

## Yogi Adityanath Assures Action in Ram Temple Donation Theft Case

**Ayodhya, Agency:** Amid the controversy over the alleged theft of donations at the Ram Temple, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday assured that no guilty person would be spared, irrespective of their position or status.

Addressing a public gathering in Ayodhya, Yogi criticised



the Opposition, accusing it of issues related to Lord Ram and adopting double standards on the Ram Temple. He said those

who once opposed the Ram Temple movement and allegedly ordered firing on Ram devotees were now claiming to stand for the dignity of devotees.

Referring to the ongoing investigation into the alleged theft, the Chief Minister said the state government had constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) at the request of the temple trust.

"The SIT will establish the truth. Anyone possessing evidence should submit it to the investigating team. No criminal, whoever they may be, will

be spared," he said.

Yogi appealed to devotees to refrain from making unnecessary comments that could hurt religious sentiments or influence the investigation.

He also urged the public to wait for the SIT report, saying, "People waited 500 years for the Ram Temple. They can wait another 15 days for the truth to emerge."

The Chief Minister alleged that certain political groups were attempting to defame Ayodhya and urged citizens not to be misled by misinformation.

## Iranian Singer Sentenced to 74 Lashes Two-Year Travel Ban

**Tehran, Agency:**

Iranian singer Parastoo Ahmadi and eight members of her team have been sentenced to 74 lashes each for an online concert. They have also been banned from leaving the country and participating in any artistic activities for two years. The verdict was delivered by a court in Iran's Qom province over a concert uploaded to YouTube. Authorities accused the artists of publishing obscene content and violating public morality.



The case dates back to December 2024, when the 29-year-old singer performed live on YouTube without wearing a hijab and dressed in a sleeveless outfit. During the concert, she sang the popular patriotic Iranian song Az Khoone Javanane Vatan ("From the Blood of the Youth of the Motherland").

The performance quickly went viral, attracting millions of views. Following the release of the video, Iranian authorities briefly detained Ahmadi and several musicians before releasing them. However, legal proceedings over the publication of the concert continued, resulting in the latest punishment.

## NEET Aspirant Dies After Falling From Third Floor in Indore



**Indore, Agency:** A NEET aspirant died after falling from the third floor of a residential building in Indore late on Thursday night. She succumbed to her injuries at a hospital on Friday morning.

According to police, Avantika Maurya was living with her elder sister, Dr Sapna Maurya, in a private building in the Dhakad Colony area.

Her sister told investigators that Avantika had failed to clear the NEET examination three times and had been under considerable stress following the recent cancellation of the examination. She had remained unusually quiet throughout the day and responded to most questions only with brief answers.

At around 11.30 pm on Thursday, Avantika was talking to her cousin, Naina, on her mobile phone when she walked towards the rooftop via the staircase and subsequently fell from the building.

## Party Chief Seeks Rs 1 Crore Compensation for Families of NEET Suicide Victims

**New Delhi, Agency:** Abhijeet Deepke, chief of the Cockroach Janata Party, has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking compensation of Rs 1 crore for the families of students who allegedly died by suicide amid the NEET paper leak controversy. In his letter, Deepke also demanded the resignation or dismissal of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, alleging systemic failures in the country's education system.

"I am writing with a heavy heart to draw your



attention to a grave crisis that threatens the future of our nation and the lives and mental well-being of our young students," the letter stated.

Deepke claimed that 11 NEET aspirants had died by suicide during the past week, including five cases reported within the previous 48 hours.

He alleged that repeated examination controversies had eroded students' confidence and subjected them to severe mental stress.

The letter further stated that many affected families had taken substantial educational loans to support their children's dreams and

were now facing financial ruin after their loss.

Calling for immediate government intervention, Deepke urged the Centre to provide Rs 1 crore in compensation to each bereaved family, arguing that the alleged paper leak crisis had contributed to these tragedies.

Reiterating his party's demand for accountability, Deepke said the Cockroach Janata Party had been campaigning for the Education Minister's resignation for the past month and organising protests across the country.

## Study Finds STI Symptoms in 20% of People in Himachal's Tribal Areas

**Shimla, Agency:** A study conducted by the Himachal Pradesh Health Department has found that around 20 per cent of people living in the state's tribal regions exhibit symptoms associated with sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The survey, carried out in the tribal areas of Pangi and Bharmour in Chamba district, Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti, highlighted that sexually transmitted diseases continue to pose a significant public health challenge in these regions.

