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BRIEF NEWS

Mohanlal to Receive Dadasaheb Phalke Award on September 23; PM Modi Extends Congratulations

New Delhi: Veteran actor Mohanlal will be honoured with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award for his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema. The award will be presented during the 71st National Film Awards ceremony on September 23, 2025. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting announced the decision on Saturday via an official post on social media platform X, stating that the award is being conferred on the recommendation of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award selection committee. The ministry lauded Mohanlal's cinematic journey as "inspirational across generations," calling him a legendary actor, director, and producer whose unparalleled talent and relentless dedication have set a golden benchmark in Indian film history.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also congratulated the actor, describing him as a symbol of excellence and versatility. In a post responding to the ministry's announcement, PM Modi wrote: "Mohanlal Ji is a beacon of excellence and versatility. With decades of remarkable work, he stands as a towering figure in Malayalam cinema and theatre, deeply rooted in Kerala's culture."

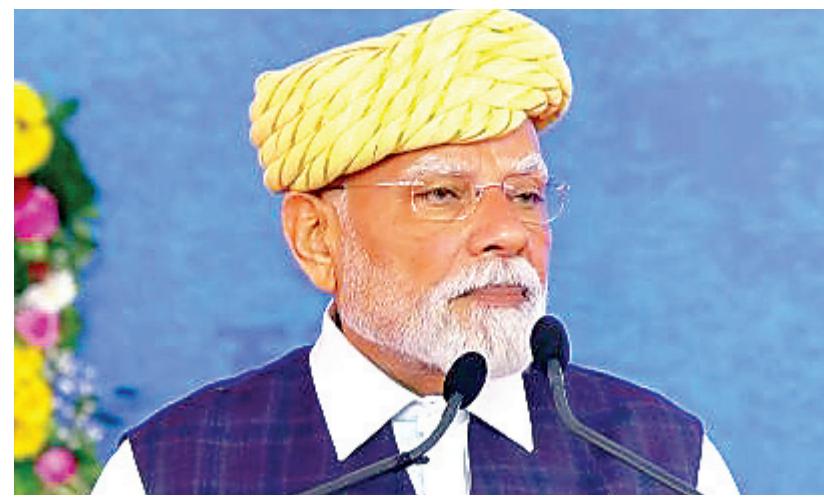
B Sairam selected for Coal India Next CMD

DB Reporter

Ranchi: The Public Enterprise Selection Board has approved B. Sairam for the position of CMD of Coal India. Following the interview process, the board recommended his name to the central government. Now, only the central government's approval is awaited, after which he will be formally appointed as CMD. Background of B Sairam: B Sairam is currently serving as CMD of Northern Coal Fields Limited (NCL) and has rich experience of 33

Agency

Bhavnagar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has once again reiterated his commitment to a "self-reliant India." He said that for peace, stability, and prosperity in the world, the world's most populous nation must become self-reliant. India has no shortage of potential. Prime Minister Modi attended the "Sea to Prosperity" program held in Bhavnagar, Gujarat, on Saturday. He said that while this program is taking place in Bhavnagar, it is a program for the entire country. Bhavnagar has been chosen as the center of this important program to reflect our direction towards sea to prosperity across India. During the event, PM Modi congratulated the people of



Gujarat and Bhavnagar. He said that 21st-century India sees the sea as a huge opportunity. Foundation stones and inaugurations worth thousands of crores of rupees have been laid to accelerate port-led

development. Giving the message of a "self-reliant India," Prime Minister Modi said that India today is moving forward with a spirit of world brotherhood. We have no major enemy in the world. He

said, "If we truly have an enemy, it is our dependence on other countries. This is our biggest enemy, and we must unite to defeat this enemy of India." Addressing the event, PM Modi said, "The greater the foreign dependence, the greater the country's failure. For peace, stability, and prosperity in the world, the country with the world's largest population must become self-reliant."

During this, PM Narendra Modi targeted the Congress party. He said, "India has no shortage of potential, but after independence, the Congress party ignored every one of India's strengths. That's why, even after six to seven decades of independence, India hasn't achieved the success it deserved. For a long time, the Congress government kept the coun-

try entangled in the license-quota raj. It kept it isolated from the global market. The Congress government's policies caused great harm to the country's youth."

PM Modi visited his home state of Gujarat for the first time since his birthday on September 17. At the event, he said, "It's impossible to personally thank everyone for the good wishes you've sent to our Narendra Bhai, and the good wishes I've received from across the country and the world. But the love and blessings I've received from every corner of India and the world are a huge asset and a huge strength for me. Therefore, I publicly express my heartfelt gratitude to all the dignitaries of the country and the world."

Punjabi-Hindu community Dussehra committee invites CM for Vijayadashmi celebrations

DB Reporter

Ranchi : A delegation of Punjabi-Hindu Biradari Dussehra Committee, Morabadi and Shri Durga Puja and Ravana Dahan Committee Argora paid a courtesy call on Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Saturday. On the occasion, he invited the Chief Minister to attend the Ravana Dahan programme to be organised at Morabadi Ground and Argora in Ranchi on October 2 as the chief guest along with his family.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to the delegation and said that this celebration of Vijayadashami is not only linked to religious and cultural traditions, but it is also a symbol of social unity, brotherhood and



collective celebration. Such occasions foster harmony, goodwill, and a positive atmosphere in society. The Chief Minister congratulated the organizers on the success of the festival and wished happiness, peace, and prosperity to the peo-

ple of the state. The delegation included Punjabi-Hindu Biradari Dussehra Committee, Morabadi President Sudhir Uggal, former President Rajesh Khanna, General Secretary Rajesh Mehra, Senior Vice

President Randeep Anand and Shri Durga Puja and Ravana Dahan Committee, Argora President Pankaj Kumar Sahu, Treasurer Narendra Prasad Sahu, Senior Vice President Panchanand Kumar, Kanchan Sahu and Ravi Sahu.

A woman suffering from fourth stage breast cancer successfully treated at Paras HEC Hospital

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DB Reporter

Ranchi: An elderly woman suffering from breast cancer has been successfully treated at Paras Hospital, HEC. Dr. Gunjesh Kumar Singh and his team from the Oncology Department at Paras Hospital treated her.

The team included Dr. Abhinav, surgical oncologist, Dr. Nishant Bhardwaj, radiation oncologist, and others. The woman, who had breast cancer, was found to have cancer in all her organs. The woman suffering from breast cancer had cancer spread to her liver, neck, lungs, throat, mouth and both breasts. Tests revealed the disease to be in stage 4. She also had difficulty breathing. Doctors began treatment. The woman has experienced significant relief. She is currently undergoing treatment under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana.

Dr. Gunjesh Kumar Singh said that regardless of the age of the patient, even advanced stage cancer can be completely cured. Breast cancer has become a common disease these



days. Paras Hospital treats all types of cancer, including those with advanced cancer. Elderly patients can also receive cancer treatment.

Dr. Nitesh Kumar, Facility Director, Paras Hospital HEC said that all cancer related diseases are being treated under one roof at Paras Hospital.

Here, even the most serious cancer patients are being treated through abdominal scan, medical oncology, surgical oncology, radiation oncology. A dedicated cancer center has been opened at the hospital to treat cancer patients. Patients no longer need to travel abroad for cancer treatment. They can now receive treatment at Paras Hospital HEC.

Three-day health campaign organized under Vigilance Awareness Campaign-2025

DB Reporter

Ranchi: Under the Vigilance Awareness Campaign-2025, a three-day health campaign was organised for the sanitation workers of Darbhanga House, Gandhi Nagar and Jawahar Nagar of CCL Headquarters at the Darbhanga House dispensary. The main objective of this initiative was to raise awareness about the health and well-being of sanitation workers and provide them with necessary medical assistance.

In the campaign, special-

ist doctors from Gandhinagar Hospital provided personal consultation to the beneficiaries and evaluated their health condition. Additionally, free medicines were also distributed among all the beneficiaries.

