

NEET RE-EXAM IS OVER NOW!

IF YOU WANT TO STUDY **IN ABROAD**

ADMISSION PROCESS INTAKE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 IS ALREADY STARTED!

THERE IS NO TIME!
Secure your seat for September 2026 intake before it's too late.

WHATSAPP US YOUR QUERIES - 9674309492

NEWS MANIA

WEEKLY **Different Voice of Analysis**

AYODHYA: BEYOND THE VERDICT

The Mosque That Shrunk

WHY AYODHYA'S PROMISED MOSQUE PROJECT IS BEING SCALED DOWN

“
A SYMBOL OF
PROMISE,
A TEST OF
COMMITMENT.
”

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- SUPREME COURT VERDICT (2019)**
Five acres of land allotted in Ayodhya for the Muslim community to build a mosque.
- THE ORIGINAL PLAN**
A grand mosque, 300-bed hospital, library, and community facilities on the five-acre plot.
- FUNDING SHORTFALL**
Only ₹1.5 crore collected so far; ₹3-5 crore needed for a scaled-down mosque.
- SCALED-DOWN PROJECT**
Hospital, library and other facilities dropped. Plans now limited to a much smaller mosque.
- WHY SUPPORT IS LIMITED**
Changing priorities, economic pressures, and focus on education and welfare over infrastructure.

FROM AN
AMBITIOUS
VISION TO A
MODEST PLAN



A TALE OF TWO PROJECTS

While the Ram Temple rises in grandeur, the promised mosque struggles for support.

“
Legal justice has been delivered.
Social justice requires participation,
generosity and trust.
”



BEYOND DISPUTES
Ayodhya's future depends on harmony, development and shared responsibility.



LOOKING AHEAD
A smaller mosque can still be a meaningful symbol of peace and inclusion.



WHAT MATTERS MOST
Building trust between communities is the real foundation of progress.

AYODHYA'S JOURNEY CONTINUES—FROM CONFLICT TO COEXISTENCE.

Ayodhya After the Verdict: Why the Promised Mosque Project Has Been Scaled Down

Ms. Bornali Biswas —Editor in Chief

Summary

- Ayodhya mosque project scaled back as donations fall short
- Muslim trust drops hospital, library plans amid lack of funds
- Muslim trust plans to construct a scaled-down mosque

Nearly seven years after the Supreme Court of India's landmark verdict in the Ayodhya title dispute, the mosque project envisioned as part of the historic settlement has undergone a significant transformation. Originally conceived as a symbol of reconciliation and community development, the project has now been scaled down substantially due to a severe funding shortfall and limited public support.

A Landmark Verdict and a Promise

In November 2019, the Supreme Court of India delivered its historic judgment in the Ayodhya land dispute, awarding the disputed site to the Hindu side for the construction of the Ram Temple while directing the Uttar Pradesh Government to allot five acres of land to the Muslim community for the construction of a mosque. The judgment sought to bring closure to one of independent India's longest and most sensitive legal disputes. Following the verdict, the Uttar Pradesh government allotted land in Dhannipur village, Ayodhya district. The Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation (IICF) was subsequently established to oversee the development of the mosque complex.

The Original Vision

The proposed project extended far beyond a place of worship. According to the IICF's original blueprint, the complex was expected to include:

- A grand mosque
- A 300-bed multi-specialty hospital
- A public library
- Community service facilities
- Educational and cultural spaces

The concept aimed to combine faith with healthcare, education and public welfare, presenting the



complex as a symbol of peace, inclusivity and social service.

Funding Challenges

However, nearly six years after the verdict, the ambitious project has encountered serious financial constraints.

IICF Chairman Zufar Ahmad Faruqi acknowledged that donations from the Muslim community have remained significantly below expectations.

According to foundation officials:

- Only around ₹1.5 crore has been raised through donations.
- The revised mosque alone is expected to cost between ₹3 crore and ₹5 crore.
- The hospital, library and several community facilities have now been dropped from the project due to inadequate funding.

Foundation Secretary Athar Husain stated that the trust now intends to construct a much smaller mosque instead of the comprehensive cultural and healthcare complex originally envisioned.

Why Has Support Been Limited?

Several factors appear to have contributed to the funding shortfall:

Community Priorities: Many donors have reportedly chosen to contribute towards education, healthcare and local welfare initiatives rather than a large religious infrastructure project.

Economic Constraints: Inflation and financial pressures have affected charitable giving across communities.

Changing Social Priorities: Sections of the Muslim community have increasingly

emphasized educational empowerment, employment generation and social development over symbolic projects.

Although foundation officials described the situation as reflecting a "lack of interest," community observers argue that it may instead represent shifting priorities rather than indifference.

A Contrast with the Ram Temple

While the mosque project has slowed considerably, the Ram Temple has progressed rapidly. The temple, built at the disputed site after the Supreme Court judgment, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in January 2024 and has since become one of India's largest religious destinations, attracting millions of pilgrims. The contrasting pace of the two

projects has drawn national attention and sparked debate over fundraising capacity, community mobilisation and public sentiment.

Political Dimensions

Ayodhya continues to remain politically significant, particularly in Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state. The mosque project's slowdown comes amid continuing political discussions surrounding religious heritage, minority welfare and communal harmony.

Separately, recent reports regarding alleged financial irregularities linked to donations associated with the Ram Temple administration have also entered political discourse, with opposition parties demanding accountability. Authorities have initiated administrative measures regarding these allegations, which remain subject to investigation.

Beyond Brick and Mortar

The Ayodhya verdict was intended not only to resolve a property dispute but also to promote reconciliation after decades of conflict that culminated in the demolition of the Babri Masjid in 1992 and the communal violence that followed.

The scaling down of the mosque project highlights an important reality: legal resolutions do not automatically translate into social participation or financial support. Community institutions ultimately depend upon public trust, sustained engagement and adequate resources.

Whether modest or ambitious, the mosque's eventual completion may still serve as an important symbol of constitutional accommodation. Equally significant will be how both communities continue to build trust beyond the courtroom.

Ayodhya's story today is no longer solely about competing claims over land. It has become a broader reflection of changing social priorities, philanthropy, public participation and India's continuing effort to balance faith, development and constitutional values in one of its most closely watched religious landscapes.



ED Freezes ₹440 Crore in TMC-Linked Accounts; Political Row Intensifies

Ajay Chowdhury: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has frozen ₹440 crore in bank deposits as part of an investigation into alleged financial irregularities linked to the Trinamool Congress (TMC).

According to the agency, the probe relates to the suspected routing of more than ₹100 crore to an aviation company through transactions under investigation. The action marks one of the most significant financial probes involving accounts linked to the ruling West Bengal party. The ED stated that the freeze is part of its ongoing investigation into alleged money laundering and financial transactions. The TMC has



strongly rejected the allegations, describing the ED's action as politically motivated and accusing the Centre of misusing central investigative agencies to target political opponents. The party has maintained that it has committed no wrongdoing and will challenge the action through legal means. The investigation is ongoing, and the ED is expected to continue examining financial records and transaction trails as part of the case.

Calcutta High Court Seeks State's Response on ISKCON Midday Meal Contract



News Mania Desk: The Calcutta High Court has directed the West Bengal government to file an affidavit in response to a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) challenging the handling of student midday meal distribution contracts involving International Society for Krishna Consciousness. The petition

questions the state's decision to halt the contract process and alleges a lack of clarity over awarding the work to ISKCON. The High Court has sought a detailed explanation from the government, and the matter will be taken up further after the affidavit is submitted.

Abhishek Banerjee Skips Court Appearance in Voice Sample Case

News Mania Desk: Abhishek Banerjee, General Secretary of the All India Trinamool Congress (TMC), did not appear before a magistrate to provide his voice sample in connection with an alleged intimidatory speech case. His legal team had sought an urgent hearing before the Calcutta High Court regarding challenges to his election speech proceedings, but the court declined the request. The case re-

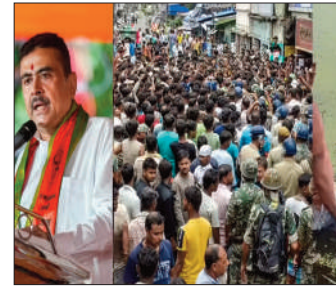


mains under judicial consideration, with further legal proceedings expected in the coming days.

Baruipur Horror: CM Suvendu Adhikari Vows Justice as Key Accused Dies in Police Encounter

Ajay Chowdhury: The alleged rape and murder of a minor girl in Baruipur, South 24 Parganas, has triggered widespread outrage across West Bengal, prompting the state government to announce stringent action against the accused and those responsible for subsequent violence.

Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari assured that the rule of law would prevail, stating that the government is committed to ensuring the strictest punishment for those responsible. Three of the four main accused have already been arrested, while police confirmed that a man assaulted during the ensuing mob violence was innocent. The Chief Minister met the victim's family and the assaulted man's relatives, promising justice and full support. He also announced a per-



manent police outpost in the area and warned of strict action against nearly 200 people identified for vandalising public property and allegedly instigating unrest. In a dramatic development, Prabash Mondal, one of the accused, was killed in a police encounter during a crime scene reconstruction in Suryapur. According to police, Mondal allegedly snatched a service weapon, opened fire on officers, and attempted to escape, prompting police to retali-

ate in self-defence. He later succumbed to his injuries at Baruipur Hospital. Mandatory legal procedures into the encounter have been initiated.

