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## PM Modi one of few leaders in the world who can engage with Russia, Ukraine: Jaishankar

(Gns). External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is one of the few leaders in the world today, who can engage with Russia and Ukraine.

"In respect of Ukraine, in the last few months, PM Modi met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy thrice. He met Russian President Vladimir Putin once. He's spoken to him more often and the NSA (National Security Advisor) and myself, we've been in touch," Jaishankar said while addressing the Kautilya Economic Conclave on Sunday. He emphasised the role

India has played in trying to find a point of convergence between the two parties in the conflict.

He said: "The reason we are doing it is we are one of



the few countries and PM Modi is one of the few leaders who today, has the ability to go to Kyiv and Moscow and talk to the two leaders and see what are

their common points, is there something we can start or is there some convergence, some intersection that we can see which can become a strand which you pick up and try and develop and see whether things could be better?"

Further, speaking on the escalating situation in the Middle East, Jaishankar noted that the conflict is even more challenging due to the numerous parties involved and their lack of acknowledgement regarding their roles in the conflict.

"The Middle East is more tricky in a way. There are more parties, not all of them acknowledge their role in what they are doing," he said.

## BJP Govt at the Center will fall soon: Akhilesh Yadav

(Gns). Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav has said that the BJP government at the Center will not last long and is going to fall soon.

"The BJP government has betrayed the farmers, youth, and businessmen.

Every class is troubled by the wrong policies of the BJP. Inflation and unemployment are at their peak in the country. The BJP government made false promises to the public," he claimed.

Addressing party workers here on Sunday, Akhilesh Yadav said that farmers, youth, and the poor are facing great difficulties in the country.

Farmers are not getting the right price for their crops, and they, along with the poor, should be helped, he said.

The SP President stated that during the previous



Samajwadi government, many important decisions were taken in the interest of farmers in Uttar Pradesh. Farmers were provided facilities, and markets were built for them. The BJP government stopped the work

of the mandis and ruined everything. Today, farmers are facing shortages of fertilizers and seeds, he alleged.

Akhilesh Yadav said that the Samajwadi Party walks on the path of truth and respects everyone.

"Today, the public is looking toward the Samajwadi Party with hopeful eyes. People have faith in the Samajwadi Party," he said, adding that the Samajwadi Party as a political organization needs to be further strengthened down to the booth level. "We need to build a continuous line of workers from the sector to the booth level, and everyone's behavior and language should be democratic," he added.

## At 'Janta Ki Adalat', Arvind Kejriwal Vows To Campaign For BJP If...

(Gns). Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday claimed that he was mistreated during his time in jail, alleging that his health was put at serious risk.

Speaking at the 'Janata Ki Adalat' event, Kejriwal stated, "My insulin supply was stopped in jail. My kidneys could have failed, and I could have died."

Arvind Kejriwal speaks during the 'Janta Ki Adalat'



programme, in New Delhi, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024.

Kejriwal spent over five months in Tihar Jail in connection with the liquor policy case before being grant-

ed bail on 13 September, following a Supreme Court order.

He also took a strong swipe at the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, challenging the PM to provide free electricity in all states governed by the NDA before the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections. Kejriwal even promised to support the BJP in their campaign if this demand was met.

## Celebrating 23 Years of Gujarat's Unwavering Development Journey Under the Leadership and Guidance of Shri Narendra Modi

**A New Chapter in Development Politics Emerged During Shri Narendra Modi's Tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat**

Gandhinagar, October 6 2024: On October 7, 2001, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took the oath as the 14th Chief Minister of Gujarat, marking the beginning of a new chapter in the politics of development. As of Monday, October 7, 2024, the continued development journey that began on this date has reached 23 years. To celebrate and highlight this multifaceted development journey and the success of good governance under Shri Narendra Modi, a Vikas Saptah will be celebrated every year throughout the state from October 7 to October 15, 2024. The State Cabinet meeting, led by Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, acknowledged

Narendra Modi's pivotal contributions to the global and multifaceted development of Gujarat. The CM expressed appreciation for Shri Narendra Modi's continued guidance as Prime Minister throughout Gujarat's extensive development journey. The



Cabinet determined to celebrate the new milestones in development and good governance inspired by him, marking 23 years of progress from 2001 with the annual Vikas Saptah.

