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## Kiren Rijiju vs Congress again. But now over India's GDP: 'Drinking too much beer or blind loathing'



**Agencies, New Delhi** : Union parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju and the Congress party are at loggerheads once again, this time over India's GDP. The fresh social media spat erupted on Wednesday after the Kerala Congress mocked the Centre's GDP claims with a beer mug graphic. The Kerala Congress

posted a photo of a beer mug with the fizz labelled as 'official GDP' and the drink beneath it marked as 'Indian economy'. Rijiju launched a sharp attack at the Congress over this and said, "Is Congress Party in a state of deep intoxication due to drinking too much beer or Congressmen are so swayed by their blind

loathing of India's growth that they have lost touch with the ground reality?" Congress attacks govt over GDP projections. Earlier, the Congress also attacked the government over the GDP numbers, citing former finance secretary Subhash Chandra Garg's reported remarks on GDP

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## Manipur violence: 25 more houses set ablaze in Kangpokpi a day after 10 homes torched

**Agencies, Imphal** : At least 25 more houses were set ablaze in Manipur's Kangpokpi district on Wednesday, a day after armed individuals allegedly torched 10 houses and injured a villager along the Imphal-Tamenglong road, police said. The fresh arson was reported in Tiporam village, where residents said five of the houses belonged to members of the Nepali community. "Today 25 houses were set ablaze and they subsequently left the area. Among the 25 houses 5 belonged to Nepali community," a resident of Tiporam, requesting anonymity, said.

On Monday, a group of

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## Retired Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra, who led air ops in Op Sindoor, to head Ram temple trust



**Agencies, New Delhi** : Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra (Retd) was on Wednesday named the first CEO of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust. The decision was taken at a meeting attended by Trust presi-

dent Mahant Nitya Gopal Das, Swami Kamalnayan Das, interim general secretary Dr Krishna Mohan, trustee Mahant Dinendra Das and treasurer Swami Govind Dev Giri, among others.

There were 5,585 applications for the post, of which three candidates were shortlisted. Mishra was eventually selected to head the Trust. The appointment comes amid the controversy over the alleged theft of donations

at the Ram temple in Ayodhya. The alleged theft led to the arrest of eight people and the resignation of Champat Rai as general secretary in June. Who is Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra

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## Piyush Goyal to travel to US later this month for G20 talks, says ambassador Sergio Gor

**Agencies, New Delhi** : Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will travel to the United States later this month for G20-related meetings, US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor said on Wednesday, as he highlighted growing engagement between the two countries. Speaking to the media on the sidelines of the 66th Annual Session of the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) in New Delhi, Gor said India and the US were working closely on several issues.

"The United States and India are working very closely together; a lot is happening. The Minister will be travelling for the G20 meetings, just in a few weeks, in the United States. We look forward to having him in the United States," Gor said.

Addressing the ACMA annual session, the US Ambassador said the two governments were working to build a trade relationship that was fair and mutually beneficial.

"Our two governments are working closely together to build a trade relationship that is fair, reciprocal, and mutually beneficial," he said, adding that Goyal would travel to the United States "at the end of the month" to continue engagement as the US hosts the G20 talks.

Gor said both countries should work towards providing greater market access to companies on either side.

"As our governments work through the details of our trade relationship, we should aim to create an environment where American suppliers and technology can freely access the market and be sold to Indian manufacturers, while Indian firms can compete fairly in the US market," he said.

The Ambassador also invited Indian automotive component manufacturers to participate in the next SelectUSA Investment Summit in May near Washington, DC.

Highlighting Indian investment in the US, Gor said the US Embassy in India had led American diplomatic missions globally in attracting new investment.

"We were very proud that our embassy in India came in first, with \$24

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## Ex-Maoist strategist Bhupathi appointed university coordinator for tribal scheme

**Agencies, Mumbai** : Gondwana University in Maharashtra on Monday appointed former CPI (Maoist) politburo member and key strategist Mallojula Venugopal Rao, alias Bhupathi, as a coordinator for its 'Ekal' programme scheme, which is tasked to empower Gram Sabhas. The initiative, university officials said, is a significant move towards mainstream rehabilitation and tribal empowerment. Bhupathi, 71, operated across the

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## NCPI may form coalition with BJP in upcoming Bengal municipal polls, say leaders

**Agencies, Kolkata** : Leaders of the Nationalist Citizens Party of India (NCPI) on Wednesday hinted at forming a coalition with the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for the upcoming municipal elections in West Bengal slated for later this year.

Senior BJP leaders from the state, however, remained non-committal, saying the party was focusing on all 209 seats in the Kolkata Municipal Corporation election.

"We are the largest coalition member of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance. Hence during the elections, we will contest as members of the NDA. So, we will have to form a coalition with the BJP. We will take a decision when the election approaches, but there is every possibility there will be a coalition," said Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, a rebel Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP who joined the NCPI.

After the BJP ousted the 15-year-old TMC regime and came to power in the state in May this year, several TMC councillors and municipal chairpersons resigned.

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## Assam truckers lift 70-hour blockade after Mizoram assures vehicle safety

**Agencies, Guwahati** : A three-day-long blockade by Assam truck drivers on the Assam-Mizoram national highway halting over 300 Mizoram-bound trucks was lifted on Wednesday, with Mizoram offering safety of vehicles with proper documents, officers said. The blockade was staged in the Lailapur area of Assam's Cachar district where Mizoram-bound trucks were halted for nearly 70 hours over alleged harassment of Assam truck drivers in Mizoram. The blockade affected normal life in

the area.

It began on Sunday morning when Assam truck drivers alleged that they faced hostility, intimidation and unwarranted difficulties on regular basis on entering Mizoram.

"We live in the same country but these days, when we enter Mizoram, it feels unsafe. The harassment is not new, but it has just escalated beyond control in recent times," an agitating truck driver said.

On Tuesday, the Cachar district administration tried to clear the protesters using

force, triggering further protests. Some of the drivers lied down on the road in front of the Mizoram-bound trucks. Later, a senior police officer of Cachar initiated talks with the protesters, who agreed to participate in an interstate discussion that continued until late Tuesday night. Officer, requesting anonymity said on Wednesday the safety measures for Assam vehicles entering Mizoram were discussed during the meeting and that the blockade was lifted following assurances

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## Silchar Municipal Corporation election on October 3, counting on October 6

**Election notification issued for all 42 wards; Nomination process begins with immediate effect as Model Code of Conduct comes into force**

**NE News SILCHAR** : The State Election Commission Assam has announced the schedule for the much awaited election to the 42 ward Silchar Municipal Corporation, with polling scheduled for October 3 and counting of votes on October 6.

The election notification issued on Wednesday, marks the beginning of the formal

electoral process for the Corporation which was constituted with 42 wards by the Governor of Assam. The reservation of wards for Scheduled Caste and women candidates had earlier been notified by the Government.

The ward wise Photo Electoral Rolls for the election to the Silchar Municipal Corporation were prepared and

published by the State Election Commission, Assam on July 15, 2026, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 8 of the Assam Municipal Corporation Act, 2022, read with Rule 5 of the Assam Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 2022.

As per the notification, the notice of election issued on September 2 while September 11

has been fixed as the last date for filing nominations. The scrutiny of nomination papers and publication of the list of validly nominated candidates will take place on September 14. Candidates seeking to withdraw their candidature will have time up to September 17, on which date the final list of contesting candidates will also be published.

Polling across the 42 wards will be held on October 3, 2026, from 7.30 am to 4 pm. The Commission has also kept October 5 as the date for a fresh poll, if required, with polling hours again fixed from 7.30 am to 4 pm. Counting of votes will begin at 8 am on October 6 and will continue until the entire counting process is completed. The State Election

Commission has called upon the electors of all 42 wards of the Silchar Municipal Corporation to elect the Councillors of the Corporation in accordance with the notified schedule. The election is being conducted in exercise of the powers vested in the Commission under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, read with

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# Finding love, by chance

Remember the time when romance was a matter of chance and not choice? When love could catch one unawares in the restricted section of the library while searching for an obscure title no one else would have sought out? Or, perhaps, at a party where there are no familiar faces, sitting in a corner humming tunelessly to the song playing in the background only to have a stranger chime in with the chorus and instant chemistry? If one isn't a millennial, chances are these scenarios will appear to be meet-cutes encountered only in rom-coms and soppy OTT sagas. For the swipe-right-and-meet-your-match Gen Z, the thrill of surprise connections might be foreign territory. Which is probably why a bunch of hobby apps such as Strava — a community for runners — or Letterboxd, an app akin to Goodreads, but for cinephiles, now appears to be doubling up as no-pressure dating zones.

Given the stress of online dating — sometimes only as romantic as trawling through matrimonial ads for the perfect match — this probably is a good thing. Away from the polarising chatter of social media apps such as X or the catfishing trauma of Tinder, hobby apps afford the chance to forge a connection over a shared interest before moving things to the next stage. It also marks — obversely — a return to an older, almost forgotten way of meeting and connecting with people — IRL (for the uninitiated, “in real life”). Of course it has its own share of hassles and heartbreak. But then real life can be messy and difficult, the relationships it throws up impossible to fix with a swipe left.

This turn of sorts against online dating seems to be having a moment. In Spain, for instance, a TikTok trend has gone offline, apparently with a fair bit of success. Single people looking to meet others can visit a supermarket chain, where an upside-down pineapple in their trolley is an indication of their openness to meeting people. The rest is chance, spunk or vibes.

## Ananya Pandey’s ‘Call Me Bae’ and Uorfi Javed’s ‘Follow Kar Lo Yaar’: Anyone can be a star

**Alaka Sahani**

Recently, digital sensation-turned-reality-show star Uorfi Javed — who showed up in a dress featuring a wiggling gecko, basking in the attention for her debut series Follow Kar Lo Yaar — posed with actor Ananya Pandey for Mumbai’s paparazzi during a promotional event for Pandey’s show, Call Me Bae. Both of them — one, an outsider and the other, a star kid — were effusive in their praise for the other and her show. The release of their shows on Prime Video two weeks apart (Follow Kar Lo Yaar on August 23 and Call Me Bae on September 6) is an indication of how digital platforms have democratised showbiz today. The journey that Javed and Pandey, both in their mid-20s, have had so far is vastly different. Uorfi, hailing from Lucknow, carries the trauma of a controlling father and growing up in a broken home. Mumbai-bred Ananya, daughter of actor Chunky Pandey, was born into the elite world of Bollywood, made her debut as a protégée of Dharma Productions with Student of the Year 2 (2019) and went on to work in several major movies.