Reacting to the encounter, BJP leader Keya Ghosh said the available information indicated that the accused had attempted to flee and attack police personnel before being shot in self-defence.

Earlier, West Bengal Minister Agnimitra Paul strongly condemned the crime, describing it as "tragic and condemnable" and asserting that the government would not tolerate such atrocities. She called for the harshest possible punishment for those found guilty.

The investigation remains ongoing as authorities continue to pursue justice for the victim while maintaining law and order in the region.

Real-Time NH10 Travel App Launched for Monsoon Commuters



News Mania Desk: Authorities have launched a dedicated mobile application providing real-time travel updates for National Highway 10 (NH10) to enhance commuter safety during the monsoon season. The highway, which connects Kalimpong with Sikkim, is highly vulnerable to landslides and traffic disruptions during heavy rainfall. The app offers live information on road conditions, traffic movement, and blockages, enabling travellers to plan their journeys more safely. Officials said the initiative aims to reduce risks, improve emergency response, and ensure timely updates for motorists using the crucial mountain route.

Viral Video Featuring Mamata Banerjee Triggers Political Controversy in West Bengal

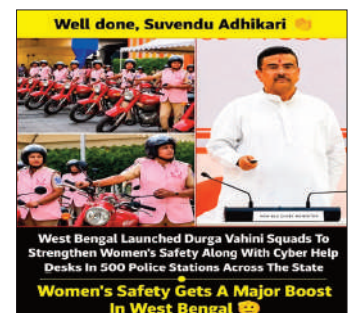
Ajay Chowdhury: A viral video purportedly showing West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee slapping a Trinamool Congress (TMC) worker during a protest in Kolkata has sparked a fresh political controversy in the state. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) criticised the alleged incident, describing it as an abuse of power and demanding an explanation from the Chief Minister. The video has since circulated widely on social media, fuelling political debate. The TMC, however, has rejected the allegations, asserting that the claims surrounding the video are misleading and politically motivated.



Party leaders have disputed the opposition's interpretation of the footage. The authenticity and context of the viral video have not been independently verified. The controversy has added to the ongoing political exchanges between the ruling TMC and the opposition BJP in West Bengal.

All 500 Bengal Police Stations Now Have Cyber Cells and Women's Help Desks

News Mania Desk: The West Bengal government has announced that all 500 police stations across the state are now equipped with dedicated cyber cells and women's help desks. The initiative aims to strengthen public safety by improving the response to cybercrime and providing enhanced support for women seeking police assistance. Officials said the specialized units will ensure quicker grievance redressal, better investigation of cyber-related offences, and a more accessible and victim-friendly policing system. The move marks a significant step towards modernizing



police infrastructure and enhancing citizen-centric services across West Bengal.

Youth and Society: Rebuilding the Spirit of Solidarity



Ms. Bornali Biswas –Editor in Chief

"Youth are the future of the nation" is a phrase often repeated by leaders, educators and policymakers. Yet the true value of young people lies not only in their future potential but also in their ability to shape society today. Their energy, innovation and courage can drive social progress, strengthen democracy and inspire communities. However, growing signs of social disengagement among a section of the youth have become a matter of concern. The reasons are complex. Modern life places enormous pressure on young people to secure education, employment and financial stability. In this race for survival, community service and civic participation often become secondary priorities. At the same time, social media and digital entertainment, while offering opportunities for learning and communication, can also reduce face-to-face interaction and weaken community bonds when used without balance.

Another challenge is the lack of civic education and mentorship. Schools and colleges often focus on academic success but devote limited attention to social responsibility, constitutional values and community leadership. Many young people are therefore unaware of how they can contribute meaningfully to society beyond personal achievement. Equally important is the absence of platforms where youth can participate in local governance, volun-

teerism and public decision-making. When their voices are ignored, they become disconnected from public life. Conversely, when they are trusted with responsibility, they frequently demonstrate remarkable leadership and commitment.

Governments at both the Centre and state levels have introduced various youth development, skill-building and entrepreneurship programmes. However, awareness remains uneven, and many eligible young people either do not know about these opportunities or lack guidance on how to access them. Stronger outreach, mentorship and partnerships between educational institutions, civil society and local administrations are essential to bridge this gap.

Blaming an entire generation for declining solidarity would be both unfair and counterproductive. Across the country, countless young volunteers, innovators, entrepreneurs and social workers continue to serve their communities with dedication. Their examples prove that today's youth possess the capacity to become catalysts for positive change.

The responsibility therefore lies with society as much as with young people. Families must nurture empathy, schools must promote civic values, communities must create opportunities for participation, and governments must ensure that youth policies translate into meaningful action. Empowered with guidance, purpose and opportunity, young people will not merely inherit the future—they will build it.

Please contact me with your valuable comments in –editor.newsmania@gmail.com

Nagaland to Convene Special Assembly Session on Frontier Territory Authority



The Nagaland Cabinet has announced a special session of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly to deliberate on the proposed Frontier Nagaland Territory Authority (FNTA) amid growing pressure from the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO). The decision follows the ENPO's threat to launch an agitation over the long-pending demand for greater autonomy and development. The Cabinet also resolved to seek an enhanced development package of ₹10,000 crore from the Centre, doubling its earlier request. The move aims to address regional aspirations, accelerate infrastructure development, and maintain peace and stability in eastern Nagaland.

11 Suspected Bangladeshi Nationals Detained at Guwahati Railway Station



Railway authorities and police detained 11 suspected Bangladeshi nationals at Guwahati railway station during a joint operation amid heightened border security. The individuals were reportedly travelling without valid identity or travel documents, prompting officials to take them into custody for verification. The detainees are being questioned to establish their identities and determine whether they entered India illegally. Security agencies have intensified surveillance at railway stations and other transit points across the region to prevent illegal infiltration and strengthen border vigilance. Further investigation is underway.

NORTH EAST BEATS

Two Assam Rifles Personnel Killed in Ambush in Manipur's Ukhrul

Two personnel of the Assam Rifles were killed and several others injured after militants ambushed a convoy in Manipur's Ukhrul district on Wednesday. The attack took place while the security convoy was moving through the hilly region, triggering an exchange of fire. The injured personnel were rushed to nearby medical facilities for treatment, while additional security forces launched a search operation to track down the attackers. Meanwhile, the Na-



tional Socialist Council of Nagalim (Isak-Muivah) (NSCN-IM) denied any involvement in the ambush. Authorities are investigating the incident and have intensified security measures across the region to prevent further violence.

83,000 Hectares of Assam Land Remain Under Control of Neighbouring States

The Assam Legislative Assembly was informed that nearly 83,000 hectares of Assam's land remain under the control of neighbouring states, including Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya, and Mizoram. The information was shared during the ongoing Assembly session, highlighting the long-standing inter-state boundary disputes affecting several border regions. The Assam government stated that efforts are continuing through dialogue and negotiations



with the neighbouring states to resolve the disputes amicably. The issue remains a significant administrative and political challenge, with both state governments and the Centre working towards mutually acceptable solutions.

BRICS Nations Adopt Guwahati Declaration to Combat Drug Trafficking

Delegations from BRICS member nations adopted the Guwahati Declaration at a meeting in Guwahati, reaffirming their commitment to strengthen cross-border cooperation against global drug trafficking. The declaration focuses on enhancing intelligence sharing, coordinated law enforcement, capacity building, and joint efforts to curb the illicit drug trade. Representatives emphasized the need for stronger international collaboration to dismantle trafficking



networks and address emerging challenges posed by transnational organized crime. The Guwahati Declaration reflects the collective resolve of BRICS nations to promote regional security and safeguard public health through coordinated anti-narcotics initiatives.

Heavy Rain and Floods Displace Thousands in Tripura

Heavy rainfall under active monsoon conditions has caused widespread damage across parts of Tripura, affecting thousands of residents. According to officials, more than 300 houses have been damaged, while over 3,100 people have been shifted to emergency relief camps as floodwaters inundated several low-lying areas. Rescue and relief operations are underway, with authorities providing food, shelter, and medical assistance to those affected. The administration has urged residents in



vulnerable areas to remain alert as heavy rainfall is expected to continue. Officials are closely monitoring the situation and taking preventive measures to minimize further loss of life and property.

Fadnavis Signals 'No Entry' for New Allies in Maharashtra Mahayuti

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has indicated that the ruling Mahayuti alliance is not looking to induct new political partners ahead of the upcoming state elections. The statement comes amid speculation over a possible expansion of the coalition.

According to BJP sources, the party is focused on maintaining stability within the existing alliance, which includes the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Shiv Sena, and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) faction. Party leaders believe that expanding the alliance at the expense of regional partners could upset the current political balance and



create unnecessary friction. Fadnavis' remarks are being viewed as a move to reassure existing allies and reinforce unity within the Mahayuti coalition as preparations gather pace for the crucial electoral contest. The development underscores the BJP's strategy of consolidating its alliance rather than pursuing further expansion in Maharashtra.

Fresh Wayanad Landslides Trigger Political Row Over Safety and Development

Fresh landslides near the site of the 2024 Wayanad disaster in Kerala have reignited political tensions, with opposition parties and leaders raising concerns over safety measures and development activities in the ecologically sensitive region.