State Government Spokesperson and Health Minister Shri Rushikesh Patel provided a detailed overview of the various themed programs planned for 'Vikas Saptah.' Under the leadership of Chief

Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, the state government is committed to promoting long-term and sustainable development by uniting all Gujaratis in the celebration of this 'Vikas Saptah' which will take place from October 7 to October 15. The spokesperson highlighted that this year's 'Vikas Saptah' will feature multipurpose programs across the state, including cultural presentations by local artists. Additionally, citizens will have the opportunity to share their experiences regarding Shri Narendra Modi's governance initiatives and their impact on social life through social and digital media using the hashtag #VikasSaptah. To showcase Shri Narendra Modi's significant contributions to the state's development, 'Vikas Walks' will be held at 23 iconic locations throughout various districts and cities known for their development achievements over the past 23 years of good governance.

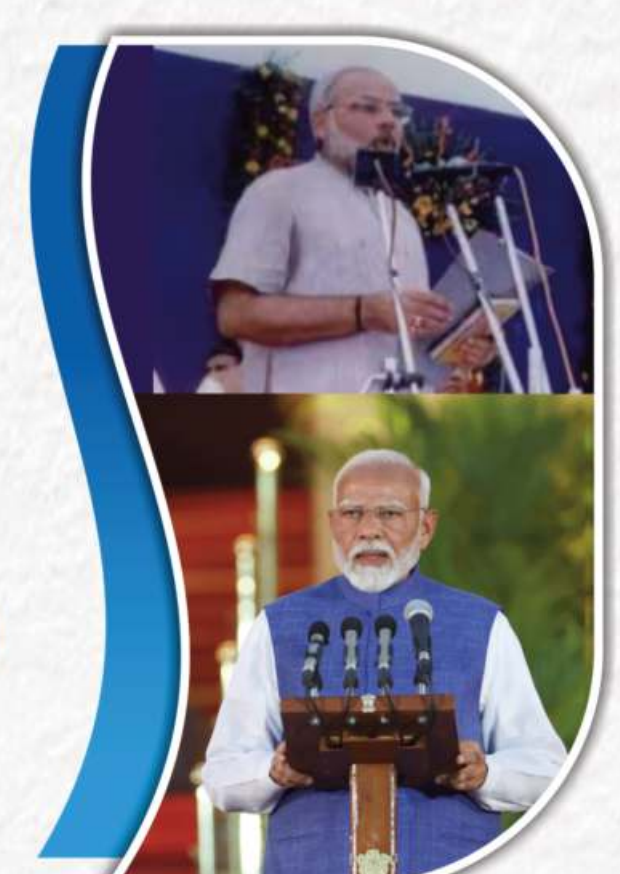


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## Editorial

### MOU between India and the US

The recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between India and the US on critical battery minerals is a pivotal step toward strengthening the two nations' collaboration in the clean energy sector.

The agreement formalized by Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo signals a growing alignment between the two countries in their quest for sustainable energy solutions.

This partnership is more than just a bilateral agreement - it is a strategic move to reduce dependence on dominant global players like China in the supply of crucial minerals such as lithium, cobalt, and nickel. India's focus on securing the supply chain for critical minerals is timely. As the world transitions toward greener technologies, the demand for these minerals has surged. Lithium, in particular, is indispensable for electric vehicle (EV) batteries and renewable energy storage systems. However, the global supply chain is vulnerable, heavily concentrated in a few countries.

For India, which is pushing ahead with its ambitious targets for EV adoption and clean energy, ensuring access to a steady supply of these minerals is crucial. The US, similarly seeking to fortify its own supply chains, has recognised India as a strategic partner in this endeavour. The MOU represents an important step forward, but it also highlights the broader context of geopolitical realignments. China currently dominates the critical minerals market, both in terms of extraction and processing, and has used its dominance as a form of economic leverage. For countries like India and the US, diversifying supply sources and strengthening collaboration on the processing and recycling of these minerals is not just an economic necessity but also a geopolitical one.

This partnership aims to reduce reliance on any single source, thereby enhancing energy security for both nations. One of the most significant aspects of the MOU is the emphasis on the commercial development of critical minerals in collaboration with third countries, particularly in Africa and Latin America. These regions are rich in natural resources but often lack the infrastructure or technical capabilities for large-scale extraction and processing. By working together and including these countries in their supply chains, India and the US could not only secure their own energy futures but also support the sustainable development of these mineral-rich regions.

Despite these positive developments, the MOU stops short of a comprehensive trade deal. While Japan has secured such an agreement with the US, allowing Japanese automakers to benefit from the US electric vehicle tax credit, India has yet to reach a similar milestone. However, this should not be viewed as a limitation of the current agreement. Rather, it opens the door for future negotiations that could potentially offer Indian companies more significant benefits and market access in the US. This partnership will also play a vital role in securing the resources needed for India's transition to green energy.

## Resetting Ties

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer's visit to Brussels signals a key shift in the UK's approach to its relationship with the European Union.

After years of post-Brexit friction, his goal was clear: to rebuild trust and cooperation between the UK and its continental neighbours. This visit marks a pivotal moment in UK-EU relations, offering a glimpse of potential collaboration in key areas such as defence, security, and trade, while also highlighting the deep-seated challenges that remain.

Mr Starmer's push for closer cooperation on defence and security is the most straightforward path for rapprochement between the two sides.

The war in Ukraine has united the UK and the EU in a common cause, as both have imposed sanctions on Russia and supported Ukraine militarily. This shared objective could serve as a foundation for broader strategic alignment, making it easier to find common ground in areas such as energy security and countering cyber threats. Mr Starmer's call

for cooperation on these issues reflects a pragmatic approach that steers clear of ideological divisions, aiming instead at areas where both parties can work together for mutual benefit. However, other



aspects of Mr Starmer's agenda may prove more difficult to navigate.

Trade, in particular, remains a sticking point. While Mr Starmer has expressed a desire to reduce trade barriers that have hampered the UK economy post-Brexit, the EU remains wary. The regulatory barriers that have emerged since the UK left the single market and cus-

tom union are, in the eyes of the EU, a consequence of the UK's own choices. Mr Starmer's reluctance to renegotiate the fundamentals of Brexit, such as rejoining the single market, limits how much trade

cooperation can realistically improve. The EU is unlikely to make significant concessions without receiving something in return, meaning trade-offs will be inevitable. In this context, Mr Starmer's balancing act - maintaining Brexit's outcomes while seeking to ease some of its burdens - will be a difficult one to manage. Migration is another area fraught with

complexity. Mr Starmer's government has taken a strong stance on reducing immigration, drawing a red line against any return to free movement. At the same time, the EU is pressing for more legal migration routes to ease pressure on member states receiving large numbers of irregular migrants, many of whom aim to reach the UK. Finding a compromise on a migration policy that satisfies both parties is likely to be a major challenge moving forward. Ultimately, Mr Starmer's trip to Brussels reflects the beginning of a cautious thaw in UK-EU relations. While both sides are keen to move beyond the acrimony of Brexit, the legacy of that period continues to cast a long shadow. Rebuilding trust and fostering cooperation will take time, and while progress can be made in areas like security and defence, deeper divisions over trade and migration are likely to persist. Starmer's approach, rooted in pragmatism and an emphasis on deliverables, offers hope for a new chapter.

(Gns).

As India marks 50 years since the passing of Vengalil Krishna Krishna Menon, it is an opportune moment to reflect on his profound influence on Indian diplomacy and the broader global stage.

Often referred to as one of the most brilliant, albeit controversial, statesmen India has produced, Menon's legacy is woven into the fabric of the country's foreign policy. Born in Kozhikode (Calicut), Kerala, Krishna Menon's life was one of intellectual rigor, unflinching determination, and unwavering commitment to the nation's sovereignty and ideals.

Those earlier afraid to go to the polling booth were allowed to vote peacefully. These were significant not only for political reasons but also because of developments such as the first Legislative Assembly elections in ten years, the abrogation of Article 370, and the restoration of democracy.

This time, people of Jammu and Kashmir were united in the demand to restore statehood, which the Centre had promised earlier. The higher voter turnout showed people's desire for democracy. The people in the state were tired of gun fights and wanted to live a normal life. The CEC praised the people of the Union Territory, which recorded 58.46 per cent polling, the highest in 35 years.

These elections differed from the previous polls as the politics of this region are no longer limited to the four traditional political parties: NC, PDP, INC, and the BJP. The addition was the participation of separatist elements in these polls,

## A long shadow over India's diplomacy

On 6 October 1974, the nation lost a firebrand who had shaped its post-independence foreign relations. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's tribute, "A volcano has been extinguished," captured the intensity and brilliance that Menon brought to every sphere he touched. Even though fifty years have passed, his impact on Indian diplomacy remains indelible.

Menon's early life in Kerala and his education in the UK laid the foundation for his remarkable career. His association with leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru, whom he met dur-

ing his time in London, was instrumental in his journey. Menon, with his sharp



right to keep Kashmir within its Union. His mastery of argu-

ment, combined with his deep understanding of international relations, allowed India to secure significant victories on the global stage. However, his fiery demeanor also earned him enemies, particularly in Western media, which often described him as the "Indian Rasputin," a manipulative force behind Nehru's foreign policy. Menon's deep connection with Nehru was undeniable. Nehru, recognizing Menon's brilliance, brought him into his government, initially as a minister without portfolio and later, in 1957, as the Defense Minister. Together, they shaped India's postindependence strategy, not only in foreign relations but also in defense.

Menon was instrumental in modernizing the Indian military, introducing merit-based promotions over seniority, a move that earned him significant opposition within the establishment. Despite his brilliance, Menon's career was marred by controversy. The "Mundra Jeep Scandal," one of India's first corruption scandals, cast a shadow over his legacy. The scandal revolved around allegations of impropriety in the procurement of army jeeps from Britain in 1948. Although nothing was conclusively proven, the scandal dented Menon's politi-



cal reputation. It was a precursor to the bigger controversy that would define the latter part of his career the 1962 Sino-Indian War. Menon, as Defense Minister, bore the brunt of the blame for India's disastrous defeat at the hands of China. Accused of not adequately preparing the army for the conflict, his reputation was severely tarnished. Western media, particularly Time magazine, famously portrayed Menon on its cover as the "snake charmer," manipulating Nehru to lead India into disaster. This depiction fueled perceptions of Menon as a divisive figure, both at home and abroad. However, to blame Menon solely for the defeat would be a disservice to his broader contributions to Indian defense and foreign policy.

Menon's vision for India's military was one of self-reliance and modernization. He was among the first to recognize the importance of indigenizing defense production, a policy that India continues to pursue today. Moreover, his contributions to the Goa Liberation movement in 1961, when he played a key role in removing the last vestiges of Portuguese colonialism, further solidified his position as a patriot and statesman. Despite his fall from political grace after the Sino-Indian War, Menon continued to serve the country. In 1971, with the support of the left-leaning EMS Nambudiripad, Menon returned to Parliament as a member from Thiruvananthapuram, a testament to the enduring respect he commanded among sections of Indian society.

Even in his later years, Menon remained a formidable voice in Indian politics, always ready to challenge the status quo. While

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There is still unemployment, and the narcotic trade to grapple with. The election results will be out on October 8. Reports say that the National Conference-Congress coalition has a clear edge. The BJP, which has no presence in the Valley, propped up some independents and hopes to do well in Jammu. The Centre should take credit for completing the election process, and so should the Election Commission. But the people of Jammu and Kashmir deserve kudos for fearlessly going to the polling booth to vote. The only worry is whether they have voted for a stable government or a split verdict.