While Ananya’s career has followed a path similar to other star kids such as Sara Ali Khan and Janhvi Kapoor, Uorfi has created a space for herself in the entertainment industry with her spunk and inventiveness. Initially frowned at when spotted in her outlandish outfits near Mumbai’s airports, she eventually managed to draw praise for her out-of-the-box outfits and being able to carry them off. Her career is built on creating viral moments during “celeb spotting” by paparazzi, which in reality is a well-planned PR strategy employed by many to stay relevant. Spurred on by the recognition and social media following she has received, she now harbours the ultimate dream of achieving “Shah

# Abhaya. Nirbhaya. Tilottama. Damini. Amanat: What the names given to rape victims say about us

**Sandip Roy**

They choose them carefully, with the best of intentions, names laden with symbolism. The 2012 gang rape victim in a moving bus in Delhi was Nirbhaya. In 2024, the young doctor raped and killed at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata has become a Sister Courage of sorts — Abhaya. The law merely forbids naming the victim. It does not ask us to give them new names. We give them new names for our own reasons. It’s easier to write about them if they have names. It works better in headlines. It sounds more powerful in slogans. Justice for Abhaya. Damini tum sangharsh karo. We are Tilottama. These are logistical reasons. But perhaps there is something else at work here as well. Deep down, we know that we are all implicated in the rampant sexual objectification of women in popular culture and media. As Amrita Dasgupta, executive director of Swayam, an NGO working to end violence against women and girls, says, “These individuals who are being violent or committing acts of sexual violence are not coming from outer space. They come from your and my families.” We are quick to make Tilottamas and Nirbhayas our sisters and daughters but recoil from acknowledging their rapists as our brothers and sons. They are always the monstrous other. Perhaps naming these victims Abhaya and Nirbhaya also allows us to not introspect about how we as a society failed them. The names we choose say more about what we retroactively project onto them rather than the reason they need these aliases in the first place. These names, noble and high-minded, spare us in some ways from having to wonder if, in fact, during the horrific assault they felt terrified rather than nirbhay. We feel less helpless when we turn them into a fearless Joan of Arc or a defiant Lakshmi Bai. It is easier to channel our anger at the college principal or the police commissioner or a politician than to look inside us. Even as thousands used their smartphones as candles during protest marches for the R G Kar victim, according to news reports, thousands used those same phones to search “\*victim’s name\* rape video”. The same happened after the 2019 rape and murder of a veterinarian. Women who have gotten into altercations with men in public spaces like the Metro have said they have been told “R G Kar kore debo (I will do an R G Kar on you)”. Men have been arrested for molesting women at some of the protests. With anger against the administration and police fever high, many shared memes showing a moustachioed Kolkata police officer wearing bangles and a woman’s skirt. Those sharing it said they just wanted to condemn the spinelessness of police officers. It did not occur to them to ask why the meme was equating spinelessness with skirts and bangles. And what doing so in the name of women’s safety means. Meanwhile, the West Bengal government hastily issued a set of guidelines called Rattir Shaathi to address women’s safety. Alongside

students to be Socratic, we implore them to argue, debate, question, dissent, but our courses are structured like the Bhagavad Gita, where, after a conversation between two tributaries of thought, one must be integrated with the other and become one stream, as Arjun was persuaded by Krishna. From the “argumentative Indian” we are now coaxed, bullied and instructed to become the “agreeementative Indian”. This idea of agreement that is emerging from our classrooms, where a common enemy — whether systemic or an individual — is fought with all the might of our theories and good practices, is gradually rendering us incapable of having conversations with those who do not share our intellectual and emotional histo-

ries. We’re being led to think of “tradition” as having been built from consensus instead of disagreement. We’ve become academics who, in various subsets of affiliation, brought together by disciplines, research areas or family and friend networks, perform what has been characterised as compulsive nobility. We defend our discipline and its practitioners, those that share the same networks, with a kind of skill and verbal violence that is often damaging to the health and careers of those attacked. The battleground for this is various: The academic conference, the classroom, and, now quite often, social media. “Agree” derives from “gratus” — to please. The kind of agreement that is being forged, besides revving up our stock of agreeability, is to please oneself — to feel safe that there is no other opinion besides ours. It is control by proxy. Jukti, tarka, galpo — logic, debate, story — the trinity that produces philosophy, art and science, is gradually being bleached away by this compulsive expectation of agreement. This is why, irrespective of political ideology, we have all been turned into bhakts, into devotees and unpaid employees of those we must agree with, whether family, RWA or the nation. Like children who take it as a slight when an adult says that pink is not their favourite colour, we take everything as a personal affront. The Bhakti poets had rebelled against institutionalised agreement — bhakts today only agree with each other.

ators or influencers. The measure of their success often depends on how many millions of followers they have and the number of collaborations they attract. While being “popular” can be an added advantage, ultimately it’s the number of their followers, likes on their posts, and views of their reels that matter the most. Despite being the brand ambassador of multiple major brands and a film star, Ananya still needs to boost her social media connection with the masses as much as Uorfi does. This connection is the reason behind Shraddha Kapoor — known for her girl-next-door image and relatable posts — becoming the second-most followed Indian on Instagram.

In Follow Kar Lo Yaar, Uorfi, in the same breath, proclaims that she wants to be extremely rich and respected — something that was denied to her in the early years of her life. Yet, she is quite

comfortable sparking a controversy. She knows well that her career is built on the shock and curiosity she creates with her appearances, and, at times with her statements. While the on-the-fly style of documenting Javed’s life in real-time, may be exhausting in parts and the family fights repetitive, Follow Kar Lo Yaar does manage to capture the ordeals and oddities that those chasing fame and fortune go through.

Though these two web series belong to different genres, there is a surreal overlap between Uorfi’s outsider-to-internet sensation and Call Me Bae’s heiress-to-hustler narrative. What are the odds that both these stories unfold in Mumbai, a city that swears by jugaad and is known as the destination of those seeking glory in showbiz? The promotional says Bae is “broke, but refusing to be broken”. This is probably true of many young people in India dreaming big.



“Technology driven citizen services will make Silchar more modern, transparent and people centric”: Minister Kaushik Rai

NE News SILCHAR :

Assam Govt's Minister for Food & Public Distribution, Housing & Urban Affairs and Cooperation, Kaushik Rai on Wednesday said that technology driven civic services, improved urban infrastructure and greater citizen participation would be the key to transforming Silchar into a modern, clean and citizen centric city. Addressing a gathering at the inaugural ceremony held at the Silchar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Minister Kaushik Rai said that the expansion of Silchar Municipal Corporation had increased the number of households under its jurisdiction from around 96,000 to approximately 1.12 lakh making it imperative to strengthen civic services and introduce modern systems capable of responding efficiently to the growing needs of the city's residents. The Minister formally inaugurated the Public Facilitation Centre (PFC), GPS-based Municipal Vehicle Tracking System and QR-based Waste Collection System at the SMC premises. He also inaugurated the Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP) at the Meherpur trenching ground, constructed at a cost of approximately Rs 2 crore. Elaborating on the significance of the new systems, Minister Kaushik Rai said that the QR based waste collection mechanism would bring greater transparency and accountability to municipal waste management. Each household can be provided with a unique identification mechanism, enabling the authorities to map households and monitor garbage collection more effectively. He said that the new system could also help the municipal authorities monitor whether essential civic dues and services, including property tax, trade licences and water supply-related services were up to date. He emphasised that technology should ultimately be used to make municipal administration more accessible and responsive to citizens. The Minister said that the GPS based vehicle tracking system would enable authorities to monitor the movement of municipal garbage collection vehicles in real time, thereby improving supervision and ensuring that collection services are delivered according to schedule. Referring to the Public Facilitation Centre, Minister Rai said the initiative would provide citizens with a convenient platform for accessing a range of municipal services without having to move from one office to another. He stressed that the ultimate objective of every such initiative should be to ensure citizen centric, transparent and efficient public service delivery. He also appreciated the support extended by Axis Bank towards the civic initiatives and said that urban infrastructure in Silchar would receive further attention in the coming



ing days. On water supply, the Minister said that projects under AMRUT 1 and AMRUT 2 would provide around 21,000 new water connections. He further informed that an allocation of around Rs 19 crore had been made for a separate water supply arrangement for Silchar Medical College & Hospital. He said that a proposal amounting to approximately Rs 509 crore had been submitted for Silchar's urban infrastructure requirements. Of this, special emphasis would be placed on improving the city's drainage system. A master drainage plan involving an estimated Rs 100 crore has been proposed to address the problem of waterlogging, while survey work is already underway. The Minister also informed that Oil India Limited was exploring plans for a biogas related initiative for which land has been allotted by the district administration. The Minister said that a new auditorium for Silchar was also being planned, which would be developed as a Town Hall. He further informed that steps had been taken towards construction of an electric crematorium at an estimated cost of Rs 3 crore with the tender process already initiated. Highlighting the government's focus on renewable and sustainable urban infrastructure, he said that 800 solar street lights had already been installed across the 42 wards of Silchar while plans were underway to install an additional 10,000 solar lights. The Minister also spoke about ongoing road development works and informed that work on the State PWD road from Capital Point to Rangirkhari had commenced with an allocation of approximately Rs 5.33 crore. He said that ongoing road works in the city would be expedited and completed at the earliest. In a significant political and administrative announcement, Minister Rai stated that expressed hope that following the election, civic administration and service delivery in the city would become even smoother. He said that the government was committed to taking up several more development projects for Silchar in the coming days and expressed confidence that the newly introduced technology based systems would bring a visible improvement to the everyday lives of citizens. Speaking on the occasion, Rajya Sabha MP Kanad Purkayastha welcomed

