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India-China border situation will reflect on bilateral ties, says MEA

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 ■ New Delhi

India on Tuesday said the situation along its border with China would have a direct bearing on the state of the broader bilateral relationship, stressing that maintaining peace and tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) remains a matter of "utmost importance".

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) also rejected China's objections to India's recent move to assign standard names to 27 places and geographical features in Arunachal Pradesh. India reiterated that Arunachal Pradesh is an "inalienable and integral" part of the country and said no action by China could alter that reality.

Addressing a regular media briefing, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India has consistently conveyed to Beijing that issues concerning the border areas are regarded as particularly serious. "In matters relating to the border areas between India and China, we have always emphasised in discussions with the Chinese side that we consider these issues as most serious," Jaiswal said. "The maintenance of peace and tranquillity in these areas



MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal

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is of the utmost importance. We have also stated that the state of the border affairs will reflect on the state of our larger bilateral ties," he added. Jaiswal said the position was reiterated during a meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) held last week.

According to the MEA spokesperson, the two sides held "frank discussions" and reviewed the situation along the LAC during the meeting.

"The Indian side again underlined that maintaining peace and tranquillity in the border areas is essential for the overall development of bilateral relations," Jaiswal said. He added that both sides agreed to continue using existing diplomatic and military channels, including the WMCC, local commander-level meetings and other

established mechanisms, to address outstanding issues and prevent misunderstandings and miscalculations along the LAC.

Responding to China's criticism of India's naming of 27 places in Arunachal Pradesh, Jaiswal firmly rejected Beijing's position.

India has repeatedly maintained that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of the country and that assigning standard names to places within Indian territory does not alter their status.

The latest exchange comes as India and China continue efforts to stabilise relations following years of tensions along the border. Relations between the two countries came under severe strain after the deadly Galwan Valley clashes in 2020, followed by a prolonged military standoff along the LAC in

eastern Ladakh. Over the past two years, however, New Delhi and Beijing have taken a series of steps aimed at rebuilding bilateral ties.

In October 2024, the two sides reached an agreement on disengagement at Depsang and Demchok, the last two major friction points in eastern Ladakh. The development paved the way for a renewed diplomatic engagement between the two countries.

Soon after the agreement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping met in Kazan and discussed measures to improve bilateral relations. In August last year, Modi travelled to Tianjin, China, to attend the annual Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, where he held extensive talks with Xi on the sidelines of the meeting. During those discussions, Modi said India remained committed to advancing relations with China on the basis of mutual trust, mutual respect and mutual sensitivity.

Despite the recent efforts to improve ties, India has continued to emphasise that peace and tranquillity along the border are essential for sustained progress in the broader relationship.

Govt blocks 3,718 misleading apps

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has stepped up its efforts against cybercrime, blocking 3,718 mobile apps, including fake loan apps, up to June 30, 2026. The ministry has also recovered or prevented losses of over ₹11,158 crore in financial frauds, according to Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar, who shared this information with the Lok Sabha in a written reply on Monday.

The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), part of the ministry, leads efforts to fight all types of cybercrime. One important tool is the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP) at cybercrime.gov.in, which lets people report incidents online, especially those involving women and children. The Sahyog Portal also helps by making it faster to send notices to IT companies under Section 79(3)(b) of the Information Technology Act, 2000. This system helps quickly remove or block access to illegal content, data, or links. The 3,718 apps were blocked under Section 69A and Section 79(3)(b) of the IT Act, showing how many misleading and fake apps are in the digital marketplace. One major achievement is the Citizen Financial



Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System (CFCFRMS), started in 2021 by I4C. This system lets people report financial fraud right away so authorities can act before money is lost.

By June 30, 2026, the system had handled over 32.80 lakh complaints and helped save more than ₹11,158 crore for victims. The Suspect Registry, which tracks cybercriminal identifiers, was launched on September 10, 2024, with help from banks and financial institutions. By June 2026, banks had shared over 30.48 lakh suspect data points.

As a result, 32.08 lakh mule accounts were flagged, stopping transactions worth ₹25,698 crore. At the same time, the Government blocked more than 15.75 lakh SIM cards and 5.77 lakh IMEI numbers reported by police. To make handling complaints faster and more consistent, the ministry has

created a Standard Operating Procedure for the NCRP-CFCFRMS system. This SOP sets clear steps for processing complaints, working with banks, resolving grievances, removing lien markings, and returning stolen funds. Two important modules, the Money Restoration Module for quickly returning money to victims and the Grievance Redressal Module for dealing with frozen accounts and lien markings, started working in April 2026. Besides enforcement, the Government has also launched a large public awareness campaign.

The campaign includes a nationwide caller-tune, SMS alerts, ads on TV and radio, cinema hall promotions, school programs, digital displays at railway stations and airports, celebrity endorsements, and messages linked to the IPL. The I4C's social media handles on X (@CyberDost), Facebook

(CyberDostI4C), Instagram (CyberDostI4C) and Telegram (cyberdosti4c)—regu), Facebook (CyberDostI4C), Instagram (CyberDostI4C), and Telegram (cyberdosti4c) regularly share advisories.

