress Government in Telangana over allegations that a private school in Hyderabad asked a class 2 Hindu student to learn an Islamic verse as part of his homework. The BJP also accused the Congress of patronising a "conversion mafia" in the state and demanded action against the school management. A private school in Hyderabad has come under scrutiny after parents of a 6-year-old student alleged that their son was asked to learn an Islamic verse as part of his homework. BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla claimed the school had terminated the teacher after the issue came to light, but said the action was inadequate. "Too little, too late. The school in question, which was allowing the forcible recitation of the Kalma, an Islamic prayer, to Hindu children, has finally, after giving a series of excuses and saying it was a mistake, terminated the teacher. "But that is not enough. Why did such a case take place in Hyderabad, under Revanth Reddy and (Asaduddin) Owaisi?" Poonawalla said in a video post on social media. He demanded strict action



against the school and alleged that such incidents are the result of Congress and AIMIM patronising such elements. "Now the question is — What action will the state Government and police take against the teacher, the school administration and the school itself, and why do Revanth Reddy, the Congress and others give patronage to such elements with their statement that Congress means Muslims?" he said. Poonawalla alleged that the incident is "nothing short of a forcible conversion case, a forcible Kalma test". "This is nothing short of a forcible conversion case, a forcible Kalma test. We have seen this in the Nashik TCS case, corporate jihad, and now this education jihad. Congress is allowing and enabling this through its ecosystem. Congress must answer. The Congress Government must answer," he added. Another BJP national spokesperson, Pradeep

Bhandari, also targeted the Congress over the controversy, alleging that the party's politics has encouraged a "conversion mafia". In a video post, Bhandari said, "Congress' own stand is: Congress equals Muslims, and Muslims equal Congress. It is aptly clear that motivated by the stance of the Congress, the conversion mafia in Telangana is now converting Hindu students and asking them to recite the Kalma in a private school." He alleged that AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi are "hand in glove", and accused the Congress of being "anti-Hindu". "Asaduddin Owaisi who speaks about secularism and has supported the hijab is completely silent. It is aptly clear th... 's Congress and Asaduddin Owaisi are hand in glove, and they are intent on converting Hindu students by forcing them to recite the Kalma."

US national lived illegally in India for 8 months, held

FAIR REPORT
 New Delhi

A 36-year-old American national, Jordan Brown, resided illegally in India for nearly eight months without possessing a valid passport or visa before being apprehended while attempting to cross into Nepal. Brown, who asserts to be a former member of the United States Navy and Special Forces from California, entered India clandestinely in early November 2025 and navigated freely between Goa and Bengaluru without attracting the attention of authorities. According to his statements to law enforcement officials, Brown lost his passport in Thailand and subsequently arrived in India via sea from Sri Lanka on November 2, 2025. He initially settled in Goa, where he remained for several months. During this period, he operated without official documentation, seamlessly integrating into the tourist-frequented coastal region without raising suspicion. Goa's significant expatriate and tourist populations, coupled with the limited, stringent checks on long-term foreign residents in many areas, facilitated his prolonged undocumented presence.



Officials said that after weeks in Goa, Brown travelled to Bengaluru, continuing his travels without a passport, relying on informal arrangements. He later claimed that an acquaintance in Bengaluru possessed his passport; however, he provided no verifiable details regarding this individual. From Bengaluru, he took a long-distance bus to Lucknow on July 8, 2026, proceeding to Gorakhpur, where he hired a taxi to reach the Sonauli border area in Uttar Pradesh's Maharajganj district. On July 11, Brown's extended period of unobserved stay was abruptly terminated near border pillar number 516 in the Mainihwa area within Sonauli police station jurisdiction. Sashastra Seema Bal

(SSB) personnel, during a routine patrol, discovered him attempting to cross into Nepal via an unauthorised foot trail away from official immigration checkpoints. When instructed to stop for verification, Brown allegedly attempted to flee but was quickly subdued by SSB personnel and local villagers who assisted in his apprehension. At the time of his arrest, Brown had no passport, visa, or any form of identification. Law enforcement officials recovered Rs 31,460 in cash, two mobile phones, religious texts, an artificial intelligence translation device, a diary, and a wristwatch. A Chinese passport was also found among his possessions. He was subsequently charged under relevant provisions of the

