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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck during a meeting, in Bhutan.

'Revolution in State Health Sector': Mamata Banerjee Launches 110 Mobile Medical Units to Reach Remote Corners of Bengal



Staff Reporter, Kolkata, 11 November: Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday inaugurated 110 state-of-the-art Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) at Swasthya Bhavan, marking what she described as a "revolutionary step" in West Bengal's healthcare delivery system. Returning from her recent tour of North Bengal, the Chief Minister launched the initiative aimed at ensuring quality medical services reach the state's remotest villages, bringing healthcare directly to the doorsteps of those who need it most. Addressing the gathering, Banerjee declared, "There has been a revolution in the state's health sector in the past 14 years. We have transformed healthcare from the ground up — from infrastructure and facilities to accessibility and affordability." She emphasized that the new mobile medical fleet would play a crucial role in strengthening rural health infrastructure and reducing the urban-rural healthcare divide that has long existed in Bengal. According to the state's health department, the Mobile Medical Units are designed as fully equipped clinics on wheels. Each vehicle is staffed with a team of doctors, nurses, and technicians, and is equipped with essential diagnostic tools, laboratory facilities, and basic medicines. The MMUs are capable of conducting up to 35 types of physical and pathological tests, ensuring comprehensive primary healthcare even in areas lacking proper hospitals or health centers. "These are not just ambulances; they are mini-hospitals," said a senior health official. "Each unit has the capacity to diagnose, treat, and refer patients as necessary. The service will be completely free for all citizens." The state government has allocated ₹2.5 crore per month to operate the service, which will cover fuel, maintenance, staff salaries, and medical supplies. The Chief Minister announced that while 210 such vehicles have been prepared, 110 were being rolled out in the first phase. The remaining units will be deployed across various districts in the coming months. The vehicles will follow a structured schedule, ensuring that residents of even the most inaccessible areas know in advance when the units will arrive in their locality. "These mobile medical units will travel district by district," Banerjee said. "The people will be informed in advance about their visits so that everyone can avail themselves of the services without difficulty." Banerjee highlighted that pregnant women and elderly citizens would benefit significantly from the program. "Expectant mothers in remote villages often face difficulty accessing healthcare facilities. With these mobile units, we can reach them directly and provide regular checkups, nutritional guidance, and essential medical attention. Similarly, senior citizens and those suffering from chronic diseases will now have easier access to treatment," she said. She also stressed that the MMUs will be used for emergency medical support during natural disasters and special health campaigns. "These vehicles can play an important role during floods, cyclones, or outbreaks of disease. They can be mobilized quickly to provide on-site treatment and vaccination," Banerjee added.



Security personnel conduct inspection amid high alert following a blast near the Red Fort on Monday, at a railway station, in Thiruvananthapuram, Tuesday.

'Truth Will Prevail': Partha Chatterjee's Emotional Return Home After Jail Release, Vows to Seek Justice from Behala Paschim

Staff Reporter, Kolkata, 11 November: After spending over three years in judicial custody, former West Bengal minister Partha Chatterjee stepped out of prison on Tuesday, delivering his first formal statement since his arrest in the 2022 school recruitment case. In an emotional declaration, the veteran Trinamool Congress leader said he had always believed in the justice system and expressed hope that "truth will prevail" in the days to come. "I had faith in the law. That truth has prevailed in the initial stage. Truth will prevail in the coming days," Partha said in a written statement shortly after his release. Expressing gratitude to his supporters, he added, "I am responsible to the people of Behala Paschim. I will seek justice from those who consider me an honest man who made me win elections five times in a row." The 71-year-old leader has been the MLA from Behala Paschim since 2001, winning the seat in five consecutive state assembly elections. The order for Partha's release was issued on Monday by a special CBI court in Alipore following the completion of the first phase of witness testimony in the alleged recruitment scam. The Supreme Court had earlier directed that Partha, along with former SSC chairman Subiresh Bhattacharya and adviser Shantiprasad Singh, could be considered for conditional bail once the trial began. The top court had set November 14 as the date by which the initial round of testimonies should conclude, paving the way for bail. With the testimony of the eighth witness wrapping up on Monday, the special court ordered Partha's release. The necessary legal documents were promptly sent from the court to the Presidency Jail authorities and later forwarded to the hospital where Partha had been under treatment. At around 2:20 pm on Tuesday, Partha Chatterjee was released from the private hospital on EM Bypass, where he had been admitted under judicial custody for health reasons. He emerged in a white flower-printed Punjabi paired with blue trousers and a matching blue mask, seated in a wheelchair. As he was wheeled out, the hospital compound echoed with chants of "Parthada Zindabad" from hundreds of supporters who had gathered since morning to catch a glimpse of their leader.

Abhishek Banerjee Slams 'Security Negligence' in Delhi Blast, Demands Court-Monitored SIT Probe



Staff Reporter, Kolkata, 11 November: The devastating blast that rocked the area outside Delhi's historic Red Fort on Monday evening has triggered a wave of outrage and raised serious concerns about the state of national security. With the death toll climbing to twelve and several others critically injured, political leaders across the country have begun questioning how such a large-scale security lapse could occur in the heart of the national capital. Trinamool Congress's All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee has called for the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) under the supervision of the Supreme Court to probe the explosion. Taking to social media on Tuesday, Banerjee expressed deep sorrow over the tragedy and demanded accountability from the authorities responsible for maintaining law and order in Delhi. "I am deeply saddened by the blast near the Red Fort in Delhi," Banerjee wrote on his official X handle. "Many people have lost their lives in the explosion, and several others are injured. I pay my respects to the bereaved families and wish the injured a speedy recovery. However, this incident in the heart of the national capital is shocking. Delhi Police functions under the Union Home Ministry—how could there be such a major lapse in security?" Banerjee also drew attention to the suspicious recovery of a large cache of explosives earlier in the day. "Around 350 kilograms of explosives were recovered in Faridabad on Monday morning," he pointed out. "This raises serious questions about the country's internal security and surveillance system. If necessary, a court-monitored SIT should be formed to uncover the truth and identify those responsible." The explosion outside the Red Fort occurred just hours after the Faridabad seizure, deepening suspicions of a coordinated plot. Security agencies, including the National Security Guard (NSG) and the National Investigation Agency (NIA), have joined the Delhi Police in investigating what is now being treated as a possible act of terrorism. Investigators are focusing on a Hyundai i20 car that exploded near a traffic signal close to the Red Fort Metro Station around 7:30 p.m. on Monday. Preliminary reports suggest that the vehicle had been seen entering the parking area near Sunheri Mosque at around 4 p.m. CCTV footage examined by the police shows that the car remained parked for about three hours before being driven toward the blast site. According to investigators, only one person was in the vehicle at the time it left the parking lot, moments before the explosion. The magnitude of the explosion and the condition of the victims' bodies indicate the possible use of an improvised explosive device (IED) or a similar high-intensity explosive. Forensic experts from the NSG and the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) have collected samples from the scene and are conducting detailed analyses to determine the exact nature of the explosives used. Officials have not yet confirmed whether any terrorist group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but intelligence sources suggest a possible link to Pakistan-based outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed. The pattern of the explosion, coupled with the sophistication of the device, has prompted investigators to explore the possibility of cross-border involvement. The Red Fort blast has reignited the debate over India's preparedness to deal with internal security threats.

"Her Behaviour Was Strange": Professor Recalls Terror Accused Doctor

Staff Reporter, New Delhi, 11 November: Shahin Shahid, a doctor, till recently would have passed as just another professional, going about doing her work. But no one who worked with her had the faintest idea who she really was.Shahid had been working below the radar to set up the women's wing of the Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) in India, Delhi Police sources said.

A resident of Uttar Pradesh's capital Lucknow, she was arrested in connection with a massive explosives haul in Haryana's Faridabad, a city at the interstate border with Delhi.A professor at Haryana's Al-Falah University, 45 km from Delhi, told the recent events have now brought clarity about what Shahid had been up to."Shahid did not adhere to discipline. She would leave without informing anyone," the professor told , asking not to be identified.

"Many people used to come to meet her at the college. Her behavior was often strange. Complaints against her too had been made to the management," the professor alleged.The professor said they will fully cooperate with the National Investigation Agency (NIA), which has taken over the case.

Demands to look into Shahid's personal records and where all she had worked before have been raised by many people in the college.

"We never suspected her in this manner," the professor added.Shahid was handed charge of the India branch of the JeM's women's wing, Jamaat ul-Mominaat, headed by JeM founder Masood Azhar's sister Sadia Azhar in Pakistan.

'Why Are You Afraid of SIR?' Supreme Court Questions Bengal and Tamil Nadu; Notice Issued to Election Commission



Staff Reporter, New Delhi, 11 November: The Supreme Court on Tuesday questioned the objections raised by several political parties, including the ruling dispensations of Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, over the Election Commission's decision to conduct a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voters' list. The apex court, while issuing a notice to the Election Commission of India (ECI), asked the petitioners why they appeared to be "so afraid" of the revision process, even as it agreed to examine their concerns about the timeline and procedural aspects of the exercise.

A two-judge bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice Jaymalya Bagchi heard the petitions filed by Tamil Nadu's ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and West Bengal's Trinamool Congress (TMC), who have challenged the ECI's decision to carry out the SIR within an unusually short time frame. The Congress and the Communist Party of India (Marxist) have also approached the court, echoing similar apprehensions about the feasibility and fairness of the revision process.

During the hearing, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the petitioners, strongly criticized the Election Commission's decision to conduct the SIR from November 4 to December 4 — a duration of just one month — claiming that such haste could result in widespread exclusion of eligible voters. "Earlier, the Special Intensive Revision used to take nearly three years. Now, they say it will be done in one month. That means lakhs of names will be left out," Sibal told the court.

He pointed out that in many regions, especially in rural Bengal and parts of Tamil Nadu, the absence of reliable internet connectivity posed serious difficulties. "There is no 4G or 5G internet connection in many areas of West Bengal. Uploading and verifying voter data online will be extremely difficult. How will the Booth Level Officers reach those remote villages and complete the task in such a short period?" he asked.

Sibal also questioned the Election Commission's reasoning behind referring to Bihar's SIR process as a precedent in its documents. "They have cited Bihar's SIR as the 13th reference document, but what is the connection between Bihar's experience and other states? Each state has a different situation, different weather patterns, and different administrative realities. Some are facing heavy rainfall now, while others are not. The Commission cannot treat all states the same," he argued.

The senior advocate further alleged that the Commission had turned the revision exercise into a "competitive race" rather than a systematic administrative process. "It appears that the Commission is in a hurry to finish it for reasons best known to them. This should not be a competition; it should be a process ensuring inclusion and fairness. In states like West Bengal, the infrastructure is far from ideal. How will the officials ensure that no voter is left out?" Sibal said.

Responding to these arguments, Justice Surya Kant observed that the petitioners seemed to be portraying the process as though the voters' list was being prepared for the first time. "You are showing this as if the voter list is a new exercise. The correction of electoral rolls is a continuous administrative function that the Commission is empowered to perform. Why are you so afraid of the SIR?" he asked pointedly.

Justice Kant further clarified that the Election Commission has the constitutional duty to maintain and update the electoral rolls. "If there are errors after the revision, it is the responsibility of the authorities to correct them," he said. Justice Jaymalya Bagchi, while agreeing with his colleague, stressed the importance of protecting voter data. "Security of information is crucial. The details of the voters should remain confidential and not be made publicly accessible," he cautioned.

No Concessions to Conspirators": PM Modi on Delhi Blast, Vows Stern Action Amid Bhutan Visit

Staff Reporter, New Delhi, 11 November: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has firmly addressed the nation's growing concerns over the recent blast near Delhi's Red Fort, asserting that there will be no leniency for those behind the "heinous conspiracy." Speaking from Bhutan's capital Thimphu on Tuesday, Modi declared that the investigation has brought clarity to the theory of sabotage and that the country's security agencies will ensure that justice is served. His remarks came less than 24 hours after the deadly explosion that killed 12 people and injured at least 20 others in the heart of the national capital. Modi, who arrived in Bhutan on a two-day official visit early Tuesday morning, began his address with an emotional reflection on the tragedy. "I have come here today with a very heavy heart," he said before a packed audience. "The terrible incident in Delhi yesterday evening has saddened all of us. I was in touch with the central agencies throughout the night. Detailed discussions were held regarding the information obtained from the ongoing investigation. Our agencies will go to the root of this conspiracy, and every individual responsible for this act will be brought to justice. Not a single one will be spared." The Prime Minister's comments came at a time when questions are being raised about the security situation in the capital, especially with the blast taking place amid the politically charged atmosphere of the Bihar



elections. Expressing condolences to the victims' families, Modi said the entire nation stands with them during this moment of grief. "The pain of the victims' families is the pain of every Indian," he added. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had echoed a similar sentiment while speaking to the media in New Delhi. "None of those involved in this barbaric incident will be spared," Singh stated firmly. "The culprits will be identified, prosecuted, and given the strictest punishment under the law. The government stands resolute in its determination to ensure justice." The explosion occurred on Monday evening when a Hyundai i20 car parked at a traffic signal in front of the historic Red Fort suddenly went up in flames. Eyewitnesses reported hearing a loud blast followed by chaos as flames engulfed nearby vehicles and debris scattered across the busy road. Preliminary reports suggest that at least 12 people were killed instantly, while around 20 others sustained injuries, several of them critical. The police have not yet revealed the exact cause of the blast but have confirmed that multiple central agencies — including the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the National Security Guard (NSG) — are involved in the probe. Authorities identified the car's owner as Mohammed Salman, who was arrested late Monday night. Four other individuals have been detained for questioning, though their names and connections to the case have not been made public. Police sources have indicated that the nature of the explosive and the motive behind the attack will only become clear after forensic examination and detailed interrogation.

Suvendu Adhikari Backs Abhijeet Banerjee's Remarks, Sparks Political Buzz in West Bengal

Staff reporter, Kolkata, 11 November : West Bengal politician Suvendu Adhikari has publicly expressed support for remarks made by economist Abhijeet Banerjee, drawing significant attention and stirring political discussions across the state. Adhikari's endorsement of Banerjee's comments has reignited debates on economic policies, governance, and public accountability, while also highlighting the increasingly interconnected nature of politics and intellectual discourse in West Bengal.

Abhijeet Banerjee, a renowned economist and public commentator, recently made statements addressing socio-economic issues affecting the state, including employment trends, inflation concerns, and government initiatives aimed at economic development. His remarks, which were widely circulated in media outlets and social platforms, drew mixed reactions from political leaders, analysts, and the public.

Suvendu Adhikari, a senior leader of the opposition in West Bengal, praised Banerjee for his candid and data-driven observations, emphasizing that constructive criticism is essential for policy improvement. In a statement to reporters, Adhikari said, "Abhijeet Banerjee's remarks highlight areas where governance can be strengthened. We must welcome informed critique and work together to ensure better economic planning and opportunities for our citizens."



Political analysts note that Adhikari's support is significant, as it bridges the often stark divide between political narratives and expert commentary. By endorsing Banerjee's observations, Adhikari positions himself as a leader open to evidence-based discussions, potentially appealing to urban voters and educated constituencies who value pragmatic solutions over partisan rhetoric.

The move has sparked reactions from multiple quarters. Supporters of Adhikari's party welcomed his stance, praising him for engaging with expert perspectives and encouraging fact-based discourse. Conversely, some rival political groups criticized the endorsement, framing it as an attempt to capitalize politically on statements made by a non-political figure. The debate has played out extensively on social media, with hashtags related to the discussion trending across West Bengal.

Abhijeet Banerjee's comments, which address challenges such as unemployment, economic disparities, and inflation management, were originally intended as an expert critique rather than a political statement. However, the endorsement by a prominent political leader like Adhikari has amplified their impact, turning the discourse into a statewide discussion on economic accountability. Observers also note that the timing of Adhikari's support aligns with ongoing political maneuvering in the state, where public sentiment on economic management often influences electoral dynamics. By aligning with Banerjee's remarks, Adhikari reinforces his image as a leader willing to engage with expert advice and highlight governance gaps, while subtly signaling the opposition's focus on socio-economic development issues.

Media outlets have extensively covered the exchange, highlighting key points from Banerjee's remarks, including policy recommendations and critiques of administrative inefficiencies. Adhikari's backing has given these points additional political traction, prompting government officials and ruling party representatives to respond. Some have defended ongoing policies, citing initiatives aimed at economic growth and welfare distribution, while others have promised closer scrutiny of the issues raised.

When Will Partha Chatterjee Receive His Enumeration Form for SIR? Questions Arise Amid West Bengal Voter Update Drive

Staff reporter, Kolkata, 11 November : Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in West Bengal, particularly regarding the timeline for prominent political figures such as Partha Chatterjee, former minister and senior Trinamool Congress leader. The query reflects broader public interest in the SIR process and highlights the challenges of ensuring smooth voter registration across all demographics.

The SIR initiative, undertaken by the Election Commission, aims to update and verify electoral rolls, ensuring that all eligible citizens are accurately listed and able to exercise their right to vote. Enumeration forms are central to the exercise, allowing voters to confirm or correct their personal details, address information, and eligibility status. While the process is routine for most citizens, the involvement of high-profile figures such as Partha Chatterjee has intensified media and public scrutiny.

Local election officials have confirmed that forms are being dispatched systematically, with schedules organized by ward and constituency. However, delays or logistical issues in certain areas have prompted questions about when specific individuals, including Chatterjee, will receive their forms. Sources within the Election Commission have indicated that distribution is expected to follow standard protocols, with no preferential treatment, but exact timelines depend on verification checks and delivery logistics.

The query regarding Chatterjee's enumeration form has also reignited discussions about the inclusivity and efficiency of the SIR process in West Bengal. Officials have emphasized that every eligible voter, regardless of status or public prominence, must receive their form and have the opportunity to verify their information before the deadline. "We are committed to ensuring that no voter is left out. The process is structured to reach everyone, from rural residents to urban constituents, and even prominent public figures," said a senior election official.

