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## PM Modi In Bikaner: 'When Sindoor Turns Into **Barood, Enemies Are Reduced To Dust**

(Agency) In his Deshnoke Rajasthan, on Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a strong point on the Indian military's prompt action during Operation Sindoor. He claimed that those who sought to eradicate India's girls' sindoor (vermilion) had been "reduced to dust."

Speaking in Hindi, PM Modi declared, "The world has witnessed what happens when sindoor turns into barood (gunpowder)," referring to the country's decisive response against terrorism.

PM Modi In Bikaner When Sindoor Turns Into Barood Enemies Are Reduced To Dust

He recalled the tragic

in Bikaner, was felt by every Indian - all 140 crore citizens. In the

bullets were fired in the action, he stated, com- today from Rajasthani soil speech in Kashmir Valley, the pain pelled Pakistan to retreat under pressure. He continued by saying



wake of the attack, the entire nation united with a shared determination to punish the perpetrators more severely than they could have imagined, he said.

PM Modi emphasized April 22 terrorist attack in that the Indian Armed Pahalgam, Jammu and Forces were given com-Kashmir, where terrorists plete operational freedom, targeted women based on which led to a coordinated their religion. The prime assault by the Army, Navy, minister said that while the and Air Force. This joint bend down." I reiterate

that India carried out a lightning-fast and accurate military operation to demolish nine major terror facilities in just 22 minutes, retaliating for the April 22 attack. Recalling his 2019

Churu, speech at Rajasthan, after an earlier airstrike, Modi spoke to the crowd, saying, 'I had sworn then, 'I will not let this nation fall, I will not let it

that those who attempted to eradicate our daughters' vermilion are now nothing more than dust.

The prime minister continued his sharp rhetoric, declaring that those who once shed Indian blood have now paid for every drop. "Those who thought India would stay silent are cowering inside their homes. Those who flaunted their weapons now lie buried beneath rubble," he said.

He described Operation Sindoor not as a simple retaliation, but as a declaration of India's new strength and resolve. "This is not mere revenge, this is the fierce avatar of a capable India - a new form of justice," he said.

PM Modi's speech was met with loud cheers from the gathered crowd, highlighting national unity and pride in India's military capability.

Congress' media and

publicity department head

Pawan Khera said this is

the eighth time President

Trump has made this claim

that he got Operation

trade to get India to end

Operation Sindoor. Prime

Minister Modi has not

rejected this claim even

once. What does this

silence mean?"Khera said

In his remarks in the

"He claims to have used

silence, he asked.

Sindoor stopped.

in a post on X.

Provides Guidance and addressed 11 complaints, SWAGAT. Public Relations Instructions offering relevant sugges- officials were instructed to at the district level, with for Redressal 90 tions for their resolution. coordinate with the conof Representations Most Received in State SWAances

related to the Gandhinagar, 22 May Revenue

Bhupendra Patel directed district administrations to promptly resolve minor citizen issues, including those of farmers, at the local level. CM instructed the officials to address long-pending farmers' grievances raised during State SWAGAT program swiftly and within a set timeframe.

In the state-level SWA-GAT (State Wide Attention Grievances on bv Application of Technology) program for May 2025, held on the fourth Thursday of

## **India-Pakistan Directly Negotiated Ceasefire: S Jaishankar Dismisses Trump's Mediation Claims**

#### (Agency)

Despite US President Donald Trump taking credit easing tensions for India and Pakistan, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said that New Delhi and Islamabad "directly negotiated" the ceasefire.

Speaking to Dutch public broadcaster NOS, S Jaishankar said that several countries were in touch with India after launching Operation Sindoor and the United States was not alone. He stated that India told every country to talk to India directly if Islamabad

wants a ceasefire. India-Pakistan Directly Negotiated Ceasefire S Jaishankar Dismisses Trump s Mediation Claims

"When two countries are Oval Office during a meet-

State SWAGAT: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Directs Prompt Resolution of Farmers' Issues and Long-Standing Concerns

griev-

were

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Minister the month, the CM ances in the state-level 1,103 citizen representa-Chief

GAT at Gandhinagar

2025: Chief Minister Shri Department, specifically land measurement, acquisition, exemption from acquisition, and stamp duty on building struction. Issues concerning protection

walls under the Irrigation Department were also raised, along with concerns from the Police and Panchayat Approximately 90 complainants presented griev- Collector. In May 2025, gram.

view.

chairmanship of

cerned authorities for their

programs are regularly held

District-level SWAGAT

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resolution.

departments. across the state under the

Hindustan Times quoted just did with Pakistan and him as saying in the inter-India, we settled that whole thing, and I think I settled it



Ever since India and Pakistan agreed for ceasea big deal with India. We're fire, the US President has doing a big deal with been claiming that he bro-Pakistan... You know somebody had to be the kered peace between India last one to shoot, but the and Pakistan. At least, eight times, he has claimed shooting was getting worse that he stopped the and worse, bigger and big-Operation Sindoor and ger, deeper and deeper into

If Pak Wanted To Stop, They Have To Call Us

tions were heard in person

appropriate instructions

issued for their resolution.

At the taluka level, 3,617

grievances were addressed

in person, including 2,503

at the taluka SWAGAT, with

nearly 52% resolved on the

Secretary to the Chief

Minister, Shri M.K. Das,

Secretary Smt. Avantika

Singh, Secretary, Dr

Vikrant Pandey, Officers on

Special Duty Shri Dhiraj

Parekh and Shri Rakesh

Vyas, along with senior

secretaries and officials

from relevant departments,

remained present during

this state SWAGAT pro-

Chief

Principal

spot.

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Responding to a question on the US's role in the ceasefire, S Jaishankar said, "We made one thing very clear to everybody who spoke to us, not just the US but to everybody, saying if the Pakistanis want to stop fighting, they need to tell us. We need to hear it from them. Their general has to call up our general and say this. And that is what happened," he added.

The External Affairs Minister made it clear that India will only have discussions with Pakistan on ending terrorism and on the issue of Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir.

He also said that India will respond in a similar way if there is another terattack like the Pahalgam incident that killed 26 civilians. New Delhi has redefined its policy against terrorism which now says that any attack on Indian soil will be considered as an act of war.

## **Congress Slams Centre After Trump Reiterates India-Pakistan Ceasefire Claims: 'Why This Thundering Silence?'**

(Agency)

With US recent conflict between ceasefire. India and Pakistan through the promise of trade, the Congress on Thursday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has not rejected such statements even once and asked why this "thundering silence".

