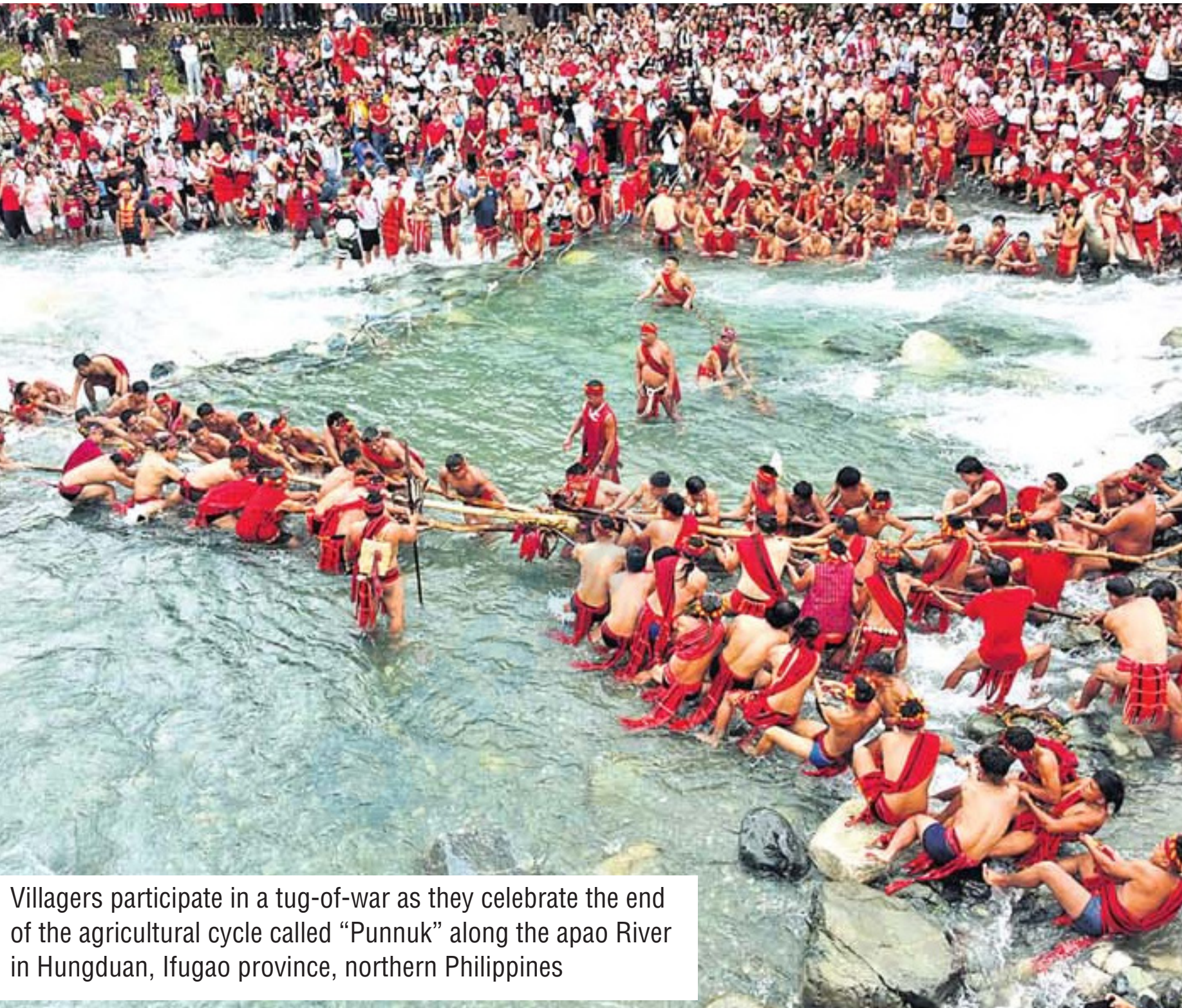


FAIR REPORT

THE DAWN OF A FEARLESS PEN



Villagers participate in a tug-of-war as they celebrate the end of the agricultural cycle called “Punnuk” along the apao River in Hungduan, Ifugao province, northern Philippines

6,900 Litres of Suspected Peanut Oil Seized in Jaipur as Rajasthan Steps Up Food Adulteration Crackdown



■ FAIR REPORT
JAIPUR

Rajasthan’s food safety machinery has intensified its crackdown on adulteration, seizing 6,900 litres of suspected peanut oil in Jaipur and destroying around 1,150 kg/litres of substandard and contaminated food products across the state under the “Shuddh Aahar–Milawat Par Waar” campaign.

The scale of the action exposes a troubling reality: food adulteration is not merely a regulatory violation but a direct public-health threat.

Across Rajasthan, officials inspected 60 establishments and collected 101 samples, including 54 enforcement and 47 surveillance samples.

In Jaipur, the department’s central team conducted a surprise inspection at M/s Shyam Vegetable in Govind Nagar, where samples of ‘Kundan Postman’ refined and filtered peanut oil were collected. Officials said the unusual-

ly low selling price raised suspicion, prompting the seizure of 6,900 litres pending laboratory examination.

The crackdown extended beyond edible oil. In Udaipur, 600 litres of suspected contaminated milk was destroyed. A total of 265 kg of stale and contaminated sweets was disposed of across Jaipur-II, Sirohi, Sikar, Karauli, Pali, Ajmer, Hanumangarh and Alwar.

Another 148 kg of dairy products and mawa was destroyed in Pali, K h a i r t h a l - T i j a r a , Bhilwara and Ajmer, while Bikaner authorities disposed of 65 kg of suspected ghee and edible oil. Officials said laboratory reports will determine further action under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. The message from the government is clear: food adulteration cannot be treated as a routine commercial offence when every contaminated product can become a public-health hazard.

Delhi Opens a New Door for the Gorkha Question: PERMANENT POLITICAL SOLUTION MOVES TO THE CENTRE STAGE

■ FAIR REPORT
NEW DELHI

The Centre has taken a significant political step towards addressing the long-pending Gorkha question, constituting a high-level committee under the chairmanship of former Deputy National Security Adviser and interlocutor Pankaj Kumar Singh to prepare a comprehensive framework for a “Permanent Political Solution” to Gorkha issues within the constitutional framework of India.

The move is more than an administrative exercise. It signals a recognition in New Delhi that the Gorkha question cannot be managed indefinitely through episodic negotiations, electoral promises or temporary political arrangements. The committee’s mandate places the Consti-



tution of India at the centre of the proposed solution, creating a framework within which competing aspirations for identity, political representation, governance and development can be negotiated without undermining constitutional institutions.

For the Gorkha community, which has witnessed decades of political mobilisation over identity

and self-governance, the announcement carries the weight of a long-awaited opening. The challenge, however, begins now: converting a committee into a credible political process.

The history of the Gorkha issue is marked by repeated rounds of agitation, negotiations and political assurances. Each cycle has raised expectations, only to leave funda-

mental questions unresolved. The latest initiative will therefore be judged not by the symbolism of its constitution but by the seriousness of its consultations and the political credibility of its eventual recommendations.

Singh’s previous experience as a senior security official and interlocutor gives the exercise institutional weight. But no com-

mittee can manufacture consensus. Any durable settlement will require meaningful engagement with stakeholders, clarity on constitutional boundaries and the willingness to address the political concerns that have sustained the issue for decades.

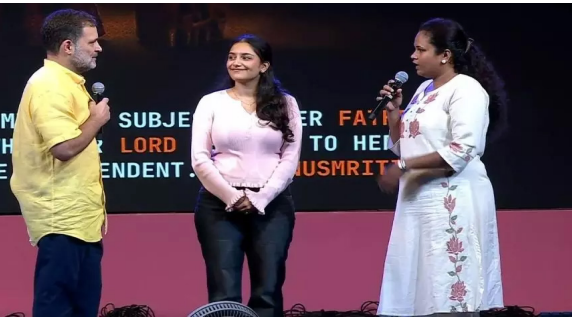
For the Centre, this is an opportunity to replace protest-driven politics with structured constitutional dialogue. For the Gorkha leadership, it is equally a test: whether decades of political aspiration can now be translated into a coherent, negotiable and constitutionally sustainable settlement. The announcement may be a breakthrough. The real breakthrough will come only when the political promise becomes a durable constitutional outcome.

‘Break the Cage’: Rahul Gandhi’s Message to Pune Students Is More Political Than Motivational

■ FAIR REPORT
PUNE

Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi used his interaction with students in Pune to deliver a message framed around individual freedom, ambition and the courage to think independently.

Speaking at the ‘Chhatron Ki Goonj’ programme, Gandhi urged students to remember one central idea: “Break the Cage.” He told the gathering that every individual is unique, different and free, with the right to pursue a personal dream and develop an independent worldview. “If I want you to remember just one thing from this evening, it is that every single person in this world is unique,” Gandhi said, stressing that students should not allow themselves to be confined by conventional



expectations. The political significance of the message lies in its timing and audience. Gandhi’s appeal was directed at young people at a stage where questions of education, employment, opportunity and social mobility increasingly intersect with politics. His emphasis on individual freedom also fits into a broader political narrative that the Congress has sought to build around democratic space, constitutional rights and the ability of citizens—particularly young Indians—to question established struc-

tures. But inspirational rhetoric alone does not dismantle cages. For students facing competitive examinations, uncertain employment prospects and rising expectations, freedom must eventually translate into opportunity, institutional accountability and economic mobility. The Pune address was therefore not merely a motivational appeal to students. It was an attempt to frame the younger generation as citizens who should think beyond inherited political and social boundaries.

