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Parliament: 12 bills passed; 19 pc productivity in LS, 39 pc in RS, says Kiren Rijiju

New Delhi, The Monsoon Session of Parliament, which concluded on Thursday, was successful in terms of legislative business but remained unsatisfactory in terms of productivity, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju told the media.

Addressing the media after both Houses were adjourned sine die, Rijiju said, "We view the Monsoon Session from two angles. In terms of business, it was a very successful session -- we passed a total of 12 bills. However, from the perspective of debate and discussion, it was not as successful." "In the Lok Sabha, only 19 per cent productivity was achieved, in relation to the total time allotted. In the Rajya Sabha, productivity stood at 39 per cent as the Opposition parties created ruckus and occasionally staged walkouts," he added. The Lower House saw debate only on one Bill, pertaining to paper leaks



and their prevention. "The 'Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act' was passed through both the Houses after due deliberations and discussion," he said.

A lot of political watchers and constitutional experts have expressed considerable concern over the passage of key legislations

without any debate or discussion, with some MPs also raising alarm over the gravity of the issue. The Parliamentary Affairs Minister held the Opposition responsible for the washout of the Monsoon Session and blamed it on the latter's disruption and derailment tactics, accusing them of "running away" from debate. Admitting that

the Monsoon Session didn't live up to people's expectations, he said it was the Opposition's conduct and behaviour that led to constant stalling and adjournments of both the Houses. "This is the first time I have seen the Opposition shying away from debate. In a democracy, they seek answers from the government, and the government is bound to provide them. Yet, we witnessed a scenario where the government itself was forthcoming on discussion, but the Opposition kept making excuses to avoid. This is not healthy for the parliamentary democracy," he stated.

Further tearing into the Opposition over its defiance, he said the government and the minister concerned offered to reply, but they would neither participate in debate nor would they listen to the Minister's reply. Lamenting the **contd. on page 3**

NDA, Opposition exchange war of words over 'disruptions' during Parliament's Monsoon session

New Delhi, The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and Opposition members blamed each other on the last day of the Parliament's Monsoon Session on Thursday, over the "disruptions" during the course of the session.

The Monsoon session of the Parliament witnessed a deadlock between the Centre and the Opposition, with the latter repeatedly demanding Union Home Minister Amit Shah's presence in the House and seeking a statement from him on the police action against students who participated in the July 20 protest march.

Even as Home Minister Shah said on Wednesday that he was "ready to answer everything", Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi said that the

Opposition was not interested in the Home Minister's "imagination or lectures" and added that the young generation wants to know who gave orders to "shoot" at them.

According to Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi, LoP Gandhi's "highly irresponsible behaviour" was the reason due to which productive work could not take place, aside from the Bills that were eventually passed.

"It was solely due to the ego of one individual (Rahul Gandhi) that the entire session was derailed; there was no other reason for it but sheer arrogance. They (Congress) make demands, and when those demands are accepted, they run away," he told IANS.

Pralhad Joshi accused Rahul Gandhi of wanting to run the Parliament in his

own way. Union Minister Anupriya Patel accused the Opposition of having a "negative approach". "The entire country, 1.46 billion Indians, has witnessed the Opposition's attitude...They have no intention whatsoever of allowing the House to function. The entire Monsoon session was lost to sloganeering and disruptions," she told IANS.

Minister of State Sukanta Majumdar echoed, saying: "Our Opposition has become completely politically bankrupt and keeps changing its goalposts. Earlier, they were saying that they want a discussion (on the alleged police brutality against protesters during the July 20 Parliament march). When we agreed to it, the Opposition ran away from the discussion." Minister of State S. P. Singh Baghel also

blamed Rahul Gandhi, saying that those who talk about saving the Constitution, "have played the most irresponsible role in this Monsoon Session".

Telugu Desam Party MP Krishna Prasad Tenneti likened the Monsoon Session to rainfall, saying: "Just like rain and water, the session flowed in the same way. I did not see much benefit in it. It is true that we have passed 15 or more Bills, but how have the Bills been passed? There was on discussion on those."

First-time Rajya Sabha MP and BJP leader Satish Poonia expressed his disappointment with the Monsoon Session.

"I came here for the first time, and there was a sense of excitement that I would participate in Parliament, where laws are made. I thought we would **contd. on page 3**

Gen Alpha movement: How seven-hour protest by Jharkhand schoolchildren led to revocation of headmaster's transfer

Garhwa (Jharkhand), A seven-hour protest by schoolchildren aged between 10 and 13 in Jharkhand's Garhwa district on Thursday drew widespread attention, after they took to the streets opposing the transfer of their headmaster. The agitation ended only after authorities revoked the transfer order and reinstated him at the school.

The incident occurred at the Government Plus Two High School in Kandi block headquarters. Headmaster Malay Kumar Singh had been transferred on Wednesday. As news of the transfer spread, a large number of students gathered outside the school on Thursday and blocked the Kandi-Bhawanathpur main road, disrupting traffic for nearly seven hours, leading to long

queues of vehicles. Carrying placards and banners, the students raised slogans demanding that the transfer be withdrawn. Many onlookers were surprised to see children so young leading the protest.

Most of the demonstrators were between 10 and 13 years old, prompting social media users to describe it as a "Gen Alpha movement". The students argued that significant improvements had taken place in the school's functioning since the arrival of Headmaster Malay Kumar Singh, and therefore he should not be removed. The situation reportedly escalated when Kandi Block Chief Satyendra Pandey allegedly raised his hand against a student during the protest. Following this, the

agitated students surrounded the local police station.

Enraged school children resorted to stone-pelting, vandalism, and scuffles. A police constable, identified as Mohammad Ashfaq Alam, sustained injuries. Protesters also attacked the vehicle of Pandey, damaging its windshield. However, Kandi BDO Rakesh Sahay maintained that no child had engaged in stone-pelting. Meanwhile, Pandey denied allegations that he had assaulted any student, claiming that anti-social elements involved in local politics were responsible for the attack on his vehicle. He said he had no grievances against the children.

Following information about the unrest, Police Sub-Inspector Brij **contd. on page 3**

Sukhbir Singh Badal attacked by Nihang in Nanded, security personnel also injured

Nanded (Maharashtra), hiromani Akali Dal chief and former Punjab Deputy Chief Minister Sukhbir Singh Badal was injured in an attack at a gurudwara in Maharashtra's Nanded on Thursday. According to preliminary information, the incident took place when Badal visited the Mata Sahib Gurdwara in the Hazur Sahib area on the outskirts of the city at around 11 a.m.

The Akali Dal chief was attacked by a Nihang armed with a kirpan, sources said, adding that the assailant has been taken into custody by the police. According to sources, the attacker allegedly attempted to stab Badal in the stomach. However, security personnel intervened in time and prevented the attacker from causing more serious injuries. A



video recorded after the incident showed Badal walking with a saffron cloth wrapped around his right hand. Following the attack, Badal was rushed to a private hospital in Nanded for treatment. A security personnel deployed for his protection was also injured while trying to prevent the assault. Earlier in the day, he had visited Takht Sri Hazur Sahib in Nanded along with his family. His wife and Akali Dal MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal was present when the attack occurred.

Maharashtra Police confirmed to IANS that the attack took place inside the gurdwara premises. A senior police official stated that Badal sustained an injury to his hand. Preliminary reports indicate that he may have **contd. on page 3**

Bihar Police bans AK-47, INSAS and SLRs use for law and order, crowd control duties

Patna, The Bihar Police Headquarters has issued fresh instructions restricting the use of highly lethal assault weapons during law and order and crowd control duties, police officials said on Thursday.

The move is aimed at reducing the use of excessive force during protests and demonstrations and strengthening public-safety measures. Under the directive, weapons such as AK-47s, INSAS rifles and SLRs will not be carried or used by police personnel deployed for routine crowd-control operations.

According to Sunil Kumar, ADG (Police Headquarters), the Director General of Police Vinay Kumar has reiterated the instructions to all Superintendents of Police.

Automatic and assault weapons are to be used only during operations involving organised crime, insurgency, terrorism and other serious criminal threats. ADG Sunil Kumar said that a standing order regarding the matter was already in place and that the state DGP had again directed district police chiefs to ensure strict compliance.

He also said the department has previously taken disciplinary action against police personnel who used such weapons without authorisation. The directive means that police personnel assigned to ordinary demonstrations, protests and other routine law-and-order situations will not be permitted to carry these highly lethal weapons. The ob-

jective is to ensure that crowd-control measures remain proportionate and that unnecessary use of force is avoided. The new instructions come amid the controversy surrounding the July 25 student protest incident in Siwan, during which a Police Constable allegedly opened fire.

ADG (Law and Order), K.S. Anupam, said the Constable had not received any order to fire and had acted on his own. He also clarified that the Constable was not part of the designated crowd-control team and was suspended immediately after the incident. "There was no order, and he fired at his own discretion. He was not even part of the crowd-control team," Anupam added. The issue **contd. on page 3**

NSC terrorism monitors declare Red Fort blast work of Al-Qaida in Indian Subcontinent

United Nations, A terrorism monitoring team of the Security Council has declared the deadly Red Fort suicide car bombing that killed 11 people the work of Al-Qaida in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), which it warned is spreading its tentacles across the region. The report by the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team on terrorism to the Security Council said the attack last November "was officially attributed to AQIS".