Congress' general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said that for the eight time in 11 days, President Trump has claimed full credit for the ceasefire between India and

reiterated that trade with Affairs Minister also contin-President the US was the instrument ues to maintain complete Donald Trump repeating he used to get the two his claim that he settled the counties to declare a

quiet on what his pal, the US Secretary of State, has said in support of the US



between Why this thundering

"Yet our PM -- Donald par in every way, and also edly saying. The External a post on X.

President's claims and Pakistan, praised the PMs bhai's great buddy -- is about the 'neutral site' for of India and Pakistan completely silent on what talks between India and equally and put them on the US President is repeat- Pakistan," Ramesh said in

ing with visiting South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Trump said, "If you take a look at what we just did with Pakistan and India.

step in India's growing

highlighting NCPOR's 25-

studies.

engaged in a conflict, it is natural that countries in the world call up and...try to sort of indicate their concern...but the cessation of

used trade for Islamabad- the country. We spoke to tensions.

Trump's Big Claims During his interaction Cyril Ramaphosa on

New Delhi to reduce the them and...we got it settled, ror and then two days later something happened. and they said it was Trump's firing and military action with South Africa President fault, but Pakistan has some excellent people and Wednesday, he said, "If some really good leaders you take a look at what we and India is my friend.

### VP calls for evidence-based validation, digitisation, translations, and cross-disciplinary studies of ancient texts facility marks a significant

(Agency)

focus on polar and ocean The Vice-President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar today Dr Jitendra Singh also called for focussing on unveiled a documentary alternative medicine and for evidence based validayear journey and took a virtion of our ancient texts to tual walkthrough of the make them accessible and upcoming museum, which applicable to contemporary is expected to offer immerchallenges. Speaking at an sive, science-based public event in RajBhavan, Goa engagement experiences. he said, "We are a nation with a difference....We are

being practiced now very They are meant to be widely disseminated. Let us

and we will get rooted in tion, and reinterpretation our roots. I strongly focus using modern scientific on alternative medicine tools. Let us pursue evibecause India is the home dence-based validation, evance of our systems like of alternative medicine. It is digitisation, translations, and cross-disciplinary studextensively....Let us not ies to make these treasures confine our ancient texts to accessible and applicable libraries. They are not to contemporary chalmeant for shelf of library. lenges..... am extremely happy that World Health Organisation has recogbring timeless ideas to life nised it by establishing a global centre for traditional

medicine in Jamnagar Gujarat. What a powerful recognition of universal rel-Ayurveda."

"Time for us to look back in our Vedas, in our Upanishads, in our Puranas, in our history and time to tell our children from birth about our civilizational depth of knowledge", he added.



#### BRIEF NOTICE INVITING TENDER

1. On Behalf of the President of India, online item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following work.

SI. No.	Title of work	Estimated cost put to tender (₹)	Period of completion	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Due date and time of opening of tenders	Earnest money deposit (EMD) (₹)
1.	Construction of Community Hall at Vastrapur DOS Housing Colony, Ahmedabad – Civil & PH works.	440.31 Lakhs	21 Months	From 23.05.2025 at 10.00 Hrs. to 04.06.2025 upto 17:00 Hrs.	11.06.2025 upto 17:00 Hrs.	15:00 hrs. on 12.06.2025 (Techno- commercial bid)	Rs. 8,80,620/-

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Group Head, CMG/SAC

#### Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurates "Sagar Bhavan" and "Polar Bhavan", two first-of its-kind facilities in India erating over the nuances of enable India to play a glob-The newly inaugurated

the ocean geopolitics or al role in ocean geopolitics.

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Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology; Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh on inaudurated Tuesdav "Sagar Bhavan" and "Polar Bhavan", two first-of itskind facilities in India and among the very few in the Centre of Polar and Ocean Research" (NCPOR).

At a time when nations



world at Goa's "National Minister expressed confidence that in the times to come, the institute will facilitate India's increased role across the world are delib- in geopolitics and even

geopolitics of oceans, the In addition, the new facili-

He also launched the "Science On Sphere (SOS)" ties will also enable the initiative, a 3D visualization platform for displaying institute to gain supremacy in the study of weather patearth systems and climateterns as also to address the related data. climate concerns, he said.

## Punjab unveils land pooling policy to revolutionize urban development, empower landowners

(Agency)

Thursday announced a landmark initiative by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann-led Punjab govern- ticipation. ment: the implementation visionary of an innovative land pooling policy aimed at fostering transparent and planned urban development across the state.

This policy marks a significant departure from past practices, prioritizing voluntary participation and empowering landowners to also highlighted the subbecome active stakeholders in Punjab's progress. Addressing a press con-

ference at Punjab Bhawan addresses the growing Punjab Finance Minister here on Thursday, Finance demand for affordable Harpal Singh Cheema on Minister Harpal Singh housing in our urban cen-Cheema emphasized the tres, driven by Punjab's policy's core principle of rapid urbanization. Market 100 per cent voluntary par- estimates indicate that policy,

there will be no forcible land acquisition. We have developed a model that respects the rights and aspirations of

our farmers and landowners," he said. The finance minister

stantial economic benefits for participating landowners. "This policy directly



Cheema further explained that the develop-

ment agencies of the Punjab government would be responsible for developing the pooled land, ensuring the provision of modern infrastructure, including

roads, water supply, sewerage, drainage, and electricity. "Once developed, the land will be returned to the original landowners in proportion to their contribution. It will appreciate significantly in value, and landowners will have the autonomy to use their developed plots as they see fit-whether for personal use or for sale," he added. Positioning this policy

as a decisive blow against land mafias and illegal Cheema colonies. remarked, "For the past decades, three the Congress and Akali-BJP governments operated in

rediscovering our roots, through research, innova-

## was something which was negotiated directly between India and Pakistan,"

## Garvi Gujarat

## **Editorial**

## **Overseas control**

India's proposed move to tighten foreign investment norms by formally recognising "Foreign-Owned and Controlled Entities" (FOCE) is not just a bureaucratic tweak ~ it is a decisive step toward aligning FDI oversight with economic reality. The global investment landscape has evolved rapidly, and it is only prudent that our regulatory frameworks catch up. For years, indirect foreign investments ~ often routed through complex offshore structures ~ have operated in a grey zone. These investments allowed foreign actors to effectively control Indian businesses while sidestepping FDI rules that were designed to protect national interests. Whether in e-commerce, fin-tech, pharmaceuticals, or media, the use of layered corporate entities and overseas funds has enabled backdoor entry into restricted sectors. With the FOCE category, the government is rightly attempting to draw a clear line: if control lies abroad, the obligations under FDI policy must apply.