A handbook for adolescents and students has been published. Cyber Safety and Security Awareness weeks are held with state and Union Territory Governments, and MyGov helps with publicity across different platforms. Officials say that using technology, working together, protecting the financial system, and raising public awareness are all making a real difference.

Recovery of thousands of crores demonstrates that proactive intervention can significantly disrupt cybercriminal networks. As digital transactions continue to expand, the ministry maintains that sustained vigilance, rapid response mechanisms and public cooperation remain essential.

The figures presented in Parliament underscore both the magnitude of the challenge and the tangible progress achieved through I4C's coordinated framework.

Citizens are urged to report any suspicious activity immediately through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal so that the system can act before irreversible losses occur.

Tarun Vijay's book *Saffron Surge* released in Kolkata



FAIR REPORT
 ■ Kolkata

Kolkata officially witnessed the proverbial saffron surge with the release of 'Saffron Surge: Making of a Brave, New Bharat', by Suresh (Bhaiyaji) Joshi, member of Akhil Bharatiya Karyakari and former general secretary of the RSS.

The book authored by eminent writer and thinker and former Rajya Sabha MP, Tarun Vijay, documents a masterful chronicle of the torment suffered by the Hindus and their sustained war through the ages against the "aggression" from "Kasim to the Congress"—right till their civilisational reawakening. The book, which had already been released in Delhi earlier, travels to Kolkata, a City of Joy, nay a city of avid readers, on a day when one of the bravest sons, Kshudiram Bose, was martyred at the hands of the British 118 years ago.

The book carries a foreword by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat who calls it a "running commentary with analysis and suggestions" that would be of great help in restoring Bharat to its former "glory, self-esteem and rightful place as a Vishwa Guru."

The book that carries endorsements from likes of RSS ideologue Ratan Sharda , author Amish Tripathi has a

prologue written by RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale, who calls it a "romantic contemporary history" of India's ideological shift.

The ideological shift that the author said became most eminent through two equally great historical events: the first was the recreation of the Ram Temple at Ayodhya and the second and equally important was the saffron surge in Bengal through the coming of the BJP in power in the State by ending the "prolonged oppressive rule " *Wam panthis* (Left *Dam panthis* (the corrupt) and the patrons of Ghaznavis." Bengal had finally defeated and liberated itself by defeating the mentality of Aurangzeb and Jinnahs, he iterated, urging the people to read the book written in a new historiographical context. "I would appeal to the people to read the book painstakingly written... throwing light into the oppressive past and reawakening of a new Hindu civilisation," the author said.

The programme was attended by, among others, Bengal Finance Minister Dr Swapan Dasgupta, former Tripura Governor Tathagat Roy, State Information and Culture Minister Purnima Chakrabarty and the great-granddaughter of Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, the founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangha.

CBI arrests absconder in 2021 post-poll violence murder case

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi/Kolkata

On Tuesday, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested Gopal Das, also known as Bishal Paul, in Rabindranagar, Madhyamgram, North 24 Parganas district, West Bengal.

He was wanted in connection with a murder case linked to the violence that broke out after the 2021 West Bengal Assembly elections. Gopal Das had been missing since the first information report was filed in 2021 and had not appeared for investigation or trial.

Earlier, the CBI offered a cash reward of ₹50,000 for information that would help arrest him. Officials said they found him using both human

intelligence and technical methods. The CBI took over the case on August 25, 2021, following a Calcutta High Court order from August 19, 2021. The case was originally registered at Narkeldanga police station as FIR No. 124/2021 and involved the alleged murder of Avijit Sarkar on May 2, 2021 at Sitalatala Lane in Kolkata. The victim was killed during the violence that followed the Assembly election results.

The CBI found that several people were involved in the case. After completing its investigation, the agency filed a chargesheet in 2021 and more in 2025, naming 38 people in total. Those named include Gopal Das (also known as Bishal Paul), Pares



Pal, who was a Trinamool Congress MLA at the time, and two Trinamool Congress councillors, Swapan

Samaddar and Papiya Ghosh. The accused face charges under different sections of the Indian Penal Code.

Bhopal's Western Bypass design to change after MLA objection

FAIR REPORT ■ Bhopal

The proposed design of Bhopal's Western Bypass is set to be changed following objections raised by Huzur MLA Rameshwar Sharma, with officials now working on modifications aimed at reducing the acquisition of government land and avoiding a substantial compensation burden.

The proposed bypass design had been finalised a few days ago, following inspections by officials and public representatives. However, during the inspection, it emerged that the existing alignment of the bypass would affect around 125 acres of Government land. Officials are now examining whether a minor modification

in the proposed alignment can help save not only valuable Government land but also a compensation amount estimated at nearly ₹20 crore.

MLA Rameshwar Sharma had raised objections regarding the design, stating that changes could help provide a more convenient and smooth route for the public. Following his objection, agencies associated with the project have started work on redesigning the Western Bypass.

Officials have also begun efforts to address a technical issue identified before construction work begins. The administration is examining the proposed changes with the objective of preventing unnecessary expenditure

from the Government treasury while also resolving issues related to private land acquisition.