Political observers note that the SIR exercise has attracted heightened attention this year due to ongoing electoral dynamics in West Bengal. The involvement of senior leaders like Partha Chatterjee has symbolically underscored the importance of the exercise, reminding the public that voter verification is a responsibility shared across all sections of society. Additionally, media coverage of high-profile individuals awaiting their forms has amplified awareness among ordinary citizens, encouraging wider participation.



Residents in various districts, including urban centers like Kolkata, as well as rural areas across Bankura, Purulia, and Jhargram, have expressed mixed experiences with the SIR process. While some report smooth distribution and assistance from local election officials, others, particularly in remote villages, face challenges in receiving forms, understanding the requirements, or accessing verification centers.

The question of when Partha Chatterjee will receive his enumeration form has also sparked commentary on the transparency and efficiency of administrative procedures. Experts in electoral management highlight that the timely and accurate distribution of forms is critical not only for individual voters but for the credibility of the electoral roll itself. Delays, mismanagement, or confusion can undermine public confidence and create complications in the final compilation of voter lists.

Meanwhile, political parties and civil society groups continue to monitor the SIR process closely. Leaders and activists have urged voters to remain vigilant, verify their personal details promptly, and report any discrepancies. Awareness campaigns, public announcements, and local outreach initiatives have been conducted to ensure that all eligible citizens, from ordinary residents to public figures like Chatterjee, can complete the necessary formalities without hindrance. Partha Chatterjee will receive his SIR enumeration form remain dependent on administrative procedures, the situation reflects broader concerns about voter registration and verification in West Bengal.

Deadly Car Explosion Rocks Islamabad, Several Killed

Staff reporter, Kolkata, 11 November : A car explosion in the heart of Pakistan's capital, Islamabad, has left several people dead and others injured, sending shockwaves through the city and prompting a massive security and emergency response. Authorities are treating the incident with the utmost seriousness, launching an immediate investigation to determine the cause and identify those responsible.

The explosion occurred in a busy area of the city, where civilians and vehicles were present, intensifying the impact and casualties. Eyewitnesses reported a loud blast, followed by smoke and debris scattered across the streets. Emergency services, including fire brigades, medical teams, and police units, were quickly dispatched to the site to assist victims and secure the area.

Preliminary reports indicate that multiple fatalities occurred at the scene, with several others sustaining severe injuries. Hospitals in Islamabad have activated emergency protocols to manage the sudden influx of patients. "We are receiving patients continuously and have mobilized additional staff and resources to handle critical cases," a hospital official said. The exact number of casualties is still being confirmed as authorities continue rescue operations.

The Islamabad Police, in coordination with national security agencies, have cordoned off the area and initiated an investigation into the blast. Initial assessments suggest that the explosion originated from a vehicle, though officials have not yet confirmed whether it was accidental, due to a technical fault, or a deliberate act. Forensic teams and bomb disposal units have been deployed to examine the site for evidence, aiming to reconstruct the sequence of events that led to the deadly incident.

The blast has heightened security concerns across Pakistan, with authorities warning of potential threats in other major cities and sensitive areas. Roadblocks and checkpoints have been established in key locations to prevent secondary incidents, and intelligence agencies are analyzing communications and monitoring potential networks that may have been involved.

Public reaction has been one of shock and fear. Residents living near the blast site described the moment of the explosion as terrifying, with many rushing out of their homes and offices in panic. "It was a massive explosion. The sound shook the entire neighborhood, and debris was everywhere. People were screaming, and there was chaos everywhere," said a local resident.

Pavement Dwellers Resist Moving to KMC Night Shelters in Kolkata

Staff reporter, Kolkata, 11 November : The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) to provide safer accommodations, many pavement dwellers in the city are refusing to relocate to government-run night shelters, citing a mix of personal, social, and practical reasons. The reluctance underscores ongoing challenges in addressing homelessness in the city and highlights the gap between policy initiatives and the lived realities of the urban poor.

The KMC has established a network of night shelters aimed at providing basic amenities, protection from harsh weather, and access to sanitation facilities for Kolkata's homeless population. These shelters are equipped with beds, clean drinking water, and essential hygiene facilities, offering residents a safer alternative to sleeping on streets or pavements. Municipal authorities have emphasized that these measures are part of a broader effort to improve public health, reduce accidents, and provide social support for the city's most vulnerable citizens.

However, on-the-ground reports indicate that a significant number of pavement dwellers remain hesitant to utilize these shelters. Many cite a loss of autonomy, fear of unfamiliar environments, and concerns over strict rules and overcrowding as reasons for avoiding the facilities. "I've lived on the pavement for years. Here, I have my freedom, my routines, and my small community. In the shelter, I feel like I would lose all of that," said one resident along a busy street in central Kolkata.

Social workers and community organizers explain that trust-building is a major hurdle. Pavement dwellers often rely on informal networks for survival, including access to local vendors, charitable organizations, and fellow street residents. Shelters, while well-intentioned, can disrupt these networks and routines, making relocation unappealing. Language and cultural barriers, as well as fear of losing daily income opportunities, also play a role in resistance.

The KMC, meanwhile, has expressed frustration over the reluctance but remains committed to outreach and support programs. Municipal officials have been conducting awareness drives, providing incentives such as meals and medical check-ups, and sending volunteers to engage directly with street residents. "Our goal is not to force anyone but to provide safer alternatives and improve living conditions," said a KMC spokesperson. "We are continuously modifying our approach based on feedback from the community."



Experts in urban planning and social welfare note that the situation in Kolkata mirrors challenges seen in other major Indian cities, where homelessness intersects with poverty, health risks, and social marginalization. Dr. Anjali Sen, a researcher specializing in urban social policy, said, "Simply building shelters is not enough. Authorities need to integrate social services, mental health support, and livelihood options to make these shelters a viable alternative for long-term residents of the streets."

In some areas, small pilot programs that combine shelter access with skill development, employment assistance, and community engagement have shown higher acceptance among street residents. These models suggest that providing not just a physical space but also social and economic incentives can encourage voluntary relocation.Local NGOs have also stepped in to bridge the trust gap, partnering with municipal authorities to facilitate communication and provide additional support. Volunteers accompany residents to shelters, explain rules and facilities, and help integrate individuals into the shelter environment, easing the transition from street life to structured accommodation.

Despite these efforts, pavement dwellers' resistance continues to pose challenges for municipal planning, particularly as winters approach and the risks of exposure increase. Cold weather, rain, and other hazards make prolonged stays on the streets dangerous, prompting authorities to intensify outreach and awareness campaigns.

Kolkata's initiative to provide night shelters reflects a proactive approach to urban homelessness, yet the reluctance of pavement dwellers to utilize these facilities highlights deeper social and psychological challenges. Authorities, NGOs, and social workers must continue to collaborate, addressing not just immediate shelter needs but also the broader social and economic factors that influence the choices of the city's most vulnerable residents. The path forward requires empathy, trust-building, and innovative solutions that balance safety with autonomy and dignity for the homeless population.

US Senate Passes Bill to Reopen Government on Day 41 of Shutdown Amid Democratic Rift

Staff reporter, Washington, 11 November : After 41 days of a partial government shutdown, the US Senate has passed a bill aimed at reopening the federal government, signaling a potential end to one of the longest shutdowns in recent American history. The legislative move comes amid deep divisions within the Democratic Party and ongoing negotiations with Republicans, underscoring the political complexities that have prolonged the impasse.

The shutdown, which began more than a month ago, resulted in the closure of numerous federal offices, furloughs for hundreds of thousands of federal employees, and widespread disruption of public services. National parks, visa and passport offices, and regulatory agencies were among the many operations affected, leaving citizens and businesses grappling with delays and uncertainty. The economic impact has been estimated in the billions, with small businesses, contractors, and federal employees bearing the brunt of the disruption.

The newly passed Senate bill focuses on funding key government operations and providing temporary relief for federal workers affected by the shutdown. While it represents a step toward resuming normal operations, the legislation also reflects ongoing partisan tensions and internal disagreements within the Democratic Party over budget priorities and spending allocations. Senate leaders emphasized that the bill is a compromise, balancing the need to reopen the government with political considerations that have complicated previous attempts to reach consensus.

Senate Majority Leader stated, "This bill represents a responsible path forward to reopen the government and ensure that essential services continue. While not every party or faction will agree with all its provisions, it is a critical step toward ending the hardships caused by this prolonged shutdown."



Despite the bill's passage in the Senate, political analysts warn that the path forward remains uncertain. House Democrats, some of whom are pushing for additional spending on social programs, face internal pressure to reconcile their differences before final approval. Meanwhile, Republicans have maintained a firm stance on fiscal restraint, insisting that any reopening must be accompanied by concessions on government spending. These dynamics have contributed to a highly charged political environment, with the public closely watching developments in Congress.

The prolonged shutdown has drawn criticism from various sectors, including federal employee unions, advocacy groups, and business organizations, all of which have expressed frustration over the disruption of essential services. Federal workers, many of whom have gone without pay for weeks, welcomed the Senate bill as a necessary measure to restore stability, though concerns remain over delayed back pay and long-term budget implications.

Economists have also highlighted the broader impact of the shutdown on the US economy. Consumer confidence, federal contract obligations, and regulatory approvals have all experienced slowdowns, while uncertainty surrounding the federal budget has contributed to market volatility. Analysts warn that even with a reopening, it may take time for the government to fully resume normal operations and for affected sectors to recover.

The passage of the bill has set the stage for final negotiations and approval in the House of Representatives. Lawmakers are expected to engage in intensive discussions over the next several days to address internal disagreements and ensure that the bill meets both fiscal and operational requirements. Public attention is focused on how quickly federal agencies can resume services and whether additional legislative measures will be necessary to prevent future shutdowns.

Observers note that the shutdown has underscored systemic challenges in US budgetary and political processes, highlighting the difficulties of bipartisan consensus in a polarized environment. While the Senate bill offers a temporary solution, it also raises questions about long-term fiscal planning and the mechanisms needed to prevent similar disruptions in the future. The US Senate's passage of a bill to reopen the government marks a critical juncture after 41 days of disruption, providing relief to federal workers, businesses, and citizens affected by the shutdown.

Pakistan Puts Asim Munir's Army Above State: What It Means

Staff reporter, Islamabad, 11 November : The Pakistan government's 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill grants sweeping powers to the country's Army Chief, Asim Munir. Under the constitutional changes passed by the upper house of parliament, Munir will take overall command of the military. His new position will be Chief of Defence Forces.The amendment, which was passed by the Senate on Monday, seeks to change Article 243 of the Pakistan constitution.

Currently, Article 243 states that "the Federal Government shall have control and command of the Armed Forces" and "the Supreme Command of the Armed Forces shall vest in the President," among other things. However, the bill shifts control from the president and cabinet to the Chief of Defence Forces.

The government said it was confident it had the numbers in parliament to approve the constitutional changes, which were unusually introduced to the Senate over the weekend. A two-thirds majority is required in the two houses that make up the parliament, the Senate and National Assembly.Constitutional cases would no longer be heard by the Supreme Court but by a new Federal Constitutional Court, with judges appointed by the government. In recent years, the Supreme Court has, at times, blocked government policies and ousted prime ministers.

The current move is reminiscent of the changes made by General Zia-ul-Haq, as it places the armed forces at the centre of Pakistan's politics. There have been three military coups by generals in Pakistan so far. The first was by Ayub Khan in 1958, Zia-ul-Haq in 1977 and Pervez Musharraf in 1999. Although the past coups had taken place by toppling civilian regimes, Munir has turned Shehbaz Sharif into an accomplice. Although the military already has extensive power, the new changes will give it constitutional backing, which would not be easy to reverse.



Today's Horoscope

ARIES : Today is the day for creativity, while you leave the logic for tomorrow, even when it comes to work. You are bent upon success at work.

TAURUS : You will be dying squander it away and get rid of it as fast as possible. You'll be tossing it around as if you owned a gold mine. Ganesha urges you to hold your horses and tighten.

GEMINI : A hectic and busy day awaits you. You need to think about how, where and in what proportion to concentrate your energies upon the numerous jobs thrust upon you.

CANCER: You will go out for dinner with your friends or family. It may so happen that you will take out time from your hectic schedule to prepare tasty food and invite friends and relatives.

LEO : If you are the one who sets the corporate mantra each morning, then know that today, your mantra will be fabulous, and will be chanted by many in your organisation.

VIRGO : Watch you step, warns Ganesha. Trouble is lurking just round the corner and waiting to waylay you. At work, you will find yourself in a high-spirited mood.

LIBRA : Today seems like a good day to take a break and go on a pleasure trip to revitalise yourself, says Ganesha. Even on the business front, it will do you a world of good to take a break.

SCORPIO : Today you are likely to remain the unvarying object of emotions and sentiments, predicts Ganesha. Your inkling for performing arts may draw you to take up some lessons.

SAGITTARIUS : Simple living and high thinking, says Ganesha, will be your mantra today. Approach your work with innovative thoughts and diplomatic words.

CAPRICORN : The day will have a bundle of things to offer today, some good, some not so good. At work, you are likely to overlook the most obvious things.

AQUARIUS : It always pays to have extra cash, and in that regard, you will be a happy person today! You may carefully update and crosscheck your financial position.

PIECES : A good day is in the offing, says Ganesha. You are likely to receive news you will be glad to share and celebrate with your family. A few pending deals are likely to be finalised.

Raj Chakraborty Announces Highly Anticipated Series 'Abar Praloy 2'



Staff Reporter, Kolkata, 11 November: Director Raj Chakraborty has officially announced his next big project, the much-awaited series "Abar Praloy 2", igniting excitement among fans and the Bengali entertainment industry. Following the success of the original "Abar Praloy", the sequel promises to deliver a thrilling narrative, high-octane drama, and the signature cinematic style that has made Chakraborty one of Bengal's most popular directors.

In a statement shared with media, Raj Chakraborty expressed his enthusiasm about returning to the world of "Abar Praloy", promising a more gripping storyline and an expanded universe that will keep viewers on the edge of their seats. "The response to the first series was overwhelming, and I am thrilled to bring the next chapter to life," he said. "We are working on a bigger, bolder story with new characters, unexpected twists, and the intensity that audiences loved in the first installment."

While specific plot details are being kept under wraps, insiders suggest that "Abar Praloy 2" will explore deeper themes of suspense, action, and human drama, building on the narrative threads established in the original series. Fans can expect a blend of intrigue, emotional storytelling, and high production values, hallmarks of Chakraborty's work, which have earned him a loyal following across Bengali audiences and streaming platforms alike.

The announcement of the series has already generated significant buzz on social media, with fans expressing excitement over the return of beloved characters and speculating on new plotlines. "The first 'Abar Praloy' was a game-changer for Bengali web series content," commented Ananya Mukherjee, a popular entertainment blogger. "With Raj Chakraborty at the helm, expectations for the sequel are sky-high. Everyone is eager to see how the story unfolds and who joins the cast this time."

Producers and industry insiders have also hinted that "Abar Praloy 2" will feature an impressive ensemble cast, blending familiar faces from the first series with promising new talent. The series aims to strike a balance between engaging long-time fans and attracting a younger audience who increasingly consume content on digital streaming platforms. This strategy aligns with the growing trend of Bengali web series gaining national and international attention, showcasing regional talent on a broader stage.

From a production standpoint, Raj Chakraborty has confirmed that the team is leaving no stone unturned to ensure cinematic excellence. State-of-the-art filming techniques, high-quality visual effects, and meticulously designed sets are expected to enhance the storytelling experience, providing viewers with an immersive and visually stunning series. The director has emphasized that the sequel will maintain the intensity and authenticity of the first installment while introducing fresh elements to elevate the narrative.

Industry analysts predict that "Abar Praloy 2" could set new benchmarks for Bengali digital content, combining star power, compelling storytelling, and production finesse. "Raj Chakraborty has a proven track record of delivering content that resonates with audiences," said Ritu Sharma, a Kolkata-based entertainment analyst. "The sequel has the potential to not only capture the attention of regional viewers but also appeal to a pan-Indian audience, especially through streaming platforms."

While the official release date has yet to be announced, anticipation for "Abar Praloy 2" is already at an all-time high. Raj Chakraborty has promised regular updates and teasers in the coming months, ensuring that fans stay engaged and invested in the unfolding journey of the series. The announcement of "Abar Praloy 2" marks an exciting chapter in Bengali entertainment, signaling the return of a thrilling narrative crafted by one of the industry's most influential directors.



Film director S.S. Rajamouli casts his vote at a polling booth during the Jubilee Hills assembly constituency bypoll, in Hyderabad, Tuesday.

Raveena Tandon and Sonu Sood Express Shock as 8 Die in Red Fort Blast in Delhi





Staff Reporter, Mumbai, 11 November: Delhi's historic Red Fort claimed the lives of eight people and left several others injured, prompting shock and grief across India. Prominent Bollywood personalities, including Raveena Tandon and Sonu Sood, were among the first to express their condolences and outrage over the tragic incident, highlighting the deep emotional impact of the attack on the country's cultural and social fabric.

According to official sources, the explosion occurred in the early hours near a public area of the iconic Red Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site that draws thousands of tourists every day. Emergency services rushed to the scene, evacuating the injured and securing the premises, while authorities launched an immediate investigation into the cause of the blast. Security agencies are reportedly examining all possible angles, including sabotage, accidental detonation, or other security breaches.

The tragic incident instantly drew reactions from across the country, with politicians, civil society leaders, and celebrities expressing sorrow and calling for swift action. Bollywood actress Raveena Tandon took to social media to convey her shock and grief, writing, "Heartbroken to hear about the tragic blast at Red Fort. My thoughts and prayers are with the families of those who lost their lives and everyone affected. May the injured recover soon."

