

Omar urges INDIA bloc to join NC's statehood restoration protest

J&K CM requests senior alliance leaders to join NC's protest for statehood on the first day of the Parliament's monsoon session

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SRINAGAR : J&K chief minister (CM) Omar Abdullah, while attending the INDIA bloc meeting on Monday, urged the alliance parties to join their planned protest for statehood on the first day of Parliament's monsoon session.

The National Conference shared this information on its X handle. "Chief Minister Omar Abdullah sought INDIA bloc backing for protests on J&K Statehood Restoration," NC wrote on its official X.

J&K chief minister Omar Abdullah and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President Mehbooba Mufti attended the INDIA Bloc meeting in New Delhi today.

"He (CM) has also informed them that we will be writing to each party individually, seeking



Jammu & Kashmir CM Omar Abdullah and NCP-SP Working National President Supriya Sule in the INDIA bloc meeting in New Delhi on Monday.

their support in this collective fight for the constitutional and democratic rights of the people of J&K," NC chief spokesman and legislator Tanvir Sadiq said. Sources said the CM also requested senior alliance leaders to be present so the protest would have a forceful impact.

The NC had last week announced that its legislature party would stage a protest in New Delhi on the first day of the forthcoming Monsoon ses-

sion of Parliament, pressing for the immediate restoration of statehood and constitutional guarantees for Jammu and Kashmir.

The issue pertains to Jammu and Kashmir's reorganisation in August 2019, when the erstwhile state was bifurcated and downgraded into two Union Territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Abdullah raised the matter at the meeting of INDIA bloc leaders held at the Constitution

Club here, where opposition parties discussed a range of political and public issues and stressed the need for greater unity against the BJP.

The NC's announcement of a Delhi protest comes amid growing pressure on the party over the demand for restoration of statehood and special status, and follows the Centre's engagement with groups in Ladakh seeking constitutional safeguards and statehood for the Union Territory.

In the Monday's meeting, Omar urged opposition parties to look ahead to the 2029 Lok Sabha elections and emphasised that the Congress was the "glue" holding the INDIA bloc together.

Earlier this month, the PDP president wrote letters to leaders of all political parties, including CM Omar and the opposition BJP, urging them to join a united fight for statehood restoration. The NC has already started preparations for the protest in New Delhi. While some political parties welcomed the decision, many termed it a belated exercise and asked the CM to pass a resolution in the state assembly.

AIP expresses hope

Senior Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) leader and Langate MLA, Sheikh Khursheed expressed hope that INDIA Bloc meeting would address the pressing political concerns of J&K.

He said that if Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti succeed in persuading the INDIA Bloc to issue a joint statement supporting the restoration of J&K special constitutional status, statehood and other political rights, it would be a significant step.

Court pulls up magistrate for 'cut-copy-paste' ruling

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi court has pulled up a magistrate over the "unacceptable malady" of "ctrl+C and ctrl+V (cut, copy, paste)" jurisprudence, after the order acquitting a man in a 2018 cheque bounce case was found to have facts that was lifted from a judgment in another case.

In an order passed on June 6, additional sessions judge (ASJ) Hargurvarinder Singh Jaggi of Saket courts took exception to the acquittal.

The judge said that the magistrate, while passing judgment, had injudiciously relied on the "copy-paste" function of a word processor, showing "non-application of mind".

The case pertains to a complaint filed by Jai Prakash Narayan against Satender Singh,



wherein Narayan had accused Singh of dishonouring a cheque for ₹2 lakh.

In its judgment on May 22, 2024, the magistrate acquitted Singh, noting several material discrepancies regarding the dates on record and stating that evidence went in favour of the accused. Narayan subsequently appealed before the Delhi High Court, which sent the case to the sessions court for adjudication.

The sessions judge observed that the magistrate "simply lifted" facts from an entirely different judgment passed by

another judge a month earlier, based on a complaint filed between the same parties.

The court said, "The trial court completely failed to evaluate the actual cross-examination and defence evidence in this specific trial, instead of relying on the exact paragraphs drafted by another brother judge for another set of facts".

The said act of the magistrate, the court observed, violated the right of the parties.

"While a decision of acquittal ordinarily fortifies the presumption of innocence of the accused, such a shield cannot be afforded when the acquittal is the product of a sham adjudication".

Noting that the trial court failed to adjudicate the case on its merits, the sessions judge set aside the decision and sent the matter to Saket courts, for a fresh hearing by another judge.

Honouring the brave



(Clockwise) President Droupadi Murmu confers the Shaurya Chakra upon Subedar Shamsher Singh, 4th Para (SF); Lieutenant Colonel Neetesh Bharti Shukla, 19 Sikh; Lance Dafadar Baldev Chand (Posthumous), 4 RR; Sepoy Fida Hussain Dar, CRPF, during the Defence Investiture Ceremony-2026 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on Monday.

RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN

MCD officials inspected B&B facility twice; five face action

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NEW DELHI: A preliminary Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) inquiry carried out in the aftermath of a deadly fire at an illegally run B&B facility in Hauz Rani has found that the facility was inspected at least twice in 2025 and 2026 based on which a health trade licence for running a tea-and-snack outlet was cleared, HT has learnt. Action has been initiated against five officials in the matter.

HT had earlier reported that Snacks and Bites, the restaurant/café operating from the ground floor of the Flourish Stay B&B where the fire is suspected to have started, had permission to run a tea-and-snack outlet, but was functioning as a full-fledged restaurant. This licence had also expired March 31 this year, just months before the fire erupted.

An official aware of the matter said that the two public health inspectors had inspected the premises —once this year and last year — and based on their recommendation the health trade license was cleared. Senior MCD officials



21 people had died in a fire at an illegally run B&B facility in Hauz Rani in Delhi on June 3.

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said show cause notices had been issued to five public health and assistant public health inspectors who have overseen the area since the unit started operating in 2024, while departmental action has been initiated against two of these for inspecting and recommending a health trade licence for the unit.

"The PHIs have been asked to explain how they concluded that everything was in order. The inquiry is examining whether there were lapses in monitoring or verification of activities at the premises," the

first official said. HT has seen one of the notices which asks for a written explanation along with an action taken report regarding the "inspection conducted and regulatory action" taken during their tenure.

The development comes even as the official inquiry report ordered by the mayor, which was originally expected to be submitted within three days of the June 3 fire, has yet to be submitted.

MCD spokesperson did not respond to HT's request for a comment on the notices.

A tea-and-snacks license is

typically meant for small establishments selling pre-cooked snacks, tea, shakes and similar items, with only limited provision for warming food without seating. On June 4, Delhi Police said that they had found four gas cylinders from the premises.

This licence is easier to obtain and falls under the deemed approved category. While around 20% of applications under such instant license categories were physically verified earlier, in May 2025, MCD commissioner mandated field inspections for all licensing sites to check for compliances and violations.

"This order (dated May 19, 2025) significantly increased the physical verification workload on all zones and the south zone alone had nearly 1,300 applications or sites to inspect with limited staff," another official told HT.

Meanwhile, mayor Pravesh Wahi told HT that he has directed the public health department to conduct a comprehensive verification of all establishments operating under the tea-and-snacks license category to prevent misuse like the Hauz Rani case.

MAN HELD FOR KILLING 18-YR-OLD WIFE, STAGING DEATH AS SUICIDE

NEW DELHI: A 21-year-old man was arrested for allegedly murdering his 18-year-old wife by strangling and smothering her with a pillow at their home in south Delhi's Kalindi Kunj JJ Resettlement Colony, reportedly following an altercation over his suspicion that she was having an affair with another man, police said on Monday.

The couple had entered into an interfaith marriage 10 months ago against the wishes of their families, police said. Police said that after allegedly murdering his wife in the early hours of Friday, the man slept next to her body for nearly 12 hours and woke up around 1.30pm.

"He panicked on seeing her dead and tried to stage the scene to make it appear that she had died by suicide by hanging from a bathroom window," said a senior police officer.

Police said they were alerted to the incident on Friday afternoon. The man allegedly tried to mislead investigators by claiming that he found his wife hanging inside the bathroom.

Inquiry revealed that the man had gone out drinking with a friend on Thursday night. When he returned home, the woman objected to his behaviour, leading to an altercation.

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Sukhu opens HP's first de-addiction centre for women in Shimla

SHIMLA : Chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Monday inaugurated Himachal Pradesh's first women's de-Addiction and rehabilitation centre in Shimla.

He said that the growing problem of drug abuse in state, particularly the use of chitta (heroin), was not merely a law-and-order issue but a serious social, family and humanitarian challenge.

In a statement issued here, Sukhu said that the state government was addressing the problem at an early stage by creating public awareness and taking strict action against drug traffickers.

The centre was the first specialised government facility of its

kind in the state for women. It would not only provide treatment but also help women rebuild their lives with dignity.

It would offer safe accommodation, medical care, psychological counselling, rehabilitation services, social reintegration support and family-based assistance.

A second such centre will be established at Dr Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College in Kangra district, Sukhu said. The government's approach was based on compassion for victims and firmness against drug traffickers, he said.

He urged the public to participate actively in fight against drug abuse.

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MAN HELD FOR STAGING FIRING TO 'FRAME RIVALS'

GURUGRAM: A man was arrested in Palwal on Sunday for allegedly opening fire inside the gym he owns to falsely implicate three rivals in an attempted murder case and pressure them to return ₹15 lakh allegedly cheated from him after they had vandalised the premises, police said. The three rivals were also arrested for ransacking the gym.

