'Much written about my family which wasn't true'

New Delhi: Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi on Monday said one of the reasons for writing her memoir was that much had been written about her family that was not true and she wanted to set record straight.

Speaking at the official launch of her book 'Belonging: A Journey Of Love', she said the portions that she found difficult to write were about the assassination of her mother-in-law Indira Gandhi and husband Rajiv Gandhi.

Recalling her bond with Rajiv Gandhi, she acknowledged that her romance with him was magical.

On the book getting a wonderful reception from the readers, Sonia Gandhi said she was overwhelmed by the love of people. "I always thought people would be interested but this has been overwhelming and unexpected," she said in conversation with a HarperCollins India executive at the event attended by top leaders of the INDIA bloc, including chief ministers, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, and her children -- Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

Talking about critics, Gandhi said some reactions online were on the nasty side while some were genuine.

On why she wrote the book, Sonia Gandhi said her friends kept telling her that she must write her own story. "I have been reticent to tell my inner feelings, but on the insistence of both Rahul and Priyanka and Manjulika Dubey, I finally relented," Sonia Gandhi said. PTI

Petitioners had no direct access to facts: Rahul

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Rahul said the petitioners had no means of access to those facts except through the CEC, ECs and DG (IT).

"Interrogatories are specifically sought so as to narrow the controversy; obviate the need for oral evidence on matters that are not genuinely in dispute; and to enable the SC to identify, with precision, the matters on which the production of records or further evidence is required," the leaders said.

"Every interrogatory in the schedule is anchored either to a specific averment in the counter affidavit or the supplementary affidavit (of the EC) or to a specific pleading in the writ petition (of the opposition leaders), and is confined to matters of fact. None is in the nature of a roving or fishing inquiry," they added. They said the interrogatories were required to be answered through separate affidavits by the CEC, the two ECs, the DG(IT) and the deputy EC who filed the response on behalf of the commission and other respondents. "Where an interrogatory is directed to more than one person, each such person shall answer it on a separate affidavit," the petitioners said.

24-hour strike disrupts normal life in Manipur

Strike Called To Protest Killing Of Four Nagas

Imphal: A 24-hour general strike called to protest the killing of four Naga civilians disrupted normal life in Manipur on Monday, officials said. The strike, called by the Native People's Committee Manipur, began at midnight and affected all five valley districts and Naga-inhabited areas of Ukhrul district.

Markets and educational institutions remained closed, while public transport stayed off the roads.

A few private vehicles, however, were seen plying on the streets.

At Chingmeirong in Imphal West district, demonstrators burnt tyres and raised slogans against the killings prompting security forces to rush and disperse the agitators. Security forces also fired tear gas shells as protestors threw stones.

Four Tangkhul Naga civilians, including two women, were shot dead when suspected militants fired at two vehicles at New Heaven in Ukhrul district last week.

More than 50 persons have been killed and several houses burnt following clashes between Naga and Kuki communities across Ukhrul, Tamenglong, Kamjong, Kangpokpi, Noney and Senapati districts this year. PTI

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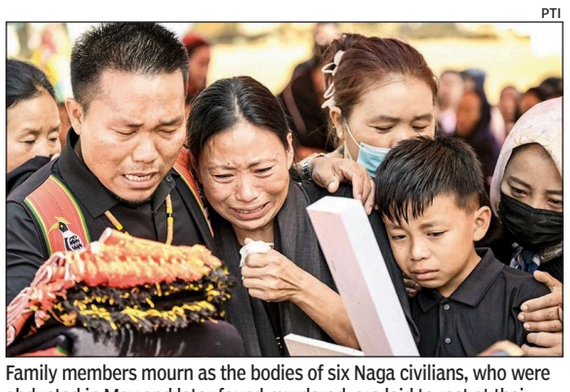

Family members mourn as the bodies of six Naga civilians, who were abducted in May and later found murdered, are laid to rest at their native village Konsakhul in Kangpokpi district, Manipur, Monday

'SoO pact not extended but continues on ground; matter kept in abeyance'