Actor and humanitarian Sonu Sood echoed the sentiment, emphasizing solidarity with the victims' families. "Such senseless violence is devastating. We must stand together in these dark times and support the affected families," he tweeted. Celebrities' responses reflect the widespread concern and national sentiment following attacks that target public spaces, especially those of historical and cultural significance.

Eyewitnesses at the Red Fort reported chaos and panic following the blast. Visitors and local residents described scenes of confusion as emergency personnel attended to the wounded. Authorities cordoned off the affected area, and forensic teams began collecting evidence to determine the exact nature and origin of the explosion. Security around the Red Fort, a symbol of India's heritage and national pride, has been heightened in response to the incident.

The Delhi Police and National Security Guard (NSG) have launched a joint investigation, examining CCTV footage, interviewing witnesses, and inspecting the site for clues. Preliminary reports suggest that the blast's magnitude was sufficient to cause significant structural and human damage, prompting urgent discussions about security protocols at major historical landmarks and crowded public spaces.

Political leaders have condemned the attack in the strongest terms. Delhi Chief Minister called for a thorough investigation and reassured citizens that all necessary measures are being taken to maintain public safety. Union ministers and officials highlighted the need for stronger preventive measures while paying tribute to the victims and first responders.

In addition to immediate relief and rescue operations, emergency medical services at nearby hospitals have been mobilized to treat the injured. Trauma units are on high alert, and specialists are providing round-the-clock care. Authorities have also established a hotline for affected families seeking information about missing or injured loved ones.

Security analysts note that attacks in high-profile and symbolic locations like the Red Fort not only inflict human loss but also aim to undermine public confidence and national morale. They stress the importance of stringent surveillance, improved intelligence gathering, and robust emergency preparedness to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

While the investigation is ongoing, the tragic Red Fort blast has triggered nationwide mourning, with citizens paying homage to the victims and expressing solidarity with their families. The emotional response from Bollywood icons like Raveena Tandon and Sonu Sood underscores the broader societal grief and calls attention to the human dimension of such tragedies. The Red Fort blast represents a somber reminder of the vulnerabilities that even iconic, well-guarded public spaces face.

Sunny Deol Shares Heart-warming Health Update on Father Dharmendra

Staff Reporter, Mumbai, 11 November: Bollywood veteran Dharmendra's fans were given a reassuring update on his health as actor Sunny Deol, his son, took to social media to provide details about the legendary actor's current condition. Known as the "He-Man" of Hindi cinema, Dharmendra, 88, has long been a cherished figure in Indian film, and news of his health naturally attracts widespread attention. Sunny Deol's message offered both comfort and optimism, highlighting the family's commitment to keeping fans informed during this period. In his statement, Sunny Deol expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support and prayers from fans, colleagues, and well-wishers. "We are deeply touched by the love and concern shown for my father," he said. "I want to assure everyone that he is doing well, under excellent care, and is steadily recovering. The entire family is with him, and we are hopeful for his continued good health."

According to the update, Dharmendra is currently under close medical supervision, with his healthcare team monitoring his progress meticulously. The statement emphasized that while he may require routine check-ups and care appropriate for his age, there is no cause for alarm. This reassured fans, who have often expressed concern about the health of the legendary actor, given his age and long-standing contribution to the film industry.Sunny Deol's message also highlighted the importance of family support in Dharmendra's recovery. The Deol family, including sons Sunny and Bobby Deol, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren, has reportedly been by his side throughout, ensuring he receives comfort and encouragement during this time. The close-knit family dynamic, often visible at public appearances and film events, continues to be a source of strength for the veteran actor.

The announcement sparked an outpouring of affection on social media, with fans and fellow actors sending messages of goodwill, prayers, and blessings. Hashtags celebrating Dharmendra's legacy and wishing him a speedy recovery trended across platforms, demonstrating the enduring impact of the actor on multiple generations of filmgoers. Many fans also shared personal memories of his films, iconic dialogues, and on-screen persona, highlighting the deep connection audiences feel with the star. Industry insiders noted that such health updates are part of a growing trend in Bollywood, where actors and their families communicate directly with fans to maintain transparency and manage speculation. "Given Dharmendra's iconic status, any news about him is bound to attract attention," said Ritu Sharma, a Mumbai-based entertainment analyst. "Sunny Deol's message strikes the right balance of reassurance, gratitude, and optimism, which is exactly what fans want to hear."

Dharmendra, whose career spans over six decades, remains a symbol of strength and charisma in Hindi cinema. From his early hits in the 1960s and 1970s to his memorable roles in action and family dramas, he has left an indelible mark on Bollywood. Beyond his professional achievements, his reputation as a devoted family man has further endeared him to fans, making health updates like this especially significant to the public.

Sunny Deol's update also subtly encouraged fans to continue sending their prayers and support, reinforcing the sense of community and affection that surrounds Dharmendra. The actor's message reflected humility and gratitude, emphasizing the emotional bond between the star, his family, and millions of admirers across the country. While the family has not shared details about specific medical procedures or conditions, the overall tone of the message was positive, with an emphasis on recovery and well-being. Observers expect that future updates will continue in a similar manner, keeping fans informed while respecting the privacy of the actor and his family.

Shehnaaz Gill Opens Up About Life at Salman Khan's Panvel Farmhouse

Staff Reporter, Mumbai, 11 November: Popular actress and singer Shehnaaz Gill has recently offered fans a rare glimpse into the much-talked-about Panvel farmhouse owned by Bollywood superstar Salman Khan. Known for its exclusivity and frequent appearances in media speculation, the farmhouse has been a private hub for celebrity gatherings, film shoots, and informal parties. Shehnaaz's revelations have added a fresh layer of intrigue to the property, giving admirers and the media an insider's perspective on what life behind the gates of the star-studded estate is really like.

In a candid conversation with entertainment media, Shehnaaz described the farmhouse as a sprawling, serene retreat away from the bustling streets of Mumbai. She highlighted the relaxed, informal atmosphere that permeates the property, emphasizing that the space is not just about glitz and glamour but also serves as a comfortable home environment where Salman Khan hosts friends and colleagues.

"The farmhouse is amazing — spacious, lush, and incredibly private," Shehnaaz said. "It's not just about celebrity vibes; it's about comfort, warmth, and a place where you can really unwind. Salman is a fantastic host, and you always feel welcome." Shehnaaz's comments come amid continued curiosity about the farmhouse, which has often been shrouded in rumors, especially during the filming of television specials and social gatherings with Bollywood celebrities.

According to Shehnaaz, the estate features extensive gardens, recreational areas, and modern amenities that make it ideal for both work and leisure. Guests are reportedly treated to a mix of casual fun and well-organized events, creating an environment that balances privacy with entertainment. While she refrained from sharing intimate details about the celebrity gatherings themselves, her remarks hinted at the warmth and camaraderie that define the social culture of the farmhouse.

The Panvel farmhouse has long been the subject of media fascination, partly due to Salman Khan's iconic status in Bollywood and partly because of the secrecy that surrounds it. Over the years, the property has hosted film shoots, charity events, and celebrations, often fueling speculation about the nature of the interactions among visiting celebrities. Shehnaaz's first-hand account adds authenticity to these narratives while simultaneously humanizing the setting, portraying it as more than just a playground for the rich and famous.

Fans have reacted enthusiastically to Shehnaaz's revelations, flooding social media with comments expressing excitement and curiosity. Many appreciated her candidness, noting that it is rare for celebrities to provide such personal insights into private spaces associated with Bollywood icons. Her account also reinforces Salman Khan's reputation as a hospitable and grounded figure in the industry, despite his superstar status.

Entertainment analysts suggest that celebrity endorsements and insider stories like Shehnaaz's often enhance the aura of Bollywood properties, making them aspirational for fans while reinforcing the public image of stars as approachable and relatable. "When actors share their experiences in such iconic locations, it humanizes the space and adds to the celebrity narrative in a way that feels genuine," said Ritu Sharma, a Mumbai-based entertainment commentator.

While Shehnaaz has provided only a glimpse of the farmhouse experience, her remarks continue to spark conversations about Bollywood's private spaces and the lifestyles of its biggest stars. The allure of the Panvel property lies not just in its size or luxury but in the stories, friendships, and memories created within its walls — elements that Shehnaaz has highlighted in her recent interview.

Shehnaaz Gill's revelations about Salman Khan's Panvel farmhouse offer fans a blend of curiosity, admiration, and a sense of connection with Bollywood's inner world. Her candid account underscores the charm and appeal of the property while maintaining the mystique that has long fascinated admirers. For fans and the media alike, the farmhouse remains not just a symbol of stardom but also a space where celebrity, comfort, and camaraderie seamlessly coexist.

Singer Palak Muchhal Enters Guinness World Records for Funding 3,800 Heart Surgeries

Staff Reporter, Mumbai, 11 November: The Guinness World Records for her extraordinary philanthropic work, having successfully funded 3,800 heart surgeries for underprivileged children across India. This remarkable achievement highlights the singer's commitment to social causes and her unwavering dedication to improving the lives of children suffering from congenital heart conditions.

Palak, who shot to fame with her soulful renditions in Bollywood films, has long used her music as a vehicle for change. Over the past decade, she has tirelessly conducted charity concerts, collaborated with fellow artists, and mobilized resources to support families who cannot afford critical heart surgeries. Her efforts have transformed countless lives, providing children with a chance at healthier, longer lives and bringing hope to struggling families.

In a statement following the announcement, Palak expressed her gratitude and humility. "I am deeply honored to receive this recognition from Guinness World Records," she said. "But this is not just my achievement — it belongs to everyone who has supported these initiatives, attended charity concerts, donated, or spread the message. Together, we have been able to save thousands of young lives."

Palak Muchhal's philanthropic journey began at a young age when she witnessed the hardships faced by children born with heart ailments. Motivated to make a difference, she began singing at local events and quickly scaled her efforts to national and international platforms. Over the years, her concerts have not only raised funds but also created awareness about congenital heart diseases, preventive care, and the importance of timely medical intervention.

The Guinness World Records recognition is based on meticulous documentation of all surgeries funded through Palak's initiatives. Each surgery, carried out in partnership with reputable hospitals and



cardiac specialists, has been accounted for, highlighting the transparency and credibility of her charitable work. With 3,800 surgeries now credited to her efforts, Palak joins an elite group of artists worldwide who have used their fame and talent for large-scale humanitarian impact.

Medical professionals and social activists have lauded her contributions. Dr. Anjali Mehta, a pediatric cardiologist in Mumbai, noted, "Palak Muchhal's work goes beyond charity. She has saved thousands of young lives and inspired society to take notice of children's health issues. Her dedication demonstrates how art and compassion can combine to create profound social change."

Fans of the singer have also celebrated the achievement, flooding social media with messages of admiration and support. Many expressed pride that a figure from the entertainment industry is making a tangible difference in public health. Hashtags celebrating her Guinness World Record recognition quickly trended across platforms, reflecting the widespread impact of her humanitarian work.

Palak's achievements also underscore the broader role artists can play in philanthropy. By leveraging her popularity and musical talent, she has created a model for sustainable charity initiatives, demonstrating how consistent, focused efforts can bring about measurable results. Her approach has inspired other celebrities to contribute meaningfully to social causes, reinforcing the idea that fame can be a powerful tool for good.

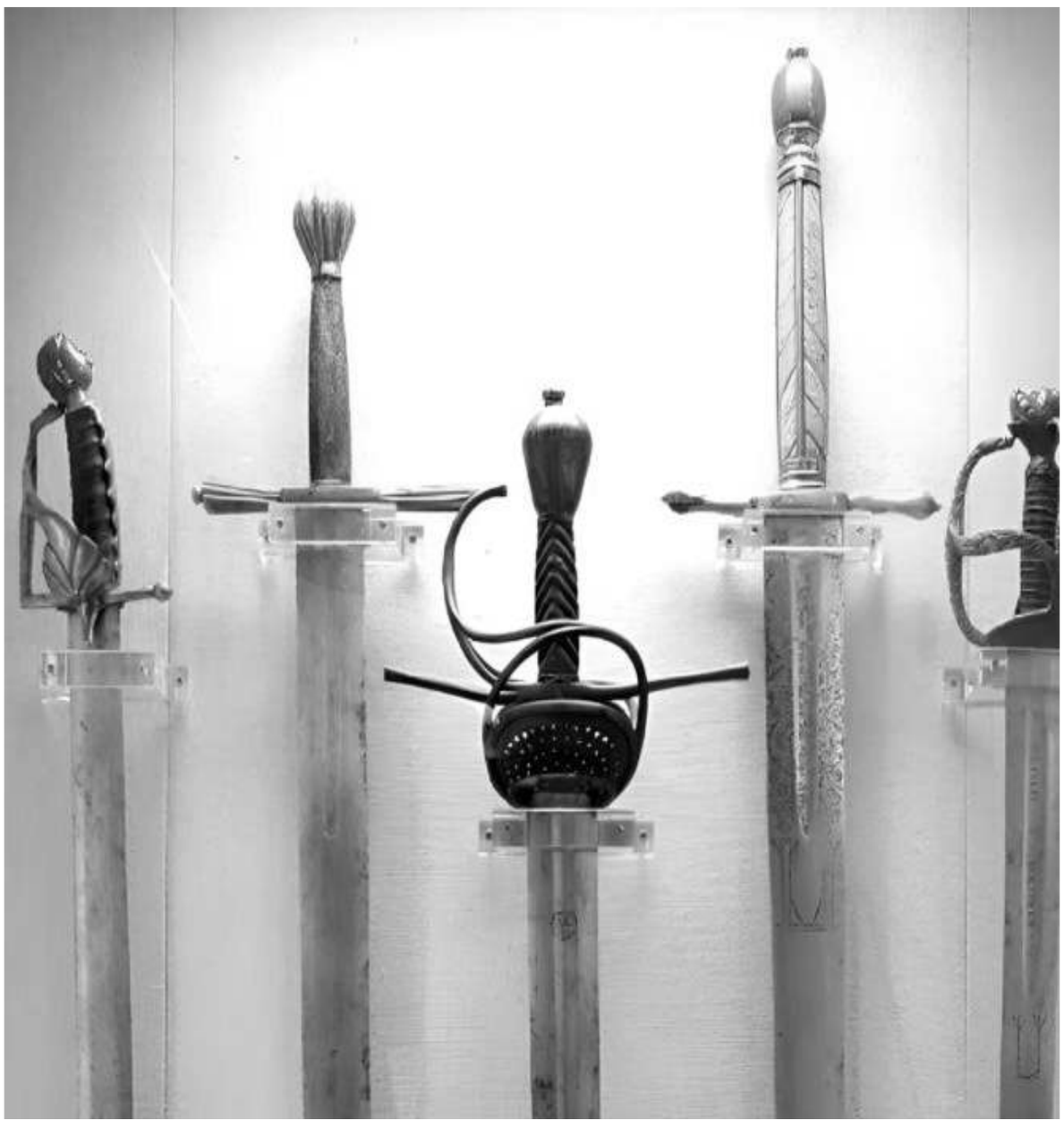
Looking ahead, Palak Muchhal has reaffirmed her commitment to continue supporting heart surgeries and expanding her outreach to children in need. Plans are underway to organize more charity concerts, community awareness programs, and partnerships with hospitals across India, ensuring that even more children have access to life-saving medical interventions. Palak Muchhal's entry into the Guinness World Records is not only a testament to her dedication and talent but also a celebration of the transformative power of compassion and action.

Editorial

"Erasing Women: The Alarming Gender Gap in Bihar's Electoral Rolls"

In Bihar, a recent report has revealed a deeply troubling trend: 7.2 lakh more women than men have been removed from the state's electoral rolls. This stark discrepancy raises urgent questions about the integrity of the voter list, the fairness of the electoral process, and, above all, the systemic neglect of women's representation in democracy. Beyond the numerical imbalance, this issue strikes at the very heart of democratic governance, where every citizen's right to vote is meant to be sacrosanct. The removal of voters from electoral rolls is not inherently problematic; revisions are necessary to maintain accuracy. People relocate, pass away, or may otherwise become ineligible. However, the gendered skew in these deletions is deeply concerning. That 7.2 lakh more women than men have been removed cannot be brushed off as a statistical quirk—it indicates structural vulnerabilities in the system that disproportionately affect women. It points toward administrative oversights, bureaucratic inefficiencies, and perhaps even inadvertent biases that undermine women's access to one of their most fundamental rights: participation in democracy. Historically, women have faced numerous barriers to political engagement in India, from social and cultural constraints to economic dependence and limited access to education. Even as literacy and awareness have improved, the mechanisms of governance have not always kept pace with these social changes. The current discrepancy in Bihar could exacerbate this longstanding inequality, effectively silencing a significant portion of the population during elections. For a state like Bihar, where women constitute nearly half the electorate, such systemic exclusion could skew political priorities and policy-making, reinforcing male-dominated power structures. Several factors may be contributing to this imbalance. Firstly, administrative procedures often rely on outdated records and rigid verification processes. Many women in Bihar, particularly in rural areas, may have names spelled inconsistently, or may not possess formal identification documents, making them vulnerable to being marked as ineligible. Secondly, migration patterns can disproportionately affect women. Men may migrate for work but maintain their registration in one place, whereas women left behind may face bureaucratic hurdles when updating their status. Thirdly, there could be an underlying lack of gender sensitivity within the election management system. Minor oversights in data collection, verification, and deletion processes can cumulatively result in large-scale disenfranchisement of women. The implications of this discrepancy are profound. Democracy is built on the principle of universal suffrage, and voter lists are the foundation of that principle. When women are systematically removed, the very legitimacy of electoral outcomes comes into question. Political representatives may make decisions assuming the electorate reflects the population, yet they may be unknowingly serving a body of voters that underrepresents women. This could perpetuate policies that fail to address women's needs, from education and healthcare to employment and safety, thereby deepening social inequality. Furthermore, this issue undermines public trust in democratic institutions. Citizens must feel confident that their participation counts and that their right to vote is protected. When women, in particular, perceive a systematic bias against them, it erodes confidence not only in the electoral process but in governance more broadly. The perception of exclusion can lead to political apathy, reduced voter turnout, and a weakening of civic engagement, which are detrimental to the health of democracy itself. Correcting this imbalance requires immediate attention and a multi-pronged approach. First, electoral authorities must conduct a thorough audit of the voter lists, paying special attention to gender disparities. Data-driven interventions should identify regions or constituencies where women's names have disproportionately disappeared and take corrective measures to reinstate eligible voters. Second, outreach programs are essential to ensure that women are aware of their rights and can verify their registration. Local bodies, NGOs, and community leaders can play a pivotal role in facilitating voter verification, particularly in rural and marginalized communities.