The incident took place at Dhateer early Saturday. Based on the gym owner's complaint, an FIR under Sections 109(1) (attempt to murder) and 191(3) (rioting, armed with a deadly weapon) of the BNS and the Arms Act was initially lodged at Gadpuri police station. Police seized two pistols from the owner, while a country-made weapon and an iron rod were recovered from the rivals.

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Shimla summer fest draws crowd



People gather during the Day 1 of the five-day Shimla summer festival on Monday.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

DATE AND TIME OF COMMENCEMENT OF E-AUCTION :- 29.06.2026 FROM 02:00 P.M. TO 06:00 P.M.
MODE OF PAYMENT OF EMD: RTGS/ NEFT
Last Date & Time of Submission of EMD :-28.06.2026, Till 05:00 P.M.
Date & Time of Inspection for intending Purchaser :-22.06.2026 by taking prior appointment

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account. The details of Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Secured Asset/ Dues/ Reserve Price/ e-Auction date & time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:

Sr. No.	Name of Branch Name & address of The Borrower (s) , Guarantor (s) & Mortgagor (s)	Detailed Description of The Immovable property with Unknown encumbrances, if any	Type of POSSESSION Present Outstanding Amount	Reserve Price	Manager & Authorised Officer
				EMD Bid Increase Amount	
1.	B/O:- ROSARB, Ludhiana	Equitable Mortgage of residual plot measuring 250 Sq Yds in the name of Mrs Kavita Gupta W/o Mukesh Gupta Situated at Village Barewal Awana, Hadbast no 157 Locality Known as Mehar Singh colony tehsil and Distt Ludhiana punjabomprised in khasra no 725/57/1, 725/58, 727/58/1 khata no 1170/1542, 1183/1555 as per jamabandi for the year 2011-2012 as per sale deed dated 18-05-2006 bearing wasika no 4266	Symbolic Possession Rs. 125.16 Lakh + Interest Thereon + Legal & Other Charges Thereon	Rs. 36,10,000/- Rs. 3,61,000/- Rs. 10,000/-	Mr. Ajay V Nandurkar (Chief Manager) 9898670184 & 7009247858
FOCAL PONT LUDHIANA, Ludhiana, Punjab-141014. 2. Mrs. Kavita Gupta , Add:H.No. Hno. 52, Mahavir Nagar, Opposite MBD Mall, Ferozpur Road, Ludhiana -141012.					
3. Mr.MUKESH GUPTA S/O SH RAM SAROOPI(Guarantor) , Add:H.No. Hno. 52, Mahavir Nagar, Opposite MBD Mall, Ferozpur Road, Ludhiana -141012					
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Borrower(s): 1.Mr. Jagdish Singh Khattri R/o. H.no.36B,970,Ward no.59, Guru amar dass Nagar,Ludhiana,Punjab,141001.					
2. Mrs. Daljeet Dhariwal, R/o. H.no.36B,970,Ward no.59,Guru amar dass Nagar,Ludhiana,Punjab,141001. 3. Mr.Iqbal Singh R/o.H.no.36B,970,Ward no.59,Guru amar dass Nagar,Ludhiana,Punjab,141001					
3.	B/O:- ROSARB, Ludhiana	Sale Deed/Transfer Deed Wasika No. 587, Dated as 14/06/2004,comprised in bearing Khasra No. 231/25/1,Khata No.212/231,Village Panjdhera, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar In the name of Sh. Swaran Singh s/o sh. Sadhu Singh and bounded as under: - East: Karnail Singh 90'-0", West: Pritam Singh 90'-0", North: Gurdial Singh (30'-0"), South: Street (Kacha Rasta) 30'-0")	Physical Possession Rs. 34,99,860/- + Interest Thereon + Legal & Other Charges Thereon	Rs. Rs.26,00,000/- Rs. 2,60,000/- Rs. 10,000/-	Mr. Ajay V Nandurkar (Chief Manager) 9898670184 & 7009247858
Borrower(s): 1.1.M/s Nanak International, prop Jagjeet Singh , having registered address at Plot No 391, near Hira Lal Sheller, Ramgarh, Phillaur, Jalandhar, Punjab -144410. 2. Mr.Jagjeet Singh S/o Swaran Singh, r/o No 391, near Hira Lal Sheller, Ramgarh, Phillaur, Jalandhar, Punjab -144410. 3. Mr.Swaran Singh S/o Sadhu Singh, r/o No 391, near Hira Lal Sheller, Ramgarh, Phillaur, Jalandhar, Punjab -144410					

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DATE. 08-06-2026

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