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Trump waives tariffs on...

have nothing to do with our national security, & everything to do with sucking up to Vladimir Putin. I hope my Republican colleagues will join me in condemning this craven, cowardly action," he said.

The Graham Act empowered Trump to impose sweeping sanctions on Moscow and tariffs of up to 100 per cent on goods imported into the US from the five largest purchasers of Russian crude oil or natural gas, including China and India.

The law was passed by the US Congress on September 16 and signed into law by Trump two days later. It authorised Trump to impose tariffs of up to 100 per cent on goods from the five largest importers of Russian crude oil or gas.

The executive order waives the duties provided for in Sections 112 and 113 of the Act or the order.

The waiver covers the new tariffs targeting the five largest purchasers of Russian-origin

crude oil and natural gas, as well as the corresponding tariffs on countries facilitating Russian sanctions evasion. But it does not affect other US tariffs that may otherwise apply to imports from those countries.

"Pursuant to section 115(a) of the Graham Act, I hereby waive the application of any duties provided for in sections 112 and 113 of the Graham Act or this order," Trump said.

Section 115 of the Act allows the President to waive sanctions provisions, restrictions and duties in the national interest, subject to submitting a written certification to Congress and a report explaining the basis for the decision. The executive order states that Trump submitted both documents. Section 113 of the Graham Act deals with the imposition of tariffs of up to 100 per cent on countries that purchase Russian-origin crude oil or natural gas or facilitate sanctions evasion.

India's Russian crude binge...

gas, and sanctions on Russia's shadow fleet of tankers. The waiver is not specific to India and could also benefit China. The order lets the administration reconsider it later.

India is the largest importer of Russian seaborne crude, averaging 1.8 million barrels per day this year, ahead of China at 1.2 million, ship tracking data showed. Italy, Turkey and the Netherlands completed the top five. India took about 1.82 million bpd of Russian crude in September against about 1.49 million for China. Kpler expects October imports to hold at around 1.8-1.9 million bpd. Volumes are well below mid-year highs. Indian imports peaked at 2.6 million bpd in June and 2.57 million bpd in July. With the waiver, refiners are likely to continue buying Russian crude, analysts said. Russian crude emerged as a bargain for Indian refiners after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 triggered Western sanctions and prompted many buyers to shun its oil. The European Union banned seaborne imports of Russian crude, while the G7 imposed a price cap aimed at curbing Moscow's oil revenues

without disrupting global supplies. With traditional buyers retreating, Russia redirected cargoes to Asia at steep discounts to benchmark Brent crude, at times approaching USD 40 a barrel for its Urals grade in early 2023.

India seized the opportunity, transforming its crude sourcing in a matter of months. Russian oil accounted for around 2 per cent or less of India's imports before the war, but refiners rapidly increased purchases as discounted cargoes improved processing economics and helped contain the cost of imported energy.

Russia went on to become India's largest crude supplier, at times accounting for around 40-50 per cent of the country's total imports.

The shift also created a lucrative export stream for Indian refiners, which processed Russian crude into fuels such as diesel for domestic consumption and overseas markets. Although purchases have fluctuated with prices, supply availability and geopolitical pressures, the rapid rise of Russian oil has fundamentally reshaped India's crude import mix, analysts said.

Dipke granted conditional...

arrested in a fresh case for breach of peace under Sections 126 and 170 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, police said.

The Delhi Police has registered multiple FIRs in connection with alleged violation of prohibitory orders in Connaught Place ahead of the

Cockroach Janta Party's 'Lehra do Tiranga' protest a day ago, sources said on Saturday.

"Despite repeated announcements asking people to disperse, a crowd gathered in and around Connaught Place on Friday, prompting the police to initiate legal action," said the source.

India rejects UN report on...

writing is precisely the reason that the United Nations and its institutions have lost credibility." He said that in India, these freedoms, together with freedom of speech and expression, are guaranteed to every citizen under Article 19 of the Constitution, and are protected by an independent judiciary, a free press, and an empowered National Human Rights Commission.

India also termed the report ironic, taking note of the "satirical political movement" created by the country's youth.

"In which repressive State does a satirical youth party question the government,

marches on the capital, and then sits across the table with senior national leaders," Swarup said.

He pointed to the High Commissioner for Human Rights' comment in the Human Rights Council last month that dialogue with young leaders is far more effective in the context of youth-led movement in India. "Perhaps that update escaped the Special Rapporteur's attention," he said, adding that when students protested this summer over irregularities in public examinations, the Government engaged constructively with the youth.