"The Double-Edged Sword of Symbols: Unity and Division in Equal Measure"



Symbols are among the most potent instruments in human society. They shape our identities, convey our beliefs, and rally us around causes larger than ourselves. From national flags to religious emblems, from corporate logos to cultural icons, symbols communicate volumes without a single word being uttered. Yet, while their power to inspire is undeniable, symbols carry an equally potent risk: they can confine thought, narrow perspective, and even deepen social divides. In the current global landscape, where debates over identity, culture, and ideology dominate public discourse, understanding the dual nature of symbols has never been more critical. The immense power of symbols lies in their ability to condense complex ideas into simple, recognizable forms. A flag fluttering in the wind, a protest sign raised high, or a logo emblazoned on a product can evoke profound emotional responses. They help communities articulate shared values and histories, providing a sense of belonging and continuity.

Consider national symbols, which often serve as unifying forces during times of crisis. When a country faces war, disaster, or political upheaval, its flag or anthem can galvanize citizens, transcending individual differences and fostering collective purpose. In this sense, symbols are not merely ornamental—they are functional instruments of cohesion and identity. Religious symbols perform a similar function. They serve as tangible expressions of faith, connecting believers across generations and geographies. Cultural symbols, whether in the form of art, literature, or language, help preserve collective memory, celebrating a community's unique contributions to the human story. Even commercial symbols carry profound weight: iconic logos can evoke trust, loyalty, and aspiration, shaping consumer behavior and influencing societal trends. Across all these domains, symbols wield extraordinary psychological and social influence, often more enduring than words or policies. However, the same qualities that make symbols powerful unifiers can also make them agents of division. By their very nature, symbols simplify complex realities, reducing multifaceted issues into binary representations: loyalty or disloyalty, faith or heresy, inclusion or exclusion. This simplification can obscure nuance and promote rigid thinking. When people become overly attached to symbols, they risk interpreting them as absolute truths rather than contextual representations. This can lead to exclusionary attitudes, intolerance, and even hostility toward those who do not share the same symbolic affiliations. History is replete with examples where symbols have been mobilized to reinforce divisions, whether in the form of sectarian emblems, political insignias, or cultural markers. The narrowing effect of symbols is especially evident in the political arena.

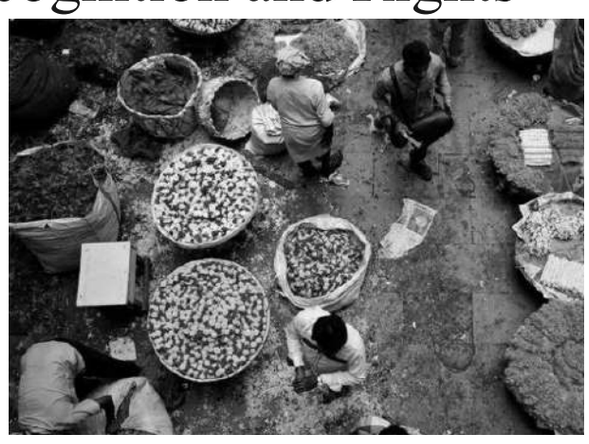
Political movements often rely on symbols to consolidate support and signal ideology. While this can strengthen solidarity within the movement, it can also entrench polarization. Citizens may be judged not by their ideas or actions but by their alignment with specific symbols—flags, slogans, or logos—reducing complex human beings to simplified categories. In such environments, dialogue becomes increasingly difficult, as symbols serve as barriers rather than bridges. The very tools designed to unite people within a group can simultaneously separate them from those outside it. Social media has amplified this dynamic exponentially. Platforms thrive on symbolic shorthand—emojis, hashtags, memes—that convey allegiance, opinion, or sentiment in a single glance. While efficient, this symbolic shorthand can exacerbate echo chambers and tribalism. Users are rewarded for aligning with familiar symbols, even when the underlying issues are far more complicated. The emotional resonance of symbols can overshadow critical thinking, encouraging reactions based on identity and sentiment rather than reasoned analysis. In this sense, symbols, while seemingly innocuous, wield the power to narrow minds as much as they can broaden hearts. Recognizing the dual nature of symbols is essential for any society that seeks balance between unity and diversity. Symbols should be celebrated for their capacity to inspire and communicate, yet treated with caution to prevent their misuse. Citizens, educators, and leaders must cultivate symbolic literacy—the ability to interpret symbols critically, understand their historical and social contexts, and resist the urge to let them dictate rigid boundaries of identity. For example, national pride can coexist with constructive criticism of governance; religious devotion can coexist with tolerance for other faiths; and cultural pride can coexist with openness to diverse artistic expressions. In each case, symbols can be harnessed as instruments of engagement rather than exclusion. Institutions also have a responsibility in this regard. Governments, schools, and media organizations must avoid allowing symbols to become tools of coercion or division. Policies and curricula should encourage dialogue around the meaning and significance of symbols, fostering awareness of both their inspirational power and their potential to limit perspective. Public discourse should emphasize the underlying values that symbols represent, rather than treating symbols as ends in themselves. By doing so, societies can prevent the ossification of identity into rigid symbolic allegiances that hinder understanding and progress. Ultimately, the story of symbols is one of tension: between inspiration and dogma, inclusion and exclusion, simplicity and complexity. The same flag that rallies a nation in solidarity can alienate dissenters; the same emblem that signals faith can marginalize others; the same logo that creates consumer loyalty can reinforce social hierarchies. The challenge lies in embracing the power of symbols without surrendering to their narrowing effects. It is a challenge of maturity, requiring individuals and societies to hold symbols lightly, understand them deeply, and act with discernment. Yet their potency comes with a cautionary note. To wield symbols responsibly is to recognize that while they can unite, they can also divide; while they can illuminate, they can also obscure; and while they can empower, they can also constrain. The task before us is to navigate this delicate balance, ensuring that symbols remain instruments of connection, understanding, and progress rather than tools of limitation, exclusion, or narrow-mindedness. In the age of rapid communication, social fragmentation, and heightened identity politics, this balance is not merely desirable—it is essential for the health of our societies and the vitality of our democracies.

"Ayni Air Base and the Geopolitics of Strategic Loss: Lessons from Tajikistan"



The recent addition of Tajikistan's Ayni Air Base to the list of strategic losses marks a significant moment in Central Asian geopolitics, carrying implications that extend far beyond the boundaries of this small, mountainous nation. While news of military installations often passes under the radar for the general public, the loss of a facility like Ayni is not merely a matter of local defense—it reflects broader shifts in regional power dynamics, security considerations, and the intricate interplay of global strategic interests. The Ayni Air Base, located in the northern region of Tajikistan near the Farkhor corridor, has long been considered a crucial asset for both domestic security and regional military cooperation. Built with the intent of strengthening Tajikistan's air capabilities and serving as a hub for allied operations, the base was more than a collection of hangars and runways; it was a symbol of Tajikistan's aspiration to assert control over its airspace and to participate meaningfully in the security architecture of Central Asia. Its operational loss, therefore, cannot be seen as an isolated event—it is emblematic of larger vulnerabilities that this strategically placed nation faces. Tajikistan's geostrategic position is unique. Bordered by Afghanistan to the south, China to the east, Uzbekistan to the west, and Kyrgyzstan to the north, the country occupies a corridor of immense strategic importance. The Ayni Air Base had been envisioned as a counterbalance to regional instability emanating from the south, particularly from Afghanistan's persistent security challenges. By enabling rapid response capabilities, surveillance, and coordination with international partners, the base was intended to serve as both a deterrent and a stabilizing presence. Its loss therefore weakens not only Tajikistan's defensive posture but also the broader security calculus of the region. The reasons behind the base's fall are complex and layered, ranging from internal administrative challenges to the shifting allegiances and pressures of regional powers. Tajikistan has long faced the difficulty of balancing relations with larger neighbors such as Russia and China while maintaining sovereignty and autonomy in its defense strategy. Historically, Russia has maintained a significant military presence in Tajikistan, with facilities and troops aimed at countering instability in Afghanistan and Central Asia at large. The Ayni Air Base, which had been partially integrated into these cooperative frameworks, represented a tangible manifestation of this alignment. Its loss signals a reconfiguration of these arrangements, raising questions about the reliability of regional security guarantees and the influence of external actors in Tajikistan's military infrastructure. The implications of losing Ayni are manifold. Strategically, Tajikistan loses a key platform for rapid aerial deployment and surveillance over its territory and its borders with Afghanistan. This has direct consequences for counterterrorism efforts, drug interdiction, and the monitoring of illicit cross-border activities, all of which have long plagued the country. Politically, it exposes gaps in governance and defense planning that may invite criticism from both domestic stakeholders and international partners. For neighboring countries and global powers with vested interests in Central Asia, the base's loss may necessitate recalibration of military, intelligence, and diplomatic engagements in the region. This development also highlights the fragility inherent in smaller nations' defense infrastructures. While global attention often focuses on major powers and their capacities, the vulnerabilities of smaller states can have outsized consequences for regional stability. In Tajikistan's case, reliance on a limited number of strategic facilities, coupled with the challenges of rugged terrain, limited resources, and political constraints, has made the Ayni Air Base disproportionately significant. Its loss serves as a cautionary tale: security cannot rest on a single installation or a narrow set of strategic assets, particularly in regions of heightened geopolitical sensitivity. Moreover, the situation underscores the intersection of geography and geopolitics. Tajikistan's mountainous topography, which historically has provided a natural defensive advantage, also complicates logistics, communications, and rapid military response. The Ayni Air Base had served as a critical node in overcoming these challenges. Its removal diminishes operational flexibility and increases reliance on alternative infrastructure, which may be inadequate for rapid-response needs. This not only impacts Tajikistan's national security but also the broader regional balance, as neighboring powers observe and respond to perceived vulnerabilities. Internationally, the loss of the Ayni Air Base has ripple effects. Central Asia has long been a the-

"Kolkata's Hawkers in Limbo: The Bureaucratic Struggle for Recognition and Rights"



In the bustling streets of Kolkata, hawkers are as much a part of the city's identity as the Howrah Bridge or the yellow taxis that thread through its lanes. Their presence is ubiquitous: selling fruits, street food, clothing, and essentials, they bring vibrancy and accessibility to urban life. Yet, despite their indispensable role, a report reveals that these street vendors are still waiting for vending certificates, a delay that has kept them in a state of legal and economic uncertainty. This prolonged limbo is symptomatic of a larger challenge that plagues urban governance in India: balancing regulation with livelihood, bureaucracy with inclusivity, and urban planning with the realities of the informal economy. Vending certificates are not a mere formality. They serve as the legal backbone that legitimizes a hawker's right to operate in public spaces. With certification, hawkers gain security, protection from arbitrary eviction, and the ability to conduct business without fear of harassment. The delay in issuing these certificates, therefore, is more than an administrative hiccup—it is a denial of basic rights to a section of the population that depends on daily earnings for survival. For a hawker, a single day of disruption can mean the loss of essential income, impacting not only the individual but their families who rely on that income for food, education, and healthcare. The situation in Kolkata is particularly perplexing because it follows years of policy discussions, court directives, and civic initiatives aimed at formalizing the street vending ecosystem. The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, enacted at the national level in 2014, was designed to protect hawkers' rights, provide clear guidelines for certification, and integrate them into city planning. Yet, a decade later, the implementation remains uneven, with the very people the law seeks to protect still waiting for recognition. This gap between legislation and execution highlights a chronic problem in India's urban governance: the inability of systems to translate policy into action effectively.Part of the delay can be traced to bureaucratic hurdles. Vending certificate issuance involves multiple layers of verification, mapping of public spaces, and coordination between municipal bodies, law enforcement, and planning authorities. In theory, these procedures ensure fairness and order; in practice, they often lead to red tape, delays, and confusion. Hawkers, many of whom are migrants or belong to economically marginalized groups, are ill-equipped to navigate such complex procedures, leaving them vulnerable to harassment and exploitation. In some cases, arbitrary enforcement or selective issuance has created inequities, where a few benefit while many remain excluded.The consequences of such delays extend beyond individual hardship. Hawkers play a vital role in Kolkata's urban economy. They provide affordable goods and services to millions, support supply chains for local markets, and generate significant employment. Disrupting their ability to operate freely can ripple through the economy, impacting consumers, local businesses, and the broader urban ecosystem. Moreover, a city that marginalizes its informal workforce risks eroding social cohesion and public trust in civic institutions. If those who contribute visibly to the city's life feel neglected, the legitimacy of governance itself comes under strain.There is also a human dimension that policy documents often overlook. Hawkers are not just economic actors; they are part of the city's cultural fabric. They add color, character, and vibrancy to Kolkata's streets, creating spaces where people from different walks of life interact. Delays in formal recognition send a message that these contributions are undervalued, reinforcing social hierarchies and perpetuating marginalization. Urban planning should not aim merely for sanitized, orderly streets; it must also preserve the human and cultural elements that make a city liveable and inclusive. Addressing this issue requires both administrative urgency and visionary thinking. On the administrative side, municipal authorities must expedite the issuance of vending certificates without further delay. Streamlining verification processes, leveraging technology for mapping and record-keeping, and creating clear, transparent guidelines for hawkers can significantly reduce bottlenecks. Equally important is capacity-building for hawkers, ensuring they understand the procedures and have access to support in navigating bureaucratic channels. Beyond administrative fixes, the city must rethink its approach to street vending as an integral part of urban life rather than a problem to be managed. Innovative solutions, such as designated vending zones, rotational street markets, and digital registration systems, can balance the needs of hawkers, pedestrians, and urban planning objectives.

Mutual Fund Flows Slow in October, But SIPs, Gold ETFs Continue to Draw Investor Interest

Mumbai, November 11, 2025 — The Indian mutual fund industry witnessed a notable slowdown in net equity inflows in October, signaling a more cautious investor sentiment amidst volatile markets. According to the latest data, net inflows into equity-oriented schemes dropped by 19% to ₹24,690 crore compared to the previous month, reflecting a tempered appetite for equities in the face of global uncertainties and domestic macroeconomic concerns. Despite the overall slowdown, systematic investment plans (SIPs) remained a key driver of stability for the mutual fund ecosystem. Investors continued to favor disciplined, long-term investments through SIPs, which collectively garnered a record ₹13,600 crore during October. The steady rise in SIP contributions underscores the resilience of retail investor confidence and a gradual shift toward consistent wealth-building strategies, even as lump-sum equity inflows have moderated. Gold exchange-traded funds (ETFs) also emerged as a bright spot, reflecting sustained interest from investors seeking a hedge against market volatility and inflationary pressures. October saw significant inflows into gold ETFs, reinforcing the commodity's role as a safe-haven investment during periods of uncertainty. Analysts noted that rising geopolitical tensions, coupled with fluctuating global interest rates, have prompted investors to diversify their portfolios beyond conventional equity and debt instruments. Industry experts suggest that the slowdown in net equity inflows should be viewed in context. "A temporary dip in net inflows does not necessarily indicate a structural weakness in the equity market," said Ramesh Iyer, Chief Investment Officer at a leading asset management firm. "Investors are recalibrating their portfolios amid global cues, but the continued traction in SIPs and gold ETFs shows that long-term investment behavior remains intact." Debt mutual funds, meanwhile, experienced moderate inflows, with investors cautiously balancing the risk-reward equation in a rising interest rate environment.



The Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy stance, along with inflation trends, has influenced allocations toward debt instruments, even as equities continue to attract interest from investors with higher risk appetite. Market analysts also highlighted that while overall inflows have slowed, the composition of investments indicates a shift toward stability and wealth preservation. Retail investors are increasingly prioritizing structured and predictable investment avenues, such as SIPs, while selectively exploring thematic and sectoral equity funds to capitalize on specific growth opportunities.

From a sector perspective, technology, banking, and consumer discretionary funds continued to attract investor attention, though inflows remained modest compared to previous months. The cautious approach reflects both global market volatility and domestic economic indicators, which have influenced investor sentiment. Mutual fund houses are also leveraging investor education initiatives to encourage systematic investing and awareness of diversified portfolios.

Campaigns highlighting the benefits of long-term wealth creation, tax efficiency, and risk management have contributed to sustained SIP inflows, even amid a short-term slowdown in lump-sum equity investments. Looking ahead, experts predict that the mutual fund landscape will continue to see steady growth, driven by retail participation and a gradual broadening of the investor base. With regulatory measures aimed at enhancing transparency and accessibility, mutual funds remain an attractive avenue for investors seeking disciplined wealth creation across asset classes. The resilience of SIPs and the enduring appeal of gold ETFs underscore a balanced and strategic approach among Indian investors. As market conditions evolve, these trends suggest that the mutual fund industry remains on a path of steady, albeit cautious, growth.