This clarity is especially timely. India has emerged as a pivotal destination for global capital, but this openness must be matched with strategic oversight. Since 2020, when prior approval was mandated for investments from countries sharing land borders with India, particularly China, the intent to shield critical sectors from opaque foreign control has been evident. However, without accounting for indirect control structures, enforcement remained porous. The new FOCE rules aim to plug this gap. This move also signals India's growing confidence in shaping global investment norms, not just reacting to them. As one of the world's largest economies, India has every right to set terms that prioritise transparency, reciprocity, and long-term national interest. Critics may argue that tighter regulations could deter foreign investment. But this view misses the point. India is not shutting its doors ~ it is simply demanding transparency and compliance with the rules that domestic businesses are already bound by. In fact, clarity and predictability in regulation are strong incentives for serious investors. Those who wish to operate within India's framework, in good faith, will find no undue hindrance. Furthermore, insisting that indirect ownership be treated on par with direct investment upholds both the spirit and the letter of India's FDI policy.

If an offshore fund controls an Indian entity, then its actions ~ whether restructuring or transferring shares ~ should be scrutinised for their impact on national policy goals and sectoral limits. This is especially important in sectors where control translates into access to sensitive data, consumer influence, or strategic infrastructure. By ensuring that valuation norms, disclosure requirements, and ownership thresholds apply uniformly, the FOCE framework also levels the playing field. Indian entrepreneurs and companies have long contended with asymmetries in compliance. Rectifying this imbalance enhances fairness and builds trust in the regulatory system. In essence, India is not retreating from global capital ~ it is maturing in how it engages with it. The FOCE classification, if implemented with precision and fairness can reinforce India's reputation as a stable, rules-based economy that values both investment and sovereignty

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# **Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Inaugurates RE-NETWORK 2025**

**Gujarat is the Only State** in the Country Equipped with a Gas Grid, Water Grid, and Electricity Grid:

**Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel** 

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has consistently emphasised the importance of newage renewable energy

- By establishing Asia's largest solar power plant at Charanka, Prime **Minister Shri Narendra** Modi demonstrated his strong commitment to renewable energy sources

- Initiatives like RE-NETWORK 2025 exemplify the spirit of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas" in the renewable energy sector **Forest and Environment** Minister Shri Mulubhai **Bera Graces the Occasion** Two-Day Expo Will Host

120+ Exhibitors, 15+ **Eminent Speakers, and** 25,000+ Attendees

**Gujarat Federation of** Solar Industries (GFSI) Organises Expo to Promote Innovation. **Business Growth, and** 

**Collaboration in Renewable Energy Sector** 

Gandhinagar, 22 May 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel inaugurated RE-NETWORK 2025 in Ahmedabad, in the presence of Forest and

Mulubhai Bera. During the launch of RE-NETWORK 2025, CM congratulated the Indian Army on the success of 'Operation Sindoor'. He stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a new India is being built through development-oriented politics alongside internal and border security.

CM further mentioned that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has always emphasised new-age renewable energy. He added that when the country and the world were discussing renewable and green clean energy, the then Chief Minister and current Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi demonstrated his commitment to renewable energy sources by starting Asia's largest solar plant in Charanka. While addressing the RE-NETWORK 2025 Expo. The themed Future Together, the CM stated that the event reflects the Prime Minister's commitment to renewable energy. Such initiatives truly embody the vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas" within the RE sector. The CM praised the Gujarat Federation of Solar Industries (GFSI) for its innovative approach in promoting technological advancement across solar, biomass, green wind,

Environment Minister Shri hydrogen, and energy stor- Gram Jyoti Yojana . age sectors. Speaking on the state's progress under

the leadership of Shri that Gujarat's power gen-

evolved The CM further noted

2009, which has since into the Renewable Energy Policy 2023 through timely

added that under Surya Ghar Yojana, 3.36 lakh homes in Gujarat now have solar rooftops, ranking first in the country. The CM also mentioned 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' and 'Catch the Rain' campaigns launched under the Prime Minister's guidance International on Biodiversity Day.

Shri Kishorsinh Jhala, President of the Gujarat Federation of Solar Industries (GFSI), said the event will strengthen the renewable energy ecosystem by bringing together key stakeholders. He mentioned growing public engagement with renewable energy through schemes like PM Surya Ghar Yojana. It is worth mentioning that the twoday expo will feature over 120 exhibitors, 15+ speakers, and more than 25,000 attendees.

Narendra Modi, the Chief eration capacity has risen from 8,750 megawatts in Minister said that after becoming Chief Minister in 2001 to 53,000 megawatts 2001, Shri Narendra Modi today, with renewable led Gujarat's development sources accounting for overcoming several 55% of the total. Modhera challenges with visionary has emerged as the counleadership. To make the try's first solar-powered village. Gujarat remains the power sector self-reliant, he introduced Jyotigram only state with integrated Yojana. Its success in progas, water, and electricity grids. Guided by Shri viding 24-hour electricity to citizens later inspired the Narendra Modi's vision, nationwide implementation the state launched India's of Deendayal Upadhyaya first Solar Energy Policy in State even before that. He

updates. Highlighting initiatives in the RE sector under the Prime Minister's guidance, the Chief Minister said that Shri Narendra Modi drew global attention by establishing Climate Change the Department. His goal is to make India a net-zero carbon emission country by 2070, and Gujarat is committed to becoming a Net Zero Carbon Emission

On the occasion of RE-NETWORK 2025, MLA of Dhangadhra Shri Prakash Varmora, Additional Chief Secretary of the Energy Petrochemicals and Department Shri S.J. Haider, Executive Member of the Gujarat Federation of Solar Industries (GFSI) Shri Divyesh Savaliya, along with other dignitaries, committee members, sponsors, exhibitors, and entrepreneurs, were present.

# Timeless story of Goopy Gyne and Kanu Kyne

(Agency)

According to the Bengali calendar, 8 May 1969, was the 25th day of Baishakh. It was the 108th birthday of Tagore. However, it is recognised as the day that Satyajit Ray's iconic fantasy film, Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne, which was based on the story by his grandfather Upendrakishore Roy Chowdhury, was released.