On the occasion, health check-ups like haemoglobin measurement, blood sugar measurement and hypertension screening were also conducted to get regular information about the health status of the personnel. It may be stated

here that 57 beneficiaries sought medical advice from specialists on the first day, 61 on the second day, and 42 on the third day. Thus, a total of 160 beneficiaries benefited from this three-day health campaign. This health campaign not

only increased health awareness among sanitation workers but also significantly contributed to improving their quality of life and efficiency. More such programs will be organized in the future to ensure their well-being.



years in the coal sector. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Mining Engineering from NIT Raipur and a PGDM in Energy Management from NTPC School of Business, Delhi. The Board today interviewed senior officials, including top executives from Coal India and other public sector companies.

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tions, reflecting the growing synergy between defence forces, industry, and civil stakeholders. The day's focus was on the role of MSMEs in the development of Jharkhand's defence ecosystem. A well-attended seminar on "MSMEs and Defence

Corridor Development in Jharkhand" was held, featuring five eminent speakers who deliberated on how the State's MSMEs could be integrated into the national defence manufacturing value chain.

The discussions highlighted opportunities in design, manufacturing, supply-chain integration and skill development, with participants unanimously recognising the potential of Jharkhand to emerge as a strategic hub for defence production. emphasised the need for

The seminar was well received and appreciated by industry leaders, young entrepreneurs, and the wider audience, underlining the importance of Atmanirbharata (self-reliance) in defence. The deliberations reinforced the vision laid down during the inaugural day, where the Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand, Shri Santosh Gangwar, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Hemant Soren, and the Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan,

indigenous solutions, innovation, and collaborative growth in the defence sector.

With more than 200 exhibitors showcasing their innovations, East Tech 2025 continues to provide a vibrant platform for knowledge exchange, capability showcasing, and forging partnerships between the armed forces, industry, and academia. The exhibition not only facilitates identification of technologies for operational deployment but also drives

the larger aim of accelerating Jharkhand's economic growth by nurturing its MSMEs and encouraging defence-industrial investments in the region.

Day 2 thus reaffirmed East Tech 2025's overarching aim: to serve as a catalyst for indigenisation, industrial growth, and national security preparedness, while simultaneously giving an impetus to Jharkhand's aspiration of becoming a hub in India's defence manufacturing corridor.

EAST TECH 2025: SHOWCASE OF CUTTING-EDGE INDIGENOUS DEFENCE TECHNOLOGIES IN RANCHI

DB Reporter

Ranchi: The second day of the prestigious defence technology exhibition East Tech 2025 at Khelgaon, Ranchi on Saturday, witnessed an impressive turnout with over 1500 visitors including officers from the Indian Army, academia, students from various schools, NCC cadets, police personnel and representatives from the State machinery. The exhibition halls were abuzz with B2B meetings, live demonstrations, and industry interac-



Kurmi Leader Mantu Mahato Put Under House Arrest Ahead of Protest at Gomo Station

DB Reporter
Dhanbad: Prominent Kurmi leader and convener of the Brihad Jharkhand Adivasi Kurmi Manch, Mantu Mahato, was placed under house arrest early Thursday morning ahead of the "Rail Teka, Dahr Cheka" protest planned at Gomo railway station.

Sources confirmed that Jorapokhar and Loyabad police reached Mahato's residence around 4 AM and restricted his movement for the entire day, preventing him from participating in any protest activities. Authorities had kept a close watch on Mahato, especially due to his prominent role in leading last year's protest held on September 20, 2023, at the same location. While speaking to reporters outside his residence, Mahato said,

Kodarma DC Flags Off Nutrition Awareness Campaign Vehicle

DB Reporter

Kodarma: As part of the National Nutrition Mission, the National Nutrition Month 2025 is being observed from September 17 to October 16. In line with this, Deputy Commissioner Rituraj today flagged off the Nutrition Rath (awareness vehicle) from the district collectorate premises to spread awareness across all blocks of the district.

The theme for Nutrition Month 2025 is:

"Reducing Obesity - Lower intake of sugar, salt, and oil; Early childhood care and education - Nutrition and studies both; Growth monitoring; Infant and young child feed-



ing practices; One tree in mother's name; Men's participation in nutrition; Convergence actions and digitization; and Promoting local food under the 'Local for Vocal' initiative."

Through the Nutrition Rath, awareness will be raised on key topics including:

Care during pregnancy and

for children up to two years after birth
Essential information for proper child development
Nutritional value of various foods
Prevention of anemia
Management of diarrhea and importance of sanitation
Deputy Commissioner Rituraj appealed to all citi-

zens to actively participate in nutrition-related awareness programs during the Nutrition Month and pay special attention to the nutrition of their families, especially women and children. "Proper nutrition is the foundation of a healthy society," he said.

The event was attended by Additional Collector Poonam Kujur, District Social Welfare Officer Kanak Kumari Tirkey, District Cooperative Officer Ruma Ja, District Supply Officer Pradeep Kumar Shukla, Child Development Project Officer, DPM JSYPS Prakash, along with Anganwadi workers and helpers.

DC Rituraj Conducts On-Site Inspection of Karma Hospital

Kodarma: Deputy Commissioner Rituraj conducted a thorough on-site inspection of Karma Hospital in Kodarma on Saturday. During the visit, he physically reviewed the proposed construction works for the hospital and assessed various aspects of the ongoing projects.



The inspection included a detailed evaluation of the hospital's entrance and exit arrangements, building construction, boundary walls, and progress and quality of structures across all categories. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of transparency, high-quality workmanship, and timely completion of all construction activities.

Additional Collector Poonam Kujur, Executive Engineer from Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Limited, regional officers from Kodarma, along with other officials and technical staff, were present during the inspection.

Durga Puja Committees to Be Scored on Cleanliness, Security, and Facilities

DB Reporter

Dhanbad: Under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate Aditya Ranjan, Durga Puja committees this year will be evaluated across three categories-cleanliness, security arrangements, and resources & accessibility. The committee with the highest score will be awarded 21 lakh.

The Deputy Commissioner explained that committees will be assessed on cleanliness and resources/accessibility with 30 points each, and security arrangements with 40 points.



Cleanliness will be judged based on the sanitation of the pandal area, availability of separate dustbins for wet and dry waste, timely waste collection, provision of automated toilets and handwashing facilities, separate toilets for men and women, and use of designated immersion sites-each parameter allotted 5 points. Security arrangements

include availability of fire safety equipment like extinguishers and buckets, sufficient and unobstructed entry and exit points, crowd management, deployment of security guards and volunteers, emergency preparedness (ambulance and police contacts), CCTV and drone surveillance, gender-specific entrances, help desks, public announcement systems, first aid kits, medical kiosks, and stage security to handle anti-social elements-each allotted 5 points. Resources and accessibility will be evaluated on ramps or easy access for differently-abled and senior citizens, drinking water facilities, safe and organized electricity, seating/rest areas, vehicle parking, clear road maps, and informative signage about dos and don'ts around the pandal-5 points each. Prizes will be awarded as follows: first place 1 lakh, second 50,000, third 20,000, and fourth and fifth place 15,000 each.

Farmers alleges corruption in micro irrigation scheme, demands action by DC

DB Reporter

Ichak: Farmers of Ichak block have raised concern over micro-irrigation systems being operated in their area. This government's initiative main focus is to provide benefit to farmers through micro-irrigation systems under the National Agricultural Development Scheme in the block area. But many farmers of the block have made serious allegations against the Agriculture Department and said that they have been visiting the office for months to avail the benefits of the scheme. Farmers alleged that block-level officials



and employees demand the bribes, and if they don't pay, their applications are delayed. Regarding this, the farmers have submitted a complaint to the Hazaribagh Deputy Commissioner, demanding action. Farmers Ajay Kumar Mehta, Krishna Kumar Mehta and Dilip Kumar said that far from getting

the benefits of the scheme, corruption and negligence have left them frustrated.

It may be stated here that the farmers had submitted their applications to the district agriculture office, signed by Pushpa Kumari, a BTM posted at the block office, to avail of the scheme's benefits. However, the office offi-

Peace Committee Meeting Held at Barkagaon Police Station Ahead of Durga Puja



DB Reporter

Barkagaon: A crucial Peace Committee meeting was held at the Barkagaon Police Station to ensure the peaceful and orderly conduct of the upcoming Durga Puja festival. The meeting was chaired by Block Development Officer (BDO) Jitendra Kumar Mandal, and conducted by Panchayat Samiti Member Ritesh Thakur.