SoftBank Posts Stellar Profit Surge on AI Investment Boom

Tokyo, November 11, 2025 — SoftBank Group Corp. reported a remarkable surge in profits this quarter, driven largely by soaring valuations in its artificial intelligence (AI) portfolio, underscoring the growing influence of AI-focused investments in global technology markets. The Japanese conglomerate, long known for its aggressive bets on high-growth tech companies, has once again demonstrated how strategic positioning in emerging technologies can deliver outsized returns. According to the company's latest financial statements, SoftBank's net profit for the quarter rose sharply, marking one of the most significant gains in recent years. Analysts attribute this performance primarily to the stellar appreciation of AI-related assets within the company's Vision Fund, SoftBank's flagship technology-focused investment vehicle. The rapid growth of AI startups, along with investor enthusiasm for AI applications across sectors ranging from cloud computing to generative AI, contributed to a surge in portfolio valuations. Masayoshi Son, SoftBank's founder and CEO, emphasized the company's long-term vision of leveraging cutting-edge technologies to drive returns. "Our investment strategy has always focused on the transformative potential of technology," Son said during a press briefing. "The rise of AI is not just a market trend; it represents a fundamental shift in how businesses operate and create value. We are seeing our conviction in AI pay off significantly." SoftBank's Vision Fund, which has invested in dozens of AI-driven companies globally, benefited from multiple high-profile funding rounds and private valuations, some of which soared by double-digit percentages over the past quarter. Sectors such as generative AI, autonomous systems, and AI-powered software solutions contributed notably to the uplift, reflecting strong investor appetite and a broader global push toward digital transformation. The surge in profits also provided a boost to SoftBank's overall market position, lifting investor confidence in the company's growth trajectory. Shares of SoftBank saw an uptick following the announcement, reflecting investor optimism about the company's future prospects. However, analysts caution that the AI sector is inherently volatile, and SoftBank's heavy reliance on AI investments could expose it to significant risks if market conditions change. Despite these concerns, SoftBank's strategic focus on AI and its ability to capitalize on emerging trends have positioned it as a leader in the tech investment space. As the company continues to navigate the complexities of the global market, its commitment to innovation and long-term growth remains a key factor in its success.

Warren Buffett Commits $149 Billion of Berkshire Hathaway Stock to Charity, Reinforcing Legacy of Philanthropy

Omaha, Nebraska, November 11, 2025 — Legendary investor Warren Buffett has once again reaffirmed his commitment to philanthropy by pledging a staggering $149 billion of his Berkshire Hathaway Inc. stock to charitable causes, marking one of the largest charitable donations in history. The announcement underscores Buffett's enduring dedication to giving back and cements his reputation not only as one of the world's most successful investors but also as one of its most generous philanthropists. Buffett, 94, has long championed the principle of wealth redistribution through charitable giving, famously co-founding The Giving Pledge in 2010 alongside Bill and Melinda Gates. Through the pledge, billionaires commit to donating the majority of their wealth to philanthropic initiatives during their lifetimes or in their wills.

This latest commitment represents a continuation of that lifelong mission, directing the bulk of his fortune to foundations and causes focused on health, education, poverty alleviation, and global development.According to Berkshire Hathaway filings, Buffett plans to donate the vast majority of his shares to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and several family foundations managed by his children. The move not only provides substantial funding for global philanthropic programs but also ensures that his wealth continues to drive social impact long after his lifetime."This pledge reflects my belief that those who are fortunate enough to accumulate wealth have a responsibility to help improve society," Buffett said in a statement.



"I have been fortunate to benefit from decades of investments and business growth, and I want to make sure that this wealth contributes to causes that can make a real difference in the lives of millions." Berkshire Hathaway stock, which has experienced robust growth over the years under Buffett's leadership, now serves as a major vehicle for philanthropy. The sheer size of the donation — equivalent to nearly 30% of Buffett's total net worth — highlights the scale at which charitable giving can intersect with capital markets, enabling foundations to support large-scale initiatives and long-term programs around the world. Financial analysts note that Buffett's donation, while enormous, is structured in a way that is unlikely to disrupt Berkshire Hathaway's market performance. Shares will be distributed gradually over time, allowing foundations to manage the stock efficiently without flooding the market. This approach reflects Buffett's characteristic prudence and long-term thinking, which have defined both his investment philosophy and his approach to philanthropy.

Buffett's charitable pledge also serves as an example to other high-net-worth individuals, reinforcing the ethos behind The Giving Pledge. Since its inception, the pledge has inspired hundreds of billionaires globally to commit the majority of their fortunes to philanthropic causes, creating a ripple effect in the world of wealth and social responsibility. Experts emphasize that Buffett's giving goes beyond the financial impact. "Warren Buffett's approach to philanthropy combines strategic vision with ethical responsibility," said Jane Collins, a philanthropic strategy consultant. "By committing such a large portion of his wealth to foundations, he ensures not just immediate funding, but sustained support for causes that address systemic social challenges."The announcement also coincides with renewed discussions about wealth inequality, tax policies, and the role of private capital in addressing societal challenges. Buffett's pledge demonstrates how private wealth can complement government and institutional efforts in tackling issues like global health, education, and poverty alleviation.

Warren Buffett's $149 billion pledge of Berkshire Hathaway stock represents more than a historic act of generosity; it is a continuation of a lifetime dedicated to using wealth as a tool for meaningful social change. As one of the world's most influential investors, Buffett continues to set a benchmark for responsible wealth stewardship, demonstrating how financial success can be leveraged to create a lasting positive impact on society.

Bajaj Finserv Q2 Profit Surges 24% Amid Strong Growth in Lending and Insurance Segments

Mumbai, November 11, 2025 — Bajaj Finserv Ltd. reported a robust 23.9% jump in net profit for the second quarter of the financial year 2025-26, reaching ₹2,244 crore, reflecting strong performance across its diversified financial services portfolio. The company's impressive earnings underscore the continued resilience of India's financial sector and highlight Bajaj Finserv's ability to capitalize on both credit demand and insurance penetration in a growing economy.The company's quarterly results were driven by healthy growth in its lending, insurance, and investment segments. The consumer finance business, a core driver of Bajaj Finserv's growth, witnessed an uptick in loan disbursements, reflecting sustained demand for personal, home, and two-wheeler loans. The lending segment benefited from robust retail demand, coupled with disciplined risk management practices, which helped maintain asset quality even as the company expanded its customer base. Bajaj Finserv's insurance vertical, which includes both life and general insurance products, also contributed significantly to the earnings growth. Higher premiums collected from new policies and a steady rise in renewals provided a consistent revenue stream, while strategic investments in digital distribution channels and technology-driven underwriting enhanced operational efficiency. Analysts noted that the company's ability to leverage technology in customer acquisition and claims processing has strengthened its competitive position in the rapidly evolving insurance market. Investment income and treasury operations further supported the overall financial performance. Bajaj Finserv's portfolio management, including strategic investments in debt and equity instruments, yielded positive returns during the quarter. This diversified approach to revenue generation helped the company mitigate the impact of market volatility and strengthened its balance sheet. "The Q2 results reflect our continued focus on sustainable growth across our businesses," said Sanjiv Bajaj, Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv. "We remain committed to providing innovative financial solutions that meet the evolving needs of our customers, while maintaining robust risk management practices and operational excellence." Gross revenue for the quarter showed healthy expansion, underpinned by the strong performance of both lending and insurance operations. While the company did not disclose specific segment-wise profit numbers in the initial release, analysts highlighted that consumer lending remained the dominant contributor to net profit, complemented by growing traction in the insurance and wealth management businesses. Market experts view Bajaj Finserv's performance as a reflection of broader trends in the Indian financial services sector.

With rising disposable incomes, increasing financial literacy, and the expansion of digital channels, both credit demand and insurance adoption are witnessing sustained growth.

Inauguration of the newly constructed building of Shankarpur Gram Panchayat

Mathurapur: The newly constructed building of Shankarpur Gram Panchayat of Mathurapur No. 1 Block of South 24 Parganas district was inaugurated on Tuesday afternoon. Mathurapur Lok Sabha constituency MP Bapi Halder inaugurated the building. Raidighi MLA Dr. Alok Jaldata, Mathurapur No. 1 Panchayat Samiti President Manabendra Halder, Shankarpur Region Trinamool Congress President Omar Farooq Halder, Gram Panchayat Pradhan, Deputy Pradhan and others were present.It is learned that the work of Shankarpur Gram Panchayat was going on in the old building.

Problems arose in that. Then an initiative was taken to build a new building. The work of the newly constructed building started two years ago at a cost of 18 lakh taka. The construction of the building was completed a year ago. The new building was inaugurated today.

Name Change
I, Nurbox Mandal (old name) son of Late Maolabaks Mandal, residing at Vill: Baikara, P.O - Haripukuria, P.S - Haringhata, Dist: Naida, Pin: 741257, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nurbaks Mandal (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 11/11/2025. Nurbox Mandal (old name) and Nurbaks Mandal (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ramaprasad Banerjee (old name) son of Kalidas Banerjee, residing at Dakshin Chatra, Baduria, Basirhat, Dist: North 24 Parganas, Pin: 743247, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rama Prasad Bandyopadhyay (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 11/11/2025. Ramaprasad Banerjee and Rama Prasad Bandyopadhyay both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Priti Choudhary (old name) wife of Ajay Kumar Choudhary, residing at 37, Dr. Abani Dutta Road, Salkia, Howrah – 711106, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Preeti Choudhary (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit No. 02/2025 dated 11/11/2025. Priti Choudhary and Preeti Choudhary both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ananya Bandyopadhyay (old name) daughter of Rama Prasad Bandyopadhyay, residing at Dakshin Chatra, Baduria, Basirhat, Dist: North 24 Parganas, Pin: 743247, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ananya Banerjee (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 11/11/2025. Ananya Bandyopadhyay and Ananya Banerjee both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, ILIYAS MOLYA (OLD NAME) S/O MD MOSLEM ALI MOLLA , RESIDING AT, DAKSHIN GAZIPUR URIAPARA , P.O & P.S – POLERHAT , S.24.PGS. PIN – 700135, W. B, INDIA , HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AND SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS ILIYAS MOLLA (NEW NAME) , AS DECLARED BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA , DATED 11/11/2025 , ILIYAS MOLLA (NEW NAME) AND ILIYAS MOLYA (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND IDENTICAL PERSON,

Name Change
I, MOSLEM MOLYA (OLD NAME) S/O LATE MD ROMJAN ALI MOLLA , RESIDING AT, DAKSHIN GAZIPUR URIAPARA , P.O & P.S – POLERHAT ,S.24.PGS. PIN – 700135, W. B, INDIA , HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AND SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS MD MOSLEM ALI MOLLA (NEW NAME) , AS DECLARED BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA , DATED 11/11/2025 , MD MOSLEM ALI MOLLA (NEW NAME) AND MOSLEM MOLYA (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND IDENTICAL PERSON,

Name Change
I,MOMTAZ BIBI (OLD NAME) W/O MD MOSLEM ALI MOLLA , RESIDING AT, DAKSHIN GAZIPUR URIAPARA , P.O & P.S – POLERHAT ,S.24.PGS. PIN – 700135, W. B, INDIA , HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AND SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS MAMATAJ BEGUM (NEW NAME) , AS DECLARED BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA , DATED 11/11/2025 , MAMATAJ BEGUM (NEW NAME) AND MOMTAZ BIBI (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND IDENTICAL PERSON,

Name Change
I,MOMTAZ BIBI (OLD NAME) W/O MD MOSLEM ALI MOLLA , RESIDING AT, DAKSHIN GAZIPUR URIAPARA , P.O & P.S – POLERHAT ,S.24.PGS. PIN – 700135, W. B, INDIA , HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AND SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS MAMATAJ BEGUM (NEW NAME) AND MOMTAZ BIBI (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND IDENTICAL PERSON,

Name Change
I BAISAKHI MUKHERJEE SAHA and BAISHAKHI SAHA W/O SHUVANKAR SAHA , residing at Bithari Madhyapara, P.O-Bithari, P.S-Swarupnagar, North 24 Parganas-743286, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as BAISHAKHI MUKHERJEE SAHA as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Barasat, North 24 Parganas vide affidavit no. 6043 and dated 22/08/2025. BAISAKHI MUKHERJEE SAHA and BAISHAKHI SAHA and BAISHAKHI MUKHERJEE SAHA all are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Muktara Khatun (Old name) D/o-Ajija Parvin, Resident at, Masimpur, Post Office Para, Kaliachak, Malda, 732206 West Bengal, I have changed my name Muktara Khatun to Muktara Bibi (New name) I shall be known as Muktara Bibi vide affidavit before the Notry at Berhampore on 11/11/2025 Muktara Bibi and Muktara Khatun same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, I Saban Bibi (Old name) W/o-Md Abdur Rahim Resident at, Vill-Sarulia, Po-Barua, Ps-Beldanga, Dist-Murshidabad, 742189, I have changed my name Saban Bibi to Sabana BIbi (New name) I shall be known as Sabana BIbi vide affidavit before the Notry at Berhampore on 03/11/2025 Sabana BIbi and Saban Bibi same and one identical person

Name Change
I, Ejaj Ali (Old name) S/o-Md Mohosen Ali, Resident at, Masimpur, Post Office Para, Kaliachak, Malda, 732206 West Bengal, I have changed my name Ejaj Ali to Ajaj Ali (New name) I shall be known as Ajaj Ali vide affidavit before the Notry at Berhampore on 11/11/2025 Ajaj Ali and Ejaj Ali same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Mahasen Ali, Mohosen Ali (Old name) S/o-Haji Fujlur Rahaman, Resident at, Masimpur, Post Office Para, Kaliachak, Malda, 732206 West Bengal, I have changed my name Md Mahasen Ali, Mohosen Ali to Md Mohosen Ali (New name) I shall be known as Md Mohosen Ali vide affidavit before the Notry at Berhampore on 11/11/2025 Md Mohosen Ali and Md Mahasen Ali, Mohosen Ali same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Torikul Islam Mondal (Old Name) D/o-Ruma Bibi, Resident at, Vill-Kankuria, Po-Jarur, Raghunathganj, Murshidababad, West Bengal, Pin-742235. I have changed my name from Torikul Islam Mondal to Tarikul Mondal (new name) I shall be known as Tarikul Mondal vide Affidavit sworn before the Natory on 07/11/2025 Tarikul Mondal and Torikul Islam Mondal is same and one identical person.

e-TENDER NOTICE
The undersigned is invited Tender Notice E-NIT No: **92_RURAL ROAD_HNK_BLOCK OF 2025-26**. Last date of Bid submission: **24/11/2025 at 5:30 P.M.** Technical Bid open: **27/11/2025 at 11:00 A.M.** Details on: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
Sd/- Block Dev. Officer
Hanskhali Dev. Block
Nadia

OFFICE OF THE BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
Udaynarayanpur, Howrah
PRESS NOTICE
E-Tender No.-WB/HWH/UNPUR/NIET-5/BDO/25-26, Dt.-10/11/2025 for 04 nos scheme within the jurisdiction of Udaynarayanpur Development Block. **Tender ID-2025_ZPHD_944547_1 to 2025_ZPHD_944547_4 & One (1) Corrigendum Notice, Dt-11/11/2025**. Detail information will be available from the website **https://wbtenders.gov.in.**
Sd/- Block Development Officer
Udaynarayanpur Dev. Block

Name Change
I, Mahabbat Sardar, S/o Jamat Sardar, resident of Vill. Purba Betberai Mathpara,, P.o - Hridaypur, P. s - Chapra, Dist. Nadia in West Bengal, Pin -741123 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mahabbat Sardar to Mahabat Sardar and henceforth I shall be known as Mahabat Sardar in all purpose, vide affidavit No. 98 sworn in Notary Public at Krishnagar, Nadia on 07.11.2025. Mahabat Sardar and Mahabbat Sardar both are same and identical person

Name Change
I, AVIMANNA ROY (Old Name) S/O RADHESHYAM ROY Residing at 104 Swamiji Pally, P.O.-Birati, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700051, West Bengal, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ABHIMANYA ROY (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit No 5, Dated 07-11-2025. AVIMANNA ROY (Old Name) and ABHIMANYA ROY (New Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, TUMPA RAY (Old Name) D/O ABHIMANYA ROY Residing at 104 Swamiji Pally, P.O.-Birati, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700051, West Bengal, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as TUMPA ROY (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit No 4, Dated 07-11-2025. TUMPA RAY (Old Name) and TUMPA ROY (New Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, AVIMANNA ROY (Old Name) S/O RADHESHYAM ROY Residing at 104 Swamiji Pally, P.O.-Birati, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700051, West Bengal, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ABHIMANYA ROY (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit No 5, Dated 07-11-2025. AVIMANNA ROY (Old Name) and ABHIMANYA ROY (New Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, RIJIA SARDAR W/O SAOKAT SARDAR Residing at Gholar Khal Par, P.O.-Atharobaki, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743329, West Bengal, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as RIJIYA SARDAR as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit No 15, Dated 10-11-2025. RIJIA SARDAR and RIJIYA SARDAR both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, TUMPA RAY (Old Name) D/O ABHIMANYA ROY Residing at 104 Swamiji Pally, P.O.-Birati, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700051, West Bengal, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as TUMPA ROY (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit No 4, Dated 07-11-2025. TUMPA RAY (Old Name) and TUMPA ROY (New Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Saikh Mahammad Rafique S/o Late Golam Mostafa residing at Solagori(Kuchpala), P.O.-Nagbal, P.S.-Dadpur, Dist-Hooghly, Pin-712305, India do hereby declare my mother's actual name Mos Rabiya Bibi instead of Rabeya Bibi, vide an affidavit sworn before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Hooghly, Chinsurah on dated 06/11/2025. Rabeya Bibi and Mos Rabiya Bibi all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sandhya Paul (Old Name) W/O-Asim Pal Vill-Banjetia Colony Paschim , PO-Banjetia , PS-Berhampore , Murshidabad, West Bengal 742102 do hereby declared that I have changed my name from Sandhya Paul to Sandhya Pal and henceforth I shall be known as Sandhya Pal (new name) in all purpose, vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public Berhampore court on 11/11/2025. My name Sandhya Pal & Sandhya Paul both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kalimuddin (Old Name) S/O–Munuruddin Sekh resident of Vill-Gopalpur, Po-Bhagawangola , Ps- Bhagawangola, Dist-Murshidabad , West Bengal, Pin- 742135 do hereby declared that I have changed my name from Kalimuddin to Kalimuddin Sk henceforth I shall be known as Kalimuddin Sk (new name) in all purpose, vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public Berhampore court on 22/09/2025. My name Kalimuddin Sk (new name) & (old name) Kalimuddin both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jinarul Sekh (Old Name) S/O–Kabatulla Sekh residing at Vill-Bhatpara , PO-Bejpara , PS-Berhampore , Murshidabad, West Bengal 742134 do hereby declared that I have changed my name from Jinarul Sekh to Jinarul Sk and henceforth I shall be known as Jinarul Sk (new name) in all purpose, vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public Berhampore court on 11/11/2025. My name Jinarul Sk & Jinarul Sekh both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jamsed Ali (Old Name) S/O– Jan Mohammad Mandal resident of Vill & Po-Rajapur , Ps-Raninagar- , Dist-Murshidabad , West Bengal, Pin-742306 do hereby declared that I have changed my name from Jamsed Ali to Jamsed Ali Mondal and henceforth I shall be known as Jamsed Ali Mondal (new name) in all purpose, vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public Berhampore court on 11/11 /2025. My name Jamsed Ali Mondal & Jamsed Ali both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Asim Paul (Old Name) S/O-Ajit Pal residing at Vill-Banjetia Colony Paschim , PO-Banjetia , PS-Berhampore , Murshidabad, West Bengal 742102 do hereby declared that I have changed my name from Asim Paul to Asim Pal and henceforth I shall be known as Asim Pal (new name) in all purpose, vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public Berhampore court on 11/11/2025. My name Asim Pal & Asim Paul both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Arindam Paul (Old Name) S/O-Asim Pal Vill-Banjetia Colony Paschim , PO-Banjetia , PS-Berhampore , Murshidabad, West Bengal 742102 do hereby declared that I have changed my name from Arindam Paul to Arindom Pal and henceforth I shall be known as Arindom Pal (new name) in all purpose, vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public Berhampore court on 11/11/2025. My name Arindom Pal & Arindam Paul both are same and one identical person.