The report also revealed concerning trends regarding safe sexual practices. About 33.1 per cent of respondents



said they had never used condoms, while only 16.8 per cent reported consistent condom use. Nearly 61.4 per cent said they had sexual relations with only one partner. The prevalence of STI-related symptoms was highest in Chamba district at 24.2 per cent, followed by Kinnaur at 20.1 per cent and Lahaul-Spiti at 15.7 per cent.

## Calcutta High Court Directs Alternative Routes as Red Road Remains Closed for Yoga Day



**Kolkata, Agency:** The Calcutta High Court has directed the West Bengal government to ensure alternative traffic arrangements while Kolkata's Red Road remains closed for preparations for the International Day of Yoga celebrations on June 21.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to attend the main event, and Red Road has been closed since June 14 for preparations. The petition challenging the closure was filed by the All India Lawyers' Union (AILU), which argued that the road blockade was causing inconvenience to lawyers and the general public.

During the hearing, Justice Sougata Bhattacharya instructed the state government to provide alternative routes and reopen the road immediately after the event concludes. The state government informed the court that the programme is being organised in collaboration with the Ministry of

### Row Over Employee Participation:

The Yoga Day event has also sparked controversy after state government employees were requested to participate. Employee unions objected to the move, but the court observed that the order did not make attendance mandatory. The state government clarified that employees had merely been invited to attend the event.

AYUSH and that adequate alternative routes are available to minimise inconvenience. The court has directed the government to file an affidavit within three weeks, after which the matter will be heard again.

**Yoga on 500 Boats Planned:** Officials expect around 35,000 participants at the main event on Red Road. In addition, preparations are underway for yoga demonstrations on more than 500 boats on the Hooghly River.

## Supreme Court Considers National Digital Registry for Lawyers

**New Delhi, Agency:** The Supreme Court has sought responses from the Centre, the Bar Council of India (BCI) and other stakeholders on a petition seeking the establishment of a national digital registry for lawyers to curb the practice of fake legal practitioners.

The petition, filed by the Bar Association of India (BAI), claims that nearly one-third of practising lawyers in the country are fake and calls for a comprehensive digital identification system similar to Aadhaar.

The proposed registry would assign every enrolled advocate a unique national lawyer identi-



fication number to help verify credentials and prevent fraudulent practice.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice V. Mohan observed that the proposal appeared innovative and

could be implemented with the help of technology. The petition also seeks directions to the BCI to frame a social media and digital code of conduct for advocates under Section 49 of the Advocates Act, 1961.

Senior advocates Vipin Nair and Prashant Kumar appeared for the Bar Association of India. The apex court issued notices to the Centre, the BCI, the University Grants Commission (UGC) and other concerned parties, listing the matter for hearing in July. The Bench further observed that law universities should also be made parties to the proceedings. Counsel for the

## Rahul Gandhi Launches Nationwide 'Students' Voice' Signature Campaign

**New Delhi, Agency:** Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi has launched a nationwide signature campaign titled "Students' Voice", aimed at highlighting issues such as question paper leaks, examination irregularities, rising education costs and unemployment.

Announcing the initiative on Thursday, Rahul Gandhi said the campaign

would provide a platform for students to bring their concerns directly to the government's attention. He urged students across the country to participate, share their experiences and sign the petition.

Sharing the campaign link on social media platform X, Rahul said the initiative would amplify the voices of students whose aspirations had been affected by paper leaks,

examination-related problems and escalating tuition fees.

In a video message, he said the "Students' Voice" programme held in Kota had received overwhelming support, with lakhs of young people engaging with discussions on the country's education system. Rahul Gandhi described the rising cost of education as one of the biggest challenges facing

Indian families, noting that many households spend substantial sums preparing their children for competitive examinations such as NEET.

He said issues related to education, employment and examinations transcend political boundaries and deserve national attention.

Meanwhile, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra claimed that nearly



22 lakh NEET aspirants and their families collectively spend around Rs 1.32 lakh crore annually through the existing system, a figure she said is almost equal to the country's education budget of Rs 1.40 lakh crore.

## Smiles Return to the Faces of Five Children as Punjab Government Facilitates Reunion with Their Families: Dr. Baljit Kaur

**Chandigarh :** Punjab's Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister, Dr. Baljit Kaur, today said that as part of the Punjab Government's continued efforts under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann to ensure the safety, care and best interests of children, five Bangladeshi children have been safely repatriated to their home country, where they will be reunited with their families. She said that this initiative reflects the Punjab Government's commitment to protecting children's rights and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to grow up in a caring family environment.