Representatives from various Durga Puja committees participated.

BDO Mandal emphasized the importance of celebrating the festival with devotion, mutual respect, and cooperation. He urged all stakeholders to work together for a peaceful celebration. Officer-in-Charge Krishna Kumar Gupta outlined the government rules and regulations regarding the organization of puja and processions. He warned that strict action would be taken against anyone attempting to disrupt the festive atmosphere. He also noted that the police would monitor social media activity closely during the festival period.

Former MLA Loknath Mahato appealed to all community members to uphold the tradition of unity during the festival and bring pride to Barkagaon. Present at the meeting were CO Manoj Kumar, Inspector Lalit Kumar, local elected representatives, social leaders, and dozens of community members, all united in their commitment to ensuring a safe and harmonious Durga Puja.

Kodarma-Dhanbad-Gaya Rail Line Disrupted for 12 Hours Due to 'Rail Roko' Protest



Kodarma: The Dhanbad-Kodarma-Gaya railway line was completely halted for nearly 12 hours on Saturday following a rail blockade protest organized by the Kudmi community demanding Scheduled Tribe status. The protest, called by Kudmi Samaj and Kudmi Ekta Manch, impacted large parts of Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Odisha. The blockade began early morning at 5 a.m., bringing train operations to a standstill until 6 p.m. Trains including Rajdhani

Express, Duronto, and Vande Bharat services were either canceled or diverted, causing widespread disruption and inconvenience to passengers. This marks one of the most extensive rail agitations in recent times, resulting in significant losses running into crores for Indian Railways. At Kodarma station, trains like Gwalior-Puri Express were stranded from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. before being rerouted via Madhupur and Asansol towards Howrah.

Minor Student Allegedly Abused at Unique Coaching Centre, Tilaiya Dam

DB Reporter

Koderma: A serious complaint has been lodged against Unique Coaching Centre located near Tilaiya Dam, where a minor student is alleged to have been subjected to physical and mental abuse. The boy's guardian has filed a written application with the Tilaiya Dam police station.

According to the complaint, Shivendra Kumar, a resident of Bagodar police station area in Giridih district, enrolled his 9-year-old son, Adhyayan Yug, at Unique Coaching Centre in April 2025. The child stayed at the centre while attending classes. The complaint states that on the morning of September 11, 2025, following noisy behavior by students, staff member



Sanjay allegedly verbally abused and punished the children by making them do repeated physical exercises such as sit-ups and "murga" (a traditional punishment pose). The boy reportedly suffered from severe headache and stomach pain during the ordeal. The guardian was informed about the incident via phone on September 14. The child was later taken home and treated by a doctor in Hazaribagh on September 16. When the

Street Play on Drug De-addiction Organized at VBU, Hazaribagh

DB Reporter

Hazaribagh: A motivational street play on the theme "Drug-Free Youth, Developed India" was organized at Vinoba Bhave University campus by the Helping India Feeding India organization. The play was directed by Adarsh and his team with the primary aim of encouraging young people to stay away from drugs and contribute to building a healthy, empowered, and aware society. This event was held under the



directive of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, as part of the nationwide drug de-addiction campaign. Recently, a pledge titled "Drug-Free Youth for Developed India"

was launched in Varanasi (Kashi), involving over 100 spiritual and social organizations from across the country. Helping India Feeding India, representing Jharkhand, actively participated in this initiative and is currently collaborating

with the government to conduct awareness programs nationwide.

The street play was staged with active support from the "Youth Connect for Developed India" team of Vinoba Bhave University, led by Assistant Professor Dr. Umendra Kumar from the Department of Economics. Through engaging dramatization, the play highlighted how drug addiction can destroy a person's life, career, and family. It also conveyed the message that if youth remain

drug-free and move forward positively, the dream of a developed India can be realized. The performance created an atmosphere of enthusiasm across the university campus, with hundreds of students pledging lifelong commitment to stay away from drugs. They vowed to actively contribute to the nationwide movement for a drug-free India. Speakers emphasized that youth are the real strength of the nation, and if this strength is lost to drug addiction, the future of

society and the country will be bleak. Therefore, timely awareness, prevention, and cooperative efforts within society are essential. Representatives of Helping India Feeding India stated that the organization will continue to hold similar awareness programs across districts and university campuses in the future. Their goal is to empower youth across Jharkhand and the entire country to remain drug-free and contribute to nation-building.

Affidavit

I, Md. Yousuf, son of Md. Sohail Ahmad, resident of House No.1266, near Muskan Store, Gowala Toli Road, Post + Police Station Hindpuri, District Ranchi, State Jharkhand, affidavit no. 3861 dated 18.09.2025, declare that my correct name is Md. Yousuf and my date of birth is 19.08.1987. But in my Aadhaar card, by mistake, the date of birth has been written as 01.08.1994. Earlier, I was known and recognized by the name Md. Iqbal. But from today I shall be known and recognized by the name Md. Yousuf. I hereby declare that Md. Yousuf and Md. Iqbal are one and the same person, which is myself.

Assam declares three-day state mourning over Zubeen Garg's death; CM to bring body to Guwahati

Dispur, Agency: The Assam government on Saturday declared three days of state mourning, from September 20 to September 22, following the death of celebrated singer and cultural icon Zubeen Garg.

Chief secretary Ravi Kota made the announcement in a post on X, saying, "State mourning has been declared from 20th to 22nd September. During this period, there will be no official entertainment, dinners, or ceremonial functions."

He added, "The Government of Assam expresses deep shock and sorrow at the passing of Shri Zubeen Garg, eminent singer, filmmaker and cultural icon."

Ravi Kota also noted that the ongoing 'Seva Saptah' programmes will be postponed as a mark of respect. "However, service-oriented



activities such as health camps, Nikshay Mitra support for TB patients, and plantation drives will continue," he said.

Family awaits return of mortal remains

The singer's family, grieving over the loss, awaited the arrival of his body from Singapore at their Kahlipara residence. His octogenarian father Mohini Mohan Borthakur, who suffers from

Alzheimer's disease, appeared resigned, while Garg's wife received mourners and well-wishers calmly, reported news agency PTI.

Dada (Zubeen's father) has Alzheimer's disease. He is also a diabetic patient, and there was a spike in his blood sugar level yesterday after he received the news. But he is under control now," Zubeen's uncle Manoj Kumar Borthakur, who reached Guwahati on

Saturday morning, told the news agency.

The 52-year-old had been in Singapore to attend the North East India Festival. Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said he died while "swimming in the sea without a life jacket" during a yacht trip with 17 others.

The autopsy of Zubeen Garg's body was conducted at a Singapore hospital on Saturday.

Assam CM to receive singer's body in Delhi

Sarma also said he will travel to Delhi to receive Garg's body and accompany it to Guwahati

"I will be going to Delhi later today to receive our beloved Zubeen's mortal remains, which will arrive from Singapore. From there, we will immediately bring him back to Guwahati, hopefully by 6 am," Sarma posted on X.

Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project

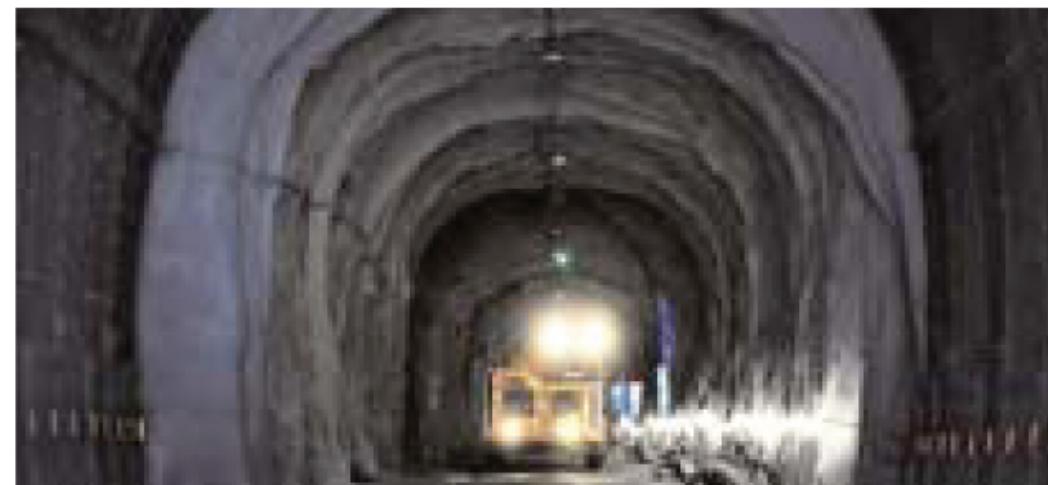
Major breakthrough achieved at Ghansoli tunnel

New Delhi, Agency: The Mumbai Ahmedabad bullet train project saw a major breakthrough on the 4.88 km-long tunnel between Shilphata and Ghansoli. The breakthrough was achieved on Saturday morning, the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) said.

Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnav was present at the Ghansoli shaft when this breakthrough was achieved by way of a controlled blast, news agency PTI reported. The tunnel is a part of the 21-km underground stretch between the Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) and Shilphata, including a seven-km segment beneath Thane Creek. It was excavated using the New Austrian Tunnel Method (NATM).

With this latest development, the bullet train tunnel now connects the Savali shaft to the tunnel portal at Shilphata, linking it to the viaduct portion of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project, the NHSRCL stated in a release.

The excavation for this tunnel began back in May 2024 in three phases; the



first breakthrough was achieved on July 9 of a 2.7-km continuous section. Further, an additional intermediate tunnel was built to allow simultaneous excavation from both Ghansoli and Shilphata sides. The next phase of the project will involve waterproofing, lining and finishing the tunnel as well as equipment installation. The remaining 16 km of tunnelling will be executed using tunnel boring machines (TBMs).

The NATM tunnel has an internal

width of 12.6 metres and was constructed using drilling, blasting, survey works, and support systems under challenging geological conditions.

Once completed, the tunnel will be a single tube with a 13.1-metre diameter structure accommodating twin tracks for both up and down lines. It will also feature comprehensive safety measures, including settlement markers, piezometers, inclinometers, strain gauges and restricted site access.

Television channels reported that he had been upset for some time over financial issues at a cooperative society led by him.

BJP councillor found hanging in his office room in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram

Thiruvananthapuram, Agency: A city corporation councillor belonging to the BJP was found dead by hanging inside his office room here on Saturday morning, police said.

K Anil Kumar, councillor of Thirumala ward, was found dead by hanging at 9.00 am and it is a suspected case of suicide, police said and launched an investigation. Local people said Kumar was seen at the office in the morning and was found dead later.

Television channels reported that he had been upset for some time over financial issues at a cooperative society led by him.

The reports also claimed that a suicide note was recovered from near his body, and it contained remarks against BJP leaders.

However, police didn't confirm whether the suicide note was recovered.

"We are completing other proceedings. An investigation is going on," a police officer said.

Meanwhile, BJP district president V V Rajesh said Anil Kumar was worried about the financial issues at the bank. As per my understanding, several persons failed to repay the loan amount that they had availed. Anil Kumar had mental stress over that," he told the media.

He, however, did not reply to the questions of reported remarks against leaders in his purported suicide note.

Major drugs crackdown: Delhi Police arrests 63 in an overnight raid



New Delhi, Agency: In a major crackdown, South East Delhi Police arrested 63 accused individuals during an overnight raid conducted across multiple locations in the national capital.

The operation, which involved 500 police personnel and 40 specialised teams, led to the recovery of 15 pistols, along with significant quantities of MDMA, cocaine, heroin, and cash.

The large-scale raid targeted criminal networks operating in the South East Delhi region, aiming to curb illegal activities, including drug trafficking and arms possession. Authorities stated that the operation was meticulously planned and executed based on credible intelligence inputs. Further investigations are underway to trace the source of the recovered contraband. Meanwhile, Delhi Police has intensified its war against narcotics by focusing on the financial backbone of drug cartels, adopting a zero-tolerance policy against drug-related crimes. Officials said the strength of drug traffickers lies not only in contraband

but also in the vast sums of illicit money generated from the trade. These funds are used to expand criminal activities, infiltrate legitimate businesses, destabilise economies, and, in some cases, fund terrorism.

Any meaningful fight against narcotics must go beyond traditional enforcement and focus equally on financial investigations," Delhi Police said in a statement. The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act empowers law enforcement agencies to trace, freeze, and forfeit properties derived from the narcotics trade. Under Section 68, illegally acquired properties can be attached and confiscated, thereby choking the financial lifeline of traffickers. By depriving offenders of their illicit wealth, authorities not only punish individuals but also dismantle the infrastructure sustaining the drug network. The Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) of the Crime Branch, Delhi Police, has been at the forefront of integrating financial probes into NDPS cases.

Kerala imposes over 60 lakh fine for waste dumping reported via WhatsApp

New Delhi, Agency: Over 60 lakh has been imposed as a fine for dumping waste on public places in Kerala, in the cases people reported through a WhatsApp number provided by the state Local Self Government Department (LSGD) in a year, officials said.

People were given a total reward of 1,29,750 for informing about waste dumping in various places with adequate proof through the dedicated WhatsApp number introduced last year, an official statement said here on Saturday.

"In a year, fines totaling



61,47,550 were imposed in 755 cases reported by the

prosecution proceedings have been initiated in 63 incidents.

"The total fine imposed for dumping waste in the last one year is 11.01 crore. Of the total fine, 5.58 per cent was imposed based on complaints received on the WhatsApp number," it said.

LSD Minister M B Rajesh congratulated everyone who reported through WhatsApp about the incidents of waste dumping they came across, the statement said.

The initiative stepped up public vigilance and monitoring of waste management activities, he said.

Kerala HC to Muslim man

Can't marry multiple times if you can't maintain wives

Thiruvananthapuram, Agency: The Kerala High Court slammed a blind beggar who had married twice under Muslim personal law and was allegedly threatening his second wife he would marry again. The court said that he cannot marry twice or thrice if he had no capacity to maintain the wives.

The observation was made by Justice P V Kunhikrishnan when a 39-year-old woman, who claimed to be the man's second wife, approached the court seeking a monthly maintenance of 10,000 from her husband, who survives by begging.

According to the petitioner, the 46-year-old man currently lives with his first wife in Kumbadi and reportedly survives by begging, but was still threatening to take a third wife.

The court satirically referred to a Malayalam phrase implying, "Don't put your hand into a begging bowl."

Earlier, the petitioner had



approached a Family Court, which dismissed her plea, stating that her 46-year-old husband, who was surviving on begging, could not be directed to pay maintenance. However, Justice PV Kunhikrishnan also took a wider view, bringing into question the abuse of religious custom, the role of the state, and the ethical boundaries of polygamy.

Despite the man's claims of destitution, the court found that he was receiving nearly 25,000 a month through various sources, including alms.

Editorial

Justice to Jadrangal Complex

The Central University's Jadrangal campus is now once again facing legal scrutiny, and the Honorable High Court has imposed a cost of 25,000 on the government's indifferent attitude. While this decision may be seen as a testament to justice for an institution, attempts to undermine the existence of the Central University have been ongoing since its inception in the current political landscape. Why did this institution, which was born in Dharamshala, registered, and lit a ray of hope for educational standards, end up being divided or prevented from flourishing in Dharamshala? Surprisingly, all the doors to a Central University's identity were opened in Dharamshala, but the framework for management remained in Dehra. Each time, a new obstacle, a new test. The Jadrangal campus in Dharamshala has undergone numerous tests that were not even legitimate. Files were held up in local offices, stuck in Delhi, stalled in Shimla, and even reached Kolkata. No one has ever seen the extent to which multiple hands involved in the murder of an institution can go, despite the machines, plans, and public sympathy at the campus site. Several Union Ministers, several state Chief Ministers, MLAs, and MPs are the murderers of this project. Perhaps the legal verdict will sadden such figures. When construction of the university campus began in Dehra at a cost of 250 crore rupees, the land in Jadrangal, cleared of no-objection certificates, was ready to be garlanded with a budget of 250 crore rupees, but the character changed. Government orders and file handling changed.