Bankura Police Arrest Three in Minor Harassment Case, Investigation Underway

Staff reporter, Bankura, 11 November: The Bankura Police have arrested three individuals in connection with a minor harassment case, highlighting ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and security of vulnerable members of the community. The arrests, carried out following prompt action by local law enforcement, have drawn attention to issues of public safety and the importance of timely intervention in cases involving harassment.

According to police sources, the incident involved a minor who reportedly faced harassment under circumstances that have not yet been fully disclosed. Acting on complaints from the victim's family and local witnesses, police quickly initiated an investigation, leading to the identification and subsequent arrest of the three accused individuals. The suspects are currently in police custody as authorities continue to probe the matter.A spokesperson from the Bankura Police emphasized the department's commitment to handling cases involving minors with utmost seriousness. "Our priority is to protect children and vulnerable citizens. Immediate action was taken based on the complaints received, and the investigation is ongoing to ensure justice is served," the officer stated.

The arrests come amid growing public concern over incidents of harassment involving minors in the region. Local authorities have reiterated the importance of community cooperation in reporting suspicious activity and ensuring that young individuals are safe in their neighborhoods. Police officials are also working closely with child welfare experts to provide support and counseling for the victim and their family.

While the details of the harassment have not been fully disclosed due to legal and privacy considerations, police are gathering evidence, recording witness statements, and analyzing the circumstances surrounding the incident. The accused are being interrogated to ascertain their involvement, the sequence of events, and whether others may have played a role in the case.Community members have welcomed the swift action by law enforcement but have expressed concern over the prevalence of harassment and the need for preventive measures. Local resident Anjali Das remarked, "It is reassuring to see the police acting quickly, but we must also educate children and communities about safety and vigilance."

Legal experts note that the arrest of the three suspects is only the first step in a thorough judicial process, which will include detailed investigation, filing of charges, and eventual trial. Special attention will be paid to safeguarding the rights and privacy of the minor involved, in line with legal provisions under child protection laws in India.

Police have also urged parents and guardians to remain vigilant and ensure open lines of communication with their children. Awareness programs, workshops, and community meetings are being planned in Bankura to educate families and children about harassment, online safety, and avenues for reporting incidents safely and discreetly.

Child protection advocates have highlighted that quick arrests in such cases send a strong message to potential offenders while reinforcing public confidence in law enforcement. "Immediate action by the police not only protects the victim but also deters similar incidents in the community," said Dr. Ritu Sharma, a child welfare expert. "It is critical that authorities combine legal enforcement with education and support programs."<The arrest of three individuals in Bankura for harassment against a minor demonstrates the proactive steps taken by local authorities to maintain public safety and uphold the rights of vulnerable citizens. While the investigation continues, the focus remains on providing protection, support, and justice for the victim.

Sabar Community Faces Hurdles While Filling SIR Forms Across Bankura, Purulia, and Jhargram

Staff reporter, Bankura, 11 November: Members of the Sabar community in villages across Bankura, Purulia, and Jhargram are facing significant challenges while attempting to complete forms related to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise being conducted by the Election Commission. The difficulties have sparked concern among local residents and community leaders, highlighting issues of accessibility, awareness, and administrative support in rural areas.

The SIR exercise, aimed at updating and verifying electoral rolls, requires eligible citizens to fill out forms to ensure their names are accurately included in voter lists. While the initiative is intended to strengthen democratic participation, members of the Sabar community report facing multiple barriers, including lack of clarity regarding the process, limited access to officials, and difficulties understanding the forms. Many residents in remote villages have expressed frustration over repeated attempts to fill out the forms, citing language barriers and unfamiliarity with bureaucratic procedures.

Local community leaders have raised concerns about the potential exclusion of eligible voters if these issues are not addressed promptly. "The Sabar community has historically faced social and economic marginalization, and these procedural hurdles only add to their difficulties," said a village elder in Purulia. "We urge authorities to provide additional assistance and ensure that every eligible voter can exercise their democratic rights without obstacles."

Several villagers explained that the forms are often complicated and require personal documentation that many do not readily possess. In some cases, residents have to travel long distances to reach designated centers or rely on intermediaries to complete the paperwork, increasing the risk of errors or delays. Elderly and less-educated members of the community are particularly affected, struggling to navigate the technical aspects of the SIR process.

Authorities have acknowledged the challenges but maintain that the SIR exercise is being conducted in accordance with standard procedures. Election officials in Bankura, Purulia, and Jhargram have stated that awareness campaigns and mobile facilitation teams have been deployed to assist residents in completing their forms. "We are aware of the difficulties faced by some communities and are actively organizing camps, awareness drives, and door-to-door support to ensure inclusivity," said a senior election official.



Despite these efforts, villagers claim that logistical issues persist, including long waiting times, limited availability of officials, and confusion about eligibility criteria. Many members of the Sabar community have voiced fears that without proper support, they may be inadvertently left off the updated voter lists, effectively disenfranchising a significant portion of rural populations.

Political analysts note that ensuring equitable access to voter registration and verification is critical to maintaining the integrity of the electoral process. "Inclusion of marginalized communities is essential for a representative democracy. Any lapses in accessibility or guidance can have long-term implications for political participation and community empowerment," said Dr. Anjali Roy, a political science expert based in Kolkata.

Local NGOs and social workers have stepped in to provide assistance, conducting awareness sessions and helping residents navigate the procedural requirements. Community volunteers are also working to collect necessary documentation, explain the forms in local dialects, and accompany residents to official centers. However, the scale of the challenge remains significant, given the widespread geographical distribution of the Sabar population across these districts.The ongoing difficulties have prompted calls for greater coordination between election authorities, local administrations, and civil society organizations. Solutions proposed include simplified forms, extended deadlines, additional facilitation centers in remote villages, and dedicated staff to guide residents through the submission process.

The SIR exercise aims to strengthen democratic participation, members of the Sabar community in Bankura, Purulia, and Jhargram continue to face substantial hurdles in completing the required forms. Ensuring that marginalized groups can participate fully in the electoral process is critical to the legitimacy and inclusiveness of India's democracy. Authorities and community leaders are now tasked with bridging these gaps, providing adequate support, and guaranteeing that every eligible voter can exercise their right to be heard.



West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose pays tribute to novelist, poet, and composer of the national song Vande Mataram, Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, during an event organised to celebrate 150 years of the song, in Kolkata.

West Bengal Police Bust ₹317 Crore Cyber Fraud and Cryptocurrency Racket, Raid Businessman Pawan Ruia's Premises

Staff reporter, Kolkata , 11 November: The West Bengal Police have successfully uncovered a ₹317 crore cyber fraud and cryptocurrency racket, conducting raids at multiple locations, including the premises of prominent businessman Pawan Ruia. The operation, described by authorities as one of the largest cyber-fraud crackdowns in the state, has sent shockwaves across business and digital finance communities.

According to police officials, the racket involved fraudulent cryptocurrency schemes and cyber-based financial scams targeting unsuspecting investors. Preliminary investigations indicate that individuals were lured with promises of high returns through digital investment platforms, only to find themselves trapped in elaborate schemes orchestrated by the accused. Authorities estimate the total financial impact of the fraud to exceed ₹317 crore, affecting hundreds of investors across the country.

The raids, carried out in coordination with cybercrime units and financial intelligence agencies, focused on identifying evidence of money laundering, digital manipulation, and illegal transfer of funds through cryptocurrency channels. Pawan Ruia, whose premises were raided, has been identified as one of the key individuals allegedly involved in facilitating or benefiting from the fraudulent operations. Authorities are interrogating him and other suspects to ascertain their exact role and the extent of the network.

Police sources revealed that the investigation into the racket began several months ago, following complaints from investors who reported irregularities in transactions and suspicious activities on digital platforms. Cybercrime investigators traced the flow of funds, uncovered the digital infrastructure of the scam, and mapped connections to multiple stakeholders, culminating in the large-scale raids conducted recently.

A senior official from the West Bengal Police said, "This operation demonstrates our commitment to cracking down on cybercrime and financial fraud. With the increasing popularity of digital finance and cryptocurrency, it is imperative to safeguard investors and take swift action against those exploiting these platforms for illegal gains."

The case has raised serious concerns over investor awareness and the regulation of cryptocurrency in India. Analysts note that while digital assets offer potential for innovation and financial growth, they are also vulnerable to misuse by unscrupulous actors. "The Ruia case is a stark reminder that investors must exercise caution and verify platforms before investing," said financial consultant Dr. Ritu Sengupta. "Regulatory oversight and stringent enforcement are crucial to preventing such large-scale scams."

The West Bengal Police have confirmed that several other individuals associated with the racket have been placed under investigation. Teams are currently analyzing digital evidence, banking transactions, and cryptocurrency wallets to uncover the complete structure of the operation and identify all beneficiaries. Authorities are also coordinating with national agencies to track the movement of illicit funds and prevent their laundering or transfer out of the country.

The raids at Pawan Ruia's premises reportedly yielded significant evidence, including financial records, electronic devices, and documents suggesting the scale and organization of the fraudulent activities. Police have assured that all seized material will be meticulously examined to build a strong case against the accused and ensure legal action is taken. Investor communities, particularly those involved in cryptocurrency trading, have reacted with a mixture of concern and relief.

TMC Demands Amit Shah's Resignation Over Delhi Red Fort Blast

Staff reporter, Kolkata, 11 November: Delhi's Red Fort that claimed eight lives and injured several others, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) has demanded the resignation of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, holding him accountable for lapses in national security and law enforcement. The party's leadership criticized the central government for what it described as "a failure to prevent a major terror incident in the nation's capital," escalating political tensions amid the ongoing investigation.

The TMC's demand came after a high-level review by the Home Ministry and the National Investigation Agency (NIA), which is leading the probe into the blast. Party leaders argued that the incident exposed vulnerabilities in security arrangements at highly sensitive and symbolic locations, questioning the effectiveness of measures implemented under the Union Home Minister's oversight.

In a statement, the TMC alleged, "The Delhi blast is a stark reminder of the central government's inability to ensure the safety of citizens in critical areas. The Home Minister must take responsibility for these lapses and step down immediately to uphold accountability in governance." The party also urged the government to take immediate steps to strengthen security protocols at all heritage sites, crowded public spaces, and other high-risk zones.

Political analysts note that the TMC's demand marks a significant escalation in the opposition's critique of the central government's handling of national security. By targeting Amit Shah directly, the party seeks to highlight perceived administrative failures and pressure the government to adopt stricter preventive measures. The demand also comes amid ongoing nationwide debates on the effectiveness of intelligence sharing, deployment of security forces, and the preparedness of central agencies in handling terror threats.

The Delhi blast, which occurred in a highly frequented area near the iconic Red Fort, triggered widespread panic and a swift response from law enforcement and emergency services. While the NIA has taken over the investigation and security has been tightened nationwide, the TMC contends that proactive preventive measures could have averted the tragedy. Party leaders also criticized the central government for relying excessively on post-incident investigations rather than ensuring robust on-ground surveillance and preparedness.

In response to the TMC's demands, officials from the Home Ministry stated that the situation is being handled with utmost seriousness. Amit Shah, who has personally reviewed the investigation, has directed all agencies involved to leave no stone unturned in identifying and apprehending the perpetrators. "The government is committed to ensuring public safety and bringing the culprits to justice. Security measures have been enhanced across the country, especially at sensitive locations," a ministry spokesperson said.

TMC leaders have also called for a debate in Parliament, seeking answers on the preventive actions taken prior to the incident, coordination among intelligence agencies, and measures implemented to protect public spaces. Party spokespersons emphasized that beyond political responsibility, the focus should be on protecting citizens and preventing future attacks.

The demand for Amit Shah's resignation has fueled a heated exchange between the TMC and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), with the latter defending the Union Home Minister's record on national security. BJP leaders described the TMC's move as a politically motivated attempt to exploit a tragic incident for electoral gains. "The Home Minister has acted decisively, reviewing the investigation and directing agencies to take strict action. Attempts to politicize a serious national security matter are unwarranted," said a senior BJP official.

Meanwhile, the public reaction has been mixed, with many expressing concern over the blast while also closely monitoring the political debate surrounding the Home Minister's accountability. Security analysts have highlighted the importance of separating political rhetoric from the technical and operational aspects of counter-terrorism measures, stressing that investigations and preventive strategies must remain the primary focus.

The NIA continues to lead the probe, examining forensic evidence, CCTV footage, and intelligence reports to reconstruct the sequence of events. Security agencies have been placed on high alert nationwide, with particular attention on crowded public areas, transport hubs, and heritage sites. The government has assured that preventive measures, rapid response units, and surveillance protocols are being strengthened to prevent any recurrence.

The TMC's demand for Amit Shah's resignation over the Red Fort blast has intensified political discourse while drawing attention to the broader challenges of national security in India. As the investigation progresses, authorities are focused on identifying the perpetrators and ensuring public safety, even as political parties continue to debate accountability and preventive measures.

BSF and SSB Put on High Alert at Chicken's Neck Following Delhi Blast

Staff reporter, Siliguri, 11 November: Delhi's iconic Red Fort that claimed eight lives and injured several others, security forces have heightened vigilance along the sensitive Chicken's Neck corridor, with the Border Security Force (BSF) and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) placed on high alert. Authorities are taking no chances as intelligence agencies continue to probe the incident, citing the strategic importance of this narrow strip connecting India's northeastern states to the rest of the country.

The Chicken's Neck, a roughly 22-kilometer stretch of land in West Bengal bordering Bangladesh, serves as a crucial link to northeastern India. Its narrow width and strategic significance make it particularly vulnerable in terms of security, and officials have stressed that preventive measures are being reinforced to avert any potential threats in the aftermath of the Delhi blast.

A senior BSF officer stationed in the region confirmed that additional troops have been deployed along the corridor, and mobile checkpoints have been intensified. "We have increased patrolling and surveillance in the area. Intelligence inputs are being carefully monitored to ensure that no untoward incident occurs," said the officer. The SSB, responsible for securing international borders, has also stepped up monitoring and is coordinating with state police and central agencies to maintain heightened readiness.

The alert comes amid ongoing investigations into the Delhi blast, which authorities have linked to potential extremist elements. Law enforcement agencies are cautious that attempts to exploit domestic vulnerabilities, including key transit routes like Chicken's Neck, cannot be ruled out. The government has directed security agencies to maintain vigilance at all chokepoints and critical infrastructure, while also ensuring smooth movement of civilian traffic in the region.

Intelligence inputs suggest that such sensitive corridors may be at risk during periods of heightened tension, particularly when significant national security incidents occur elsewhere. In response, BSF and SSB officials have established rapid response units and enhanced coordination with local police forces to ensure immediate action in case of any suspicious activity.



Local residents have been informed of the heightened security, with authorities emphasizing the need for vigilance and cooperation. Security forces have reassured the public that these measures are precautionary and designed to safeguard both civilians and strategic infrastructure. "We urge residents and travelers to follow instructions, report any suspicious movement, and cooperate with security checks," said a senior district official.

The Delhi explosion, which took place in a highly frequented public area, has prompted nationwide concern over potential attempts to target symbolic or vulnerable locations. In addition to securing major urban centers, authorities are reinforcing strategic border areas, transportation corridors, and public gathering points to prevent any secondary threats.