It warned that AQIS is emerging as a decentralised terrorist organisation from a disparate group. AQIS "continued to evolve from a fragmented group into a regional terrorist entity; it established logistics and financial networks, working in decentralised small, scattered

cells instead of large units", the report said. It means that in a country like India where there is no scope for war-like operations, AQIS is adopting a tactic of urban guerrilla-like tactics.

The report also expressed concern that AQIS is "trying to exploit Bangladesh to establish cells there". Against this backdrop, the team warned that terrorist threats "intensified" in South Asia.

After the democratically elected Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was forced into exile by an uprising in which Islamist elements played a leading role, fears have mounted over terrorist groups finding a fertile ground there. AQIS was founded in 2014 by Al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri. The team that produced the report helps

the Security Council's sanctions committees for Al-Qaida and the Islamic State (known in short as the 1267 Committee after the resolution setting it up), and for the Taliban. Based in New York, it comprises ten experts who track global terrorism threats from those groups and their affiliates and provide periodic reports and updates to help the committees decide on groups and individuals to be sanctioned for terrorism.

The 1267 Committee does not have a chair because Pakistan wants to lead it and some members of the Council have reservations because of Islamabad's links to some groups sanctioned by the panel, leading to a stand-off. In the absence of a chair, the team's coordinator, Colin Smith, sent it directly to the Council's

president in the last days of Colombia's tenure in the chair for June. It languished through July under the Democratic Republic of Congo's presidency and was released recently by Denmark's Permanent Representative Christina Markus Lassen, who assumed the rotating presidency for this month.

An earlier report by the team released in February said Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) "was reported to be linked to an attack on the Red Fort", and the new report appears to directly pin the blame on AQIS. According to the 1267 Committee, JeM "has had close ties" with Al-Qaida. The Red Fort attack set a new pattern of highly qualified professionals getting involved directly **contd. on page 3**

US revokes over 600 visas in crackdown on birth tourism

Washington, The United States has revoked more than 600 visas from foreign nationals as part of a new campaign against birth tourism, the State Department said on Wednesday.

The department said it had established a Birth Tourism Prevention Task Force to identify visa holders who travelled to the United States to give birth and individuals who facilitated such travel.

The task force reviews the activities and travel histories of visa holders worldwide. It also analyses information held by the State Department, the Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies. Its work is aimed at identifying birth tourism, revoking visas and dismantling networks that profit from the practice. "The Birth Tourism task force has taken action by revoking more than 600 visas

from foreign nationals across the globe to safeguard our nation from this abuse," the State Department said in a fact sheet. The department generally revokes visas when it finds indications of potential ineligibility. Secretary of State Marco Rubio has broad discretionary authority to revoke visas, it said. The move follows an executive order issued by President Donald Trump on August 6.

The order defines birth tourism as the entry of a foreign national on a non-immigrant visa for the purpose of giving birth on American soil. It also covers efforts to facilitate such travel. The order authorises the secretaries of state and homeland security to prevent entry, deny or revoke visas, remove travellers and permanently bar people found to have engaged in birth tourism. Humanitarian and national-interest exemptions may be granted.

The State Department said facilitators had turned the practice into a lucrative industry. Some market themselves as doulas, midwives or wellness advocates while advertising US birth services, visa coaching and hospital arrangements. It said some operators forge medical documents or coach clients to hide their true purpose of travel and avoid paying hospital bills. Online advertisements promise "automatic citizenship" and "a future without borders," according to the department.

Officials cited several cases uncovered by consular officers. One couple used a conference and a shopping holiday as cover stories while travelling to give birth to two children in the United States. They lied

about their purpose in two separate visa applications and concealed the existence of one child during the second application. Their visas were revoked.

In another case, a foreign government official sought a visa for a one-week official visit. She instead remained in the country for three months and gave birth before leaving. Her visa was revoked.

Another traveller said she planned to holiday in Orlando. She instead went to Los Angeles and gave birth five days after arriving. Her visa was also revoked.

The 14th Amendment to the US Constitution, ratified in 1868, provides that people born or naturalised in the United States and subject to its jurisdiction are US citizens. The provision has long formed the constitutional basis for birthright citizenship.

Democrats move to block Trump green card rule

Washington, Democratic lawmakers have introduced legislation to block federal funds from being used to enforce a Trump administration rule that could make it harder for immigrants who use certain public benefits to obtain green cards.

The bicameral Protect American Values Act was introduced on Wednesday by Senators Michael Bennet and Mazie Hirono and Congresswoman Judy Chu. The administration's "public charge" rule is scheduled to take effect on September 18. The finalised rule rescinds a 2022 Biden administration policy. That policy said non-cash ben-

efits, including food assistance under SNAP, Medicaid and housing aid, could not be considered in public charge decisions. The public charge test allows immigration authorities to assess whether an applicant is likely to become primarily dependent on government support. Such a finding may be used to deny admission to the United States or adjustment to lawful permanent resident status.

The new rule does not provide clear guidance on which public benefits may be considered, according to the lawmakers. They said it could give immigration officers broad discretion in reviewing green card ap-

plications. "This rule isn't about securing our borders or more efficient spending; its purpose is to punish immigrants who only seek to make a better life for themselves and their families," Bennet said.

"The Protect American Values Act sends a clear message that, as a nation, we will continue to stand up for our communities and fight this Administration's inhumane efforts," he added. Chu said the policy was broader than the public charge rule imposed during Trump's first term. "Unlike the previous rule, this finalised policy does not even identify which benefits will be considered in



a public charge test, giving Trump's immigration officers sweeping discretion to deny green card applications based on subjective judgment instead of clear legal standards," she said.

The lawmakers warned that the

uncertainty could deter eligible immigrants from using government assistance. They said it could also affect US citizens and lawful permanent residents living in mixed-status families. Senator Tim Kaine said most noncitizens were already ineligible for public benefits. He argued that the rule could allow officials to consider the use of benefits by an immigrant applicant's US citizen children or other relatives. "We don't have to imagine the negative consequences this policy will have on the health and well-being of our communities, because when President Trump previously instituted a similar policy, it

led to widespread avoidance of medical care and other important programs, including among US citizen children," Kaine said.

Senator Tammy Duckworth said no one should be forced to choose between immigration status and basic needs. "Nobody should have to choose between receiving citizenship or going hungry," she said. The legislation is backed by 17 other senators and dozens of House members. Indian American lawmakers Pramila Jayapal and Raja Krishnamoorthi are among its House co-sponsors. The measure would prohibit federal money from

being used to implement, administer or enforce the rule.

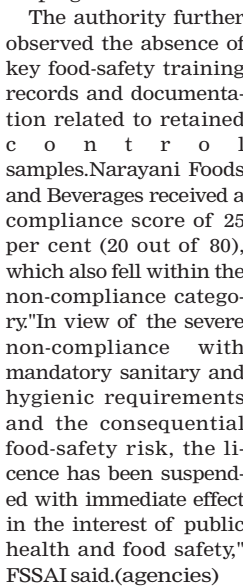
Public charge provisions have long existed in US immigration law. Their interpretation, however, has shifted between administrations, particularly over whether non-cash health, nutrition and housing benefits should influence immigration decisions. Trump adopted a broader public charge policy during his first term. The Biden administration later restored a narrower standard in 2022, excluding several non-cash benefits from consideration. The latest rule again places the issue at the centre of the US immigration debate.



What is Moon Base programme? NASA invites ISRO to join lunar mission

Through a series of crewed and uncrewed missions, NASA and its partners will build the infrastructure needed to support an enduring human presence on the lunar surface while advancing science, technology, and exploration for the benefit of all.(agencies)

Digital Currency-based DBT transfer under PM's food subsidy scheme to be launched in Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli



He added that the finding of lower depression scores among fruit juice consumers was "promising" and warranted further research, particularly among people experiencing poor mental wellbeing. "It backs up studies which report improved brain blood flow and cognitive function after people drink citrus juices. Simple dietary changes like increasing fruit intake, including through a daily glass of juice-could play a role in supporting mental wellbeing," Shannon said. (agencies)

11 Chhattisgarh cops to get President's medals on Independence Day

Raipur, (VW) Eleven police officers and personnel from Chhattisgarh will receive the President's Police Medal for Distinguished and Meritorious Service during the main Independence Day function in Raipur on 15 August.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai will present the medals, which were announced by President Droupadi Murmu on Republic Day on 26 January, to the recipients at the state-level event.

Assistant Sub-Inspector Ramavatar Singh Rajput, posted at Rakshit Kendra in

Dhamtari district, will receive the President's Medal for Distinguished Service.