According to the plan, the Western Bypass will provide an alternative route for vehicles travelling from Jabalpur and Betul towards Indore, reducing the need for such vehicles to enter Bhopal city. The proposed four-lane bypass will be around 31.61 km long and will begin from the Misrod-Ratanpur road before passing through areas including Kolar, Ratibad and Phanda Kalan and connecting towards the Bhopal-Dewas road.

The estimated cost of the project is ₹3,225.51 crore. The proposed bypass will pass through a total of 23 villages in Bhopal district.



Huzur MLA Rameshwar Sharma

The land acquisition process for the project has already begun. Officials have indicated that the land acquisition process will be completed under the prescribed

provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, including the process under Sections 19 and 21, after which compensation will be paid to affected landowners. Officials are

now working on the revised design and alignment.

The administration has directed the concerned department and agencies to complete the paperwork and alignment modification process on time so that the land acquisition process can be completed and construction of the Western Bypass can begin by September or October. The Western Bypass is expected to reduce the movement of heavy vehicles through Bhopal city and ease traffic congestion.

The proposed alignment and design changes are therefore being examined with the aim of balancing the project's connectivity objectives with the need to minimise land acquisition and Government expenditure.

High-level panel on demography change visits Rohingya, Kashmiri Pandit clusters in Jammu

FAIR REPORT ■ Jammu

A high-level panel examining demographic changes on Tuesday visited one of the biggest clusters in the Narwal area of Jammu, housing several hundred families of Rohingya immigrants, for an on-the-spot assessment of the situation and impact of demographic changes due to the settlement of illegal immigrants from Myanmar and Bangladesh.

The four-member central panel, which arrived here in Jammu on Monday, also visited Jagti township, home to displaced Kashmiri Pandit migrant families near Nagrota, to gather views and inputs from different sections of the population.

The team comprising Census Commissioner Mritunjay Kumar along with Durga Shankar Mishra (retired IAS officer), Balaji Srivastava (retired IPS officer) and

Shamika Ravi later met several delegations, including representatives of the Gorkha community and refugees from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK).

Earlier on Monday, the high-level committee held consultations with senior government and police officials, including Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat. The Committee members got a detailed brief on the settlement of illegal immigrants, including Rohingyas from Myanmar and suspected Bangladeshis in different parts of the Jammu region, including the years when the process of settlement started, the present status of the immigrants and other issues concerning them.

In May, the Centre had constituted a high-level panel headed by Justice (Retd) Prabhakar Naolekar to study demographic changes in dif-

ferent parts of the country, arising from illegal immigration and other reasons, and to suggest measures to deal with these changes.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the "High-powered Demography Mission" on August 15 last year. The Union Cabinet gave its approval to the proposal on September 11, 2025.

According to a Home Department report tabled in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on February 2, 2018, "a total number of 6523 Rohingyas were found camping across 39 different locations spread across five districts of Jammu and Kashmir". According to the Home Department report, "6461 Rohingyas were staying in the Jammu division and 62 in the Kashmir division.

However, local activists and politicians, spearheading a campaign in support of their deportation, often contest



these figures, claiming a large number of these illegal immigrants are scattered and staying at different locations.

The UT administration launched a special verification drive in the first week of March 2021, and over 250 Rohingyas were found to be staying illegally in Jammu. They were later shifted to Hiranagar detention centre in Kathua district. In December 2024, the UT administration acted firmly against the landlords who had rented out and accommodated a large number of illegal immigrants from Myanmar (Rohingya

refugees) on their vacant plots.

While the majority of Rohingyas are mainly confined to the outskirts of Jammu City and Samba district, a few families have also managed to reach Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, Rajouri and Poonch districts because of the support arranged by some organisations and individuals. The four-member panel, during their visit to the Jagti township, received first-hand feedback from various members of the displaced migrant community.

Relief and Rehabilitation

Commissioner (Migrants) Dr Arvind Karwani said the panel met the residents and interacted with them, listening very carefully to their sentiments and suggestions.

He said community representatives also raised the issue of their return and rehabilitation, putting forward several suggestions.

"All the speakers presented their views before the committee, which heard them patiently and took note of their concerns. I hope these issues and suggestions will be reflected in the committee's report," Karwani said.

A delegation of Panun Kashmir, led by its Chairman Dr. Ajay Chungloo, placed before it a detailed Memorandum for consideration, investigation and permanent record. Panun Kashmir submitted that the destruction and forced expulsion of the indigenous Kashmiri Hindu community from the

Kashmir Valley and the demographic assault upon Jammu cannot be examined as unrelated phenomena.

Panun Kashmir reiterated that the events of 1989-90 constituted genocide and not merely "migration". The targeted killings, threats, terrorism, religious persecution, forced expulsion and destruction of the community's territorial and institutional presence must, in its submission, be examined as interconnected elements of an indoctrinated Jihadi campaign.

Panun Kashmir urged the Committee to examine whether the genocide of Kashmiri Hindus, demographic transformation in the Kashmir Valley, abnormal settlement and encroachment in Jammu, and the alteration of the demographic character of Jammu City constitute interconnected dimensions of a larger Jihadi demographic and territorial project. The

Committee is scheduled to visit States and UTs affected by demographic changes, including West Bengal, Assam, North East, etc for a detailed study of the situation. It has a term of one year, which is further extendable by six months. It will submit its report to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The Committee has been mandated to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the demographic changes occurring across India due to illegal immigration and other abnormal reasons. It will analyse the patterns of abnormal population changes at the level of religious and social communities and will present a well-planned and time-bound solution to address the issue. It will scientifically assess the demographic changes, analyse their causes, and recommend appropriate policy, legislative, and administrative measures.

‘Rahul Gandhi, Don’t Run’: BJP Minister Turns Parliament Standoff into a Political Attack

■ FAIR REPORT
JAIPUR

Rajasthan Minister of State for Home Jawahar Singh Bedham on Tuesday escalated the BJP’s attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of misleading young people and avoiding Parliament despite the Centre being prepared to respond to the Opposition’s demand for a discussion.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP state headquarters, Bedham said a political slogan—“Rahul Gandhi, don’t run; the Home Minister will answer in the House”—was now trending across the country.

The minister alleged that the Congress was deliberately disrupting parliamentary proceedings while simultaneously attempting to



build a political narrative outside the House.

“If Rahul Gandhi has concerns about issues affecting students and young people, he should come to Parliament, participate in the debate and put forward his arguments with facts,” Bedham said.

His remarks came amid the continuing political confrontation between the government and Opposition

over the functioning of Parliament. Bedham argued that since the government had indicated that the Union Home Minister would respond to the discussion sought by the Opposition, there was no justification for Gandhi to remain outside the House and address the issue through press conferences and protests.

BJP questions Gandhi’s stance on student protests

Bedham also sought to turn the spotlight on Jharkhand, asking why Gandhi had adopted what he described as a different approach to student protests there.

“If he is genuinely concerned about students, where is Rahul Gandhi when students in Jharkhand are protesting for their rights?” Bedham asked, alleging that Gandhi had not demanded the resignation of the Jharkhand Chief Minister over the issue.

He also accused the Congress of making unsubstantiated claims about student protests at Jantar Mantar, including an allegation that police had opened fire. Bedham rejected the allegation and accused the Congress of us-

ing misinformation to create public confusion.

‘Bring the issues to Parliament’ The BJP minister said the Narendra Modi government had taken several measures aimed at protecting the interests of students and young people, including action against those involved in paper leaks. He said the government was committed to bringing all sections of society into the mainstream and taking firm action against those threatening the future of students. The political challenge from Bedham was direct: if the Congress has evidence, grievances or substantive questions, it should bring them to Parliament rather than rely on political demonstrations and public statements.

Last Chance for Women to Secure Polytechnic Seats in Rajasthan; Admissions Open Till August 14

■ FAIR REPORT
JAIPUR

Women aspiring to pursue technical, skill-based and employment-oriented education in Rajasthan have one final opportunity to secure admission in government women’s polytechnic colleges, with the deadline set for August 14, 2026. The Government Women’s Polytechnic College, Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur, has announced that vacant seats across government women’s polytechnic colleges in the state will now be filled through offline admissions. Principal Shalini Gupta said eligible candidates can directly approach the college with their original documents and prescribed fees to complete the admission process. The college offers a range of pro-

grammes designed to combine technical education with practical and employable skills. These include three-year diploma programmes as well as first-year degree programmes, covering disciplines such as Commercial Art, Beauty Culture, Costume Design, Textile Design, Modern Office Management and Computer Science and Engineering. Degree-level options also include programmes such as BFA, BBA and B.Sc., while eligible students can also seek admission to the second year of Computer Science and Engineering, subject to applicable rules and seat availability. For diploma courses, the minimum qualification is Class 10 pass, while candidates seeking admission to degree

programmes must have passed Class 12. The college administration said the programmes are intended to provide women with industry-relevant skills, technical knowledge and pathways towards greater economic independence. Graduates of such programmes are increasingly accessing employment and career opportunities both in India and abroad. With only a few days remaining before the admission window closes, prospective students have been advised not to wait until the last date. Interested candidates can visit the Government Women’s Polytechnic College, Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur, along with their original documents and the prescribed fee to seek admission against available vacant seats.

Law Meets Music, Fashion and Adrenaline: ‘Jashn-e-Juris 2026’ Turns Jaipur Campus into a Two-Day Festival of Talent

■ FAIR REPORT
JAIPUR

Law took an unexpected detour into music, fashion, dance, art and high-energy competition as Kanoria School of Law for Women, Jaipur, hosted its first-ever two-day legal and cultural festival, ‘Jashn-e-Juris 2026’, on August 10 and 11.

Designed as a celebration of law beyond the class-

room, the festival brought together legal knowledge and creative expression, giving students a stage to compete, perform, collaborate and test their confidence. The event opened with addresses by Mansi Chaudhary and Soha Aziz Khan, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by Director Dr Rashmi Chatur-

vedi, Principal Dr Vartika Arora and Shiprak Khandel. Students Sonal, Nikita, Saavi and Parul presented the Ganesh Vandana. Welcoming participants, Principal Dr Vartika Arora described the institution’s first law festival as a significant milestone. Director Dr Rashmi Chaturvedi said such occasions create memories that

students carry with them long after their college years.

The first day featured six competitions, beginning with ‘Alfaaz-e-Manch’, an open-mic platform where students showcased their talent through songs, flute, harmonica, poetry and shayari.

The fashion show, ‘Vogue

Verdict’, took the theme ‘Elemental Odyssey’, with students drawing inspiration from fire, water, earth, air, trees and the sun. Their designs transformed the runway into a visual celebration of nature and imagination.

The creative energy continued with a face-painting competition, where students

turned their faces into canvases of artistic expression.

Then came ‘The Silent Verdict’, a legal charades contest in which participants used acting to portray legal maxims and films—testing not only their legal understanding but also improvisation and quick thinking. The ‘Step Up’ Dance Battle added another burst

of energy, with performances ranging from traditional Ghoomar and Bharatanatyam to contemporary hip-hop. Judge Palak Vashishth assessed the performances. The festival’s intellectual centrepiece was ‘Ilm-e-Qanoon’, a legal quiz testing participants on law, the Constitution, landmark judicial decisions, current legal is-

sues and general awareness. After the first round, the top 10 teams advanced to the subsequent stages held on the second day. The final day intensified the competition with the second and third rounds of the legal quiz, followed by a Treasure Hunt that transformed the campus into a maze of clues, riddles and hidden challenges.

IN FOCUS



A mahout stands on an elephant as it splashes water while bathing in a water body at Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary on the eve of World Elephant Day in Morigaon district of Assam

Abhishek Porel arrested over marriage promise complaint

FAIR REPORT
Kolkata

The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday adjourned till September 14 hearing of a petition by a woman accusing Bengal cricketer Abhishek Porel of sexual relations with her on the promise of marriage, following a prayer by the West Bengal Government for taking steps post his arrest.

Porel was arrested on Monday night in connection with the complaint by the medical student. A report was placed before the court of Justice Saugata Bhattacharyya, and an adjournment was sought by the State to enable the police authorities to take forward the investigation.

Another accused in the case, a friend of Porel, is yet to be apprehended.

Adjourning the hearing, Justice Bhattacharyya directed that the matter be listed for hearing again on September 14.

Porel, who has played for Delhi Capitals in the IPL, was arrested by the police in Hooghly district following a



Abhishek Porel

complaint by the medical student, alleging he had sexual relations with her on the promise of marriage, an official said.

The district court at Chinsurah remanded Porel to three-day police custody, denying his bail plea.

The high court had directed the police to arrest the cricketer in connection with the case, and ordered the seizure of his electronic devices to prevent the dissemination of photographs of the complainant.

President Murmu assents to Vande Mataram Bill

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday gave assent to the Vande Mataram Bill, granting the national song the same legal protection as the national anthem, Jana Gana Mana. The Bill has now become a law.

Parliament passed the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026, last month, amending the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971. The legislation seeks to give Vande Mataram the same statutory protection as the national anthem.

With the President’s assent, the bill has become a law. Now, such offences are punishable with imprisonment up to three years, a fine, or both.

Earlier, the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act prohibited intentionally preventing the singing of the national anthem (Jana Gana Mana) or causing disturbance to any assembly engaged in such singing.



These offences were punishable by up to three years’ imprisonment, a fine, or both, while a second and every subsequent conviction attracted a minimum of one year’s imprisonment. The erstwhile law did not accord the same protection for the national song.

“Presently, there is no specific legal provision to prevent insults to the singing of ‘Vande Mataram’, which is honoured as the national song. Therefore, to prohibit any person from intentionally preventing the singing of the national song or causing disturbance to

any assembly engaged in such singing, it is proposed to amend Section 3 of the said Act to include the national song also within its ambit, to make such acts punishable,” the Bill had said.

The president of the Constituent Assembly, Dr Rajendra Prasad, on January 24, 1950, stated that the song ‘Vande Mataram’ composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, which played a historic role in the Indian freedom struggle, shall be honoured equally with the national anthem ‘Jana Gana Mana’ and shall have equal

status with it, the Bill further said.

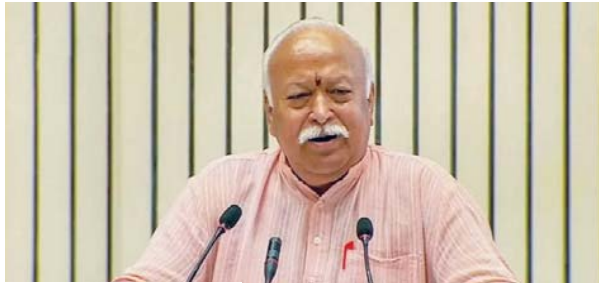
For the first time at the Independence Day function, Vande Mataram will be sung from the ramparts of the Red Fort this year.

Earlier this year, the Union Home Ministry directed that all six stanzas of ‘Vande Mataram’ shall be sung first when the national song and the national anthem are played together.

In an order dated January 28, the home ministry gave the first set of protocols for singing the national song, directing that six stanzas of it, having a duration of 3 minutes and 10 seconds, shall be sung at official functions such as the arrival of the president, unfurling of the national flag, and speeches of governors.

“When the national song and the national anthem are sung or played, the national song will be sung or played first,” the order read. The assembly where the national song is sung shall stand in attention, it said.

Conflicts won’t exist if sense of belonging grows: Bhagwat



FAIR REPORT
Nagpur

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Tuesday said universal consciousness binds humanity, and if people realise this common connection and shape their behaviour accordingly, then the obstacles and crises won’t exist in the world.

Bhagwat performed puja at the famous Ganesh Tekdi temple in Nagpur, and inaugurated the temple’s sanctum.

Addressing a gathering on the temple’s premises, the Sangh chief said universal consciousness pervades all.

“Lord Ganesh is a source of energy and represents the true meaning of organisation. Everybody is subtly aware of this sense of belonging and feels connected.

What is true unity? We all are expressions of the same energy,” Bhagwat said.

If this universal consciousness is understood, the person’s behaviour with himself, others and the world changes, he said.

“In common languages, we identify this feeling as a sense of belonging. If this feeling is consciously strengthened and one shapes his or her behaviour, then obstacles in our world won’t exist.

“All the impediments and crises we see in the world today exist because we have forgotten the sense of belonging. And there is only one real remedy: Our personal, collective, national and international conduct should be based on that sense of belonging. Then obstacles will cease to exist,” Bhagwat added.

GDA welcomes Kanwar devotees with flowers



FAIR REPORT
Ghaziabad

The Meerut Road reverberated with chants of “Har Har Mahadev” and “Bam Bam Bhale” as the Ghaziabad Development Authority (GDA) organised a grand welcome for Kanwar devotees on Monday. A floral shower was conducted on thousands of Shiva devotees passing through Meerut Road, opposite Manan Dham, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

The programme witnessed the participation of Muradnagar MLA Ajit Pal Tyagi, Sadar MLA Sanjeev Sharma, Police Commissioner Ravindra J Gaur, Municipal Commissioner Vikramaditya Singh Malik, GDA Vice-Chairman Nand Kishore Kalal, Chief Development Officer Kumar Saurabh and Regional Passport Officer Anuj Swaroop, along with other senior officials and public representatives.

Capital steps up security ahead of Independence Day

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

The Delhi Police has put the Capital on high alert in the run up to the Independence Day and put up posters of 19 most-wanted terrorists across the city. The terrorists are linked to the Indian Mujahideen, Al-Qaeda, and several Khalistani groups.

This is part of the usual security steps taken before August 15 to raise public awareness and ask for help in finding people seen as threats. Officials say this is a required safety step taken every year before big national events. The posters, which show identification details and mugshots, have been put up in markets, railway stations, bus terminals, metro stations, and other crowded places.

Police are offering rewards for credible information to helps locate these suspects and promise to keep infor-



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mants’ identities confidential. People are asked to call the police control room at 112 or the Special Cell right away if they recognise anyone or have useful information.

Those from Indian Mujahideen list includes Riyaz Bhatkal and Shabandri Mohammad Iqbal (also called Iqbal Bhatkal). Al-Qaeda suspects named are Mohammad

Sharjeel Akhtar, Abu Sufiyan, and Syed Mohammad Arshiyani.

For the Khalistani groups, the posters show Ranjit Singh (Neeta) and Paramjit Singh Pamma from the Khalistan Zindabad Force, Arshdeep Singh (Arsh Dala) from the Khalistan Tiger Force, and Harvinder Singh Sandhu (Rinda), Wadhawa Singh

Babbar, and Gurmeet Singh Bagga from Babbar Khalsa International (BKI). The remaining 19 are other operatives.

The Red Fort, where the main Independence Day event happens, has been put under a heavy security blanket. About 15,000 to 20,000 Delhi Police and paramilitary staff will be on duty for August 15. Over 1,000 CCTV cameras with AI video analytics have been set up at the Red Fort and other key spots for real-time monitoring, crowd control, and quick detection of suspicious activity. The security plan also includes facial recognition, anti-drone systems, snipers, and bans on kite and drone flying.

This year, there will also be random fingerprint checks using the Abhigyan app, which has a database of over one crore criminal records, and more surveillance at transport hubs and Government buildings.

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₹90-CRORE? NO ₹90 LAKH LIQUOR HAUL BUSTED IN BARMER: 930 CARTONS SEIZED EN ROUTE TO GUJARAT

■ FAIR REPORT
JAIPUR

Rajasthan's excise enforcement machinery has struck a major blow against an alleged interstate liquor-smuggling operation, seizing 930 cartons of "For Sale in Punjab" branded liquor worth an estimated 90 lakh in Barmer district.

The seizure was made on the Barmer-Jodhpur road between Kavas and Uttaralai during an enforcement operation launched under the directions of Excise Commissioner Namit Mehta.

The consignment, according to the preliminary investigation, was allegedly being transported from Ludhiana to Gujarat, raising questions over the interstate network involved in moving liquor outside its authorised market.

Officials recovered multiple brands from the mini-truck, including 60 cartons of Royal Challenge quarters, 400 cartons of Royal Stag quarters, 139 cartons of Royal Challenge bottles, 326 cartons of Royal Stag bottles and five cartons of



All Season bottles.

The truck driver, Hanumanaram of Balotra, was arrested in connection with the seizure.

The "For Sale in Punjab" marking on the liquor is likely to be a key element of the investigation, as authorities seek to establish how the stock entered the transportation chain and where it was ultimately in-

tended to be delivered.

The operation forms part of the Rajasthan Excise Department's intensified campaign against the illegal manufacture, storage, transportation and sale of liquor, with enforcement teams carrying out road blockades, patrols and raids across the state.

The Barmer seizure also highlights the strategic im-

portance of western Rajasthan's highways in monitoring interstate movement of contraband, particularly consignments allegedly headed towards Gujarat.

The department has reiterated a zero-tolerance policy against illegal liquor, but the seizure raises a larger question: how many such consignments

manage to cross multiple checkpoints before enforcement agencies intercept them?

For now, one truck, 930 cartons and an alleged 90-lakh illegal consignment have been stopped. The bigger investigation is whether this was a one-off haul—or a link in a much larger interstate smuggling chain.

Vehicles Banned on Chittorgarh Fort on Hariyali Amavasya

All vehicles will be stopped from Padampol to the Fort from 7 am to 10 pm; special parking arrangements made

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A large number of tourists and pilgrims are expected to visit Chittorgarh Fort on Hariyali Amavasya. In view of the expected crowd, the administration has made special traffic arrangements. All types of vehicles will be banned from going towards the Fort from Padampol from 7 am to 10 pm. Superintendent of Police Dharmendra Singh said that many people are expected to visit tourist places across the district on Hariyali Amavasya. A large number of tourists are also expected at the world-famous Chit-



torgarh Fort. To maintain traffic and law and order and ensure the safety of pilgrims, vehicles have been banned on the Fort. All vehicles going from Padampol towards the Fort will be stopped from 7 am to 10 pm. Two-wheelers, three-wheelers, four-wheelers, buses, tractors, pickup vehicles and other heavy vehicles will not be allowed beyond Padampol. Traffic In-charge Motiram said that special parking arrangements have been made at different places. Two-wheelers can be parked in front of the Income Tax Office. Four-wheelers, pickup vehicles, tractors, buses and

other large vehicles can be parked at Eenani City Centre. Residents of the Fort have also been requested to complete their important work before 8 am. No vehicle will be allowed on the Fort from 8 am to 8 pm. Residents have been requested to cooperate with the police and administration to maintain traffic arrangements and ensure the safety of pilgrims. The district police have appealed to tourists and the public to park their vehicles only at the designated parking places and cooperate with the police and administration for smooth traffic management.

Sanwaliyaji Temple Gets Rs 11.01 Crore Donation in First Round

Temple donation box opened after Rajbhog Aarti; counting to continue on August 13

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CHITTORGARH

The famous Sanwaliyaji Temple in Mewar received a donation of Rs 11 crore 1 lakh 51 thousand in the first round of counting. The temple donation box was opened on the occasion of Krishna Paksha Chaturdashi of the Shravan month. The box was opened at 11 am after the Rajbhog Aarti. Counting of the cash continued till late evening. The temple management opened the donation box as per the scheduled programme. After opening the box, the cash collected from the donation boxes was counted in the presence of temple staff and officials. The



first round of counting was completed with a total of Rs 11,01,51,000. However, a large amount of donation is still left to be counted. The total donation amount will be clear only after the remaining cash is counted.

The counting work will not be done on Wednesday due to Hariyali Amavasya. A large number of devotees are expected to visit the temple on the festival, so the counting work will remain closed for the day.

Family Performs 'Gorni' Ritual for Daughter After Husband's Death, Ends All Relations

Family alleges that the woman left her 9-year-old son at the hospital; relatives say they have ended all social and family relations with her

■ FAIR REPORT
CHITTORGARH

In Putholi village of Gangrar police station area, a family has decided to end all social and family relations with their daughter after the death of her husband. On August 10, the family performed a 'Gorni' ritual, treating their daughter as dead. They also distributed letters in the community and announced that they would not have any relation with her in the future. The matter is related to the death of 32-year-old Sandeep Damami, a resident of Bassi. Sandeep was married to Mamta, a resident of Putholi. According to the family, the couple had been having a dispute for about six months. Mamta wanted a divorce, while Sandeep did not want a divorce because he was concerned about the future of their 9-year-old son. Family members tried to settle the dispute, but the matter could not be resolved. According to the family, Sandeep had come to Putholi on August 6 to attend the last rites of a relative. During this time, he was allegedly pressured by Mamta to take a divorce. The family also alleged that

Sandeep was made to sign divorce-related papers. After this, his health became serious and he died during treatment. Sandeep's maternal uncle, retired Head Constable Nandlal, said that Sandeep was mentally disturbed after signing the divorce papers. He had also spoken to him. Later, when the family came to know that his health had become serious, they reached Chittorgarh, but Sandeep had already died. Nandlal said that Sandeep's body had turned blue and the family suspected that he had died after consuming a poisonous substance. The family alleged that Sandeep did not take the poisonous substance himself and that it was given to him by someone else. A report has been submitted to Gangrar police. The actual cause of death will be clear only after the police investigation and medical report. The family has also alleged that Mamta left her 9-year-old son at the hospital in an unattended condition. The family said that Sandeep's death and the condition of the child caused them deep shock. After this, they decided to end all social and family re-

lations with Mamta. On August 10, the family performed the 'Gorni' ritual for Mamta, treating her as dead. They also distributed letters in the community and announced that they would not keep any family or social relation with her in the future.