The CPI(M) and other opposition leaders have accused the government of administrative lapses and alleged violations of safety norms linked to a controversial tunnel project in the area. They have demanded a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding the latest landslides and called for greater accountability. The government has maintained that the situation is being closely monitored and that necessary steps are being



taken to ensure public safety. Authorities have also initiated assessments of the affected areas and continue to monitor the region for further risks. The fresh landslides have revived concerns about infrastructure development in environmentally fragile zones, with experts and political leaders urging stricter safety standards and sustainable planning to minimise the impact of natural disasters.

Former AIADMK Leaders Join Vijay's TVK in Major Political Shift

Tamil Nadu's political landscape witnessed a significant development as three former AIADMK ministers, along with several party functionaries and cadres, officially joined actor Vijay's Tamizhaga Vettai Kazhagam (TVK).

The defections are being viewed as a boost for TVK as the party continues to expand its organisational base ahead of future electoral battles. The move also represents a setback for the AIADMK, which has been working to consolidate its support in the state. Welcoming the new entrants, TVK reiterated its commitment to strengthening



the party at the grassroots level and presenting itself as an alternative political force in Tamil Nadu. Political observers believe the latest defections could influence the state's evolving political dynamics as parties intensify preparations for the upcoming elections.

PM Modi Begins Three-Nation Indo-Pacific Tour with Indonesia Visit

Jakarta: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has begun his three-nation tour with a visit to Indonesia, aimed at strengthening India's Act East Policy and advancing its MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security Across the Regions) vision for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific. The tour will also include visits to Australia and New Zealand.

Prime Minister Modi was welcomed at Jakarta by Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto. During the visit, the two leaders are expected to hold wide-ranging discussions on trade, investment, defence, maritime security, connectivity, technology, and



cultural cooperation.

Before departing, Modi said the visit would reinforce India's commitment to regional peace, stability, and prosperity. He noted that India and Indonesia have shared a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership since

2018 and expressed confidence that bilateral ties would continue to deepen.

The Prime Minister is also scheduled to interact with the Indian diaspora and visit the Prambanan Temple, Indonesia's largest Hindu temple and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, highlighting the centuries-old civilisational links between the two nations. Following Indonesia, Modi will visit Melbourne for talks with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese before concluding the tour in Auckland, where he will meet New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon to further strengthen Indo-Pacific cooperation.

Ram Temple Trust Undergoes Leadership Overhaul Amid Donation Row

The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust has initiated a major leadership restructuring following a controversy over alleged irregularities involving temple donations. The Trust accepted the resignation of its General Secretary, Champat Rai, during a key meeting held in Ayodhya as part of an administrative overhaul.

Senior Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader Bajrang Lal Bagra has been named as the new General Secretary, while the Trust also discussed governance reforms and measures to strengthen transparency and accountability. A proposal to appoint a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is also under consideration to improve administrative functioning.

The restructuring comes amid an ongoing investigation into the alleged theft and mismanagement of temple donations. Authorities are continuing their probe, and no final findings have yet established re-



sponsibility for the alleged financial irregularities. The Trust has stated that the reforms are aimed at reinforcing public confidence and ensuring efficient management of one of India's most prominent religious institutions.

Punjab Congress Grapples with Leadership Crisis Amid Growing Factional Rift

The Punjab Congress is facing a deepening internal crisis as factional divisions continue to widen ahead of key political challenges. Several dissident leaders have camped in New Delhi, signalling growing dissatisfaction within the state unit.

The rift became more evident after leaders associated with former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi reportedly skipped outreach meetings convened by AICC in-charge Bhupesh Baghel, which were aimed at resolving differences and strengthening party unity in Punjab.

The absence of key leaders has fu-



elled speculation over the party's internal cohesion, with concerns mounting over its organisational preparedness. While the Congress leadership is making efforts to bridge differences and restore unity, the ongoing factionalism

poses a significant challenge for the party's prospects in the state. Party leaders have maintained that discussions are continuing to resolve issues, even as the political spotlight remains firmly on the Congress's internal dynamics.

Recent Scientific Breakthroughs and Discoveries Transforming the World

Scientific research continues to push the boundaries of innovation. Here are Eight recent breakthroughs making headlines:



First Personalised CRISPR Gene-Editing Treatment

Doctors successfully used a customised CRISPR gene-editing therapy to treat a rare genetic disorder, marking a major milestone in precision medicine.



Breakthrough in Nuclear Fusion Research

Scientists have recorded further progress toward sustained nuclear fusion, moving closer to the goal of producing clean, nearly limitless energy.



AI Revolutionizing Drug Discovery: Transforming the Future of Healthcare

AI Accelerates Drug Discovery

Artificial intelligence is dramatically reducing the time needed to identify promising drug candidates, helping researchers develop treatments for cancer, infectious diseases, and neurological disorders faster than ever.

These discoveries highlight the rapid pace of scientific innovation and their potential to reshape healthcare, technology, energy, and environmental sustainability.

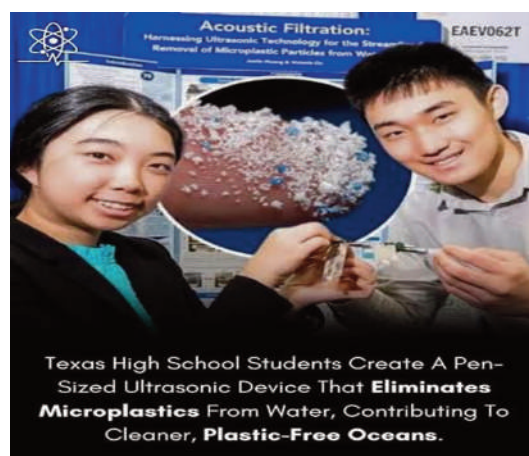
China's 'Great Green Wall' Expands with Fast-Growing Trees to Combat Desertification

China's ambitious "Great Green Wall" project continues to expand using a mix of fast-growing tree species to slow the spread of deserts and restore degraded landscapes. Officially known as the Three-North Shelterbelt Program, the massive afforestation initiative stretches across northern China and is one of the world's largest ecological restoration projects.



New Earth-Like Exoplanets Identified

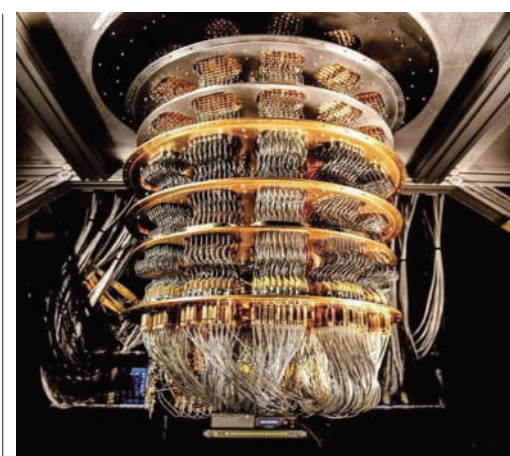
Astronomers have discovered several potentially habitable planets orbiting nearby stars, expanding the search for environments capable of supporting life beyond our solar system.



Texas High School Students Create A Pen-Sized Ultrasonic Device That **Eliminates Microplastics** From Water, Contributing To Cleaner, **Plastic-Free Oceans.**

Microplastic Removal Innovation

Researchers have developed advanced filtration technologies capable of removing microscopic plastic particles from water more efficiently, offering new hope for protecting ecosystems and public health.



World's Fastest Quantum Computing Advances

Researchers have achieved significant improvements in quantum computing, bringing the technology closer to solving complex scientific and industrial problems beyond the reach of classical computers.



Physicists Detect New Gravitational Wave Signal from Black Hole's Event Horizon

In a breakthrough that could deepen our understanding of black holes, physicists have identified a new type of gravitational wave signal originating from the region near a black hole's event horizon. By analysing data from a massive black hole merger, researchers successfully isolated what they describe as the "last sound" produced during the collision. The discovery opens a new avenue for studying the universe through gravitational waves, allowing astronomers to probe some of the most mysterious and powerful objects in the cosmos with greater precision than ever before.

A New Era of Criminal Justice: How the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita is Transforming Justice Delivery in India

Binay Gupta –New Delhi

India's criminal justice system entered a historic new phase with the implementation of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, along with the BharatiyaNagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 and the BharatiyaSakshyaAdhiniyam (BSA), 2023. Together, these three landmark legislations have replaced the colonial-era Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860, Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973, and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, marking one of the most significant legal reforms since Independence.

Designed to modernize India's criminal justice system, these laws aim to deliver faster, transparent, technology-driven and victim-centric justice. For citizens of West Bengal and the rest of the country, the reforms promise easier access to justice while equipping law enforcement agencies to address emerging forms of crime.

Justice Without Boundaries

One of the most citizen-friendly reforms is the introduction of the Zero FIR system. Under the BNSS, a victim can lodge an FIR at any police station, irrespective of where the crime occurred. The complaint is then transferred to the appropriate jurisdiction, ensuring that victims are not denied immediate legal assistance due to territorial limitations.

The new legal framework also introduces strict timelines to reduce delays that have long plagued India's judicial system. Police investigations are expected to be completed within prescribed time limits, while courts are encouraged to frame charges promptly and deliver judgments without unnecessary adjournments. These provisions seek to reduce pendency and improve public confidence in the justice delivery system.

Technology at the Core of Criminal Justice

Digital transformation forms the backbone of the new criminal laws. The BNS, BNSS and BSA encourage the complete digitisation of criminal proceedings, including electronic FIRs, digital case records, online summons, and electronic transmission of charge

sheets.