Ten personnel will be conferred the President's Medal for Meritorious Service: Inspector General of Police Ramgopal Garg (Bilaspur Range); Senior Superintendent of Police Shashimohan Singh (Raigarh); Superintendent of Police Shweta Shrivastava Sinha (Raipur Rural); Superintendent of Police Rajshree Mishra (ATS, Police Headquarters, Raipur); Deputy Commandant Nivedita Pal (6th Battalion, Raigarh);

Commandant Manisha Thakur Raote (20th Battalion, Mahasamund); Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Tarakeshwar Patel (Central Police Zone, Raipur); Additional Superintendent of Police Unaiza Khatoon Ansari (Police Headquarters, Raipur); Assistant Platoon Commander Jayalal Markam (1st Battalion, Bhilai); and Platoon Commander Hazari Lal Sahu (20th Battalion, Mahasamund).

The awards recognise distinguished and meritorious service rendered by the police force across the state.

Chhattisgarh Green Steel Dialogue draws ₹13,840-cr investment, to create 10,921 jobs

Raipur, (VW) The Chhattisgarh Industry Dialogue on Green Steel, organised by the state government in association with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), concluded here on Thursday with investment commitments worth ₹13,840 crore.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, who attended the event as the chief guest, said the projects are projected to generate 10,921 direct and indirect employment opportunities across the state.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister urged industrial leaders to focus on downstream and specialty steel manufacturing within Chhattisgarh, emphasizing that local value addition in auto components, engineering goods, railways, defence,



and solar equipment will drive direct job creation.

Highlighting the global transition towards decarbonisation, Sai noted that

Chhattisgarh is leading green steel adoption backed by its power surplus of over 26,000 MW and competitive industrial tariffs. The event highlights a broader econom-

ic momentum in the state, which has secured nearly ₹8 lakh crore in investment proposals over the past 18 months under the Industrial Development Policy 2024-30 across AI, data centres, semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, textiles, and agro-processing.

Investor confidence has been further bolstered by the state's Ease of Doing Business Act and its top rank among major states in Regulatory Ease in the CRISIL-NITI Aayog Investment Friendliness Index 2026. Industrial expansion is also moving beyond the traditional Raipur-Bhilai belt with four new industrial parks sanctioned in Rajnandgaon, Dhamtari, Janjgir-Champa, and Bastar districts.

100 convicted prisoners in Chhattisgarh jails set for Independence Day release

Raipur, (VW) The Chhattisgarh government is set to release 100 convicted prisoners across five central jails in the state as part of the upcoming Independence Day celebrations, following their good conduct and disciplined behaviour during incarceration.

On Thursday, nine prisoners were freed from the Raipur Central Jail in the first phase of this state government initiative. Stepping outside the prison gates, the former inmates carried copies of the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita and expressed their resolve to reintegrate into society and lead pro-

ductive lives. Bilaspur Central Jail accounts for the highest share of releases with 48 inmates, followed by Raipur Central Jail with 20, Durg Central Jail with 16, Jagdalpur Central Jail with nine, and Ambikapur Central Jail with eight. Administrative formalities to release the remaining eligible prisoners are expected to be completed before August 15.

The initiative aims to offer a fresh start to convicts who have demonstrated exemplary conduct, enabling them to rebuild their lives with their families after serving their mandatory sentences.

Politics heats up over Baghel's remarks on PM Modi, Sao hits back

Raipur, (VW) Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao on Thursday slammed former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel for his controversial remarks targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a Hareli Tihar event, calling the language unfortunate and contrary to democratic decorum. Sao accused Baghel and the Congress of adopting double standards on student issues, pointing to alleged police action against students in Congress-backed Jharkhand, while alleging that the party was trying to create confusion in the country.

The row erupted after Baghel, speaking at a Hareli Tihar event at his residence on Wednesday, targeted the central and state governments while referencing a social media post using the phrase "56-inch little monkey, Bal Narendra" to critique the ruling BJP. Targeting the Congress over its opposition to Enforcement Directorate (ED) actions, Sao

claimed that the agency's probe had exposed alleged corruption exceeding ₹3,000 crore in the state, accusing the opposition party of shielding the accused.

On the long-pending Raipur skywalk project, the Deputy Chief Minister blamed the previous Congress administration for stalling the work, assuring that the present government remains committed to completing the public infrastructure project. Referring to the Congress demand for the release of tribals allegedly implicated in cases during the Naxal conflict, Sao said the state government was actively reviewing such cases to ensure fair examination and resolution. On infrastructure development, Sao stated that the Public Works Department is completing tender processes during the monsoon so that extensive road construction, repairs, and building works can pick up pace immediately after the rains.

Raipur fast-track court gives 20-year jail term to man for raping minor girl

Raipur, (VW) The First Fast Track Special Court (POCSO) in Raipur sentenced a 29-year-old man to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment for raping a 15-year-old girl in the Saddu area of the city. Additional Sessions Judge Achhelal Kachhi pronounced the verdict on 11 August against the convict, identified as Raju Sen alias Khada Raju alias Raymond.

According to the prosecution, the incident took place on 12 January 2026, when the minor was returning from her maternal grandfather's house. Near Seva Bharati Matru Chhaya, close to Vivekananda Stadium, the accused and an associate interrogated the victim in a vehicle (CG-04-QR-5864) under the pretext of taking her to

an acquaintance. Instead, the accused took the victim to his house in Saddu, where he sexually assaulted her and turned off her mobile phone. The victim managed to escape the following morning, reached home, and narrated her ordeal to her mother, who subsequently lodged a complaint at the Saraswati Nagar police station on 13 January.

Special Public Prosecutor Daleshwar Prasad Sahu represented the state during the trial. Based on evidence and testimonies presented, the court held the accused guilty under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Section 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

Foreign gold worth ₹1.96 crore seized from Duronto Express, 2 held

Raipur, (VW) In a joint operation, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) Crime Branch teams of Raipur and Nagpur, alongside the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Nagpur, seized foreign-origin gold worth ₹1.96 crore from the Howrah-Mumbai Duronto Express and arrested two suspects.

Acting on a specific tip-off received by the RPF Crime Branch, Nagpur, a joint team intercepted two suspicious passengers traveling in coach B-12 of train number 12262 between Bhandara and Nagpur stations. A search led to the recovery of seven gold biscuits and one gold rod, weighing 1.242 kg, valued at ₹1,96,34,307. The RPF handed over the suspects and the contraband to the DRI, Nagpur, for further investigation. The DRI has registered a case under Section 135 of the Customs Act, 1962, and is interrogating the duo to uncover potential links to a larger international smuggling network.

Chhattisgarh HC dismisses Mokshit Corporation plea against ED's ₹80.36-cr asset attachment

Bilaspur, (VW) The Chhattisgarh High Court has dismissed a writ petition filed by Mokshit Corporation and others challenging the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) provisional attachment of assets worth ₹80.36 crore under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). A single-judge bench of Justice Bibhu Datta Guru ruled that the PMLA provides an alternative statutory remedy to challenge attachment orders, stating that a writ petition cannot be entertained directly before the High Court unless exceptional circumstances exist.

The ED had issued the provisional attachment order on 13 March 2026 under Section 5(1) of the PMLA, attaching 46 movable and immovable properties of Mokshit Corporation, a firm involved in supplying medical equipment and consumables to the Chhattisgarh Medical Services Corporation Limited. The petitioners had argued that the ED erred in treating profits earned through legitimate tender-based business as proceeds of crime. However, dismissing the plea, the High Court held that the validity of the attachment must be examined by the designated Adjudicating Authority under the PMLA, granting liberty to the petitioners to raise all factual and legal arguments before the competent authority.

14-year-old boy drowns in Arpa river in Bilaspur

Bilaspur, (VW) A 14-year-old boy drowned in the Arpa river near Jadapara under Sarkanda police station limits on Thursday afternoon while bathing with his friends.

The deceased, identified as Saurabh, son of daily-wage labourer Jeevan Dhuri and resident of Jadbapara, had gone to the river with a group of four to five friends around noon.

According to police, Saurabh ventured into a deep stretch of the river and started drowning. Though his friends tried to save him, they could not pull him out and immediately raised an alarm, alerting nearby locals and his family.

A team from Sarkanda police station reached the spot and summoned the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) due to the river's depth. Following a two-hour search operation, SDRF divers retrieved Saurabh's body at around 2 PM.

Police have sent the body for a post-mortem examination and registered a case of accidental death. The body will be handed over to the family following completion of formal procedures.

Elderly couple hacked to death in Bemetara, panic in village

Bemetara, (VW) An elderly couple was allegedly murdered by unknown assailants in Kamkavada village under the Parpodi police station limits of Bemetara district, spreading panic across the area.

The deceased have been identified as Baliram Sahu, 60, and his wife. On receiving information from local residents, a police team arrived at the crime scene and recovered the blood-soaked bodies before sending them

for a post-mortem examination.

Forensic teams and dog squads were deployed to gather crucial evidence from the site. Officers are questioning locals and relatives to establish the motive behind the double murder and track down the culprits.