₹12,500 CRORE SCHOOL OVERHAUL: RAJASTHAN MOVES TO REPAIR AN EDUCATION SYSTEM LONG LEFT TO DECAY

■ FAIR REPORT
JAIPUR

Rajasthan’s government school system is set for a major infrastructure overhaul, with the state government unveiling a 12,500-crore three-year roadmap aimed at addressing years of deficiencies in classrooms, school buildings, toilets, repairs

and digital infrastructure. The scale of the plan is striking. A technical survey conducted across all 41 districts has identified the gaps, with the government proposing 3,587 new school buildings, 83,783 classrooms, major repairs in 22,589 schools and 13,616 new toilet complexes between 2026-

27 and 2028-29. The government says 3,006.34 crore worth of works are already sanctioned or at various stages of tendering and execution. This includes 518 new school buildings worth 620 crore, of which construction has begun on 181, and 2,906 classrooms involving 300 crore. The

sharper question, however, is not the size of the announcement but its delivery.

For decades, dilapidated buildings, inadequate classrooms, poor sanitation and uneven access to basic facilities have exposed government-school students to an infrastructure deficit

that cannot be solved by policy declarations alone. The new roadmap acknowledges the scale of that inherited problem—and attempts to put numbers, money and deadlines behind the response.

The government is also betting heavily on technology. By December

2026, 1,087 crore is planned for digital education, including 9,000 smart classrooms, 7,000 ICT labs and 80,000 tablets.

The plan further includes 507.60 crore for 2,256 subject laboratories and 40 crore for accessibility facilities for students with disabilities.

The government has linked additional funding sources—including MLA funds and regional development schemes—to school infrastructure.

The ambition is unmistakable: move Rajasthan’s government schools from unsafe and under-equipped buildings to modern learning

centres.

But the ultimate report card will not be measured in crores sanctioned or classrooms announced. It will be measured in schools actually rebuilt, toilets actually functional, technology actually used and children actually learning better.

FAIR NATION

FAIR REPORT 02

53% of bills passed in same session since 2024: PRS data

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

Data compiled from sessions between 2024 and 2026 across both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha show that of the 64 bills introduced since this Lok Sabha was constituted, 34 or 53 per cent, were passed by both Houses in the session in which they were introduced.

According to an analysis of PRS' PRS Legislative Research data, the corresponding proportion was 33 per cent during the 16th Lok Sabha, when 63 of the 189 bills introduced were passed in the session of their introduction. It nearly doubled to about 62 per cent during the 17th Lok

Sabha, when 117 of the 190 bills introduced were passed in the same session, an analysis of PRS data shows.

The 18th Lok Sabha, however, began slowly on this count, according to records maintained by PRS, an independent, not-for-profit group that researches and tracks the functioning of Parliament and state legislatures. In the Budget Session of 2026, five of the 10 bills introduced completed passage through both Houses in the same session.

The trend was most pronounced in the Monsoon Session, which ended on August 13. Eleven of the 12 bills introduced were passed before the session ended.

The only one that remained pending was the Indian Statistical Institute Bill, 2026.

The Government's original legislative agenda had listed five new bills for introduction and passage and two pending bills for consideration and passage. But six of the 11 bills eventually passed by Parliament had not been listed for introduction in the original agenda.

Neither of the two pending bills listed on the Government's agenda for consideration and passage - the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan (VBSA) Bill, 2025, and the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment (FCRA) Bill, 2026 - was passed. The parliamentary com-



mittee examining the VBSA Bill has not yet presented its report, while the FCRA Amendment Bill was referred to a Joint Committee of the Parliament amid Opposition demands for its withdrawal.

PRS has in the past pointed out that a short gap between introduction and passage gives MPs less time to examine proposed legislation and limits opportunities for consultations with

stakeholders, a concern that the time spent discussing several Bills during the Monsoon Session attests.

As many as nine bills were cleared without any MP, other than the minister piloting them, speaking, according to PRS. Seven of the 11 Bills were passed in five minutes or less.

None of the 11 bills introduced in the Budget Session of 2024 was passed by both Houses during that session. The four bills introduced in the following Winter Session also remained pending at the end of the session.

The only bill to complete passage through Parliament in Winter Session 2024 was the Bharatiya Vayuyan

Vidheyak, 2024, which had been introduced in the previous Budget Session.

The pattern changed in 2025.

Of the five bills introduced in the Budget Session of 2025, three were passed during the same session. In the Monsoon Session of 2025, eight of the 13 bills introduced were passed within the session. The other five were referred to parliamentary committees.

The proportion rose further in the Winter Session of 2025, when seven of the nine bills introduced were passed during the session, while the remaining two were referred to committees.

This year's Monsoon

Session, held from July 20 to August 13, had 19 sittings. Lok Sabha functioned for only 15 per cent of its scheduled time, while Rajya Sabha worked for 33 per cent, amid repeated disruptions over the NEET-UG paper leak, police action against protesting students at Jantar Mantar and the alleged theft of donations from the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

Question Hour functioned for just one per cent of its scheduled time in Lok Sabha and 12 per cent in Rajya Sabha. In Lok Sabha, Question Hour was held for only nine minutes during the entire session, with two of the 380 listed questions answered orally, according to PRS.

J&K power tariff hiked by 6.8%; Opposition corners Omar Govt

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Jammu

Within hours of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh approving an average 6.83 per cent hike in electricity tariffs for the Union Territory of J&K for FY 2026-27 (effective from September 1, 2026), Opposition parties issued a sharp reminder to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, accusing him of failing to deliver on his party's election promise of 200 units of free electricity for consumers.

National Conference Member of Parliament Aga Syed Ruhullah was among those who questioned the Omar-led Government over the party's failure to implement its electoral promise of 200 units of free electricity.

Leaders belonging to the Bharatiya Janata Party, Peoples Democratic Party, Peoples Conference, and Apni Party also cornered the Government over delivering a high-voltage shock at this juncture.

Speaking to reporters,



Ruhullah said the National Conference had promised 200 units of free power during the elections, but it had not fulfilled the commitment even after two years. Instead of giving 200 units for free, nearly seven per cent is being increased," Ruhullah said.

Leader of Opposition in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Sunil Sharma said the NC had come to power with a clear promise of providing 200 units of free electricity to every household, but nearly two years after the 2024 Assembly elec-

tions, the commitment remained unfulfilled.

Instead, he said, consumers were now being burdened with higher electricity bills. This is not relief; it is a betrayal of the trust placed in the Government," Sharma said.

People's Conference leader Sajad Lone, in a post on X, said, People in Jammu and Kashmir will now have to pay more from their pockets for electricity. The regulator has approved a 6.83 per cent hike in power tariff and says it has avoided a tariff shock. It is definitely a shock for

those who were promised 200 units free in 2024 by the ruling party.

People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader Waheed Ur Rehman Para also criticised the decision.

In a post on X, Para said the tariff increase had come at a time when unemployment and inflation were putting pressure on households. He said ordinary families were already struggling with rising living costs and questioned the decision to increase electricity tariffs. Para also referred to the ruling party's pre-election promises of 200 units of free electricity, free gas and free ration for the people.

"From free tariff promises of relief to higher bills, what happened to the promise?" Para asked in his post, while tagging Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's official X account. Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said only an insensitive Government can think of putting an additional burden on people by increasing power tariffs.

NIA raids 10 J&K locations in terror conspiracy investigation

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Jammu

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday conducted searches at 10 locations across Srinagar, Kupwara, Anantnag, Pulwama and Budgam in connection with the investigation of a cross-border terror conspiracy involving Pak-based handlers and a network of local Over Ground Workers (OGWs) allegedly providing logistical and other forms of support to infiltrated terrorists.

According to official sources, the searches were aimed at securing further documentary, digital and material evidence relating to the conspiracy and at ascertaining the roles of persons allegedly associated with the local support network.

The case, arising out of FIR No. 0024/2026 of Police Station Zakoora, Srinagar, was subsequently re-registered by NIA as RC-02/2026/NIA/JMU under Section 23 of the UA (P) Act, 1967, Sections 7 and 25 of



the Arms Act, 1959, and Section 4 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908. The case was initiated following the arrest of an OGW allegedly associated with the proscribed terrorist organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) during the late-night hours of March 31, 2026 at a naka point, from whose possession a hand grenade and live ammunition were recovered.

During the investigation, Pakistani terrorists allegedly connected with the conspiracy were arrested, and the identities and alleged roles of members of the local support network were also ascertained.

The investigation conducted so far has indicated alleged linkages between

Pak-based handlers and local associates, who were allegedly being used for communication, logistical arrangements, movement and concealment of terrorists, provision of shelter, reconnaissance and other forms of facilitation.

The ongoing NIA investigation is also examining the financial trail, communication channels, movement of the accused, and the source of arms and explosives, with a view to establishing the complete network and the extent of its activities.

The searches conducted today form part of the continuing investigation into the larger conspiracy and the alleged facilitation mechanism supporting cross-border terrorism. Further evidence relevant to the investigation has been secured and is being examined and corroborated with other material collected in the case.

Official sources said NIA is continuing its investigation to identify all persons involved and ascertain their respective roles in the conspiracy.

BCI chairperson rejects Sadasiva Reddy's allegations

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

Bar Council of India (BCI) Chairperson Manan Kumar Mishra on Saturday rejected allegations levelled against him by senior advocate and the bar body's co-chairman, YR Sadasiva Reddy, saying the charges have "no value" among lawyers and asserting that he is a man of "honesty and integrity".

In a letter dated August 22, Reddy called upon Mishra to resign within 15 days and sought a special meeting of the BCI, along with an independent audit of its accounts and the BCI Trust PEARL-First. The letter mentioned Reddy's designation as the bar body's co-chairman.

Reddy alleged that the statutory body has drifted away from the standards expected of it under Mishra's leadership.

In an interview, Mishra, however claimed that Reddy is no longer a member of the BCI as he did not contest the last bar council polls in his home State, Karnataka.

He said Reddy was a BCI member for eight years but did not raise such complaints during that time.

"Lawyers know me and know that I am an honest man. Manan Mishra is a man of honesty and integrity. YR Sadasiva Reddy was a member here. As of today, he is no longer a member of the state bar council. He did not have the courage to contest the state bar council election," Mishra said while responding to Reddy's allegations.

"If he had any such complaint, he should have raised it then. For the eight years that he was a member of the Bar Council of India, he did not raise his voice," he added. In his letter, Reddy also crit-



BCI Chairperson Manan Kumar Mishra

icised Mishra over the BCI's now-withdrawn directive threatening to withhold the enrolment of the 2026 graduating batch of NALSAR University of Law students over a campaign concerning Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant.

Mishra, however, said he has the backing of the country's legal fraternity.

"As long as I have the support of the legal fraternity and the country's 2.5 million (25 lakh) lawyers, people like Sadasiva Reddy will come and go and continue making such statements on social media," he said.

Mishra was to address a press conference on Saturday afternoon over the allegations levelled against him by

Reddy. The press conference will now be held on Monday.

The demand for Mishra's resignation gained momentum following the now-withdrawn BCI order directing that the enrolment of the NALSAR University of Law's 2026 graduating batch as advocates be kept on hold.

The order was issued after some students objected to the CJI attending the university's convocation as the chief guest, but was withdrawn within hours following widespread backlash.

The controversy continued to fuel calls for Mishra's resignation, with Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) spokesperson Saurav Das publicly saying that "moral responsibility" required the BCI chairman to step down. Earlier, the CJP had also backed a protest call by the All India Young Advocates Association seeking Mishra's resignation.

Yes Bank loan row: EOW adds forgery charges against Valia

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Mumbai

The Mumbai Police Economic Offences Wing (EOW) has intensified its probe against businessman and Suraksha Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC) director Sudhir Valia in the Yes Bank-Sapphire Land Development case, informing a Mumbai court that Sections 420, 467 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) have been added against Valia and other accused.

The development was disclosed in a communication dated August 20, 2026, submitted before the 47th Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Esplanade Court, Mumbai. The EOW said documents and other material received



from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) during its investigation had been examined and that, based on its findings, the additional IPC sections were incorporated into the FIR.

The original case was registered at Worli Police Station following a complaint by Lakhminder Dayal Singh, a suspended director of Sapphire Land Development Pvt Ltd, an HDIL-linked company. The FIR names former Yes Bank co-founder and CEO Rana Kapoor, Valia and other

bank officials over alleged irregularities in the assignment of a ₹150-crore Yes Bank loan and the subsequent transfer and sale of mortgaged assets.

According to the complaint, Sapphire Land Development obtained the ₹150-crore facility from Yes Bank's Nehru Centre branch in Worli in 2016 for a Virar real estate project. Properties and development rights offered as security were allegedly worth nearly ₹1,000 crore. The complaint alleges that despite a 36-month repayment period, recovery rights were transferred to Suraksha ARC within about 10 months, without proper NPA classification or an independent valuation of the underlying securities.

AYUSH should become part of lifestyle before illness: Minister

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying SP Singh Baghel on Saturday called for integrating AYUSH systems into everyday life as a preventive healthcare measure, rather than relying on them only after illness occurs.

Addressing the second day of the 9th International Health and Wellness Expo (IHWE) 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, Baghel stressed greater coordination among modern medicine, Ayurveda, homoeopathy and naturopathy to achieve a healthier India. "Where treatment ends, Ayurveda begins," he said, urging people to adopt AYUSH as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Baghel also expressed concern over rising screen time and late-night mobile phone use among young



Union minister SP Singh Baghel

people, saying excessive digital exposure was disrupting sleep cycles. He urged youth to exercise self-discipline and warned that unchecked screen time could create serious health challenges.

Highlighting India's traditional knowledge, Baghel said several ancient concepts once dismissed were now subjects of scientific research.

The minister also visited exhibition stalls and interacted with exhibitors. Technical sessions of the 18th Aarogya Sangoshthi subsequently focused on emerging cancer treatments, pain management, rehabilitation and multidisciplinary healthcare approaches. Doctors, policymakers and industry representatives participated in the discussions.

BJP plans 1-month campaign for PM's 25-year milestone

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

The BJP on Saturday said that it will launch a month-long Seva Sankalp Abhiyan across the country from September 17 to mark the completion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 25 years in public life as the head of the Government and his contributions.

During the nationwide campaign, the BJP will reach out to every section of society, including youth, women and farmers, through various programmes, party national general secretary Vinod Tawde said.

Every year, the BJP observes a fortnight-long Seva Pakhwada across the country to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday on September 17. "Modi's personality is such that he is dedicated to service at every moment," Tawde said.

"As Modi is going to com-



plete 25 years (as the head of the Government) on October 17 this year, since he first took oath as chief minister of Gujarat on October 7, 2001, we decided to launch a nationwide month-long campaign, Seva Sankalp Abhiyan, keeping the significance of this 25-year milestone in mind," he told reporters at the party headquarters.

This month-long campaign will feature various activities centred around the "spirit of service that is so integral to

Modi's personality," the senior BJP leader added.

Tawde said that during the month-long Seva Sankalp campaign, the party workers will reach out to 14 lakh Anganwadi workers across the country to honour them for their contributions, organising Anganwadi Saman and Matru Samman programmes.

Other events to be organised during the campaign would include Seva Mein Mera Yogdaan and Rashtriya Innovation Challenge, espe-

cially for youth, he said.

"Under the Seva Setu Abhiyan, we are going to appeal to people, especially youth, to engage in social service activities and make reels for others to get inspiration to do such work," Tawde said.

He mentioned that they can make reels while undertaking social service activities, like cleanliness drives, tree plantation, connecting tuberculosis patients with the Government scheme that seeks to eradicate the disease.

Asked where such people will post their reels, the BJP leader said, "We will create a platform for that."

Tawde said that under the 15-day-long Seva Setu Abhiyan, the BJP workers will organise camps across all blocks to help enrol people in various Government welfare schemes, including Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi.

"Those who have been left out from availing the

benefit of the Government schemes, like the Ayushman Bharat scheme, for some or other reason, will be helped. They can come with papers and get enrolled," he added.

Tawde said a National Innovation Challenge will also be rolled out for youth across the country to promote innovation.

For successful implementation of the month-long campaign, the BJP organised a national-level workshop for party office bearers at party headquarters on Saturday, he said.

Similar workshops will be organised for party workers and office bearers across all states till August 31 so that they are ready for the roll-out of the month-long campaign from September 17, the BJP leader added.

Asked if there is any programme for Gen Z outreach during the BJP's month-long campaign, Tawde said, "We are connecting everybody under the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan."

Women Given Information About Safety and Legal Rights, RajCop Citizen App Installed on Their Phones

Awareness session held under Sakhi Project | Around 60 women participated, police team gave information about helplines and police services

■ FAIR REPORT
CHITTORGARH

A women safety and awareness session was organized in Chittorgarh on Saturday under the Sakhi Project, which is being run with the support of Hindustan Zinc by Manjari Foundation. The session was held during a meeting of the Federation of Sakhi Sangam Committee. Around 60 women associated with the Sakhi Project participated in the programme. During the programme, Women Police Station SHO Renu and the Kalika Patrolling Team gave information to women about women safety, their legal rights, women safety helpline numbers and various social issues. The police team



also explained how women can get police help in case of any problem or emergency. During the session, the women actively participated and asked questions on different issues related to women safety. The police team answered their questions and provided the required

information about legal rights and police assistance. The police team installed the RajCop Citizen App on the mobile phones of the women. A demonstration and training of the useful features of the app was also given. The women were told how they can use different police

services and facilities through the app when needed. The Kalika Patrolling Unit also gave important information about women safety and police assistance. The team encouraged women to inform the police about any suspicious or anti-social activity around them and

to seek police help immediately if they face any problem. The main objective of the programme was to make women aware of their legal rights, safety measures, helpline numbers and available police services, and to help them get police assistance when required.

Jhunjhunu Poll Dates Flipped Overnight: Temple Rush Trumps Ballot Rush

■ FAIR REPORT
JAIPUR

In a last-minute reshuffle that has left candidates and party workers scrambling, the Rajasthan State Election Commission has swapped the voting schedule for all 19 urban local bodies in Jhunjhunu district — a decision driven not by political pressure, but by faith. The Swap Civic bodies originally

slated to vote on September 9 in the first phase will now go to the polls on September 11, in the second phase. Conversely, bodies earlier scheduled for September 11 have been moved up to September 9.

Why the U-Turn

The Commission cited an unavoidable clash: September 10-11 marks Bhadva Amavasya, when lakhs of

devotees pour into Jhunjhunu from across the country for annual temple worship. With polling booths set up in buildings surrounding the temples and heavy police deployment already committed to crowd management, holding elections on those dates risked chaos on both fronts — devotion and democracy competing for the same ground.

Meanwhile, in Kota — A Family Affair

As Jhunjhunu re-jigs its calendar, an unusual ticket tussle has surfaced elsewhere. At the BJP district office in GMA Plaza, Kota, a husband and wife have both filed applications seeking the party ticket from the very same ward — Ward 22 — turning what should be a routine nomination process

into a domestic contest playing out in full public view.

Jodhpur’s Legal Battle

Adding to the poll season’s turbulence, a delimitation dispute over 12 wards in Jodhpur has now landed before the High Court, raising fresh questions over ward boundaries even as campaigning intensifies across the state.

Jharkhand CID questions ex-block supply officer, wife, brother over alleged JSSC-CGL irregularities

■ FAIR REPORT
NEW DELHI

The Jharkhand CID on Saturday said it has taken Abhay Tiwari, his wife and brother on remand for questioning in connection with alleged irregularities in the JSSC-CGL examination. Abhay Tiwari, then posted as a block supply officer in Poriyahat in Godda district, was arrested by the CID on July 22, while his wife Sushma Kumari and brother Akshay Tiwari were arrested on August 18. “In connection with alleged irregularities in the Jharkhand Graduate-Level Combined Competitive Examination-2023, the SIT is interrogating Abhay, Akshay and Sushma after taking them into remand,” the CID said

in a statement. South Asians & Diaspora The agency said 18 other suspects linked to the case had also been issued notices and questioned. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Jharkhand CID is probing alleged irregularities in the JSSC-CGL examination conducted in 2024. The CID on Friday issued a mobile number (9771432118) and urged people to share any information they may have regarding alleged irregularities in the examination. During investigation, the CID found that Tiwari had qualified in around 12 competitive exams over the past 13 years, officials said. The remand comes amid a row over recruitment examinations in the state, with sen-

ior Jharkhand BJP leaders on Saturday demanding a CBI probe into alleged irregularities and accusing the JMM-led government of using force against protesting job aspirants. Former chief minister Champai Soren accused the state government of cheating job aspirants and demanded that it recommend a CBI inquiry, claiming the ruling alliance had no intention of providing justice to the protesting aspirants. The JMM-led government’s decision to cancel 22 job examinations and order a probe into 23 others had brought a 26-day agitation against alleged irregularities in recruitment examinations to an end, triggering another protest by successful candidates.

Made Reels Wearing Army Uniform, Claimed to Be a Rajputana Rifles Soldier; Badisadri Police Arrested Him

Action taken on information from Military Intelligence, Pune | Accused is not in the Army, but was posting photos and videos in uniform on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube

■ FAIR REPORT
CHITTORGARH

Making videos and reels wearing an Army uniform on social media proved costly for a man. The man had created social media accounts claiming himself to be a soldier of the Rajputana Rifles of the Indian Army. He was also continuously sharing his photos and videos in the uniform. After receiving information from Military Intelligence, Pune, Badisadri Police arrested the accused. Two mobile phones found with him were checked and accounts and posts were

Accounts Found on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube

During the checking of the mobile phones, accounts of the accused were found on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. His profile photos showed him wearing an Indian Army uniform. According to police, photos and videos of him wearing the Army uniform had also been posted on these platforms. Police said that Bharat Singh is not a member of the Indian Army. Despite this, he wore an Army uniform and made videos and reels for social media and circulated them. Police arrested the accused and reg-

istered a case against him under Sections 319(2), 204, 205 and 168 of the BNS and Section 66D of the IT Act. Investigation in the case is continuing.