Sharing further details, Dr. Baljit Kaur said that the



children were found in a border area in 2023 and were subsequently placed in Child Care Institutions in Punjab under the directions of the Child Welfare Committees. During their stay, all necessary measures were taken to ensure their education, healthcare, counselling and overall development so that

they could live in a safe, secure and dignified environment.

The Cabinet Minister stated that, with the cooperation of the Bangladesh High Commission, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and other concerned agencies, all necessary legal and administrative procedures were successfully completed after establishing the children's identities and verifying details of their families. Thereafter, the five children were safely repatriated to Bangladesh, where they will be reunited with their loved ones.

Dr. Baljit Kaur said that every child has the right to the love, care, protection and sense of belonging that a

family provides. She added that reunification with one's family is among the most joyful and memorable moments in a child's life. The Punjab Government remains committed to safeguarding the best interests of every child with utmost sensitivity and responsibility.

She further said that when a child is reunited with his or her family, it is not only a moment of happiness for the family concerned but also a triumph of humanity, compassion and social responsibility. Dr. Baljit Kaur reiterated that the Punjab Government will continue to accord the highest priority to the welfare and protection of children and will persist with such efforts in the future as well.

## Punjab Government Constructing Five Working Women Hostels Across the State for Working Women: Dr. Baljit Kaur

**Chandigarh :** In a major initiative aimed at providing safe, secure and affordable accommodation to working women residing away from their homes, the Department of Social Security, Women and Child Development, Punjab, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is constructing five Working Women Hostels in Mohali, Jalandhar and Amritsar.

This was stated by Punjab's Minister for Social Security, Women and Child Development, Dr. Baljit Kaur, while inaugurating the construction of a seven-storey Working Women Hostel at Sector 66, Mohali, in the presence of MLA Kulwant Singh.

Addressing the media, the



Minister informed that the hostel is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 70 crore and the project is being executed by the Public Works Department on a priority basis. She said that upon completion, it will be the

largest government-run Working Women Hostel in Punjab, providing modern, secure and comfortable accommodation to 484 women.

Dr. Baljit Kaur stated that the hostel will offer a range of

accommodation options, including single rooms, double occupancy rooms and dormitory facilities. Special provisions such as a crèche for children accompanying working women and indoor recreational facilities will also be available, ensuring a safe and supportive living environment for residents.

The Minister further informed that this is the third Working Women Hostel being developed in Mohali. A hostel with a capacity to accommodate 150 women is currently under construction at NIFT Mohali, Phase-I, at a cost of Rs 25.26 crore. Similarly, another hostel with a capacity of 100 women is being constructed in Sector 79, Mohali, at an estimated cost of Rs 12.57 crore.

## MCD to start property tax, trade licence integration on Monday, but questions remain

**New Delhi , Agency :** Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has said the integration of property tax with the general trade licence (GTL) will become fully operational digitally by Monday, after facing criticism over failing to do this for nearly six months.

A senior official said some software modifications were pending. "It will take one to two days to complete these changes and ensure smooth functioning of the system. We expect it to be fully operational by Monday," the official said.

Earlier, the GTL fee was a fixed annual charge determined by the shop's square footage and the locality's category (A to H). It is now being changed to link it to the

property tax. The new regime calculates the GTL fee as 15% of the property tax. Officials say that the GTL fee will reduce in amount for the property tax owner, but traders and building owners say that the new process is more complicated.

Each property has its unique property identification code (UPIC). One of the changes is that against each UPIC, there can now be multiple general trade licences (GTL). This GTL fee will be 15% of the property tax. However, there is little clarity on how the property tax will be calculated in certain scenarios. Say, a person rents out a floor of his multi-storey property for commercial use to three traders. In that case, will the GTL fee be

15% of property tax for the whole building or only for that floor. As there are multiple traders, will the 15% be divided among the businesses?

The change in the GTL fee calculation was announced in Dec.

The changes are yet to show up fully on the portal where these charges have to be paid.

Traders have raised concerns about difficulties faced by building owners in obtaining GTLs where multiple shops operate from the same property because the older system allowed only one licence against one UPIC.

An official said, "We are aware of the issue, which is why provisions are being incorporated in the updated system to

enable the issuance of multiple licences from the same address or UPIC."

The issue of integrating GTL with property tax has also gained significance as June 30 is the deadline for getting rebates on advance payment of property tax.

"April 30 was the last date for licence renewal. Since there was no clarity on MCD's decision, most traders renewed their licences at much higher rates under the old system to avoid penalties. Even now, no changes are visible on the website and there is no clarity for new applicants. Ideally, the civic body should have implemented the portal changes before issuing the order," said Nitin Gupta, president of Kamla Nagar Market.

## Blood in Urine Pelvic Pain Punjab Doctor Warns of Prostate Cancer Signs, Suggests Early Detection

**CHANDIGARH:** Hormone therapy accounts for nearly 60% of prostate cancer treatments approved under Bhagwant Mann Govt's Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna (MMSY), according to data from the State Health Agency (SHA), Punjab. The figures highlight both the rising burden of prostate cancer and the increasing dependence on publicly funded healthcare for advanced cancer care.

SHA data shows that 1,478 prostate cancer-related treatment packages were approved under the scheme, in the last 5 months, with total expenditure of ₹2.86 crore. Hormone therapy alone accounted for 918 procedures, representing around 60% of all approvals and more than half of total spending at ₹1.57 crore.

On this, Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Balbir Singh, said, "Hormone therapy remains the cornerstone of treatment for advanced prostate cancer because it reduces testosterone levels that drive tumour growth. It is typically used as a first-line option when the disease is no longer confined to the prostate gland."

As per the SHA data, among hormone-based treatments, Leuprolide was the most widely used drug class, with 853 procedures approved across different dosages, costing over 1.43 crore. Chemotherapy was the second-largest category under the scheme, with 490 approved procedures costing 1.15 crore. Regimens included Docetaxel-based therapy as well as combinations such as Paclitaxel-Carboplatin, Cisplatin-Etoposide, and Mitoxantrone.

Some advanced chemotherapy packages were priced as high as 3.58 lakh per treatment. Radiation therapy was also recorded under the programme, with 70 fractions costing ₹13.36 lakh, reflecting its role as an additional treatment modality in selected cases.

Dr Supran Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Urology, Government Medical College, Patiala, said financial support has played a crucial role in ensuring timely access to cancer care. He noted that expensive therapies often delay treatment in the absence of insurance or state assistance.

Dr Supran Sharma also emphasised the importance of early detection. "Men above 50 are advised to monitor symptoms such as blood in urine, pelvic pain, increased urinary frequency, and unexplained weight loss," he added.

He recommended PSA testing after the age of 50, and earlier screening around 40 for those with a family history of prostate cancer. "While genetics remain the primary risk factor, lifestyle influences may also contribute in some cases. Early diagnosis significantly improves survival outcomes and can reduce the need for intensive treatments like chemotherapy," he stated.

Dr Supran Sharma added that as Punjab expands financial coverage for cancer care through MMSY, it is encouraging more and more men to get timely treatment without the fear of financial burden, thus reducing apprehensions, out-of-pocket expenditure and improving access to life-saving treatment across the state.

## Man kills wife over infidelity suspicion, arrested in Mumbai

**New Delhi , Agency :** A man was arrested for allegedly killing his wife over suspected infidelity and prolonged domestic disputes in Chanderpuri, Kailash Nagar, in northeast Delhi, the police said on Thursday. The accused, identified as Khalid Navi, had fled to Mumbai and was attempting to conceal his identity when he was arrested.

According to the police, a PCR call was received at the Gandhi Nagar police station on June 13 regarding the murder of a 30-year-old woman, Rukshar, by an unidentified person.

On receiving the information, police teams reached the spot and recovered a blood-stained knife suspected to be the murder weapon. A case under Section 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) was subsequently registered, and an investigation was launched immediately, Joint Commissioner of Police (Eastern Range) Ajit Singla said



in a statement.

During the investigation, statements of family members and witnesses were recorded. CCTV footage revealed that the deceased's husband, Khalid Navi, had fled the scene after the incident. The accused had switched off his mobile phone, avoided all electronic communication, left no digital trail and remained untraceable despite being captured in a CCTV camera footage.

After a three-day manhunt, investigators developed a crucial lead regarding the accused's possible contact with his brother.

## 12 councillors appointed District Disaster Management Authority co-chairpersons in Delhi

**New Delhi , Agency :** In a move aimed at strengthening disaster preparedness and response at the district level, the Delhi Government has appointed 12 Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) councillors as co-chairpersons of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) across the Capital.