the introduction of the new citizen centric initiatives and said that the Public Facilitation Centre had the potential to become an important bridge between citizens and the municipal administration. He said that the PFC should gradually evolve into a comprehensive digital citizen service platform where people could track applications and receive notifications through SMS or mobile alerts. Such a system, he observed, would reduce uncertainty for citizens and bring greater transparency to the service-delivery process. MP Kanad Purkayastha said that in the future, the PFC could be integrated with a Central Citizen Service Management Dashboard enabling the authorities to monitor, through a single platform, the number of applications received, applications disposed of and applications pending disposal. Such a dashboard could also provide information on average disposal time, departmental performance and citizen feedback. He further emphasised the importance of establishing a Digital Assistance Desk at the PFC for citizens who may not be familiar with online services. Such assistance could include filling up online applications, uploading necessary documents, making digital payments and accessing services relating to birth and death certificates, trade licences, renewals, building permissions and property related matters. He also proposed a Special Information Desk supported by digital displays, through which citizens could be informed about municipal schemes and services, government welfare programmes, important notifications, required documents, applicable fees and other essential information. MP Kanad Purkayastha said that such initiatives would help create a more transparent, accessible and responsive municipal administration and congratulated the SMC and district administration for taking forward technology based civic governance. Talking at the event, UdhARBond MLA, Rajdeep Goala said that the launch of the new systems marked an important step towards strengthening civic amenities in Silchar and the surrounding urban area. He appreciated the efforts of the State Government, district administration and SMC in introducing modern mechanisms for waste management and citizen services. He said that a

clean and well managed city required not only infrastructure and technology but also the active co-operation of citizens. He urged residents to make proper use of the new systems, cooperate with municipal workers and contribute towards maintaining cleanliness in every ward. MLA Rajdeep Goala expressed hope that the initiatives would improve the quality of municipal services and help Silchar emerge as a cleaner, healthier and more organised urban centre. Rajya Sabha MP from West Bengal, Sushmita Dev congratulated the State Government, Silchar Municipal Corporation and district administration on the launch of the citizen oriented initiatives. She said that urban governance today needed to be increasingly transparent, technology enabled and responsive to the everyday needs of citizens. She particularly welcomed the Public Facilitation Centre and the introduction of digital mechanisms for municipal services, observing that citizens should be able to access government services easily and track the progress of their applications without unnecessary visits to government offices. MP Sushmita Dev emphasised that effective waste management was an essential component of a healthy urban environment and appreciated the introduction of QR based waste collection and GPS enabled vehicle monitoring. She thanked Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma for his continued focus on urban development and for giving importance to the strengthening of civic infrastructure and citizen services in Silchar. She expressed hope that the new initiatives would lead to tangible improvements in the daily lives of residents. Cachar District Commissioner, Rahul Kumar Gupta, IAS said that the launch of the four initiatives represented an important milestone in the ongoing process of strengthening urban governance in Silchar. He said that the district administration would continue to extend all necessary support to the Silchar Municipal Corporation for effective implementation of the new systems. He stressed the importance of coordination between different departments and the municipal administration for ensuring that technology enabled systems translated into actual improvements in

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| 1       | A) Lala (004020)<br>B) Tarun Krishna Nath<br>C) Borrower- 1) Tarun Krishna Nath, S/o Late Tamal Krishna Nath, W/No-9, Surya Sen Sarani, Lala, Hailakandi, Assam- 788163<br>Guarantor: 1. Nityananda Suklabaidya, S/o Lt Radhacharan Suklabaidya, At- Surya Sen Sarani, W/No-9, Lala, Hailakandi, Assam- 788163                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Land & Building located on Dag No. 94,95,96,97 of Patta No. 30 vide Sale Deed No. 110/112 of date 29.02.2012 in Mouza Lala Town Vernerpur of Area 4 Kathas in the Name of Tarun Krishna Nath.<br>Bounded by :<br>North: Property of Prabhas Chandra Dhar, South: Surya Sen Road, East: Property of Tanuj Kumar Dey, West: Property of Tarun Krishna Nath                                                                                                                                                                                               | A) 22.01.2018<br>B) Rs.9,34,684.59 with further interest from 21.01.2018<br>C) 30.05.2026<br>D) Symbolic Possession.                                                                                         | A) Rs.31.82 Lakh<br>B) Rs.3.182 Lakh (on or before 23.09.2026)<br>C) Rs.0.10 Lakh    |                                      |                                                            |
| 2       | A) Hailakandi (059620)<br>B) M/S I.S.B Furniture House<br>C) Borrower: Mrs Ierli Sultana Barbhuiya, Prop- M/s I.S.B Furniture House, station Road Hailakandi 788151.<br>Gurantor: 1. Namar Ali Barbhuiya, S/o Late Akib Ali Barbhuiya, W/No-X, Lane No. A, Hailakandi Town, Assam - 788151. 2) Gulzar Ali Barbhuiya, S/o Late Akib Ali Barbhuiya, W/No-X, Lane No. A, Hailakandi Town, Assam - 788151. 3) Farzan Ali Barbhuiya, S/o Late Akib Ali Barbhuiya, W/No-X, Lane No. A, Hailakandi Town, Assam - 788151. 4) Manjur Ali Barbhuiya, S/o Late Akib Ali Barbhuiya, W/No-X, Lane No. A, Hailakandi Town, Assam - 788151.                                                                                                          | Equitable mortgage of landed property located at Mouza: Narainpur Pt-V, Pargona- Saraspur, Ward No. 10, Hailakandi Town measuring 09 katha, 1 chatak, 10 gonda in the name of Gulzar Ali Barbhuiya Namar Ali Barbhuiya, Manajur Ali Barbhuiya & Farzan Ali Barbhuiya bearing 2nd RS Dag No. 600 (part) and Patta No. 146.<br>Bounded by :<br>North: Land of Arjan ali Barbhuiya and others.<br>South: Land of Taj Uddin Barbhuiya, East: Land of Abdul Latif Barbhuiya and Purchaser, West: Land of Abdul Wahid Rahaman Mazumder.                      | A) 24/09/2021<br>B) Rs.12,25,912.50+ further interest from 24.09.2021and other charges<br>C) 23.08.2022<br>D) Symbolic Possession                                                                            | A) Rs.8.5 Lakh<br>B) Rs.85.00 thousand (on or before 23/09/2026)<br>C) Rs.0.10 Lakh  | 24/09/2026 From 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM | Not known to Bank                                          |
| 3       | A) Arunachal (074320)<br>B) Atabur Rahaman Mazumder<br>C) Borrower-1) Atabur Rahaman Mazumder, S/o-Monir Ali Mazumder, Vill-Tupkhana Part-I, PO-Arunachal, PS-Silchar, Dist-Cachar, Assam- 788025. 2) Jakir Hussain Mazumder, S/o-Monir Ali Mazumder, Vill-Tupkhana Part-I, PO-Arunachal, PS-Silchar, Dist-Cachar, Assam-788025. 3) Ekbal Hussain Mazumder, S/o-Atabur Rahaman Mazumder, Vill-Tupkhana Part-I, PO-Arunachal, PS-Silchar, Dist-Cachar, Assam-788025<br>Gurantor: 1. Masuk Ahmed Laskar, S/O-Mohibur Rahaman Laskar, Vill-Balighat, PO-Arunachal, PS-Silchar, Dist-Cachar, Assam-788025. 2. Nur Ahmed Barbhuiya, S/o-Lt. Tahir Ali Barbhuiya, Vill-Tupkhana Part-I, PO-Arunachal, PS-Silchar, Dist-Cachar, Assam-788005 | The property is land and building at Mouza- Tupkhana Pt-I, Pargona-Barakpur, Dist-Cachar measuring 9 Katha under 2nd R.S Patta No. 223, Dag No. 667, in the name of 1. Md. Jakir Hussain Mazumder, 2. Atabur Rahaman Mazumder.<br>Bounded by :<br>North : PWD Road<br>South : Bahar Uddin<br>East : Gias Uddin<br>West : Idris Khan and others                                                                                                                                                                                                         | A) 01.08.2022<br>B) Rs.34,26,069.73 with further interest from 01.08.2022<br>C) 29.10.2022<br>D) Symbolic Possession.                                                                                        | A) Rs.8.96 Lakh<br>B) Rs.90.00 thousand (on or before 23/09/2026)<br>C) Rs.0.10 Lakh |                                      |                                                            |
| 4       | A) Silchar (003720)<br>B) Mahmood Hassan Mazumder<br>C) Borrower: Mahmood Hassan Mazumder, S/o: Lt. Mohibur Rahman Mazumder Vill & P.O: Berenga Pt-II, Silchar. Assam 788005<br>Guarantor / Mortgagor: Kabul Hussain Laskar, S/o Lt. Mozir Uddin Laskar, Vill & P.O: Kanakpur Pt-II, Silchar, Assam: 788005                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | All that part and parcel of the properties consisting of semi RCC building standing on a plot of land measuring 15 Kathas, 10 Chataks 3 Gondas under Dag No-549, 547 and 509,531,530, 532,550,545,570 and 2nd RS Patta No. 196, 5, Mouza: Kanakpur Pt-II, Pargona : Barakpur Situated at Kanakpur, Silchar in the Name of Kabul Hussain Laskar.<br>Bounded by :<br>North : Land of Md Monjur Ahmed Barbhuiya, South : Lane 6 Feet, East : Land of Mustt Rumi Begum, West : Purchased Land of Md Kabul Hussain and thereafter land of must Fakrun Nessa | A) 25.06.2021<br>B) Rs.26,60624.51with further interest from 01.06.2021<br>C) 09/06/2022<br>D) Symbolic Possession.                                                                                          | A) Rs.37.60 Lakh<br>B) Rs.3.76 Lakh (on or before 23.09.2026)<br>C) Rs.0.10 Lakh     |                                      |                                                            |

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service delivery. The District Commissioner said that waste management, drainage, water supply, road infrastructure and other civic services required sustained institutional monitoring as well as public participation. He urged citizens to cooperate with municipal authorities and sanitation workers to ensure that the benefits of the new systems reached every ward. Commissioner of Silchar Municipal Corporation, Ankur Das, IAS said that the introduction of the PFC, GPS based vehicle tracking and QR enabled waste collection represented a major step towards modernising the functioning of the Corporation. He explained that the Public Facilitation Centre would provide citizens with easier access to municipal services and information, while the GPS-based tracking mechanism would enable the Corporation to monitor the movement and operation of waste collection vehicles more efficiently. He said that the QR based system would strengthen accountability in door to door waste collection and

provide the Corporation with better information for planning and monitoring sanitation services. SMC Commissioner Ankur Das said that the SMC was committed to using technology not merely as an administrative tool but as a means of improving the quality, transparency and responsiveness of municipal services. Earlier, Executive Officer of Silchar Municipal Corporation, Abhijit Bey, AUAS, delivered the welcome address. Welcoming the Minister, elected representatives, senior officials, distinguished guests, media representatives, municipal employees and citizens, Executive Officer Abhijit Bey described the day as a significant and historic occasion for the Corporation. He said that four important initiatives were being launched together the Public Facilitation Centre, GPS based Garbage Vehicle Tracking System, QR based Garbage Collection System and Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant with the common objective of providing citizens with better, cleaner and faster municipal services. He said that the