However, there was a valid argument: if compensation had to be paid to the Forest Department for the land for the institute on our own land, what was the point of establishing so much forest? In any case, the government was supposed to remove the uncertainty surrounding the construction of Jadrangal by paying thirty crore rupees, which remains unresolved even after so much time. All this effort and effort was either focused on the Jadrangal campus or carelessly dismissed all possibilities here. We have said many times before that new politics does not mean that Himachal's potential, goodwill, sense of duty, and historical background should be compromised.

Paramilitary forces are getting full respect

The e-housing portal is operational for soldiers and officers of the Central Armed Forces, making it easier for them to access housing. Everyone wants their children to receive a good education, and to fulfill this vision, the PM Scholarship Scheme has been launched, providing 3,000 per month for girls and 2,500 for boys. The purpose of providing these benefits is to ensure that soldiers fighting for the country are confident about their families' futures and perform their duties with the same enthusiasm. A sense of security is instilled in them. The Home Ministry has been striving to empower the paramilitary forces, like the Indian Army, financially and otherwise. By providing maximum support and confidence to their families, they are assured of their futures...

Madhurendra Sinha

The Indian Army, home to the world's most valiant, courageous, and courageous soldiers, has proven its mettle time and again. It has fought numerous battles, defeated the enemy, and even sacrificed its life when necessary. This is our pride. However, our paramilitary forces are no less. They participate in the most challenging operations. Many have won on their own, while others have fought major battles alongside the Indian Army. They have achieved remarkable successes and defeated the enemy. In addition to the CRPF, BSF, and ITBP, the NDRF personnel serve day and night, performing their duties in adverse conditions. One should learn from them how to live with their lives at stake. They have accomplished every impossible task assigned to the country, even sacrificing their lives when necessary. They have brought honor to their respective forces. When 26 unarmed tourists and a local civilian were brutally killed by Pakistani terrorists in Pahalgam, the Home Ministry directed the CRPF to launch an operation in collaboration with the Army to eliminate them.

From that day on, these soldiers worked day and night to locate the terrorists' hideouts. Within a few months, the day

came when they encountered the terrorists in a remote area, and CRPF personnel, in collaboration with the Army, sent all three of them to hell. The Union Home Minister informed the Lok Sabha that Suleman, Afghan, and Jibran were Lashkar terrorists who had killed innocent and unarmed Indians in Pahalgam. The Army, CRPF, and J&K Police conducted a two-month-long operation and finally brought them to justice. Our soldiers and CRPF worked day and night to find them. They searched for them in the inaccessible mountains and eliminated them when the time came. This operation, dubbed Operation Mahadev, became an example of courage and bravery. Furthermore, they have made great sacrifices in eliminating the country's internal enemies. Their campaign against the Maoists has been conducted in several phases and is beginning to yield results. A large number of Maoists have either surrendered or been killed. In recent years, the Home Ministry launched a major operation, giving the CRPF complete freedom of action, equipping them with modern weapons, providing drone support, and increasing the number of checkpoints. Home Minister Amit Shah took personal responsibility and named the operation

Operation Forest. This has been the largest operation against Naxalites to date. The CRPF, in collaboration with the Chhattisgarh Police, surrounded the Kareduttlu Hills on the Telangana border. With their indomitable courage and skill, they killed Nambala Keshav Rao, the general secretary of the CPI-Maoist faction. This dreaded Maoist was responsible for the 2010 Dantewada massacre and the killing of 76 CRPF personnel. Many of his associates were also killed there, and a large number of Maoists surrendered.

The Home Minister also claimed that the entire area would be freed from Naxalites by March 31, 2026. For this bravery and fighting spirit, the Home Minister personally honored the paramilitary forces. Previously, such a tradition had not existed, and stories of their bravery were rare, as previous governments paid little attention to them. However, the current government has taken notice of them and implemented several initiatives for their welfare, which have increased the paramilitary forces' trust in the government and made them more dedicated. In 2021, the Home Ministry launched an initiative called Ayushman CAPF, which provided paperless treatment in private and government hospitals for personnel of the Central

Armed Forces, Assam Rifles, National Security Guard, NDRF, and their dependents. Nearly 4.2 million cards have been issued so far. Furthermore, in case of unfortunate death, a provision of 2.5 million has been made to the next of kin. If a soldier is martyred in any form of violence or terrorist attack, this amount will be 3.5 million. Free treatment has been established for retired soldiers or officers and their dependents in CGHS/CPMF hospitals. An improved pension scheme has been introduced for the Central Armed Forces.

A special pension scheme has been developed for the families of those martyred or disabled. Separate allowances have been established for personnel serving in high-risk areas. An e-housing portal is in operation for Central Armed Forces personnel and officers, making it easier for them to access housing. Every citizen desires a good education for their children, and to fulfill this vision, the PM Scholarship Scheme has been launched, providing 3,000 per month for girls and 2,500 for boys. The purpose of providing these benefits is to ensure that soldiers fighting for the country are confident about their families' futures and perform their duties with the same zeal and enthusiasm, instilling in them a sense of security.

Narendra Modi's hallmark: Ability to take quick and timely tough decisions

In the latest survey of popularity on the global platform by Morning Consult, once again the popularity or rather approval rate of 75 year old Narendra Modi has been 75 percent. This is much higher than other world leaders, on the other hand, in the recent Pew Research report, only 40 percent people are left with trust in US President Donald Trump and out of these only 15 percent are those who trust Trump completely.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad Sharma

At the time of elections, 81 percent Americans trusted the leader, but now only 40 percent Americans trust him and out of these 25 percent have some trust, only 15 percent Americans are expressing complete trust in Trump. Now 59 percent Americans have no trust in Trump at all. One thing should be clear: South Korean President Lee Jae Myung, who came in second in this Morning Consult survey, received 59 percent approval, while Argentine President Javier Mela received 57 percent approval.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's approval is due to his clean image not only at home but also abroad. His leadership in diplomacy, technology, defense, the economy, and his unwavering commitment to non-compliance

have further enhanced his popularity. The key point is that no matter how much the opposition may shout, there is no doubt that neither the country nor the world has any doubt about Narendra Modi and the Army's statements regarding Operation Sindoor. Even Pakistan occasionally expresses its anguish over Operation Sindoor. Therefore, the opposition's negative criticism of Operation Sindoor only serves to further strengthen the credibility of Modi and the Modi government.

This becomes especially important because Narendra Modi is celebrating the culmination of his life. The indomitable courage and determination that 75-year-old Narendra Modi is displaying, and especially the way he has completely refused to bow down to the tariffs of America and US President Donald Trump, seems

to have created a situation where Trump himself will be forced to bow down.

Today, no country or world leader can take India and Narendra Modi lightly. There's a reason for this: India today has the ability to talk face to face. This can be easily understood from Trump's frustration. In fact, in today's world, leaders who are bold, aggressive, and take tough and quick decisions are becoming the people's choice. Leaders who are caught in the dilemma of making decisions, worrying about the good and bad consequences, cannot be the people's choice today. A major reason for this is the ongoing global crisis. But it must also be understood that the world does not like leaders like Trump who are arrogant, make arbitrary decisions, behave like street urchins, and make foolish decisions and then face

the consequences. In times of crisis, people believe that we need a leader who makes quick and tough decisions, not one who is open to criticism or deliberates. There is no doubt that Narendra Modi has lived up to this.

It should be clear that credibility isn't built in a single day or with a single action. Furthermore, targeting a particular individual won't achieve much. Cultivating the habit of calling good things good and bad things bad can perhaps help the public more effectively and win them over. When national identity and the military's prowess are questioned, a true patriotic citizen cannot accept it, despite its numerous shortcomings. This is why Narendra Modi has emerged even more resilient from the attacks. Today, when Trump criticizes India's economy, it's not acceptable to the countrymen.

Similarly, when Operation Sindoor is questioned, the public sees it as a call against the country and an insult to the military. When he raises a copy of the Constitution and calls for saving it, he recalls publicly tearing up a notification passed by Parliament during his government. When he raises questions about GST, how can the public reject the relief it provides today? Therefore, only by coming forward with positive opposition can we overcome Modi and his policies.