The appointments were notified by the Delhi District Disaster Management Authority through an extraordinary gazette notification issued on June 17. The nominations have been made by Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu under Section 25 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

According to the notification, the councillors will serve as co-



chairpersons of the DDMA in their respective districts, assisting in disaster management planning, coordination and response measures.

Among those appointed are Arjun Pal Singh Marwah (Lajpat Nagar) for South-East district, Suman Kumar Gupta (Chandni Chowk) for Old Delhi district, Suman Kumari (Azadpur) for North district and Manish Chadda (Paharganj) for Central district.

## Surajkund tragedy: 'Tsunami' ride assembler in police net

**New Delhi , Agency :** Nearly four months after a ride collapse at the Surajkund Mela in Faridabad claimed the life of a police inspector and injured several others, investigators have arrested the man who assembled the ill-fated "Tsunami" jhula. He is the sixth accused to be arrested in a case that exposed serious lapses in the safety oversight of amusement rides at large public events.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the February 7 incident arrested Raees Ahmad, a resident of Khatoli village in Uttar



Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar district. Ahmad was produced before a court, which granted him bail the same day. Investigators said Ahmad was responsible for assembling the Tsunami ride at the mela site.

The February 7 collapse triggered a chain of events that turned a res-

cue operation into a second tragedy. After the jhula broke down, the police and administrative teams rushed to evacuate visitors from the area. During the rescue operation, another section of the ride also gave way. Inspector Jagdish Prasad, who was supervising the evacuation, died in the line of duty. Several police personnel also suffered injuries. Eyewitnesses reported scenes of panic as the structure collapsed with visitors still nearby.

A case was registered at the Surajkund police station and an SIT was formed in view of the seri-

ousness of the incident. The team has since been working to fix accountability across the entire lifecycle of the ride - from its manufacture and transportation to its assembly and operation. Five accused had been arrested before Ahmad, taking the total number of arrests in the case to six.

Investigators are now examining responsibility at every stage and assessing whether the collapse was caused by negligence, a technical fault, or a combination of both. The police said the complete picture would emerge after the investigation is concluded.

# 'Doctor sir never troubled her': Mount Kailash murder probe reveals Dr Manish Gupta's feud with wife over househelp

**New Delhi , Agency :** The calm of a posh Mount Kailash neighbourhood in South Delhi was shattered on Thursday morning when cries of a woman in distress echoed from a building terrace. Moments later, residents saw 45-year-old domestic help Meena lying in a pool of blood - allegedly killed inside the home where she had worked for over 15 years.

When police reached the spot after a resident from an opposite tower spotted a woman lying on the terrace, they found Meena in a pool of blood. Police say Meena was repeatedly attacked with a cricket bat and later stabbed with a knife in the final moments of the assault.

The accused, dermatologist Dr Manish Gupta, 50, was found sitting on the stairs inside the building



when police arrived. A blood-stained bat and kitchen knife were recovered from the scene. Police said Gupta told them, "Mujhe faansi dedo (hang me)."

Police suspect a bitter disagreement between accused dermatologist Dr Manish Gupta and his wife over removing Meena from

the household may have preceded the murder.

According to police, Manish Gupta wanted Meena to stop working at the house, but his wife opposed the move, saying she had been a trusted and caring presence for the family for years.

Meena had also supported the family during a diffi-

cult period when Gupta's mother was battling cancer before her death around one-and-a-half years ago.

Dr Manish Gupta had been undergoing treatment for depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder for nearly a decade. Police are also probing whether he had stopped taking his medication.

"He was struggling mentally and having violent thoughts. He was contemplating if he should kill his wife, son or himself," a senior police officer said. "He and his wife had been quarrelling about firing Meena as he did not want her to work there. However, she insisted that Meena continue as she had been very helpful and caring about the family."

Police said that on Thursday morning, Meena arrived at the residence

around 10.30am for her routine work. After washing clothes, she went to the terrace to hang the laundry, where she was allegedly attacked.

Police claim Gupta repeatedly struck her on the face and head with his son's cricket bat before slitting her throat with a kitchen knife. "The slit mark on Meena's neck resembles a medical incision," the senior police officer said.

Gupta's 19-year-old son was present at home when the incident took place. Police said Gupta later came downstairs and informed him that he had attacked the house-help. His wife was away at the time.

Meena's son Robin said his mother never complained about her employer. "I left for work as usual around 6.30am. Later, a relative called and said mother

had died. She never complained about 'doctor sir' and there were never any issues between them. Why would someone do this?" he told Media.