Transparency has also been enhanced through the mandatory videography of search and seizure operations, reducing the possibility of procedural irregularities and protecting both investigators and citizens.

In serious offences punishable with imprisonment of seven years or more, forensic experts are required to visit crime scenes, ensuring that investigations are increasingly based on scientific evidence rather than solely on witness testimony. This is expected to improve conviction rates while minimizing wrongful prosecution.

Stronger Protection for Women and Children

The new laws place greater emphasis on protecting women and children. The BNS introduces stricter punishments for sexual offences, including gang rape, which may attract life imprisonment or the death penalty in specified cases.

The legislation also

recognizes emerging forms of exploitation by creating separate provisions for offences committed through false promises of marriage, employment or identity with the intent to exploit women.

To improve the integrity of investigations, videography of victim statements in sexual offence cases has been made mandatory wherever applicable. This helps preserve evidence while reducing repeated questioning and trauma for survivors.

Addressing the Challenges of the Digital Age

Unlike the IPC, drafted in the nineteenth century, the BNS reflects the realities of twenty-first century crime. Dedicated provisions address cyber-crime, cyber fraud, digital financial offences, organised crime syndicates, terrorism-related activities, mob lynching and other emerging threats. The law also strengthens measures against organised criminal networks

INDIA'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRANSFORMATION

DAWN OF A NEW ERA

BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA I (BNS),
BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA
BHARATIYA SAKSHYA ADHINIYAM (B?)



ultimately depend on effective implementation, adequate training of police, prosecutors and judicial officers, expansion of forensic infrastructure, and widespread public awareness of the new provisions.

If implemented in both letter and spirit, these reforms have the potential to transform India's criminal justice system from one rooted in colonial administration into a modern framework centred on constitutional values, technological innovation, public accountability and the rights of victims.

Reference Cases

1. Gurugram's First Conviction under BNS (Haryana)

- Date: April 2025
- Case: Three men impersonated police officers and robbed travellers.
- Outcome: The Additional Sessions Court convicted all three accused under BNS provisions and sentenced them to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment with a fine.
- Significance: One of the earliest major convictions under the new criminal law, showcasing faster investigation and prosecution.

2. Goa's High Conviction Rate under BNS

• Period: July 2024 – February 2025

Statistics:

- o 1,232 BNS cases registered.
- o 544 charge sheets filed.
- o 23 trials completed.
- o 21 convictions (over 91% success rate).

Cases Included:

- o House-breaking
- o Auto theft
- o Rape
- o Theft by employees
- o Public obstruction

• Significance: Demonstrated that the new criminal laws can support quicker investigations and higher conviction rates.

3. Anantnag Police's First BNS Conviction (Jammu & Kashmir)

- Date: April 2025
- Case: Theft of a commercial vehicle.
- Outcome: Police recovered the stolen vehicle, filed the charge sheet swiftly, and both accused were convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with fines.

• Significance: One of the first successful BNS convictions in Jammu & Kashmir.

4. Chandigarh: Faster Justice under New Criminal Laws

- One-Year Review (July 2024–June 2025):
- o 3,154 FIRs registered.
- o 758 charge sheets filed.
- o 78 cases decided.
- o 71 convictions (91.1%).
- o Average conviction time reportedly reduced from 300 days to around 110 days through digital evidence, e-Sakshya, and streamlined procedures.

5. Use of New BNS Provision on Sexual Intercourse by Deceit

- Location: Punjab
- Case: A woman alleged she was deceived into a sexual relationship through a false promise of marriage by a man who concealed that he was already married.
- Legal Action: Police registered the case under Section 69 of the BNS, a new provision addressing sexual intercourse obtained through deceit.
- Significance: Illustrates how the BNS specifically addresses forms of exploitation that previously lacked dedicated statutory recognition.

'Pritam and Pedro' Wins Audience Appreciation for Story and Performances

The film Pritam and Pedro has been receiving widespread appreciation from audiences for its engaging storyline and compelling performances. Marking the impressive debut of VirHirani, the film also features stellar performances by Arshad Warsi and Vikrant Massey. Viewers have praised the film for keeping them engaged with its emotional depth, humour, and strong screenplay. Positive word-of-mouth and the chemistry among the cast have



contributed to the film's growing popularity, making it one of the most talked-about releases among cinema lovers.

'The Pitt' Leads 2026 Emmy Nominations



The nominations for the 2026 Primetime Emmy Awards have been announced, with the medical drama The Pitt emerging as a

leading contender alongside the acclaimed comedy Hacks. This year's nominations also featured major surprises, as popular series Stranger Things and Euphoria were notably left out of the nominations. The announcement has sparked widespread discussion among fans and critics, with the Television Academy recognizing a mix of returning favorites and fresh contenders across multiple categories.

Ram Charan's 'Peddi' Makes OTT Debut on Netflix

Peddi, starring Ram Charan, has officially made its digital debut on Netflix following a successful theatrical run. The sports drama is now available with an exclusive revised "final cut," featuring a slightly shorter runtime optimized for streaming audiences. Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, the film is streaming in multiple languages, allowing it to reach a wider audience. The updated ver-



sion is expected to offer a tighter viewing experience while retaining the film's emotional and action-packed narrative.

Diljit Dosanjh's 'Satluj' Pulled from ZEE5 Amid Security Concerns



Diljit Dosanjh's hard-hitting drama Satluj has been removed from the streaming platform just 48 hours after its digital release on ZEE5 in India. The film, based on the life of human rights activist Jaswant Singh Khaira, was reportedly taken down following government directives citing national security concerns under the IT Rules. The move has sparked debate among filmmakers, political leaders, and audiences over censorship and creative freedom. ZEE5 has stated that the film will remain unavailable in India until further notice.

Rajesh Sharma Hospitalised After Insect Bite on Film Set



Veteran actor Rajesh Sharma was rushed to a hospital in Kolkata after suffering a severe insect bite while shooting for an upcoming film starring Prabhas. The incident reportedly occurred on the film set, prompting immediate medical attention. Doctors treated the actor, and his condition is said to be stable. Following initial treatment, Sharma is expected to recover soon and resume filming after receiving medical clearance. The production team is closely monitoring his health and has wished him a speedy recovery.

GLITZ MANIA

Ravi Mohan Confirms Return to the Silver Screen

Ravi Mohan has confirmed that he will soon return to the big screen, assuring fans that his acting career remains firmly on track despite facing a difficult personal phase and ongoing legal divorce proceedings. In a heartfelt message, the actor expressed gratitude for the unwavering support of his fans and said he is looking forward to beginning a new chapter professionally. His announcement has been warmly received



by admirers, who are eagerly awaiting news about his upcoming film projects and his return to Tamil cinema.

Dwayne Johnson Joins Ben Affleck and Matt Damon's 'Free Byrd'

Hollywood star Dwayne Johnson has officially signed on to star in and produce Free Byrd, a new action-drama backed by Ben Affleck and Matt Damon through their production company, Artists Equity. Directed by Greg Kwedar, the film follows a Las Vegas motorcycle stuntman who secretly battles dementia while preparing for one final high-risk



jump. The emotionally driven project marks another dramatic role for Johnson and explores themes of resilience, family, and seeking help in the face of adversity.

Shah Rukh Khan's 'King' Becomes His Costliest Film Yet



Shah Rukh Khan's upcoming action thriller King has reportedly become the most expensive film of

his career, with its budget soaring to around ₹450 crore. Directed by Siddharth Anand, the high-octane entertainer is expected to feature grand action sequences, cutting-edge visual effects, and an international-scale production. The film has generated immense buzz among fans and is being positioned as one of Bollywood's biggest releases. While the makers have not officially confirmed the budget, industry reports suggest the ambitious project is setting new benchmarks for large-scale Hindi cinema.

GLITZ MANIA

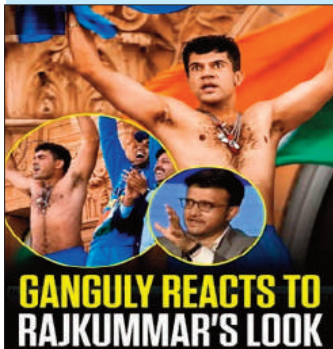
Alpha' Nears ₹75 Crore Worldwide Box Office Milestone



The Alpha, the latest installment in the YRF Spy Universe starring Alia Bhatt and Sharvari, continues its steady theatrical run, closing in on the ₹75 crore mark at the global box office. Despite the usual weekday slowdown, the spy thriller has main-

tained stable collections, reflecting sustained audience interest. Directed by Shiv Rawail, the film has earned praise for its action sequences and performances, strengthening its position as one of the notable Bollywood releases of the year.

Rajkummar Rao's 'Dada' First Look Wins SouravGanguly's Praise



Rajkummar Rao has unveiled the first-look poster of the upcoming biographical film Dada, recreating

SouravGanguly's iconic shirt-waving celebration from the Lord's balcony after India's famous 2002 NatWest Trophy triumph. The striking poster has received an enthusiastic response from fans, with Ganguly himself praising the actor's look and wishing the team success. The film traces the former Indian captain's remarkable journey from cricketing prodigy to one of India's most influential leaders, making it one of the most anticipated sports biopics in Bollywood.