Parliament and state legislatures are in a state of stalemate, open discussions are impossible, and sessions are becoming shorter year after year. Discussions that lasted until midnight are now a thing of the past. In such a situation, talk of defeating Modi based solely on accusations and counter-accusations is meaningless.

IEM Kolkata Hosts Global IEM-HEALS Health Summit 2025

New Delhi, Agency: The city is gearing up to welcome an international gathering of scientists, innovators, and healthcare leaders as it hosts IEM-HEALS 2025, the International Conference on Advancing Science and Technologies in Health Science. The three-day event began on September 19, at the CII Auditorium, IEM Management House, Salt Lake, and will continue till September 21.

Organised by the Institute of Engineering & Management (IEM) in association with UEM Kolkata, SMART Society USA, Rotary Club of Salt Lake Silicon Valley, Lions Club of Kolkata IEM, and Lions Club of Salt Lake IEM, the summit promises to be a unique con-

fluence of ideas, technology, and culture.

The inaugural session was attended by Prof. Banani Chakrabarti, President, IEM-UEM Group, and Prof. Dr. Satyajit Chakrabarti, Director, IEM, along with senior academics including Prof. Dr. Rajashree Paul, Director, IQAC, Prof. Dr. Arun Kr. Bar, Principal, Prof. Dr. Malay Gangopadhyaya, Dean, Prof. Dipitman Dasgupta, COO, and many others.

A highlight of the summit is the IEM Global Excellence Awards 2025, which recognised achievers across healthcare, science, technology, and culture. This year's awardees include Dr. Sunjae Lee (South Korea) for systems biology, Dr. Arunava Goswami (ISI) in bio-



logical sciences, Dr. Thankamani Kutty for therapeutic wellbeing, and Dr. Jaydip Bhattacharya in gynecological oncology. Other recipients are Dr. Basudeb Mukherjee,

Dr. Dipankar Chakrabarti, Dr. Ritu Kulshreshtha, Dr. Debi Prasad Pati, Dr. Partha P. Majumder, and Dr. Saurabh Chatterjee.

The conference is also host-

ing lectures by eminent global experts, including Dr. Anthony Scimè (York University, Canada), Dr. Jaideep Banerjee (Smith & Nephew, USA), Dr. Gopal Das (IIT Guwahati), and Dr. Saugata Hazra (IIT Roorkee). Their sessions are expected to focus on emerging fields such as AI in wound management, immune system modelling, micro RNA nanotherapeutics, bio-mineralization, and translational medicine.

In addition to academic sessions, the summit features several special events. On September 20, the Hack2Heal Hackathon will provide a platform for students to present AI-powered healthcare solutions before industry leaders. Hands-on workshops will

explore topics such as AI-driven enzyme characterization to counter antibacterial resistance.

A project exhibition will showcase innovations ranging from humanoid robots and aquaponics farming to electric wheelchairs, fire-extinguisher ball launchers, and women's safety devices.

Speaking about the event, Prof. Dr. Satyajit Chakrabarti said, "IEM-HEALS 2025 is more than an academic event—it is a celebration of progress and collaboration."

Prof. Dr. Rajashree Paul, Director, IQAC, remarked, "IEM-HEALS 2025 stands as a bridge between academia and industry, where ideas are nurtured into impactful solutions that touch lives globally."

Sitharaman lauds women workers for sustaining Tamil Nadu's matchbox industry

Kovilpatti, Agency: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday lauded the efforts of women labourers employed in the match industry in Tamil Nadu. Sitharaman said that their tireless contribution has given life to the sector. The

Finance Minister said this while addressing the centenary celebrations of Tamil Nadu Match Industry in Kovilpatti.

She stressed that the sector has been mainly led by women. Speaking about the challenges faced by women



in the region, Sitharaman said, "In this drought-prone land, where there is neither adequate rainfall nor relief

Tesla wins approval to test autonomous robotaxis in Arizona



New Delhi, Agency: Tesla has been approved to start testing autonomous robotaxi vehicles with a safety monitor in Arizona, the state transportation department said in an email to Reuters on Friday.

Tesla had applied in June for a permit to begin trials for an autonomous vehicle ride-sharing

service, and now plans to test robotaxis in the Phoenix Metro area using safety drivers, the Arizona Department of Transportation said in its email.

Tesla did not respond to a Reuters request for comment. It was not immediately clear when the trials would start or how long they would last.

Centre launches GST grievance redressal facility on National Consumer Helpline

New Delhi, Agency: The Central government has launched a dedicated GST grievance section on the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) to address queries and complaints related to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) 2.0 reforms.

The Department of Consumer Affairs said in a statement on Saturday that the National Consumer Helpline is available on the toll-free number 1915 or online in 16 Indian languages and English.

It serves as a single pre-litigation hub for consumers across the country to lodge complaints at the pre-litigation stage. Consumers can also lodge GST-related com-

plaints through the Unified Grievance

Redressal Mechanism portal, which covers key sectors such as automobile, banking, consumer durables, e-commerce and fast-moving consumer goods. The GST reforms will come into effect from September 22.

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution stated that consumers can also lodge GST-related complaints through the Unified Grievance Redressal.

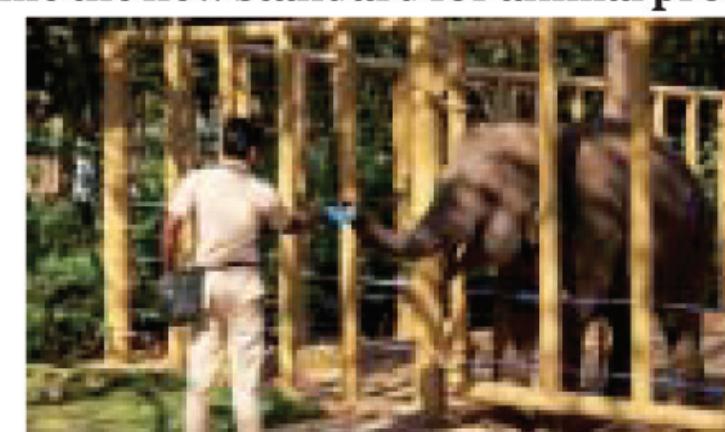
Mechanism portal, which covers key sectors such as automobile, banking, consumer durables, e-commerce, and consumer goods of daily use.

Vantara has become the new standard for animal protection in the world

New Delhi, Agency: Vantara has once again proven itself to be one of the world's leading animal conservation centers. A recent Supreme Court report confirmed that Vantara's operations meet not only Indian but also international standards.

In today's world, the protection of animals and natural resources is receiving increasing attention. Initiatives like Vantara are setting India a positive example globally.

The recent SIT report released by the Supreme Court described Vantara's model as a new standard for animal protection through ethical, transparent, and scientific methods.



In animal welfare cases, Supreme Court Justices Pankaj Mittal and P.B. Varale, citing the SIT report, said that the animal mortality rate at Vantara was in line with the international average and that the care and

management practices were in accordance with international standards.

The Supreme Court also noted that independent organizations like Global Humane have awarded Vantara the Global Humane Certified Seal of Approval

after conducting on-site inspections and audits. This accreditation independently certifies Vantara's high standards of animal welfare and protection.

Under Anant Ambani's leadership, Vantara has set an example of compassionate and science-based animal care.

By providing state-of-the-art veterinary clinics, specialized diet plans, and natural habitats, the animals are not only saved but also their physical and mental health is addressed.

The report also states that Vantara's approach focuses on the holistic development and well-being of each animal.

Maharashtra has the highest number of millionaire families in the country, with Mumbai becoming the 'Millionaire Capital'

Maharashtra, Agency: has become the state with the highest number of wealthy families in the country. According to the Mercedes-Benz Hurun India Wealth Report 2025, the number of millionaire families in the state has increased to 178,600. This is a 194 percent increase compared to 2021. Maharashtra's GSDP increased by 55 percent.

The report states that Maharashtra's gross state domestic product (GSDP) has grown by 55 percent since 2020-21. Mumbai alone has 142,000 millionaire families, making it the country's "millionaire capital."

There are more than eight lakh crore families across the country.