Police said an investigation is underway from all angles, including personal enmity and robbery, to identify and arrest the perpetrators at the earliest.

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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 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 and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Bank of Maharashtra, the possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" on 15.09.2026**, for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under-

Name & Address of Borrower / Guarantor	Outstanding Dues for Recovery of which Property are being sold	Description of properties	Type of Possession	Reserve Price
				EMD Amount Bid Increase Amount
Branch - Asset Recovery Branch Borrower: M/s Global Enviro Infra Structure Pvt. Ltd. Through it's directors a) Mr. Ravi Garg, S/o: Shri Ramesh Kumar Agrwal b) Mr. Sumit Jain, S/o: Shri Bhupendra Kumar Jain Add: Office no. 317, Ambuja Mall, Saddu, Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Guarantor: 1.Mr. Ravi Garg, S/o: Shri Ramesh Kumar Agrawal 2. Mrs. Nikita Agrawal, W/o: Mr. Ravi Garg, Both reside at Add: E-203, Miraya Apartment, Anandam World City, Kachna Raipur 3. Mr. Sumit Jain, S/o: Shri Bhupendra Kumar Jain 4.Mrs. Puja Jain, W/o: Mr. Sumit Jain ,Both reside at Add: H.N.54, Green Avenue Near Green Orchid, Daldal Seoni, Raipur	Rs.2,90,81,925/- (Rupees Two crore Ninty Lakhs Eighty one thousands nine hundred Twenty five Only) + Unapplied interest on contractual rate w.e.f. 31.12.2022+ penal interest thereon and other charges and expenses	Project Name- Arshiya Apartment (M2), Miraya Apartment. (M3). Anandam World City,Fully furnished Flat no. M3-E-203, 3rd floor, Block E, of Multi Storied Building Miraya Apartment, Carpet area of 1168 Sq. Ft. with terrace and one parking Owner: Mrs. Nikita Agrawal	Physical	Rs. 7365000/- Rs. 7365000/- Rs. 10000/-
Branch - Asset Recovery Branch Borrower : Laxman Chandrakar S/o Late. Shri Vasudev Chandrakar House No. 189/25, Station Road, Near Mohan Nagar police station, Durg- 491001. Guarantors: (1) Ashok Kumar Chandrakar R/o Co Sukhlal Chandrakar, Sirsa Kala, Bhilai 3, Durg, Chhattisgarh, 490021. (2) Kunal Chandrakar, House No. 311, Tikrapara Uttar, Ward No. 36, Sirsakala, Bhilai, Durg, 490021.	Rs. 3,28,36,287/- (Three crore Twenty eight lakh Thirty eight thousand Two hundred and eighty seven only) + unapplied interest and penal charges thereon w.e.f. 06.07.2023	Flat no.202, Block – B, Avinash Pride, Veer Sawarkar Ward No.01, Ring Road No.02, Village: Jarway, Raipur	Symbolic	Rs. 2900000/- Rs. 290000/- Rs. 10000/-

Inspection of Properties by bidder: 10.09.2026 to 11.09.2026 between 11:00 am. and 4:00 pm
Last Date & Time for Submission of Bid application/KYC documents/EMD etc. 15.09.2026 up to 11.00 a.m.
Date & time of E-auction with auto extention for 10 minutes- 15.09.2026 between 12.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

The auction sale will be On-line E-Auction / Bidding through website <https://baanknet.com>, email: support.baanknet@psballiance.com. Mob. - 8291220220 The intending Bidders / Purchasers are requested to register on portal using their mobile number and email id. Please take note that the registration and KYC approval etc take 2-3 working days. For detail terms and conditions of sale please refer to the link provided in <https://bankofmaharashtra.bank.in/asset-for-sales-search> and <https://baanknet.com>. Also prospective bidders may contact the authorized officials **Contact details: Incharge Recovery Jabalpur Shri Onkar Kumar (Zonal Manager) - 9823296164, Shri Nikhil S Patil (DZM) - 7387211200, Shri Bhushan Mohite (CM Recovery - Z.O.) - 9923257090 & Shri Hariom Trivedi (CM & Authorised Officer) - 9405719723**
Note - The sales are subject to the order/outcome of any case pending/ filed if any before Court/Tribunal

Date: 14/08/2026

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Authorised Officer, Bank of Maharashtra

Parliament: 12 ...

Congress party's disruptive behaviour, Rijiju said that he genuinely felt sorry for the grand old party MPs, particularly for the new ones, who failed to find an opportunity to speak and rather became 'victims' of the uproar created by their own party.

He said that Congress has adopted a mindset under which the members see their role as waking up early, grabbing a pillow, heading to the Parliament complex, and engaging in name-calling and sloganeering.

He said that it was to be seen that the grand old party MPs have been reduced to raising slogans, waving placards and creating ruckus and hoped that the attitude would change when the Parliament meets again for the Winter Session.(agencies)

NDA, Opposition ...

listen to both the ruling party and the Opposition and learn a lot of things. But it was disappointing that the entire session was lost due to the policies of the

Congress," he said.

Meanwhile, Rashtriya Janata Dal MP Sanjay Yadav hit back at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), saying that the Monsoon session of Parliament has been washed away because of the "sins of the BJP".

"After all that the BJP has done in the country, Parliament's Monsoon session has suffered due to that. If this situation continues, where will issues concerning farmers, students, and the corruption prevalent in the country be discussed?" he asked.

Congress MP Deepender Hooda accused the Union government of "completely running away" from its responsibilities.

"The government has neither demonstrated accountability nor accepted responsibility regarding the hardships, difficulties, and burning issues facing the people today – be it inflation, record-breaking unemployment, the use of pellet guns against students, the NEET paper leak, the entire E20 fuel issue, etc. There has been absolutely no response

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from the government on any of these matters, which are of vital concern to the public," he told reporters outside the Parliament House.

Samajwadi Party (SP) MP Dharmendra Yadav lashed out at the BJP-led Centre for not raising the issue of alleged misappropriation of donations made at Ayodhya's Ram Temple, despite repeated submission of notices by the party.

"From the day the session started, from the all-party meeting on July 19 until today, we have submitted notices under every possible rule and through every possible Parliamentary procedure to raise the issue. Despite this, the government has not had the courage to discuss the issue of 'donation theft'," he told IANS.

While holding the Union government accountable for "delay" in responding over the alleged police action during July 20 protest march, Shri Sena-UBT MP Anil Desai said: "The ordinary peo-

ple of India who pay their taxes and question the expenditure incurred here are right to raise these concerns."(agencies)

Gen Alpha movement: ...

Kumar, Garhwa SDPO Dilu Lohara, and BDO Sahay reached the spot and attempted to persuade the students and other protesters to end the blockade.

After seven hours of demonstrations, the district administration finally issued an official order reinstating Headmaster Malay Kumar Singh at the Kandi school.

Soon after the reinstatement letter was received, the students withdrew their protest and traffic movement on the road returned to normal.(agencies)

Sukhbir Singh ...

suffered injuries to other areas as well. Officials said that Badal's injuries are not life-threatening. He has received stitches on his hand and is currently un-

dergoing treatment at a private hospital in Nanded. Inspector Santosh Kendre, who was deployed on special security duty, was also injured during the attack.

Police have confirmed that one attacker has been detained and further investigation is underway.

Badal had arrived in Nanded from Punjab.

This is not the first attack on the Akali Dal leader: On December 4, 2024, he survived an assassination attempt outside the Golden Temple in Amritsar. He escaped unharmed, while the gunman was quickly overpowered and arrested.

At the time, Badal was performing 'sewadar' duties at the Golden Temple after the Akal Takht had pronounced 'tankhah' (religious punishment) on him and several other Akali Dal leaders for alleged mistakes committed during the party's rule in Punjab between 2007 and 2017.(agencies)

Bihar Police ...

has become a major political flash-

point in Bihar:

Bihar's Leader of the Opposition and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav has repeatedly demanded accountability over the police action against protesting students.

The RJD has announced an August 19 Raj Bhavan March in Patna over the incident, with Tejashwi likely to lead party MLAs, MLCs and workers.(agencies)

NSC terrorism ...

in terrorism in India, as seen in the arrest of at least four doctors who were charged with involvement in the terror attack.

The suicide-bomber, who drove the explosive-laden car, was Umar-un-Nabi, an assistant professor of general medicine at a university in Faridabad.