David Attenborough Becomes Oldest Emmy Nominee at 100

Legendary British naturalist and broadcaster David Attenborough has made Emmy history by becoming the oldest-ever nominee at the age of 100. Attenborough received two nominations in the Outstanding Narrator category at the 78th Primetime Emmy Awards, surpassing the previous record held by Norman Lear. Renowned for his decades-long contribution to wildlife documentaries and environmental awareness, Attenborough continues to earn global acclaim for his work. His latest milestone adds another remark-



able achievement to an extraordinary broadcasting career spanning more than seven decades

'Ramayana' Trailer to Release on July 18

The official trailer of Ramayana, directed by Nitesh Tiwari, is set to be released on July 18, marking the beginning of a major promotional campaign for the highly anticipated mythological epic. Starring Ranbir Kapoor in the lead role, the film has generated significant excitement for its grand scale, visual effects, and star-studded cast. The trailer launch is expected to offer audiences their first detailed glimpse into the ambitious



adaptation of the ancient Indian epic, making it one of Bollywood's most awaited cinematic events.

Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce Tie the Knot in Private New York Ceremony



Global pop icon Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce have officially married in a star-studded yet highly private ceremony at Madison Square Garden. The wedding, held on July 3, featured close family, friends, and celebrities, with actor Adam Sandler officiating the ceremony. The couple maintained strict secrecy around the event, allowing only invited guests to attend. Their marriage marks the latest milestone in one of entertainment's most closely followed relationships.

Lokesh Kanagaraj Confirms LCU Plans, Sequels on Track



Filmmaker Lokesh Kanagaraj has reassured fans that the Lokesh Cinematic Universe (LCU) remains firmly on course, confirming that work is progressing on its highly anticipated upcoming films. The director said schedules for Kaithi 2, Vikram 2, and Rolex will be announced in due course. Kana-

garaj's statement has renewed excitement among fans eagerly awaiting the next chapter of the interconnected action franchise. The LCU has emerged as one of Indian cinema's most successful shared universes, earning widespread acclaim for its gripping storytelling and high-octane action.

'Pati Patni Aur Woh Do' Locks Netflix OTT Premiere



The romantic comedy Pati Patni Aur Woh Do, starring Ayushmann Khurrana, Sara Ali Khan, Wamiqa Gabbi, and Rakul Preet Singh, has finalized its digital premiere with Netflix. Following its theatrical release, the film is set to begin streaming from July

10, giving audiences another chance to enjoy its blend of romance, comedy, and misunderstandings from home. Directed by Mudassar Aziz, the spiritual sequel to the 2019 hit is expected to reach a wider audience through its OTT debut.

ICC Hosts Education Summit to Shape Bengal's Roadmap for Viksit Bharat 2047

Buddhadeb Misra: The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) organised the Education for Viksit Bharat Summit – East India Edition in Kolkata, bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, academicians and educationists to discuss building a future-ready education ecosystem through stronger industry-academia collaboration. The summit was attended by Sukanta Majumdar, Swapan-Dasgupta, and leading representatives from academia and industry. Speakers highlighted the need for quality education, skill



development, research, innovation, entrepreneurship, and public-private partnerships to create future-ready talent and support the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, with a renewed focus on positioning West Bengal as a leading education and innovation hub.

APAI-WB Hosts Pre-Counselling & Education Fair 2026 in Kolkata



Buddhadeb Misra: The Association of Professional Academic Institutions, West Bengal organised the Pre-Counselling & Education Fair 2026 in Kolkata, providing students and parents with expert guidance on higher education opportunities, emerging disciplines, and career pathways. The event was inaugurated by Sukanta Majumdar, alongside leading educationists and academic administrators. The fair

featured counselling on Engineering, Technology, Pharmacy, Management, Architecture, Computer Applications, Hospitality Management, and other professional courses. Students interacted directly with representatives from leading institutions to learn about admissions, scholarships, placements, and industry trends. The initiative reaffirmed APAI-WB's commitment to strengthening West Bengal's higher education ecosystem through quality education, innovation, skill development, and industry-academia collaboration.

RISE Foundation IISER, DHITM Sign MoU to Boost Innovation in North Bengal

News Mania Desk/Kolkata/Darjeeling: RISE Foundation IISER, the Technology Business Incubator of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Kolkata, has signed a two-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Darjeeling Hill Institute of Technology and Management to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and startup awareness across North Bengal, particularly in the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) region. The partnership will organize innovation awareness programmes, entrepreneurship bootcamps, faculty development initiatives,



hackathons, and startup mentoring. RISE Foundation IISER will provide technical expertise and incubation support, while DHITM will lead regional outreach. The collaboration also aims to mobilize support from government agencies, CSR initiatives, and other organizations to strengthen the region's innovation ecosystem.

Buddhadeb Misra: The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony of South Point School and South Point High School was held at Nazrul Mancha, celebrating academic excellence, talent, and co-curricular achievements. The event was graced by Dr. Indranil Khan, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Departments of Youth Services & Sports as well as Consumer Affairs,, a South Point alumnus, who distributed prizes and addressed students, parents, and teachers. Principal Dalbir Kaur Chadda highlighted the schools' achievements over the past academic year. Awards, including

South Point Schools Celebrate Excellence at Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony



the prestigious M. P. Birla Smarak Kosh Founder's Medal and Special Talent Award, were presented to outstanding students. The ceremony concluded with vibrant cultural per-

formances, including Aladdin by South Point School and Lost Pages by South Point High School, showcasing students' creativity and artistic excellence.

Praxis Business School Foundation and RISE Foundation IISER Sign Strategic MoU

News Mania Desk: Praxis Business School Foundation and RISE Foundation IISER, the Technology Business Incubator of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Kolkata, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly develop academic, executive, and professional programmes in innovation, technology, entrepreneurship, and management.

The collaboration will focus on emerging sectors including Pharma Management, Biotechnology Management, Healthcare Innovation, Technology Commercialization, Artificial Intelligence, Deep-Tech, and Entrepreneurship. The partnership will also promote industry-academia collaboration through joint certificate programmes, executive education,



research initiatives, startup mentoring, internships, innovation challenges, conferences, and corporate training, aiming to build future-ready talent and strengthen India's innovation ecosystem.

Tech Helm Solutions Hosts First Open Debate Competition at Avalon Academy Dumdum

News Mania Desk: Tech Helm Solutions, in association with Avalon Academy Dumdum and co-sponsored by the United Maritime Organization, successfully organised its first Open Debate Competition. Centred on the motion, "Success Depends More on Skills Than Academic Degrees," the event brought together students from various institutions to showcase their communication, critical thinking, and public speaking abilities.

The competition was coordinated by Capt. Pankaj Kumar and judged by education expert Smruti Nath and documentary filmmaker Nivedita Majumdar. Following three com-



petitive rounds, Ananta Bakshi won first prize, Aanchman Das secured second, and Roumita Halder finished third. The organisers announced plans to make the competition an annual event, promoting leadership, employability, and industry-oriented learning among young professionals.

West Bengal Aims to Become Eastern India's Preferred Investment Hub: Shri Tapas Roy

Buddhadeb Misra: The Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry hosted a felicitation for Shri Tapas Roy, Hon'ble Minister of Industry, Commerce & Enterprises, Government of West Bengal, who outlined the state's vision to make West Bengal the preferred investment destination in Eastern India. Speaking at the event, Roy said the government would modernise traditional sectors such as jute and



tea while promoting emerging industries including semiconductors, artificial intelligence, data centres, and Global Capability Centres

(GCCs). He announced that a new industrial policy focused on ease of doing business and competitive incentives would be unveiled soon. Roy also revealed that Japan's Mitsubishi has expressed interest in setting up a semiconductor plant in Durgapur or Panagarh, while assuring industry of stronger investor protection, industrial corridors, and a robust single-window clearance system.

US-Iran Ceasefire Collapses After Fresh Strikes, Tensions Escalate



The fragile ceasefire between the United States and Iran has collapsed following a fresh escalation in hostilities. The crisis intensified after three commercial tankers were reportedly attacked in the Strait of Hormuz, a strategically vital global shipping route.

In response, the US military launched a series of powerful retaliatory strikes targeting Iranian military assets and key infrastructure. The strikes mark a significant escalation in the conflict and have heightened concerns over regional stability and global energy security. Speaking at the conclusion of the NATO summit, US President Donald

Trump declared that the ceasefire was "over" and warned that any further aggression would be met with even stronger military action. He emphasized that the United States would continue to protect international shipping lanes and respond decisively to threats.

The renewed confrontation has raised fears of a wider conflict in the Middle East, with global leaders closely monitoring the situation and urging restraint to prevent further escalation. The developments have also triggered concerns over potential disruptions to international oil supplies passing through the Strait of Hormuz.

Ukraine Launches Major Drone Offensive on Russian Oil Infrastructure



The Russia-Ukraine conflict has intensified after Ukrainian forces carried out a large-scale overnight drone offensive targeting key Russian energy infrastructure. According to reports, the coordinated strikes hit three oil refineries, pipeline pumping stations, and Russian naval tankers operating in the Sea of Azov.

The attacks demonstrated Ukraine's expanding long-range strike capability, with targets reportedly stretching from areas near the Ukrainian border deep into Russia's Ural region. The strikes are aimed at disrupting fuel supplies and logistics that support Rus-

sia's military operations.

Russian authorities reported damage to multiple energy facilities and activated air defence systems in several regions, while emergency services responded to fires at some of the targeted sites. The developments mark another significant escalation in the ongoing conflict, highlighting the growing use of drones to strike strategic infrastructure far from the battlefield.

The renewed attacks are expected to increase pressure on Russia's energy sector and further heighten tensions as the war continues with no immediate sign of de-escalation.