Immigration and Foreigners Act for illegal entry into India and unauthorised border crossing into Nepal. Brown's detention has raised significant questions regarding the possibility of a foreign national remaining within Indian territory for nearly eight months without proper documentation. His journey from an illicit entry into Goa, through Bengaluru, to the porous India-Nepal border in Uttar Pradesh highlights potential deficiencies in monitoring long-term foreign visitors. Intelligence agencies are now conducting an in-depth investigation into his movements, discrepancies in his statements regarding his entry and possession of a passport, and the purpose of his attempted exit to Nepal, where he claimed he intended to meet a Nepalese acquaintance. The case has heightened security concerns regarding the movement of foreign nationals across India under suspicious circumstances for extended durations without detection. Brown remains in judicial custody as investigations into his identity and motives continue, with the United States Embassy duly informed of the development.

ZPM SAYS ITS GOVT CURBED CORRUPTION IN MIZORAM IN LAST 2 YEARS

FAIR REPORT
 Aizawl

Mizoram's ruling Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) on Thursday claimed that corruption has been significantly curbed under its government and no minister or party MLA has been implicated in any graft case so far. The party's executive committee meeting adopted resolutions commending the government's achievements in governance, infrastructure, healthcare and anti-corruption efforts, party leaders said. Lauding the performance of Chief Minister Lalduhoma's government, it said key accomplishments included progress in the Vairengte-Sairang four-lane highway project, relocation of Assam Rifles bases from Aizawl to Zokhawasang, improvement in healthcare delivery, stricter enforcement of laws and regulations, reduction in smuggling, transparent recruitment in government services, and timely payment of salaries to Government employees. The meeting praised the Government's efforts to strengthen unity among ethnic Zo communities across the world. It acknowledged the work of the Mizo Diaspora Cell operating from the chief minister's office in assisting Zo people facing difficulties outside Mizoram and helping resolve issues affecting members of the community. Reaffirming the party's commitment to its 'Kalphung Thar-Mipui Sawrkar' (new system-people's government) policy, the committee appreciated the dedication and hard work of the Government employees in implementing schemes. It also urged officials to continue serving with commitment and integrity to support the State's development initiatives.

India's electoral system among most transparent, credible worldwide: CEC

FAIR REPORT
 Moradabad (UP)

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar on Thursday said India's electoral system is among the most transparent, impartial and credible in the world, asserting that free and fair elections backed by error-free electoral rolls form the foundation of a strong democracy. Addressing booth-level officers (BLOs) and supervisors at an interaction pro-

gramme held at Teerthanker Mahaveer University here, Kumar said the role of BLOs is crucial in ensuring accuracy of electoral rolls. "India's electoral system is among the most transparent, impartial and credible in the world," he said. During the programme, he interacted with BLOs and supervisors and issued guidelines on purification of electoral rolls, transparency in the electoral process and conduct of free and fair elections, asserting that

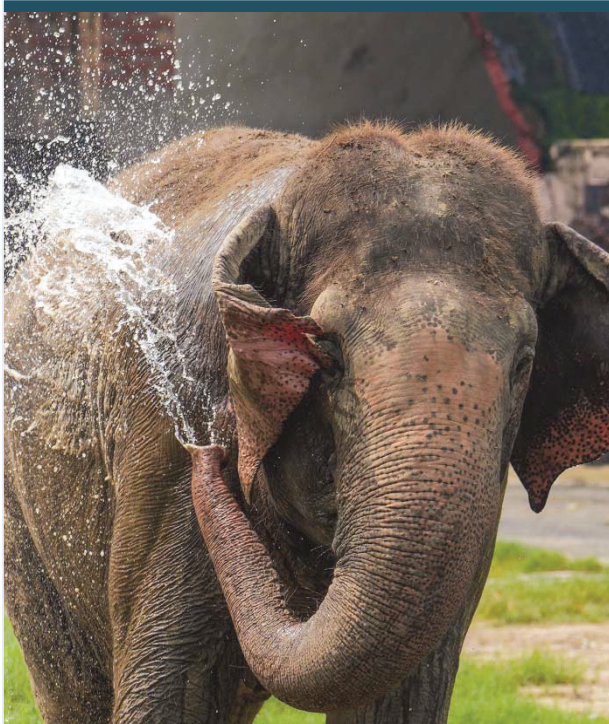


an error-free voter list is foundational for a strong democracy. Talking to reporters after the event, the CEC said he was pleased to interact with election officials during his visit to Moradabad and emphasised that he would hold similar interactions with BLOs during future official visits across the country. He said India is chairing the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) in 2026, describing it as

a recognition of the country's democratic institutions at the global level. Kumar said the three key stages of the electoral process — preparation of electoral rolls, polling and counting of votes — are conducted under a transparent system. He said political parties and contesting candidates continuously scrutinise these processes, which contributes to the credibility and transparency of India's election management system.

