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THE DAWN OF A FEARLESS PEN

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FLY AWAY

A SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket with the space observatory Roman Telescope lifts off from launch complex 394 at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, Sunday



Jaipur NEET PG Exam Turns Into Fiasco: Computers Crash 10 Times, Students Cry Foul, Exam Cancelled

Sitapura centre chaos exposes cracks in exam machinery; candidates allege paper leak, threat of FIR for protesting

■ FAIR REPORT
JAIPUR

What was meant to be a routine national-level medical entrance test descended into pandemonium at the ION Digital Zone centre in Sitapura on Sunday, as technical failures repeatedly derailed the NEET PG-2026 examination—forcing authorities to scrap the test at the centre altogether and reschedule it for September 5.

A Broken System, A Broken Promise

Candidates who arrived expecting a fair shot at their postgraduate medical careers instead found themselves staring at frozen screens. The examination, scheduled to begin at 9 am, limped into action an hour late. What followed was worse: the system crashed not once, not twice, but up to ten times within a two-hour window — an almost unthinkable failure rate for a high-stakes national exam. Students reported that after each shutdown and restart, only three to four questions would load. On some termi-

nals, five or six questions appeared before the screen went dark again.

Whispers of a Leak

The technical breakdown didn't just cost students time — it cost them trust. With different questions reportedly appearing on different computers amid the chaos, candidates began raising a far more serious allegation: a possible compromise of the paper's confidentiality. For an exam that decides medical career trajectories, the suggestion of a leak is not a minor glitch — it strikes at the credibility of the entire process.

At Tashkent Memorial, Modi Pays Tribute to Lal Bahadur Shastri

Evoking a Legacy of 'Unwavering Commitment' to India

■ FAIR REPORT
TASHKENT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday paid homage to former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri at his memorial in Tashkent, invoking the legacy of a leader whose modest demeanour, political resolve and unwavering commitment to the nation continue to resonate across generations.

In a solemn tribute during his visit to Uzbekistan, Modi remembered Shastri as a "towering statesman"

whose life embodied dedication to national service. The Prime Minister's visit to the memorial carries particular historical significance: it was in Tashkent that Shastri died in January 1966, hours after India and Pakistan signed the Tashkent Declaration following the 1965 war. Modi's tribute sought to connect Shastri's enduring legacy with the larger idea of national commitment, recalling a Prime Minister whose public life was marked by personal sim-



licity and a strong sense of duty. "We remember a towering statesman whose unwavering commitment to the nation continues to inspire generations," Modi said. The Prime Minister also paid tribute to Shastri in Uzbek, underscoring the historical and cultural significance of the memorial for both India and Uzbekistan. Shastri's association with Tashkent re-

mains etched into the diplomatic history of the two countries. The Tashkent Declaration, brokered with Soviet mediation, sought to restore peace between India and Pakistan after the 1965 conflict. More than six decades later, Modi's visit to the memorial placed Shastri's memory at the centre of India's engagement with Uzbekistan—linking the sacrifices and statesmanship of an earlier generation with the country's contemporary diplomatic outreach.

JNU'S VANISHED 'AZADI': WHEN DID KASHMIR STOP BEING A CONVENIENT CAUSE?



Hemraj Tikamchand Tiwari

By Special Feature Desk

There was a time when Kashmir was the permanent grammar of protest politics at Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University. "Azadi" was shouted from campus streets; controversial slogans about Kashmir's "martyrs" became

national headlines; and every confrontation between the State and separatist politics was presented as evidence of a larger democratic crisis. Today, however, the silence is striking.

Where are those voices now?

Kashmir has not ceased to matter. If anything, the question has become more complicated. And the developments across the Line of Control have made that silence even more difficult to explain.

In Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, 2026 has witnessed sustained public unrest over elec-



tricity costs, subsidised wheat, unemployment, political representation and governance. Protests have escalated into clashes, shutdowns and a security crackdown, with reports of civilian deaths and restrictions on political activity and information.

The irony is impossible to miss.

For decades, a section of India's Left-liberal political ecosystem spoke loudly about "freedom" in Kashmir. Yet when ordinary people across the LoC began demanding rights, accountability and dignity from Pakistan-administered territories,

the political volume in India did not appear comparable. That deserves scrutiny—not because every protest must be endorsed, but because political principles lose credibility when they become geographically selective.

The deeper question concerns the ecosystem surrounding Islamist terrorism. Terrorism does not survive on guns alone. It requires narratives, romanticisation, propaganda, recruitment networks, ideological justification and, at times, political apologetics. Any serious examination of Kashmir must therefore ask why the terrorism ecosystem was so often discussed sepa-

ately from the politics that legitimised or sanitised it.

Human rights cannot mean examining only the conduct of the Indian State while overlooking victims of terrorism, displaced Kashmiri Pandits, assassinated political workers and civilians terrorised by armed groups.

Nor can "Azadi" become a slogan whose meaning changes depending on who is holding the microphone.

The current crisis in PoJK offers an uncomfortable mirror: People there are protesting bread-and-butter issues, representation and political rights. Pakistan's response has itself come under interna-

tional scrutiny, with Washington calling for restraint and respect for fundamental freedoms amid the unrest. So the question to JNU's ideological establishment is simple: If freedom mattered then, why does it appear so much less fashionable now? Perhaps the problem was never the absence of slogans. Perhaps the problem was that some slogans were never designed to survive scrutiny. Kashmir deserves something better than ideological theatre: one standard for freedom, one standard for terrorism, and one standard for human dignity—whether the victim is in Srinagar, Muzaffarabad or Delhi.

GRAPEVINE

WhatsApp emotions for Divya Mittal

The sudden announcement of quitting the high-profile job of IAS, and that too in a very popular State of Uttar Pradesh, by Divya Mittal has raised many eyebrows in the bureaucratic circle and particularly amongst her batchmates. The social media announcement by Divya, sharing "voluntarily stepped away from an unforgettable 13-year journey by resigning from the IAS", was shared by one of her batchmates in the WhatsApp group of the 2013 batch were flooded with questions and simultaneously hailed her tenure in the State. One of them termed it as 'unfortunate ', while another commented, 'A couple of them are also planning to quit the IAS and go back to corporate. Smileys, exclamation marks and question marks dotted the WhatsApp group, which Divya exited, but quickly someone added her, stating that the group is not an official one and is created to learn about updates in career and life. Divya was IIT, IIM and was handsomely engaged in London, after which she took the call to serve the nation and now the abrupt ending. "I was a fool to think I had come to give something. The truth is, I received the most, and that debt only grew deeper. People were happier for my joy than I was myself," Divya noted, which has given rise to speculations about the trouble within, if any.