New Delhi: "We have been separated by our valley neighbours," Kuki National Army chairman Seilen Haokip said on Monday, claiming that the Suspension of Operations (SoO) pact with Kuki insurgent groups had not been formally extended since September 4 but it continued on the ground. Haokip, who is also the spokesperson of the Kuki National Organisation (KNO), said that the Centre may have felt it was not the right time to discuss the extension of the agreement, particularly with the Manipur Assembly elections due next year, and had therefore kept the matter in abeyance. "Maybe it is not the right time for the Centre to talk about the extension of the SoO pact, and that is why they are keeping it in abeyance," Haokip said. The Centre had not pursued the extension on September 4, as it believed some groups were pushing for the abrogation of the SoO agreement, the Kuki National Army (KNA) chairman said. PTI

Shah hails Ajit's role, Fadnavis seeks faster probe in plane crash

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Pune: Union home minister **Amit Shah** on Monday said former deputy CM Ajit Pawar's Mahayuti entry had brought stability to Maharashtra's governing coalition and his untimely demise in a plane crash this Jan left an irreplaceable void, even as CM Devendra Fadnavis urged him into expedite probe into the tragedy.



Recalling his conversation with Fadnavis on Jan 28, shortly after the plane carrying Ajit crashed, Shah said he was deeply shaken. "More than just a coalition partner, I considered Ajit Pawar a friend. His demise was a personal loss for me," Shah said after unveiling a bust of Ajit on premises of Pune Zilla Parishad. Other than Fadnavis, deputy CMs Sunetra Pawar and Eknath Shinde, and MP Supriya Sule were present at the event.

Fadnavis said it had been eight to nine months since the investigation began. "Major agencies, including some from foreign countries, are assisting in the probe. If the inquiry establishes that it was an accident, appropriate measures can be taken to prevent such incidents in the future. People want to know what exactly happened, and their doubts must be addressed," the CM said. As Maharashtra faces drought, Fadnavis said he missed Ajit's presence in the cabinet. "Had he been alive today, he would have been on the ground, ensuring all necessary measures are taken to provide relief," the CM said.

Referring to Ajit's decision to join the Mahayuti alliance in 2023, Shah admitted he was initially surprised, considering the former's political background and strong reactions it could trigger among BJP supporters. "He (Ajit) clearly told me that the country had entered a new phase of development under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi. Since Maharashtra's development could not be separated from that, he decided to join Mahayuti," Shah said.

Shah described Ajit's death as Maharashtra's loss of a visionary and hardworking politician. "Even collective efforts of three to four decades will not be enough to fill the void created by Ajit Pawar's untimely demise," Shah said. Ajit's wife, deputy CM Sunetra, became emotional in her speech.

6th Pb cop killed in series of attacks

Gurdaspur: Unidentified assailants shot dead a head constable here, the sixth cop to be killed in a series of attacks in Punjab this year. Police said they were probing a claim by the outfit TTH, taking responsibility for the killing. PTI

India-Manila ties have grown into dynamic partnership: PM

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Our ties, rooted in centuries of civilisational exchanges, have grown into a dynamic partnership spanning trade, connectivity, maritime security, technology and people-to-people relations," said Modi, who did not mention Quad in his statement.

Modi also said that at the ASEAN-India Summit, he was looking forward to working with fellow leaders to build on the progress of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and give further momentum to the shared aspirations for growth, connectivity and prosperity.

The PM also spoke about the East Asia Summit, saying it provides an important platform for dialogue on regional and global challenges. "I look forward to exchanging views with participating leaders on strengthening peace, stability and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific," said Modi, adding that he would interact with the vibrant Indian community in the Philippines, whose contributions strengthen the bonds between the two countries. Modi will also have a bilateral meeting with Marcos on the margins of the multilateral events, before returning to India late on Tuesday.

The meeting that will likely draw maximum attention in India and possibly Japan as well is the Quad leaders' summit – the first such meeting since Trump returned to the White House. Amid speculation that Trump might have downgraded Quad, the summit is expected to reaffirm commitment, if not announce fresh initiatives, in shared areas of interest like maritime security, critical technologies, supply chains, connectivity, health and economic security.

The US said ahead of the meeting that the "partnership of action" will focus on shared interests of peace, prosperity and security in the Indo-Pacific region.

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PM Modi being welcomed on his arrival in Philippines Monday

Rahul aiding anti-India forces: BJP on summit

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: BJP on Monday accused Rahul Gandhi of offering a platform to foreign-based "anti-India forces" through the Bharat Summit hosted in Hyderabad and asked Congress, including Telangana CM Revanth Reddy, to disclose the source of funding for the event aimed at "defaming" the country.