Public Facilitation Centre would make it easier for citizens to access municipal services and expressed hope that it would establish a transparent and result oriented channel of communication between the people and the Corporation. Referring to the GPS based garbage-collection vehicle monitoring system, he said that technology would enable the Corporation to supervise vehicle movement and ensure that waste collection operations were carried out regularly and efficiently. He described the FSTP as another major step towards scientific and safe management of waste. He observed that cleanliness was not limited merely to roads and public places and that scientifically managed waste disposal was essential for building a healthy and environmentally sustainable city. Executive officer SMC, Abhijit Bey expressed confidence that the new initiatives would make municipal administration more modern and increasingly people centric. He conveyed his gratitude to all officials, engineers and sanitation workers associ-

ated with the implementation of the projects and appealed to citizens to extend their cooperation in keeping Silchar clean, beautiful and healthy. He also expressed his gratitude to Minister Kaushik Rai for attending the programme and providing guidance and encouragement, and thanked the District Commissioner, Municipal Commissioner, elected representatives, distinguished guests, citizens and members of the media for their presence. The programme was also attended by Cachar Zilla Parishad President Kankan Narayan Sikidar, District BJP President Rupam Saha, District Development Commissioner, Rajib Roy ACS, senior officials, municipal representatives, employees, media representatives and citizens. Later, Minister Kaushik Rai inaugurated the Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant at Meherpur trenching ground in presence of UdhARBond MLA Rajdeep Goala, Cachar DC Rahul Kumar Gupta IAS and SMC Commissioner Ankur Das IAS and other officials. (DDIPR Silchar Release)



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## Kiren Rijiju vs

numbers to attack the Modi government. Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh shared a video clip of Garg in which he stated that by revising last year's GDP by as much as ₹6 trillion, the current year's GDP in the first quarter has gone up by around 10.3 per cent.

"If you had not revised last year's GDP, the growth in current prices would have been 2.6 per cent," Garg told a news channel.

Ramesh wrote on X that no matter how much the Modi government beats the drum of its fabricated GDP growth, conjured up through statistical jugglery by its team and media, its true reality will be exposed because what they are claiming is the complete opposite of ground realities.

"Former Finance Secretary Subhash Garg has now burst the bubble on this claim. His assessment is that the real GDP growth is around 2.6%, not 7.8%," Ramesh said.

"We want the economy to truly be strong, but the path to a strong economy doesn't come from embellishing numbers fabricated on a foundation of lies - it comes from accepting the truth," he added.

The government should first acknowledge the real economic situation, then undertake reforms - jobs should be created for the youth, MSMEs and private investment should be boosted, demand and incomes should rise, economic inequality should decrease, and instead of promoting crony capitalists, fair competition should be ensured, Ramesh said.

"The Modi government must understand: PR can polish the picture of GDP, but not the economy itself," the Congress general secretary said.

India's economy grew at a faster-than-expected 7.8% in the April-June quarter amid concerns of an economic downturn over the war in West Asia. Gross domestic product (GDP) growth in the first quarter of the 2026-27 fiscal slowed from a barnstorming 8.6 per cent in the previous quarter, but remained well above expectations when the conflict erupted and disrupted energy markets.

Modi hails India's GDP growth

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed India's GDP growth in the first quarter of FY27, calling it a reflection of the "collective strength" of the people and tok a "jhoot ki goonj" swipe at Congress and its leader Rahul Gandhi, accusing them of "spreading despair" in the country.

In a video message posted on X, PM Modi congratulated the people of India for their hard work and said the country's economic growth came despite global challenges, including wars, crises and disrupted supply chains. He also took a dig at the opposition accusing it of echoing falsehoods and spreading despair.

The 'jhoot ki goonj' jibe directed at the Congress comes amid Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi's 'Chatron ki Goonj' programme, a youth outreach campaign in the backdrop of the recent examination irregularities, including the NEET UG-2026.

## Manipur violence

armed individuals attacked Teikhang Kuki village, killing three individuals, including two women, and injuring four others. The officer said the attack was followed by gunfire, which lasted till around 12.30pm.

According to police, at least 10 houses were set ablaze, while an excavator, a Gypsy, a pickup truck and a truck were found to be damaged during the arson on Tuesday. The police identified the injured person as N Luithuibou, a 49-year-old man who sustained bullet injuries to his right abdomen and hand. Locals identified the

injured man as a church pastor.

The villagers of Tiporam, who were earlier evacuated to Makui, 15 km away from Tiporam, following the violence, had reportedly returned to the village on Tuesday and were allegedly fired upon.

The residents alleged that although information about houses being set on fire was conveyed to security forces, no action was taken till Wednesday. However, the allegations could not be independently verified. Security forces and authorities are yet to comment on the allegations.

The ethnic clashes in Manipur first began between the Meitei and Kuki communities before involving almost every community. The state's Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities shut each other out from the areas they dominate since ethnic clashes began in May 2023, leaving at least 260 people dead and displacing 60,000.

The Meiteis, mostly Hindu, live largely in the Imphal Valley. The Kukis, predominantly Christian, reside in the hills. The state government has maintained that there are no buffer zones dividing communities in the state, but it has identified certain sensitive areas.

A new government was formed in February, nearly a year after the imposition of President's Rule. It includes representatives from all three major communities as part of an attempt to maintain ethnic balance.

## Retired Air

(Retd)?

The appointment of a professional CEO is one of the steps taken by the temple Trust to regain public confidence. Born in Deoria district of Uttar Pradesh, Air Marshal Mishra served as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Air Command during Operation Sindoor and directed air operations during the mission, ensuring air superiority. He was awarded the the Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal for for his role in Operation Sindoor.

He retired from the Indian Air Force on April 30, 2026, after nearly 40 years of service. His career culminated with his appointment as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Air Command, from January 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026. Earlier, he served as Deputy Chief, Integrated Defence Staff (Operations). Mishra also held several senior appointments at the Air Headquarters, including director of the Operational Planning and Assessment Group.

Mishra is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Pune, the Air Force Test Pilots School, Bengaluru, the Air Command and Staff College in the US and the Royal College of Defence Studies in the UK.

He was commissioned into the Indian Air Force on December 6, 1986. An experimental test pilot and fighter combat leader, Mishra has logged more than 3,000 flying hours across over 18 aircraft types.

Apart from the Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal, Mishra was also awarded Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal during his long military career.

## Assam truckers

from the Mizoram government.

"Representatives of Mizoram's Kolasib district, protesting truck drivers and concerned officials from our side attended the meeting where the issues were discussed and Mizoram assured to provide adequate security to the vehicles entering with proper documents," he said. The truck drivers said they agreed to lift the blockade respecting the outcome of the discussions, but warned that the protest would resume if harassment continued even after the talks.

"There is a difference in attitude. There is a section that targets the drivers from Assam easily. Whatever the reason may be, we get threatened, bullied and harassed," said a protester on

Wednesday.

The sub-divisional police officer (SDPO) of Kolasib's Vairengte, Dennis Vanlallura, who attended Tuesday evening's meeting, said the matter began after four Mizoram vehicles were fined in Assam on August 10 for allegedly carrying sand without proper documents.

"The vehicle operators in Mizoram claimed that many Assam vehicles were entering without proper documents like challans from appropriate authorities and asked them to stop. But it was slightly misinterpreted and during the meeting yesterday. It was later clarified," he said. He added that the Mizoram government has reaffirmed that no vehicle without proper documents would be allowed to enter the state, while vehicles carrying proper documents would be provided adequate security.

## NCPI may form

Many were arrested on corruption charges during the TMC-regime. The BJP government in the state appointed administrators to run the civic bodies, which dissolved after the leaders resigned. At least 20 TMC MPs led by Dastidar quit the party and merged with the NCPI.

"We as NCPI members have joined the NDA. I have preliminary talks with the chief minister. We will contest the elections together as a coalition member," said Sudip Bandyopadhyay, another rebel TMC MP who joined the NCPI.

West Bengal has 128 civic bodies all led by the TMC. While seven are municipal corporations (Kolkata, Siliguri, Asansol, Durgapur, Howrah, Bidhannagar and Chandannagore), the rest are municipalities.

"I am not in a position to say anything in this connection to the media at present. Right now, we are focussing on all 209 seats (of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation). Who will contest with which symbol will come later," said Sukanta Majumdar, union minister and senior BJP leader. "They (NCPI) don't have any organisational existence. They are just some stray MPs. They have no future," said Saugata Roy, veteran TMC MP.

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## Ex-Maoist strategist

Dandakaranya region spanning Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, and Odisha. He surrendered last year alongside 60 armed Maoist before the Maharashtra chief minister Devendra

Fadnavis. He had a combined bounty of ₹6 crore across six states and was long regarded as one of the outlawed movement's top strategists. His appointment followed a formal application process and an interview with vice chancellor Dr Prashant Bokare after consultations with the police department and district administration. Gadchiroli superintendent of police M Ramesh said that in the said post, Bhupathi sought an opportunity to utilise his decades of ground-level experience in the region. Ramesh thus recommended his application.

"The university recently advertised the position, for which Bhupathi applied. Following a standard selection process and consultations with the police and district administration, he was offered the role," said Dr Bokare.

Bhupathi is tasked as a coordinator for 'Ekal' programme scheme, a university initiative, funded by the planning commission to empower 1,442 Gram Sabhas across Gadchiroli district. Bhupathi's roll includes educating villagers about their rights under the Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act and the Forest Rights Act (FRA), assisting with claim documentation, rectifying claim discrepancies, and acting as a liaison between the local communities and the district administration. His knowledge of forest life and local issues, he claimed, would benefit him for the role. Furthermore, he will also contribute to research at the Tribal Research Centre and assist in monitoring government schemes.