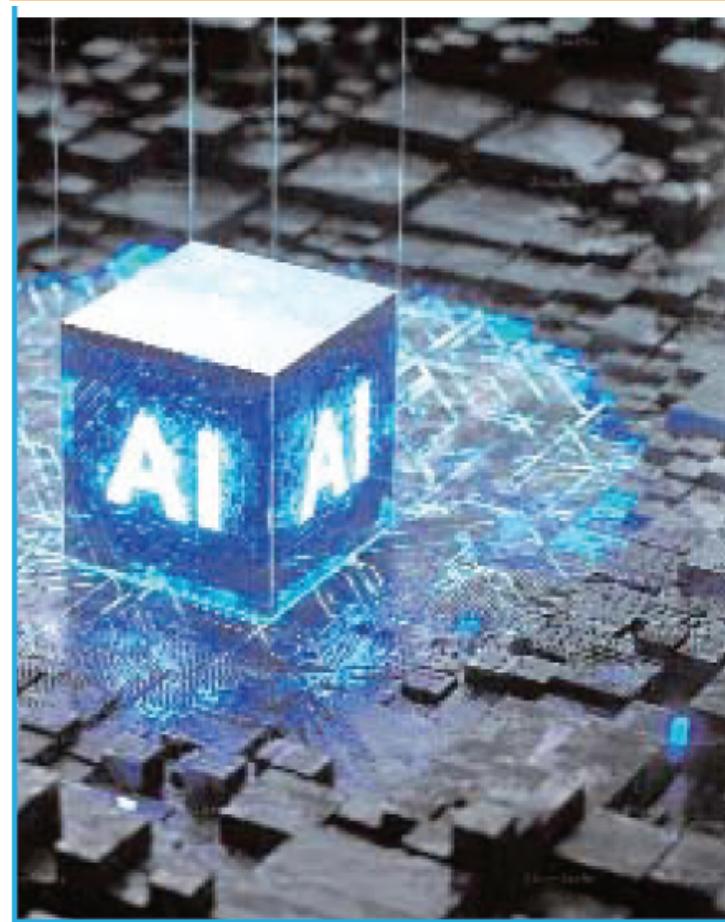
There are now 871,700 crore families across India, with a net worth of ₹8.5 crore or more. This represents a 90 percent increase compared to 2021. This indicates strong growth in household wealth across the country. Despite this nationwide surge, wealth



remains concentrated in a few regions, with the top 10 states accounting for over 79 percent of total crore families. How many crore families in which states/UTs Delhi is second on the list with 79,800 crore families. Tamil Nadu ranks third at the state level with 72,600 crore families. Karnataka is followed by Gujarat with 68,800 crore families and Gujarat with 68,300 crore families.

Apart from these, Uttar Pradesh is at sixth place with 57,700 crore families. While Telangana is right behind with 51,700 families.

West Bengal with 50,400 families, Rajasthan with 33,100 families and Haryana with 30,500 crore families complete the top 10. Together, these states represent major centres of economic prosperity that shape India's wealth map.



India to release AI safety framework by September 28, minister confirms

New Delhi: The Indian government will release a non-prescriptive Artificial Intelligence governance framework by September 28, according to IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. The framework is designed to define safety boundaries and establish checks and balances to protect citizens from potential harm caused by AI.

Speaking on Thursday, Vaishnaw stated that India is placing a strong

emphasis on AI safety, a key topic that will also be a major focus at the AI Impact Summit it will host in February 2026. The minister noted that India supports a consensus-based, common global governance framework for AI.

No clarity of China's participation

When asked about the participation of countries like China, which did not attend previous summits in the UK, South Korea,

and France, Vaishnaw said that the Ministry of External Affairs will help decide the list of invitees. The high-profile summit, to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 19-20, 2026, is expected to draw heads of state from several nations.

The minister confirmed that the framework is the result of extensive consultations led by the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government, Ajay

Kumar Sood, involving over 3,000 stakeholders. Over time, parts of the framework necessary for citizen safety may be converted into law, while other aspects will remain as a guiding framework. This approach, he asserted, strikes a balance between innovation and regulation.

AI-generated synthetic content and deepfakes

Vaishnaw also addressed concerns about AI-generated

synthetic content and deepfakes, citing a recent deepfake video of Prime Minister Modi and his late mother as an example. He emphasized that the new governance framework and the upcoming summit will have a strong focus on ensuring the safety of citizens and users. The framework will outline how to deal with harm caused by AI, ensuring proper checks and balances as the adoption of AI becomes more widespread.

Gemini

Google allows users to share custom Gemini AI Assistants called Gems: All you need to know

New Delhi: Google, one of the leading names in the tech world, has rolled out a major update to its Gemini AI platform. The tech giant has given users the ability to share customised AI assistants, which have been named 'Gems'. This newly added feature will make it easier for people to collaborate by distributing personalised chatbots with others.

What are Gemini Gems?

Gems were introduced last year as part of the Gemini Advanced subscription plan. They allow users to create AI helpers tailored to specific tasks using custom instructions. Google also provided pre-made Gems, such as:

- Learning coach
- Brainstorming partner
- Career guide
- Writing editor
- Coding assistant

Share Gems like Google Drive files

Until now, Gems were only private to the creator. With this new update, users will be able to share their Gems with friends, family, or colleagues just like files on Google Drive. They can also set permissions to decide who

can view, use, or edit them.

This feature is designed to save time and reduce duplication, especially in workplaces where multiple people might create similar assistants. Everyday users can also benefit by sharing meal planners, travel itineraries, or writing tools.

Available to all users worldwide

Earlier, Gems were restricted to Gemini Advanced, Business, and Enterprise subscribers. But now, Google has made them available to all users across more than 150 countries, along with support for file uploads.

This expansion follows Google's March announcement that it would bring Gems beyond paid tiers, aiming to make AI collaboration simpler and more accessible.

With this new update, Google is making Gemini more collaborative and user-friendly. By allowing users to share Gems just like Google Drive files, the company has opened up endless possibilities – from simplifying office teamwork to enhancing personal tasks like trip planning or learning. As Gemini continues to evolve, shared Gems could soon become an everyday tool for both productivity and creativity.

Gemini Nano Banana AI prompts to transform you into a mug, a doll or a video game character



New Delhi: Google's Gemini 2.5 Flash Image model, popularly known as Nano Banana AI, has gone viral on social media thanks to its creative image transformations.

From giving selfies a retro saree look to making 3D figurines, this tool has quickly become one of the biggest AI trends of 2025. Now, Google has shared five ready-made prompts that users can try in Nano Banana to give their profile pictures a unique twist.

Why Indians love the Nano Banana trend

With festivals like Durga Puja and Diwali around the corner, Nano Banana gives people a fun

way to style their profile pictures without expensive photo shoots. From saree-themed portraits to quirky doll-like images, this trend is set to dominate social media feeds in India.

What makes Gemini Nano Banana AI special?

Nano Banana is Google's latest AI image editing and generation tool built into the Gemini app. Unlike traditional photo-editing software, it can perform complex edits while keeping your face, expressions, and style intact.

All you need to do is upload a picture and enter a prompt, and Nano Banana will generate a fresh, creative version of

your image.

5 Google-approved prompts to try
Paperback Bestseller Cover

Prompt: "Turn me into the cover character on a worn, paperback best seller."

90s Video Game Character

Prompt: "Without changing my outfit, what would I look like as a racing video game character from the 90s?"

Alternative for better results: "Transform this photo into a 90s-style racing video game character, pixel art style, driving a red race car, same outfit, retro HUD.)"

iPhone 17 launch chaos in India: Long queues overnight waits, and scuffles at Apple stores

New Delhi: Apple's much-awaited iPhone 17 series officially went on sale in India today, and the craze was nothing short of extraordinary. All four Apple Stores in the country – New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Pune – opened at 8 a.m., but eager buyers had already lined up hours before.

With starting prices at Rs 82,900, the iPhone 17 series has already become one of the most talked-about launches of 2025 in India.

Scuffles break out at Mumbai's BKC Apple Store

The most chaotic scenes came from the Apple Store in Mumbai's BKC Jio Centre, where videos showed customers fighting in the queue. Some were seen throwing

punches while security guards blew whistles in an attempt to control the crowd.