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said the summit, held on Nov 13-14, should have been more appropriately described as an "Anti-India Summit". "Rahul Gandhi is engaged in bringing together anti-India forces. There is hardly any platform where he does not attempt to defame India, create chaos and conspire to bring instability to the country," he alleged.

Referring to the participation of Giacomo Filibeck, secretary general of the Party of European Socialists, in the summit, Bhatia said he was given a platform from which he raised the slogan "Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhod", which has become the Congress's catchphrase in its campaign against SIR.

Bhatia said while Gandhi makes similar statements in India, a foreign national had now mocked the Indian mandate from an Indian platform. "When Indian citizens watched this video clip, they felt deeply hurt and embarrassed. How can the leader of opposition applaud, laugh and appear happy over remarks concerning India's sovereignty and democratic system?" he asked.

China remains 2nd largest source of int'l students

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China retained its position as the second-largest source of international students, with its numbers declining four% to 254,458. Overall, US colleges and universities hosted 1,146,163 international students from more than 200 countries in 2025-26, down three% from the previous academic year. International students accounted for six% of the total US higher education population.

Earlier this year, the Department of Homeland Security proposed requiring schools to pay a USD 70,000 fee for every student who participates in the optional practice training program.

The proposed rule, which is expected to face legal challenges, is part of wider DHS efforts that include terminating the legal status of thousands of international students, along with detaining and deporting many of them.

And this summer, the administration finalised a rule that will prevent international students from staying in the US for more than four years without approval from the federal government, although a judge has temporarily blocked it.

Census Ph-II begins in 4 poll-bound states

New Delhi: Self-enumeration for the population enumeration phase of census 2027 began on Monday across Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa and non snow-bound areas of Uttarakhand. It will run till Nov 30, followed immediately by house-to-house enumeration starting Dec 1.

Population enumeration — which follows completion of houselisting operations across all 35 states/UTs, barring Manipur — shall collect household and individual data across 40 fields, including caste of the respondent. The question relating to the caste is open-ended and the reply will be recorded as declared by the respondent. No documentary proof or verification of one's caste is required.

A notification issued by the home ministry on Sept 5 had advanced the population enumeration phase of ongoing census in the four states in view of the assembly polls there early next year. It is scheduled to run from December 1 to January 4, 2027, preceded by a self-enumeration window from November 16 to 30. A revisional round will be undertaken between Jan 5 and 9 next year.

Though Manipur is also due for assembly polls along with the above four states, the census exercise there has been postponed until further notice in view of demands that the national register of citizens (NRC) exercise be undertaken first in the state. In the remaining states and Union Territories, population enumeration will be conducted from Jan 25 to Feb 28, 2027 followed by a revisional round from Mar 1 to 5, 2027. PTI

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPEAL FOR INFORMATION REGARDING MARITIME CASUALTY CASES INVOLVING INDIAN SEAFARERS

The office of the Director-General of Maritime Administration (DGMA), Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, [hereinafter referred to as the "Directorate"] is examining and following up cases of maritime casualties concerning death and missing (Man-overboard) of Indian seafarers.

During the course of examination and follow-up of such cases, it has been observed that, in the interest of all the stake holders and victims concerned, it is necessary to rule out the possibility of inadequacy of documents information, proofs or materials. Accordingly, it has been decided that complete and updated information/records in respect of pending registered or unregistered cases or incidents, except those cases that are already disposed of or addressed by the statutory authority within the mandate of the Merchant Shipping Act 1958 (Act No 44 of 1958) or the Merchant Shipping Act 2025 (Act No 24 of 2025).

It is further informed that, in respect of several such cases, the recruitment and placement service (RPS) companies, through which the concerned seafarers were recruited are presently either under suspension or their Recruitment and Placement Services Licenses (RPSL) have been withdrawn/ceased to be valid. Consequently, obtaining updated information and records from the concerned RPS companies has, in several cases, have been inadvertently found to be restricted and limited.

Therefore, with a view to obtaining the latest and complete information in respect of such cases and facilitating appropriate follow-up, DGMA hereby invites information from any person, organisation or authority having relevant information concerning the casualty cases listed in the Case List available on the official website of DGMA.