University registrar Anil Hirekhan said that Bhupathi was appointed on a three-month contract with a monthly honorarium of ₹30,000, with further extension depended on his performance. According to university officials, his appointment sends a strong message that surrendered insurgents who renounce violence can secure tribal rights through legal channels.

## Piyush Goyal to

billion in new investment into the United States," he said.

He cited Indian companies including Bharat Forge, Sundaram Clayton and Mahindra as examples of businesses investing and manufacturing in the US.

Gor also pointed to growing American investment in India, saying Ford had recently announced USD 370 million to retool its Chennai facility to manufacture next-generation engines for global markets. He also highlighted the presence of companies such as Cummins, BorgWarner, Tenneco and Dana in India's automotive manufacturing ecosystem.

Referring to cooperation in critical technologies, Gor said the recently signed Pax Silica Declaration would support cross-border investment. "This declaration will make it easier for American and Indian companies to invest across borders and will empower the next generation of entrepreneurs and builders in both of our countries," he said.

## Silchar Municipal

Section 372(1) of the Assam Municipal Corporation Act, 2022 and Rule 3 of the Assam Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 2022. With the publication of the election notification, the Model Code of Conduct has come into force with immediate effect throughout the Silchar Municipal Corporation area. Political parties, candidates and other stakeholders will accordingly be required to adhere to the provisions of the Model Code during the entire election process. The Silchar Municipal Corporation election will be the electoral exercise through which voters across the 42 wards will choose their representatives to the Corporation. The results to be declared after counting on October 6 will determine the elected Councillors of the Corporation. (DDIPR Silchar Release)

# Madras Bar Association writes to CJI to trace retd judge V Sivagnanam missing in Nepal flood

**Agencies, Chennai :** The Madras Bar Association (MBA) on Monday, wrote to the Chief Justice of India, Surya Kant, seeking "urgent" intervention from the Union government to trace former Madras High Court judge, justice V Sivagnanam, who has been untraceable in Nepal since August 26, after flash floods hit the country.

The MBA wrote to CJI and the Prime Minister's Office, urging that efforts to trace the retired judge be "intensified." In a letter signed by MBA president VA Kamalanathan and secretary J Pothiraj, the Bar urged the CJI to direct the Union government to treat the matter as "urgent and of highest priority" and to take "all possible effort and measures" to search for justice Sivagnanam. On August 30, the Delhi Tamil Advocates Association (DTAA) too wrote to CJI, urging him to intervene and ask government authorities to help trace the retired judge. According to the letters, justice Sivagnanam was travelling in Nepal with fel-

low pilgrims when flash floods struck. While persons travelling in another bus were rescued, he could not be reached. He last contacted his wife on August 26. The Delhi Bar body said the rescued pilgrims provided information about the location of his bus. "The persons travelling in another bus, who

were rescued near the APF Nepal Border Outpost at Timure, have informed the family that Justice Sivagnanam's bus was only about 100–200 metres away from theirs. The family and our Association are, therefore, gravely concerned about his safety and whereabouts," the DTAA's letter reads. Justice Sivagnanam

had a career spanning 34 years in the judiciary. He served as a judge of the Madras High Court before retiring. Following his retirement, the Supreme Court designated him a senior advocate in July 2025. The two Bar Associations sought immediate coordination between the Indian and Nepalese authorities to

locate the former judge and ensure his safe return to India. At least 903 people have died and over 4,000 people are still missing in the aftermath of deadly floods that hit Nepal-Tibet border. According to Nepal's foreign ministry, 886 people have been rescued, while search and rescue efforts continue. The ministry said 400 foreign nationals are among those reported missing. The ministry of external affairs on Sunday said 149 Indians were rescued in Nepal. "Furthermore, 598 Indian nationals have safely crossed into Nepal from China in the last two days, as per local government sources in China.



# In politics as in films, Kangana Ranaut is a disruptor charting her own course

**Agencies, New Delhi** : A disruptor seldom finds acceptance as a stabiliser simply because she is stereotyped as a challenger of the status quo, a rule-breaker and, therefore, never to be trusted as a rule-setter. The disruptor raises an alarm but is bleeped out, because everybody loves the comfort of familiarity. This sums up the phenomenon called Kangana Ranaut in popular culture, the disruptor who has pyrrhic value, TRP-yielding potential but never, it appears, credibility. Yet, even when her disruption has been agenda-driven, it has also been about standing up for herself and owning her life on her terms. Many may be guffawing at Ranaut's latest bloopers on podcasts or her failure to get her film released despite being a ruling party member but if there's one thing Ranaut is good at it is in her ability to hold her own, no matter the obstacle ahead of her. Including admitting to her lack of political knowledge.

This is not unusual for somebody who has crafted her career trajectory completely on her own. From winning a beauty contest in Chandigarh to becoming an award-winning actor, Ranaut has had a tumultuous journey that was not blessed by privilege. She was an ordinary small-townner who struggled to find her footing in an industry where patronage and mentorship were exploitative, where gaslighting was rife and where she felt ill-equipped without godfathers. Talent she always had but it took the commercial success of Gangster (2006), Life In a Metro (2007) and Queen (2013) for her to get noticed. But once she was secure in her footing, she chose not to be submissive anymore. Unlike actors who choose political correctness or fall in line for stardom, she went all out, challenging a system that was based on dynastic privileges. Much before #MeToo became a movement, she spoke of her abusive relationship with mentor Aditya Pancholi.



But she did not play the victim card, admitting she had slid into a dark hole with her drug addiction and had found it difficult to extricate herself without resources. By calling out nepotism and challenging producer Karan Johar on his show as the quintessential example of inherited power, privilege and coterie politics, she set off a smaller movement for talent to be democratised in the rarefied chambers of Bollywood. Instead of textbook roles for success, she chose to push the envelope, staking her fortunes on flesh-and-blood characters, biographies and even an avenging catwoman in Revolver Rani (2014). The last

was an example of how Ranaut aligned her own dualities, innocent and damaged, simple yet mysterious, not a bra-burner but an armoured warrior, raw and elegant because of it. She took on the oligarchy of men, in the end outrunning them with an ease that challenged their custodial hold on her role-playing in society. If Alia Bhatt and Deepika Padukone have earned their rightful place as co-protagonists instead of being just window dressing, it would be unfair to not credit Ranaut for changing the standing of leading ladies. Although the Bollywood cliques tried to keep her out, she prepared herself to survive despite them,

completing a film-making course in New York,

directing a film and floating her own production house Manikarnika Films. In the meantime, much before influencers became mainstream, Ranaut won a new constituency among the chatterati with her confrontational ways. That's when she gravitated toward politics, using it to magnify her own appeal. She chose to be a right-wing nationalist, joining the

BJP and taking on the Nehru-Gandhis, the Opposition or the farmers' agitation. But fighting studio politics and realpolitik are not the same. She failed to calibrate herself to its demands. She didn't realise that most parties, not just the BJP, endorse fringe players and rabble-rousers to build the perception game without dirtying their fingers. The moment such people be-

come a liability, they are simply left out in the cold. With the delay in the release of her film Emergency, on the authoritarian phase of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's life, she has realised that the party she represents cannot afford to upset Sikhs before the next round of state elections, especially after her stance against the farmers' agitation.

## How to raise a boy: My son's modernity is different from mine. So is his patriarchy

**Agencies, New Delhi** : It wasn't too long ago that I was teaching Hindi sentence-making to my eight-year-old son. We stumbled upon a sentence which didn't astonish me but prompted him to pause. The sentence was: Ram khelne ja, Sita roti la (Ram go to play, Sita get a roti). Each half of the sentence was accompanied by an illustration. The first showed a little boy (around my son's age) happily running towards an open playground, his hands in the air, while the second picture had a little girl walking gingerly with a plate in her hand towards a dining table full of happy adults. Ironically, the girl too looked happy.

My son immediately asked why Sita wasn't going to the playground as well. The enormity of this otherwise innocent-looking picture had hit us both. The more relevant question, I said to him, was why can't Ram get the rotis? He looked baffled at the prospective role reversal.

The evolution of civilisational patriarchy, which leads to eve teasing, workplace abuse and, in extreme instances, rape, begins at home. The Ram who didn't serve a roti or a Sita who didn't go to the playground are not the problem. Their depictions in a second-grade school book are. We always thought that education was a sure-shot means to level the playing field on issues like gender, social justice, secularism and poverty. Not in India.

Now, at 15 years of age, my son still remembers that day when Ram didn't serve rotis. His idea of a society was fortunately not framed by that picture or its meaning but by the inputs of the world around him. In India, and for that matter in a large part of the world, patriarchy finds us everywhere. It holds us ransom in the name of tradition, culture and morality. With every rape, the woman's character, dress sense and audacity to take on the world is questioned. The anatomy of a sexual abuse is always dissected through the body and mind of the victim. The perpetrator is seen as a lone wolf. The society at large goes scot-free till the next rape happens. My son can now see this game a little more clearly.

In my childhood, I hardly remember my father and other male members of the family speak of patriarchy in a manner in which I feel it is urgent

to discuss the issue with my son. They all were quite liberal people who believed in the emancipation of women. Most among the family were comfortable with their daughters and sisters joining feminist movements and political parties; there was no bar on interfaith marriages. But patriarchy still prevailed in the family. Inheritance offered unequal shares to women. Some secrets of business were only for men to listen to. Women were kept out. Girls were prompted to dress "properly" because "the times were such" and I always felt that we boys were treated with a little more kindness than our female counterparts. This burden of privilege always weighed upon me and I made sure that its transmission to my son was cut off. Serving rotis at the table is a good starting point. But he also has to do more.

The indexing of patriarchy is the problem of the modern world which my son will have to face more than me. His modernity is different from mine. His patriarchy is also different from mine. He lives in a world which is well aware of patriarchal practices but cunningly wants to wrap itself in a way that everything continues as is but on a simmer. Status quo on a slow burner. We now celebrate Mother's Day. I told him the other day what Deborah Levy had written in her biography, Things I Don't Want to Know (2013), "We did not yet entirely understand that Mother, as imagined and politicised by the Societal System, was a delusion. The world loved the delusion more than it loved the mother."

As we grapple with the Kolkata rape, or the startling conclusions of the Hema Committee report, we arrive at the doorstep of a society unwilling to mend itself. Every rape is a means to introspect but as soon as we realise that we are actually the problem, the chaos sets in. We guard our patriarchy by not allowing Ram to fetch rotis. It's actually not about Sita. She's fine. I told Shayan, my son, that the first written word in human history was amagi (or, amargia). It was the first written reference to "freedom" and was thought to mean "return to the mother". It was used to refer to the freedom granted to slaves. That's what we need to do as a society in this country: We need to return to the mother. We need this freedom urgently.

## IAF Wing Commander accused of rape by woman Flying Officer; FIR registered

**Agencies, New Delhi** : A woman Flying Officer of Indian Air Force has accused a Wing Commander-rank officer, of rape, resulting in a first information report (FIR) being filed at Budgam police station in central Kashmir, agency reported. Both the IAF officer are currently stationed in Srinagar. "After the complaint, the FIR under "relevant sections of the law" was filed at Budgam police station in central Kashmir on Saturday," a senior police officer told agency. "We are aware of the case. The Air Force Station in

Srinagar was approached by the local Budgam police station on the subject. We are fully cooperating towards this case," a senior IAF official was quoted by Agency as saying. What junior IAF officer alleged? According to a NDTV report, the woman officer alleged she had been suffering harassment, sexual assault and mental torture for the past two years. Agency cannot independently verify this information. In her complaint, the woman claimed that during the New Year

party at the officer's mess on December 31, the Wing Commander reportedly behaved as if nothing happened. The victim said she was guided by two other women officers to file a complaint. According to the NDTV report, a Colonel-rank officer was ordered to probe the incident but the Wing Commander was made to sit down with the woman to record the statements. The woman claimed she objected to the senior officer's presence and later the investigation was closed to "hide mistakes of administration".

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## Shikshagraha partners with Teach For India to strengthen public education

**Agencies, Bengaluru** : Shikshagraha on Monday announced its partnership with Teach For India, bringing together the latter's 17 years of experience in nurturing teachers, young leaders and alumni. The partnership will add this experience to a movement that has already mobilised more than 3.9 lakh leaders across 2.1 lakh public schools. Shikshagraha is a people's movement working to strengthen one million public schools across India so that every child can learn well and be prepared for the future, it said.

In a statement, Shikshagraha said the partnership brings together two complementary approaches to public education. Teach For India brings its experience in developing leaders in classrooms, while Shikshagraha contributes its growing network of more than 40 civil society organisations working with communities, governments and schools to drive collective action. Shikshagraha said it had spent the last several years turning that collective effort into measurable action, with more than 15.6 lakh micro-improvements made across public schools, led by over 3.9 lakh leaders and reaching more than 2.1 lakh schools.

Of these, nearly 45,000 changes were driven directly by communities, it said.

More than 40 civil society organisations working across 16 states are already part of the Shikshagraha network, it said.

Khushboo Awasthi, Chief Curator, Shikshagraha, said the organisation was delighted to welcome Teach For India to its network.

"Together, we hope to connect and amplify the agency of teachers, parents, young leaders, communities and institutions, so that every act of change can travel further and ultimately every child can experience a school where they are seen, supported and allowed to flourish and be future-ready," she said.

Teach For India CEO Shaheen Mistri said Shikshagraha's vision of a movement of one million schools, led not by any one organisation but by millions of people choosing to act, was the kind of shared vision that could bring about meaningful change in education.

"This collective values the depth it takes to nurture leadership, and the vast network it takes to connect that leadership to a national movement," she said.

"Working together means Teach For India Fellows and alumni get a bigger canvas for the change they are already making, and every child gets more adults, in more places, working together to unleash their greatest potential," she added.

Over the coming year, Shikshagraha said the partnership would focus on fellowship and leadership design, the Fellows and alumni network, and developing a shared narrative around leadership, student voice and agency.

## With Tukaram Mundhe’s crackdown, a question: Why celebrate civil servants for doing their jobs?

**Agencies, New Delhi** : That should concern us as much as it pleases us. Inspecting food businesses and protecting consumers is precisely what a food regulator is established to do. Yet a road being relaid can turn an officer into a hero, an encroachment being cleared into a crusade and an unsafe establishment being shut into a social-media spectacle. We have lowered the minimum standard of what the state is expected to deliver. The problem extends well beyond food. We have become desensitised to fake drugs, fake doctors and dubious hospitals, even when the consequences can be fatal. We tolerate unsafe buildings, illegal construction, encroachments, polluted air, broken roads and public spaces hostile to ordinary life. Street-level encroachments can survive because citizens know that challenging them may mean confronting networks of local political, bureaucratic and police interests. Corruption keeps many such arrangements alive. Until someone gets stuck. Until someone falls ill. Until someone dies. Then the state arrives, usually after the damage. A serious economy cannot treat this as episodic theatre. If India compares itself with leading economies on growth, investment, technology and infrastructure, it must also compare itself on consumer protection and enforcement. Laws work when detection is credible, and consequences are swift, certain and severe enough to change behaviour. India's problem is increasingly the unpredictability of enforcement and the negotiability of consequences. A law that is rarely enforced becomes a suggestion. A penalty that can be absorbed becomes a cost of doing business. A prosecution delayed for years becomes a calculated risk. Once the headlines fade, the risk remains manageable. Call it a "management" fee. For businesses protected by patronage, political relationships or administrative discretion, enforcement may simply raise the cost of obtaining protection without dismantling the arrangement. A tough officer can increase the cost of corruption for a sector without eliminating the corruption itself. Citizens may see a crackdown, but not necessarily a durable change in outcomes. That is where the political system deserves sharper scrutiny. Tough officers are often outliers tolerated while public attention is intense. They may be supported when their actions generate favourable headlines. The real test comes when enforcement collides with political interests, influential businesses or established local arrangements. Then we discover whether the system wants independent administration or merely tolerates the appearance of it. Perhaps popular culture has shaped our response to this as well. We have spent years watching the Singham archetype on screen: The fearless officer who ignores pressure, cuts through obstacles and delivers instant justice. When a real officer displays even a fraction of that institutional courage, we instinctively cast him in the same role. The irony is revealing. A republic, however, cannot depend on finding a Singham every time the system needs to function. The vulnerability of the civil servant is central to this failure. Bureaucrats must remain politically neutral, implement the elected government's policies and serve the public interest. But postings and transfers can become instruments of reward and punishment. When putting one's neck out can shorten a tenure while keeping one's head down carries little professional cost, survival becomes rational. Politicians cannot escape responsibility. Where administrative independence is vulnerable to political patronage, the elected executive owns the institutional consequences. Nor can bureaucrats claim innocence. Officials who bend rules for convenience, cultivate political patrons or remain silent under unlawful pressure help preserve the machinery they may later criticise. Some discover the language of institutional integrity only after retirement. Many civil servants have faced genuine constraints, but a system in which public-interest courage becomes safest after retirement has a serious design flaw. The answer is not another search for an "honest officer". India needs institutions that make professional integrity easier, political interference harder, administrative failure visible and retaliation against officials costly. That also requires accepting a basic principle: Regulatory toughness must remain lawful. A strong regulator must be proportionate and accountable. Due process cannot be sacrificed, but neither can it become a refuge for businesses that knowingly put consumers at risk. The political question is more fundamental. Where are the pillars of democracy when citizens cannot challenge even a small encroachment without earning the wrath of local power networks? Where is political morality when liveable cities remain an electoral promise while those exercising power enjoy the privileges of functioning public systems? And where is bureaucratic integrity when doing nothing is safer than doing the right thing?

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## What's hurting Brazil's national football team: Musical chairs with managers, Vinicius' low impact, gameplan like that of European teams

**Agencies, New Delhi**

On the eve of Brazil's World Cup Qualifier against Paraguay, coach Dorival Jr channeled his inner Jurgen Klopp and said, "We will be in the 2026 World Cup final. We will be finalists. You can film me while I'm saying this. I have no doubts. We will be there". The lofty prediction echoed what Klopp had said in 2022 when his Liverpool side was beaten by Real Madrid in the Champions League final.

This was the Selecao's fourth loss in five matches in the World Cup Qualifiers and leaves them 5th in the CONMEBOL standings. The 5-time World Champions have been dealing with an identity crisis for a pretty long time. Two major quarterfinal exits; at the 2022 World Cup and the loss to Uruguay in a penalty shootout of Copa America earlier this year has diminished the aura of the Selecao.

If you ask a casual fan what they remember of the Brazil of yesteryears, they would likely point out the players' individual flair and creative and slick build up play. If you look at the current Brazil team, you wouldn't be able to distinguish their style of play from



any other European side, most of whom go for a tactical approach rather than a free-flowing one.

Most of the attacking players who line up for this current team are from European clubs with Vinicius Jr., Rodrygo and Endrick all from Real Madrid, while midfielders Lucas Paqueta and Bruno Guimaraes play for Premier League sides West Ham and Newcastle respectively. Somewhere through their development and in order to bed in with their club style, Brazil's famous Joga Bonito has been stifled under the more conservative and tactical approach.

If you need any proof about how creatively stunted this team has become, look back at

the Copa defeat to Uruguay where Brazil had just 3 shots on target the whole match with their latest star kid Endrick making one successful pass in 90 minutes, that too from the kick off. Against Paraguay on Wednesday, they failed to get a shot on target in the first half before getting just 3 shots on target in the second half. That is simply not good enough for a team which has a player like Vinicius Jr, a Ballon d'Or hopeful.

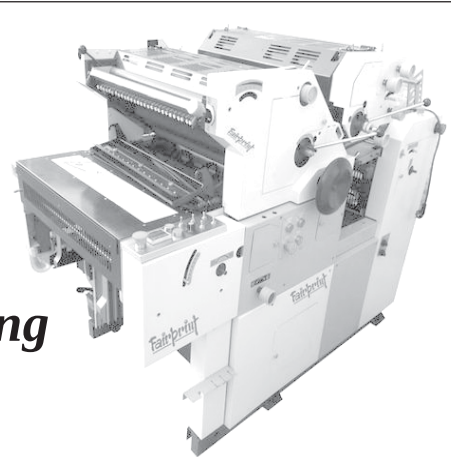
The form of the Real Madrid star man has been a cause of concern for the Selecao, with the UCL winner unable to create the same impact in a canary yellow shirt like he does in the royal white of the Los Blancos. In the last 2

matches for Brazil, Vinicius attempted just six dribbles, pulling off just one successful one while he managed just 4 shots on target. More worryingly, he has scored just 5 goals and provided 5 assists in 35 matches for his national team since his debut in 2019, which are abysmal numbers for a player who played in 2 Copa Americas and a World Cup.

The national coach's position resembling a literal game of musical chairs haven't helped the team either with Brazil employing three managers since their exit from the 2022 World Cup. Ramon Menezes and Fernando Diniz were both given the job as interim boss before the board settled on

Dorival but even after one year, he is yet to put a firm imprint on the side, which is crying out for the return of its most recognizable star Neymar, out with an injury since October of last year.

"You're fighting for your best and it doesn't always happen. I could feel it. Not just with Viní. The way the first half went, we were missing a lot, I'm responsible for that," Dorival said after the Paraguay loss. That's all well and good for now but you can imagine the pressure already mounting for the coach who will have to contend with Chile and Peru in October for another round of qualifiers, matches that will surely act as a litmus test for him and his team.



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## Asian Champions Trophy hockey: India toy with Malaysia in 8-1 thrashing for third straight win; Raj Kumar Pal scores three goals

**Agencies, New Delhi**

Harmanpreet Singh, usually the last man standing in Indian defence, was suddenly in the attacking third, gliding past Malaysian players with slick stick-work and having a go at the goal.

It was one of those rare matches in which the India captain did not have to worry about protecting a lead in the dying minutes. His team had an extra-large lead – 8-1. And Harmanpreet tried something he never does – scoring a field goal.

He couldn't. But the way India were toying with Malaysia in their Asian Champions Trophy hockey encounter demonstrated the team's superiority yet again.

Three matches, three

wins, 16 goals scored and just two conceded. Four Indians (Raj Kumar Pal, Sukhjeet Singh, Uttam Singh and Abhishek) are among the top five scorers of the tournament where India have scored almost one-third of the goals.

Getting deadlier with every passing match, increasing their goal tally each time, India demolished Malaysia, once a banana-skin opponent, by a seven-goal margin in their third match of the competition to extend their lead at the top of the table. The result – India's biggest win over Malaysia, as per International Hockey Federation records – means Craig Fulton's side is the only team with a 100 percent winning record so far.

South Korea, placed second, and third-placed Pakistan are the two other unbeaten teams, but they have drawn two of their three matches. These two teams will be India's next opponents – they play South Korea on Thursday followed by Pakistan on Saturday.

Both will be wary of taking on the high-flying Olympic bronze medallists, who have been making short work of their Asian opponents. It took India less than two minutes to open the scoring against Japan on Monday. On Wednesday, they needed an extra minute. Raj Kumar Pal – the only contentious pick in the Paris Olympics squad – continued to prove his naysayers wrong as he dribbled his way into the Malaysian 'D' and flicked the ball past the goalkeeper to open the floodgates for India. Three minutes later, Araiyeet Singh Hundal doubled India's lead by finding the corner of the Malaysian post. A minute later, penalty corner specialist Jugraj Singh added one with a powerful drag flick. As was the case against Japan, the outcome was sealed inside the opening 10 minutes and all that was left to be seen was how many goals India would score. As it turned out, the three quick goals were only the beginning of Malaysia's misery.

Harmanpreet, the highest goal-scorer of the Paris Olympics, buried the ball into the Malaysian goal with a vintage flick to make it 4-0 in the 22nd minute. Three minutes later, Araiyeet and Uttam Singh combined to set-up Raj Kumar, who ensured India went into the half-time break with a 5-0 lead. After Rajkumar had found the target for the third time, Malaysia managed to pull a goal back soon through Anuar Akhimullah but that proved to be mere consolation.

## Pujara replacement in India's 'Big 3' identified as Lyon set for 'massive challenge': 'They got Rohit, Kohli and...'

**Agencies, New Delhi** : Nathan Lyon was in absolute awe of Cheteshwar Pujara after his valiant knock of 59 on utterly treacherous Indore conditions last March, in what was their penultimate face-off in their rivalry. "I wouldn't describe him as flashy or anything like that, but he's an unbelievable cricketer and I've got a lot of respect for the way he goes about it," said Lyon after the match. The rivalry spanned 1293 balls – the most in a batter-bowler combination in Test cricket since 2010, with the Indian scoring 570 runs and the Aussie picking up 13 wickets. But for the first time in 11 years, Lyon won't be up against Pujara in a Border-Gavaskar series face-off with the veteran batter no longer in BCCI's scheme of things. But the BGT legend has identified Pujara's replacement.

Pujara was the Player of the Series in India's historic 2018/19 series win in Australia. He scored 521 runs in the contest at 74.42, with three centuries and a fifty, the second-highest run tally by a visiting Indian batter Down Under after Virat Kohli (692 runs in 2014/15) and Dravid (619 runs in 2003/04). Overall, he scored 993 runs on Australian soil in 11 appearances, the fourth-best tally by an Indian batter.

However, with the Indian selectors having long hinted at moving on from the likes of senior batters like Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane, the two won't be part of the upcoming tour of Australia later in December. But Lyon, in conversation with Star Sports, revealed a new name as part of India's 'Big Three' in the batting line-up. "They got Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant are probably going to be really big 3 ones. But they still got Jaiswal, Gill, Jadeja. Wonder who else would come out at No. 5.

**Agencies, New Delhi**

In a major development, cricketers from India and Pakistan could team up to form a dream Playing XI as the possibility of bringing back the star-studded Afro-Asia Cup is being mulled by cricketing bodies. The Afro-Asia Cup, played in the year 2005 and 2007 featured two teams – Asia XI featuring the most renowned cricketers from the sub-continent and an Africa XI comprising players from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya and neighbouring nations. After two successful editions, the tournament could not return owing to tensions between India and Pakistan. The 2008 Mumbai terror attacks put a hold on cricketing ties between the two nations, with India and Pakistan playing just a solitary bilateral series in 2012 since. However, with Jay Shah set to be-

## Kohli, Bumrah set to join forces with Babar, Shaheen as star-studded tournament 'in talks' to return after 18 years



come the new ICC president in December, discussion are to take place about a proposed reboot of the tournament, and eventually marking its full-fledged return in due time. Played in the ODI format the last time it was held, the Afro-Asia Cup could be contested in T20s. Chairman of the African Cricket Association Samod Damodar touched upon an update regarding the same, giving insights as to whether the idea will see light of the day. "Personally, I am very

hurt that it (Afro-Asia Cup) didn't happen. There was not adequate momentum through the ACA, but it is being looked at again. I think it was basically a lack of understanding and not buying into the concept. Our members are regretting it. It needed to be pushed by Africa," Damodar was quoted as saying in a Forbes' report. Possibilities of an India-Pakistan dream team If the proposal comes to a fruition – possibly in 2025 – world cricket could be heading towards an

alliance many though was never possible – Indian and Pakistan cricketers teaming up. Imagine the sight of some of their best athletes – Virat Kohli, Babar Azam, Jasprit Bumrah, Shaheen Afridi, Rohit Sharma, Mohammad Rizwan – high-fiving and celebrating a wicket – could be a treat to the sore eyes. 21 years ago, when the first Afro-Asia Cup was played in 2005, the Asian XI featured Virender Sehwag, Shahid Afridi, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene,

Inzamam-ul-Haq, Ashish Nehra, Zaheer Khan and Shoaib Akhtar. Two years later in 2007, MS Dhoni jumped into the picture and blasted 139 with four and five sixes. The report mentions how the Afro-Asia Cup was almost revived two years ago and was all set to get a go-ahead. The returning tournament could have taken place in 2023, but didn't materialise due to internal turmoil within the ACA, and hit a roadblock. However, the dream of reviving it is closer than ever this time around. If it comes through, the world will get to see more instances of India and Pakistan cricketers sharing the field – let alone as teammates. With bilateral ties severed between the two nations, India and Pakistan only play each other in ICC tournaments and the Asia Cup, but Damodar is keen to add a new layer to this dynamic.



# ‘Severe Displeasure’ censure in Poonch case shows Indian Army holds its own to account

**Agencies, New Delhi**

: The Armed Forces Tribunal's (AFT) ruling upholding the “severe displeasure” censure against the Rashtriya Rifles Sector Commander, a Brigadier, is more than an administrative footnote. It reaffirms the Indian military's commitment to internal accountability and command responsibility. By validating an internal administrative measure over external intervention, the tribunal demonstrates that the armed forces possess robust self-regulating internal accountability mechanisms to address operational lapses.

The armed forces broadly split penalties into two types: Disciplinary and administrative. Disciplinary action comes through a court-martial for serious offences under the Army Act, with penalties including imprisonment, loss of rank or dismissal. Administrative action, however, deals with lapses of leadership, judgement and oversight that may not warrant a full trial but cannot be ignored. A censure of “severe displeasure” may sound

mild, but it carries a telling effect on career progression.

The Indian Army maintains a zero-tolerance policy towards human rights violations. While genuine errors of judgment can occur in the fog of war, intentional breaches are treated with utmost seriousness. By rejecting the officer's appeal, the Tribunal did not merely validate an administrative action. It underscored that the military possesses both the moral clarity and the institutional machinery to uphold the highest ethical standards from within.

While a high-stress counter-terrorist environment can severely test operational discipline, the Army's response in the Poonch incident was self-correcting. Instead of deflecting blame or waiting for external oversight, it ordered its own Court of Inquiry. That scrutiny ultimately held the Sector Commander administratively responsible for severe lapses in command oversight and control.

This is why the ruling is a landmark. It rein-

forces the principle of command responsibility: That a superior is responsible not only for what he orders, but for what he fails to prevent when he fails to supervise, train and discipline his troops. By applying this principle to the Poonch incident, the Army has once again confirmed that its internal legal mechanisms are sophisticated enough to hold a commander accountable, irrespective of rank, without requiring outside intervention.

Section 7 of AFSPA protects personnel acting in good faith from prosecution by outside agencies without prior sanction of the central government. However, that protection did not stop the Army's internal departmental review.

This is critical, as it shows that the military does not use AFSPA to hide from basic discipline. Instead, it uses the Army Act to ensure that emergency powers are matched with even higher professional standards.