Govt caps trade margins on...

To ensure strict adherence, state drug controllers have been directed to enforce compliance across manufacturers, dealers, retailers, hospitals, and medical institutions.

Addressing supply-chain concerns, NPAA underscored that the rationalisation seeks to curb excessive margins in the distribution and retail channels without denting

legitimate manufacturing revenues or causing artificial shortages.

Pharmaceutical companies have been directed to maintain their current production and supply levels for the notified formulations to guarantee uninterrupted and timely access to vital medicines for patients across the country, the statement added.

17 killed in Kolkata puja pandal...

The Prime Minister said the local administration is providing all possible assistance to those affected. Union Home Minister Amit Shah also postponed his programmes in West Bengal scheduled for Sunday in the wake of a stampede.

He will visit the hospital to meet the injured on Sunday.

Former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said she was deeply shocked about the stampede-like situation at Chorbagan puja pandal.

Police allow Cong to hold rally at Ramlila Maidan on Nov 1

NEW DELHI, Oct 17 (PTI)

THE Delhi Police has allowed the Congress to hold a rally at Ramlila Maidan on November 1 and issued a no-objection certificate (NOC) for the event, a senior police officer said on Saturday.

On September 30, the INDIA bloc finalised a joint action plan over the SIR (Special Intensive Revision) row, including rallies and 'save democracy marches', with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge saying all parties agreed that elections should be held using ballot papers instead of EVMs. Then, Kharge said the party would organise a mega rally in Delhi on November 1.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central) Rohit Rajbir Singh said, "The Indian National Congress (INC) has planned a rally at Ramlila Maidan on November 1 and had approached the Delhi Police for the requisite NOC. The NOC for holding the rally at the designated protest

SC appointed panel launches portal for complaints over July 2026 violence

NEW DELHI, Oct 17 (PTI)

SUPREME Court-appointed High Powered Enquiry Committee has launched a portal to receive complaints and representations from people affected by violence at Jantar Mantar and other places outside Delhi in July 2026, officials said Saturday. The portal, <http://hpec.Nic.In>, has been launched for the convenience of affected people, including police personnel, they said.

The committee will examine issues outlined in the Supreme Court's order.

Priority will be given to matters involving the use of pellet guns, targeted violence and

harassment of female protesters, and excessive violence and destruction of property by either side, the officials said.

The portal has been designed to protect vulnerable witnesses and allow affected people to keep their identities confidential, if they wish to do so, they said.

Affected people and other stakeholders have been encouraged to submit complaints and representations through the portal using the applicable formats, they said.

Anyone wishing to provide information or suggestions on issues referred to the committee under the two court orders can also use the portal.

The Delhi Police is in constant coordination with the organisers, traffic police, and other con-

BMC razes unauthorised portions of Ajay Devgn bungalow in Juhu

MUMBAI, Oct 17 (PTI)

THE Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has razed portions of a bungalow, reportedly belonging to actor Ajay Devgn and his mother, in the western suburb of Juhu here, days after issuing a stop-work notice over unauthorised construction, officials said on Saturday.

Civic personnel armed with hammers knocked down unauthorised Siporex block walls at the JVPD Scheme property on October 12 after the K/West Ward office rejected the owners' response to the notice issued under Section 354A of the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act. The civic body has also shared photographs of the demolition at the Kapole Co-operative Housing Society on NS Road, and notices issued to the property owners.

The BMC's notice and speaking order, however, do not mention the names of the "Singham" and "Drishyam" actor or his



Workers outside a bungalow jointly owned by actor Ajay Devgn and his mother Veena Devgn, in the Juhu area of Mumbai on Saturday. (PTI)

mother Veena Devgn. Their ownership of the property was established separately.

An official said that the BMC had issued a stop-work notice on September 10, over alleged unauthorised additions and alterations to the bungalow, and in a

speaking order dated October 6, the K West ward office rejected the owners' September 15 reply, pointing out that it did not include documents authorising the construction or a copy of permission granted by the authorities.

NIA chargesheets ULFA (I) chief Baruah, 4 others for IED blasts conspiracy in Assam

NEW DELHI, Oct 16 (PTI)

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday filed a chargesheet against five accused, including ULFA (I) chief Paresh Baruah, in connection with the recovery of an IED in Assam's Guwahati on August 15, 2024.

Myanmar-based United Liberation Front of Asom-Independent or ULFA (I) is a banned terrorist outfit.