The report included Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) attacks in Pakistan, and it said that it was restructuring and creating a new division for Kashmir and the division of Gilgit, which is under Pakistani occupation. (agencies)

***Bengal's highest civilian award for
RS MP withdrawn over making
derogatory comments about Netaji***

After the Chief Minister Adhikari's announcement, the police also arrested a youth in Uttar Dinajpur on Thursday, who is accused of making objectionable posts about Netaji.(agencies)

Centre withdraw it without delay. He warned that if the Union government failed to address the state's concerns and restore Jharkhand's rights, the state would not hesitate to take decisive and historic steps. Directing the party organisation to intensify its campaign against the Bill, Soren said the protest movement would be taken to every village and panchayat across the state. Among those present during the virtual meeting were MPs Vijay Hansda and Mahua Maji, state minister and party General Secretary Sudivya Kumar, General Secretary Vinod Pandey, Abhishek Prasad Pintu, along with district unit presidents and several party functionaries.(agencies)

While Nassar's Rs 1 lakh has now been returned, complaints from other depositors have brought the institution back into the political spotlight. The proposed probe will now have to establish whether the difficulties faced by depositors are isolated instances or point to a wider financial problem. For the CPI(M), particularly its Kannur organisation, the controversy is an uncomfortable reminder of an initiative once promoted with considerable political backing (agencies)

"The place where the autopsy will be conducted has not been decided yet. We will take action as per the wishes of the family. A total of three places within the hospital premises have been sealed. The police have also seized a stretcher for now. The investigators are examining the CCTV cameras," Agarwal said. The incident has brought back memories of the August 2024 rape and murder of a junior doctor at state-run R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in north Kolkata. Her body was recovered from the emergency department's seminar room.(agencies)

'Hugging world leaders is not foreign policy': Rahul Gandhi targets PM Modi

Commenting on China, Rahul Gandhi alleged that Beijing had barred Indian patrols in Arunachal Pradesh and that the "bravado" of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi had completely deflated. He accused the Union government of calling newspapers and media outlets to prevent the story from being published or broadcast.

The statement noted that Quad remains united in its conviction that "peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific maritime domain underpin the security and prosperity of the region." (agencies)

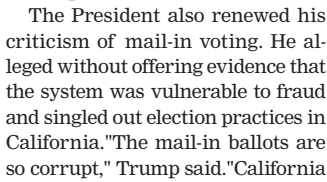
Rahul Gandhi's petition is scheduled to be heard on August 17 by a Bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant. The Congress leader has challenged the Allahabad High Court's orders passed in connection with a complaint filed by Vignesh Shishir, a BJP worker from Karnataka, alleging disproportionate assets against Gandhi. In its order issued in May, the Allahabad High Court had observed that if

The petitioner, Atjeevaan Society, also demanded consideration of an emergency ticket quota for such passengers. "The emergency quota is required because survivors need to travel at short notice. If they don't get these treatments in time, then it becomes a failure," said the petitioner, a suggestion that was supported by the bench. The Centre said that these aspects can be considered while formulating the policy, but it has objections to giving concessions under the disabled category, as it would have to differentiate between categories of disabled, said a lawyer. The government agreed to share the proposed policy with Atjeevaan Society before filing it before the Court so that the organisation could offer suggestions.(agencies)

Earlier, in the same case, ED had provisionally attached properties valued at Rs 3.30 crore, since confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority under the PMLA, and had filed a chargesheet under the same Act before the Special PMLA Court. With the present attachment, the cumulative value of properties provisionally attached in the case stands at around Rs 3.66 crore.(agencies)

US senator urges Trump administration to crackdown on illegal Chinese transshipment

Trump said some Republican



He then urged Trump to declare a national security emergency within the next month. Root claimed such a declaration would allow the administration to introduce photo identification, proof-of-citizenship requirements and limits on mail-in voting.

Federal law already prohibits non-citizens from voting in federal elections. Elections are administered primarily by state and local authorities within a framework set by the US Constitution and federal law.(agencies)

"Every one of these shipments represents a company breaking American law and stealing competitive advantage from American businesses," he said. Moreno cited trade data showing a record USD 112 billion gap between goods China reported ex-

Moreno pointed to a January 2024 federal search at the Moraine, Ohio, plant of Harco Manufacturing Group, the US subsidiary of Chinese auto parts manufacturer Qingdao Sunsong.Homeland Security Investigations executed the search warrant. Congressional investigations had previously identified Qingdao Sunsong over allegations that it circumvented Section 301 tariffs.Those

Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 permits the United States to respond to foreign trade practices it considers unfair or discriminatory. Washington imposed several rounds of Section 301 tariffs on Chinese products during President Donald Trump's first term.

"Today, the Coast Guard is stronger than it's ever been," he added. During the visit, Mullin addressed about 300 Coast

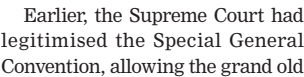
The Arctic has gained strategic importance as changing ice conditions affect maritime access. The United States and other Arctic nations have sought to strengthen their ability to monitor shipping, protect territorial interests and respond to emergencies across the region.(agencies)

Stephen Hubbard is the only American currently held in Russia

"My heart breaks for these five

The Levinson Act established procedures for determining whether a US national held by a foreign government is wrongfully detained. It also strengthened the government's ability to coordinate hostage recovery efforts and assist affected families.(agencies)

His return comes at a time when his party is moving towards a possible split, with his faction sched-



Although his return could energise his faction within the party, it remains unclear how the state will treat him given the ongoing investigation against him and his wife, former Foreign Minister Arzu Deuba, who accompanied him abroad. His wife and son, Jayabir, have not returned home from abroad. Deuba

More significantly, questions remain over who financed their extended stay and medical treatment. These questions have assumed greater significance amid the ongoing money-laundering investigation into the Deuba family. (agencies)

A group of men in orange jumpsuits and yellow hard hats, some holding signs, one of which says "Wangchenpa" with a picture of a man.

Gedhun Choekyi Nyima was not an accident of history - it was the direct result of Beijing's decision to prioritise political control over religious tradition. The initial agreement between Dharamsala could have been a rare bridge across the divide. Instead, Beijing's reversal transformed a child into a hostage of geopolitics. Until Gedhun Choekyi Nyima is seen, free, and allowed to fulfil his spiritual role, the credibility of China's commitments to international law and religious freedom will remain in question," wrote Thondup.

In May, the International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) and Tibetans, Tibetan

Buddhists and Tibet supporters around the world urged the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to release the 11th Panchen Lama immediately and restore his rights and freedoms under China's laws and its international commitments.

ICT President Tencho Gyatso said, "On May 17, we mark a tragic day in Tibetan history, when the Chinese government stole a venerated religious leader - a six-year-old boy - from him. The CCP continues to hold him and his family to this day."

"We implore President Trump, Secretary Rubio and other international leaders to tell President Xi and other Chinese officials to immediately release the Panchen Lama and end their interference in Tibetan cultural and religious practices," Gyatso added.

According to Mazar Baloch, UBA fighters had been closely tracking military movements between the Daraz Beet and Panjra Bridge checkpoints, collecting information about movements of convoys and personnel in the area.

Separately, the Baloch Republican Guards (BRG) spokesperson Dostain

Both Baloch armed groups vowed to continue operations against Pakistani forces until what they described as "complete independence

of Balochistan."

These latest incidents come against the backdrop of escalating attacks by Baloch groups targeting Pakistani military and police forces across Balochistan in recent days, resulting in heavy casualties and damage to infrastructure.

Earlier this week, the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) took responsibility for 38 operations across Balochistan targeting Pakistani forces, claiming that over 32 military personnel and operatives were killed and dozens of others were injured, local media reported.

In a statement issued to the media on Tuesday, BLA spokesperson Jeeyand Baloch said the attacks were carried out between August 1 and 8. He said that the group targeted Pakistani military convoys, vehicles, camps and foot patrols, as well as trade routes, bridges, railway infrastructure, police posts and vehicles transporting minerals and other goods.(agencies)

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Gold derivatives can boost financial markets, price discovery in India: Report

Request For Proposal (RFP) was posted on CPP portal on March 2026. The pre-bid conference was held on April 7, 2026. The last date for receiving bids was August 2026, on CPP portal and the technical bids were opened on August 13 in the presence of the bidders.(agencies)

India tops overall medal tally to lift Wilkinson Sword Trophy at Commonwealth Fencing C'ship

Lagos (Nigeria), The Indian fencing contingent created history by winning the overall championship title at the Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2026. Team India completed a spectacular four-day campaign with an unprecedented total of 35 medals-13 gold, 8 silver and 14 bronze across both U-23 and senior competitions.

The historic victory culminated with an overwhelming performance in the senior team competitions. Indian fencers asserted absolute supremacy across all disciplines, capturing five gold medals out of the six contested team events. Team India secured top honours in men's sabre, women's sabre, men's epee, women's epee, and women's foil, alongside a hard-fought silver medal in men's foil. This remarkable final sweep cemented India's position at the top of the leaderboards and officially earned the country the prestigious Wilkinson Sword Trophy - awarded since 1982 by the Commonwealth Fencing Federation to the nation with the best overall results.

Team success capped off three



previous days of exceptional individual performances in Lagos. The campaign kicked off on Day 1 with a massive 17-medal haul in the U-23 individual events (4 gold, 4 silver, 9 bronze), featuring a complete podium sweep in men's sabre led by gold medallist Nikhil Wagh, alongside individual gold medals from Joys Ashita (women's foil), Prachi Lohan (women's epee), and Jeferlin (women's sabre).

On Day 2, Team India transitioned into senior individual ac-

tion, collecting 7 medals (1 gold, 2 silver, 4 bronze), headlined by a gold-silver finish from Tanishka Khatri and Khushi Dabhade in senior women's epee.