This ruling reinforces the Army's own long-standing ethos: That its true legitimacy rests on professional discipline,

even when facing a brutal adversary. The AFT explicitly tackled the emotional fallout of combat, reinforcing the Army's doctrine that human grief and the natural impulse for retaliation must always yield to the strictures of law.

It does not weaken the chain of command, but fortifies it and proves that the military's “winning hearts and minds” doctrine is deeply ingrained in operational reality, and not just a public relations exercise.

Far from damaging morale or causing hesitation in high-stakes operations, this kind of internal resolution strengthens the force. It reassures the rank-and-file that they serve in an institution governed by honour, fairness and clear boundaries.

In counter-terror operations, the trust of the Awaam — the local population — is the Army's central weapon. After all, they are the centre of gravity in any counter-insurgency/counter-terrorist operation. Human intelligence dries up, overground workers multi-

ply, and every operation becomes harder when that trust is broken. One incident of perceived impunity can undo years of confidence-building. The Army knows this better than any commentator. This is far from the first time the Army has demonstrated its capacity for rigorous self-correction. This instinct is institutional memory, not an exception.

In 2010, when a “staged” encounter came to light in the Machil sector, where three civilians were killed and passed off as infiltrating terrorists, the Army did not shield the guilty. It initiated disciplinary proceedings and a court-martial sentenced the personnel to life imprisonment.

In July 2020, in Amshipora, three labourers from Rajouri were killed and falsely branded as terrorists. The Army did not wait for a formal police chargesheet. It initiated its own inquiry, publicly declared that prima facie the provisions of AFSPA had been violated, and put an officer on court-martial for violating Standard Operat-

ing Procedures.

The world took note of Indian soldiers' professionalism during the Kargil conflict in 1999. When Pakistan refused to acknowledge its own dead soldiers, leaving bodies on the icy heights, it was Indian soldiers who collected them, offered Namaz, and buried them with full military honours under the Geneva Conventions. That is why, globally, the Indian soldier is celebrated for discipline.

In an era where institutions often panic under scrutiny, the Indian military has shown what a mature institution does: It investigates its own senior leadership, validates administrative censure from within, and proves that true power lies in absolute accountability.

The buck did stop at the top in Poonch. That is why this case will endure as a blueprint: Not of a failure, but of an Army confident enough to correct itself to protect both national security and human dignity, ensuring that no rank is above the timeless code of institutional honour.

## A hard test for X's transparency pledge in India

**Agencies, New Delhi** : Within days came the response from the establishment in India. On August 18, a senior Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) official told reporters that X “will have to comply with the Indian laws,” adding that orders issued under Section 69A are “intended to be maintained as confidential.”

The heart of the difficulty is Rule 16 of the Information Technology (Blocking) Rules, 2009, the operative framework under Section 69A, which mandates strict confidentiality over all requests and actions taken. Secrecy is what lets the executive block content often without a reasoned public order and without notifying the person whose content is blocked.

That is the direct collision. X proposes to publish exactly what Rule 16 forbids — that an order exists, which body issued it, and on what basis. And the stakes are not merely civil. Section 69A attaches criminal liability, including imprisonment up to seven years, to an intermediary that fails to comply. Because X operates as a locally incorporated entity with resident compliance and grievance officers, those consequences land on identifiable individuals inside the country.

There is a more immediate problem: The mechanism does not yet do what Musk claimed. The August release paired the open-sourced “Phoenix” recommendation code with a pilot feature, “Under the Hood”, that shows selected users visibility labels on their own accounts, like spam flags and reach restrictions, not the government request behind a block. A 69A order works separately, and the user sees only the familiar “withheld in India” notice, naming neither order nor agency.

Meanwhile, a growing share of Indian takedowns no longer flows through Section 69A. Since a 2023 MeitY memorandum, ministries, states, and police issue orders under Section 79(3)(b), routed through the MHA's “Sahyog” portal, which X calls a censorship portal. Section 69A orders themselves have surged, from roughly 6,000 a year through 2023 to about 24,300 in 2025. Where orders arrive without a stated basis, X has little to surface even if it wanted to.

Then there is will. X brands itself a free-speech absolutist, yet complies with 83 to 99 per cent of demands. In July 2025, it said the government ordered 2,355 accounts blocked, including Reuters, within an hour — X objected loudly, then complied, restoring Reuters only after a public outcry.

Nor is the law shifting X's way. In September 2025, the Karnataka High Court dismissed its Sahyog challenge, calling the portal “an instrument of public good”; X's appeal and parallel Bombay petitions were consolidated when the Supreme Court stayed all four in July 2026.

## Next employment challenge is about better jobs

**Agencies, New Delhi**

: NITI Aayog's report, Reimagining Skilling for Viksit Bharat@2047, released on August 18, places the challenge within a blueprint for demand-led, industry-linked and outcome-oriented skilling. It estimates that 9 crore young Indians were neither in education, employment nor train-

ing, excluding those seeking jobs, and that about 88 per cent were engaged in domestic duties. It is inaccurate to describe all of them as unemployed. But it's also true that millions of young women remain outside paid work because unpaid care, safety, mobility, social norms and limited local opportunities restrict

choice.

Care is also needed when monthly, weekly and annual labour data are discussed together. The monthly Periodic Labour Force Survey bulletin provides a current pulse, but its Current Weekly Status classifies activity over the preceding seven days; the annual survey's usual status

captures the durable yearly pattern. Monthly and weekly-status figures should track short-term movement, while annual usual-status figures assess structural progress. They are not interchangeable.

The aspiration of 2 crore jobs a year also needs clarity. It cannot mean 2 crore salaried

government posts annually. The provisional KLEMS series records 17.18 crore additional workers over nine years through 2023-24, averaging about 1.9 crore a year. That is meaningful expansion, but aggregate numbers cannot settle the debate. India should publish an employment dashboard covering

formalisation, real wage growth, social security, hours worked, sectoral productivity and movement from low-income work into stable careers.

This brings us to every family's concern: Where is the opportunity after graduation? Educated unemployment among first-time entrants is real.

## Delhi must build, but it must also preserve

**Agencies, New Delhi**

: As India advances towards the Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, Delhi must demonstrate how a growing metropolis can combine development with environmental restoration and heritage conservation. The Master Plan for Delhi 2047 provides an opportunity to place these principles at the heart of the capital's future. Climate change has fundamentally rewritten the rules of urban planning. Rising temperatures, extreme rainfall, acute water stress, deteriorating air quality, and biodiversity loss directly affect the health and quality of life of our citizens. Consequently, rivers, forests, wetlands, lakes and parks can no longer be viewed merely as environmental amenities or

aesthetic additions. They are essential components of urban infrastructure. MPD-2047 envisages an interconnected Green-Blue network that integrates the Yamuna, the Ridge, forests, biodiversity parks, water bodies, drains, neighbourhood parks, and open spaces into a unified ecological system. For centuries, the Yamuna has shaped Delhi's geography, history, and civilisation. Yet rapid urbanisation has placed unprecedented stress on its ecosystem and floodplains. MPD-2047 places the river at the centre of Delhi's ecological regeneration. Nearly 1,700 hectares of the Yamuna floodplains are proposed to be protected, conserved and ecologically restored through multiple sys-

tematic restoration initiatives. To tackle pollution at its source, the strategy focuses on intercepting and treating drains flowing into the river through upgraded sewage treatment infrastructure, constructed wetlands, and bioremediation. Together, these measures will restore the river's ecological health and natural floodplain functions. The larger objective, however, goes beyond environmental restoration. Delhi must also rebuild its relationship with the river. A proposed 52-kilometre cycling corridor, alongside walking trails, public greens, and managed recreational spaces, will reconnect citizens with the waterfront. Complementing the Yamuna is Delhi's other major ecological pillar — the Delhi

Ridge, an extension of the ancient Aravalli Range. MPD-2047 plans the ecological restoration of approximately 7,784 hectares of the Ridge, prioritising native species and scientific ecosystem management. The objective is not simply to increase the number of trees, but to restore healthier ecosystems capable of supporting local biodiversity and strengthening the capital's long-term environmental balance. Urban forests, biodiversity parks and ecological corridors will further complement this network. When connected with parks, water bodies and other open spaces, they can create a citywide ecological framework supporting cleaner air, cooler neighbourhoods and healthier communities. Few cities pos-

sess a historical legacy as rich and diverse as Delhi. Its forts, monuments, stepwells, archaeological remains, historic neighbourhoods and architectural precincts tell the story of the many eras that have shaped the city. Heritage must remain a living part of the city, protected and preserved while continuing to serve contemporary needs and remain connected to the lives and aspirations of its people. MPD-2047 envisages bringing around 1,500 heritage assets under Cultural Resource Management Plans, creating a systematic framework for their long-term protection and sensitive management. This will help move heritage conservation from an isolated effort towards a more structured and inte-

grated approach. The plan also seeks to make conservation more practical and economically viable through planning and financial incentives, including Transferable Development Rights (TDR), façade retention and appropriate relaxation of space standards by the competent authority, while ensuring necessary fire and life-safety requirements. The objective is to ensure that conservation is not seen as a burden, but as an opportunity to preserve Delhi's identity while giving heritage properties a sustainable future. Well-conserved historic areas can generate tourism, cultural activity, employment and opportunities for local businesses. Delhi has enormous potential to build a similar heritage economy by creating vibrant destina-

tions around its historic assets. MPD-2047 proposes heritage, cultural and festival circuits connecting monuments, historic precincts and public spaces. These can encourage visitors to experience Delhi not simply as a collection of individual monuments, but as a living historical landscape. The aim is also to create heritage precincts that remain active beyond conventional visiting hours. 24x7 cultural, tourism, hospitality and local economic activities can bring greater vitality to these areas and support local crafts, food, cultural enterprises and tourism services. Better public spaces and pedestrian-friendly environments can further enhance the experience for residents and visitors. In this way, heri-

tage conservation can become a powerful instrument of urban regeneration, tourism, employment and local economic development, while preserving the character that makes Delhi unique. The core strength of MPD-2047 lies in uniting ecological and cultural planning. Delhi's ecological and cultural assets do not exist independently. Many historic sites are located within or adjacent to forests, water bodies, the Ridge, and the Yamuna landscape. Connecting these heritage sites with greenways, cycling paths, and revived water systems creates a holistic urban experience. As India moves toward Viksit Bharat 2047, Delhi must prove that development and conservation are complementary, not conflicting.