It's "one of India's most original films," according to director Raja Sen, where Ray conjured up two musician heroes and a world of ghosts." In the story, two young, aspiring musicians named Goopy and Bagha were exiled from their respective villages – Amloki and Hortoki – because their

persuasively argues for peace in a humane world. For fifty years and more, Ray's Goopy Gyen Bagha Byen has induced Bengalis, and it will undoubtedly continue to mesmerise for many more years. The film's depiction of class differences and anti-war sentiment, among many other socio-political themes, are timeless. Let's talk about one such significant social viewpoint and how it has changed over the past hundred years. In the narrative of Goopy Gyen and Bagha Byen,

Goopy's father, Kanu

Kyen, was a grocer in

His declaration that he had no loved ones may therefore have been a conscious decision; like Goopy, he

by

after he and Bagha married two princesses, lived in the of palace monarch, and spent their time playing music.

Well, were Goopy's parents happy remaining in Amloki, their village? Possibly so. Or did Goopy really bring them to his new residence? Upendrakishore, certainly, forgot to clarify that. Determining whether or not that absence of clarity was intentional is quite challenging. Nevertheless, it is a crucial aspect of the narrative. In a way, the tale of Goopy and Bagha also depicts enduring socioeconomic class distinc-

Shundi's

roots and to see his parents whenever he has the chance. The story's film adaptation was made by Upendrakishore's grandson over fifty years later. In the film, when his son was compelled to leave the village, the father sobs. But the son never goes back to his native village and eventually becomes the son-inlaw of a king. Another halfcentury plus has gone by. The realm of Halla and Shundi, where Goopy and Bagha travelled in the nar-

rative, is now also interna-

tional. What do the Goopys

and Baghas of today do? After relocating to a king's palace and marrying tions. It depicts the pursuit a princess in a distant country, do they forget about the Kanu Kynes? Or, as in Upendrakishore's century-old tale, do they occasionally travel home for holidays to spend time with their parents and experience their affection and caress? And do they still vow to bring their parents along the next time they go back? What actually happens the next time? And is it without their own interest if they do occasionally take them to the Shundi's palace for a short while? Do the Kanu Kynes of today, during the remainder of their lives, truly believe the promises of Goopys and take pride in their children's accomplishments? The tragic figure Kanu Kyne and the social element of the Goopy and Bagha narrative are age-

least, in his village as well. self, crying. And suddenly content with their prestige native village to find his he becomes a tragic character who'd become a forgotten character shortly. But in Upendrakishore's may have wished to break original story, Goopy's

Amloki, his village. It music tortured their neighwas perceived bours. Subsequently, the many that Goopy king of ghosts, was pleased might have made a by their off-key singing and deliberate decision

to drumming in the forest and refuse to acknowledge his gave the singer-drummer village upbringing and the duo Goopy and Bagha existence of his father in three boons: enchanted his later years. Goopy's shoes that let them travel desire for achieving power, anywhere by clapping their wealth, happiness, and success might have had a hands together, the power to summon food and clothmajor role in his disregard for his family and his past. ing at will, and - most remarkably – the capacity Regarding Goopy's mother, Ray made no mento captivate and spellbind an audience. Both Goopy tion. Therefore, it is and Bagha eventually rose unknown to us if she was to prominence as court still alive when Goopy left musicians in the Shundi Amloki village. However, kingdom, and each of them Upendrakishore made princess. explicit reference to her. Everybody had a happy How about Bagha? He revealed to Goopy in the The film explores unimovie that his parents had versal themes of brotherpassed away. But given hood, compassion, love, how Bagha was portrayed and selflessness in addition in the movie, it's probable

that he had parents or

some close relatives, at

However, India, despite

having no such problems,

delayed the census, and

by

ened the king.

Bagha's

annoyed

drum

father chased him out from all past ties. In the story, Goopy was driven out of the house

Amloki village on a donkey Nevertheless, in that 1915 tale, Goopy and since his singing had awak-Bagha took a two-day Goopy eventually forgot break from the Shundi about his parents and king's court to see their parenjoyed a happy life after ents. Bagha's parents marrying a princess. But passed away earlier, and this Goopy, Bagha, and he escaped and arrived at Kanu are all products of Goopy's house after protecting his drum from the Satyajit's reimagination. Upendrakishore's portrayal agitated residents of his of the original characters Hortoki village, who chased him. After being caressed differs slightly. In the original story, the rhythms of by Goopy's parents for two also days, they left for Shundi. his parents Goopy made a vow to his severely. There is also a parents on the way back reference to Bagha's father, that he would have Panchu Pyne, therein. In returned to take them with the movie, Kanu Kyne him the next time he had a wipes his eyes against a leave of absence. As the tree as Goopy is being drivstory came to a close, en out of Amloki village. Upendrakishore explained Kanu came home by himthat Goopy's parents were

of money, prosperity, upliftment, peace, and success from hamlet to city and one country to another more prosperous country perceived to have greater scope.

Remember that long before they were able to realise their dreams of a king's palace and princesses in real life, Goopy and Bagha dreamed of them. Of course, there is no denying that there may also be a desire to succeed in one's own creative field, in this case music. More than a century ago, in 1915, Upendrakishore published GoopyBagha's story in six instalments of the wildly popular children's magazine Sandesh. It was comparable to a village boy migrating to a city at the time. Even though his father had expelled him, he less in this regard as well. always goes back to his

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The Union Government has finally yielded to the a) there is hardly one demands of various pressure groups for conducting a caste census side by side with the next normal cen- to be the first state to consus operation (2021) as duct a caste-based survey and when it is held. The latest announcement about the government more than the next census (The seven years' time to finalise Statesman, May 1) is the outcome of these demands. Earlier, in 2021, the govern-Announcing the government decision and Cabinet to the Supreme Court that nod on conducting the next conducting a caste census census, the Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said that this shall be the first caste census India.

aspects regarding the time of this announcement are month left for the Bihar Assembly elections ~ and incidentally, Bihar happens in the country, and b) it took what it announced in 2018. ment categorically reported is an administratively difficult process as it is prone to errors. Depending on in independent this plea of the Union government, the Apex Court

Maharashtra the Government on giving direction to the government to conduct a caste census.

married

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to its blend of fantasy, com-

edy, and adventure. It also

ending. Everyone, eh?