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IN FOCUS



An elephant splashes water over itself to escape the heat at National Zoological Park in New Delhi

Bike Stolen from Parking, Case Solved in 3 Days: Thief and Person Who Bought Stolen Bike Arrested, One Still Wanted



CCTV footage and technical evidence helped police reach the accused; stolen bike recovered and bike used in the crime also seized

FAIR REPORT
CHITTORGARH

Kotwali police have solved the case of a motorcycle stolen from the parking area of the old court complex in the city. Police arrested the person who stole the bike and another person involved in buying the stolen bike. The stolen motorcycle was recovered and the motorcycle used in the crime was also seized. Police are searching for another accused, Hanif Khan, who allegedly bought the stolen motorcycle. According to police, on August 6, Mahendra Bhil, a resident of Mishro Ki Pipli, reported that he had parked his motorcycle in the parking area of the old court complex at around 2.16 pm. When he returned after some time, the motorcycle was missing. An unknown person had stolen the bike. A case was registered at Kotwali Police Station and investigation was

started. On the instructions of SP Dharmendra Singh, and under the supervision of ASP Gajendra Singh Jodha and DSP Brijesh Singh, a special team was formed under SHO Rajneesh Kumar. The team checked CCTV footage from different locations in the city. With the help of technical evidence and human intelligence, police detained Mukesh, son of Udaylal Rao, 38, a resident of Borkhedi, Nee-much City police station area in Madhya Pradesh, currently living in Khatik Mohalla, Chittorgarh, and questioned him. During questioning, Mukesh admitted to stealing the motorcycle. He told police that the stolen motorcycle was sold to Hanif Khan through Shabbir Khan, son of Abdul Majid Pathan, a resident near Chowki in Chittorgarh. Police then detained Shabbir Khan and questioned him. The stolen motorcycle was recovered from him. Police arrested Mukesh Rao and Shabbir Khan. The motorcycle used in the theft was also seized. Police are now searching for Hanif Khan,

Youth buried Congress: CM Yogi

FAIR REPORT
Siddharthnagar (UP)

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath asserted on Sunday that the youth of the nation have effectively "buried" the Congress party, and emphasised that the downfall of Congress serves as a clear example of the dangers of power intoxication. "One need only look at the downfall of the Congress party to understand how dangerous the intoxication of power can be. They forgot the revolutionaries, and today, the youth of the country have buried the Congress," Adityanath said. The chief minister made these remarks while inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for 107 development projects valued at over ₹311 crore in Siddharthnagar. Coming down heavily on the Congress, Adityanath said, "Congress is moving on fully negative tracks. Why did India become a slave? There are two reasons: first, the contradictions among people, including humiliation based on caste, region, and language, which has led to the division of society. Second, there was a conspiracy by some within our own system. Those responsible for guiding the country misled society during that time." He claimed that the very sin of dividing society, which contributed to India



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath waves the national flag during the launch of the 'Tiranga Yatra with Youth' as part of the nationwide 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign in Lucknow

becoming a slave, is the same mistake that Congress and the Samajwadi Party are repeating today by creating divisions along caste lines. "What is the result of their divisive politics? Has anyone ever asked them, considering that Congress has ruled the country and the state for the longest period, what

they have done for the youth, farmers, the poor, and women during their tenure?" Adityanath questioned. Adityanath stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, India has witnessed a transformation over the past 12 years. "There was a time when

the world viewed India as a backward, poor, and weak nation, one that would not be able to withstand its adversaries. Today, that same India stands tall before its opponents, and the entire world is looking towards it," he said. Crediting Modi for transforming the very India whose economy was once "devastated by Congress into the world's fourth-largest economy", Adityanath said that India, previously characterised by corruption and policy paralysis, has now emerged as a thriving startup ecosystem for its youth. Posing a question to Rahul Gandhi and Akhilesh Yadav, the chief minister asked, "The Congress had the opportunity to govern Uttar Pradesh for a long time, and the SP has had its chief minister four times. Yet, what exactly did they do to win the support of the youth?" Accusing the Congress of creating an identity crisis for the nation's youth, while the SP did the same for the youth of the state, Adityanath said, "When the country faces corruption, terrorism, Naxalism, extremism, and riots, and the state suffers from riots, lawlessness, and there is an environment hostile to business and investment, it is natural that the youth are the ones who are affected the most."



CM Rekha joins Hariyali Teej function in Pitampura

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta joined the Hariyali Teej celebrations at Dilli Haat in Pitampura on Sunday. She participated in festivities that included mehendi, folk songs, traditional dances, and monsoon swings, as the Delhi Tourism Department concluded its two-day Teej festival held on August 8 and 9 at Delhi Haat in both Pitampura and INA. The festival featured competitions for women, including mehendi, bindi, rangoli, Teej Queen and Miss Teej 2026, and Best Dress Female. For children and families, attractions included a kids' zone, monsoon swings, surprise gifts, and musical chairs. The 80 handicraft and handloom stalls and 20 food stalls gave local artisans, craftspeople, and small entrepreneurs a platform to display their products and access new customers.

The Chief Minister said Hariyali Teej is not merely a festival but a celebration of faith, love, nature, and women's power. She said such festivals not only keep cultural traditions alive but also strengthen love, harmony, and a sense of togetherness in society. She said the way women celebrated at Delhi Haat, showcasing their culture through traditional attire, mehendi, folk songs, and dances, was a vibrant reflection of India's rich heritage. She said the Delhi Government is making efforts to continuously promote cultural platforms in the capital where folk traditions and art can be passed on to the younger generation while also allowing artists and craftspeople to showcase their talent. She extended her wishes to all women on Hariyali Teej and prayed for happiness, peace, and prosperity for everyone.

LeT commander dies after collapsing at Islamabad mosque

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

A senior commander of the Pakistan-based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT), Qari Saeed Abdul Aziz, died after collapsing at Islamabad's Quba Mosque. He fell ill and died shortly after eating at a restaurant he did not know, and the circumstances remain unclear. According to several reports based on local accounts and some CCTV footage, Aziz ate at an unfamiliar place on or around Saturday, August 8, 2026. He then went to the mosque, performed ablution, and collapsed either at the gate or while taking off his slippers before entering the prayer hall. Other members tried CPR but could not revive him. He was taken to a hospital

and pronounced dead. The exact cause of death is still unknown, as there are no public autopsy results, toxicology findings, or official statements from Pakistani authorities on poisoning, natural causes, or foul play. Aziz was not an ordinary operative in LeT. He played a central role in the group. He led the South Punjab unit of LeT's Shoaba-e-Warasa-e-Shuhada department, which provides support and monthly pensions to families of terrorists killed in Jammu and Kashmir. Intelligence sources say he had been connected to LeT chief Hafiz Saeed's network since about 1990 and was involved in recruitment. This made him an important part of the group's logistics and welfare operations for sending members into India. The timing of Aziz's death has raised more suspicion. Just days before, a video of senior LeT-linked operative Rizwan Hanif, who is described as a PoJK deputy chief involved in recruitment and infiltration, was widely shared. In the video, Hanif admitted that over 30 Lashkar members had been killed in the past three to four years by "unknown men" or "unknown gunmen" in cities like Peshawar, Karachi, Rawalpindi, Muzaffarabad, and Rawalakot. Hanif accused Indian intelligence agencies of using an "unknown gunman model," though India has denied these claims in the past. This was a rare public admission of

losses from someone connected to the group. Lashkar-e-Tayyiba, which is designated by the United Nations (UN) and was responsible for the 2008 Mumbai attack that killed 166 people, has operated in Pakistan under different names like Jamaat-ud-Dawa. In recent years, there



have been more reports of unexplained deaths among its members in Pakistan and PoJK. Aziz's sudden death, especially after eating at an unfamiliar restaurant, has led to speculation about poisoning, but there is no solid evidence to confirm this or any other cause. Pakistani authorities have not released detailed public findings yet. Qari's mysterious death is a huge setback for LeT. A commander who supported the families of LeT operatives killed in Jammu and Kashmir died in the group's own mosque after a normal meal, showing weakness within their ranks. Along with Hanif's public admission of losses, it suggests ongoing pressure on the group's mid-level members. Many of them

have been kept in safe houses by the Pakistani ISI, as they fear 'unknown gunmen', intelligence sources said. However, it is still unclear if rival groups, internal disputes, Pakistani security forces, or outside actors were behind it. Rumours about outside involvement spread quickly in this situation, but it is hard to know what really happened. What is clear is that another experienced LeT member is gone, and the group's system has lost a key person. Meanwhile, Pakistani officials have not explained the situation, so the details are still unclear. For now, this is another mysterious loss for a group that has often claimed to be untouchable, even as it quietly loses members.