BJP chief J.P.Nadda said people had rejected the bullets and chosen the ballot route. The election in Jammu and Kashmir witnessed a multi-cornered fight for the 90 seats. The National Conference and Congress went for a coalition, while the BJP and PDP were other significant players. The BJP had high stakes but a weak political base in the Valley, while it is vital in Jammu. The party contested only 19 of the 47 seats in the Valley. The BJP

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## Imperilled republic

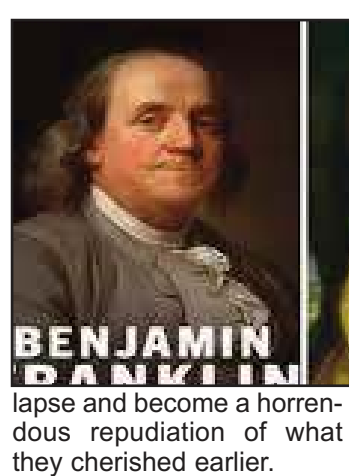
Ben Franklin's response, on 17 September 1787, to Philadelphia socialite Elizabeth Powel's question, "What have we got, a republic or a monarchy?"

is now a classic. A republic, if you can keep it. Clearly, the great wordsmith meant that a republic, like the US, needed a significant effort to be maintained as a republic. Less obviously, it also suggests that the shrewd observer retained a certain skepticism that his countrymen had the full measure of insight and wisdom that such maintenance

called for.

Don't forget that the same man also said, in patent defiance of many Americans' complacency that the American democracy is everlasting, that nothing is certain except death (and taxes). Politics die about as often as people. Some people live on like zombies though their ideals and values have long evaporated; we can't recognize them though they still look about the same. Countries change and become shameful facsimiles of what they were. Sometimes they

trample the ideals they once revered. Democracies col-



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

rough-and-tumble business, but the US polity is now



DONALD TRUMP

on parties that fight elections on the basis of plat-

forms that outline their principles and policies. Unbelievably, of the two major parties, one has ceased to operate as a political party with clearly stated tenets.

The Republican party once stood for fiscal prudence, law and order, and strong defense. The last Republican administration merrily added \$9 billion to

the deficit; dubbed a violent attack on the Capitol and legislators as a legitimate political demonstration; and has now decided to withhold arms to Ukraine as a gift to an enduring enemy, Russia. It is even seeking to wreck its protective bulwark for decades, the NATO armor of common defense with Europe.

The other crack is that the two main sources of its social strength are drying up. Besides its structure, the polity draws strength from two other sources. The first is a government system

which has demonstrated its strength for two troubled centuries. To talk of a 'deep state' as a malignant cancer to be battled is as foolhardy as the talk of defunding the police, whatever many wayward cops do. One needs a functioning state with a competent bureaucracy, whatever its occasional lapses. To question the FBI's compet - ence and the in - tegrity of its savvy servicemen because of periodic misjudgments is also paranoid because the country badly needs its expertise.



## Congo Launches Mpox Vaccination Campaign Amid Ongoing Health Emergency

(Gns). Congolese authorities have initiated a vaccination campaign against mpox, following the World Health Organization's declaration of a global emergency. The outbreak, originating in Congo, has spread to various African nations and beyond. The European Union and the US donated 265,000 doses, which are being administered in Goma, North Kivu province. Hospitals there have been overwhelmed by the new strain of mpox.

Dr. Jean Bruno Ngenze from WHO highlighted the risk of a significant outbreak in North Kivu due to crowded conditions in camps for displaced people. This region is experiencing one of the world's largest humanitarian crises due to

ongoing armed violence. The vaccination programme has provided much-needed relief to hospitals struggling with the outbreak.



Congo has reported around 30,000 suspected mpox cases and 859 deaths this year, accounting for over 80% of Africa's cases and nearly all deaths.

All 26 provinces in Central Africa have recorded cases. Although most infections and deaths occur in children under 15, current vaccines are only for adults,

targeting at-risk groups and frontline workers, according to Health Minister Roger Kamba. The continent faces vaccine shortages despite

having a population of 1.4 billion people. Only 5.9 million doses have been secured for Africa, expected between October and December. Dr. Jean Kaseya from Africa CDC emphasized Congo's priority status in receiving these vaccines.

### Impact on Vulnerable Populations

Mpox has been spreading undetected in Africa for years before prompting a global outbreak in 2022. Unlike last year's outbreak focused on gay and bisexual men, mpox now spreads through sexual transmission and close contact among children, pregnant women, and other vulnerable groups, explained Dr. Dimie Ogoina of WHO's mpox emergency committee.

## Sumayya Rana Alleges House Arrest While Filing Police Complaint Against Yati Narsinghanand

(Gns). Sumayya Rana, daughter of the late poet Munawwar Rana and a Samajwadi Party leader, alleged that she and several women activists were placed under house arrest. They intended to lodge a police complaint against priest Yati Narsinghanand for his alleged offensive remarks about Prophet Muhammad. However, the police refuted her claim, stating that her complaint was registered and action is being taken according to regulations.

Rana explained that they planned to visit Kaiserbagh police station to file a written complaint against Narsinghanand for his inappropriate comments. Following this, they intended to hold a candle march at Parivartan Chowk. "Today

we women activists had to go to the Kaiserbagh police station to give a written complaint to register a case against Yati Narsinghanand for making indecent remarks on Prophet Muhammad and then we planned a candle march to Parivartan Chowk," Rana stated.

The police arrived at their residence around 11:30 am, according to Rana. She requested them to contact their senior officer if they were not allowed to leave. Consequently, the assistant commissioner of police (ACP) was summoned. Upon his arrival, they handed over their written complaint demanding action

against Narsinghanand. "We clearly told ACP Ratnesh Singh that if action is not taken by registering a case on this complaint, then we will surround your police station," she added.



ACP Ratnesh Singh denied any house arrest claims involving Rana. He confirmed that she submitted a written complaint regarding the incident. On the matter of filing an FIR, he mentioned that the police would proceed with necessary actions as per legal protocols. The complaint has been forwarded to the Kaiserbagh police station in charge for further processing.

Narsinghanand faces charges for hate speech

after allegedly making derogatory comments about Prophet Muhammad, which led to protests in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad district and other regions. Rana emphasized that such statements not only offend religious sentiments but also threaten communal harmony. "He has hurt religious sentiments by making objectionable statements against the Prophet and strict action should be taken against him," she asserted.

Rana highlighted the potential for such issues to spread rapidly through social media, damaging the nation's reputation both domestically and internationally. "In this age of social media, such a matter spreads across the country and abroad, tarnishing the nation's image," she remarked.

## Israel: Mass Shooting At A Bus Station In Beersheba, 1 Dead, 9 Injured

(Gns). A tragic incident unfolded at Beersheba's central bus station in Israel, where a terror attack claimed one life and injured nine others. Israeli police confirmed the attack on Sunday, stating that the assailant was shot dead. Magen David Adom (MDA), Israel emergency medical service, treating nine individuals with varying injuries at the scene.

Among those injured, one person was in moderate-to-serious condition, four in moderate condition, and three sustained minor injuries. All were transported to Soroka Medical Center in Beersheba for further treatment. A significant security presence remains at the location following the attack.

On October 1, a suspected terrorist attack occurred in Tel Aviv. The attack took place on Jerusalem Street near a light rail station in Jaffa, resulting in multiple casualties.



Recent Surge in Violence This incident marks the second mass shooting in

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Security Measures Intensified The recent surge in violence has prompted heightened security measures across Israel. Authorities are on high alert as they investigate these incidents and work to prevent further attacks. The public is urged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities.

## MP: Massive Drug Bust In Capital Bhopal Unearths MD Worth Rs 1,800 Crore

(Gns). Authorities have seized mephedrone (MD) drugs and their raw materials worth Rs 1,814 crore from a factory in Bhopal, according to Gujarat minister Harsh Sanghavi.

The operation was a joint effort by the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) and the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

MD drug and its raw materials valued at Rs 1,814 crore seized from a factory in Madhya Pradesh's Bhopal.

Praising the agencies involved in the raid, Sanghavi wrote on X, "Kudos to Gujarat ATS and NCB (Ops), Delhi, for a massive win in the fight against drugs! Recently, they raided a factory in Bhopal and seized MD and materials used to manufacture MD, with a staggering total value of Rs 1,814

crore!" "This achievement highlights the tireless work of our law enforcement agencies in combating drug trafficking and abuse. Their collaborative efforts are essential in protecting the health and security of our society," he added.



Sanghavi applauded the commitment of the agencies, describing their dedication to tackling drug-related crime as "commendable" and urged the

public to continue supporting these efforts. Delhi drug bust Just a few days prior, on

Wednesday, police in Delhi uncovered another large drug haul in the Mahipalpur area of the city. Authorities claimed to have seized more than 560 kilograms of cocaine and 40 kilograms of hydroponic marijuana from a warehouse, with an estimated market value of Rs 5,620 crore.

A senior police official

disclosed that Tushar Goyal (40), identified as the mastermind behind the Delhi drug syndicate, had been arrested as part of the operation. Investigators found several photos on a social media account allegedly belonging to Goyal, where he was seen posing with Congress party leaders.

His Facebook account reportedly displayed a profile picture featuring a tiger and a bio stating that he was the "chairman of Delhi Pradesh RTI Cell of DYPC, Indian Youth Congress." However, the Indian Youth Congress issued a statement clarifying that Goyal had been expelled from the organisation on 17 October 2022 for "anti-party activities."

In addition to Goyal, police arrested three other individuals: Himanshu Kumar (27) and Aurangzeb

## Margao Police Detain Protestors Demanding Arrest of Former Goa RSS Chief Subhash Velingkar

(Gns). Late on Saturday night, police in Margao, South Goa, used force to disperse protestors blocking a national highway. The protestors were demanding the arrest of Subhash Velingkar, the former Goa RSS chief. A senior police official confirmed that five individuals were detained after they refused to vacate the road during the demonstration.

The protestors were reacting to statements made by Velingkar that allegedly hurt religious sentiments. His comments targeted St Francis Xavier, the patron saint of Goa, whose relics are housed at the Basilica of Bom Jesus Church in Old Goa. More than a dozen cases have been filed against him for

these remarks. Police Action and Detentions



As the protest continued throughout the day, a group of demonstrators blocked vehicles on the highway passing through Margao

city. Despite most protestors ending their agitation earlier, this group persisted,

ed, leading to police intervention. Officers resorted to using canes to disperse them and detained five individuals, including a

woman, for questioning.

The Bicholim Police had already registered an FIR against Velingkar on Friday. The ongoing protests disrupted traffic and caused inconvenience to commuters in the area. Authorities stated that they had to take action as the protestors were obstructing vehicles and harassing passengers.

### Legal Proceedings and Bail Application

In response to the legal actions against him, Velingkar sought anticipatory bail from a local court on Saturday. However, the Additional District and Sessions court in Panaji denied him interim relief from arrest. The court has scheduled further hearings for Monday.

## AAP Leader Shot At In Punjab, Party Blames Akali Dal Workers

(Gns). Two Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supporters were injured, one critically, in a violent clash at the block development and panchayat office (BDPO) in Jalalabad, Fazilka district, on Saturday. Gunfire was reported during the incident. The altercation occurred when Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Vardev Singh Nonni Mann and his party workers arrived at the BDPO office, where AAP workers were also present.

One of Mann's relatives is contesting the rural body elections. It is believed that Mann's group feared the rejection of their nomination papers following a complaint from AAP-backed sarpanch candidate Mandeep Brar, who is running

for the seat in Muhammadewala village. Nonni Mann's camp has faced allegations of illegal



land possession.

The situation escalated when Mandeep Brar reportedly got into a confrontation with Mann's group, leading to gunfire. Mandeep sustained a gunshot wound to his chest and was rushed

to DMC in Ludhiana for advanced medical treatment.

Another injured worker,

who remains unidentified, was shot in the hand and taken to a hospital in Faridkot. Fazilka SSP Varinder Singh Brar, who visited the scene, said the accused held a grudge against

Mandeep, who had previously filed a complaint against them for "illegally" possessing panchayat land for a private school in Chak Suhele Wala village.

The complaint led to the state government withdrawing a no-objection certificate for the school, and litigation is ongoing.

The police are in the process of registering a case against the accused, with the SSP assuring a thorough investigation.

Jalalabad MLA and AAP leader Jagdeep Kamboj Goldy visited the hospital to check on the victims, calling the incident "tragic and unfortunate."

Meanwhile, Jasbir Singh Johal, a lawyer for Noni Mann, said, "More than 100 AAP supporters initiated

## Sale of meat and liquor to be banned during Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj to honour Sanatan traditions: CM Yogi

(Gns). Sale of meat and liquor will be prohibited within the traditional boundaries of Prayagraj during Maha Kumbh 2025, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced on Sunday in the presence of representatives and officials from all 13 akhadas, including the Khak-Chowk, Dandibara, and Acharyabara traditions.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said all projects related to the Maha Kumbh must be completed by December 10, with no leeway for negligence.

Revealing that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the works related to the Maha Kumbh, he underscored that the Maha Kumbh is organised under the guidance of the flag-bearing akhadas of Sanatan Dharma and vari-

ous saint traditions, with the state government acting as a partner in this sacred event. He also noted that devotees arriving from across the world will be treated as esteemed guests.

The CM stated that the Maha Kumbh would showcase Sanatan Indian culture to the entire world, underscoring the government's commitment to honouring the Sanatan tradition. The Chief Minister also stressed the need to prohibit the sale and purchase of meat and liquor within the traditional boundaries of Prayagraj, considering the sentiments of the entire Sanatan community, including sadhus, saints, sanyasis, and ascetics.



The Chief Minister stated that every saint and devotee visiting the Maha Kumbh to bathe in the sacred Triveni Sangam will witness the pristine and uninterrupted flow of the Ganga and Yamuna. While the government is taking steps to maintain the cleanliness of these holy rivers, support from the Sadhu-Saint community is also anticipated. Additionally, the Chief Minister announced that land will soon be designated in Prayagraj for the Samadhi of any sages and saints who pass away during the Maha Kumbh.

The Chief Minister remarked that the advancement of the Sanatan society

can only occur under the guidance of saints. He emphasised that everyone must contribute to make Maha Kumbh 2025 even more grand than Kumbh 2019. He noted that owing to the blessings of the saints and the leadership of the Prime Minister, the world is witnessing the revitalised forms of Ayodhya, Varanasi, and Braj Dham.

While paying tribute to the memory of Brahmali Narendra Giri Ji Maharaj on this special occasion, the Chief Minister mentioned that a corridor is currently being developed near the reclining Hanuman Ji temple. He urged all saints to participate in the Swachh Maha Kumbh campaign, advocating for cleanliness and encouraging everyone to refrain from using banned plastics.

## IAF choppers rescue American and British women mountaineers stranded near Chaukhamba-3 Peak for 3 days in Uttarakhand

(Gns). Two British and American women mountaineers were safely rescued on Sunday morning after being stranded for three days en route to the Chaukhamba-3 Himalayan Peak, which is above 6,000 metres in the Uttarakashi district of Uttarakhand.

Their rescue was made possible with the assistance of French climbers.

According to information provided by the state disaster management department on September 11, the two women mountaineers - US-based Michelle Theresa Dvorak (23) and British national Fav Jane Manners (27) - embarked on their mission from Delhi to climb the Himalayan Chaukhamba-3 Peak in Uttarakashi, which stands at 6,995 metres above sea

level. However, on October 3, the duo of women mountaineers contacted their respective embassies via pager and informed them



that they were stranded ahead of the Chaukhamba-3 Peak and had lost their belongings, including food items and climbing equipment. The embassies relayed this information to the Indian Mountaineering Federation (IMF), which subsequently informed the

District Emergency Operations Centre (DEOC) in Chamoli that two women mountaineers were stuck at an altitude of 6,015 metres on the Chaukhamba-3

mountain, which stands at 6,995 metres. Following this, the Chamoli district administration sought assistance from the state government, the Centre, and the Indian Air Force (IAF), prompting the launch of a rescue operation with immediate effect.

Two Cheetah helicopters began their search on October 4 with the help of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF).

However, the stranded American and British women mountaineers remained untraceable during the IAF and SDRF search operations. This made the rescue effort for the two mountaineers challenging for the state government.

On the other hand, on September 18, a team of five French mountaineers had also set out on their expedition to climb the Chaukhamba peak. The IMF informed the French team about the American and British women trekkers stranded at an altitude of 6,015 metres ahead of the Chaukhamba Peak.





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