Advocate Ratnesh Damami said that the family was already worried about the marital dispute between Sandeep and Mamta. After Sandeep's death, the family decided to end relations with Mamta at the social and family level. Mamta's brother Rahul Damami said that the decision to perform the 'Gorni' ritual was taken with the consent of the entire family. He said that all family members are deeply disturbed by the incident and are very sad. He said that at present, they are not in a position to speak more about the matter. According to the family, Mamta's mother-in-law Kanta was married in Madhya Pradesh. After the birth of two children, she had a dispute with her husband and returned to her parental home in Bassi. Her brothers then took responsibility for her and her two children.

Man Arrested for Posting Video of Firing with Double-Barrel Gun on Social Media



DST and Mandfiya Police take joint action, illegal gun seized

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CHITTORGARH

The District Special Team (DST) and Mandfiya Police jointly arrested a 19-year-old man for posting and making viral a video of himself firing a double-barrel gun on social media. Police also seized the illegal gun from his possession and registered a case under the Arms Act. District Police Superintendent Dharmendra Singh said the action was taken under a special campaign being run by the Police Headquarters against people who display weapons on social media, create fear among the public and glorify criminals. The action was carried out under the supervision of Additional Superintendent of Police Gajendra Singh Jodha and Bhadesar Circle Officer Vinod Kumar Lekhra. A police team was formed under the leadership of Mandfiya Police Station SHO Ravindra Sen. DST in-charge ASI Suraj Kumar received information that a person named Rahul Jat had uploaded a video on his social media account showing himself firing a gun. After receiving the information, police immediately started an investigation. Police used tech-

nical analysis and monitoring to identify the person operating the social media account. During the investigation, the accused was identified as Rahul Kumar, son of Chhoga Lal Jat, 19, resident of Bhagwanpura Aky, Mandfiya police station area. Police said that Rahul had made a video while firing a double-barrel gun on July 29, 2026, and posted it on social media. The video was circulated on social media and allegedly created fear among people. Police registered a case against Rahul Kumar under various sections of the Arms Act and arrested him. The double-barrel gun used in the video was also seized. The police team included Mandfiya SHO Ravindra Sen, ASI Kalu Singh and Constable Mahendra Kumar. From the DST team, ASI Suraj Kumar, ASI Rajkumar from the Cyber Cell, and Constables Arvind, Krishnakant, Ashok, Ramkesh, Devendra, Suresh, Virendra and Jagdish were involved in the action. Chittorgarh District Police appealed to the public not to display weapons or post and circulate misleading content on social media. Police said that strict legal action will be taken against those who glorify criminals or create fear and panic among the public through such posts.

Preparations Start for Amit Shah and CM Bhajanlal Sharma's Proposed Visit to Chittorgarh

Collector Dr Manju reviews preparations, gives department-wise responsibilities and asks officials to complete all work on time

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Preparations have started for the proposed visit of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah and Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma to Chittorgarh on August 16. District Collector Dr Manju held a meeting with district-level officials on Tuesday and reviewed the preparations for the visit. The Collector asked all departments to work to-



gether and complete their responsibilities on time. She said that there should be no shortage in any arrangement related to the programme. During the meeting, arrangements related to the programme venue, security, traffic, parking, drinking water, electricity, medical facilities, cleanliness and transportation were re-

viewed. The Collector also asked the concerned officers to personally inspect the arrangements of their departments. Dr Manju said that the proposed visit of the Chief Minister and the Union Home Minister is an important programme for the district. All officers should work with full responsibility and serious-

ness and complete the preparations before the visit. Special attention will be given to traffic and parking arrangements as a large number of people are expected to attend the programme. Officials were asked to ensure smooth traffic movement and avoid inconvenience to the public. The Collector also reviewed security

and law and order arrangements. She directed the concerned officials to make proper arrangements for the movement of VIPs and the public. Arrangements for drinking water and electricity will also be made at the programme venue. The concerned departments have been asked to ensure regular water supply and uninterrupted electricity during the programme. Medical teams and necessary medical facilities will also be arranged at the venue. The Collector directed the officials to keep all necessary facilities ready before the programme. Cleanliness arrangements at the venue and nearby areas were

also discussed. Officials were asked to maintain proper cleanliness and complete all related work before August 16. During the meeting, district-level officers informed the Collector about the preparations and action plans of their respective departments. The Collector directed all officers to complete the work on priority and submit reports about the preparations. The district administration is now working to complete all arrangements for the proposed visit. The preparations for security, traffic, parking, public facilities and the programme venue will be given special attention in the coming days.