On Day 3, Indian fencers added 5 more medals (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze) with dominant gold-medal runs from Kanaglakshmi (Senior Women's Foil), Rajendran ShanthimolSherjin (Senior Men's Épée), and Singh Karan Singh (Senior Men's Sabre).

Behind the athletes' victory was

a dedicated support system led by coaches Bharatji Thakor, Shrihari Pise, and Shankar Narayanan, physiotherapist Amruta Balkawade, and team manager Manu Tyagi, whose tactical guidance, physical conditioning, and event management proved essential throughout the four-day competition.

Expressing immense pride in the historic achievement, Rajeev Mehta, secretary general of the Fencing Association of India, stated, "I am incredibly proud of our entire contingent every single athlete, coach, and support staff member whose untiring dedication made this historic victory possible. Lifting the Commonwealth Overall Championship title for the very first time is a testament to the talent, discipline, and hard work within Indian fencing. This monumental achievement will serve as a massive boost of confidence for our fencers and will undoubtedly create strong positive momentum as we prepare for upcoming international tournaments and major global championships."(agencies)

'I want to give the best of my abilities': Sakshi eyes Asian Games 2026 after CWG glory

New Delhi, Commonwealth Games gold medallist Sakshi Chaudhary said that she has already shifted her attention to the Asian Games 2026, with the Indian boxer determined to build on her impressive campaign in Glasgow and challenge for another major international title.

Sakshi produced a dominant performance in the women's 51kg boxing category at the Commonwealth Games, defeating England's Ruby White 5-0 in the final to claim the gold medal. The Indian remained unbeaten throughout the competition and maintained a perfect 5-0 unanimous-decision record from the pre-quarterfinals through to the final.

Her gold medal-winning performance in Glasgow was built on sharp movement, composed defence, accurate combinations and intelligent tactical adjustments. Against White in the final, Sakshi controlled the contest from the opening bell and secured a unanimous victory, with the judges' scorecards reading 30-27, 29-28, 30-27, 30-26 and 30-27.

The triumph has given

Sakshi further confidence ahead of the Asian Games, which are scheduled to begin in Japan on September 19.

"Winning a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games is a dream come true moment for me. And now my complete focus is on the Asian Games. These are the platforms that I have always aimed at, and I want to give the best of my abilities," Sakshi said.

The boxer added that representing India remains her biggest source of motivation and helps her push herself to improve with every bout.

"I play for my country. This constant thought pumps me up and gives me the strength and courage to do better than the last match I played," she added.

Sakshi said she would immediately begin preparations for the Asian Games and use the lessons from her Commonwealth Games campaign to further sharpen her game."I will begin my training for the Asian Games now. I have learnt a lot from my Commonwealth matches, and I will always cherish this experience," she said.(agencies)

'You have to be patient in Test Cricket': Saransh Jain on decade-long wait for India call-up



Galle, Rewarded for a decade of relentless toil in domestic cricket, Madhya Pradesh off-spinner Saransh Jain said patience have been central to his journey as he finally earned his maiden India Test call-up for the upcoming two-game tour of Sri Lanka.Jain, who made his Ranji Trophy debut in the 2014-15 season, was included in India's squad for the series against Sri Lanka, with the first Test set to begin at the Galle International Stadium on Saturday.Reflecting on the moment he found out about his selection, Jain said he was on his way to a temple when he noticed a string of calls and messages on his phone.

"When I got the call, I was in a temple. I was driving there, and I saw a call and messages in between. Then I came to know that I was selected," Jain said in a video shared by the BCCI.

The 33-year-old has spent more than a decade playing domestic cricket and said he did not feel overwhelmed after joining the India squad, largely because he has already played with most of his new teammates."Ranji Trophy has an atmosphere. When I joined the team three days ago, I didn't feel much difference. 70-80 per cent of the players I have played cricket with. So I think I have mixed up with all of them," he said.Jain also stressed that patience is essential for anyone aspiring to play Test cricket for India, pointing to his own long wait as an example.

"You have to be patient in Test cricket. If you want to play Test cricket for India, you have to be patient. I have been patient since I started my career. I made my Ranji Trophy debut in 2014-15. It has been a long journey. It has been a lot of hard work and sacrifices. One day, I will definitely play for India. That was my feeling," he said.

Jain's family has played a key role in keeping him grounded throughout his career, with his father himself having represented Madhya Pradesh in the Ranji Trophy."My family is behind me. My dad is a Ranji Trophy player. He told me to be patient. Things will come to you automatically," Jain said.Jain, who bats left-handed, has been a regular member of India A sides and has amassed 2,223 runs and 188 wickets in 54 first-class appearances. He spent years on the periphery before enjoying a breakthrough in 2022, when he claimed 13 wickets and scored a crucial fifty in the knockout stages to help Madhya Pradesh win their maiden Ranji Trophy title.The 2025-26 season proved to be another major step in his career. Jain scored 518 runs at an average of 57.55 and took 30 wickets at 20.43. He followed that with a Player-of-the-Series performance for Central Zone in the Duleep Trophy, claiming 16 wickets and scoring two fifties in two matches.He had also served as a net bowler when India faced Afghanistan in New Chandigarh. Now, after years of waiting, Jain is finally on the brink of making his Test debut for India.(agencies)

Ashwin hails Ireland's series win over India as 'huge positive' as cricket set to feature in the Olympics



New Delhi, With the inaugural European T20 Premier League (ETPL) scheduled to get underway on August 26, Dublin Guardians captain and mentor Ravichandran Ashwin has welcomed Ireland's recent 2-0 series victory over India, pointing to the result and the nature of the pitches as encouraging signs for cricket's global expansion.

Ashwin, who will lead the Dublin Guardians in the tournament, said Ireland's triumph over the world's No.1-ranked side underlined the competitive possibilities for emerging cricketing nations, while also highlighting how helpful balanced surfaces can be for bowlers in the shortest format.

"Two things made me very happy. One was that a team ranked 10th could beat a team ranked first. I think the sport should be like that. It is also a lesson that the FIFA World Cup has taught us. For this game to become a truly global sport, with more nations coming to the fore and with cricket set to feature in the Olympics in the next couple of years, I see it as a huge positive," Ashwin told JioStar.

For Ashwin, Ireland's success was not merely about an upset re-

sult. The veteran spinner also saw the series as evidence of how pitch conditions can bring different skills and tactical approaches into play, particularly in T20 cricket.

"The second aspect is that if there is something in the pitch and there is a balance between bat and ball, bowlers are going to come into play, which Ireland proved beyond any doubt," he added.

He singled out Ireland left-arm spinner Matthew Humphreys for particular praise, with the youngster's success against India providing Ashwin an example of the continued relevance of finger spin when conditions allow bowlers to operate effectively.

"To have a left-arm spinner like Humphreys bowl to Shivam Dube and get him caught at square leg is a lesson for people who ask me what has happened to the art of finger spin," he stated.

Ashwin also questioned the extent to which modern T20 cricket has become favourable to batters, arguing that the conditions can make life difficult for every bowler and force teams to rely on detailed planning as well as an element of fortune.

"The pitches have reached a

point where any bowler can go the distance on a given day. I think you need a lot of luck to survive, apart from having plenty of plans in place in modern T20 cricket," the former India all-rounder said.

The manner in which Humphreys was entrusted with responsibility late in the innings further impressed Ashwin. The Dublin Guardians captain pointed to the decision to use the spinner against a left-handed batter deep into the innings as an example of how conditions can influence tactical calls.

"So, it was a refreshing pitch to watch, and it was even more refreshing to see Humphreys being trusted with the 18th or 19th over against a left-hander. The pitch had enough in it and did not allow the left-hander to hit through the line. So, on both counts, it was very, very pleasing to watch," Ashwin said.

Ashwin will now turn his attention to the ETPL, where the Dublin Guardians are among the teams preparing for the league's first season. The tournament has attracted prominent names from the cricketing world, including Rahul Dravid and Jonty Rhodes in ownership roles.

Dravid, the co-owner of the Dublin Guardians, spoke highly of Ashwin's role within the franchise and underlined the value of having an experienced cricketer focused on leadership and nurturing younger players."I'm glad that we got Ashwin on board. He is obviously a legend of the game and a world-class performer, but he is also a really good captain and leader. He is someone who has a very clear idea and vision of how, at this stage of his career, he wants to focus on developing and working with young talent," Dravid said.(agencies)

'Hardik Pandya is my idol': APL's top wicket-taker credits Indian all-rounder for success

Guwahati, Dibrugarh Warriors all-rounder Doikho Das has credited India star Hardik Pandya as his idol, saying he is trying to model his game on the dynamic all-rounder's aggressive approach as he continues to make his mark in the inaugural Assam Premier League (APL) 2026.

Das has been one of the standout performers for the Warriors, who sit at the top of the points table with five wins from six matches and 10 points.

The seamer has claimed 13 wickets in six games at an economy rate of 7.80, including an impressive 4/33 against Charaideo Sunrisers. He believes his admiration for Pandya has influenced the way he approaches bowling, particu-

larly his use of the short ball.

"Hardik Pandya is my idol. I like the way he plays his cricket, and I try to learn from his style. I focus on hitting the deck hard and bowling aggressively, especially with the short ball," Das said.

"The short ball is my stock delivery. It has brought me success, and with the pitches offering assistance, I am leaning into that strength," he added.

While Das has so far made his biggest impact with the ball, he considers himself an all-rounder and is waiting for an opportunity to contribute with the bat.

"I haven't had the chance to bat yet, but I'm ready to make an impact whenever the opportunity arises. I want to con-

tribute in both departments whenever my team needs me," he said.

The 13-wicket haul has made Das one of the tournament's leading wicket-takers, but the youngster believes keeping things simple has been the key to his success."My mindset is clear: I don't focus on the batter; I only focus on hitting my areas and sticking to the plan. That helps me stay disciplined and not get distracted," he reckoned.

Despite his individual numbers, Das insists the team's success remains his priority.

"Personal performances don't matter as much if the team doesn't win. I'm not satisfied yet because I want to keep improving to help the team move forward," he said.

UPT20: 'Team has come together well', says Kashi Rudras captain Karan Sharma ahead of season opener

Lucknow, Two-time champions Kashi Rudras captain Karan Sharma believes the time spent together during the practice camp has helped build the connection within the squad and given the players a strong base as they begin their title defence against Meerut Mavericks on Friday in the opening match of the UPT20 2026 season at the Ekana Cricket Stadium.

The opening fixture brings back a familiar contest for Kashi Rudras. The two sides met in last season's final, with Kashi producing a dominant performance to beat Meerut Mavericks by eight wickets and claim their second UPT20 title.The Rudras will return to competitive action with a new-look squad, following an 11-day pre-season camp in Kanpur from August 1 to 11. The camp brought the players together for focused training and gave the group valuable time to settle into their roles



ahead of the season.

"It has been a very good camp for us. We got the space to spend time together, understand each other, and get comfortable as a group before we started thinking about this first game. It is a great feeling to be part of a setup

where the conversations began even before we stepped onto the field for practice. The team has come together really well, and we know there is a lot of hard work ahead," Sharma said.

"We have the support and prayers of Kashi behind us, and now it is about

taking that energy into the first game and giving our best," he added.

Rudras set the tone last season, winning seven of their 10 league matches, including their first six, before beating Mavericks in Qualifier 1 and the final.

Captain Karan Sharma led the league's run charts with 519 runs and finished as the top run-scorer, claiming his 2nd Orange Cap in UPT20 history. Atal Bihari Rai finished joint-second among the leading wicket-takers with 20 wickets, while Sunil Kumar and Kartik Yadav also made strong contributions with 15 and 14 wickets respectively.

The meeting also brings together the only two teams to have won the UPT20 League so far: Kashi Rudras lifted the inaugural title in 2023 before winning again in 2025, while Meerut Mavericks claimed the championship in 2024.(agencies)

Tanvi, Suraj bow out in semis of Squash PSA Challenger Tour in Kolkata

Kolkata, Women's top seed Tanvi Khanna and men's fourth seed Suraj Kumar Chand bowed out in the semifinals of the HCL Squash PSA Challenger Tour event in Kolkata on Thursday.

Tanvi went down to Egyptian third seed Sohayla Hazem 11-6, 2-11, 7-11, 7-11, while Chand lost to Mohamed Gohar, the Egyptian top seed, winning 11-8, 11-2, 11-7.

Earlier, Chand, who won the World University Championships singles crown recently, beat eighth-seed compatriot Om Semwal in four games to reach the semifinals. He overcame Egypt's Hassan Menshawly in a 73-minute-long five-game thriller, 11-4, 8-11, 11-2, 9-11, 11-8 in the pre-quarterfinals.

Earlier on Tuesday, Suraj Chand overcame Egypt's Hassan Menshawly in a 73-minute-long five-game thriller, 11-4, 8-11, 11-2, 9-11, 11-8 in the men's pre-quarterfinals.

In another engrossing five-game contest, Sandhesh Palanivel Ravikumar rallied from 2-0 down to beat sixth seed

Ayaan Vaziralli 6-11, 10-12, 11-5, 11-6, 11-7 and advance to the men's quarters.

In the women's section, top seed Tanvi Khanna moved to the quarters with a straight-games win over Vasundhara Nangare. She then defeated sixth-seed compatriot Nirupama Dubey in straight games in the quarterfinals before falling to third seed Egyptian Sohayla in the semifinals.

In Friday's all-Egypt finals, Sohayla will take on second seed Menna Walid for the women's title, while Gohar will meet third seed Seif Refaay for the men's crown.The event has a prize fund of USD 9,000 for the men's section, while in the women's section, the prize money is USD 9,000. The HCL Squash PSA Challenger Tour has so far organised events in Indore, Mumbai, and Chennai, and is now in Kolkata in its India leg. The HCL Squash PSA Challenger Tour is the second rung of the Professional Squash Association (PSA) Tour with events spread all over major countries.(agencies)

'I haven't had enough opportunities to show my talent': Praveen Dubey determined to make IPL chance count

New Delhi, For spinner Praveen Dubey, being part of an Indian Premier League (IPL) squad has never been the same as getting a genuine run in the playing XI. After years of waiting, learning from some of the biggest names in Indian cricket and continuing to build his game in domestic competitions, the Punjab Kings leg-spinner believes he is ready to make the most of his next opportunity.

Dubey, who entered the IPL ecosystem with Royal Challengers Bengaluru in 2016 before moving to Delhi Capitals and now Punjab Kings (PBKS), admitted that he is yet to get enough chances to demonstrate his full potential at the highest level. Rather than allowing that frustration to weigh on him, the leg-spinner has chosen to focus

on his development and remain prepared for the moment his opportunity arrives.

"Until now, I haven't had enough opportunities to play and show my talent or performance. So, I have started my process in the domestic and local leagues. And I am ready for any chance I get," Praveen told IANS in an exclusive interview.

The wait is not unfamiliar for Dubey. His first IPL season with RCB was largely a learning experience, as the youngster spent time with senior players and tried to understand what was required to perform at the highest



level. "So, my first year was a very good learning experience for me. I was selected for the IPL for the first time," he added.

Among the senior figures he interacted with was Virat Kohli, with Dubey using those conversations to work on the mental side of his game while waiting for his opportunity. "At that time, I had

Virat with me. I used to talk to him about how I could improve my mindset. And in between, I used to think that whenever I get a chance to play, I should do well," Dubey stated.

After spending two years around the RCB setup without getting a consistent opportunity, Dubey moved to DC. His chance eventually came soon after joining the franchise, and he was able to carry the confidence of his domestic performances into the IPL.

"When I didn't get a chance to play for a year or two, then I went to DC. I got a chance to play there only after two matches. So, I was with the players for 2 years during my time at RCB. And I

was trying to do what I did in my domestic career. And after playing, it turned out very well. And then I played in the 2020 finals. So, that experience was very good," he mentioned.

At Punjab Kings, Dubey has another opportunity to learn from an established leg-spinner, with Yuzvendra Chahal now part of the same bowling group. The relationship between the two goes back to their RCB days, giving Dubey an experienced teammate with whom he can discuss the finer details of T20 bowling.

"I was with Yuzi in RCB as well. We used to talk a lot. And obviously, it feels good to bowl with him. And you get to learn a lot, too. He has played so many matches. He is the highest wicket-taker in the IPL," he opined.



Raashii Khanna begins shooting for 'Farzi 2', treats with pics from the sets

Actress Raashii Khanna is all set to return to the screen as RBI Officer Megha Vyas, as she has kick-started the shoot for one of the most anticipated series, 'Farzi 2'. On Thursday, Raashii took to her official Instagram handle and treated the netizens to a couple of adorable clicks from the set of her next. In the first pic, Raashii was seen relishing a crunchy hot mocha grande. We could also see her peeking out from her Vanity. In another photo, Raashii smiled for the camera as she got her makeup done. The album further had a still of her holding a 500 rupee note, keeping in tune with the theme of the show.

"Crunchy red hat mocha grande with almond milk for...? #backatit #farzi2 (sic)," she captioned the post. The lead of 'Farzi', Shahid Kapoor, commenced the shoot for the second season back in March this year.

Sharing the professional update on his Instagram handle, Shahid had posted a black-and-white photo with the makers of the show, Raj Nidimoru and Krishna Dasarakothapalli, on his official Insta handle, accompanied by the text, "Farzi2 day 1... back at it!!!" Before this, in February, Shahid had confirmed that 'Farzi 2' is happening with another social media post, which also included a picture of him with Raj Nidimoru and Krishna Dasarakothapalli. His post on Instagram Stories also had the text, "The fakers are back at it."