Conducting a census at eve - ry ten-year interval is a constitu - tional obligation of the Government of India, which helps not only in updating the country's baseline data system in almost all spheres but also helps the government in taking appropriate policy The 17th decisions. Census, which was supposed to be conducted in the year 2021 initially, was kept in abeyance due to the precarious situation prevailing in the country gener-Two notable unusual dismissed a petition filed by ated by the spread of

## **Caste and Census**

Covid-19. But even thereeven in the present declaafter, the government did ration, the government has not appear keen to conduct Census 2021. In this context, we may note that there were as many as 233 countries that were supposed to go for a census immediately after 2020, of which 143 countries have completed the census operation, including the People's Republic of China. Those which could not yet resume the process have their own internal

not spelled out any definite time frame for commencing the next census operation. In the absence of census data, people are today using the projected population data published by the technical committee of the health and family welfare department. But the projected data cannot be equivalent to the census data, and it has only limited use. In fact, the co problems, such as Ukraine, untry today is using data Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan, which are based on the 15-Myanmar, Sri Lanka, etc. year-old data ~ i.e., data from the 2011 census. The

census

momentum after Bihar came up with the res – ults of their caste-based survey in 2024.

Although the central government submitted an affidavit before the apex court stating that administratively a caste census is not possible to conduct, during the assembly elections in five states last year, whenever the issue came up, the BJP toned down its voice, saying that they are not averse to it. However, all along the course of the elections, it remained noncommittal. Meanwhile, the Congress has made it a issue of conducting a poll promise in those five gained states that had gone to

The issue was hot at that time, as Bihar had shown the way as to how to go about it. On Gandhi Jayanti last year, the government of Bihar declared the results of the caste census in the form of certain tables showing population data, which, however, were not authenticated by any government functionaries. The government neither published it under an official notification nor was it published under an Office Memorandum. To date, Bihar has not

disclosed the methodology

adopted for capturing the

caste data for their caste-

elections in the last round. based survey. We cannot refer to what Bihar has conducted as a census. Bihar named it a "caste-ba - sed survey." The census as a subject is included in Serial No. 69 of the Central List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. As such, it is the exclusive domain of the Central government to conduct any type of census in India. For this purpose, a Census Office is there under the name and style of the Office of the Registrar General of India (ORGI), which is entrusted with the responsibility of conducting the census in

the country.

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## **WESTERN RAILWAY INTRODUCES SUPERFAST** EXPRESS BETWEEN BANDRA TERMINUS AND BIKANER

Mumbai. For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand, under: a superfast express is being introduced between 21903/21904 Bandra Terminus and Terminus -Bikaner station.

has extended the trips of

halts and path.

Several

Assistant

struck a power line.

was injured".

(Agency)

Wednesday.

Professor

AP.

aboard a private aircraft

that crashed into a residential area in San Diego early

on Thursday have been

confirmed dead, reported

Department Chief Dan

Eddy, speaking at a press

that "no one on the ground

Fire

same composition, timings, 2025

Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details of this train is as

Superfast Weekly Express -

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release issued by Chief Special has been extended rail.gov.in

Train No. 09189/09190 Mumbai Central – Katihar

Mumbai Central – Katihar Special has been extended

According to a press Katihar – Mumbai Central

depart from Terminus every Monday at 23.25 hrs and reach Bikaner at 20.40 hrs, the

Train No. next day. This train will run Bandra from 26th May, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 21904 Bikaner Bikaner – Bandra Terminus

will open on 23.05.2025 at

PRS counters and IRCTC

website. For detailed infor-

of halts and composition,

passengers may please

visit www.enquiry.indian-

Bandra Bandra Terminus at 06.45 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 28th May, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Anand, Sabarmati, Nadiad, Mahesana, Palanpur, Abu Road, Falna, Marwar, Pali Marwar, Jodhpur, Merta Road, Nagaur, Nokha and Deshnoke stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 3-Tier (Economy) and AC Chair Car Coaches.

The booking of the Train No. 21903 will open from 23.05.2025 at all PRS Counters and on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.

The gunbattle erupted after the security forces made contact with terrorists hiding in the dense forest area. Additional reinforcements have been deployed,

(Agency)

Garvi Gujarat

Army was martyred during an ongoing encounter with terrorists in the Chhatru region of Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Thursday. The anti-terror operation, codenamed Operation Trashi, is being conducted jointly by the Indian Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police. According to official

sources, the soldier sustained critical injuries in a fierce exchange of gunfire and, despite intensive medical efforts, succumbed to

his wounds. J amp amp K One Soldier Martyred in Fierce Gunfight During Operation Trashi in Kishtwar

A soldier of the Indian

been cordoned off to Security forces remain ensure the successful con- on high alert, and further tinuation of the operation updates are expected as

**J&K: One Soldier Martyred in Fierce Gunfight** 

**During Operation Trashi In Kishtwar** 

**Gunfight Breaks Out in J amp** amp K Kishtwar Terrorists **Trapped by Security Personnel** 

This clash follows closely after India's precision strikes targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir during the early hours of May 7. In retaliation, Pakistan launched attacks on Indian military bases on May 8, 9, and 10, which were met with a strong response from India.

The hostilities ceased after talks between the directors general of military operations from both sides on May 10, resulting in an agreement to halt military actions.

India's Operation Sindoor was initiated as a response to the terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22, which claimed the lives of 26 people, mostly tourists.

aimed at eliminating the militants.

The Indian Army's White Knight Corps confirmed the martyrdom on X (formerly Twitter), stating, "During the ongoing operation, a fierce gunfight is continuing. One of our #Bravehearts sustained grievous injuries in the exchange of fire and has succumbed despite best medical efforts. rorists are trapped in the

**US: Multiple Fatalities Reported After Private** and the entire region has Operation is in progress." **Jet Crashes In California's San Diego** Karnataka Govt Approves Renaming Of went down it took out every single car that was on both **Ramanagara District As Bengaluru South** sides of the street. You can

#### see that every single car (Agency)

The Karnataka Cabinet on Thursday approved the renaming of neighbouring Ramanagara district as 'Bengaluru South'.

Ramanagara, about 50 kms from here, will remain as the headquarters of the renamed district, which will also consist of Magadi, Kanakapura, Channapatna and Harohalli taluks.

"We have checked the rules, regulations and acts amendments. Ramanagara was originally a Bengaluru district, today

Order regarding this will

Minister

he said, there will be no change in Ramanagara functioning as the headquarters of the district, and

Deputy

be

will be changed. I'm also Doddaballapura. here-on from the Bengaluru Channapatna, Ramanagara, Magadi, and

ongoing encounter.

the encounter develops.