In a major international law enforcement operation, United States authorities, in coordination with agencies in Canada and Europe, have arrested 24 individuals linked to India-based transnational organised crime syndicates, including the Lawrence Bishnoi network. The coordinated action, known as Operation Hard Ball, targeted alleged activities such as racketeering, targeted killings, extortion, drug trafficking, and firearms offences.

US federal prosecutors have also charged jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi and his associate Satinderjeet Singh alias GoldyBrar with allegedly orchestrating the 2023

US Leads Global Crackdown on Bishnoi Crime Network, 24 Arrested



assassination of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada. The indictment was unsealed in Los Angeles as part of a broader investigation into transnational organised crime. US

officials stated that the charges do not implicate the Indian government and reaffirmed their commitment to dismantling international criminal networks through global cooperation.

Japan Approves 500 km/h Maglev Rail Project, Tokyo-Nagoya Journey to Take Just 40 Minutes



Japan has officially approved a groundbreaking high-speed Maglev rail project, marking a major milestone in the future of transportation. Powered by advanced magnetic levitation (Maglev) technology, the train will reach speeds

of up to 500 km/h, making it one of the fastest passenger rail systems in the world.

The project will dramatically reduce travel time between Tokyo and Nagoya from around 90 minutes on the Shinkansen to just 40

minutes, significantly improving connectivity and passenger convenience. The new line is expected to boost economic activity, ease congestion on existing rail networks, and reinforce Japan's leadership in next-generation transportation technology.

The Maglev system operates without direct contact between the train and tracks, reducing friction, increasing efficiency, and delivering a smoother, quieter journey. Once operational, the project is expected to set a new global benchmark for high-speed rail infrastructure and sustainable transport.

Pakistan Cargo Plane Wreckage Found in Arabian Sea; Search Underway for Missing Crew

The Pakistan Airports Authority has confirmed that the wreckage of a missing cargo aircraft has been located in the Arabian Sea after an extensive search operation. The aircraft reportedly disappeared from radar while en route to Karachi shortly after issuing a distress call indicating a critical navigation system failure.

Search and rescue teams have been deployed to the crash site, where efforts are continuing to locate the five crew members who remain officially missing. Authorities are coordinating recovery operations and investigating the



circumstances that led to the aircraft's disappearance. The incident has raised concerns over aviation safety, with officials expected to examine the aircraft's

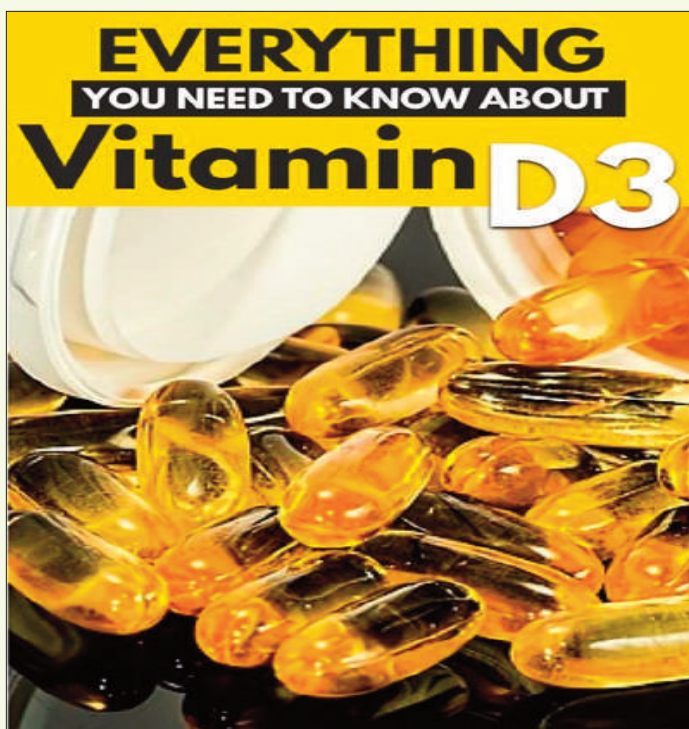
flight data and communication records to determine the cause of the accident. Further updates are anticipated as rescue operations and the investigation progress.

Did You Know? Many Vitamin D3 Supplements May Not Be Vegan

Many people are unaware that Vitamin D3 supplements are not always vegan. Most conventional Vitamin D3 is derived from lanolin, a natural substance obtained from sheep's wool, making it unsuitable for those following a strict vegan lifestyle. However, vegan-friendly Vitamin D3 made from lichen is also available.

For most people, healthy vitamin D levels can be maintained through moderate sunlight exposure, a balanced diet, and supplements only when recommended by a healthcare professional. Since vitamin D plays a vital role in bone health, immunity, and muscle function, individuals with limited sun exposure or those at risk of deficiency may require supplementation after medical advice.

When purchasing a Vitamin D3 supplement, always check the



label to determine whether it is (lichen-derived), especially if you follow a vegan diet.

100 Jumps a Day for 100 Days: Here's What It Can Do to Your Body



Completing 100 jumps every day for 100 days can be an effective way to improve overall fitness, but consistency and proper technique are more important than

simply increasing the number of jumps. Regular jumping helps strengthen the heart, improve stamina, burn calories, and enhance coordina-

tion, balance, and lower-body muscle strength. It can also support bone health by placing healthy stress on bones, encouraging them to become stronger over time.

However, experts caution that more exercise isn't always better. Repetitive jumping without adequate rest, warm-ups, or proper footwear can increase the risk of knee, ankle, and shin injuries, particularly for beginners or those with joint problems.

For the best results, pair the challenge with a balanced diet, hydration, strength training, stretching, and sufficient recovery. If pain or discomfort develops, reducing intensity or consulting a healthcare professional is recommended.

A 100-day jumping challenge can be a motivating way to build healthy habits—but sustainable progress comes from smart training, not just doing more.

Rainy Season Shoe Hacks: 7 Easy Ways to Dry Wet Shoes Faster During the Monsoon

Monsoon rains can leave your shoes soaked, smelly, and prone to fungus. Here are seven simple hacks to keep your footwear dry and in great condition:

1. Stuff Shoes with Newspaper: It absorbs moisture quickly and helps retain the shoe's shape. Replace the paper every few hours.

2. Use a Fan: Place wet shoes in front of a fan to improve airflow and speed up drying.

3. Avoid Direct Sunlight: Excessive heat can crack leather and fade colours. Dry shoes in a shaded, well-ventilated area.

4. Remove Insoles and Laces: Dry them separately to allow better air

circulation inside the shoes.

5. Use Silica Gel Packs: Place a few inside your shoes overnight to absorb leftover moisture.

6. Sprinkle Baking Soda: It helps absorb moisture and neutralises unpleasant odours caused by dampness.

7. Apply Waterproof Protection: Use a waterproof spray, especially on leather shoes and sneakers, to reduce water damage during the rainy season.



With proper care, your leather shoes, sneakers, and sandals can stay fresh, odour-free, and last much longer throughout the monsoon.

Meet the Endangered Bird That Uses Volcanoes to Hatch Its Eggs

The Maleo, an endangered bird native to Indonesia, has one of the most extraordinary breeding strategies in the animal kingdom. Instead of building nests and incubating its eggs, the Maleo buries its unusually large eggs in warm geothermal soil near active volcanoes or in sun-heated sandy beaches.

The Earth's natural heat incubates the eggs, allowing the chicks to hatch without parental care. Once they emerge, the young birds are fully feathered and capable of flying almost im-

mediately—a rare trait among birds.

However, habitat loss, egg poaching, and human disturbance have pushed the Maleo closer to extinction. Conservation efforts are focused on protecting nesting grounds and increasing public awareness to ensure the survival of this remarkable species.

The Maleo's unique use of volcanic heat is a striking example of nature's incredible adaptability and the importance of preserving Earth's biodiversity.



India Accelerates Green Energy Transition with Hydrogen Mobility and Advanced Nuclear Innovation

INDIA'S FIRST HYDROGEN TRAIN GETS GREEN SIGNAL!
A Landmark Achievement in Green Mobility

- » World's Longest & Most Powerful Hydrogen Trainset (10 Coaches, 2400 kW)
- » Route: Jind - Sonapat (Haryana)
- » Max Speed: 75 kmph
- » Zero CO2 Emissions Only Water Vapour
- » Approved by Railway Board on 22 May 2026

Clean & Green Future of Indian Railways

Source: Media Reports

New Delhi: India is steadily advancing its journey towards a net-zero future, driven by innovation, clean technologies, and sustainable infrastructure. As the country seeks to reduce carbon emissions while ensuring energy security, emerging solutions such as hydrogen-powered transportation and the use of advanced nuclear reactor heat are gaining significant momentum.

Hydrogen is emerging as a key pillar of India's clean energy strategy. The development of hydrogen-powered trains, buses, and commercial vehicles aims to reduce dependence on fossil fuels while promoting zero-emission mobility. Green hydrogen, produced using renewable energy, is expected to play a crucial role in decarbonising sectors that are

difficult to electrify, including heavy transport, steel production, and fertilizers.

At the same time, India is exploring the integration of nuclear reactor heat for industrial processes and clean energy applications. Beyond electricity generation, advanced nuclear technologies can provide high-temperature heat for hydrogen production, industrial manufacturing, desalination, and other energy-intensive operations, helping industries lower their carbon footprint.

These initiatives complement the National Green Hydrogen Mission and India's broader commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2070. Investments in renewable energy, green hydrogen, nuclear innovation, battery storage, and smart energy infrastructure are

creating a diversified and resilient clean energy ecosystem.

Experts believe that combining renewable energy with advanced nuclear technologies can provide reliable, round-the-clock clean power while supporting industrial growth and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The transition is also expected to generate new employment opportunities, attract investments, and strengthen India's position as a global leader in sustainable technologies.

As India continues to invest in next-generation energy solutions, hydrogen mobility and advanced nuclear applications are expected to become key drivers of a cleaner, more secure, and self-reliant energy future, reinforcing the nation's commitment to sustainable development and climate action.

India Moves Towards AI-Powered UPI Payments with New NPCI Protocol

New Delhi: India is preparing for the next major leap in digital payments as the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is developing a Unified Agent Protocol (UAP) that could allow trusted Artificial Intelligence (AI) agents to independently execute Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions on behalf of users. The proposed framework is expected to usher in the era of agentic commerce, where AI assistants can perform financial tasks such as booking travel, ordering groceries, paying utility bills, renewing subscriptions, or purchasing products after receiving

including user consent, transaction limits, identity verification, and continuous monitoring to ensure that AI-driven payments remain safe and transparent. NPCI is working closely with banks, fintech companies, technology firms, and regulators to establish common standards for interoperability and secure deployment.

If implemented successfully, India could become one of the first countries to introduce a nationwide payment framework specifically designed for AI-powered autonomous transactions. The development also aligns with the



user authorization and within predefined spending limits.

Under the new protocol, AI agents will function as secure digital representatives capable of interacting directly with merchants, banks, and payment systems while complying with strict authentication and regulatory safeguards. Unlike conventional chatbots that only provide recommendations, these AI agents will be able to complete end-to-end transactions autonomously once permission is granted by the user.

Industry experts believe the initiative could redefine India's digital payments ecosystem by combining the country's globally successful UPI infrastructure with rapidly advancing generative AI technologies. The move is expected to make digital commerce faster, more personalized, and significantly more efficient for both consumers and businesses. The Unified Agent Protocol is likely to incorporate robust security measures,

government's broader vision of promoting digital innovation while maintaining consumer trust and financial security.

The proposed protocol has the potential to create new business opportunities across sectors such as e-commerce, banking, travel, healthcare, insurance, and financial services. Businesses may increasingly deploy AI agents capable of managing customer purchases, subscription renewals, investment transactions, and routine financial activities with minimal human intervention.

As AI continues to transform global commerce, NPCI's Unified Agent Protocol represents a significant step toward the future of intelligent digital payments. By integrating trusted AI agents with the world's largest real-time payment network, India is positioning itself at the forefront of the emerging agentic commerce revolution, setting a new global benchmark for AI-enabled financial ecosystems.

Indian Coast Guard Rescues 10 Stranded Fishermen Off Odisha Coast



In a swift search and rescue operation, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) successfully rescued 10 fishermen stranded at sea off Puri, Odisha, amid severe weather conditions. The rescue was launched after the Odisha Police Coastal Security Headquarters reported that fishing boat IND-AP-V5-MM-872 had become stranded due to rough seas. A nearby fishing vessel, IFB Simhadri Apna, was directed to rescue all 10 crew members. With 20 people onboard, the rescue boat later requested Coast Guard assistance as it battled dangerous conditions, including winds gusting up to 40 knots and wave heights of 2.5 to 3 metres. An In-

dian Coast Guard interceptor boat established contact and safely escorted the vessel to Paradip Harbour. The Coast Guard District Headquarters (Odisha) coordinated with Paradip Port authorities to ensure safe berthing and provide necessary assistance to the distressed fishermen. The successful operation highlights the Indian Coast Guard's commitment to safeguarding lives at sea through rapid Search and Rescue (SAR) missions and close coordination with Odisha Police, port authorities, and the fishing community, particularly during adverse weather conditions.

Army Hospital R&R Achieves AFMS Milestone with First Robotic Brain Stem Biopsy



In a landmark medical achievement, the Neurosurgery Department of Army Hospital (Research & Referral) has successfully performed the first brain stem Robotic Stereotactic Brain Biopsy in the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS). The pioneering procedure marks a significant advancement in military healthcare, demonstrating the integration of cutting-edge robotic technology with advanced neurosurgical expertise. Robotic stereotactic brain biopsy enables highly precise access to deep-seated brain lesions while minimising

surgical risks and improving patient safety. The milestone reflects the hospital's commitment to clinical excellence, technological innovation, and world-class patient care. It also highlights the dedication of the medical team, visionary leadership, and collaborative efforts in bringing advanced medical capabilities to the Armed Forces. The achievement further strengthens the AFMS's position at the forefront of modern healthcare, paving the way for more sophisticated, minimally invasive neurosurgical procedures in the future.

Indian Navy to Commission Indigenous Stealth Frigate INS Mahendragiri on July 11

The Indian Navy is set to commission INS Mahendragiri (F38), the sixth Project 17A indigenous stealth frigate, at Visakhapatnam on July 11, 2026. Designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau (WDB) and built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), the warship represents a major milestone in India's indigenous defence manufacturing capabilities.

Named after the Mahendragiri mountain range in the Eastern Ghats, the frigate features over 75% indigenous content, reflecting the Government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Equipped with advanced stealth technology, reduced radar signature, high automation, and a Combined Diesel or Gas (CODOG) propulsion system, it is capable of sustained high-speed operations across diverse maritime missions.

INS Mahendragiri carries state-of-the-art indigenous weapons and sensors, including surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missiles, electronic warfare systems, anti-submarine warfare capabilities, and an integrated Combat Management System.



The frigate is designed to undertake anti-air, anti-surface, anti-submarine, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR), search and rescue (SAR), and maritime security operations.

The commissioning of INS Mahendragiri further strengthens the Indian Navy's combat capability and reinforces India's emergence as a leading indigenous warship-building nation in the Indo-Pacific.

DAC Clears ₹52,000 Crore Defence Modernisation Package to Boost Combat Readiness

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, has approved capital acquisition proposals worth approximately ₹52,000 crore to strengthen the combat capabilities of the Indian Armed Forces.

For the Indian Army, the DAC granted Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for the procurement of AKASH TARANG Anti-UAV Electronic Warfare Systems, Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) Systems, Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) Systems, Very Short Range Air Defence Systems (V-SHORADS), Active Protection Systems for Tanks, and Jet-Based Kamikaze Drones to enhance air defence, anti-armour capability, and electronic warfare.

The Indian Navy received approval for



Multi Influence Ground Mines (MIGM), Naval Shipborne Unmanned Aerial Systems (NSUAS), and the establishment of a Land-Based Testing Facility (LBTF) for electric propulsion systems, aimed at boosting maritime warfare and indigenous naval technology. For the Indian Air Force, the DAC approved the procurement of Fixed-Wing High Altitude Pseudo Satellites

(FW-HAPS) and other systems to strengthen long-endurance intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, telecommunications, and remote sensing capabilities.

The approvals mark a significant step in modernising India's defence forces and enhancing operational preparedness across land, sea, and air domains.

India, Rwanda Explore New Avenues for Defence Cooperation

Rwanda's Chief for Joint Force Development, Training & Doctrine, Brig. Gen. Louis Kanobayire, called on Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh on July 6, 2026, to discuss ways to further strengthen bilateral defence ties.

During the meeting, both sides explored new opportunities for cooperation in defence, including collaboration in training, capacity building, and other areas of mu-

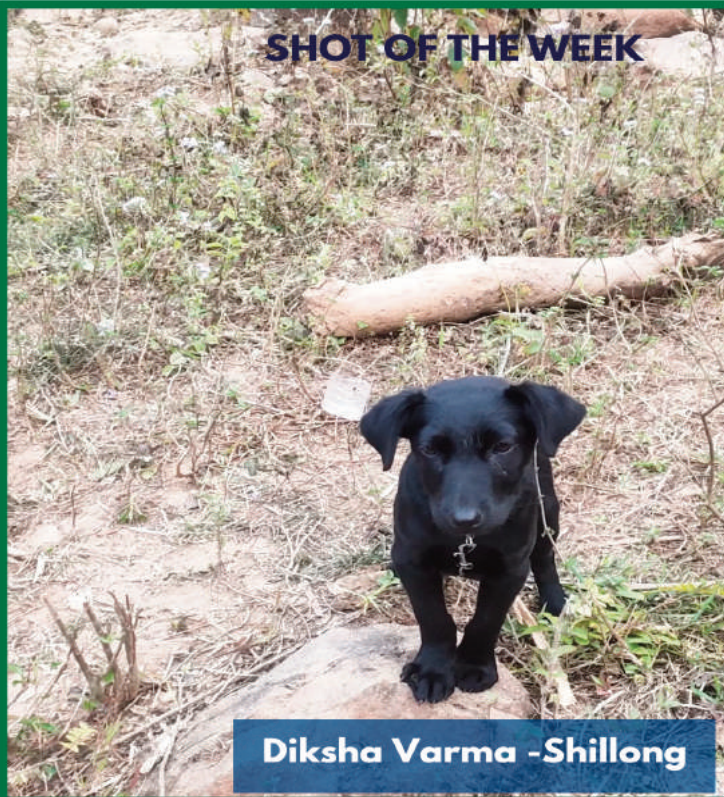


tual interest. The discussions reaf-

firmed the shared commitment of India and Rwanda to deepen their strategic defence partnership and enhance military engagement.