Shoppers alleged that people were cutting lines while security staff failed to manage the situation. A disappointed buyer, Mohan Yadav, told news agency:

"I have been waiting since morning, but people are breaking lines. Security is not taking responsibility. Genuine customers are suffering."

Officials eventually intervened and removed the troublemakers from the crowd.

Long queues in Delhi, Bengaluru and Pune

The craze was not just limited to Mumbai. At the New Delhi Apple Store in Select Citywalk Mall, the queue stretched across two floors.



Some buyers had camped overnight since 1 a.m. to be among the first to grab the new iPhone.

Shoppers from Punjab and nearby states also travelled to

Delhi for the launch, with some even calling in sick at work just to be present at the sale. Similar excitement was witnessed in Apple Stores in Bengaluru and Pune.

iPhone 17 series: Price in India for all variants

Apple has launched four models in India under the new series:

iPhone 17 at Rs 82,900
iPhone 17 Air at Rs 1,19,900
iPhone 17 Pro at Rs 1,34,900
iPhone 17 Pro Max at Rs 1,49,900

Despite the premium prices, demand remains sky-high. Analysts believe the iPhone 17 series will be another major success for Apple in India.

Rubina Dilaik's Stylish Look Pictures Shared on Social Media



Popular television actress Rubina Dilaik is currently appearing with her husband Abhinav Shukla in the TV reality show Pati Patni Aur Panga. On Wednesday, she posted a few pictures on social media in which she looks absolutely stunning. The photos showcase her glamorous and stylish appearance.

In these pictures, Rubina is wearing a black Indo-Western outfit that enhances her beauty even more. With minimal makeup, she created a perfect blend of simplicity and charm. She styled the front of her hair while making a braid at the back, giving her look an extra touch of elegance. To complete the look, she wore stylish sunglasses, adding a trendy vibe. Her confidence and bold attitude shine clearly through these photos.

Along with the pictures on Instagram, Rubina captioned them, "Bas kho baitha" ("Just lost myself"). The photos appear to be taken at an outdoor location, where her smile and confidence have completely won over her fans. Followers flooded the post with comments, reacting with admiration. Rubina Dilaik became a household name with TV serials like Chotti Bahu and Shakti: Astitva Ke Ehsaas Ki.



Nick Jonas celebrated his 33rd birthday with Priyanka Chopra on the set of Camp Rock

Nick Jonas is a popular pop star, actor, and songwriter. In 2005, he formed a band called Jonas Brothers with his brothers, through which they delivered several hit albums. In 2008, they received a Grammy nomination for Best New Artist.

Actor Nick Jonas, who is also actress Priyanka Chopra's husband, celebrated his 33rd birthday with family and friends on the set of the film Camp Rock. He shared pictures of the celebration on social media on Thursday.

Nick posted a video and some photos on Instagram with the caption, "Somehow I've celebrated my birthday on the Camp Rock set for the third time—15, 17, and now the best one yet, my 33rd, with my lovely Priyanka."

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Nick has appeared in Disney Channel's popular shows Hannah Montana and Camp Rock. He has also acted in Hollywood films such as Jumanji, Goat, and The Good Half.

Nick and Priyanka's love



story is no less romantic. They began dating in 2018 and got married the same year in December at Jodhpur's Umaid Bhawan Palace, following both Hindu and Christian rituals. In January 2022, their daughter, Malti Marie Chopra Jonas, was born via surrogacy.

Deepika Padukone exits the sequel of Kalki 2898 AD

The makers have confirmed it

The film's production company, Vyjayanthi Movies, made this announcement on the social media platform X.

In the post, the company wrote, "It is officially announced that Deepika Padukone will no longer be a part of the upcoming sequel of Kalki 2898 AD. After thorough discussions, it has been decided that we will not be working together going forward.

The audience has long been waiting for the sequel of Kalki 2898 AD. Earlier, it was being said that actress Deepika Padukone would reprise her role in the film. However, on Thursday, the makers officially

announced that Deepika Padukone will no longer be part of the sequel.

They explained that this superhit film deserves complete commitment and even more dedication.

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"It is officially announced that Deepika Padukone will no longer be a part of the upcoming sequel of Kalki 2898 AD. After thorough discussions, it has been decided that we will not be working together going forward. Despite the long journey of the first film, no permanent partnership could

be formed. A film like Kalki 2898 AD deserves absolute dedication and more. We wish Deepika all the best for her future projects."

Meanwhile, the sequel's shooting is already underway. Some time ago, actor Amitabh Bachchan shared this update in one of his social media posts.

Released in 2024 and directed by Nag Ashwin, Kalki 2898 AD starred Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, Prabhas, Deepika Padukone, and Disha Patani.

The film performed tremendously at the box office, becoming the second-highest-grossing film of 2024 and the fourth-highest-grossing Telugu film of all time.



Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari's New Song "Perfect" Released, Guru Randhawa Steals the Show

The new song "Perfect" from Shashank Khaitan's upcoming film Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari has been released, and it has already created a buzz on social media. With its catchy music, glamorous visuals, and energetic dance moves, the track instantly captures the audience's attention. The song once again brings together the sizzling pair of Varun Dhawan and Janhvi Kapoor on screen, while Punjabi pop star Guru Randhawa elevates it with both his voice and performance.

The track opens in an interesting way: Varun Dhawan is seen holding a basketball, sporting a cool college-boy look, when Guru Randhawa walks up to him and asks, "Did you meet Tulsi?" To this, Varun replies with a mix of impatience and frustration, "Where is she? There's no sign of my Tulsi Kumari, bro." This playful conversation sets the tone for the fun-filled story of the song.

Soon after, two girls walk by, and Varun and Guru follow them, only to be interrupted by the grand entry of the real heroine, Janhvi Kapoor. Janhvi steps out of a luxury car in a stunning, head-turning moment that leaves both Varun and Guru staring in awe. Janhvi's look in the song is bold, stylish, and effortlessly graceful.



"Main Kaagaz Berang..." Sapna Choudhary's New Photoshoot and Shayari Win Hearts

Haryana superstar dancer and singer Sapna Choudhary needs no introduction. With her unique dance style and powerful personality, she has carved a special place in the hearts of millions. Her social media following is massive, and fans eagerly await every new post she shares. On Wednesday, Sapna posted a series of breathtaking pictures on her Instagram account, showcasing a look that is truly worth admiring.

In this photoshoot, Sapna is wearing a royal blue silk saree adorned with a delicate, shimmering golden border. Her blouse perfectly matches the saree and features intricate embroidery with golden threads. Her hairstyle is also drawing a lot of attention—she has tied her hair back, giving her an elegant, regal appearance. Completing the look, she wore statement golden ear-cuff earrings, which add a royal charm, along with a gold bracelet and a large ring, lending a classic touch to her overall style.

In all the pictures, Sapna strikes different poses for the camera. In one shot, she flaunts a tattoo on her hand; in another, she lowers her gaze gracefully; and in yet another, she playfully lifts her saree pallu in the air.

Kajol and Farah Call Aryan Khan's Debut Project a Hit, Excitement at the Screening



The screening of The Bads of Bollywood, the directorial debut series of actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan, was recently held. Many well-known Bollywood celebrities attended the event and congratulated Aryan through social media posts.

Actress Kajol shared several pictures and videos from the screening on Instagram, where she was seen with Ajay Devgn, Shah Rukh Khan, Gauri Khan, Suhana Khan, and Aryan Khan. In the caption, Kajol wrote, "Congratulations Aryan on The Bads of Bollywood. I'm sure your show will be even more amazing than this."

Super excited!"

In one of the posted videos, Kajol is seen posing with her husband Ajay Devgn and Shah Rukh Khan. The three can be heard joking playfully about the series' title. Other photos show Kajol posing with Aryan, his sister Suhana, and mother Gauri Khan.

Renowned choreographer and filmmaker Farah Khan also posted a picture from the screening on her Instagram Stories with the caption, "Wishing you loads of success in advance." The Bads of Bollywood is produced under Shah Rukh Khan's Red Chillies Entertainment banner by Gauri Khan herself.