Security Personnel

Terrorists Trapped by

An exchange of gunfire

occurred between security

forces and terrorists in the

Singhpora area of Chatroo,

located in Jammu and

Kashmir's Kishtwar district,

the J&K Police reported on

Wednesday. According to

reports, at least three ter-

There was some politics and some attempts were made (to oppose), but it is our right, it is a state subject," he said, noting that centre's approval was not sought when other districts were renamed earlier, including when the name Ramanagara was given to

this district. Responding to a question on opposition's criticism that development won't happen from name change, Shivakumar said, "let them wait and see."

Union Minister and JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy was the Chief Minister of the JD(S)-BJP coalition, when Ramanagara district was carved out in August 2007. Kumaraswamy had ear-

lier threatened to go on a

had been the political turf of

Officials from the San departments said the air- gers remains unknown. craft had the capacity to

Ashoka University asso- Mahmudabad being escort- that his remarks incited

ciate professor Ali Khan ed by police personnel after enmity and posed a threat

trict jail following the 2025. The Supreme Court Supreme Court criticised

Mahmudabad has been his arrest, in Sonipat, to national integrity.

fessor

released from Sonepat dis- Haryana, Sunday, May 18,

Assistant Fire Chief Dan tion, Eddy said, "When it hit

Khan

was burning down both sides of the street."

in

flight arriving from the Midwest.

ing website Flight Aware, a Cessna Citation II jet had been scheduled to land at Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport in San Diego at 3:47 a.m. after

Wichita, Kansas

right to free expression.

less and untenable."

of

Arrest

Rights

and political figures, who South deemed it an assault on Chief academic freedom and the

it will continue.

Ramanagara, which has

now been renamed, is the home district of Shivakumar, who is also the state Congress chief.

He represents Kanakapura Assembly constituency in the district, and had first mooted the proposal to rename the district as Bengaluru South.

Noting that Ramanagara district was earlier part of the Centre had opposed Bengaluru district, the the cabinet's earlier deci-

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including -- Hosakote,

Kanakapura taluks. "We

name within the framework

To a question whether

of law.

rural were all part of the central government has Ramanagara

Bengaluru city, Bengaluru Shivakumar said, nothing,

(current Ramanagara district people) are trying to save our Bengaluru identity. This region is developing," he said, adding that the cabinet decided on the Bengaluru South district

said, sion in this regard, Kumaraswamy as he had

protest if the Karnataka government decides to goahead with the proposal to rename the district.

Channapatna Assembly

national, and Sarah Milgrim,

represented

and

South district" he added.

Ahmedabad. Dt. 23-05-2025 Friday



#### briefing, noted that investigators would look into whether the aircraft had He confirmed, however,

passengers ten people, though the one was injured on the

Diego police and fire exact number of passen- ground".

carry between eight and Eddy reiterated that "no the street, as the jet fuel

Describing the devasta-

The complaints alleged

While granting bail, the

Local authorities have not yet disclosed full details about the aircraft, but confirmed it had been on a

According to flight track-

departing from Colonel James Jabara Airport in

Ashoka University Professor Ali Khan Mahmudabad Walks Out Of Sonepat Jail After SC Grants Him Bail

Shivakumar said.

The Faculty Association Ashoka University denounced the arrest, calling the charges "ground-NHRC Seeks Report on

and

in the cabinet it was decided to name it as the Bengaluru South district.

be issued. This is happy news for the Bengaluru district," Deputy DK

Speaking to reporters,

#### Express will depart from According to a press Train No. 21903 Bandra release issued by Chief Terminus Bikaner every Wednesday Bikaner Public Relations Officer of Superfast Express will at 08.50 hrs and arrive WR EXTENDS TRIPS OF WEEKLY SPECIAL TRAIN

**BETWEEN MUMBAI CENTRAL AND KATIHAR** For the convenience of Public Relations Officer of up to 30th September, passengers and with a Western Railway, Shri 2025 The booking for extendview to meet the travel Vineet Abhishek, details of ed trips of Train No. 09189 demand, Western Railway the trains are as under:

Weekly Special on the up to 27th September, mation regarding timings

Train No. 09189

Train No. 09190

Mahmudabad, who leads Political Science the department at Ashoka University, was arrested on 18 May over a social media post related to "Operation Sindoor, India's military retaliation to the 22 April Pahalgam terror attack.

Supreme Court's decision

to grant him interim bail on

Ashoka University pro-Ali fessor Khan Mahmudabad being escort- on Wednesday ed by police personnel after his arrest in Sonipat Haryana Sunday May 18 2025 The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted interim bail to Mahmudabad arrested for his alleged offensive social media posts on Operation Sindoor but refused to stay

the investigation against him Photo Credit: PTI

Ashoka University pro- for Women, Renu Bhatia.

granted bail interim to Mahmudabad, arrested for his alleged offensive social media posts on Operation Sindoor, but refused to stay the investigation against

him. The post resulted in two FIRs being lodged against him by BJP youth leader Yogesh Jatheri and the Chairperson of the Haryana State Commission

Malviya has also been

the

of

Mahmudabad's language and stressed the importance of striking a balance between freedom of

> speech and civic responsibility. The court also directed the establishment of a

Special Investigation Team (SIT) to examine the intent and context behind his statements.

His arrest drew major backlash from academics, reported incident," the human rights advocates, statement added.

"Notification will Ali Khan Mahmudabad's issued and the necessary process will follow. There The National Human will be no financial implica- Bengaluru district earlier, no powers on this issue. Commission tion from this decision... all (NHRC) has issued a

land records and everything Devanahalli, notice to the Director General of Police, Haryana, expressing concern about possible violations of Mahmudabad's rights dur-

ng his arrest and detention. In a statement, the

commission said it had reviewed a media report side dated 20 May, which "contains a gist of the allegations on the basis of which he has been arrested."

"It discloses prima facie other media sources. that the human rights and liberty of the said professor have been violated. Therefore, it has deemed it to be a fit case for taking suo moto cognisance of the

The spokesperson said security personnel had "engaged a person" outside the gates, and that the indi-

The spokesperson declined to confirm whether the person had been struck by gunfire, according to Reuters.

In a post on X, the CIA tion the two events are con- Yaron Lischinsky, an Israeli

TRAI responds to the DoT's back-reference in respect of

(Agency) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) today issued its response to the back-reference dated 19.03.2025 received from Department Telecommunications (DoT) in respect of the TRAI's recommendations dated 20.02.2023

"Recommendations Rating of Buildings or for Areas Connectivity".

**Hours After Israeli Embassy Staff Killings** noted that the main nected. entrance to its Langley

Israeli Embassy Staff an American citizen, were Fatally Shot

Two members of staff at

described as a young couple who were soon to become engaged, according to Israeli Ambassador the United States, to

Reacting to the incident, former U.S. President Donald Trump posted on social media, "These horrible D.C. killings, based obviously on antisemitism, must end, NOW! Hatred and Radicalism have no

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also expressed his dismay: "We are witnessing the terrible price of antisemitism and wild incitement against Israel," he said in a state-

# the TRAI's recommendations dated 20.02.2023

of on on Digital

Digital connectivity is various policy initiatives to vital to the way we live and fulfil the demands of telework. The exponential com connectivity. Key recgrowth in digitalization dur- ommendations ing the last two decades made by TRAI in this has revolutionized the regard are given in world impacting everything, Annexure II of the health, sustainability, gov- Areas ernance, and lifestyle.

In the past, Telecom March 2022. These policy Regulatory Authority of interventions have helped Government have taken However, the Authority smart, digitally connected

noted that all these efforts have fallen short in achieving the desired level of digital connectivity specifically already inside the buildings or areas. The Authority noted that

from economy, innovation, Consultation Paper (CP) on confluence of the Internet science, and education, to 'Rating of Buildings or of Things (IoT) with building Digital operations and the future of the workplace is creating a Connectivity' dated 25th significant opportunity for building owners, operators, India (TRAI) and the in improving connectivity. and occupants to create

## **Cartoonist booked in Indore for cartoons** targeting Lord Shiva, Modi and RSS

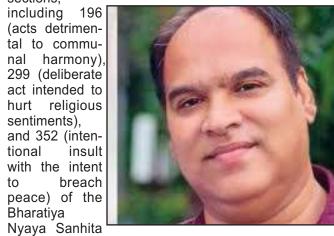
#### (Agency)

First Information Report sections. (FIR) against Indore-based including cartoonist Hemant Malviya following a complaint by a tal to commu-Rashtriya Swayamsevak nal harmony), Sangh (RSS) activist, who 299 (deliberate alleged that Malviya made act intended to inappropriate cartoons and hurt religious comments about Lord sentiments), Shiva, PM Narendra Modi, and 352 (intenand the RSS. tional

The FIR was lodged at with the intent Lasudiya Police Station in to Indore on Wednesday night. peace) of the According to police sta- Bharatiya tion In-charge Tareesh Soni, Nyaya Sanhita the FIR has been regis- (BNS). tered on the complaint of lawyer and RSS activist charged under Section 67A Vinay Joshi.

The police official said Technology Act (publication

that the cartoonist has or transmission of material Police have registered a been booked under several depicting sexually explicit



acts in electronic form), he said.

The FIR refers to offen-Information sive content posted on Malviya's Facebook

account, including allegedly inappropriate comments about Lord Shiva, along

with cartoons, videos, photos, and commentary related to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, RSS volunteers, and others, according to the official.

Malviya's Facebook account includes a disclaimer stating that all characters in his cartoons are "fictional," and any resemblance to real persons is "coincidental" and based on 'viewers' imagination."

The police station incharge said that investigations are underway, and Malviya has not yet been arrested.

(Agency) An person was shot outthe Central facility had been closed Intelligence Agency (CIA) and advised employees to headquarters in Langley, use alternative routes. Virginia, on Thursday,

Reuters reported, citing While the CIA did not confirm a shooting, a

spokesperson stated there was a "security incident" outside the premises.

vidual had been taken into custody.

NBC News, citing SHOTS FIRED OUTSIDE CIA a source familiar with 1213 the matter, reported that the shooting had not been fatal. The event report-

edly occurred around ATES OF 4 am local time (0800 GMT), according to a the Israeli Embassy in Fairfax police spokesper- Washington were shot

son speaking to ABC News. dead as they left an event This security incident at a Jewish museum. came just a day after two staff members from the as Elias Rodriguez, 31, Israeli Embassy were fatal- from Chicago, shouted, ly shot by a lone gunman in "Free, free Palestine" upon Washington D.C. on being apprehended, police Wednesday evening. At said.

present, there is no indica-

The victims, named as

for

Yechiel Leiter.

place in the USA."

The suspect, identified

ment.

"Informing the Centre segments, and also had was mandatory, that's all. been an MP from the region. **Shots Fired Outside CIA Headquarters** 

earlier

## Garvi Gujarat

## IndiGo's 'Damaged Nose' Delhi To Srinagar Flight **Lands Safely After Being Hit By Hailstorm**

(Agency)

An IndiGo flight scheduled between Delhi to Srinagar was hit by a strong hailstorm on Wednesday, and shockingly, the nose of the plane got damaged. Photos and videos of the plane are doing round the internet, which have raised concerns among the flyers, who pay hefty amounts just for comfort, convenience, and safety.

Despite the adverse conditions, the crew of Indigo flight 6E2142 successfully managed a safe landing at Srinagar Airport, ensuring the well-being of all onboard.

The occurrence prompted the pilot to urgently communicate with Air Traffic Control (ATC), declaring an emergency situation due to the severe weather turbu-A video capturing the event from within the aircraft vividly portrayed the intensity of the hailstorm. It showed hailstones battering the fuselage relentlessly, causing the cabin to quiver

palpable sense of panic elaborated on the chal- landing. "The flight and among the passengers, with audible cries reflecting the distressful atmosphere as 6E2142 enroute Delhi to the

through the storm.

Safeguarding the passengers and crew was the top priority following the precarious landing. Reports confirmed that everyone aboard was evacuated without harm. However, the airlence encountered mid-flight. craft suffered damage severe enough to necessitate its temporary withdrawal from service for critical repairs, rendering it "Aircraft on Ground" (AOG) as termed by the airline.

An official from the



lenges faced during the

flight, stating, "Indigo flight

weather (hail storm), emergency reported by Pilot to ATC SXR (Srinagar)." He further assured that all 227 passengers, along with the aircrew, were safe postevacuation, highlighting the immediate declaration of the flight as AOG by the airline to address the necessary maintenance. IndiGo, responding to the

incident, issued a statement emphasizing the efficacy of the established safety protocols which guided the crew

cabin crew followed established protocol and the aircraft landed safely in Srinagar. The airport team attended to the customers after arrival of the aircraft, prioritising their wellbeing and comfort. The aircraft will be released post-necessary inspection and maintenance," the airline conveyed, underlining its commitment to passenger safety and service integrity.