Security experts have lauded the preemptive measures, noting that proactive deployment along sensitive areas like Chicken's Neck can serve as both a deterrent and a rapid response mechanism. Dr. Raghav Menon, a counter-terrorism analyst, commented, "Narrow corridors like Chicken's Neck are critical for connectivity but are also susceptible to disruption. Increased patrolling, surveillance, and rapid response capabilities are essential in the current environment."

The alert has also led to coordinated exercises between BSF and SSB personnel, including mock drills and scenario planning to test readiness for potential threats. Intelligence-sharing protocols between the central and state agencies have been reinforced, with daily updates ensuring that all teams remain prepared for immediate deployment.

In addition to on-ground security measures, drone surveillance and electronic monitoring systems have been employed to maintain a constant watch over the region. Local transportation hubs, border outposts, and critical communication networks are also being closely monitored to prevent exploitation by potential extremist actors.

The heightened alert of the BSF and SSB at Chicken's Neck following the Delhi Red Fort blast reflects the government's focus on proactive security and strategic preparedness. As investigations continue in Delhi, authorities in West Bengal and along the northeastern corridor are leaving nothing to chance, combining ground-level vigilance, intelligence monitoring, and rapid response capabilities to protect this critical region. Citizens and travelers have been urged to remain alert and cooperate fully with security personnel, ensuring that the narrow yet strategically vital corridor remains safe and secure.

Amit Shah Reviews Red Fort Explosion Probe, NIA Takes Lead in Investigation

Staff Reporter, New Delhi, 11 November: Union Home Minister Amit Shah personally reviewed the ongoing investigation into the tragic explosion near Delhi's iconic Red Fort, which claimed eight lives and left several others injured. In a high-level meeting held at the Home Ministry, Shah directed security agencies to leave no stone unturned in identifying the perpetrators, while ensuring swift justice and enhanced public safety measures.

The explosion, which occurred in a public area of the UNESCO World Heritage site, sent shockwaves across the nation. Authorities immediately cordoned off the site, evacuated visitors, and deployed specialized response teams to secure the area. The Home Minister's intervention underscores the gravity of the situation and the government's determination to handle the case with the highest priority.

According to sources, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has now taken the lead in probing the incident. The NIA, known for handling terror-related and high-profile cases, has been tasked with conducting a thorough investigation, including gathering forensic evidence, analyzing CCTV footage, and interrogating potential suspects. "The NIA will lead the probe to ensure a detailed and unbiased investigation into the incident. All agencies will work in coordination," a senior Home Ministry official stated.

The meeting chaired by Amit Shah included top officials from Delhi Police, National Security Guard (NSG), intelligence agencies, and the NIA. Shah was briefed on the sequence of events leading up to the explosion, ongoing rescue operations, and preliminary findings from the site. He reportedly emphasized the need for rapid action to identify the source of the blast and prevent any further incidents.

Security analysts note that high-profile locations such as the Red Fort are inherently sensitive due to their historical, cultural, and symbolic importance. The explosion not only caused casualties but also raised concerns about the safety of visitors and the adequacy of security measures at heritage monuments. In response, the Home Ministry has instructed agencies to review and strengthen security protocols at all major public sites nationwide.



The NIA's investigation is expected to focus on multiple angles, including possible terror links, sabotage, and other criminal motives. Forensic teams are examining explosive residues and other physical evidence to determine the nature of the device used. Witness accounts are being collected to reconstruct the timeline of events, while cyber and intelligence units are tracking any suspicious communications or networks that may be linked to the attack.

Political leaders and civil society have expressed concern over the incident, highlighting the need for effective security measures and swift action against those responsible. Several Members of Parliament have urged the government to ensure that heritage sites are protected and that public confidence in safety is restored.

The Home Minister also reportedly stressed the importance of transparent communication with the public. In his review, Shah instructed officials to provide timely updates on the investigation while avoiding speculation, ensuring that accurate information reaches citizens and prevents misinformation from spreading.

Experts in counterterrorism have praised the deployment of the NIA for this high-profile case, noting that the agency's expertise in handling complex and sensitive investigations is crucial to uncovering the full scope of the incident. "The Red Fort explosion is a serious matter that requires meticulous investigation. NIA's involvement ensures that no leads are overlooked and that a comprehensive probe is conducted," said Dr. Raghav Menon, a security analyst.

In addition to the ongoing investigation, immediate measures have been implemented to enhance security at other prominent public spaces, including major tourist attractions, government buildings, and crowded marketplaces. Law enforcement agencies have increased surveillance, restricted access to vulnerable areas, and deployed specialized teams for rapid response.

Amit Shah's review of the Red Fort explosion investigation and the NIA's leadership in the probe reflect the government's commitment to addressing the tragedy with urgency and diligence. As forensic teams, intelligence units, and law enforcement agencies work together to uncover the facts, the nation watches closely for answers. The incident serves as a reminder of the importance of security vigilance, coordinated response, and proactive measures to safeguard both citizens and cultural heritage from potential threats.

Authorities Arrest Shaheena Shahid Over Alleged Plans to Establish Jaish's Women Wing in India

Staff Reporter, New Delhi, 11 November: Indian authorities have arrested Shaheena Shahid, accused of attempting to establish a women's wing for the banned terrorist organization Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) within India. The arrest comes amid heightened vigilance against extremist networks and underscores the government's ongoing efforts to dismantle terror infrastructures operating covertly across the country.

According to official sources, Shaheena Shahid was apprehended following a detailed intelligence operation coordinated by multiple security agencies, including the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and state police forces. She is alleged to have been actively engaged in recruiting women and facilitating their indoctrination for the extremist organization, which has been responsible for several terror attacks in India over the past decades.

Authorities revealed that the accused had been under surveillance for several months. Intelligence inputs suggested that she was tasked with identifying and influencing young women across urban and semi-urban areas to join JeM's proposed women-centric operations. The planned wing reportedly aimed to provide logistical support, assist in fundraising, and possibly undertake radical activities, according to sources familiar with the investigation.

Officials emphasized that the arrest reflects a proactive approach by Indian security agencies in countering the growing trend of gender-specific recruitment by terror groups. "This arrest demonstrates our commitment to thwarting any attempt by extremist organizations to expand their influence within the country, including targeting women," said a senior government official. "We will continue to monitor and neutralize threats before they materialize."

While details about Shahid's network remain under investigation, preliminary reports suggest links with international terror operatives and local facilitators. Authorities are currently interrogating the accused to uncover the extent of her activities, the individuals involved, and potential operational plans. Security agencies have also intensified surveillance on suspected nodes to ensure that no further recruitment or planning occurs. Analysts note that such attempts mark a shift in strategy, as extremist groups increasingly seek to involve women in logistical, operational, and propaganda roles.



Congress workers during the 'Kisan Akrosh Yatra', in Rajkot, Gujarat, Tuesday.

Pulwama Doctor Identified Following Tragic Incident Near Delhi's Red Fort

Staff Reporter, New Delhi , 11 November: The identity of a doctor from Pulwama involved in the tragic incident near Delhi's historic Red Fort has come to light, adding a human dimension to the unfolding crisis that claimed eight lives and left several injured. The revelation has drawn nationwide attention, as citizens and authorities seek to understand the circumstances surrounding the unfortunate event and the people affected by it.

According to sources, the doctor, whose professional background and credentials have been verified, was among the individuals present near the Red Fort at the time of the blast. The incident, which occurred in a public area of one of India's most iconic heritage sites, sparked panic and chaos, prompting an immediate response from emergency services and law enforcement agencies. The identification of the Pulwama doctor highlights the wide-reaching impact of the explosion, affecting not only locals and tourists but also individuals who had traveled from other parts of the country.

While authorities are still investigating the exact sequence of events that led to the blast, the confirmation of the doctor's identity has brought attention to the personal stories behind the tragedy. Families and colleagues of those involved have expressed concern, hoping for the safe recovery of the injured and justice for those who lost their lives. Public sentiment reflects a mixture of grief, solidarity, and outrage, as citizens grapple with the shock of violence in a location considered historically and culturally significant.

Law enforcement and emergency medical teams acted swiftly following the blast, securing the area and providing immediate care to victims. The presence of trained professionals, including doctors, was crucial in stabilizing the injured and managing the chaotic scene. Eyewitness accounts suggest that individuals like the Pulwama doctor played a key role in assisting authorities, administering first aid, and guiding crowds to safety amid the confusion.

Security experts have noted that incidents near high-profile landmarks like the Red Fort not only threaten public safety but also test the effectiveness of emergency preparedness protocols. In response, authorities have increased security measures around the monument and deployed additional personnel to prevent further risks while investigations continue. The inclusion of individuals from diverse regions, such as the doctor from Pulwama, underscores the nationwide reach of the impact and the shared concern over such attacks.

The disclosure of the doctor's identity has also led to an outpouring of support on social media, with citizens expressing solidarity with the victims and admiration for those who stepped in to help during the crisis. Messages highlighting the courage and quick thinking of individuals at the scene have circulated widely, reinforcing the human stories behind the headlines and bringing attention to acts of bravery amid tragedy.

Congress Alleges Assault on Party Voters by BJP Supporters in Bihar

Staff Reporter, Bengaluru, 11 November: The Congress party has raised serious allegations against BJP supporters, claiming that its voters in Bihar were subjected to beatings and intimidation during recent political activities. The accusations have escalated tensions in the state, prompting calls for an impartial investigation and raising concerns over electoral violence in a region already sensitive to political confrontations.

According to Congress officials, several of their party members and supporters were reportedly attacked while exercising their political rights in various districts of Bihar. The alleged incidents occurred during campaign activities and at public gatherings, where party workers claim that BJP affiliates forcibly disrupted meetings, threatened individuals, and in some cases resorted to physical violence.

In a statement issued by the Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee, party leaders condemned the alleged attacks, asserting that such acts undermine democracy and the spirit of free political expression. "Our workers and voters have faced unprovoked violence from BJP supporters. We demand immediate action from the authorities to ensure the safety of citizens and protect democratic rights," the statement read.

Eyewitnesses at some of the reported incidents described chaotic scenes, including scuffles and attempts to disperse party gatherings by aggressive groups. Several individuals reportedly sustained minor injuries, and medical assistance was provided to those affected. Congress leaders claimed that these actions were part of a broader strategy to intimidate their voters and suppress political participation in key constituencies.

The party has urged law enforcement agencies to take swift and impartial action, investigating the alleged assaults and holding the perpetrators accountable. Congress leaders have emphasized that the incidents are politically motivated and reflect a growing pattern of voter intimidation ahead of elections in the state.

The Bihar Police, while yet to confirm the details of the reported incidents, have acknowledged receiving complaints from multiple political parties and stated that investigations are underway. Senior officials indicated that all allegations will be thoroughly examined to determine the veracity of the claims and identify those responsible. "We are committed to ensuring law and order and protecting the rights of all citizens, irrespective of their political affiliation," a senior officer said.



Political analysts have noted that Bihar has historically witnessed intense political rivalries, often resulting in confrontations and occasional violence during elections. The current allegations add to the ongoing discourse about electoral conduct, the need for strict enforcement of the law, and safeguarding the democratic process in the state.

Opposition leaders have also weighed in on the controversy, criticizing the BJP for alleged aggressive tactics and emphasizing the importance of free and fair political competition. "No party should resort to intimidation or violence to gain an advantage. Democracy thrives when citizens can participate without fear," said a senior opposition spokesperson.

Meanwhile, BJP representatives have dismissed the allegations as politically motivated, stating that they have no evidence of organized attacks against Congress voters. Party officials asserted that their supporters have always respected the democratic process and that any isolated incidents, if they occurred, are being investigated by local authorities.

Social media platforms have been flooded with accounts from both sides, with Congress supporters posting videos and photographs claiming to show attacks, while BJP supporters have countered with their own narratives. The conflicting claims have heightened public scrutiny and sparked debates about political violence and voter safety in Bihar.

Security experts and election monitors emphasize that such incidents, if left unaddressed, can erode public confidence in the electoral process and discourage voter participation. They call for independent investigations, deployment of sufficient security personnel during political activities, and strict enforcement of laws to prevent escalation.

The allegations of Congress voters being attacked by BJP supporters in Bihar highlight ongoing tensions in the state's political environment. As authorities investigate the claims, the incidents serve as a reminder of the challenges involved in maintaining peaceful political engagement. The situation underscores the need for vigilance, accountability, and robust measures to ensure that democratic processes remain free, fair, and safe for all citizens.

Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Will Win 0-5 Seats In Bihar, Predict Exit Polls

Staff Reporter, Patna, 11 November: In the lead-up to the Bihar Assembly elections, poll strategist-turned-politician Prashant Kishor kept repeating one sentence about the prospects of his Jan Suraaj Party - "arsh pe ya farsh pe" (either sky high or on the floor), meaning it would either do really well or really badly.

Exit polls after the second phase of voting in the state have put the party firmly on the floor.All nine exit polls that have come out so far - Dainik Bhaskar, Matrize, People's Insight, Peoples Pulse, JVC, P-Marq, Chanakya Strategies, DV Research, and TIF research - have predicted a clear win for the ruling NDA, a loss for the opposition Mahagathbandhan and an absolute shocker for the Jan Suraaj Party, which was envisioned by Kishor as a third alternative for the state.



The exit pollsters have all opted for ranges, and what will hurt the Jan Suraaj Party the most is that seven of them have started the range with zero, predicting that it could fail to open its account despite contesting nearly all of Bihar's 243 constituencies - the most, by far, of any party.

Peoples Pulse has predicted a range of 0-5, the highest upper limit of any of the seven, Dainik Bhaskar 0-3, People's Insight 0-2, Matrize 0-2 and JVC 0-1. The outliers are P-Marq, which has said the party is likely to win a minimum of one seat and a maximum of four, DV research, which has gone for a minimum of two and a maximum of four, and Chanakya Strategies and TIF research, both of which have said the party will win zero seats.Bihar has seen record-high voting percentages of 64.67 and 67.14 in both phases, and the Mahagathbandhan and Jan Suraaj Party would have been hopeful that this would be indicative of anti-incumbency.

The exit polls indicate that while the Jan Suraaj Party will not make an impact in terms of constituencies won, it will win a not-negligible percentage of votes. The bad news for the Mahagathbandhan is that most of this vote share is likely to come from its constituents and barely any from the NDA.Experts said whatever little anti-incumbency vote was there in Bihar has, thus, possibly split between the Mahagathbandhan and Prashant Kishor's party, hurting the opposition.Some experts also emphasised, however, that the party is only a year old and it is difficult for a new organisation to find its footing in Bihar, where even the regional parties don't contest all 243 constituencies and depend on others to form a government.

Haryana Police Seize 60 Kgs of Explosives in Faridabad, Arrest Two Suspects

Staff Reporter, Faridabad, 11 November: Haryana Police have seized 60 kilograms of explosives in Faridabad and arrested two individuals suspected of involvement in illegal arms and explosives trafficking. The operation has been hailed as a significant step in preventing potential threats to public safety and underscores the authorities' vigilance against criminal and terrorist activities in the region.

According to police sources, the seizure took place following a tip-off about suspicious activity in an industrial area of Faridabad. Acting on intelligence inputs, a team of law enforcement officers conducted a search operation, uncovering a large stockpile of explosives stored in a clandestine facility. The materials were reportedly capable of causing significant destruction, prompting immediate action to secure the site and neutralize any immediate risk.

The arrested individuals, whose identities have been disclosed as local residents with alleged links to organized criminal networks, are currently in police custody. Investigators are probing the source of the explosives, potential accomplices, and the intended targets for their use. Preliminary reports suggest that the materials may have been destined for illegal distribution or potentially more sinister purposes.

Haryana Police have emphasized that the operation reflects coordinated intelligence and proactive policing. A senior official stated, "The seizure of such a large quantity of explosives is a significant achievement. Our officers acted swiftly based on actionable intelligence, ensuring the safety of the public and preventing any potential misuse of these dangerous materials."

Security analysts have noted that Faridabad's industrial zones and transport hubs make the region particularly sensitive from a law enforcement perspective. The presence of explosives in such areas not only poses a direct threat to public safety but also highlights the broader challenges authorities face in monitoring illegal arms and explosives trade.



The arrested suspects are reportedly being interrogated to determine whether they have connections to larger criminal syndicates or extremist groups. Investigators are examining mobile phones, communication records, and other evidence to map the network and identify additional individuals involved. Law enforcement agencies have indicated that more arrests may follow as the investigation unfolds.

The seizure has raised concerns among local residents, who expressed relief that the police acted promptly but also highlighted the need for continued vigilance. "It's terrifying to think that such explosives were stored so close to residential and commercial areas," said a Faridabad resident. "We hope the authorities continue to keep us safe and prevent any future incidents."

This incident also comes amid heightened national awareness of security threats, including the smuggling and misuse of explosives in both criminal and terror-related activities. Haryana Police have reassured the public that similar operations are ongoing across the state and that intelligence-based policing remains a top priority to safeguard communities.

Experts on internal security point out that seizures like this not only prevent immediate threats but also send a strong message to criminal networks attempting to operate in the region. "Proactive enforcement, timely intelligence, and strong coordination among agencies are key to disrupting illicit arms and explosives networks," said Dr. Ramesh Sharma, a security consultant based in Delhi. "This operation demonstrates that law enforcement is alert and capable of preventing potential disasters."

Authorities have urged citizens to remain alert and report any suspicious activities, particularly involving the storage, transport, or sale of explosives and arms. Tips from the public often play a critical role in helping law enforcement agencies act swiftly, as demonstrated in this Faridabad operation.

The seizure of 60 kilograms of explosives and the arrest of two suspects in Faridabad mark a significant victory for Haryana Police in their ongoing efforts to maintain public safety and curb criminal activity. The operation underscores the importance of intelligence-driven policing, inter-agency coordination, and community vigilance. As the investigation continues, authorities are expected to uncover further details about the network behind the explosives, ensuring that potential threats are neutralized before they can endanger lives.