This Notice is issued in exercise of the regulatory and supervisory functions of DGMA under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 and the rules framed thereunder, including functions relating to seafarer welfare, maritime casualty matters, recruitment and placement services, and maintenance of records concerning Indian seafarers.

The complete list of cases, along with the available particulars of the concerned seafarers, vessels, casualty details and information/updates required, may be accessed at:

Complete Case List: [DGMA Official Website - Link to be inserted]

Information is particularly invited from:

1. Shipowners/Ship Managers;
2. P&I Clubs/Insurers;
3. Employers/Representatives of the concerned seafarers;
4. Next-of-Kin (NoK) of the affected seafarers; and
5. Any other person or organisation having relevant information regarding the cases.

Information/documents relating to the cases may include, inter alia, the status regarding investigation/inquiry report, insurance/P&I claims, compensation or other benefits paid to the NoK, status of pending claims, and any other relevant information or records.

Persons/organisations having relevant information are requested to furnish the same to Directorate within 30 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice, quoting the SI. No./Case Reference No. mentioned against the concerned case in the Case List available on the DGMA website. Public is also hereby informed that Directorate is duty bound to function within and in strict compliance with the powers, duties and procedures as prescribed under the Merchant Shipping Act 2025 (Act no 24 of 2025), allied Rules and byelaws.

Information may be furnished through the following channels: Email:

i. crews-dgs@nic.in
ii. bipin.kumar-dgs@gov.in
iii. kssantosh-dgs@gov.in
iv. E-Navik (24*7 Grievance Redressal Contact Details)

- Emergency Helpline at 1800-889-7768 / +91 8655856830 or email at enavik.24x7@gov.in / support.dgs@gov.in *[This may also facilitate generation of a unique Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM) reference alongside the above email channels]* and International Calls on +1-888-988 - 0256
- DG Comm Centre - Emergency Helpdesk at +91-9869065444 / +91- 8657549752 / +91-8657549760 and DGCOMM Tel at +91-22- 22610606 / +91-22-22614646 or DGCOMM Email at dgcommcentre- dgs@nic.in / dgcommcentre-ssas@lrit.gov.in

Telephone: For any information or clarification, the concerned persons may also contact DGMA directly at: **98670 02698 / 93204 90825**

The information received shall be examined by DGMA and, appropriate action, wherever required and within the scope of the DGMA's statutory functions, may be undertaken in accordance with applicable law.

The DGMA requests all concerned stakeholders, Next-of-Kin and members of the public having relevant information to extend their cooperation in updating the official records and facilitating appropriate follow-up of these cases in the interest of the affected seafarers and their families.

For the complete list of cases and further details, please visit:
[DGMA Official Website – Case List Link]
Date:
Place: Mumbai

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Government of India

Privacy Disclaimer: Information received pursuant to this Notice shall be used solely for regulatory, investigatory, welfare and record-updation purposes and shall be handled in accordance with applicable legal requirements concerning confidentiality and protection of personal information.

Disclaimers:

1. Inclusion of a case in the Case List does not imply any finding regarding liability, fault, negligence or entitlement to compensation.
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3. The submission of information does not confer any legal rights or formal settlement status upon the informants, and that all inputs remain subject to departmental verification.
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E-TENDER - 34/2026-27

Bids for Temporary Tent Arrangement at Kayad Vishram Sthali, Ajmer (URS 2026) amounting Rs. 250.00 Lacs are invited from interested bidders for upto 19.11.2026 , 6:00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in)** & **(http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** **http://www.urban.rajasthan.gov.in/ada** departmental website.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property/s mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis** for recovery of below mentioned account/s.

Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

1. **Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/ Mortgagor s : 1) Mr. Rudrarapu Bhaskara Veera Venkata Subbarao (Borrower and Owner of the Property), S/o Rudrarapu Satyanarayana,** 19-1-363/1, Lecturers Colony, Peddapuram, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh-533437. **A/c No.06070500007062.**
Total Dues : Rs.1,42,33,889.58 Ps. (Interest from **21.04.2025** + Legal and other bank Charges if any)
2) Mrs. Rudrarapu Nagalaxmi (Borrower and Owner of the Property), W/o. Rudrarapu Bhaskara Veera Venkata Subbarao, 19-1-363/1, Lecturers Colony, Peddapuram, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh-533437. **A/c.No.06070500007085**
Total Dues : Rs.1,42,33,889.58 Ps. (Interest from **21.04.2025** + Legal and other bank Charges if any)
3) Chava Manikanta Swamy (Borrower) S/o Veera Babu, D.No.5-30, Naguru Veedhi, Vadisaleru, Rangampeta, East Godavari, AP-533294. **A/c.No.06070500007096**
Total Dues : Rs.90,29,770/- (Interest from 02.03.2024 + Legal and other bank Charges if any)
Description of the immovable property : Vacant Site (Which is converted to Non-Agriculture Purpose) with an extent of Ac 1.50 cts in RS No.167/5B at Bhaskara Colony Near Door No 12-6-127, Near Muppana Ramarao Community Hall, Peddapuram, Kakinada District and is **bounded by : North:** Land of Sk.Rafi & Others, **South:** Land of P Satyanarayna & Others, **East:** Roads & Houses in Bhaskar Colony, **West:** Land of AS Simahachalam, Present Yerra's Land. **Status of Possession : Symbolic**
Motgaged by 1. Mr Rudrarapu Bhaskara Veera Venkata Subbarao, S/o Rudrarapu Satyanarayana, 2. Mrs Rudrarapu Naga Lakshmi, W/o Rudrarapu Bhaskara Veera Venkata Subba Rao.
Reserve Price : Rs.3,25,00,000/- EMD : Rs.32,50,000/- Bid Increase Amount : Rs.30,000/-

Date & Time of E- auction : 04.12.2026, Time : 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM
the auction with unlimited auto extention of 10 minutes each, till sale is concluded.
Property Inspection date & Time: 27.11.2026, 11.00 AM to 03.00 PM

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link **https: //bankofbaroda.bank.in/e-auction** and online auction portal **https://baanknet.com.** Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on **Mobile 75699 61199.**

Date : 16.11.2026, Place : Rajahmundry **Sd/- Authorised Officer, BANK OF BARODA**

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Uttarardh Festival (Modhera) 2026-27

The Uttarardh Festival of Classical Dance is to be celebrated by the Government of Gujarat at Modhera, Dist:-Mehsana during January 2027. In this festival, interested participants who can perform classical dance forms of India like Bharatanatyam, Mohiniattam (Tamil Nadu), Kuchipudi (Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka), Kathakali (Kerala), Odissi-Chhau (Odisha), Manipuri (Manipur), Kathak (North India) may download application form from website **http://www.commi-synca.gujarat.gov.in** and submit filled application form by RPAD or Speed Post or Personally by **Date: 30/11/2026 (Before 18:00 pm)** to Assistant Director (Culture), Commissionerate of Youth Services & Cultural Activities, Block No.-11/3, Dr. Jivaraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar- 382010, Gujarat.

Commissioner
Youth Service and Cultural Activities, Gandhinagar

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BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only Through KPP Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders in Two Stage Tender System from registered Contractors for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (Cauvery Headworks), 8th Floor, Cauvery Bhavana, KG Road, Bengaluru- 560 009.

Sl No.	Name of the Works	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount
IFT No:BWSSB/CEK(CH)TE/ACE(CH)/TA/1316/2026-27 Dated- 16-11-2026		
1.	Work of Comprehensive Operation & Maintenance (O & M) of CWSS Stage-IV, Phase-I, 400 MLD Water Treatment Plant (WTP) at T.K. Halli for 5 years.	₹ 2407.10 Lakhs / ₹ 24.10 Lakhs
Receipt of tenders is on **01.12.2026** upto **15:00** hours. The Technical bids will be opened on **03.12.2026** at **16:00** hours.		
IFT No:BWSSB/CEK(CH)TE/ACE(CH)/TA/1317/2026-27 Dated- 16-11-2026		
2.	Work of Operation &Maintenance (O&M) of 550 MLD CWSS Stage IV Phase-II Pumping Stations at T.K Halli, Harohalli & Tataguni including 220kV / 66kV/ 11 kV Substations at Harohalli and Tataguni for the period of 05 years.	₹ 6277.6 Lakhs / ₹ 63 Lakhs
Receipt of tenders is on **02.12.2026** upto **15:00** hours. The Technical bids will be opened on **03.12.2026** at **16:00** hours.		

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Cauvery Headworks)

The details regarding participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

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