Here's What IMD Said: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) attributed this sudden change in weather to a cyclonic circulation over Haryana and nearby areas. This phenomenon is part of an east-west trough extending from Punjab to Bangladesh at lower tropospheric levels, significantly influencing the current weather dynamics. This abrupt weather shift also impacted flight operations at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport. leading to the suspension or

diversion of several domes-

symbols of national progress: Lok Sabha Speaker Prime Minister inaugurates redeveloped Bundi Railway **Station from Bikaner** 

Lok Sabha Speaker expresses gratitude to Prime Minister on behalf of his constituents

(Agency) Bundi; 22 May, 2025: Minister Prime Shri Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the redevel-Om Birla graced the event gratitude to Prime

### Union Health Minister Shri J P Nadda chairs 'Kayakalp Manthan' with hospitals, NGOs and senior officials to boost Jan Bhagidari for better health outcomes

**New railway stations of New India becoming** 

Shri Birla said that the ing, providing world-class

new railway stations being facilities to passengers. In

(Agency)

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda 'Kayakalp chaired a Manthan' with Central Government Hospitals, NGOs and senior officials of the Union Health Ministry to boost Jan Bhagidari for achieving better health outcomes, here today. He highlighted the transformative journey of the Kayakalp Scheme, launched 10 years ago, to promote cleanliness, hygiene, and infection control practices in public healthcare facilities across India. Initially rolled out in 2015 with the participation of 10 Central Government Hospitals, the scheme now includes 25 Central Govt. hospitals and institutions, expanding its reach to numerous healthcare centres across the nation. In State Govt. Hospitals and healthcare Institutions, the Scheme is operative through national

In his remarks at the Manthan, Shri Nadda ery. nificant progress has made Minister spoke about the



scope to do better. He and ambiance in healthhighlighted two main obsercare facilities, emphasizing vations: (i) substantial that a positive hospital improvements has been environment affects the made over the last decade, mental wellbeing of both but continued efforts are patients and staff. He pointneeded to further enhance ed out that while thousands public healthcare delivery, of patients visit hospitals daily and receive quality and (ii) evolving towards a treatment, there is a noticepatient-centric ecosystem is critical for meeting the able lack of positive from

tions like Kota, Ramganj Mandi, Modak. Keshoraipatan, Bundi, Digod, Kapren, and Arnetha has provided better connectivity to passengers, Shri Birla added.

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Modern Facilities for Passengers

Bundi Railway Station has been given a modern makeover at a cost of ₹8.15 crore. It showcases a blend of convenience, beauty, and heritage. Facilities include a grand entrance gate, attractive facade, high mast lighting, modern waiting rooms, a new ticket counter, clean modern toilets, and accessible ramps for differently-abled individuals. The station has been made completely accessi-

region have been redeveloped, he noted. The launch of new train services and MEMU trains has made travel easier. The halt of the ble to ensure a smooth, safe, and modern travel gers.

> best of the clinical treatment, which calls for intromunication from the hospitals to patients and the

> sion was the perception of government hospitals and the factors that contribute to the image building. The Minister urged all stakeholders to focus on understanding the root causes of these perceptions, including issues related to infrastructure, cleanliness, staff behaviour, amenities, and management, in order to identify and implement practical solutions.

Shri Nadda noted that while challenges encountered by hospitals may vary, many of these could be addressed through better management and prioritization of services. However, chronic challenges on account of lack of lack of prioritization.

### tic and international flights. intensely. This resulted in a Airport Authority of India towards ensuring a safe **Police Crack Ruchika Rani Murder Case, Arrest Three Including Victim's Boyfriend and His Parents**

Bijnor (Shariq Zaidi)

solved the murder case of 25-year-old Ruchika Rani, whose body was recovered from a canal on May 19. The investigation has led to the arrest of her boyfriend Shivam and his parents-Rishipal and Sumeesh Devi-who allegedly conspired together to kill her after she refused to marry him.

According to police reports, Ruchika had left home on May 10, telling her family she was going to a beauty parlour. When she failed to return, her father lodged a missing person's report at Dhampur Police Station on May 16. Three

days later, her body was Shivam confessed to hav-In a chilling revelation, found stuffed in a bag and ing been in a relationship police in Dhampur have dumped in the Posak Canal. with Ruchika since 2016. The post-mortem con-He wanted to marry her, but



firmed death due to stran-Ruchika reportedly rejected gulation and estimated the him due to his lack of a government job. Enraged time of death to be 6-8 by the rejection, Shivam days prior to recovery. interrogation, and his parents plotted the Durina

murder.

On May 10, he picked up Ruchika from RSM Tiraha and brought her to his home. When she again refused marriage, a heated argument ensued. In a fit of rage, Shivam's parents held her hands and legs while he strangled her with her dupatta. The trio then transported the body on a motorcycle and threw it into the canal along with the bag. The police recovered

the Hero Splendor motorcycle used in the crime and the victim's slippers from Shivam's residence. All three accused have been arrested and face further legal proceedings.

GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT

#### oped Bundi Railway Station under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme from Bikaner, Rajasthan, today. Lok Sabha Speaker Shri

held in Bundi on this occasion. Shri Birla expressed his Minister Shri Narendra Modi on behalf of the local residents and said that the redeveloped Bundi Railway Station is a symbol of the unique blend of modern development and cultural heritage.

new

developed under the Amrit the past 11 years, major **Bharat Station Scheme** are not just modern. well-equipped passen-

ger hubs, but also reflect the new thinking vision, and progress of new India. Shri Birla stated that Bundi is now moving towards a new identity. Continuous efforts are being made to give Bundi a distinct identity in the tourism sector.

Many significant initiatives have already been and suburban railway stacompleted in this direction, tions in the Kota-Bundi and several are ongoing.

Rail Connectivity Continuously Improving Shri Birla stated that under the leadership of

Prime Minister Shri Modi, Vande Bharat Express at railway network across the Bundi will boost tourism. experience for all passencountry is rapidly expand- The halt of 14 trains at sta-

Health Mission (NHM). ever-increasing expecta- the patient despite getting

tions of public service deliv-Union Health

spection and better compublic. A key point of discus-



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