Speaker thinking renovations?

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla is seriously thinking of renovations in the new Parliament building. Whenever it rains, within minutes, the newly built Parliament is flooded, and the Speaker is very upset, says officials. Birla has already raised this issue with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Drainage lines outside the Parliament building in the NDMC area are not capable of accommodating water flow after rains, say engineers. According to the new plan, first renovate NDMC pipes to accommodate water flow from the Parliament complex, apart from construction of porticos at all entrances.



Subhash Chandra vs Mukesh Ambani

Debt-sunk media baron Subhash Chandra has now picked fights with Billionaire Industrialist Mukesh Ambani. Delhi and Bombay Clubs of Bureaucracy and Business are shivering on this battle of tycoons and thinking where to stand. Banks (Read: Govt) has decided to go against the NCLT Order favouring Subhash Chandra, who has now decided to give direct live in Social Media to answer public questions. After a long time – Dhirubhai Ambani Vs Nusli Wadia – Delhi and Mumbai Clubs are witnessing such a battle after three decades.



Man gets Seven years' imprisonment by NIA court in ISIS case

FAIR REPORT ■ Bengaluru

On Sunday, a special court of the National Investigation Agency sentenced Syed Fasiur Rehman, also known as Syed Faseeh Ur Rehman, to seven years in prison and fined him ₹48,000 for his involvement in an ISIS-linked terror plot. Investigators said the plan aimed to carry out targeted killings to spark communal riots and support the banned group's agenda. This conviction is part of the Al-Hind ISIS case, which was first registered by Karnataka police in Bengaluru on January 10, 2020, and later taken over by the NIA on January 23. So far, the agency has filed three chargesheets against 20 people, all of whom have been arrested. Rehman is the second person to be convicted. Earlier, Mohammed Haneef Khan received the same sentence and fine on July 14 after pleading guilty during a trial that started in October 2025. According to the NIA, the conspiracy was. The NIA said that Mehaboob Pasha, the main accused, led the conspiracy by holding several meetings at his home in Gurappanapalya, Bengaluru. During these meetings, participants allegedly discussed plans for targeted killings to spark communal violence and support ISIS's goals. The agency said the group aimed to set up an ISIS province in India, focusing on Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Investigators found that Rehman attended these meetings and bought tents and knives from a Decathlon store for jungle-camp training of Al-Hind members. Another ISIS-linked individual was



Khaja Moideen. Investigators identified remote forest areas around Shivanasamudra in Chamarajanagar district and Gundlupet as potential sites for training camps and hide-outs. In the earlier conviction, Haneef Khan was found to have been part of a reconnaissance team that surveyed those forest locations. The NIA said Pasha gave him two pistols and 60 live rounds, and that the group also planned to get more weapons and explosives. Khan reportedly drove several co-accused from Bengaluru to West Bengal in a rented car as part of the plot. The NIA said it is still investigating and trying to identify the online handler who planned and coordinated the group. This case shows the NIA's efforts to break up networks that tried to radicalise people, run paramilitary-style training, and use violence to cause unrest. Officials said the sentencing is part of ongoing legal action against those accused of supporting a banned group and planning terrorist acts. The other accused are still on trial. The court examined evidence of meetings, equipment purchases, reconnaissance, and the group's stated goal of establishing a base in India. The case was registered in 2020 following intelligence reports on the formation of the Al-Hind module.

BJP hails Uzbekistan's top honour for PM Modi

FAIR REPORT ■ New Delhi

The BJP on Sunday hailed the conferment of Uzbekistan's highest state honour on Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "proud moment for every Indian" and said it is a reflection of the growing "global recognition" of his leadership and India's influence. Modi was on Sunday conferred with Uzbekistan's prestigious 'Oliy Darajali Do'stlik' Order, which he dedicated to the "enduring" bond between India and Uzbekistan. The prime minister is in Uzbekistan on a two-day visit to bolster ties in a range of areas, including trade, clean energy and connectivity. Modi was conferred with the honour by Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. Congratulating the prime minister on being conferred with the prestigious award, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on social media, "A grand moment of pride for every Indian, as the Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev witness the exchange of MoUs in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

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doctrine of diplomacy pushes new frontiers, bolstering the voice of the Global South and advancing our civilisational goal of the welfare of humankind by fortifying bonds between nations." Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said this prestigious recognition is a testimony to PM Modi's "visionary leadership" and his "steadfast efforts" to deepen the enduring friendship between India and Uzbekistan. "It is also a proud affirmation of India's rising global

stature, growing influence and the strong partnerships that New India is building across the world. It is a moment of great pride for 1.4 billion Indians," he said on social media. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said the award is a recognition of PM Modi's "steadfast efforts" to deepen India-Uzbekistan friendship. "Pleased to witness the conferment of Uzbekistan's Highest Award for Foreign Leaders, 'Oliy Darajali Do'stlik' Order on PM @narendramodi," he wrote

on social media. "Confident that this honour, along with the landmark visit, will provide new momentum to our ties," he added. BJP president Nitin Nabin hailed the conferment of the award on Modi as a "proud moment for every Indian" and said it is a reflection of the growing "global recognition" of his leadership. "As the 36th international state honour bestowed upon PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji, it reflects the growing global recognition of his leader-

ship and India's rising stature, while celebrating the enduring bond of friendship and partnership between India and Uzbekistan," the BJP chief said on social media. In a post, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the conferment of the prestigious award on PM Modi reflects his efforts to deepen India-Uzbekistan relations and underscores India's "rising global stature". Congratulating the prime minister on being honoured with Uzbekistan's highest

state award, Union minister J P Nadda said this marks PM Modi's 35th global recognition, reflecting the world's appreciation for his leadership, commitment to global peace and vision for development. "India's global rise, recognised!" Nadda said in a post. "A proud moment for 140 crore Indians and a testament to the enduring friendship between India and Uzbekistan," he added. Several other BJP leaders also hailed the conferment of Uzbekistan's highest state honour on Modi. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said this reflects Modi's "visionary leadership" and his steadfast efforts towards deepening the "historic bonds of friendship and strategic partnership" between India and Uzbekistan. "It is a proud moment for every Indian and yet another recognition of New India's growing stature on the global stage. Wishing Hon. Pradhanmantri Ji continued success in strengthening Bharat's global partnerships," Adityanath said on social media.