The chargesheet was filed before an NIA

special court at Guwahati against Baruah, chairman and self styled chairman commander-in-chief of the proscribed terrorist organisation ULFA (I), an official statement said. Kanak Ch Gogoi alias Aisheng Asom, Jahnur Boruah, Bhargab Gogoi and Sumu Gogoi are the other accused named in the chargesheet filed in connection with the NIA's probe into the recovery of an improvised explosive device (IED) planted by ULFA (I) at Motilal Nehru Road, Panbazar, Guwahati on 15th August 2024, it said.

Actor Imran Khan challenges 'leave India' notice in Bombay High Court

MUMBAI, Oct 17 (PTI)

BOLLYWOOD actor Imran Khan, a US citizen, on Saturday moved the Bombay High Court challenging a notice issued by Mumbai Police directing him to leave India by October 28 for attending a political protest, even as he received a show-cause notice from the FRRO as to why his Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) status should not be cancelled. The actor, who had been briefly detained during a demonstration here related to the protests seeking Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation, received a show-cause notice

from the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO), said his lawyer Zulfiqar Memon.

This notice should have been issued before Mumbai Police issued their "abrupt and arbitrary" 'Leave India Notice' to Khan, the lawyer said.

In his petition before the High Court, the actor said the notice issued by the Mumbai police was "illegal, arbitrary, perverse and drastic".

The petition, filed through advocate Memon and MZM Legal, said the police notice "reflects patent non-application of mind and the arbitrary targeting" of Khan as a public figure.

cerned agencies to ensure appropriate law-and-order arrangements, effective traffic manage-

ment, and the smooth conduct of the proposed rally, police said.

5 workers killed, several hurt in blast at Guj chemical unit

BHARUCH, Oct 17 (PTI)

AS many as five workers were killed and five others injured after an explosion ripped through a chemical manufacturing unit in Gujarat's Bharuch district, officials said on Saturday.

The blast occurred around 10 pm on Friday during a hydrogenation process at SynZeal Pharmachem in the Saykha GIDC area in Vagra taluka, triggering a toxic leak of methylene dichloride (MDC) gas, they said.

SynZeal Pharmachem, set up in Saykha only a year ago, has been manufacturing pharmaceutical intermediaries, Bharuch Sub-Divisional Magistrate Manisha Manani said. The explosion, suspected to have occurred during a hydrogenation process, was so powerful that it ripped apart the reactor tank, scattering machinery parts across the premises, she said. Superintendent of Police Akshyaraj Makwana told PTI that five people were killed in the blast, while five others sus-

tained injuries.

The deceased were identified as Jaydeep Maheshbhai Patel and Bhavik Dilipkumar Vasava, both hailing from Amod; Vrund Talaviya from Talala in Gir Somnath district and Uttar Pradesh natives Aniket Harilal Gautam and Arjunkumar Ramsingh Gautam, he said.

The injured workers, Pavankumar Ramsingh Gautam, Mausamkumar Ramsevak Yadav, Shivdayal Ramavatar Yadav, Pratik Pravin Prajapati and Priyanshu Bahadurlal, who hailed from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, are undergoing treatment, Makwana said.

An official of the Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health (DISH) said the blast during the hydrogenation process triggered a leak of methylene dichloride (MDC) gas.

Officials from the Gujarat Pollution Control Board, DISH and police reached the spot, and the cause of the explosion is being investigated.

Popular Tamil music composer Deva no more

CHENNAI, Oct 17 (PTI)

NOTED music composer Deva, the self-made architect of Tamil 'gana' style rhythms and one who gave innumerable, striking hits for top heroes, including Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay in a career spanning 400 films, died here on Saturday.

He was 75 and breathed his last at a private hospital here.

"All of a sudden our father left us, his death was following a cardiac arrest," the renowned musician's son

Shrikanth Deva told reporters here.

'Gana' songs, Deva's gift to the Tamil speaking people, may be described as a kind of music composition, which, in a way brought to mainstream the subaltern world; its likes and dislikes and the rough and tumble of the youth community as well. 'Gana,' in Tamil usage, denotes the rustic, indigenous, working-class origins of the songs, and the harmonising music that accompanies it. The form of music is unique to Chennai.

Court denies bail to four accused in Mini Cooper crash that killed 3 in Keralam

KOCHI, Oct 17 (PTI)

A COURT in Keralam on Saturday dismissed the bail petitions of four accused in the Mini Cooper crash near here that claimed the lives of three youngsters, prosecution sources said.