Criminal Case Was Also Registered Earlier

According to police, a criminal case had also been registered against accused Bharat Singh earlier. A charge sheet in that case has already been submitted in court. The police team involved in the action included SI Babulal and constables Rakesh Kumar, Babulal, Nanuram and Rajkumar.

himself to be a soldier of the Rajputana Rifles of the Indian Army. He was making and sharing photos, videos and reels related to the Army while wearing an Army uniform. After receiving the information, a police team was formed under the supervision of Additional SP Headquarters Gajendra Singh and Badisadri DSP Harishchandra Singh. The team was led by Badisadri SHO Bhagwanlal and included SI Babulal. The team detained Bharat Singh and checked the two Android mobile phones found in his possession.

found on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. According to police, on August 21, Military In-

telligence, Pune informed Badisadri police station that Bharat Singh, son of Ramsingh Ra-

jput, a resident of Khardevala, was running fake social media accounts by claiming

Police Alert Before Festivals and Elections, Patrolling to Increase in Sensitive Areas

SP Dharmendra Singh reviewed crime control, law and order and security preparations in the crime meeting | Instructions to take immediate action against those spreading rumours on social media

■ FAIR REPORT
CHITTORGARH

In view of the upcoming festivals and municipal elections, the district police have increased preparations for security arrangements. On Saturday, SP Dharmendra Singh held a crime meeting with police officers at the Investigation Building in the Police Lines and reviewed the law and order and crime situation. He directed officers to increase monitoring

in sensitive and highly sensitive areas, arrest wanted criminals and take preventive action against anti-social elements.

Religious Places and Markets to Remain Under Police Watch During Festivals

During the meeting, the SP took information about the current law and order and crime situation in different police station areas. He reviewed pending cases

and directed officers to take quick action in serious and sensitive cases. He said that police presence and effective patrolling should be clearly visible to prevent crimes. In view of the upcoming festivals, officers were directed to deploy the required police force at religious places, markets and public places, maintain continuous monitoring in sensitive areas and give special attention to the safety of the public.

Special Watch on Sensitive Areas During Elections

Regarding the municipal elections, police officers were directed to complete all security preparations on time. They were asked to increase regular patrolling and monitoring in sensitive areas and identify and take action against people who may try to disturb the situation during elections or festivals. The SP clearly

said that maintaining peace and law and order in the district is the top priority of the police. Strict action will be taken against anyone trying to create any kind of disturbance.

Police Will Also Keep a Watch on Social Media

The meeting also stressed continuous monitoring of social media. Officers were directed to immediately take action as

per law against misleading posts, rumours or activities that may affect law and order. They were also asked to maintain better communication and coordination with the public.

SP Had Food With Police Personnel at the Mess

After the crime meeting, SP Dharmendra Singh had food with police officers and personnel at the police mess in the Police Lines.

During this, he inspected the mess arrangements and took information about the quality of food. While interacting with the police personnel, the SP said that teamwork and coordination are very important for maintaining the working efficiency and morale of the police force. He directed the police personnel to perform their duties with full dedication and discipline and to remain fully alert and active dur-

ing the upcoming festivals and elections. Additional SP Headquarters Gajendra Singh Jodha, Additional SP Quick Investigation Cell Ashok Meena, Additional SP Sikayau Suganchand Panwar, Additional SP Rawatbhata Gopal Singh Kanawat, along with all Deputy Superintendents of Police and Station House Officers of the district, were present in the meeting.

Jail Wall Became a ‘Delivery Point’, Parcel Thrown From Outside Reached Prisoners

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Video of Party Inside Jail Had Gone Viral a Few Days Ago

The incident of tobacco reaching the district jail has come to light at a time when a video of the accused in the Ajay Raj murder case partying inside the jail had gone viral on social media a few days ago. After the video came to light, questions were raised about the security and monitoring system of the jail. Four jail employees were suspended in connection with the video case. After this, questions were also raised about the security arrangements of the jail administration.

Deputy Superintendent Was Also Transferred

After the viral video case, Narendra Kumar Swami, Deputy Superintendent of Chittorgarh District Jail, was also transferred. According to the order issued by the Deputy Secretary, Swami was sent to the Jaipur headquarters and given the responsibility of Training Guard. Muralidhar Manohar Su-thar was appointed as the new Deputy Superintendent of Chittorgarh District Jail from Jaisalmer. However, the available transfer order does not mention any finding of personal fault against Swami. The earlier incident of a video being made inside the jail and reaching outside, followed by the latest incident of a parcel being thrown from outside the jail wall and reaching the prisoners, has once again raised questions about the monitoring system of the jail.

Rathore had ordered the parcel from outside. On his instructions, Shah-rukh alias Dadhi, who is lodged in Ward-B, picked up the parcel that had been thrown into the jail premises. After this, on the information given by prisoner Sajid alias Raju, the bag of prisoner

Aamir Khan was searched. Loose tobacco kept in a plastic bag was recovered from the bag. The jail administration seized the tobacco and sent the complete report to Kotwali police station. On Friday night, police registered a case on the basis of the report.