Two arrested in Manipur over suitcase murder

FAIR REPORT ■ New Delhi

A couple, who are believed to be the principal suspects in the murder of Hayathun Nisha, a 38-year-old woman from Odisha, were arrested by a joint team of Tamil Nadu and Manipur Police. The woman's body was discovered in a suitcase on a long-distance train earlier this month. The arrests occurred on August 29 in Kashimpur, in the Jiribam district of Manipur, following a joint search launched after the luggage was abandoned at Agra station. On August 5, 2026, passengers on Train number 12621 (Tamil Nadu Express) reported a strong odour from an unattended red suitcase in an unreserved coach at Agra Cantt. Government Railway Police recovered the headless, dismembered remains of an unidentified adult female. Liaison with Tamil Nadu railway police established that the suitcase had been placed on the train at Chennai Central on August 3. The forensic examination and DNA analysis proved that the deceased was Hayathun Nisha, 38, who had originally come from Odisha; she had been residing in Guduvanchery and employed at a private company. A report for a missing person had already been submitted to the police station in Guduvanchery. When additional remains were discovered at a local



address, the case was changed to one of murder. Scene examination. The officers reviewed more than 350 hours of CCTV footage from Chennai Central and suburban locations. The footage revealed a man and a woman who were carrying identical red suitcases; the pair's movements led them to a rented house on Mosque Street in Guduvanchery. When the house was searched, further dismembered remains were found in a large cooking vessel. Neighbours stated that a man and two women from outside the state had lived there and left shortly after August 3. The two people shown on camera were identified as Manik Uddin Laskar, 22, from Dakshin Krishnapur, Sonabairghat, Cachar district,

Assam, and Bhagabati Majhi, 21, from Kendujhar District, Odisha. They had both been at the rented house with the victim and left the Chennai area after the suitcase had been loaded onto the train. A multistate search was conducted to nab them. The special teams from the Guduvanchery/Tambaram City Police first used mobile signal traces to trace the suspects to Odisha, where they were not found. Further tracking brought them to Kashimpur in the Jiribam district of Manipur, close to the border with Assam. On August 29, both suspects were arrested by a joint Manipur-Tamil Nadu task force. Assistance from the Cachar police was obtained for the investigation on the Assam side. The search continued for 24 days

after the items were recovered. The investigation covered five States: Uttar Pradesh (where the first recovery took place), Tamil Nadu (where the alleged offence occurred), Odisha (the victim's home state and where the initial search took place), Assam (the origin of one of the accused), and Manipur (the place of arrest). The Agra GRP contacted the Chennai railway police. The video footage from the station and the search of the house established that the investigating authority should be Guduvanchery. Details regarding the suspect were shared among the various forces via shared CCTV, inter-state co-operation, and a national criminal records search. The two named suspects are currently in custody and will be taken to Tamil Nadu for questioning. The motive has not been established, and unofficial claims of a personal quarrel have not been confirmed. The case went from involving the recovery of an unidentified body on a train to including arrests of named individuals in a different State. The continuity was based on the handover from the railway to the city, video analysis, a house search, and a joint arrest carried out under the inter-state pursuit and transit-remand procedure. Further facts will be recorded once the evidence has been produced in Tamil Nadu.

BJP MP Hemang Joshi to take charge as BJYM chief

FAIR REPORT ■ New Delhi

BJP MP from Vadodara Hemang Joshi will take charge as the national president of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) at a function at the party's headquarters on Monday. Joshi was appointed as the national president of the BJYM, the youth wing of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), earlier this month. According to a statement issued by the BJYM, Joshi's appointment marks his rise from student activism and grassroots-level organisational work to Parliament and now to a key national organisational responsibility. Joshi was elected to the Lok Sabha from Vadodara in 2024 at the age of 33, making him one of the youngest MPs from Gujarat, the statement said. He was the president of the BJYM's Gujarat unit, a responsibility he held prior to his elevation to the national post. Joshi's political journey

began during his student days at the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, where he was associated with the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP). He subsequently held various organisational responsibilities and worked at the grassroots level before becoming the president of the BJYM Gujarat. Joshi completed his bachelor's degree in physiotherapy in 2015 and master's degree in human resource management in 2016 from the Maharaja Sayajirao University. He has also pursued doctoral research on leadership. The charge-taking ceremony will be attended by BJP general secretary and BJYM national in-charge Sunil Bansal, outgoing president of the organisation and Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya, national office-bearers and national executive members of the BJYM, besides state presidents and general secretaries of the outfit from across the country.



Nepal's hero principal appeals to India to rebuild flood-ravaged school

FAIR REPORT ■ New Delhi

Rajendra Dawadi, principal of Tribhuvan Trishuli Secondary School in Nepal's Nuwakot district, is being hailed as a hero after helping save all 1,643 students when a devastating flash flood swept through the Trishuli Valley on August 26. With the school building now destroyed, Dawadi has appealed to the Government of India for assistance to rebuild the institution and provide the children with a safe place to resume their education. Speaking to The Pioneer, Dawadi recalled how an ordinary school morning turned into a desperate race against time. At around 9:20 am, the 47-year-old principal received an urgent call from a friend warning that a nearby village had been overwhelmed by the river. Soon afterwards, a parent arrived at the school and warned that the river was rising rapidly. Hundreds of students were inside or around the school's three-storey building, which stood roughly 60 metres above the river. Realising that the situation was deteriorating quickly, Dawadi ordered the school bell to be sounded and instructed teachers to evacuate the classrooms and