Created by the popular filmmaker duo Raj & DK, the primary instalment of the show saw Shahid, Raashii, Vijay Sethupathi, Kay Kay Menon, Bhuvan Arora, Regina Cassandra, and Amol Palekar as the core cast, along with others. 'Farzi' premiered on Amazon Prime Video on 10 February 2023 and was well received by the audience. The eight-episode series revolved around a small-time con artist, Sunny (Played by Shahid Kapoor), who accidentally stumbles upon the dark world of crime.

Actress Vedika Pinto, who worked with filmmaker Anurag Kashyap in the film "Nishaanchi," has opened up about the valuable lessons she learned during the experience.

Vedika shared that working with Kashyap taught her important lessons about life and helped her develop a better understanding of herself. Speaking exclusively to IANS, she revealed that one of the biggest takeaways from her journey was learning to accept herself.

Vedika also spoke about the role of networking in the film industry. Recalling how she eventually got the opportunity to meet Kashyap, she said she had wanted to meet the filmmaker for a long time. Her agent eventually arranged the meeting, during which Kashyap noticed something in her that led to her being considered for "Nishaanchi."

The actress shared, "Working with Anurag sir taught me about life as much as it taught me about acting. It is difficult to explain in words, but because of Nishaanchi and Anurag sir, I learned to accept myself, and that has been one of the biggest lessons of my journey."

When asked about the importance of networking in the film industry, Vedika agreed that building professional connections can play a significant role in finding opportunities. "It depends on what you mean by networking. I wanted to meet Anurag Kashyap for a long time, and my agent finally arranged that meeting. During that interaction, he saw something in me that eventually led to Nishaanchi. If that meeting had never happened, I might not have got the film. So, networking is important because people need to know you before they can consider you for a role."

"Nishaanchi" was directed by Anurag Kashyap, who co-wrote the film with Ranjan Chandel and Omjit Sahu. The film featured Aishwarya Thackeray in dual roles, while Vedika, Monika Panwar, Kumud Mishra, Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, and Vineet Kumar Singh appeared in pivotal roles. Vedika Pinto, along with the rest of the cast, also reprised her role in "Nishaanchi Part 2."

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actress Vedika Pinto reveals how working with Anurag Kashyap taught her to accept herself



Preity Mukhundan tells Ashok Selvan: I am eternally grateful to you!

Actress Preity Mukhundan, who plays the female lead opposite actor Ashok Selvan in director R Kaarthikeyan's upcoming film titled 'Anbil Avan', has now told him that she was "eternally grateful" to him for giving her the amount of space that she had now got in the film. Participating in the title teaser launch event of the film, Preity Mukhundan said, "This team is more than a team. They are family. Everyone in this team is very close to my heart. When you watch the film, all of you will like it. You will see how much heart and passion has gone into this film. I am genuinely feeling emotional."

The actress, who thanked actor Ashok Selvan, said, "Ashok, I don't know how to thank you. Of all the mainstream male actors, Ashok is one person I can confidently say who



will, without any insecurity, give space to his female co-stars. It is an amazing, amazing quality. Thank you. I am eternally grate-

ful to you for giving me the space you have given me in this film." The actress also thanked director R Kaarthikeyan for helping her

pull of the challenging role. She said, "Karthik sir, they told me that you were the one who vouched for me when I did the audition. I don't know why but throughout this film, you have helped me, taught me the nuances of this character, worked with me and extracted it from me. Thank you so much. This is a character that you have beautifully written. As you said, this character will connect with a lot of women and girls." The film, which has been produced by K.Karunamoorthy, Ashok Selvan and Abinaya Selvam, has music by Govind Vasantha.

The film has cinematography by Gowtham Rajendran and editing by Selva RK. Stunts in the film have been choreographed by Peter Hein and art direction is by Manikandan Srinivasan. While the story of the film has been penned by Vignesh Raja, its screenplay have been jointly penned by Vignesh Raja, R Kaarthikeyan and Ashok Selvan.

Erica Fernandes

on '108 Base Hospital - Uri': 'The strength of the women in the story connected me to it'

Television actress Erica Fernandes is set to portray a doctor in the upcoming military-medical show "108 Base Hospital - Uri". Talking about what drew her to the project, the 'Kasauti Zindagii Kay' actress told IANS that it was the strength and independence of the women in the story that immediately connected with her. Erica also opened up about the preparation that went into playing a medical professional. She revealed that she conducted extensive research to understand the working style, body language, and mannerisms of doctors and emergency medical professionals.

The actress shared, "108 is a military-medical-based show. What connected me to it was the strength of the women in the story. We are portraying independent and strong women, and I feel today's generation can relate to these characters because women are becoming increasingly independent and confident."



Speaking about her preparation for the role, the 'Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise Bhi' actress revealed that she undertook extensive medical research to understand the mannerisms, body language and working style of doctors and

emergency medical professionals. She shared that she spent nearly a month watching medical shows and videos, while also studying medical procedures and treatments to bring authenticity to her character.

"I did a lot of research. In fact, everyone on our set calls me "Dr. Fernandes" because I became so involved in the character. For about a month, I watched several medical shows and videos, studied the body language of doctors and surgeons, and watched videos related to medical procedures and treatments. I hope that research is visible on screen."

The show stars Erica Fernandes as Dr. Major Naina, Gashmeer Mahajani as Dr. Major Aniruddh, Nikkhil Khurana as Major Sameer Dixit, Ayoshi Talukdar as Dr. Captain Mili Banerjee, Hiten Tejwani as Dr. Col Suryakant Thakur, and Smita Bansal as Lt. Col. Principal Matron Kavita Jha.

'108 Base Hospital - Uri' will premiere on 15th August during Independence Day. It will air Saturday-Sunday on COLORS and JioHotstar.

'Alliance' girls Mini Mathur, Seema Sajdeh, Daisy Shah and Ruhee Dosani reunite over dinner

Mini Mathur, who recently emerged as the winner of the reality show 'Alliance', was seen reuniting with fellow contestants Seema Sajdeh, Daisy Shah, Ruhee Dosani over dinner on Wednesday night.

Giving fans a glimpse of their bond, Mini took to her social media account to share a picture from the get-together, bringing together the 'Alliance' girls. She captioned the picture as, "Unfiltered Allies".

The girls were seen chit chatting and unwinding at the get-together.

Talking about Mini and her participation in the game show, she has earlier described her experience on 'Alliance' as the best digital detox of her life.



Mini also shared that she did not miss her phone at all during her time on the show.

While speaking exclusively to IANS, Mini said that, given it was her first experience of a reality

show, she was surprised that she ended up having so much fun.

She was asked, "This was your first reality show, while many contestants had years of experience in this space. How challenging

was the learning curve in the beginning, and what surprised you the most?"

"I did not come with the sole intention of winning. Of course, I did not come to lose either, but my focus was simply to enjoy every challenge and give it my best. I think people connected with that enthusiasm," she added.

Mini also revealed how the show unexpectedly turned out to be a fun experience for her, also becoming the best digital detox of her life.

"What surprised me the most was how much fun I ended up having. I honestly thought I would come out mentally exhausted, physically drained, and probably needing therapy. Instead, I came out feeling sharper, more focused, and fitter than I have felt in a very long time," she concluded.

Nargis Fakhri says she was 'a pilot in my past life' after first flying experience

Actress Nargis Fakhri shared her happiness after flying for the first time, and quipped that her smooth experience may have something to do with being a pilot in a past life.

Nargis took to her Instagram stories, where she shared a picture of herself in the pilot's seat. In the image, she's looking back at the camera as she held on to the yoke before taking off.

Captioning the post, Nargis wrote: "First time flying. Apparently I was a pilot in my past life cuz I did so well."

On the acting front, Nargis, who is currently in the UK with friends Ekta Kapoor and Urvasi Dholakia, was last seen in Housefull 5, a comedy thriller, directed by Tarun Mansukhani. It marks the fifth instalment of the Housefull franchise.

The film features an ensemble cast including Akshay Kumar,



Abhishek Bachchan, Riteish Deshmukh, Sanjay Dutt, Fardeen Khan, Shreyas Talpade, Nana Patekar, Jackie Shroff, Dino Morea, Jacqueline Fernandez, Nargis

Fakhri, Chitrangada Singh, Sonam Bajwa, Soundarya Sharma, Chunky Pandey Nikitin Dheer and Johnny Lever

A murder-mystery comedy, the

film follows multiple impostors who claim to be the son of a recently deceased billionaire as they compete for his fortune aboard a luxury cruise ship.

She was also seen in Mastii 4 directed by Milap Zaveri. It is the fourth instalment in the Masti film series. The film stars Riteish Deshmukh, Vivek Oberoi and Aftab Shivdasani.

The film followed three unhappy husbands, who plan to leave their boring marriages. Their bold scheme offers liberation and thrill, but the aftermath takes surprising turns.

Nargis came to prominence in India with the 2011 romantic drama film Rockstar. She subsequently played a war correspondent in the political thriller Madras Cafe, and starred in the commercially successful comedies Main Tera Hero and Housefull 3. She has also appeared in the Hollywood action-comedy Spy.