Police Conduct Decoy Operation Against Drunk People at Fort: 10 Caught Drinking in Public and Driving Under the Influence

Police kept watch in plain clothes in the Vijay Stambh and Fort area; action taken against people drinking alcohol and creating nuisance in public places
 FAIR REPORT
CHITTORGARH

Police conducted a special decoy operation against people drinking alcohol in public places and driving vehicles under the influence of alcohol in the historic Chittorgarh Fort and the world-famous Vijay Stambh area. Police personnel in plain clothes kept watch at different places in the Fort area and identified people involved in suspicious activities. During the operation, action was taken against a total of 10 people as per the law. The operation was conducted under the direction of District Superintendent of Police Dharmendra Singh to ensure the safety of tourists and the public and to maintain the dignity of the Fort. Under the supervision of Additional Superintendent of Police Gajendra Singh Jodha, the police team monitored the Fort area in plain clothes. The team included ASI Satyanarayan, Navalram,

Head Constable Chandrakaran and Constables Manish and Rajesh. Police kept watch on people consuming alcohol in public places, driving vehicles under the influence of alcohol and being involved in anti-social activities. During the action, legal and challan action was taken against 10 identified persons under the relevant legal provisions. SP Dharmendra Singh said that Chittorgarh Fort and Vijay Stambh are important historical heritage sites of the country. Ensuring the safety of tourists and maintaining law and order in these areas is a priority of the police. Drinking alcohol in public places, driving under the influence or creating a nuisance will

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Congress Observes August Kranti Day, Demands National Memorial Status for Mangarh Dham MEETING HELD AT DISTRICT CONGRESS OFFICE, MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO COLLECTOR IN THE NAME OF PRESIDENT

FAIR REPORT
CHITTORGARH

District Congress Committee organized a meeting at the District Congress Office on August Kranti Day. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of District Congress Committee President Pramod Sisodia. Congress leaders paid tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the country's freedom. District Congress Committee Senior Vice President Ahsan Pathan said that on the



84th anniversary of the August Kranti Movement, all the martyrs who sacrificed

their lives for India's freedom were remembered. The Quit India Movement

started on August 9, 1942. It was an important moment in India's freedom struggle

and gave a new direction to the movement against British rule. District President Pramod Sisodia said that on August 9, 1942, Mahatma Gandhi gave the slogan "Do or Die" at Gowalia Tank Maidan in Mumbai and started the final freedom movement against the British. The August Kranti Movement is an important chapter in the history of India's freedom struggle. It was one of the biggest movements against British rule.

Demand to declare Mangarh Dham a National Memorial
 After the meeting, Congress leaders led by District President Pramod Sisodia submitted a memorandum to the District Collector in the name of the President. The memorandum demanded that the historic tribal pilgrimage site Mangarh Dham be declared a National Memorial. Congress leaders said that Mangarh Dham is known as the Jallianwala Bagh of Rajasthan. In 1913, more than 1,500 tribals

who were part of the freedom movement were killed by British forces at Mangarh. Congress leaders demanded that Mangarh Dham be declared a National Memorial in memory of these martyrs. Sisodia said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had himself visited Mangarh Dham and made several promises, but the demand of the tribal community has not been fulfilled yet. He said that this was a betrayal of the tribal community and demanded that the Central Government immedi-

ately declare Mangarh Dham a National Memorial. PCC Secretary Dr. Lalit Boriwal, Organization General Secretary Dinesh Chasta, senior Congress leader Karan Singh Sankhla, Ajay Lot, Gorilal Gurjar, spokesperson Dinesh Ahir, Narendra Singh Sarangdev, Seva Dal District Chief Gautam Vijay Vargiya, NSUI District President Alpesh Goswami and many other Congress leaders and workers were present at the programme.