move the children towards higher ground. He also contacted school bus drivers and asked them to turn back. One bus, however, could not be reached and was already crossing a bridge connecting the village with the opposite bank. As the danger intensified, students began moving uphill. One girl reportedly suffered a panic attack and had to be taken to safety on a motorcycle, while other children escaped on foot. Dawadi remained with the students as they moved away from the river. The floodwaters later surged through the area, destroying the school and sweeping away structures

near the riverbank. The students took refuge beneath a bodhi tree as the torrent passed through the valley. The successful evacuation saved all 1,643 students, but the disaster claimed the lives of members of the school community. Social history teacher Santos Pariyar, 32, was swept away after returning to his rented accommodation near the river to prepare breakfast. School janitor Sultan Lama also died after reportedly returning to the school to secure it. For Dawadi, the rescue was only the beginning of another challenge. With the school building destroyed, he is now seeking Indian assistance to



reconstruct the institution so that hundreds of children can return to their studies. The school disaster unfolded amid a wider catastrophe that has devastated parts of Nepal and neighbouring Tibet. Nepalese authorities said Sunday that 734 people had died and 2,498 remained out of contact. The figure includes hundreds of foreign nationals. The disaster has also triggered a major emergency at hydropower projects along the affected rivers. More than 100 workers are believed to remain trapped inside several hydropower tunnels. At the Trishuli 3A hydroelectric project, the Nepal Army inserted a pipe into

one tunnel late Saturday and began supplying air to workers who may still be trapped underground. Authorities estimate that 933 people associated with hydropower projects are missing after torrents of water, ice and debris swept through the river valleys. Rescue operations have been complicated by additional rainfall and rising river levels. India has deployed an 11-member specialist rescue team, while China has sent a nine-member team with expertise in tunnel operations. The flash flood has been linked to a massive collapse high in the mountains near the Nepal-Tibet frontier. A large mass of ice

and rock reportedly broke away from Langtang Lirung and plunged about 1,200 metres into the steep upper reaches of the Lhende Khola river, sending a destructive surge of water and debris downstream. For the students of Tribhuvan Trishuli Secondary School, the disaster could have ended in tragedy. Instead, an urgent warning, a ringing school bell and the quick decisions of their principal and teachers gave 1,643 children enough time to reach higher ground. Now Dawadi, celebrated for saving his students, is seeking help to ensure they have a school to return to.

Mann ki Baat: PM Modi calls for united front against drug abuse

FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

Cautioning against the perils associated with drug abuse, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday appealed to citizens to unite against this scourge and build a stronger future for the youth, noting that addiction engulfs not just an individual but impacts the entire society.

In his monthly radio address 'Mann Ki Baat', he noted that the 'Drug-Free Youth for a Developed India' campaign is rapidly gaining momentum across the country and stressed that its objective is clear: 'Drug-free youth, drug-free India'.

The prime minister said he was happy that this campaign has not remained merely a formality, as many people, especially the youth, are becoming a part of it in large numbers.

"After all, this is our collective resolve for the health, happiness, and bright future of India's youth. Let us all play our part in this noble mission



to keep India's youth away from drugs and free from addiction," he said.

Modi said drug addiction does not just engulf a single individual, as the entire family and society have to bear the consequences.

"I would like to commend those who raise awareness against drugs and step forward to help individuals struggling with addiction," he said.

The Drug-Free India through the 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan' (NMBA) is a flagship initiative of the Government. The campaign seeks to prevent substance

abuse through awareness generation, community participation, treatment, rehabilitation, aftercare and social reintegration.

The prime minister also highlighted the PM SVANidhi Yojana welfare scheme for street vendors, noting that lakhs of women are gaining strength from it.

Lakhs of women across the streets of cities and towns are engaged in selling vegetables or fruits, running tea stalls, while some are selling flowers, earthen lamps, and 'pooja' material, he noted.

"Often, a mere lack of capital prevents their busi-

nesses from growing further. But now, lakhs of such mothers and sisters are gaining new strength through the 'PM SVANidhi Yojana'," he said.

Modi said this aspect of 'women empowerment' is not discussed as much as it should be since women account for approximately 46 per cent of the beneficiaries of the 'PM SVANidhi Yojana'.

"This means that around 35 lakh women across the country are expanding their businesses by connecting with this scheme," he asserted.

Referring to two women — one from Ghaziabad and the other from Bengaluru — who have benefitted from the 'PM SVANidhi Yojana', the prime minister said when a woman's business grows, the future of her entire family advances along with it.

"Children receive better education, household needs are met, and the woman's self-confidence is strengthened. This is, indeed, a living example of 'women's empowerment'," he said.

BJP, RSS conspiring to reduce tribal quota through delimitation, alleges Congress

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Ranchi

The Congress on Sunday alleged that the BJP and RSS were conspiring to weaken tribal representation by seeking to reduce seats reserved for them in legislatures through delimitation, and vowed to oppose any such exercise based on the 2007-08 delimitation report.

Addressing the 'Adivasi Ekta Mahajutan Rally' at Ranchi's Morabadi Ground, Jharkhand Congress in-charge K Raju said the party would stand with tribals in their fight to protect their political representation and rights over land, water and forests.

"The BJP tells 'adivasis' (tribals) they are forest dwellers, but our leader Rahul Gandhi clearly said you are '*moolvasi*' and you have full rights over water, forest and land," he said.

Raju claimed that Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, had told him to convey to the gathering that the proposed delimitation was a "BJP conspiracy" aimed at reducing tribal



People take cover under umbrellas as they take part in the Adivasi Ekta Mahajutan Rally organised by Congress in Ranchi on Sunday

seats in the Lok Sabha and State assemblies.

All India Adivasi Congress chairman Vikrant Bhuria said the party was protesting against any move to reduce tribal representation through delimitation.

"The BJP is trying to reduce our seats of representation during delimitation. We have come to protest against that through this rally," Bhuria said.

He said Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge had demanded that delimitation be postponed for another 25 years so that tribal representation reflected their future

population and reservation.

"All of you should always remember, as many seats as we have, that much will be our strength. They are going to reduce our power to contest elections," he claimed.

Congress MP Sukhdeo Bhagat alleged that tribals had borne the brunt of displacement caused by mining, industries, large projects and dams.

"Tribal land is being snatched. Now, the BJP and RSS are conspiring to silence the tribals by reducing their seats in the name of delimitation. But they will never

Jarange sets September 12 deadline for Mumbai march

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Jalna/Nagpur

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday reached out to fasting Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange, who has warned of marching to Mumbai if the Government fails to act on his demand for Kunbi (OBC) caste certificates for all eligible Marathas by September 12.

Fadnavis said the Government is open to discuss legally viable demands that are constitutionally valid, and not violative of the Supreme Court's orders.

On the second day of the indefinite hunger strike in Antarwali Sarati village in Jalna district, Jarange targeted Deputy CM Eknath Shinde, who belongs to the Maratha community, rebel Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Jadhav, and state minister Sanjay Shirsat over a farmer event being held in Parbhani city in the Marathwada region.

Speaking to reporters in Nagpur, Fadnavis said representatives of the Government are attending the Parbhani event to discuss the demands of demonstrators.



"Earlier also we found a way to address their issues, and we are going forward to resolve their demands. Similarly, Eknath Shinde is also very sensitive to these issues from the very beginning," he said.

The chief minister underlined the Government's commitment to discuss and resolve legally viable demands that are constitutionally valid, and not violative of the Supreme Court's orders.

Earlier in the day, reacting to the Parbhani event, Jarange questioned the need to hold the programme, which he said was arranged to mock the Maratha community.

Opposing the event, Jarange claimed he had

sought an explanation from MP Jadhav, hinting at a strong reaction.

Targeting Shirsat, Jarange alleged that genuine caste certificates had been cancelled, causing hardship to members of the Maratha community.

"Why are you bringing Shinde here to dance on our chests? Why hold this programme now in the name of farmers? It could have been organised later," he asked.

Jarange, who had held multiple fasts in the past, has been demanding that eligible Marathas be recognised as Kunbis, an agrarian community that enjoys reservation benefits in education and Government jobs under the Other Backward Class (OBC) category.

Govt to decide on cashless UPI for foreign pilgrims at Simhasth

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Bhopal

Efforts have already begun to enable foreign pilgrims to attend Simhasth Mahakumbh 2028 in a 'cashless' manner. Foreign pilgrims can go cashless at the Simhasth Mahakumbh only if the 'UPI KYC' and visitor wallet facility are made available to them. Towards this end, FoMP submitted a memorandum through Kartik Pande, Deputy High Commissioner of India in London, United Kingdom, and the High Commission of India has now taken up this memorandum for processing. It is now for the Government of India to act on it.

Speaking to MPPOST, Rohit Dixit, Founder of FoMP, said that through the efforts of MP Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and the State Government, Simhasth will bring a large number of NRI, OCI, and foreign passport-holding pilgrims to Ujjain, including senior citizens, multi-generational families, and first-time visitors to India.

The memorandum requests a proposed two-stage onboarding process.

UK, before departure. The participating RBI-authorized

issuer, either directly or through an appropriately regulated service provider, completes passport and visa checks, OCI verification, applicant verification and liveness checks, customer due diligence, sanctions/AML and fraud screening, and mobile and email verification. The issuer records its decision and places the wallet in a "verified pending" status. App setup, payment education, and any permitted funding preparation can also be completed before travel.

India, after arrival. Following electronic or other reliable confirmation of the pilgrim's entry status, the issuer immediately activates the wallet. There should be no repeat physical KYC, agent appointments, or separate verification queues at the airport.

Pilot operational features. Eligibility is focused on a representative group of UK-resident pilgrims arriving without access to Indian banking, including foreign-passport family members and OCI cardholders without NRE or NRO accounts. Wallet funding would be via eligible international debit or credit cards, with all exchange rates, loading fees, refunds,



MP CM Mohan Yadav, Founder of FoMP Rohit Dixit



and other charges clearly disclosed before confirmation. Usage would be limited to person-to-merchant (P2M) payments at UPI QR-enabled merchants, subject to issuer controls, transaction monitoring, and applicable RBI and NPCI requirements. The memorandum also proposes evaluating an enhanced "Fully Verified Simhastha Pilgrim" limit of up to Rs 1 lac compared with the current pilot limit of ₹50,000 - entirely subject to RBI risk assessment and prescribed safeguards. Governance and safeguards. FoMP UK will act only as a coordinator and facilitator alongside the High Commission. It will not carry out any regulated KYC, onboard customers, issue wallets, hold or move customer funds, or take on

issuer liability. Customer due diligence, screening, risk decisions, records, wallet issuance, security, disputes, and compliance will remain entirely with the RBI-authorized issuer and its approved partners. At no cost and without performing any regulated function, FoMP UK stands ready to contribute - as a representative pilot group of UK-based pilgrims - community venues in the United Kingdom for verification camps organized or supported by the High Commission, a register of interested pilgrims to assist capacity planning, outreach, mobilization, scheduling, and translation across the UK diaspora community, trained volunteers to assist elderly and less digitally confident applicants, and a structured

response to any consumer difficulties encountered during the pilot's operation. The next step is a request to the High Commission for support for (i) a time-bound feasibility pilot, and (ii) an inter-agency roundtable involving the High Commission, Madhya Pradesh and Simhasth authorities, the Reserve Bank of India, NPCI, NPCI International, relevant ministries, and authorised issuers. The roundtable could settle the verification pathway, entry confirmation mechanism, limits, consumer protection, data handling, and success metrics.

This is not a request to create a new payment system, nor to relax KYC. It is a request to move actual verification to the first stage, preserve regulated accountability, and operationalise an existing visitor-payment model at the scale and speed that Simhasth will require. A successful UK pilot would allow pilgrims to arrive payment-ready, ease pressure on airports and helpdesks, and give India, through its missions, a responsible, repeatable model for extending UPI One World ahead of Simhasth and future major events.

Karantaka Governor accepts Nagendra's resignation

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Bengaluru

Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has accepted B Nagendra's resignation as minister, according to an official notification.

The governor accepted the resignation on the recommendation of Chief Minister DK Shivakumar.

The official notification issued in this connection on August 29 was released to the media on Sunday.

"I have accepted the recommendation of the Chief Minister and in exercise of the powers vested in me under Article 164 (1) of the Constitution of India, I, Thaawarchand Gehlot, Governor of Karnataka, hereby accept the resignation



Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot

of B Nagendra, Minister for Planning and Statistics from the Council of Ministers with immediate effect," he said.

Nagendra, slammed by the opposition for his alleged role in the Rs 89 crore Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation 'scam', had announced his resignation on Friday, just

25 days after his re-induction in the Shivakumar-led Cabinet in an expansion.

Asserting that he had no role in the scam, Nagendra said he resigned voluntarily to avoid embarrassment to the party and the Government.

The opposition BJP-JD(S) combine had kept up the

heat against the Ballary legislator with relentless criticism and protests, even disrupting the monsoon session of the state legislature and forcing its curtailment by three days ahead of the schedule recently.

He later submitted the resignation formally to Shivakumar, who said he would take a call on it on Saturday in consultation with the party high command.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) plea to the governor seeking sanction for prosecution against Nagendra is also believed to have influenced the decision regarding his resignation. Gehlot is said to have written to the state Government on the central agency's plea.

Jitendra Singh promises action on armed forces HQ demands



FAIR REPORT
 ■ New Delhi

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, and MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Jitendra Singh, on Sunday interacted in New Delhi with a delegation of the Armed Forces HQ

Association, during which various demands and service-related concerns of employees were discussed.

The delegation submitted a memorandum to the Minister and held detailed discussions on issues concerning career progression, promotions and pending service-related matters, an official statement said.

Mumbai library restores rare Persian, Urdu translations of Hindu scriptures

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Mumbai

Inside a century-old building overlooking the bustling streets of south Mumbai, a quiet effort is underway to save rare Persian and Urdu translations of Indian scriptures - the last remnants of the country's multi-cultural and inclusive past.

The Karimi Library, housed within the 152-year-old Anjuman-I-Islam institute, has embarked on a restoration drive to rescue more than 32 sacred Hindu texts, including Mahabharat, Ramayan, Bhagavad Gita, and Shiv Puran, printed

between 1867 and 1896.

The structure, which stands near the iconic Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, is home to books, newspapers, manuscripts in Sanskrit, English, Urdu, Persian, Marathi, Pashto, Arabic, books on history, philosophy, theology, literature, geography and varied subjects, some of which were printed more than 150 years ago.

Padma Shri Dr Zahir Kazi, president of Anjuman-I-Islam founded by Badruddin Tyabji in 1874, said that the library was established in 1898 after merchant Kazi Abdul Karimi Porbandari donated 4,500 valuable texts, and it was



named after him. Besides religious scriptures and royal decrees from Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb, the archive features rare newspapers dating back to 1875, including the Jaipur Gazette,

Ambala Gazette, and Cairo's Al Kaira, offering glimpses into India's early freedom movement.

"The books have become old and pages brittle. They need to be treated with

special chemicals to weed out fungus and pests. Books that are not in good shape are pasted with special paper for preservation," Kazi said.

A team of experts has been roped in for the ongoing digitisation process, and pages are being uploaded to Anjuman-I-Islam's cloud account, he explained.

"These books reflect so much of tolerance. It is an eye-opener for Indians that the country's heritage is very much there in this library," he said.

Library in-charge Mohammad Ghalib Mulla confirmed more than 100,000 book pages, along-

side 70,000 pages from newspapers and periodicals, have been digitised, leaving just 2,250 pages to complete the archiving project.

"The newspapers give details about the initial days of the freedom struggle, the social and political situation of those times, how journalism was - pro and anti-British," Mulla said.

The source of newspapers is mostly unknown. The newspapers and periodicals must be from Anjuman-I-Islam, as the institute has been a learning hub since its commencement and it would have subscribed to those publications, Mulla said.

Anti-conversion Bill to be tabled in Goa Assembly

FAIR REPORT
 ■ Panaji

The three-day monsoon session of the Goa Assembly will begin on Monday, with a discussion likely on the proposed anti-conversion legislation, which has drawn criticism from Opposition parties.

The House will take up 883 questions during the session, submitted by members of both the ruling and Opposition parties, Joint Secretary (Legislature Department) Mohan Gaonkar told PTI on Sunday.

The Goa Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2026, will be tabled during the session. The BJP-led State Cabinet on Wednesday approved the bill, proposing life imprisonment among other stringent penalties.

The bill proposes strict punishment for religious conversion allegedly carried

out through force, coercion, undue influence, allure-ment, fraudulent means or marriage.

Under the bill, offenders may face life imprisonment, and it proposes fines of at least ₹50,000 and compensation of up to ₹5 lakh to victims.

The Congress has alleged that the bill is aimed at flaring communal tension in the otherwise peaceful State.

Independent MLA Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco, who supports the Government, also claimed that such a law would create communal disharmony in the coastal state and appealed to Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to reconsider tabling the bill in the assembly.

The strength of the 40-member Goa Assembly has been reduced to 38 following the deaths of two MLAs — then Agriculture Minister Ravi Naik and Taleigao MLA Jennifer Monserrate.



Goa Assembly

FILE PHOTO

Operation Trinetra: Chittorgarh Cops Seize 324 Kg Doda-Chura, Opium and Ammunition; Smugglers Flee Into Forest

■ FAIR REPORT
CHITTORGARH

A routine highway blockade turned into a high-stakes pursuit in Chittorgarh when a suspected Scorpio allegedly rammed a police vehicle and its occupants escaped into the darkness, leaving behind a haul that exposed the scale of an organised narcotics operation.

Under Operation Trinetra, launched against drug trafficking and organised crime, Bhainsrorgarh police seized 324.420 kg of illegal doda-chura, 1.920 kg of opium, eight live 12-bore cartridges and four pistol cartridges from the abandoned Scorpio.

The vehicle also contained eight different number plates, raising suspicion that the vehicle may have been used to evade identification during trafficking operations.

The operation was carried out under the direc-



tion of Udaipur Range IG Gaurav Shrivastava and Chittorgarh SP Dharmendra Singh. A special team led by Bhainsrorgarh SHO Kamalchand Meena was conducting a blockade near a bridge beyond Shripura when officers signalled the Scorpio to stop.