Angamaly Judicial First Class Magistrate Samyuktha M K dismissed the bail pleas filed by Suhail, Ninav, Ameer and Joel.

The detailed order is awaited.

Suhail, 19, was allegedly driving the car when it rammed a scooter carrying three youngsters on the airport road at Nedumbassery in the early hours of October 11. The three victims, including two women, were around 21 years old.

Police arrested four people in connection with the accident. A medical examination reportedly revealed a high level of alcohol in Suhail's bloodstream, following which additional charges were invoked in the case.

Opposing the bail pleas, the prosecution on Friday told the court that there was strong evidence against the accused, including witness statements and CCTV footage. Blood and urine tests indicated that Suhail was heavily intoxicated, it submitted. The prosecution also argued that the investigation was at a crucial stage and that the accused had been in police custody for only two days, which was insufficient for the probe to progress.

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Engineering Department

OPEN TENDER (E-Tender)

E-tender on behalf of the President of India acting through Sr. Divisional Engineer (Co-ordination) Divisional Railway Manager (Works), West Central Railway, Jabalpur for the following works: - Sr. 01. NIT No.-DRMW-JBP-200-2026 Date: 12/10/2026, Name of work with location-Heavy repairs to drainage of washing pit no. 1 & 2 and connection of waste water to STP at Rewa under Assistant Divisional Engineer (North) Satna sub division. (Part of Work: Improvement to Existing infrastructure at Jabalpur & Rewa). Approx cost of the work (Rs.)-1,58,28,629/-, Earnest money (In Rs.)-3,16,600/-, Completion period-12 Months, Sr. 02. NIT No.-DRMW-JBP-201-2026 Date: 13/10/2026, Name of work with location-Supplying, stacking and loading of 65mm machine crushed hard and durable track stone ballast as per Rly's specification for track ballast IS/RDSO-GE/0001:2023including all lead, lift, taxes, royalties, duties etc. at Beohari depot under Assistant Divisional Engineer Beohari Sub division. Approx cost of the work (Rs.)-5,72,68,500/-, Earnest money (In Rs.)-11,45,400/-, Completion period-12 Months, FOR ABOVE ALL TENDERS Last date & Time for submission of (Up to 15.00 Hrs.) (Sr.No.01-02)-06/11/2026, FOR ABOVE ALL TENDERS to be opened at (15.15 hrs.) (Sr.No.01-02)-06/11/2026.

The complete information of the above 'e-tender' is available on website 'https://ireps.gov.in' and also placed on notice board of the Divisional Railway Manager (Works) Office, West Central Railway, Jabalpur: Tenders other than in the form of e-bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. (SD), DRM (Works),WCR, Jabalpur

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **30-07-2026** to the following borrowers/guarantors, calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notices. The under mentioned borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that undersigned has taken **possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **15th day of October of the year 2026**. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Baroda Ayodhya Bypass Branch, Bhopal** for an amount herein below mentioned & interest thereon.

Name of Account / Borrower/ Guarantor	Description of Property	Amount outstanding as per Notice
Mr. Pandhari Panse S/o Mr. Chindhu ji Panse (Borrower) & Mrs. Poonam Panse w/o Pandhari Panse (Co-Borrower) Add 1: H.N. 71-B Raj Samrat Colony, Ayodhya Bypass Road, Bhopal 462041 Add 2: H.N. EWS-158, Phase V, part II (housing Board Colony) Ayodhya Nagar Ward No. 68, Darnkheda, Bhopal, MP, plot area 441.16 sqft, Property Owner-Mr. Pandhari Panse S/o Mr. Chindhu ji Panse & Mrs. Poonam Panse w/o Pandhari Panse. Boundaries: North: 6 Meter Wide Road, South by: EWS-181, East : EWS-159, West : EWS-157	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of EM of House No. EWS-158, Phase V, part II (housing Board Colony) Ayodhya Nagar Ward No. 68, Darnkheda, Bhopal, MP, plot area 441.16 sqft, Property Owner-Mr. Pandhari Panse S/o Mr. Chindhu ji Panse & Mrs. Poonam Panse w/o Pandhari Panse. Boundaries: North: 6 Meter Wide Road, South by: EWS-181, East : EWS-159, West : EWS-157	as on 20.02.2026 ₹ 6,51,509.05/- + interest & Other charges

Date : 15.10.2026, Place : Bhopal

Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda