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With over 2.5% of its pre-war population killed and nearly all displaced, Israel's war has left Gaza starving and in ruins

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IN BRIEF



Operation Sindoor a stern message to Pak.: Army chief

NEW DELHI
Operation Sindoor was a message to Pakistan as well as a response to the Pahalgam terror attack that supporters of terrorism would not be spared, said Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi on Saturday. » [Page 7](#)

Vehicles must be phased out based on fitness: Gupta

NEW DELHI
There should be a uniform rule across the country for overage vehicles, Delhi CM Rekha Gupta said on Saturday. She said her government has submitted to the Supreme Court that vehicles that pass the fitness test should be allowed to ply in the national capital without any age cap. » [Page 2](#)

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Modi, Muizzu signal major reset in bilateral relations

PM highlights support for 'time-tested' friendship between India and the Maldives; President of island nation stresses territorial safeguards, but acknowledges foreign support in key sectors

Meera Srinivasan
MALE

India is looking forward to deepening its ties with the Maldives across multiple sectors, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday, highlighting the “bipartisan support” within the island nation for the “strong and time-tested” friendship.

Mr. Modi, who was in the Maldives on a two-day state visit, held talks with top Maldivian leaders across the political spectrum, including Vice-President Uz. Hussain Mohamed Latheef, parliamentary Speaker Abdul Raheem Abdulla, former President Mohamed Nasheed, and key members of the Opposition. He also attended the island nation's 60th Independence Day event at the Republic Square in its capital, Male.

Mr. Modi's visit marks a major reset in bilateral ties



Guest of honour: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu on his left during the 60th Independence Day celebrations of the Maldives in Male on Saturday. PTI

that had soured after Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu came to power in 2023, campaigning mostly on an 'India [military] out' plank.

While “every square inch” of Maldivian territory will be safeguarded by its citizens, the country

needs other nations for “certain resources and technical expertise”, Mr. Muizzu said on Saturday, appearing to be alluding to the country's revived partnership with India in key sectors. He was addressing the Maldives National Defence Force and the Mal-

dives Police Service on the country's Independence Day, seeking to balance the Maldives's sovereignty with its need for external support, especially to cope with economic pressures.

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I feel sorry to be backing Bihar govt., says Chirag Paswan

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

In the wake of the gang-rape of a Bihar Military Police aspirant in Bodh Gaya on Thursday, and the recent spate of violent crimes in the State ahead of the Assembly election due in October-November, Union Minister and Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) leader Chirag Paswan on Saturday said the situation in the State “was scary” and that he was sorry for supporting the Nitish Kumar-led government.

“I feel sorry to be supporting the government in Bihar, which is failing on the law and order front like this,” he said.

“The administration has totally bowed down before criminals. This incident [the gang-rape in Bodh Gaya] deserves condemnation, but why are such incidents happening? There is a series of crimes, and if it continues like this, the situation will become frightening or is already so,” Mr. Paswan said, adding



Chirag Paswan

“crime has become uncontrolled” in Bihar.

The Hajipur MP accused the government led by the Janata Dal(U), a member of the National Democratic Alliance, of “either trying to hush up the situation or being unable to handle it any more”. “If it is said that this is happening because of election, I can say it might possibly be so, and it might be a conspiracy to defame the government, even then, it's the responsibility of the administration to control it. How are criminals getting away,” he asked.

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2 held in Bihar over rape of police aspirant in ambulance

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

An ambulance driver and a technician were arrested on Friday for raping a Bihar Military Police aspirant in an ambulance in Bodh Gaya.

The woman, who had fainted during the recruitment's physical test on Thursday, alleged that she was gang-raped by three to four persons on her way to a hospital.

She said she became aware of the sexual assault after regaining consciousness. The woman is undergoing treatment at a hospital.

Police said Vinay Kumar, the driver, and Ajit Kumar were arrested within two hours after the complaint was filed.

A Special Investigation Team was formed after the FIR was registered, Senior Superintendent of Police, Gaya, Anand Kumar told presspersons. “The team monitored CCTV footage and other technical surveillance. Investigation is on,” he said.

Rain looms large



Urgent repairs: Dark clouds gather in the sky as people fix a boat on the banks of the Ganga river in Patna on Saturday. PTI

Bihar SIR to restore trust in poll rolls: EC

Sheeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Defending its decision to conduct a special intensive revision (SIR) of Bihar's electoral rolls in the Supreme Court, the Election Commission of India (EC) has pointed to the numerous complaints made by political parties about the inaccuracy of voter lists.

“In response, and to restore public confidence in the integrity of the electoral roll, the Commission has initiated the SIR,” it told the court in a counter-

affidavit filed on July 21. The Commission even submitted copies of these complaints in an annexure to the affidavit, running into 625 pages.

On Monday, the Supreme Court will hear petitions filed by Opposition parties and activists challenging the SIR. The first phase of the process ended on Friday, with around 66 lakh names potentially being struck off the State's draft electoral roll.

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4 Maoists killed in encounter in Bijapur

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

Security forces have gunned down at least four Maoists in an ongoing operation in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur, the police said on Saturday.

“So far [update issued at 7 p.m.], four bodies have been recovered in the ongoing exchange of fire between security forces and Maoists in Bijapur district. A huge quantity of weapons, including INSAS and SLR rifles, has been recovered from the spot,” a police statement said.

It added that as the operation was still in progress, details such as the exact location and the troops involved in the operation could not be shared to ensure the safety of the personnel involved.

With the latest deaths, 225 Maoists have been killed in encounters in Chhattisgarh so far this year. Of them, 208 were killed in the Bastar division, which comprises the districts of Bijapur, Bastar, Kanker, Kondagaon, Narayanpur, Sukma, and Dantewada.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said on more than one occasion that the Centre is committed to eradicating Maoism by March 31, 2026.

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Film producer Sandra Thomas arriving at the office of the Kerala Film Producers' Association in Kochi on Saturday. R.K. NITHIN

Kerala film producer files nomination for top post clad in burqa

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Malayalam film producer Sandra Thomas arrived at the office of the Kerala Film Producers' Association (KFPA) on Saturday wearing a burqa to submit her nomination papers for the election to the executive committee of the body scheduled for August 14.

Ms. Thomas is contesting for the post of president amid her rift with the current leadership of the association. She said wearing a burqa was the safest option while visiting a space that has been dominated by men. She said she will be part of a panel that will contest the election against the current leadership. It will include women and producers who wanted to usher in a positive

change, she said.

The rift between Ms. Thomas and the association widened after she had written a letter to the executive committee blaming the office-bearers for their “silence” on the findings of the K. Hema Committee report on the issues faced by women in the Malayalam film industry. She had also raised allegations of misconduct against the current office-bearers.

Suspension stayed

The executive committee had expelled Ms. Thomas from the primary membership of the association in November 2024 on charges of having breached the disciplinary norms.

In December 2024, the Ernakulam Sub-Court stayed the decision by the KFPA to suspend her.

‘Reports on officials, religion land journalists in trouble’

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Reporting on public officials, religious matters, and protests were the three most common reasons for which a journalist in India faced criminal charges, a study, co-authored by the National Law University (NLU), Delhi, has found.

The study said that journalists from small cities and towns, or those who reported for local publications, in Hindi or other regional languages, were most impacted, and their cases often did not receive

Reported charges

A study finds that a journalist's encounters with the justice system varied by location

■ 24% of incidents recorded in metropolises resulted in arrest of journalists, while the number rose to 58% in small cities/towns

■ 65% of the incidents in big cities saw journalists get interim protection from arrest, but the figure dropped to 3% in smaller towns



United voices: Presspersons protest against arrest of journalists in Mumbai. FILE PHOTO

■ At least 40% of the journalists covered in the dataset were arrested

national or international media attention. The other two authors

of the report are Trial-Watch, an initiative of the Clooney Foundation for

Justice, and Human Rights Institute at Columbia Law School.

Detailed numbers

The report, “Pressing charges: a study of criminal cases against journalists across States in India”, was based on an analysis of 423 criminal cases registered against 427 journalists covering a total of 624 incidents of “criminalisation of journalists” in relation to their work from 2012 to 2022. At least 40% of the journalists covered in the dataset were arrested, the study found.

“Our dataset revealed

that reporting on public officials was the most common reason journalists faced charges, the basis for charges in 147 incidents. The second most common reason was for reporting on religious matters – 99 times, while the third most common was reporting on protests – 79 times,” the report said. Significantly, in over 100 incidents, the charges related to the reporters' alleged conduct while reporting, instead of what they were reporting on, the report showed.

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IN BRIEF



Revenue Dept. to be licensing authority for cinema halls: L-G

To liberalise the licensing regime and promote ease of doing business in Delhi, L-G V.K. Saxena has withdrawn from the Delhi police the authority to grant licences to cinema halls and theatres. He has authorised the Revenue Department as the licensing authority. The move follows the government's recent decision to withdraw from the police the power to issue permits for seven categories of businesses.

New road over Munak Canal to reduce traffic snarls: Gupta

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday said an elevated road will soon be built over the Munak Canal, which is expected to significantly reduce traffic snarls in the area. "The elevated road will connect the Inderlok metro station with the Delhi-Haryana border and improve connectivity between the Outer and Inner Ring Roads," the CM said after inaugurating several projects in Shalimar Bagh, her Assembly constituency.

Delhi riots: court points out 'serious discrepancies' in police's case, acquits 6

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI

A Delhi court has acquitted six persons in a case related to the 2020 north-east Delhi riots, remarking that the prosecution had “completely failed” to prove its case against them.

In an order dated July 23, Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Parveen Singh said, "I find that there are serious discrepancies in the story of the prosecution, and the prosecution failed to explain them."

In his 26-page order, the ASJ pointed out a “serious

contradiction” regarding the identity of the six persons – Rajendar Jha, Tejveer Chaudhary, Rajeshwar Jha, Govind Singh Manral, Peetamber Jha, and Devendar Kumar alias Monu Pandit – whom the police accused of being part of a riotous mob that had looted

ed, vandalised, and ransacked shops and houses.

The court said the testimony of a prosecution witness – head constable Vipin Tomar – had been put under a “cloud of doubt by his conduct, when before the start of his testimony, he took the photographs of

the accused from his phone, and not only that, deleted them immediately, but the photos were found in his phone's deleted folder”.

"Therefore, an adverse inference has to be drawn that he had done so to ascertain their identity," said

the court. It added that Mr. Tomar's credibility was also weakened by statements contradictory to the site plan prepared by the investigating officer.

The six men were named in a chargesheet that was filed by the Khajuri Khas police.

Will consider naming city schools after Kargil heroes from Delhi: Sood

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Education Minister Ashish Sood paid tribute to fallen soldiers of the Kargil War on Saturday, the 26th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, at an event in Shivaji College, Delhi University, and said the government will explore the possibility of renaming prominent schools in the city after heroes of the war from Delhi.

Mr. Sood paid floral tributes to Captain Sumit Roy, Captain Hanif-ud-Din, and Captain Anuj Nayyar, all alumni of Shivaji College who laid down their lives in the 1999 war.

“Naming prominent government schools after the martyrs from Delhi will help inspire students and



Education Minister Ashish Sood. FILE PHOTO

citizens alike, and instil a sense of duty and patriotism among the younger generation," he said.

He added, "We all want a secure and prosperous nation, but expect the ultimate sacrifice by someone else's family. Yet, such is the spirit in our country that even today, youngsters are ready to serve in the armed forces with unwavering commitment."

HC upholds action against assistant professor at DU

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has upheld the compulsory retirement of an assistant professor of Political Science in Delhi University's Bharati College over multiple complaints by students about sexual harassment. The court described the accused's conduct as "so profane" that it refrained from reproducing in its judgment the messages he had allegedly sent to

Four complaints of sexual harassment were filed against him by students

the complainants.

The teacher had challenged the compulsory retirement order by the college's governing body in December 2020. Four complaints were filed against him by students, alleging sexual harassment through online messages.

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1.	Construction of Multipurpose at Freedom Fighter Pandit Susheel Rattan Govt. Degree Collage Jawalamukhi Distt kangra (H.P.) SUB-HEAD:- Construction of Civil Work Building & Building portion, Water Supply & Sanitary Installation, Septic Tank, Rain Water Harvesting Tank and Side Development)	Rs. 4,16,96,251/-	29.07.2025	Rs 83,40,000/-	07.08.2025 5.00 PM	Eighteen Months
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<p>Executive Engineer, Jawalamukhi Division HP P.W.D., Jawalamukhi, Pin No. 176031. Tel. No. 01970-222270, e-mail- eeppwd-jawalamukhi@hp.gov.in on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh</p>						
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Budgetary Notice No. 05 of 2025
Krishna Marathawada Lift Irrigation Scheme no-1, stage 2, Taluka - Paranda, Dist- Dharashiv
(for the Estimate Purpose Only)

Budgetary Offers for Design, Manufacture, Test, Supply, Transport with all Loading and unloading, storing, Erection, Testing and commissioning, of EOT crane for Krishna Marathawada Lift Irrigation Scheme no-1, stage 2 Tal- Paranda, Dist- Dharashiv are invited by the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division, Kumtha Naka, Ujjani Colony, Solapur 413003 on behalf of Govt of Maharashtra for the Estimation Purpose from the Reputed Firm

Any technical suggestions, relevant literature if any in the matter are welcomed. Considering the nature of work it must be noted while quoting the rate, agency will be totally responsible for the safe design, reliability of system & each activity, parameter suggested & conducted. Before quoting rates agency should visit the site at their own cost, if required.

The rates should be quoted excluding the GST and all taxes & duties/Cess separately.

Budgetary offer should reach in the division office within the period of 10 days from the date of publishing.

Name of Work: Design, Manufacture, Test, Supply, Transport with all Loading and unloading, storing, Erection, Testing and commissioning, of EOT crane for Krishna Marathawada Lift Irrigation Scheme no-1, stage 2 Tal- Paranda, Dist- Dharashiv (Maharashtra)					
Item No.	Description of Item	Qty.	Unit	Rate/Unit	Amount
1	Design, fabrication, supply, erection, testing and commissioning EOT crane of 50/10 MT consisting of double girder box type construction, rail mounted end carriages with long and cross travel arrangement, main and auxiliary hoists of specified capacity, rails, pendant control, gear boxes, electric motors, brakes, rope drums, wire ropes, sheaves, end buffer stoppers, pendant operated DSL bus bars with all accessories for main and auxiliary hoists for handling pumps and accessories in pump house including cost of all materials, machinery, labour, cutting, aligning, welding, finishing, cleaning, greasing, applying two coats of zinc chromate red oxide primer and three coats of synthetic enamel paint and all other ancillary operations complete as per specifications and approved drawings for Krishna Marathawada Lift Irrigation Scheme no-2, stage 1 Tal- Paranda, Dist- Dharashiv a) Span - 10 to 12 mtr b) Longitudinal Travel - 22 mtr x 02 side c) Lift - 12 mtr to 16 mtr d) Head room available - 03 mtr Approx.	1	No		
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The information is required for the purpose of framing the estimate and hence required urgently. This budgetary offer is also available on www.wrd.maharashtra.gov.in

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Sd/-
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Mechanical Division, Solapur.

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10/05/2025

Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT.
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SOPORE
E-Auction Notice No. 40 of 2025-26 dated 24.07.2025

For and on behalf of the Governor of J&K (UT), it is hereby notified for the information of the General Public that e-Auction Notice/ sale of Old No. Buildings at Tehsil office Sopore through e-Auction on the basis of "As is where it is" is hereby made as given below:-

S. No	Name of work	Minimum reserve Bid (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of Bid document (In Rupees)	E/ Money (in Rupees)	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of Bid
1	Auction of old 04 No Buildings in the Premises of Tehsil office Sopore	4.12	500.00	8500/-	30 days	09-08-2025

1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the scheduled date given below.

1 Date of issue of Auction Notice	24.07.2025
2 Period of downloading bidding documents	From 24.07.2025 To 08.08.2025 4.00 PM
3 Bid submission Start date	24.07.2025
4 Bid Submission End Date	08.08.2025 upto 4:00PM
5 Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	9.08.2025 upto 11:00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore.

1. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 mentioning there in the Auction Notice Number in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore .

2. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in.

3. The Bids uploaded on the website up to due date will be opened on date mentioned above, in the office of the Bid Receiving Authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore.

a. The original instructions in respect of EMD etc. must be uploaded by the bidders. However, the bidder who is declared H-1 after opening of bids shall submit hard copies of original instructions in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore within 30 days.

b. CDR means "Contract Receipt" and FDR means "Fixed Deposit Receipt" issued by any Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank pledged to the bid Receiving Authority i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore.

4. Bids will be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore by the committee comprising of following members under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sopore:-

a) Tehsildar Sopore.

b) Asstt. Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore.

c) Asstt. Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Zainiger.

In case of some unforeseen circumstances, holiday or otherwise, the date of opening of the bids as specified shall be the next working day, or else notified separately.

5. a) The bidders shall be required to submit a sum as Earnest Money Deposit specified in the bid document for due performance of contract. The bid for work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 07 days from the date of opening of bids. If the bidder withdraws his/her bid before the said period or makes any modification in the terms and conditions of the bid, the Earnest Money shall be liable to be forfeited.

(b) If the bid is accepted, the Earnest Money will be retained as part of security for due fulfillment of the contract.

(c) Bids uploaded without details of Earnest Money Deposit of requisite amount shall be rejected.

(d) In case it is found that the bidder(s) has/ have furnished misleading/wrong or fraudulent information/documents, the Earnest Money Deposit of the bidder(s) will be forfeited.

Terms & Condition

1. The prospective bidders shall have to deposit earnest money equal to the amount as shown above in the shape of CDR/FDR, corresponding to the location above pledged to the Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore. The same shall be treated as security deposit in respect of the Successful Bidder.

2. No person shall be allowed to participate in the auction unless he/ she deposits the earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR

3. The successful bidder (H-1) shall have to deposit 25% of the bid amount within 03 days and balance 75% within a period of next 07 days in the shape of Bank Draft from any nationalized/ scheduled bank of India pledged to Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore over and above the specified earnest money. The bidder shall have to draw an agreement with the department. The terms and condition of this auction notice shall be part of the agreement. Cash/ Cheque will not be accepted.

4. In case of the successful bidder does not deposit 100% payment within the stipulated time, The earnest money in addition to twenty five percent deposit shall be forfeited.

5. The security deposit of the successful bidder shall be released after the successful completion of the work within a prescribed time schedule.

6. Successful bidder have to demolish the structure and remove the salvage material from the site within a period of 30 days from the date of work order is issued.

7. Once the offer of the highest bidder is accepted and the acceptance is communicated in the shape of allotment, the contract shall come into force and it will be obligatory on the part of the successful bidder to fulfill the contractual obligations

8. The successful bidder shall have to use the standard tools and equipment's, required for extraction work at his own cost and without causing damage to other infrastructure, e.g Cable lines, electric poles, telephone lines Govd. and public property.

9. The watch and ward of all material shall be responsibility of the bidder/ agency.

10. The successful bidder/ bidders shall have to pay GST/Tax in addition to the bid value as admissible under rules.

11. Only PAN Card holder shall participate in the auction process.

12. The Auction Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid with assigning any notice or reasons.

13. Any other information that may be required by the bidder can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore on any working day during the office hours.

14. Any other conditions if found necessary, the same shall be announced/ issued separately before opening of the bids.


15. In case of any dispute between committee and the successful bidder in respect of any sale covered under this auction notice, the decision of the ADC Sopore shall be final and binding on the both parties.

16. If the bid does not reach the reserve price, the property shall remain unsold.

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DEATH

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Farmers’ group condemns Goa CM’s remarks on Mahadayi

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant’s statement in the Legislative Assembly that Union Minister for Forest and Environment Bhupender Yadav would not give permission for the Mahadayi project in Karnataka has been condemned by farmers’ organisations fighting for the Kalasa-Banduri Nala Project, which is part of the Mahadayi project.

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil have condemned the statement and said such a development was an “injustice to the federal system”.

Urging politicians not to use the issue for their politics, farmers’ organisations, which have been fighting for the implementation of the long-pending project, have not taken the statement lightly and have condemned it in strong terms.

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Central projects will help create a ‘developed Tamil Nadu’, says Modi

Prime Minister launches new terminal building at Thoothukudi airport; he says the Union govt. had released over ₹3 lakh crore since 2014 for strengthening infrastructure in the State

The Hindu Bureau
THOOTHUKUDI

The Union government-funded infrastructure projects being implemented in Tamil Nadu on an outlay of over ₹3 lakh crore will help the Centre realise its dream of achieving ‘Viksit Tamil Nadu’, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday.

Inaugurating the new terminal building at the Thoothukudi airport, he said his government, which had promised a ‘Viksit Bharat’ (Developed India), was according the highest priority for infrastructure development. Hence, the port, rail and energy sectors were getting an unprecedented facelift nationwide, from Jammu and Kashmir to Tamil Nadu, and even Assam.

Mr. Modi said the Centre had released over ₹3 lakh crore since 2014 for strengthening Tamil Nadu’s infrastructure to make it ‘Developed Tamil Nadu’. This was thrice more than what the previous United Progressive Alliance government had given to the State. He also said the north cargo berth at VOC



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Thoothukudi airport for the inauguration of the new terminal building on Saturday. N. RAJESH

Port, Thoothukudi, six-lane VOC Port Road, and four-lane Sethiyathope-Chozhapuram Highway would significantly catalyse the trade opportunities and employment generation for the locals.

Mr. Modi recalled that the National Democratic Alliance government had sanctioned 11 new medical colleges for Tamil Nadu, and the Centre was also developing harbours to improve their livelihood.

Terming India’s recent

free trade agreement with the United Kingdom as a ‘historic’ move, Mr. Modi said this agreement would open unprecedented export opportunities for Indian products to the United Kingdom.

‘Will generate jobs’

“As more than 99% of the ‘Make in India’ products will be available in the United Kingdom at lesser price, the rise in demand will lead to more production of these products in

India and it will generate more employment in the micro and small industries here. It will enhance the world’s faith in India, which will become the third-largest economy in the world soon,” the Prime Minister said.

He also said home-grown weapon systems, which were used in the recent Operation Sindoor, had destroyed the terrorists’ hideouts and had given sleepless nights to the sponsors of terror.

Press Trust of India
RAIPUR

The BJP governments at the Centre and in Chhattisgarh are using probe agencies to intimidate the Opposition and suppress its voice, senior Congress leader and former Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot said on Saturday.

He was talking to reporters outside Raipur Central Jail, where former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel’s son Chaitanya is lodged following his arrest by the Enforcement

Cong. leader accused BJP of threatening and suppressing the voice of political opponents

Directorate (ED) last week in an alleged liquor scam running into several hundred crores of rupees.

The alleged liquor scam, according to the ED, was orchestrated between 2019 and 2022, when Chhattisgarh was under the Mr. Bhupesh Baghel-led Congress government, resulting in “massive loss” to the

State exchequer, while beneficiaries of a liquor syndicate pocketed more than ₹2,100 crore.

“I met Chaitanya Baghel today. We have been saying that the BJP and its governments at the Centre and the State have been continuously trying to threaten and intimidate opponents. The action against Congress leaders and now against former CM Baghel’s son proves Central and State investigative agencies have been trying to suppress the voice of political opponents of the BJP,” Mr. Pilot alleged.

Cong. district chief in Kerala quits after leaked phone call

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A leaked telephone call purportedly involving Thiruvananthapuram District Congress Committee (DCC) president Palode Ravi embarrassed the Congress on Saturday, leading to Mr. Ravi’s resignation from the post at the close of the day. Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president Sunny Joseph accepted the resignation.

The also party expelled A. Jaleel, its Vamanapuram block general secretary, who, it is said, was at the other end of the phone call, upon finding that he was involved in anti-party activities.

The leaked tape, containing disparaging predictions about the Congress faring poorly in the local body polls later this year and falling headlong in the Assembly, had put the party on the defensive.

Rajasthan CMO, Jaipur airport get bomb threat

Press Trust of India
JAIPUR

A search operation was launched at the Rajasthan Chief Minister’s Office and Jaipur airport on Saturday after a bomb threat, officials said. The threat sent to the official email ID of Jaipur airport warned that both the places would be blown up within one to two hours, prompting immediate action from security forces.

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EXTRACT OF THE STATEMENT OF IDENTIFIED STANDALONE AND UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2025
(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED			
		Three Months Ended			Year Ended	Three Months Ended			Year Ended
		30.06.2025	31.03.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025	30.06.2025	31.03.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025
		Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from operations	18692.61	20592.98	20365.28	71093.43	18692.74	20593.00	20365.28	71075.19
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(80.10)	581.71	469.64	208.10	(63.58)	601.68	484.07	248.66
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(80.10)	581.71	469.64	208.10	(63.58)	601.68	484.07	248.66
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(56.62)	449.96	342.60	173.53	(40.10)	469.93	357.03	214.09
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(49.99)	447.25	340.93	164.55	(33.47)	466.85	355.36	204.74
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value - ₹ 10 each)	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	7489.56	7539.55	8534.94	7539.55	7774.23	7807.70	8777.33	7807.70
8	Securities Premium Account	250.04	250.04	250.04	250.04	250.04	250.04	250.04	250.04
9	Network	7888.51	7938.50	8933.89	7938.50	8173.18	8206.65	9176.28	8206.65
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt (Bonds / Debentures) excluding Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	810.00	810.00	810.00	810.00	810.00	810.00	810.00	810.00
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares (50,00,00,000 (2024:50,00,00,000) Non-Convertible Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of ₹ 10 each) (Not listed)	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
12	Debt Equity Ratio	0.50	0.39	0.49	0.39	0.48	0.38	0.48	0.38
13	Earnings Per Share (of ₹. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)								
	(i) Basic (₹ / share)	(3.80)	30.22	23.01	11.65	(2.69)	31.56	23.98	14.38
	(ii) Diluted (₹ / share)	(3.80)	30.22	23.01	11.65	(2.69)	31.56	23.98	14.38
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1000.00
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve				-				-
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.65	6.13	0.65	0.90	1.85	6.31	0.66	0.93
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	2.91	12.11	14.00	4.33	3.36	12.42	14.30	4.50

Note:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites: www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com. The same is also available on the company's website www.cpcl.co.in
2. For the other line items referred in regulation 52(4) of the Listing Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to stock exchanges (BSE and NSE) and can be accessed on www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com

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Date : July 25, 2025

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INBRIEF



Mann hits back at Amarinder’s remarks on Majithia arrest

A day after former Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh accused the AAP government of “targeted harassment” of Akali leader Bikram Singh Majithia, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday accused Mr. Singh of being “double-faced” on the issue of drug menace. “You are concerned about the human rights of drug smugglers,” Mr. Mann said in an X post, and also questioned the former CM on his “failure” to fulfil the 2017 poll promise of eradicating the State’s drug menace within four weeks. The CM was reacting to Mr. Singh’s allegations that the AAP government “believes that cheap sensationalism, political vendetta, and ruthless repression are substitutes for governance”. PTI

NHRC notice to Rajasthan govt. over sewer worker’s death

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Saturday said it has issued a notice to the Rajasthan government and the Ajmer Police Commissioner over reports that a labourer got buried when soil caved in while digging a sewer pit on the campus of a power house. A few labourers, including the victim, were digging a 30-foot well when the purported incident happened, the NHRC said. The commission observed that, if true, the incident is a serious violation of human rights. It has sought a detailed report within two weeks, including compensation, if any, provided to the next of kin of the deceased. PTI

Ajit Pawar’s visit to Pune reignites Oppn. charge of ‘flight’ of industries

Cong. accuses Mahayuti govt. of presiding over IT companies moving base to other States, cities, after viral video of Deputy CM’s outburst over civic issues during visit to Hinjewadi infotech park

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The spectre of industries, jobs and economic opportunities moving out or away from Maharashtra to other States reared its head again on Saturday as a video of Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar in conversation with a sarpanch from a Pune suburb referenced the issue.

Conducting a 6 a.m. surprise visit to the Hinjewadi area of the city on Thursday to review ongoing efforts to tackle civic infrastructure issues that have worsened during the monsoon, Mr. Pawar was heard confronting Hinjewadi sarpanch Ganesh Jambhulkar, “We are ruined. The entire Hinjewadi IT Park is moving out. It’s going out of my Pune, out of Maharashtra, to Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Don’t you care at all?”

The Deputy CM and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader was referring to the condition of the Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park in



Ajit Pawar at the review meeting of the Rajiv Gandhi IT Park in Pune’s Hinjewadi on Thursday. X/@AJITPAWARSPEAKS

Hinjewadi, spread over 2,800 acres and developed by the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation in the mid-1990s, which houses over 800 IT and business entities, including majors such as Infosys, Wipro, Cognizant, and Tech Mahindra. The visit came in response to severe waterlogging and traffic chaos during the first spell of monsoon, which had triggered public complaints.

Following the video going viral, the Congress accused the Mahayuti go-

vernment of failing to maintain Maharashtra’s industrial dominance, citing crumbling infrastructure, corruption and lawlessness.

“The IT industry that once flourished in Hinjewadi during Congress rule is now migrating to Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar himself has admitted this,” said Harshvardhan Sapkal, president of the Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee.

“Was Ajit Pawar asleep while Pune declined? He

must take responsibility and resign,” he demanded.

Launching a sharp critique of the BJP-led alliance government, Mr. Sapkal said, “Basic infrastructure is collapsing, and entrepreneurs are losing faith. As a result, not just existing businesses but even future investments are moving away - largely to Gujarat.”

The Maharashtra Congress chief cited the ₹1.6-lakh-crore Vedanta-Foxconn project, which was lost to Gujarat, as an example of “BJP’s administrative failure”.

Hinjewadi’s decline

In May 2024, the Hinjewadi Industries Association (HIA) had claimed that 37 IT companies moved out from the infotech park over the previous 10 years due to the deteriorating infrastructure and traffic congestion in the locality.

A month later, NCP (SP) leader Supriya Sule said she would hold meetings with the infotech park companies and convince them to stay back.

TMC MP refutes Haryana CM’s charge of Mamata playing vote bank politics

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Refuting allegations made by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini who accused his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee of “compromising the security of the country for vote bank politics”, Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP and chairperson of West Bengal Migrant Welfare Board Samirul Islam on Saturday said that a “witch-hunt” is going on against migrants in the name of “Bangladeshis”.

In a social media post, the Haryana Chief Minister said there is no place for Bangladeshis in the country, and accused Ms. Banerjee of being “sympathetic” towards those “compromising national interests”.

“From Day 1, we have said that there is no issue if the administration takes action against genuine infiltrators. But in the name of a witch-hunt against ‘Bangladeshis’, BJP-ruled States - including yours - have been unlawfully detaining our brothers and sisters who are working there. We strongly protest against the atrocities being

Nayab Singh Saini had recently accused W.B. CM of showing ‘sympathy’ to those compromising national interests

committed against Bengali-speaking Indian citizens, and it is unfortunate that people like you are trying to falsely blame us,” Mr. Islam said.

The MP also posed several questions to the Haryana Chief Minister, such as whether it is illegal for someone to travel from one State to another to work and, if not, why the Haryana police was harassing those who went to work from West Bengal.

Mr. Islam also asked if Bengali is spoken only by Bangladeshis and if Mr. Saini had ever heard the name of Rabin dranath Tagore, who was a Bengali and composed the national anthem.

A few days ago, the West Bengal Chief Minister and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had also engaged in a war of words on social media on the topic of migrant workers.

Why is DMK afraid to conduct a caste census in Tamil Nadu, asks Anbumani

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) president Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss on Saturday questioned why the ruling DMK leadership is afraid to conduct a caste survey.

On the second day of his *padayatra* in Uthiramerur, he said that Chief Minister M.K. Stalin “lied” in the Assembly when he said the State government does not have the powers to conduct a caste census, when the Congress governments in Telangana

The PMK leader said the T.N. CM was ‘lying’ when he claimed the State did not have the power to conduct a caste census

and Karnataka have completed it, and Andhra Pradesh and Odisha are currently in the process of doing it and Bihar has done it already.

“Even a panchayat president has the power to conduct a caste census to take stock of how many people are living in the vil-

lage, how many own a bike/car, how many houses have a toilet. The CM should stop lying,” he said.

At an earlier public meeting, Dr. Anbumani said that the DMK government had implemented just 60 of the 541 promises made in its election manifesto but was misleading the public by claiming that 90% of the promises had been realised.

The PMK leader said that he was not undertaking this *padayatra* to seek votes for his party, but to primarily appeal to the people to reject the DMK.

Religious agenda behind renaming of Jharkhand’s Atal Mohalla Clinics: BJP

Press Trust of India
RANCHI

Senior BJP leader Amar Kumar Bauri on Saturday alleged that the Jharkhand government’s decision to rename Atal Mohalla Clinics as Mother Teresa Advanced Health Clinics was a conspiracy to promote religious conversion in the State. He said the BJP will launch an agitation against the government’s decision.

“Religious conversion is a major problem in the

State. Now, a conspiracy is being hatched by the State government to accelerate it through the Mother Teresa clinics,” Mr. Bauri said.

The Jharkhand Cabinet on Thursday approved the proposal to rename the Atal Mohalla Clinic scheme.

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha on Saturday burnt effigies of Chief Minister Hemant Soren in protest against the decision in Ranchi, Dhanbad, Jamshedpur and other areas.

India-Bangladesh bus services remain suspended amid unease in relations

Syed Sajjad Ali
AGARTALA

The diplomatic unease between India and Bangladesh following the ousting of the Sheikh Hasina-led Awami League government in August last year and her subsequent stay in India has hit bilateral relations, including crucial bus services between the two countries.

The Agartala-Dhaka bus service, which was operational for years, came to a grinding halt within weeks of the student-led protests in Bangladesh and remains

suspended to date.

The bus service for visa-holding passengers was established in 2003. The Tripura Road Transport Corporation (TRTC) and the Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) had been regularly operating services on this route.

Put on hold

The Agartala-Dhaka-Kolkata bus service, launched in 2015, has also been put on hold. The service, which resumed in June 2022 after occasional disruptions, enabled passengers to cover the 450-km journey to Kol-

kata in just 17 hours.

A TRTC official on Saturday said the significant decrease in the number of passengers, owing to the countries issuing fewer visas, is a major reason for the suspension of bus services on the Agartala-Dhaka and Agartala-Dhaka-Kolkata routes. The office of ‘Shymali Paribahan’, an affiliate of the BRTC, in Agartala has been closed, the official added.

The current state of bilateral ties has also raised concerns about the future of the Agartala-Akhaura (Bangladesh) rail project.

SPOTLIGHT

Ashok Kumar

The Yamuna river near Khojkipur village in Panipat is dry, its exposed riverbed dotted with birds - cormorants, herons, and migratory gulls - circling a pool of residual water. On a hot June afternoon, a herd of cows and buffalo grazes nearby.

Rajbir, a *paali* (cowherd) in his mid-30s, watches from under a tree, concerned not by the heat, but by his cattle frequently falling ill after cooling off in the polluted pools of water.

“The *nallah* (Drain No. 2) carrying effluents from Panipat’s factories falls into the river ahead of our village, contaminating it with hard chemicals. With the onset of the monsoon, the water flow goes up in the river, diluting these chemicals and mitigating their harmful effects,” explains Rajbir. With no village pond, cattle resort to this toxic source, says Rajbir, who shields his head with a *gamcha* against the 40 degrees Celsius heat.

Panipat, 90 km from Delhi, once known for historic battles, is now Asia’s largest hub for textile recycling and processing. Panipat is a processing hub for around 30 lakh tonnes of textile waste, says Sanjay

Garg, Northern India Rotor Spinners Association president, comprising about 100 units.

Cloth to yarn

Cloth scraps from the U.S., U.K., Canada, Europe, and Asia are turned into yarn and further sold in Tanda (Uttar Pradesh), Solapur (Maharashtra), and Tirupur (Tamil Nadu), for use in blankets, cushions, bed sheets, carpets, and several other products.

This is called shoddy yarn. Made from short and weak fibres, it is often downcycled into low-grade products, says Kriti Srivastava, assistant professor at the National Institute of Fashion Technology, Kangra. “This isn’t just inefficient recycling, it’s a form of waste colonisation, where developed countries offload their textile waste onto the Global South, burdening already vulnerable nations with environmental and economic costs,” she adds.

Illegal bleaching units operate on Panipat’s outskirts, lacking systems for safe chemical disposal. “This highly contaminated water is allowed to seep underground, polluting the groundwater, or is drained into open land and local drains. It eventually travels to Drain 2 that merges with the Yamuna,” says Varun Gulati, a Delhi-based envi-

Cast-off capital

The historical city of Panipat, Haryana, now a textile recycling hub, houses several illegal bleaching and dyeing units. Effluents from these illegal units are a major cause behind the pollution of the Yamuna river



A dye-ing land: A bleach unit in Didwari village in Panipat, Haryana. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

ronmentalist.

Krishan, who owns a couple of acres of land, says the groundwater in Khojkipur and the neighbouring villages along Drain No. 2 is smelly. “It is not fit for drinking and irrigation. Those residing in these villages suffer from various skin-related ailments and, in some cases, even cancer. We avoid installing hand pumps near this drain,” he says. Then, laughing ironically, adds, “Imagine people in Delhi who have to drink this contaminated water.”

In his March 2025 *Mann Ki Baat* broadcast, Prime Minister Narendra Modi acknowledged the textile waste problem, calling Panipat a global textile recycling hub. Garg says the city processes nearly 90% of imported textile scraps. His Akshay Spinning Mills is one of over 250 mills in Panipat.

While large spinning mills claim adherence to environmental norms, Garg downplays illegal bleaching units, insisting they are “non-polluting units” that give “a fresh lease

of life to the garbage collected from across the globe”.

Bleach-washed

However, Gulati’s complaint to the Central Pollution Control Board in January listed illegal units in multiple villages.

“Chemicals containing acid and chlorine are added to the water to wash scraps, and this poisonous water is later released into the ground by digging pits or into storm water drains,” he said in his complaint.

A 38-year-old bleaching

unit owner in Didwari village, who did not wish to be identified, admits his Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) is non-functional. It exists only to secure official permission.

“The water is reused once or twice, then discharged,” he says. His land has tanks leased to a mill owner, and he provides bleach powder made using chlorine gas. He says he has constructed tanks on his agricultural land and rented them out to a spinning mill owner. “I only provide the land and the bleach powder, which I make using chlorine gas. The mill owners’ contractors hire the labour for the bleach job,” he says.

Yamuna Bachao Abhiyan convener Shiv Singh Rawat says untreated discharges from illegal units reach the Yamuna via drains. “The discharge either flows through sewer lines or is dumped via tankers into open land. Ultimately, it ends up in the Yamuna through Drain No. 2. The visual discoloration of the water at the point of merger of Drain No. 2 and the Yamuna is a stark indicator of the contamination,” he says.

Multiple water sample reports of Drain No. 2 by the Haryana State Pollution Control Laboratory in April this year confirm that several parameters were much

higher than the permissible levels fixed by the Central Pollution Control Board.

Rishi Kumar, another bleaching unit owner in Didwari, says there could be 400-odd units in Panipat, and only one-fourth were running with permission. “The profit in the bleaching business is around 10-20 paise per kg of scrap. But running a unit as per the norms increases the cost by ₹1 per kg. So, it is not financially viable,” says Kumar, who runs his unit with due permission from the HSPCB.

Following media reports, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) took suo motu cognisance of the matter. A hearing of the case scheduled on August 29. The NGT issued notices to the HSPCB and Panipat Deputy Commissioner, demanding affidavits before the hearing. HSPCB’s regional officer Bhupinder Singh Chahal says 20 units have been shut and a dozen issued show-cause notices. The department doesn’t have exact figures for illegal units.

Dip in demand

Panipat imports two types of waste: cloth scraps and second-hand clothes. Barsat Road is a hub. Ramjan, a worker at a warehouse there, says his employer imports 30 tonnes per sea-

son from Korea and China. Scraps sell for ₹20/kg; used clothes for ₹100-120 apiece. Some are resold in Delhi markets like Sarojini Nagar. “We sell it to the spinning mill owners through agents. A small percentage of the wastage, not accepted by the spinning mills, ends up as fuel for local industry,” says Ravinder Garg, who runs the A.R. Traders firm on Barsat Road.

Mukesh Gulati, executive director at Foundation for MSME Clusters, suggests India introduce an eco-mark to boost recycled products. “We must correct the perception that recycled products are inferior,” he says, citing France, Germany, and Nordic countries promoting green procurement and recycled content.

Scraps not used by spinning mills are burned as cheap fuel. Half-burnt bits of cloth often show up on terraces. “The waste cloth ends up as cheap fuel in furnaces and boilers. Panipat has a thermal power plant, a petroleum refinery, sugar mills, and fertilizer factories. At dusk, Panipat’s air turns toxic,” says lawyer Amit Rathee, who practises in Panipat.

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INBRIEF



Surjewala didn't meet govt. officials: Karnataka Dy. CM

Karnataka Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday refuted allegations that Congress general secretary and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala had met State government officials, terming it “completely false”. Speaking to reporters, Mr. Shivakumar clarified that Mr. Surjewala has neither met nor spoken to any officials. “This is our government. If there is anything to be conveyed, he [Mr. Surjewala] will tell us directly,” he said. PTI

Two senior police officers killed in A.P. road accident

Two Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs) rank officers working with the Intelligence Department of the Andhra Pradesh police died on spot in a road accident in Choutuppal, Yadadri district in Telangana on Saturday. The officers have been identified as Chakradhar Rao and Shantha Rao. Additional Superintendent of Police K.V.S. Prasad, who was in the vehicle, and the driver sustained serious injuries and have been shifted to a hospital for treatment.

Manager of Kollam school dismissed over student death

The Kerala government dismissed the manager of High School for Boys, Thevalakkara, in Kollam district and entrusted the District Education Officer with the school's administration after the death of a 13-year-old student by electrocution from an overhead power line on the school premises on July 17. Minister V. Sivankutty told media that a report of Director of General Education had found grave dereliction of duty by manager R. Thulasidharan Pillai.

Day after Kannur jailbreak, CM orders high-level probe

Pinarayi Vijayan orders comprehensive inquiry by a special team headed by a former HC judge and ex-State police chief; new Central Prison, staff transfers, better video recordings mooted

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has directed a comprehensive inquiry into the incident of Govindachamy, convicted of the rape and murder of a 23-year-old woman in 2011, escaping from the high-security block of the Kannur Central Prison on Friday. The police captured him a few hours later.

A police investigation and department-level inspections are under way. In addition to these, a detailed investigation will be conducted by a special team headed by former Kerala High Court judge C.N. Ramachandran Nair and former State police chief Jacob Punnoose.

The decision was taken at a high-level meeting called by the Chief Minister.



Security lapse: Govindachamy was caught hours after his escape and brought back to the Kannur Central Prison on Friday. S.K. MOHAN

He said the incident is extremely serious and warrants a detailed investigation to take corrective action.

It has been decided to make electric fencing fully operational in all four major jails in the State within the next three months. Intelligent CCTV that can capture detailed footage will be installed in the four

major jails. Staff who have completed five years in each jail will be transferred to other places. Further, intelligence activities will be strengthened inside jails.

Many of the convicted criminals are currently lodged in high-security jails. Inter-State jail transfers will also be considered for such convicts, the Chief

Convict moved to another jail

KANNUR

Govindachamy was shifted to Viyyur Central Jail in Thrissur under tight security on Saturday. Three officials were suspended for dereliction of duty following the convict's short-lived jailbreak. The incident has raised serious questions about prison security protocols in Kerala.

Minister said.

Steps would be taken to strengthen the existing video conferencing system in the jails.

A new central jail will be started given the fact that existing jails have more prisoners than their carrying capacity. Efforts will be made to find land in Kottayam and Pathanamthitta for this purpose

One killed as rain batters Kodagu district

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Incessant rain has been lashing many parts of Kodagu in Karnataka for the past few days, and multiple incidents of damage to property have been reported from across the district in the last 24 hours.

A woman was killed and another person was injured when their house

collapsed in the early hours of Saturday at Hanagallu village in Somwarpet taluk.

At Biligunda village Virajpet taluk, a portion of the roof of a house and the rear wall collapsed due to rains. At Shanivarasanthe, a house was damaged when a tree got uprooted and fell on the roof, forcing the residents to vacate the place.

Similar incidents of house damage as a result of heavy rains were reported in several villages across Sampaje hobli, Napoklu hobli, Somwarpet taluk, Kushalnagar taluk, and Bhagamandala hobli.

The district received 54.01 mm of rainfall during the 24-hour period ending at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday. An orange alert has been issued for the district till

8.30 a.m. on Sunday.

Flood warning

The Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) has issued a flood warning to people living in the downstream of the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) reservoir as the outflow from the dam was increased to 50,000 cusecs on Saturday evening.

‘Grave sacrilege’: Akali Dal, SGPC criticise AAP govt. over event on Guru Teg Bahadur

Press Trust of India
CHANDIGARH

Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Saturday alleged that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government committed an act of “grave sacrilege” against the Sikh religion by “shamelessly” trying to convert the solemn occasion of the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Teg Bahadur into an “entertainment event” at Srinagar.

‘Apologise to community’ National Commission for Minorities chairman and BJP leader Iqbal Singh Lallu too expressed deep anguish, saying the event has gravely hurt the sentiments of Sikhs, and demanded that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains apologise to the community.

The event, organised on Thursday by the Punjab government's Language Department in Srinagar, has sparked a controversy, with the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) calling it a direct affront to Sikh religious values.

Akal Takht's officiating jathedar Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj on Saturday asked Mr. Bains to appear before five ‘Singh Sahiban’ (high priests) on August 1. Mr. Gargaj on Saturday also summoned the Director of the State Language Department, Jaswant Singh.



Shiromani Akali Dal leader Sukhbir Singh Badal. FILE PHOTO

Reacting to the programme in Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir, Akali chief Badal said, “This is shocking beyond belief. This act cannot be dismissed as an inadvertent blunder because Chief Minister Mann, Bains and several other members of this government claim to be steeped in Sikh heritage and come from Sikh families.” “No one in Punjab, not even a non-Sikh, is unaware of the profound solemnity of the occasion of the ninth Guru Sahib's martyrdom and none can think of it as an occasion for entertainment,” he said in a statement.

Mr. Badal called it “a part of a deep-rooted conspiracy to dilute and belittle the unrivalled Sikh heritage”.

He said the real motive behind this “act of sacrilege” is to distance future generations from the “uniqueness of our glorious history and religious legacy of our great Guru Sahiban”.

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Maharaja
Daksh Prajapati ji
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July 27, 2025

“भारतीय संतों और ऋषियों की भूमिका केवल पूजा और उपासना तक सीमित नहीं रही है। उन्होंने राष्ट्र और समाज के हर आयाम को सशक्त बनाने में अहम योगदान दिया है।”
-नरेन्द्र मोदी

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Cong. accuses BJP of doing ‘petty politics’ in Justice Varma row

Opposition party cites Dhankhar to say notice for Justice Varma’s removal was admitted in Rajya Sabha, countering reports to contrary

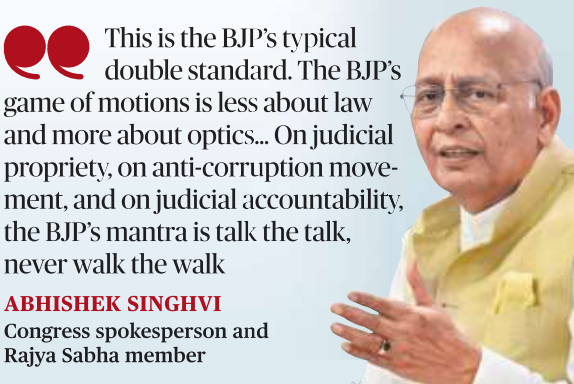
The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of doing “petty politics”, ignoring Constitutional principles.

The party was referring to reports that the Opposition-backed notice in the Rajya Sabha for the removal of Justice Yashwant Varma, who faces allegations of corruption, had only been submitted and not admitted in the Upper House.

At a press conference, Congress spokesperson and Rajya Sabha member Abhishek Singhvi quoted former Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar’s July 21 statement in the House to argue that the notice, signed by 63 Opposition members, had been admitted by the Chair.

Mr. Singhvi further argued that the former Chair-



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ABHISHEK SINGHVI
Congress spokesperson and Rajya Sabha member

man’s comments had made it clear that only a statutory committee of inquiry, under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, had to be formed after consulting with the Lok Sabha Speaker since an identical motion was submitted in the Lower House.

Mr. Singhvi accused the BJP of adopting double standard in its approach to judicial matters, particularly regarding Justices Varma and Shekhar Yadav, against whom the Opposition had

moved a notice for removal.

“We are very concerned about this selective outrage and selective silence... This is typical BJP’s double standard. The BJP’s game of motions is less about law and more about optics... On judicial propriety, on anti-corruption movement and on judicial accountability, the BJP’s mantra is talk the talk, never walk the walk. It is the worst example of hypocrisy on this entire episode,” he said.

Rejection of widely held documents in SIR ‘inconsistent, arbitrary’: ADR

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Association for Democratic Reforms on Saturday countered the Election Commission’s refusal to accept Aadhaar, voter ID, and ration card as valid “standalone” proof for inclusion on the electoral roll during the special intensive revision (SIR) as “patently absurd”.

In a rejoinder filed in a batch of petitions challenging the EC decision, the ADR, represented by advocates Prashant Bhushan and Neha Rathi, said any of the 11 documents listed by the commission for the verification of voters was equally prone to fraud.

On July 10, the Supreme Court had asked the commission to consider these three documents for the SIR, reasoning that they formed the foundational records to obtain any of the 11 documents, including residence and caste certificates, listed. The EC justified that Aadhaar, the elector photo identity card, and the ration card could easily be faked.

“It is pertinent to note that the 11 documents in-



A booth-level officer checking documents for the revision of electoral rolls at Kamalpur village in Bihar. ANI

cluded in the approved list are equally susceptible to being procured on the basis of fake or false documentation, thereby rendering the EC’s rationale baseless, inconsistent and arbitrary,” the NGO’s rejoinder said.

The NGO referred to data in the EC’s affidavit detailing the expansive coverage of the 11 eligibility documents, including 13.89 crore residence certificates and 8.72 crore caste certificates issued from 2011 to 2025.

“It is interesting to note that the same far exceeds the total number of electors in the electoral rolls. If residence certificates can be accepted as eligibility

proof of SIR 2025, despite their total number exceeding Bihar’s current aggregate population, there is no reason why ration cards should be rejected as a document on the grounds of being prone to forgery,” the NGO argued.

It said Aadhaar was accepted as proof for obtaining several of the 11 eligibility documents, including a permanent residence certificate, Other Backward Class (OBC)/Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST) certificate, and passport. “This makes the EC’s rejection of Aadhaar, which is the most widely held document, patently absurd,” the rejoinder said.

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The NGO countered a claim by the EC that political parties were fully backing the SIR.

“Not a single political party had asked EC for a *de novo* exercise such as the one prescribed in the instant SIR order. The concerns were on the issue of addition of non-existent votes, and deletion of genuine votes supporting the Opposition parties, and on the issue of casting of votes after closure of polls... the EC’s counter affidavit fails to substantiate or justify the necessity of the SIR in Bihar, or the broader push for a nationwide citizenship verification of electors,” the NGO said.

It said people whose names are not found in the draft electoral roll for Bihar would not have the time to file appeals, prove their citizenship, and get re-enrolled in time for the Bihar Assembly election.

Cong. must shift focus to Gujarat, says Rahul Gandhi

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

In a sharp political pitch from Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s home turf, Congress MP and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday called the Election Commission (EC) a “biased umpire”. He stressed that defeating the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in its base in Gujarat, which is also Union Home Minister Amit Shah’s stronghold, was critical for the party’s national resurgence.

Addressing newly appointed District Congress Committee (DCC) presidents at a training camp, Mr. Gandhi said the Congress must shift its focus from just Uttar Pradesh or Bihar to Gujarat if it aims to defeat the BJP across the country.

The training camp is part of the Congress’s preparations for the 2027 Gujarat Assembly election. It follows the appointment of new DCC chiefs across the State and will conclude on July 28.

Surendranagar Congress president Naushad Solanki quoted Mr. Gandhi as saying, “We believed we must work hard in U.P. and Bihar to defeat the BJP. But Rahulji told us: if you defeat the BJP in Gujarat, it can be defeated everywhere.”

Mr. Gandhi also accused the EC of playing unfairly. “In cricket, if you keep getting out, you start doubting yourself. But then you realise, it’s the umpire who is biased,” Mr. Solanki quoted him as saying.

Newly appointed Gujarat Congress president Amit Chavda said that Mr. Gandhi had assured the cadre that the party leadership stood firmly with them. “He guided the district presidents and assured them that their inputs would be considered during candidate selection,” he said.

17 MPs named for Sansad Ratna Awards for performance in LS

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Seventeen Members of Parliament – including Supriya Sule (Nationalist Congress Party-Sharadchandra Pawar), Ravi Kishan (Bharatiya Janata Party), Nishikant Dubey (BJP), and Arvind Sawant (Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) – have been selected for the Sansad Ratna Awards, 2025 for their exemplary performance in the Lok Sabha.

The honours also include four special jury awards, recognising their consistent contributions to parliamentary democracy across three successive terms.

The special awards have been conferred on Bhartruhari Mahatab (BJP, Odisha), N.K. Premachandran (Revolutionary Socialist

Party, Kerala), Supriya Sule (NCP-SP, Maharashtra), and Shirirang Appa Barne (Shiv Sena, Maharashtra). All of these leaders have maintained top performance since the 16th Lok Sabha.

The award-winning MPs include Smita Uday Wagh (BJP), Naresh Mhaske (Shiv Sena), Varsha Gaikwad (Congress), Medha Kulkarni (BJP), Praveen Patel (BJP), Bidyut Baran Mahato (BJP), and Dilip Saikia (BJP), among others.

In the committee category, the Standing Committee on Finance, chaired by Mr. Bhartruhari Mahatab, and the Standing Committee on Agriculture, chaired by Dr. Charanjit Singh Channi (Congress), were recognised for the quality of their reports and contributions to legislative oversight.

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Tej Pratap Yadav to contest Bihar Assembly polls as Independent

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA



Tej Pratap Yadav

Tej Pratap Yadav, who is the elder son of Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad, announced on Saturday that he would contest the upcoming State Assembly election from the Mahua constituency in Vaishali district as an Independent candidate.

In the 2020 Assembly polls, Mr. Tej Pratap Yadav had won on RJD ticket from the Hasanpur Assembly constituency in

neighbouring Samastipur district, and before that, in 2015, he was elected from the Mahua Assembly constituency.

After being mired in a

controversy recently over a relationship with a girl in a video post, he was expelled from the party and ousted from the family by his father.

Since then, he has been mulling over contesting the upcoming Assembly poll as an Independent candidate.

While speaking to presspersons in Patna, Mr. Tej Pratap Yadav also announced that Nitish Kumar would not be the Chief Minister again after the election.

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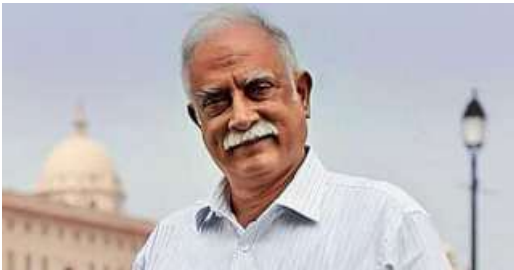
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INBRIEF



Ashok Gajapathi Raju takes oath as Goa Governor

Former Union Minister for Civil Aviation and veteran politician Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju was sworn in as the 22nd Governor of Goa on Saturday, replacing P.S. Sreedharan Pillai. The swearing-in ceremony was held in the Raj Bhavan at Dona Paula, Goa. Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court Alok Aradhe administered the oath of office to the new Governor. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and other dignitaries were present at the ceremony. A veteran Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leader from Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Raju served as the Civil Aviation Minister between May 27, 2014, and March 10, 2018.

Interim compensation paid to 166 families, says Air India

Private carrier Air India on Saturday said it had paid interim compensation to the families of 166 victims of the Ahmedabad plane crash last month. Besides, payment to the families of another 52 victims is in the process, it added. The plane crash involved a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner operating as Air India flight AI171. On June 14, Air India announced that it will provide an interim compensation of ₹25 lakh to the families of each of the deceased and survivors of the Ahmedabad plane crash to help address immediate financial needs. The interim payment will be adjusted against any final compensation, the Tata Group airline clarified.

Over 1,600 Kedarnath pilgrims evacuated amid heavy rains

More than 1,600 pilgrims were evacuated on Saturday as heavy overnight rains lashed Rudraprayag district, causing big boulders to slide down the hillside and block the trek route to Kedarnath near Gaurikund. Water and debris also entered around a dozen homes in several villages of the district, Secretary, Disaster Management and Rehabilitation, Vinod Kumar Suman said. Relief and rescue operations were launched from 6 a.m, he said. There was no loss of human or animal life. The process of evacuating about 700 more pilgrims is under way, Mr. Suman said.

Fishing boat capsizes off Alibaug coast, three missing

Three fishermen went missing after a boat carrying them and five of their colleagues capsized in the Arabian Sea in Raigad district of Maharashtra on Saturday morning, triggering a multi-agency search operation, the police said. The incident occurred around 8.30 a.m. off Khanderi when the boat from Karanja in Uran had gone for fishing in the sea near Alibaug, an official said. Due to heavy rain and rough weather, the boat toppled and started sinking, prompting the fishermen to jump into the water and start swimming to save themselves, he said. Of the eight fishermen on board the boat, five swam to the Alibaug coast, but three remained missing, he said.

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‘Targeting of Bengali-speakers in BJP-ruled States must stop’

West Bengal CM calls the development a ‘shame’ and adds that now even international human rights organisations have started taking note ‘of the linguistic terrorism unleashed in India’

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Highlighting that the Human Rights Watch (HRW), an international human rights organisation, has raised the issues of harassment, persecution, and illegal deportation of Bengali-speaking people of India by the BJP governments in various States, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday said that such targeting should stop at once.

She called the development a “shame”, and said that now even international human rights organisations had started taking note “of the linguistic terrorism unleashed in India”.

Taking to social media, Ms. Banerjee said the human rights organisation had released a report saying what she had been saying: Bengali-speaking Indians (of different castes and communities) were being arbitrarily abused and



Three persons who were allegedly detained by the Odisha police on suspicion of being Bangladeshi nationals and later released. ANI

pushed out in a concerted manner by the BJP establishment.

‘Arbitrary expulsion’ “Elaine Pearson, Asia Director at HRW, has on record said, BJP is fuelling discrimination by arbitrarily expelling Bengalis from the country, including Indian citizens. The authorities’ claims that they are managing irregular migration are unconvincing,” the

Trinamool Congress chairperson has said.

Citing HRW, Ms. Banerjee said the international NGO reported that the targeting of migrants was happening systematically in the BJP-ruled States of Assam, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, and Delhi, following a directive by the Union Home Ministry.

The remarks by the Trinamool Congress chairper-

Police launch workers’ helpline

The West Bengal Police have started a helpline for workers to seek assistance in case of any harassment. In a social media post on X, the police said workers or their family members can send a message with their name, address and details of the issue on WhatsApp to 9147727666. The information will be verified and action taken in coordination with other State authorities, the police said.

son come amid calls given by her to start a “language movement” to protest against targeting of migrants from West Bengal in BJP-ruled States. There have been reports of migrants from West Bengal being detained in Odisha, Haryana and Delhi on suspicion of being Bangladeshi nationals. Some migrant workers from the State have been pushed into Bangladesh.

Foreigners’ Tribunals in Assam disregard constitutional safeguards, says NLSIU report

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

The quasi-judicial Foreigners’ Tribunals (FTs) in Assam have become routine instruments of exclusion by disregarding due process and constitutional safeguards, a comprehensive study of these tribunals and the broader legal crisis of India’s citizenship adjudication has found.

The report by the Bengaluru-based National Law School of India University (NLSIU) and the Queen Mary University of London, to be formally released on Sunday, called for an urgent, fundamental rethinking of the legal structures governing citizenship in India given the possibility of an Assam-like exercise to update the National Register of Citizens (NRC) across



In this 2019 photo, people wait at the Foreigner's Tribunal office in Barpeta in Assam. The State currently has 100 FTs. AP

the country.

Titled “Unmaking citizens: the architecture of rights violations and exclusion in India’s citizenship trials”, the report has been authored by Mohsin Alam Bhat of Queen Mary University, Arushi Gupta, and Shardul Gopujkar, with the support of researchers and law students from the

NLSIU, and members of Parichay Legal Aid Clinic. “As of 2025, Assam’s tribunals have declared nearly 166,000 people as ‘foreigners’. In addition to more than 85,000 pending cases, these tribunals may also soon hear more than a million appeals from those excluded from the NRC,” Mr. Bhat said. The report

analyses more than 1,200 Gauhati High Court orders, key Supreme Court judgments, and extensive interviews with lawyers and litigants. It documents “widespread arbitrariness in decision-making, including the wholesale rejection of documentary and oral evidence, and the absence of legal norms to protect individuals from wrongful targeting”.

Lacks legal foundation “Citizenship adjudication engages constitutionally significant questions with profound consequences, including the risk of statelessness. Such determinations require bodies that are legally constituted, independent, impartial, and composed of competent legal officers,” the study summarises in a chapter

Bengal BJP to launch protest for ‘Bengali Hindu homeland’

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KOLKATA

As the Trinamool Congress stepped up its campaign over the reported attacks on Bengali migrant workers in other States, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has intensified its rhetoric on “Bangladeshi and Rohingya infiltrators”, with Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly Suwendu Adhikari announcing that he would take to the streets to demand a “Bengali Hindu homeland”.

“I will take to the streets after August 15 to demand a West Bengal free of Rohingya and Bangladeshi infiltrators, as was imagined by Syama Prasad Mookerjee as the Bengali Hindu homeland,” Mr. Adhikari told local presspersons on Saturday.

Reiterating his demand for a special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in West Bengal, on the lines of a similar exercise in Bihar, the BJP MLA alleged that several Muslim families in the State had married Bangladeshi Muslim women they met on social

‘Hindus facing harassment’

West Bengal Leader of the Opposition Suwendu Adhikari said that Hindus in West Bengal were frequently harassed by the police. “If you have been harassed by the police, please feel free to inform me with details via adhikarisuwenduwb1@gmail.com,” he posted on social media, also seeking information on illegal immigrants and infiltrators.

media, and they were subsequently issued “false Aadhar and EPIC cards” by the State government.

“Many of these Bangladeshi women stayed back with or without visas thanks to Mamata not fencing 540 km of our border. If 50 lakh voters are dropped in Bihar, 1 crore 25 lakh Bangladeshi Muslims and Rohingya will get dropped in West Bengal,” Mr. Adhikari said.

He alleged that the State government had directed district authorities to issue large numbers of domicile certificates.

India issues advisory amid border clashes in Cambodia

Press Trust of India
PHNOM PENH

India on Saturday advised its citizens in Cambodia to avoid travelling to border areas as the clash between Thailand and Cambodia over a disputed border entered its third day.

The flare-up, which began on Thursday, has killed at least 32 people – 19 in Thailand and 13 in Cambodia, according to reports.

“In view of the ongoing clashes at the Cambodia-Thailand border, Indian nationals are advised to avoid travelling to the border areas,” the Indian embassy said in a post on X.

Indian citizens have been urged to contact the mission in case of any emergency at +855 92881676.

HC sets three-month deadline for setting sample standards

Soibam Rocky Singh
NEW DELHI

In a move that could significantly improve diagnostic accuracy and patient safety, the Delhi High Court has directed the Union government to notify long-pending minimum standards in the collection of medical samples or specimens by laboratories and collection centres, and guidelines to transport them, within the next three months.

The order, if implemented, could help curb inaccuracy in test reports, especially when the samples are collected from the home of a patient, experts said. It could also reduce unsafe handling of biological specimens, and treatment errors caused by degraded samples, potentially saving lives, they added.

Currently, India lacks specific regulations governing how medical samples, such as blood, urine, or swabs, are collected,

stored, and transported to diagnostic laboratories. This regulatory gap has led to widespread inconsistencies, particularly with private labs and home sample collection services that operate without strict oversight.

“Patients often assume their test results are scientifically reliable. But when samples are exposed to extreme heat or delayed in reaching the lab, the entire result can become invalid – without anyone realising it,” Dr. Rohit Jain, who had filed a public interest litigation (PIL) plea on the issue in 2019, said. “Wrong results lead to wrong treatment. That’s not just unethical – it’s dangerous,” he said. The court, while hearing Dr. Jain’s plea on July 18, recorded the Union Health Ministry’s assurance that the draft minimum standards, which the Ministry said had already been approved by the Directorate General of Health Services, were in advanced stages of being notified.

'Tariff risks and geopolitical shifts call for supply chain reset'

Persistent disruption is setting the stage for supply chain diversification.: Allcargo founder

“Often voluntary licenses contain onerous conditions on the licensee and fail to bring sharp price re-

- Preference on voluntary licenses leaves access to medicines in the hands of market forces
- It also undermines the role of the government in facilitating access to medicines
- Voluntary licenses often contain onerous conditions on licensee, fail to bring sharp price cuts

of the working group on Access to Medicines and Treatment. "There are also provisions in the IP chap-

“But it’s not just about trade volumes—what

With the U.K.'s pharma market projected to grow from about \$45 billion now to \$73 billion by 2033, and India's generics segment already crossing \$910 million in exports in FY24, this agreement will strengthen India's presence in U.K. drug stores and broader supply chains. For niche, high quality manufacturers that align with global standards, this is truly a game-changer," said Bhavin Mukund Mehta, director, Kilitch Drugs.

realignments call for a supply chain reset. Having said that, despite volatility, there are early signs of stabilisation, offering cautious optimism for stable global trade dynamics.

The global supply chain landscape remains volatile on the back of ongoing geopolitical shifts and economic uncertainties, particularly in Europe. The tariff war had posed a significant threat to trade flows, but recent signs of de-escalation, especially the progress in U.S.-China trade talks offer some respite. Nevertheless, the persistent disruption is setting the stage for supply chain diversification. Companies are reassessing their sourcing strategies and India stands to gain from this realignment. Tariff risks, changing global trade dynamics and geopolitical

After acquiring the controlling stake in Gati in 2020, we focussed on a strategic overhaul which included technology upgrades and cost optimisation. Our core focus areas included infrastructure, digitisation, sales acceleration, talent pool creation and operations. The goal was to align the company with the Group's common culture and values. By strengthening the leadership team, reducing debt by divesting non-core business, developing cloud-based Gati Enterprise Management System or GEMS 2.0, rationalising resources, expanding shipment hubs and adopting sustainable mobility, we have created a path to sustained growth for Allcargo Gati.

'India-U.K. FTA a game changer for trade'

"I believe that this FTA carries a very big message for the future economy of India. We will all see the benefits that India will get under it in the coming years," he said. Mr. Goyal added that the agreement will open doors for India to the developed world.

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Altermagnet’s charge carriers change in different directions

The Hindu Bureau

Some materials conduct electricity mainly with one kind of charge-carrier everywhere: either negative electrons (*n*-type) or positive ‘holes’ (*p*-type). A rare class can breach this behaviour depending on direction, a feature called direction-dependent conduction polarity (DDCP). That is, it can conduct with electrons in one direction and holes in another. Such materials could act as both *n*- and *p*-

type parts of a circuit or a thermoelectric device without needing two different crystals. However, only a handful of such materials have been found thus far, and most of them are hard to make or unstable. A study by researchers at the S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences and the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, both in Kolkata, has reported that the inexpensive and stable magnetic compound chromium-

antimony (CrSb) also belongs to this elite group. The researchers grew single-crystal plates of CrSb in sealed quartz tubes using chemical-vapour transport. Then they measured the Hall effect and the Seebeck effect along the length and breadth of the crystal. The Hall effect shows how a magnetic field bends moving charges, revealing whether electrons or holes dominate. In the Seebeck effect, a voltage appears when one

side of the crystal is warmed and switches sign between electrons and holes. Both effects revealed that along the plane of the crystal, electrons dominated whereas holes took over along the vertical axis. This behaviour proved that CrSb exhibited DDCP. **First altermagnet** CrSb is thus the first altermagnet, a recently discovered type of magnet, that displays DDCP. Its easy synthesis, com-

position of abundant elements, and switchable polarity make it a promising platform for future electronics and thermoelectrics, where a single crystal can act as both halves of a *p-n* pair, and for spintronic devices. In altermagnets, the minuscule magnetic moments, or spins, of atoms are arranged in a pattern where they cancel each other out, so the material has no overall magnetism. However, the way the atoms are arranged in the

crystal causes electrons with different spins behave differently, even though the material isn’t magnetic overall. These unique properties make altermagnets exciting for future technologies like spintronics. The scientists also found that when they replaced 2% of the Cr atoms with vanadium, the Hall and Seebeck signals both turned uniformly positive, meaning the whole crystal behaved as *p*-type, just as theory predicted.

SNAPSHOTS



Ocean heatwaves imply earth close to tipping point

Scientists found that the 2023 marine heatwaves were the most extreme recorded. Sea-surface temperatures stayed above the 90th percentile for up to 120 days over 96% of ocean, producing 53.6 billion degrees C-days of thermal stress. The heatwaves were found to have been triggered by extra sunshine and a shallow mixed layer in the North Atlantic; fewer clouds and stronger currents in the Southwest Pacific; sustained heat gain in the North Pacific; and El Niño-driven ocean flows in the equatorial east Pacific.



Meta band tracks wrist muscles to use computer

Reality Labs has built a light wristband that listens to feeble electrical signals in forearm muscles to steer a cursor, write text, and zoom in/out on a computer. The team trained deep-learning models on recordings from thousands of volunteers, so the band worked out of the box for new users. The generic model lets users type at 20.9 words per minute, compared to the typical 36. The authors have called it the first scalable muscle-computer interface to match many tasks of a mouse, joystick or keyboard.



Quarter of people at some risk of zoonotic disease

Researchers combined disease records since 1975 with satellite and population data to find where animal diseases could jump to people next. Their analysis showed warm places that receive heavy rain are most outbreak-prone. After correcting for reporting blindspots, they found 9.3% of earth’s land, mostly in Latin America and Oceania, was at high or very-high risk of zoonotic outbreaks. High-risk areas hosted 3% of people and those with moderate risk another 20%.

Android phones brought early quake warnings to 98 countries

Google and the University of California Berkeley’s Seismology Laboratory have released data pertaining to the Android Earthquake Alert system, detailing its methods and performance

Sandhya Ramesh

Android smartphones around the world have been actively helping provide earthquake alerts using their acceleration sensors. Between 2021 and 2024, these phones sent thousands of successful warnings to people living in quake-prone regions in 98 countries. Since 2020, Google has included its Android Earthquake Alert (AEA) system in its phones to detect seismic P- and S-waves that precede an earthquake and provide alerts.

The company and the University of California Berkeley’s Seismology Laboratory have released data in a new paper in *Science*, detailing the performance and methods of the algorithm over the last three years.

Monitoring and alerting The AEA system was first rolled out in the U.S. in 2020, followed by New Zealand and Greece in 2021, and then the rest of the world. It issued alerts for 11,231 events, including ahead of the Turkey-Syria (magnitude 7.8), the Philippines (6.7), and Nepal (5.7) events, all in 2023, and the 6.2-magnitude event in Turkey in April 2025. In the Philippines, Turkey-Syria, and Nepal quakes, users received 10 to 60 seconds of advance warning. The system has thus far detected more than 18,000 quakes of varying magnitudes, including more than



To sense an earthquake, smartphones bank on their accelerometers. ISTOCK

Sensors abound

The AEA has increased the number of people with access to quake early-warnings from 25 crore people in 2019 to 250 crore people

- Since 2020, the Android Earthquake Alert (AEA) system has used smartphone accelerometers to detect early seismic P-waves worldwide
- The AEA has issued over 79 crore alerts for more than 18,000 earthquakes in 98 countries, warning many people
- Users in recent major earthquakes, such as Turkey-Syria and Nepal, received advance warnings 10-60 seconds before shaking
- The system crowdsources vibration data from stationary phones to confirm earthquakes rapidly, aiming to alert users before S-waves arrive
- AEA issues two alerts: ‘BeAware’ for light shaking and ‘TakeAction’ for stronger shaking, plus audio warnings
- AEA sometimes struggles with magnitude accuracy and late warnings; improvements have been made to address these issues

2,000 strong quakes (moderate shaking or more on the MMI scale) and issued a total of 79 crore alerts. The AEA team also surveyed users between February 2023 and April 2024. Some 79% of 1.5 lakh users said they found the alerts very helpful. AEA crowdsources signals from a phone’s accelerometer, a sensor that measures acceleration. On stationary phones, accelerometers can sense the faster-moving P-waves from an earthquake, which stretch and squeeze the geological material they pass through. When an accelerometer senses these waves, it sends a signal to Google’s earthquake detection server, which then analyses data from other phones nearby to confirm the wave is real.

This data is collected and processed rapidly together with the waves’ location and magnitude. The goal is to issue an alert before the slower and more destructive S-waves arrive. While P-waves can travel through both solids and liquids, S-waves move only through solids. They also move up and down, displacing the material they move through. AEA doesn’t monitor surface waves, the third type of wave to arrive in an earthquake. Surface waves are much slower and traverse only the outermost layer of the crust, and are typically responsible for the most aboveground damage.

Algorithm at work

To detect an earthquake, all smartphones bank on their accelerometers to

sense vibrations on surfaces and in the air. Earthquakes produce many such vibrations before the energy that causes damage actually reaches a location. The extent of damage caused by a quake increases with each type of wave that reaches a location on the surface. The algorithm estimates the distance to the epicentre in one of two ways. If it’s within 200 km of the surface, it’s equal to the time difference between the arrival of the S- and P-waves multiplied by 8 km/s. For deeper epicentres, the algorithm includes additional methods to account for the waves’ motion through the mantle. The algorithm issues two kinds of alerts: ‘BeAware’ alerts for impending light shaking and ‘TakeAc-

The virtues of the tomato, a healthy vegetable



SPEAKING OF SCIENCE
D. Balasubramanian

The evolution and growth of the humble tomato as an essential ingredient of our daily diet across the world is a fascinating story. Yolanda Evans writes in the June 5, 2025, issue of National Geographic magazine about the rise in tomatoes with myth and folklore and how tomatoes weren’t always a beloved ingredient. Once deemed sinful, stinky, and “poison apples”, they were linked to superstition and illness, in part due to their reaction with lead in copper-based dinnerware. The use of a more appropriate vessel by farmers from Salem, New Jersey, to cook tomatoes shifted public opinion in

the U.S. Tomatoes were not native to India but brought to us by the Portuguese traders in the 15th century. They were then adopted by the British colonisers in the 16th century who started growing them across the country and added them to their menu. But the people were still wary of it. As the independent journalist Ms. Soheli Sarkar has written, in 1938 the physician Dr Tara Chitale and her colleagues tried to convince people about the benefits of using tomatoes to cure common cold, scurvy, and iron deficiency, but the response was lukewarm. The change finally transpired when more and more inputs came from travellers who recommended tomatoes in our diet, and experts from the National Institute of Nutrition in India pointed out



Long journey: Tomatoes were not native to India but brought to us by Portuguese traders in the 15th century. AP

the importance of vitamins and minerals in our daily diet and how tomatoes are rich in them. **Health benefits** Plant biologists classify tomato as a fruit. The benefits that tomatoes offer to our daily health have been described among others by

the dietitian and public health specialist Ms. Cynthia Saas of California. Let us highlight some of these. Tomatoes are rich sources of antioxidants that offer health benefits for the heart and brain. They have nutrients that reduce the risk factor for heart disease significantly. Increased to-

mato intake decreases high blood pressure, a noteworthy point for senior citizens. The cellulose fibre content in tomatoes helps to prevent constipation. The red carotenoid pigment called lycopene in tomatoes might help protect people above 70 years of age from Alzheimer’s disease. Ms. Saas has warned that before cooking tomatoes, one must ensure they are thoroughly washed and free of any dust-borne germs. Tomatoes are grown in farmlands all over India, numbering between 5,000 and 10,000 plants per acre. According to one estimate from Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University, India produced 210 lakh tonnes in the year 2022-2023, second only to China (680 lakh tonnes). The Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bengaluru, has been re-

searching a variety of tomato plants. One, called ‘Arka Rakshak’, is a disease-resistant hybrid while another, ‘Arka Shreshtha’, has a long shelf-life, making it easier to transport. The top seven tomato cultivating States are Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Karnataka, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu. The average wholesale price is estimated to be about ₹1,700 per quintal. Today, just about every house in the country uses tomatoes in their daily diet. A typical Indian dish these days invariably has some tomatoes in it, be it as a soup, added to a vegetable curry, chutney, added to rice or wheat as a ‘rasam’, and as ketchup for sandwiches and pizzas. Having tasted the tomato and learnt that it is not sinful but in fact has several health benefits, let us enjoy this vegetable.



Question Corner

Air pollution

How does air pollution affect the brain?

Air pollution is increasingly being recognised as an important threat to brain health. Research has demonstrated that exposure to airborne pollutants like fine particulate matter (PM2.5), nitrogen dioxide (NO2), and ozone can affect brain structure, functioning, and even increase the risk of neurological and mental health disorders. On July 24, for example, scientists reported in *The Lancet Planetary Health* that after analysing data in 51 studies representing more than 26 million adults across four continents and follow-ups

of up to 23 years, every additional 5 micrograms per cubic m (µg/m³) of PM2.5 particles in the air increased the risk of dementia by about 8%. They also found a 10 µg/m³ increase in NO2 increased the same risk by around 3% and a 1 µg/m³ increase of soot did so by 13%. The researchers rated the overall certainty of the evidence to be ‘moderate’. They argued that improving air quality could cut future dementia risk in the population, lower healthcare expenses and ease familial burdens.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

PROFILES

DEFINING GENOCIDE

Under the current UN Convention, genocide refers to any of the following acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group

- 1 Killing members of the group
- 2 Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group
- 3 Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part
- 4 Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group
- 5 Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group

Israel’s war on Gaza
Life and death

Twenty-one months into the war, Gaza lies in ruins: over 2.5% of its pre-war population has been killed, more than 6% wounded, nearly all of its 2.3 million people displaced and mass hunger is spreading across the strip; the scale of death, destruction of infrastructure, and starvation has intensified accusations that Israel is committing genocide against Palestinians in the enclave.

By Stanly Johny, Vignesh Radhakrishnan, Sambavi Parthasarathy, Devyanshi Bihani, Milan Cijo and Renuka Ramakrishna

When Israel launched its war on Gaza, following the October 7, 2023 cross-border attack by Hamas – which killed at least 1,200 people – it declared two objectives: the destruction of Hamas and the release of the 251 hostages taken by the Palestinian militant group. Twenty-one months later, both goals remain largely unmet. Hamas is far from being destroyed. Of the hostages, 148 were released and 56 bodies returned during two short ceasefires – in November 2023, and between January and March 2025. Israeli troops rescued eight hostages, while around 50 remain in captivity.

On the other side, Israel’s war has devastated Gaza, a 365 sq. km territory, home to 2.3 million people, sandwiched between Israel proper and the Mediterranean Sea. At least 59,000 Palestinians have been killed since the war began – that is 2.57% of Gaza’s entire population. Of the dead, more than 17,000 are children. Thousands more remain missing. More than 1,40,000 people, over 6% of Gaza’s population, have been wounded. These figures make Gaza one of the deadliest battlefields in the 21st century. Nearly the entire population of Gaza has been displaced, most of them multiple times. Since March, when the second ceasefire collapsed, Israel has tightened its blockade of the enclave, triggering a mass starvation crisis. According to the UN, at least 1,000 Palestinians were shot dead at aid centres while seeking food since May. Dozens of children have died from starvation and malnutrition. The scale of death, starvation and displacement has intensified accusations that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza.

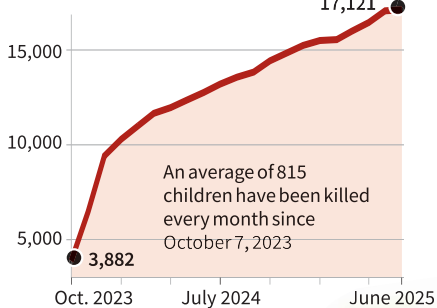
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s government has rejected these charges, insisting that Israel is fighting Hamas. Efforts to reach a ceasefire have stalled, as there is no consensus on the “day after” in Gaza. Hamas demands a full Israeli withdrawal, while Mr. Netanyahu insists on “total victory”. As the war grinds on, the suffering in Gaza deepens, with no end in sight.

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NUMBER OF CHILDREN KILLED

The chart shows the cumulative monthly death toll of children in Gaza



Breakdown of child deaths by age group

- 0–12 months: 937
- 1–5 years: 4,517
- 6–12 years: 6,325
- 13–17 years: 5,342

(Data available till June 2025)



NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED

The chart shows the cumulative monthly number of people injured in Gaza



According to the UNICEF, the Gaza Strip has the highest number of child amputees per capita than anywhere else in the world



DISRUPTED FOOD SUPPLY

The number of food trucks entering Gaza per month is much lesser than the UN’s estimated requirement of 500 aid trucks per day to meet the population’s basic needs

~2 mn.

According to OCHA, more than two million Palestinians are now squeezed into an area lesser than 45 square kilometres

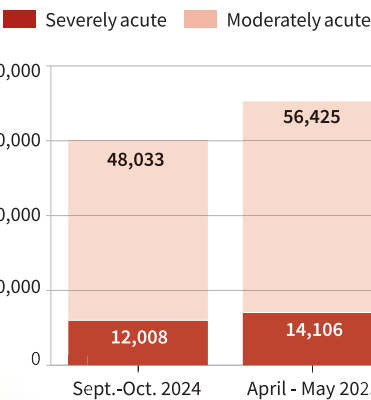
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Nearly 500 aid workers and more than 200 journalists have been killed so far in the conflict



SURGING CASES OF MALNUTRITION

The chart shows acute malnutrition cases among children aged 6 months to 5 years



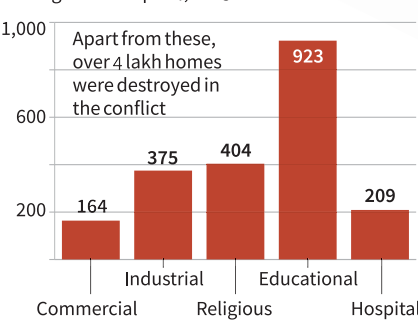
Sources: Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Mapping Tool, OCHA Health Cluster, ACLED, UNOSTAT, FAOSTAT, COGAT. Figures for July 2025 in the charts are as of July 23, 2025 | Milan Cijo and Renuka Ramakrishna are intern with The Hindu Data Team

Photos: AP, AFP



REDUCED TO RUBBLE

The chart shows the number of buildings damaged as on April 4, 2025



59,676

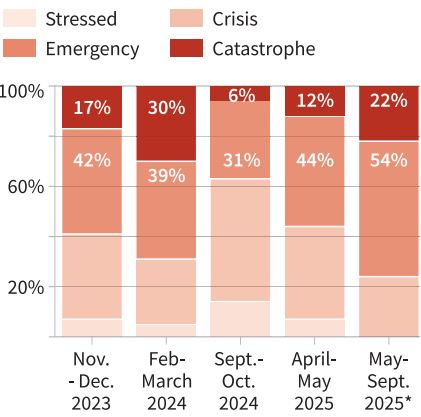
Killed as of July 26, 2025. The number of Palestinians killed in Israeli attacks continue to rise with no end in sight. More than a lakh have also been injured and over 10,000 remain missing

A brief truce: After 15 months of conflict, a ceasefire deal was reached on January 19, 2025. But it wasn’t long before the killings began again



ALARMING FOOD INSECURITY

The chart depicts acute food insecurity levels (as defined by IPC) based on the severity of food consumption gaps at the household level (*Projected)

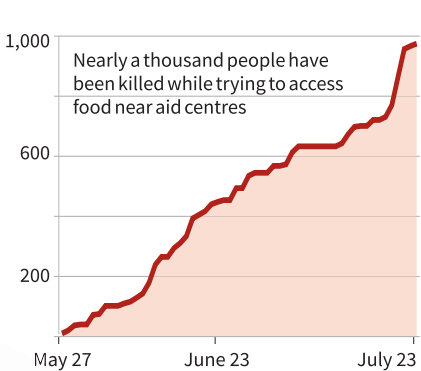


- Crisis:** Barely meet minimum food needs by depleting key livelihood assets
- Emergency:** Severe food gaps managed only through extreme coping and asset liquidation; high malnutrition and excess deaths
- Catastrophe:** Total lack of food and basic needs despite all coping efforts; marked by starvation, death, and critical malnutrition



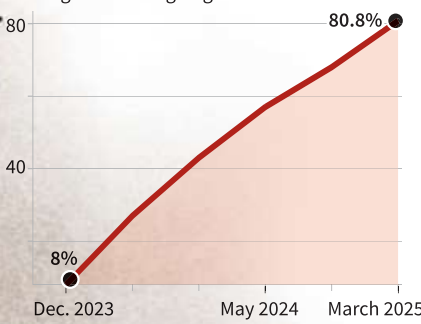
AID-SEEKERS KILLED AT DISTRIBUTION SITES

The chart shows the cumulative number of persons killed near aid distribution centres in Gaza since May 27, 2025



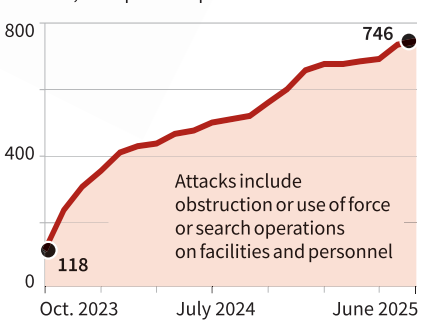
CROPLAND DESTROYED

In Gaza, 80% of the total cropland was damaged in the ongoing conflict



ATTACKS ON HEALTH SERVICES

The cumulative number of attacks on health aid, facilities, transport and personnel



THIRD IN HISTORY

Stokes achieves the double of 7000 runs and 200 wickets



REUTERS

England captain Ben Stokes became the third player in Test history to achieve the double of 7000 runs and 200 wickets, joining the likes of Sir Garfield Sobers and Jacques Kallis. Stokes breached the 7000-mark during his ton against India at Manchester. He had brought up his 200th wicket last year at Lord's against West Indies.

MASTER OF ALL TRADES

Stokes is fourth Englishman with a ton and a five-for in the same Test



REUTERS

England skipper Ben Stokes became the fourth all-rounder from the country to score a century and pick up a five-wicket haul in the same Test. Tony Greig, Ian Botham and Gus Atkinson are the other players to achieve the feat. Only Botham (five) has achieved this feat more than once.

BIG BOOST

Pant will be available to bat in the second innings: Kotak



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India's batting coach Sitanshu Kotak confirmed that Rishabh Pant, who fractured his foot on the opening day of the fourth Test, will be available for batting in the second innings. "I think he will bat," Kotak said. Pant scored a half-century in the first essay, and with India fighting to save the Test, his presence could be a huge boost.

CUP OF JOY

Black Caps beat Proteas in a thriller, clinch tri-series title



X@ZIMBABWE CRICKET

New Zealand edged out South Africa by three runs in the Twenty20 International tri-series final at the Harare Sports Club on Saturday. **The scores:** NZ 180/5 in 20 overs (Seifert 30, Conway 47, Rachin 47, Ngidi 2/24) bt SA 177/6 in 20 overs (Pretorius 51, Hendricks 37, Brevis 31, Henry 2/19). **Toss:** SA; **PoM & PoS:** Henry.

Stokes' ton hands England huge lead; Rahul, Gill live to fight another day

The tourists concede 600-plus runs in a Test innings for the first time since 2014; Woakes sends back Jaiswal and Sai Sudharsan for ducks

INDIA IN ENGLAND

Shavan Acharya
MANCHESTER

A calm Ben Stokes glanced through the stands as the trumpets belted out the tune of the Superman theme and the Barmy Army chanted his name. The England captain was on 99 and was beaten by Washington Sundar a couple of times. As the sound of the trumpets grew louder and the fans waited with bated breath for him to score a much-deserved Test century – his first in more than two years – Stokes adjusted his helmet and eventually leg-glanced Mohammed Siraj to the fence.

Special occasion

The Old Trafford was on its feet as Stokes took off his helmet and did the two-fingered salute to the skies. It, indeed, turned out to be a special outing as he brought up his 14th century, following a five-for. Stokes (141, 198b, 11x4, 3x6) eventually guided England to 669 as the hosts gained a massive lead. Chris Woakes added to India's woes in just five balls before the lunch as he removed Yashasvi Jaiswal and B. Sai Sudharsan off consecutive deliveries with nothing on the scoreboard. However, showing resilience, K.L. Rahul (87 batting, 210b, 8x4) and captain Shubman Gill (78



On top of his game: Stokes followed up his five-wicket haul with a gutsy century. GETTY IMAGES

batting, 167b, 10x4) defied the English bowlers for more than 62 overs as India ended the day at 174 for two. Trailing by 137 runs, saving the match is still a long way, but Gill and Rahul

have instilled belief in the Indian camp. Making the most of a reprieve, Gill counter-attacked with a cover drive and executed an upper cut as well for two fours off Jofra Archer, while Rahul was more on

the defensive. With the surface easing out as the sun played hide and seek, Stokes did not bowl due to a hamstring pull and England's attack didn't have the same venom. Gill and Rahul overcame a barrage

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS 358 in 114.1 overs	(Root, 119.2), 6-515 (Smith, 124.1), 7-528 (Woakes, 129.1), 8-563 (Dawson, 139.3), 9-658 (Stokes, 155.3).
ENGLAND — 1ST INNINGS Zak Crawley c Rahul b Jadeja 84 (113b, 13x4, 1x6), Ben Duckett c sub (Jurel) b Kamboj 94 (100b, 13x4), Ollie Pope c Rahul b Washington 71 (128b, 7x4), Joe Root st. Jurel b Jadeja 150 (248b, 14x4), Harry Brook st. Jurel b Washington 3 (12b), Ben Stokes c Sai Sudharsan b Jadeja 141 (198b, 11x4, 3x6), Jamie Smith c Jurel b Bumrah 9 (19b, 1x4), Liam Dawson b Bumrah 26 (65b, 3x4); Chris Woakes b Siraj 4 (17b), Brydon Carse c Siraj b Jadeja 47 (54b, 3x4, 2x6), Jofra Archer (not out) 2 (3b); Extras (b-8, lb-15, nb-14, w-1): 38; Total (in 157.1 overs): 669.	Bumrah 33-5-112-2, Kamboj 18-1-89-1, Siraj 30-4-140-1, Shardul 11-0-55-0, Jadeja 37-1-0-143-4, Washington 28-4-107-2.
FALL OF WICKETS 1-166 (Crawley, 31.6 overs), 2-197 (Duckett, 38.1), 3-341 (Pope, 76.1), 4-349 (Brook, 80.1), 5-499	INDIA BOWLING Yashasvi Jaiswal c Root b Woakes 0 (4b), K.L. Rahul (batting) 87 (210b, 8x4), B. Sai Sudharsan c Brook b Woakes 0 (1b), Shubman Gill (batting) 78 (167b, 10x4); Extras (b-4, nb-4, w-1): 9; Total (for two wkts. in 63 overs): 174.
	INDIA — 2ND INNINGS 1-0 (Jaiswal, 0.4), 2-0 (Sai Sudharsan, 0.5).
	ENGLAND BOWLING Woakes 15-3-48-2, Archer 11-2-40-0, Carse 10-2-29-0, Dawson 22-8-36-0, Root 5-1-17-0.

of short balls and showed steel to create milestones. Rahul became the second Asian opener to aggregate 500-plus (508) runs in a Test series in England after Sunil Gavaskar (542 in 1979). With the two well set, India dominated the final session.

Elite club

On a day when records tumbled, Stokes made it to an elite club of all-rounders with 7,000 runs and 200 wickets in the format, alongside Garry Sobers and Jacques Kallis. As the day's proceedings began, India fancied its chances of wrapping up things quickly, but with Stokes around, there was not much that the bowlers

could do. Anshul Kamboj wasn't given a single over, while Jasprit Bumrah leaked 100-plus (112) runs for the first time in his 48-Test career. This was also the first time, since 2014, that India conceded 600-plus runs in a Test innings. As India registered a dubious record, Brydon Carse and Stokes extended the lead as the latter took on the spinners and went on to add 38 runs off just 34 balls after his ton before holing out to long-on, attempting a big shot against the left-arm spinner. Stokes has put England in a commanding position. But with Gill and Rahul rising to the occasion, there's still hope for India.

Asia Cup: India and Pakistan in same group

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The Asia Cup men's T20 tournament will be played from September 9 to 28 in the United Arab Emirates. India and Pakistan are likely to face each other thrice, with the first confirmed match to be played on September 14 in Dubai. Mohsin Naqvi, the Asian Cricket Council president, confirmed the window and the venue for the tournament, to be hosted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India at a neutral venue, in a social media post. The ACC then announced the detailed fixtures on Saturday evening. The eight-team tournament will witness two groups of four sides each. While India, Pakistan, the UAE and Oman are clubbed together in Group A, Group B comprises Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Hong Kong. The tournament will be played in Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

The top two teams from each group will proceed to the Super Fours stage, with the top two facing each other in the final. After the first match between India and Pakistan on Sept. 14, both teams will play each other the following Sunday (Sept. 21), unless either team fails to progress to the Super Fours. **The groups: Group A:** India, Pakistan, UAE, Oman. **Group B:** Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Hong Kong. **The schedule: League stage: September 9:** Afghanistan vs Hong Kong; **Sept. 10:** India vs UAE; **Sept. 11:** Bangladesh vs Hong Kong; **Sept. 12:** Pakistan vs Oman; **Sept. 13:** Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka; **Sept. 14:** India vs Pakistan; **Sept. 15:** UAE vs Oman; **Sept. 15:** Sri Lanka vs Hong Kong; **Sept. 16:** Bangladesh vs Afghanistan; **Sept. 17:** Pakistan vs UAE; **Sept. 18:** Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan; **Sept. 19:** India vs Oman. **Super Fours: Sept. 20:** B1 vs B2; **Sept. 21:** A1 vs A2; **Sept. 23:** A2 vs B1; **Sept. 24:** A1 vs B2; **Sept. 25:** A2 vs B2; **Sept. 26:** A1 vs B1. **Final:** Sept. 28.

Skipper Stokes brings the best out of the players, says Moeen

Shavan Acharya
MANCHESTER

In his nearly decade-long Test career, Moeen Ali played under three different captains – Alastair Cook, Joe Root and Ben Stokes. Having witnessed England's cricketing metamorphosis up close, the former all-rounder has no hesitation in admitting that 'full-on leader' Stokes has been able to bring the best out of his players as he leads by example. As Stokes brought up his 14th Test century at Old Trafford on Saturday and put England in command of the fourth Test, Moeen heaped praise on his former teammate. "He's a full-on leader who always leads from the front. Whatever he asks of the team, he does himself first – whether it's being aggressive or playing a certain way – and everyone follows," Moeen told *The*



Inspirational: According to Moeen, Stokes' impact on the team has been huge. GETTY IMAGES

Hindu. "That's what people love about him in the dressing room, including senior players like Joe Root and Jimmy Anderson, who have been there longer than him. It is love for his captaincy and commitment that make him stand out as captain..." Moving on from its tradi-

tional approach, England has changed the template of Test cricket with Bazball, and Stokes' fearless leadership has been at its core. "Stokes has played a massive role in the team. His impact on the way they play has been huge – even better than when I was still



From the start, Stokes knew exactly what he wanted as captain

playing. They've had many more wins in a shorter period. Both Stokes and (Brendon) McCullum have identified players who can score runs at this level and handle different types of bowling," Moeen said.

Clear vision

"From the start, Stokes knew exactly what he wanted as captain. Having played in sides that struggled over the years, he had a clear vision and stuck to it, backing himself and his method. He's especially good with younger players, giving them the freedom to play their natural game..." Stokes has led England in 37 Tests, winning 22, losing 13 and drawing one.



Dazzling duo: Sathiyan and Akash won in style. X@RFYOUTHSPTS

Sathiyan-Akash wins; Sreeja loses in final

Sports Bureau

G. Sathiyan and Akash Pal beat Jules Rolland and Leo De Nodrest of France 11-9, 11-4, 11-9 to win their maiden Tour men's doubles title together at the WTT Contender Lagos on Saturday. This was Sathiyan's second WTT men's doubles crown after the one with Harmeet Desai in Tunis in 2021. "Fantastic. We both were unseeded. Still, to beat the French pair by a 3-0 margin was great. Akash has a powerful game, and I could place the ball well. We complemented each other," Sathiyan told *The Hindu*.

Sreeja Akula's confidence would have been sky high going into the singles final. She had beaten the likes of top seed Hina Hayata (first round), seventh seed Jieni Shao (quarters) and fourth-seeded Prithika Pavade in the semifinals. However, Japanese second seed Honoka Hashimoto beat Sreeja 11-7, 11-3, 11-4, 9-11, 13-11 to clinch the crown. **Other results: Women's semifinals:** Sreeja bt Prithika Pavade (Fra) 11-7, 11-4, 11-13, 6-11, 11-9. **Mixed doubles final:** Jules Rolland & Pavade (Fra) bt Akash Pal & Poymantee Baisya 12-10, 11-6, 6-11, 11-7.



One-stop shopping complex: In the Meitei language, the market is known as Nupi Keithel (Women's Market) and also as Ima Keithel, which translates to Mothers' Market.



Staying up-to-date: A vendor catches up with news in her spare time. Hosting stalls for several generations, the women's market is a home away from home for many vendors.



The right pitch: A vendor shows bangles to a customer at her stall. The stalls offer a variety of products such as vegetables, fruits, textiles, toys, fish, spices, and utensils.



Cool-off point: A vendor sells ice cream at the buzzing Ima Market in the heart of Imphal. The market hosts 5,000-6,000 stalls and serves as a generational bridge.

Women's business

Ima Market in Manipur's capital Imphal is entirely run by women and hosts 5,000-6,000 vendors, who sell a variety of products catering to needs of the local people as well as tourists; the market stands testimony to the empowerment of women in the State and the socio-economic role they play



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The Ima Market located in the centre of Manipur capital's Imphal is a market entirely run by women. Known as Ima Keithel (Mothers' Market) in the Meitei language or as Nupi Keithel (Women's Market), the bustling hub consists of three large buildings with pagoda-style roofs. It is a commercial centre as well as a popular tourist attraction. It was established in the 16th century and hosts 5,000-6,000 women vendors, who sell a variety of products such as vegetables, fruits, textiles, toys, fish, spices, and utensils.

Male shopkeepers and vendors are not allowed to set up or run stalls in the market and the State government has made it a punishable offence.

Vendors at the market, dressed in traditional *phaneks* (long skirts tightly draped around the waist) and *innaphis* (shoulder drapes very similar to shawls), get ready every morning to welcome shoppers, many of them tourists. The economic backbone of many families, the market has served to empower women at the socio-economic level.

Women in Manipur enjoy a unique status in society. Their empowerment is visible through their active participation in the economic realm.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who visited the market in November 2022, in a post on X, had lauded the market for being "a great example of Nari Shakti (women's strength) powering economic growth".

Women from diverse faiths and tribes run their own stalls with pride and purpose.

"All of us come together and actively participate when it comes to issues concerning Manipur as a whole. We are not only contributing to the State's economy and supporting our families financially, but we also take part in important social and political matters. This involvement is not limited to just one district – women from all districts and communities, including Muslims and tribal groups, come together. They bring their local products to this market, sell them to us at wholesale rates, and we, in turn, sell those items. It's a wonderful and effective system," a vendor told ANI last July.

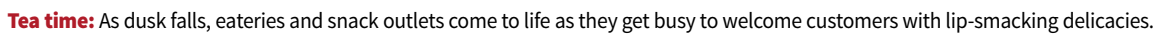
"We want to bring peace. We all want to live together in harmony. Whether it's the Tangkhul, Naga, Kuki, or any other tribe in Manipur, we all wish to come together, work together, and live with love and unity," said another vendor. (With ANI inputs)



Money makes money: Women running a money exchange business at the market.



Letting her hair down: Two vendors take a break from business and relax. Women at the market unwind by sharing stories and anecdotes.



Goodies to take home: Customers laden with purchases and provisions after a round of shopping.