Instead of complying, the driver allegedly turned the vehicle towards Dhangarmau and accel-

ated away. Police gave chase and alerted the Dhangarmau outpost.

When the Scorpio encountered another police team approaching in a government Bolero, its driver allegedly rammed the vehicle into the police vehicle. Both vehicles were damaged in the collision.

Taking advantage of the darkness, the driver and his accomplice abandoned the Scorpio and escaped

into the adjoining forest.

A subsequent search of the vehicle yielded the narcotics, ammunition and multiple number plates.

Police have registered a case under relevant provisions of the NDPS Act, Arms Act and Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act. Investigators are now working to identify the absconding suspects and trace the wider supply chain behind the seized contraband.

The recovery of hundreds of kilograms of narcotics, ammunition and multiple registration plates has given investigators a potentially significant lead into a larger trafficking network operating through the region.

The police team involved in the operation included SHO Kamalchand Meena and constables Dharmendra, Bhagirath, Laxman, Brajraj and Sonuram.

New Block Executive Committee of Shiksha Mahasangh Formed, Teachers Discussed Organisational Role

Kalulal Raika elected President and Keshav Vyas elected Minister; new team formed unanimously at the general meeting

■ FAIR REPORT
CHITTORGARH

The new block executive committee of Akhil Bharatiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh Rajasthan (School Education), Chittorgarh Block, has been formed unanimously. The general meeting of the organisation was held on Sunday at RUP School, Kumbhanagar. During the meeting, the new team was announced and different responsibilities were given to the office bearers.

The meeting was held under the guidance of State Vice President, Udaipur Division, Puranmal Lohar, former District President Tejpal Singh Shaktawat, and Additional District Minister and Block In-charge Rajendra Kumar Gagrani. The programme started with Saraswati Vandana. In the first session, Puranmal Lohar explained the work and activities of the organisation and presented



the annual work plan. Block In-charge Rajendra Kumar Gagrani announced the five main office bearers.

Kalulal Raika was elected President, Sher Singh Shaktawat Senior Vice President, Sushma Purohit Women Vice President, Keshav Vyas Minister and Mahavir Prasad Sharma Treasurer. In the second session, Tejpal Singh Shaktawat spoke about the importance of good conduct and behaviour for organisation workers. District Organisation Minister Jogendra Singh Ranawat announced the complete block executive committee. Devkinandan Vaishnav was appointed Male Vice President, Praveen Chaudhary Women Minister, Shantilal Bairagi Teacher Member, Rajendra Vyas Senior Teacher Member, Om-

prakash Chimanani Lecturer Member, Omprakash Chhipa Principal Member, Dilip Singh Shaktawat Physical Education Member, Pramila Gadia Women Teacher Member, Lakhan Singh Jatav Sanskrit Education Member, Pushkar Dhakad Laboratory Assistant Member, Ajit Kumar Librarian Member, Mahesh Nuwal Retired Teacher Member, Ladulal Bheel Computer Teacher Member and Pramod Kumar Vaishnav Panchayat Teacher Member. District Women Organisation Minister Madhu Jain, newly elected President Kalulal Raika and Minister Keshav Vyas also addressed the meeting. They spoke about the role of teachers and the future activities of the organisation. Devkinandan Vaishnav conducted the pro-

gramme. District Organisation Minister Jogendra Singh Ranawat and District Women Organisation Minister Madhu Jain were welcomed during the event. Treasurer Mahavir Prasad Sharma expressed gratitude to everyone. Rajesh Kumar Dadhich, Shambhulal Jat, Nand Kishore Dhakad, Nosar Jat, Mubarak Khan, Bhairavdatt Rao, Mahipal Chaudhary, Rameshwar Lal Jat, Naresh Kumar Goswami, Nirmal Dhakad, Devilal Meena, Pankaj Dashora, Rishiraj Joshi, Vinay Tripathi, Lokesh Kumar Soni, Ganpat Lal Rebari, Ladulal Raika, Manmohan Bairwa, Vijay Meena, Babulal Dhakad, Bharat Singh, Arjun Singh, Kishan Lal, Paras Tailor and other members were present.



People carry an idol of lord Ganesh ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Mumbai on Sunday

Police permission sought for processions in Lutyens' Delhi



FAIR REPORT
■ New Delhi

Ahead of the Cockroach Janta Party's (CJP) September 5 protest march, a plea has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking a direction that no march or procession be taken out in Lutyens' Delhi without police permission.

The CJP has called for a protest march in Delhi, accusing the Centre of failing to honour the promises made on July 25 to persuade the group to withdraw its 36-day agitation against examination irregularities.

The city police had earlier said it had not received any request for a procession from India Gate to the Delhi Police Headquarters, despite the CJP announcing plans for one.

The plea, filed by retired Delhi Police officer Rajendra Singh, seeks a direction that no public call for large-scale mobilisation, march or organised demonstration in security-sensitive constitutional zones, including India Gate,

Central Vista and adjoining areas, be acted upon unless the organisers have first obtained the requisite permissions.

It also seeks a direction that any proposed mobilisation in Lutyens' Delhi be appropriately regulated, deferred or suitably modified until after the conclusion of the BRICS Summit scheduled for September 12-13.

The plea further seeks a direction that no march or procession proceed beyond the authorised limits except in accordance with lawful permissions and the applicable regulatory framework governing the concerned area.

According to the CJP, the march is scheduled to take place on Teachers' Day and would be led by families of students who committed suicide following the cancellation of the NEET exam and the subsequent re-test, as well as those who were allegedly subjected to police excesses during the July agitation.

Lucknow's growth linked to UP's progress: Rajnath

FAIR REPORT
■ Lucknow

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said Lucknow's development was closely linked to Uttar Pradesh's progress and praised state Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for extending full cooperation to development projects in the State Capital.

Speaking at an event for the foundation laying of 12 projects aimed at developing Lucknow Cantonment as a model cantonment, Singh said the projects represented more than construction works and were a commitment towards the cantonment's future.

He said cooperation between the Centre and the state government helped accelerate development.

