

Nation



Constitution, democracy, secularism, federalism threatened; people seek change.

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'No personal law can be above Constitution'

Muslims enjoy constitutional rights, while citizenship requires obeying laws, respecting national symbols and understanding UCC's spirit.

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NEW DELHI: The VHP on Tuesday opposed the All India Muslim Personal Law Board's (AIMPLB) proposed "Constitution and Sharia Protection Movement", alleging that by placing the Constitution and Islamic law on an equal footing, the organisation is "playing with the unity of the country".

"Accept the Constitution, follow the law and respect the nation -- this is true protection," the outfit said.

The AIMPLB had last week announced the nationwide movement under which it will organise public meetings and protest programmes in major cities across the country. The organisation said it will also disseminate a comprehensive "white paper" documenting alleged incidents of discrimination against Muslims and constitutional violations. In a statement,



VHP central joint secretary Vijay Shankar Tiwari

VHP central joint secretary Vijay Shankar Tiwari asserted that no personal law can be placed above the Constitution. "The Muslim Personal Law Board has compared the Constitution of India with Sharia, which is completely unconstitutional," he said. Under the Indian Constitution, people of all faiths are entitled to equal rights. "But comparing Sharia with the Constitution amounts to playing with the unity of the country," he said.

HIGHLIGHT

● AIMPLB has compared the Constitution of India with Sharia

● Misleading portrayal of Muslims as victims

Tiwari said Muslims, as Indian citizens, are entitled to all rights guaranteed by the Constitution, but citizenship also entails duties, including accepting the country's laws, respecting national symbols and understanding the spirit of the Uniform Civil Code. The RSS affiliate said AIMPLB campaign "is not acceptable to the country in any manner, and such freedom cannot be given in this country for carrying out such movements or activities."

"All kinds of such conspiracies are being carried out and will be carried out in the future as well. The country will have to remain alert," he

added. Tiwari rejected what he described as a portrayal of Muslims as victims subjected to atrocities, calling it a "misleading picture". "Whenever there is talk of demolishing illegal constructions, whoever has illegal constructions, they are demolished. But if illegal constructions belonging to the Muslim community are demolished, they come forward portraying themselves as victims. This cannot continue," he said.

Tiwari said respecting Vande Mataram cannot amount to an attack on any religion. He appealed to the "aware section" of the Muslim community not to create an atmosphere of fear based on statements made by their leaders. He also asked leaders advocating the movement to clarify what they would follow if the Constitution and Sharia came into conflict -- "the Constitution or Sharia?"

Kollam teen goes viral

KOLLAM: When 15-year-old Alan James steps out in a Spain jersey, a second glance is almost inevitable -- his striking resemblance to football sensation Lamine Yamal has turned the Class 10 student into an unlikely social media celebrity.

Until recently, Alan was simply another football-loving teenager from Chakkuvally in Kollam, spending his time between school and the football ground. Today, he finds himself being recognised by strangers, invited to local events and followed by thousands online.

The resemblance had not gone unnoticed among people who knew him. Friends and acquaintances had for some time pointed out his similarity to the Spanish forward, but Alan never took it seriously.

That changed after a video featuring him was recorded by a local politician. The clip, which brought together Alan's Yamal-like appearance with a popular social-media reference involving the footballer's jersey, caught the attention of netizens and began spreading rapidly.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

DJJS JANMSHTAMI 2026

DJJS Janmashtami Mahotsav to blend tradition and modernity, on September 03 and 04



NEW DELHI: From the powerful resonance of hundreds of synchronized Vedic chants to the high-energy beats of a first-of-its-kind Live Bhajan Clubbing Experience, alongside scientific and social awakening talks led by the well-versed Sanyasins of the organization, Shri Krishna Janmashtami Mahotsav 2026 by Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan (DJJS) is set to present music, discourses, and dance performances in a distinctly contemporary yet spiritually rooted format.

Scheduled for September 3rd and 4th, 2026, at the DDA Ground, Dwarka Sector 10, New Delhi, the 36th edition of the Mahotsav, inspired and guided by Divya Guru Shri Ashutosh Maharaj Ji, is being presented under the central theme "Krishna Jann Lein Yadi Aaj, To Pahachanoge Kaise Aap?" (If Krishna were born today, how would

you recognize Him?)—inviting audiences to explore Krishna's timeless wisdom through contemporary modes of expression.