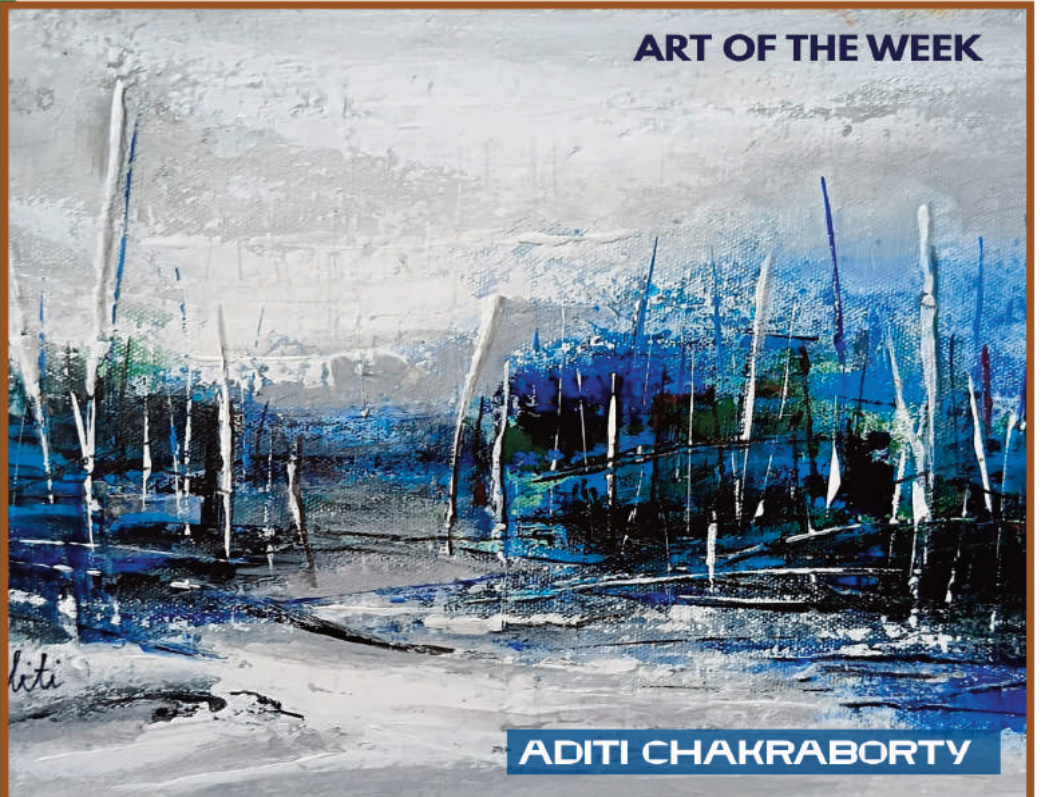
The interaction reflects the growing defence cooperation between the two countries and underscores India's continued efforts to strengthen partnerships with African nations through collaboration, knowledge sharing, and defence diplomacy.

SHOT OF THE WEEK



Diksha Varma -Shillong

ART OF THE WEEK



ADITI CHAKRABORTY

Monsoon Melody

Saikat Kumar Basu

When silver clouds in silence weep,
And wake the earth from summer sleep,
The monsoon sings in whispers low,
A timeless song the wild winds know.

Each raindrop taps on roof and leaf,
A tender tune of sweet relief,
The thirsty soil drinks deep with grace,
While joy returns to every place.

The rivers dance, the branches sway,
Dark skies still bloom in their own way,
And in the hush of stormy light,
The world feels washed, reborn, and bright.

The peacocks call, the koel replies,
Mist wraps the hills, the spirit flies,
And every heart, once dry and worn,
Finds hope anew in rain reborn.

O Monsoon, with your fragrant art,
You stir the dust in every heart,
A melody of life and cheer,
That tells the waiting earth: "I'm here."

The Weaver of Starlight

A tale of kindness, truth,
and the light within.

Elian freed a fairy
from a hunter's trap,
and she gifted him
a crystal spindle.

"Whatever you weave
with this will reveal
the true heart of the
one who wears it."

A terrible curse
fell upon the kingdom.
Each night, the stars
disappeared, and
darkness covered
the land.

Only the
"Cloth of True Light"
could bring back
the stars.

Elian gathered simple
threads and wove
with the crystal
spindle, drawing
starlight into a
magnificent cloak.

The cloak revealed
hidden truths.
As honesty returned
to the kingdom,
the stars rekindled
above.

The fairy returned and said,
"You have learned the
oldest enchantment."
Elian guessed, "Kindness?"
She smiled. "Truth."

From that day
forward, Elian became
the Keeper of Stories
and Dreams.

And in the sky,
"The Weaver's Star"
shines to guide
all hearts home.

Magic begins not with power, but with a heart willing to do what is right
when no one is watching.

World Cup Drama, Referee Row & ISL Revamp Headline Football Updates



Defending FIFA World Cup champions Argentina kept their title defence alive with a thrilling 3-2 comeback victory over Egypt in the Round of 16, inspired by Li-

onel Messi, to secure a place in the quarterfinals. The match, however, was overshadowed by controversy over key refereeing decisions.

Another major talking point emerged after FIFA appointed an all-Argentine refereeing team to officiate France's quarterfinal clash against Morocco, a move that has sparked intense debate across the football community over potential conflicts of interest.

Meanwhile, Portugal bowed out of the tournament after a Round of 16 defeat to Spain, marking the end of Cristiano Ronaldo's illustrious FIFA World Cup career. The Portuguese legend concluded his record-breaking World Cup journey with 27 appearances across multiple editions of the tournament.

In Indian football, the Indian Super League (ISL) has announced a major structural overhaul for the 2026-27 season, reverting to its original competition format while restoring full commercial rights to participating clubs, a move expected to strengthen club autonomy and the league's long-term growth.

India's T20I Struggles, Ganguly's Hall of Fame Honour & Women's Team Injury Blow

Indian cricket witnessed a mix of setbacks and celebrations this week. The Indian men's T20I team, led by new captain Shreyas Iyer, has endured a historic five-match winless streak following its World Cup triumph, including a crushing 125-run defeat to England, raising concerns ahead of upcoming international assignments. In a proud moment for Indian cricket, former captain Sourav Ganguly was officially inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame, becoming the 12th Indian cricketer to receive one of the sport's highest honours. The recognition celebrates Ganguly's transformative leadership and immense contribution to Indian cricket.

Meanwhile, the Indian women's team has suffered an injury setback ahead of its historic Test match against England at Lord's. Opening batter Pratika Rawal has



been ruled out due to injury, with Priya Punia named as her replacement for the landmark fixture.

The latest developments reflect contrasting fortunes for Indian cricket, with individual milestones providing reasons to celebrate despite challenges on the field.

Aswath S Becomes India's 98th Chess Grandmaster

Indian chess has another reason to celebrate as Aswath S officially became India's 98th Grandmaster after winning a crucial must-win game at the Pune Grandmaster Tournament. The victory enabled the talented youngster to secure the final requirement needed to earn the prestigious Grandmaster title.

Aswath's achievement adds another milestone to India's rapidly



growing presence in world chess, reflecting the country's continued

success in producing elite players on the international stage. His accomplishment is expected to inspire the next generation of Indian chess enthusiasts and further strengthen India's reputation as a global chess powerhouse.

The latest Grandmaster title underscores the remarkable growth of Indian chess, which continues to produce world-class talent at an unprecedented pace.

Djokovic Advances, India's Arnav Paparkar Scripts Wimbledon History

Novak Djokovic kept his Wimbledon title hopes alive after defeating Félix Auger-Aliassime in a gruelling five-set quarterfinal to book a blockbuster semifinal clash against Jannik Sinner. The hard-fought victory showcased the Serbian star's resilience as he moved one step closer to another Grand Slam final.

In a historic achievement for Indian tennis, 16-year-old Arnav Paparkar became the first Indian player since Leander Paes to reach the Junior Wimbledon singles quarterfinals. The teenager's impressive run marks a significant milestone for Indian tennis and highlights the emergence of a promising new talent on the international stage.

With Djokovic chasing another Wimbledon crown and Paparkar creating history in the junior com-



petition, the prestigious grass-court Grand Slam has delivered memorable moments for both global and Indian tennis fans.

NURSING JOBS IN GERMANY

BUILD YOUR NURSING CAREER IN GERMANY



INTRODUCTION:

Germany is actively recruiting international nurses to fill over 200,000 vacancies, offering a stable, high-salary career (approx. €2,800-€5,000+ per month) with a clear path to permanent residency.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1. Educational Qualification:**
B.Sc. Nursing / GNM / PG B.Sc. Nursing / M.Sc. Nursing
- 2. German Language Requirement:**
A1, A2, B1 & B2 levels (Goethe / TELC)
- 3. Age Limit:**
Below 39 years
- 4. Gender:**
Both male and female candidates are eligible
- 5. Experience:**
Freshers can also apply

STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS



CLOSING STATEMENT:

We will support you throughout the entire process including training, documentation, job placement, visa, and settlement in Germany. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.



EASY & FLEXIBLE PAYMENT



SAFE & LEGAL PROCESS



100% SUPPORT AT EVERY STEP



BRIGHT FUTURE IN GERMANY

CALL US NOW: +91 93103 03014