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Turkish Authorities Crack Down on Match-Fixing: 8 Arrested, 1,024 Players Suspended

Staff Reporter, Istanbul, 11 November : Turkish authorities have launched a major crackdown on corruption in football, arresting eight individuals and suspending 1,024 players following allegations of match-fixing, sending shockwaves through the nation's sporting community. The unprecedented action marks one of the most extensive investigations into manipulation in Turkish football and underscores the government's commitment to preserving the integrity of the sport.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports, in coordination with law enforcement agencies and the Turkish Football Federation (TFF), revealed that the individuals arrested are suspected of orchestrating illicit activities that influenced the outcomes of multiple matches across professional and semi-professional leagues. Authorities have stated that the investigation is ongoing and that further arrests or disciplinary actions could follow as more evidence emerges.

In a public statement, the ministry emphasized the seriousness of the offenses, noting that match-fixing undermines not only the competitive spirit of football but also public trust in the game. "These actions are a direct threat to the integrity of Turkish football," said a ministry spokesperson.The suspension of 1,024 players, reportedly spanning multiple divisions, is part of precautionary measures to prevent further manipulation while investigations continue. The TFF has announced that the affected players will be barred from participating in any official matches, training sessions, or tournaments until their involvement in the scandal is thoroughly reviewed. Clubs have been instructed to cooperate fully with investigators and provide all necessary documentation.

The arrests and suspensions have sent ripples across Turkey's football ecosystem, affecting clubs, coaches, and fans alike. The scale of the crackdown is unprecedented in Turkish sports history, reflecting growing concerns about corruption and its impact on the reputation and credibility of the leagues. Analysts suggest that the long-term implications could include stricter regulatory oversight, enhanced monitoring systems, and harsher penalties for offenders.

Several media outlets have reported that the alleged match-fixing schemes involved illegal betting syndicates, financial inducements, and coordinated efforts to manipulate scores. While authorities have not disclosed the full details of the cases, insiders indicate that the scope of the scandal spans both domestic league matches and youth competitions, revealing a complex network of collusion and deception.



Police personnel inspect the stadium ahead of the first Test match between India and South Africa, at Eden Gardens, in Kolkata, Tuesday.

"Consent Obtained By All Three": Report Shares Big Update On Chennai Super Kings-Rajasthan Royals Trade Deal

Staff Reporter, Melbourne, 11 November : The high-profile Ravindra Jadeja-Sam Curran-Sanju Samson trade could be finalised in the next 48 hours, according to a report. In what could be one of the most high-profile trades in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL), Rajasthan Royals (RR) captain Sanju Samson is likely to join Chennai Super Kings (CSK), with all-rounders Ravindra Jadeja and Sam Curran reportedly set to go the other way as part of the deal. According to a report in Cricbuzz, the deal is on track as all three players have agreed to the deal, which could be completed in the next 48 hours.

"Consent has been obtained from all three players and the Expression of Interest process has been initiated. All three have signed on the dotted line, but the process will take some time to culminate," the report quoted a franchise official as saying.

However, as of Monday, November 10, both the franchises are yet to communicate the details regarding the Samson-Jadeja-Curran deal to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).



"Understandably, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is required to be involved, and as of Monday (November 10) evening, neither franchise had officially informed the IPL or BCCI authorities. A top official told Cricbuzz that the matter has not yet been brought to their notice - something an official from one of the two franchises also confirmed," the report added.

Since one of the three players involved in the deal is overseas, a No Objection Certificate (NOC) is required to complete the process, which in this case, will have to be issued by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB).

Samson has represented RR, the winners of the inaugural IPL in 2008, for 11 years and after the conclusion of this year's edition, the wicket-keeper-batter had admitted that he was looking for a change and wanted to be released by the franchise.Jadeja, who was a member of the Rajasthan Royals in the first two IPL editions, has spent a majority of his career at Chennai Super Kings where he has not just been one of their frontline players, but was also promoted to captaincy when MS Dhoni stepped away from the role before the 2022 edition.

The 27-year-old England all-rounder Curran has been a part of CSK as well as Punjab Kings franchises.

Rashid Khan's Wife Becomes Social Media Sensation Following Cricketer's Latest Post

Staff Reporter, Kabul, 11 November : Afghanistan's cricket sensation and T20I skipper Rashid Khan has once again captured the attention of fans, not just for his exploits on the field but for a social media post that has created a buzz around his personal life. The post, shared on Rashid's official Instagram account, offered fans a glimpse into his family life and sparked widespread curiosity about his wife, turning her into a trending topic across platforms.

Rashid, 25, who has been a cornerstone of Afghanistan's cricket team for years, is known for his exceptional leg-spin bowling, leadership skills, and humble persona. However, his latest post, featuring a heartfelt message about his personal life, has revealed a side of the star rarely seen by the public — his life as a husband. Fans and cricket enthusiasts immediately flooded the comment section, expressing curiosity, admiration, and warm wishes for the couple.

While Rashid has generally kept his family life private, it is known that he married his long-time partner several years ago in a ceremony attended by close friends and family. Despite his fame and hectic cricketing schedule across international leagues, Rashid has often emphasized the importance of his family and credited their support for his success on and off the field.

The post that created a social media stir was accompanied by a candid photo of Rashid and his wife, sharing a joyful moment together. In the caption, he wrote a heartfelt note, thanking her for her unwavering support and highlighting the role she plays in keeping him grounded amidst the pressures of international cricket. Fans quickly responded with comments such as, "What a lovely couple!" and "Your wife is a true inspiration!" reflecting the genuine affection for Rashid's family life.

Rashid Khan's wife, though not a public figure, has become the subject of admiration for her discreet yet supportive presence in the cricketer's life. Social media users praised her for maintaining privacy while being a pillar of strength behind one of Afghanistan's most celebrated athletes. Her sudden spotlight also sparked curiosity about her background, with many fans seeking to know more about her role in Rashid's personal and professional journey.

Cricket analysts and fans alike note that Rashid's ability to balance a high-pressure sports career with a grounded personal life has been key to his success. His humility, work ethic, and family values have endeared him to fans across Afghanistan and globally, making him one of the most respected figures in contemporary cricket. By sharing glimpses of his family life, Rashid has further humanized his image, showing that even international sports stars cherish ordinary moments with loved ones.

The buzz around the post has also highlighted a broader trend of sports celebrities connecting with fans through personal stories on social media. Rashid's candid post reinforces the idea that behind every superstar athlete, there is a support system — often hidden from the public eye — that plays a crucial role in their journey. While Rashid continues to focus on leading Afghanistan in upcoming T20 internationals and other cricketing commitments, his social media post has provided fans with a refreshing glimpse of the man behind the cricketing legend.

South Africa Coach Warns India: 'We Have Three Spinners Too' Ahead of Eden Gardens Clash

Staff Reporter, Kolkata, 11 November : As India prepares to host South Africa in the eagerly awaited T20 series at the iconic Eden Gardens, the visiting team's coach has issued a clear warning: the Proteas possess a strong spin arsenal of their own. Speaking ahead of the match, the coach emphasized that India's famed spin attack will face stiff competition, signaling an intense contest between two sides with equally potent bowling strategies.

South Africa, known for its traditionally pace-heavy line-ups, has increasingly embraced spin in T20 formats to counter teams like India, where subcontinental pitches often favor slow bowlers. The coach highlighted that the team has three quality spinners ready to exploit conditions in Kolkata, a venue historically supportive of turn and bounce for slow bowlers. "India has an excellent spin attack, but we also have three skilled spinners in our squad. They are ready to make an impact," the coach stated during a pre-match press conference.

The announcement has added an extra layer of anticipation to the India-South Africa series, particularly among cricket analysts who see the battle between bat and ball as a defining feature of T20 cricket. The Eden Gardens pitch, known for its slow and low bounce in parts of the ground, may provide an advantage to spinners from both sides. With India fielding top-tier spinners who have consistently troubled international batsmen, South Africa's readiness to deploy three spinning options underscores their tactical planning.

India's team management, while yet to publicly respond, is likely to consider flexible strategies to counter the Proteas' spin trio. Analysts suggest that this could involve adjusting batting orders, preparing for varied spin angles, and practicing specific shot selections tailored for the likely bowling attack. Veteran players and emerging talent alike will be expected to showcase adaptability in facing both pace and spin during this high-stakes contest.

Historically, India's spin department has been a significant weapon in home conditions, especially in T20 formats. The likes of seasoned spinners, who combine guile, variations, and match awareness, have often dominated visiting teams unfamiliar with subcontinental turning pitches. South Africa's acknowledgment of India's spin strength reflects a mutual respect and recognition of the challenges they will face in Eden Gardens.

Cricket enthusiasts and fans are particularly excited about the tactical duel this announcement promises. Commentators expect the match to feature intricate bowling plans, clever field placements, and strategic use of spin in the middle overs — moments that could ultimately decide the outcome of the game. "T20 cricket at Eden Gardens has always been about momentum shifts, and the spin-bowling battle is central to this," said Ramesh Iyer, a Kolkata-based cricket analyst. "South Africa's three-spinner approach adds intrigue, as it challenges India to adjust quickly and innovate their batting strategies."

The Eden Gardens crowd, famous for its passionate support, is expected to play a pivotal role in energizing the Indian team while keeping the Proteas focused. With ticket sales reportedly robust, fans are eager to witness thrilling cricket and see if South Africa's spinners can trouble Indian batsmen accustomed to facing top-quality turn.

South Africa's team management has emphasized that their spinners are versatile, capable of bowling both attacking and defensive lines, and are trained to adapt to the evolving conditions at Eden Gardens. The Indian batting line-up, in turn, will need to demonstrate patience, timing, and calculated aggression to counter the spin threat while maintaining scoring momentum. The stage is set for a compelling encounter between India and South Africa, with the spin battle taking center stage. The Proteas' announcement that they will field three skilled spinners is a strategic move aimed at challenging India's strengths, ensuring a high-intensity contest for fans. As the match at Eden Gardens draws near, spectators can anticipate a gripping contest where tactical acumen, adaptability, and spin mastery could decide the fate of the game.

Mohammed Siraj Poised to Lead India's Pace Attack Against South Africa in Upcoming Test Series



Staff Reporter, New Delhi, 11 November : India's premier fast bowler Mohammed Siraj has expressed his readiness to take on South Africa's formidable batting line-up in the upcoming Test series, signaling confidence and determination ahead of what promises to be a highly competitive contest. As India prepares to host the Proteas across multiple venues, Siraj is gearing up to spearhead the pace attack, with a focus on exploiting conditions and challenging one of the strongest batting sides in world cricket.

Siraj, who has established himself as a key figure in India's pace department, highlighted the importance of preparation and strategy in dealing with South Africa's aggressive batting order. "We know South Africa has a very strong line-up, and it will be a challenge for any bowling attack," he said. "Our team is preparing meticulously, working on skills, fitness, and strategies to ensure we are ready for every situation."

The upcoming series carries significant weight for both teams, as it will test India's ability to defend home advantage and South Africa's capacity to adapt to subcontinental conditions. Experts note that Siraj's role as a strike bowler will be crucial, particularly in exploiting early morning moisture, pitch assistance, and leveraging pace and bounce to trouble top-order batsmen. His consistency and ability to extract movement from different surfaces make him a natural leader for India's fast-bowling unit.

Having faced South Africa in previous series, Siraj is familiar with their key players and batting tendencies. His prior performances against the Proteas have demonstrated his capability to deliver breakthroughs at critical junctures, often turning matches in India's favor. With the team focusing on a balanced approach of pace, swing, and spin, Siraj's experience and adaptability are expected to be vital assets.

The Indian bowling coach has emphasized the need for synergy between pace and spin, particularly on subcontinental wickets where variations in bounce and turn can influence match outcomes. Siraj will not only be expected to lead the attack but also mentor younger pacers in the squad, ensuring a coordinated strategy that maximizes pressure on South Africa's batsmen.

Analysts anticipate that Siraj's role will be tested in multiple scenarios — from generating early breakthroughs to sustaining pressure in long spells, particularly in conditions favorable to batting. His speed, seam movement, and tactical acumen will be critical in navigating the challenges posed by aggressive stroke players and resilient middle-order batsmen.

Siraj also stressed the importance of mental preparation and fitness in a demanding Test schedule. "Test cricket is about stamina, concentration, and executing plans over long periods," he said.

Sunil Chhetri and Indian Footballers Share Insights on ISL's Future and Challenges

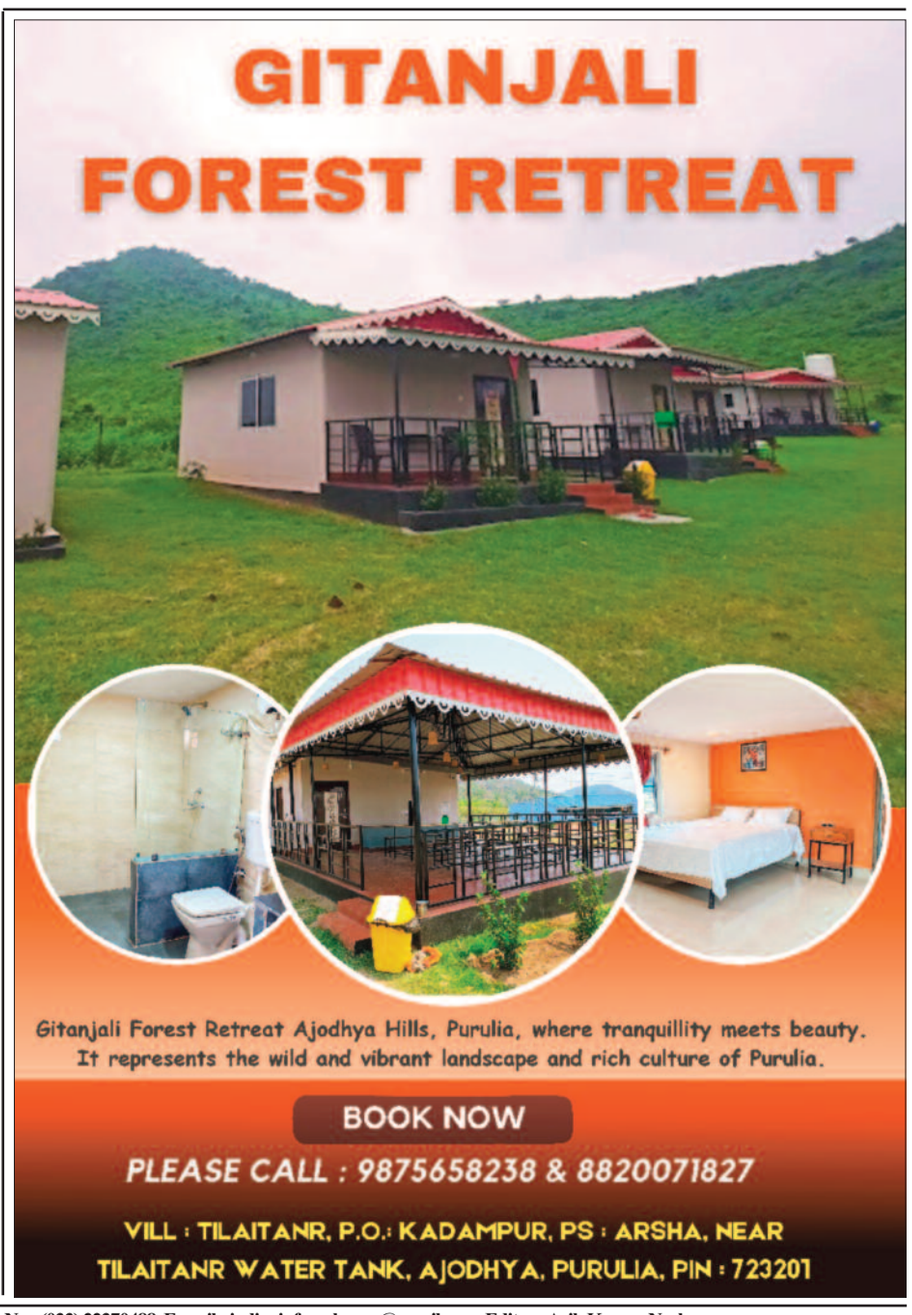
Staff Reporter, Bengaluru, 11 November : Indian football stalwart Sunil Chhetri, along with several prominent players from the national team, recently spoke out about the Indian Super League (ISL), sharing their perspectives on its current landscape, growth trajectory, and areas for improvement. Their candid reflections offer a glimpse into the mindset of the country's top footballers and the evolving dynamics of professional football in India.



During a media interaction, Chhetri emphasized the significance of the ISL in nurturing talent, raising the profile of Indian football, and providing a platform for players to showcase their abilities domestically and internationally. "The ISL has played a key role in transforming Indian football over the last decade," he said. "It has given young players opportunities they previously only dreamed of, from exposure to high-quality coaching to competing alongside and against top international players."

Several other national team members echoed Chhetri's sentiment, highlighting the league's role in professionalizing the sport and improving infrastructure across clubs. Players noted that the ISL has contributed to better training facilities, enhanced fitness regimes, and the implementation of structured youth programs, which are essential for long-term growth in Indian football.

However, the players were also candid about challenges that remain. Chhetri and his peers pointed out areas such as the need for more consistent fan engagement, longer league seasons to allow for proper player development, and the importance of balancing commercial interests with sporting excellence. "We are seeing progress, but there's room to grow," remarked one senior player. "Sustainable growth requires investment in grassroots development, consistent scheduling, and strategic planning to ensure the league benefits players, clubs, and fans alike." The discussion also touched upon the presence of international talent in the ISL. While players acknowledged the value of experienced foreign signings for raising competitive standards, they stressed the importance of providing opportunities for domestic players to develop alongside them.



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