Redefining spiritual music for a new generation, this year's Mahotsav is set to debut its premier attraction: a high-energy Live Bhajan Clubbing Experience bringing over 50,000 music lovers together under "One Krishna Vibe". Designed to bridge timeless spirituality with youth culture, the event fuses the raw power of a live rock band with soul-stirring compositions by Eternal Bliss, the acclaimed in-house music group of DJJS. By reimagining traditional Krishna bhajans through a modern musical lens, this groundbreaking concept creates an immersive, festival-style arena where audiences can sing, chant, and connect in an unprecedented celebration of faith and sound. **PTI**

Black flag protest

CHAPRA: TMC MP Mahua Moitra faced a protest during a visit to Chapra in her Krishnanagar constituency in West Bengal's Nadia district on Tuesday, with a group of people allegedly surrounding her vehicle, waving black flags and raising 'go back' slogans. The incident took place after Moitra attended a meeting with party workers in Chapra as part of an organisational exercise. The protest triggered a sharp exchange of words between the Krishnanagar MP and local rebel TMC MLA Jaber Sheikh.

Sheikh has joined the rebel camp led by Leader of Opposition Ritabrata Banerjee. Moitra later claimed that the party workers' meeting was "very successful" and was part of efforts to strengthen and reorganise the TMC's organisation in the area. The TMC MP alleged that the demonstration was backed by Jaber Sheikh and the BJP.

B K Mishra joins as AGM of East Coast Railway

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Mishra brings over 35 years' diverse railway experience.

BHUBANESWAR: Bijaya Kumar Mishra has joined as the new Additional General Manager (AGM), East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar.

An officer of the 1991 batch of the Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS), Mishra brings with him more than 35 years of rich and diverse experience in Railway Finance, Project Management, Train Operations and Administration. He has held several important and challenging assignments during his distinguished career in Indian Railways.

In addition to his pres-



ent assignment, Mishra is serving as the Principal Financial Adviser (PFA), East Coast Railway, where he is responsible for the vital functions of Accounts, Finance, Budgeting and Internal Auditing. ECO R is among the highest-earning Zones of Indian Railways.

Mishra has also served as the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Tinsukia Division of North-east Frontier Railway, where he successfully

handled the responsibilities of one of the challenging divisions of the Indian Railways. He also served as Project Finance Head of IRCON

International Limited at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, overseeing major international infrastructure projects during his deputation.

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Date: 01.09.2026 Authorised Officer

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION No.2 RAMANUJNAJ DISTT. BALRAMPUR-RAMANUJGANJ (C.G.)

e-Procurement Tender Notice
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NIT NO.04 /SAC/2026-27 DATED 27.08.2026

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to. 17.09.2026 (17.30hoursIST).

S. Tender No.	System No. & Date	Name of Work	Probable amount of contract excluding GST (in lakhs)	Tender call
1	198315 04/SAC/2026-27 Date:27.08.2026	CONSTRUCTION OF GIRWANI ANICUT SCHEME.	Rs. 293.13 Lakhs	First call

The details can be viewed & downloaded online directly from the Govt. of Chhattisgarh integrated e-Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in/>) from dated 03.09.2026 at 17.31 hours (IST) onwards.

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| BENGAL CM TO JOURNALISTS |

'Don't do anything to weaken nation'

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KOLKATA: Asserting that the nation comes first, West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari on Tuesday urged journalists not to do anything that could weaken the country, while assuring them they were free to criticise him and his government.

He also said that in the past four months since the BJP came to power in the state, no community of any faith has been barred from observing their religious rites.

Urging journalists to follow a strict approach to reporting on issues relating to the country,



Journalists are free to criticise him.
Suwendu Adhikari
West Bengal CM

Adhikari said, "As we all feel that nation comes first, I expect that we will not do anything that

weakens the nation." The chief minister, however, maintained that journalists are free to criticise him, his party and the government.

The chief minister was speaking to reporters at the state secretariat after launching an augmented pension scheme and a health insurance scheme -- Mukhyamantri Swasthya Bima Yojana -- for journalists.

He said that coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh under the state health scheme and the Ayushman Bharat Yojana will be available at 1,900 private and government hospitals across West Bengal.