The projects include initiatives for a cleaner cantonment, improved water supply, better educational opportunities for children, enhanced sporting facilities for youth, healthcare, modern technology and improved traffic and parking management, he said.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh speaks during the PM-SETU Industry Conclave organised by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in Lucknow

Singh said the Modi Government's broader vision was to take India towards the goal of becoming a developed nation.

"Developed India does not mean only big projects and modern buildings. Developed India means that children get good education, clean water reaches family homes,

a young person gets an opportunity to play and showcase his talent, and a child with disability does not feel left behind in society. I believe this is true development," he said.

He noted that the journey towards a developed India should reach every neighbourhood, settlement and family and not remain

confined to cities. Referring to the renaming of several markets in Lucknow Cantonment, Singh said names associated with the British era had been replaced with those of prominent personalities of India's freedom struggle and national life.

Royal Artillery Bazar has been renamed Ekta Bazar, British Cavalry Bazar as Uda Devi Bazar, British Infantry Bazar as Matadin Valmiki Bazar, another British Infantry Bazar as Mangal Pandey Bazar, and Kanedy Market as Atal Bihari Vajpayee Market. He said the initiative aimed to connect future generations with India's heritage and inspire them towards national service.

Speaking earlier, Adityanath said Uttar Pradesh had embarked on a new journey of security and good governance under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Rajnath Singh.

Recalling the past conditions of Lucknow, he stated, "Twenty years ago, there was a sign at Lucknow railway station that said, 'Smile, you

are in Lucknow.' However, due to traffic jams, narrow lanes, and dirt in Lucknow, instead of smiling, people were often left in tears. Now, Lucknow has acquired a new identity as a modern smart city while retaining its heritage."

Adityanath said the city combined its historical legacy, including the contributions of Uda Devi and Maharaja Bijli Pasi, with modern defence manufacturing, including BrahMos missiles.

He also highlighted Lucknow's traditional 'chikankari' craft and referred to UNESCO's recognition of the city as a City of Gastronomy.

The cantonment would benefit both military personnel and civilians living in the area through modern and advanced facilities, Adityanath said.

He said Uttar Pradesh had emerged from the problems of scarcity, disorder and unrest that, according to him, characterised the state before 2017 and had now become a growth engine of India's economy.

Don't abuse our nation, will cost you dearly: Rijiju warns NY protesters

FAIR REPORT
■ New Delhi

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju on Sunday took serious exception to protesters allegedly desecrating the Indian flag outside the New York venue where RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat addressed an event.

Posting a purported video of the protest on X, Rijiju said, "We always said, you have freedom to criticise RSS, BJP or government. But don't abuse our nation."

"Listen carefully... Do not insult our flag and my



country. It will cost you dearly," the Union minister said.

In the video posted by Rijiju, one of the protesters can be seen desecrating the Indian flag outside

Madison Square Garden in New York while others raised pro-Khalistan slogans.

Addressing over 6,000 members of the Indian-American community and

interfaith leaders at Infosys Theatre in the iconic Madison Square Garden on Saturday, Bhagwat gave a clarion call to embrace diversity and support communities.

He said unity in diversity is in Bharat's DNA, asserting that it has to be celebrated, respected and accepted.

Before Bhagwat delivered his keynote address, interfaith leaders emphasised the message of oneness, unity and diversity, kindness, compassion and the need to help one another.

CBI nabs Debabrata Dutta in ₹17.22 crore chit-fund case

FAIR REPORT
■ New Delhi

Debabrata Dutta, who had been at large for a long time, has been arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in connection with a chit-fund scam that involved hundreds of small depositors and amounted to multiple crores; this marks the end of years during which he had been evading arrest in the case. At the time, Dutta was the proprietor of M/S DNB Food Processing Pvt Ltd.

The investigators say that he took part in a criminal conspiracy with other people. He illegally obtained money from unsuspecting investors by claiming it was part of an investment or a

prize-chit scheme. Rather than paying the promised returns, the accused, together with his associates, misappropriated ₹17,22,39,453; the money was diverted and not used for any legitimate business purpose related to the food-processing company.

The case, referred to as RC 10(S)/2014-Kol, was prosecuted under the appropriate provisions of the Indian Penal Code concerning cheating, criminal conspiracy and criminal breach of trust, in conjunction with the Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978. That act bans schemes that promise prizes or high returns through a chain of new depositors-structures that often turn into Ponzi schemes



when recruitment declines.

The CBI filed the chargesheet and listed Dutta as an absconder, as he had neither participated in the investigation nor appeared before the investigators. A non-bailable warrant was then served against him on 5 August 2024. Even though the warrant was still valid, he still managed to avoid arrest for two additional years.

The CBI teams, based on

information from a source and after sustained efforts, including field checks, eventually found Dutta in Siliguri; he was arrested on 28 August 2026 and is currently being transported to Bhubaneswar on a transit remand to appear before the appropriate court there. Further questioning is likely to concentrate on the money trail, the identities of the co-conspirators and the location of any remaining assets.

The arrest highlights that the CBI is still pursuing older chit-fund and money-circulation cases that became numerous in eastern India, especially in West Bengal and Odisha, in the mid-2010s. These various organisations carried out their activities under the guise of

legitimate companies, such as those involved in food processing, trading, or multi-level marketing. At the same time, they accepted public deposits without obtaining the necessary regulatory approval. When the schemes collapsed, the promoters usually fled the country, leaving the depositors, who were often from lower — and middle-income groups, with no means of redress.

DNB Food Processing Pvt Ltd was established in 2008 in Siliguri, and Debabrata Dutta is listed as one of its directors. Furthermore, separate civil proceedings have been filed in the Calcutta High Court involving both the company and a public-sector bank, indicating

broader financial problems.

The exact number of victims and the complete list of the other persons still at large have not yet been made public. It is a top priority for the CBI to recover the misappropriated amount, even though experience in similar cases indicates that it is often difficult to trace and attach assets many years after the offence.

The CBI has once again stated that individuals who have fled in cases involving economic offences will still be pursued using intelligence-driven operations. Dutta's appearance before the Bhubaneswar court is due to mark the next official phase of the prosecution, which has been pending for a long time.