The murder triggered emotional scenes outside the Mount Kailash residence as relatives gathered at the spot. Family members allegedly tried to stop police vehicles from taking Gupta away, forcing officers to intervene and calm the situation.

Meena's sister Shaptami Biswas described her as the gentlest member of the family.

"Meena was the most soft-spoken among all of us. We will not return to work until we are given answers about what happened," she said.

Police are now investigating the sequence of events leading to the killing,

## Whom should I kill : Police say Delhi doctor considered killing wife, son and self but maid became his victim

**New Delhi , Agency :** In the days before he allegedly murdered his domestic help of over 15 years, dermatologist Dr Manish Gupta was struggling with violent thoughts and debating whom to harm, police claimed on Friday.

"He was struggling mentally and having violent thoughts. He was contemplating whether he should kill his wife, son or himself," a senior



police officer said. Cops believe the 50-year-old doctor's deteriorating mental condition, coupled with frequent arguments with his wife over their domestic help, Meena, culminated in Thursday's

brutal killing. According to police, Gupta wanted Meena removed from the household, but his wife opposed the move, insisting that she continue working because she had been a trusted

and caring presence in the family's life for over 15 years. Meena had also helped the family during Gupta's mother's prolonged battle with cancer before her death about 18 months ago.

On Thursday morning, Meena arrived at the Mount Kailash residence as usual. After finishing household chores, she went to the terrace to hang clothes. Police allege Gupta attacked her there, repeatedly

striking her on the head and face with his son's cricket bat before slitting her throat with a kitchen knife.

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## Hunt for AIIMS-Delhi head begins

**New Delhi , Agency :** More than two months after former All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, director Dr M Srinivas moved to NITI Aayog, the Centre has begun the search for a full-time director for the institute, inviting applications from Indian nationals, non-resident Indians (NRIs) and persons of Indian origin for one of the country's most influential medical leadership positions.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued an application for the post, setting in motion a selection process that will determine who leads India's premier public healthcare and medical research institution over the next five years.

Till the government appoints a full-time successor, Prof Nikhil Tandon, Head of the Department of Endocrinology, will continue as the interim director.

The AIIMS director oversees not only one of the country's busiest hospitals but also a network of academic, research and administrative functions that influence health policy and medical training nationwide.

According to the eligibility criteria laid down in the , candidates must possess a postgraduate qualification in medicine, surgery or public health. They must have at least 10 years of teaching and research experience and a minimum of 25 years' standing in the profession. Applicants are also required to have extensive administrative experience in medical education, research, public health or healthcare institutions.



## Delhi to get its 1st all-women police station

**New Delhi , Agency :** Delhi is set to mark a significant milestone in its policing system with the inauguration of its first Women Police Station at the Subzi Mandi Police Station complex in North district on Friday.

The Women Police Station will be inaugurated by Delhi Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu at 11 am. The ceremony will also be attended by Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golchha.

The launch of the dedicated Women Police Station is expected to strengthen the city's policing framework for women by providing a specialised platform for addressing complaints and issues concerning women.

The initiative follows directions issued by the Lieutenant



Governor to the Police Commissioner for building women-only police stations in the national capital as part of efforts to make Delhi a safe environment for females.

All Women Police Stations, catering exclusively to handling complaints and crimes against women and children, will be established across all police districts of Delhi.

## Sister's Bone Marrow Gives 5-Year-Old a Chance at a Pain-Free Life

**New Delhi , Agency :** Five-year-old Bhavya knew hospitals better than playgrounds. Diagnosed with severe sickle cell disease in infancy, he endured repeated episodes of excruciating pain, hospital admissions and was dependent on blood transfusions. Every few months, his family would rush him to hospital as the inherited blood disorder disrupted what should have been a normal childhood.

Today, Bhavya is back home and recovering after a stem cell transplant that doctors believe could free him from the disease.

The transplant, at Apollo Hospital in April, used bone marrow donated by his sister, who was a partial match. The procedure was completed without major complications, and doctors say the transplanted cells successfully engrafted, allowing healthy blood cells to begin forming.

His story is being highlighted ahead of World Sickle Cell Day on June 19 as doctors call for stronger screening, early diagnosis and access to specialised treatment.

Sickle cell disease is one of the country's most

common inherited blood disorders. It affects the shape and function of red blood cells, leading to severe anaemia, recurrent pain, infections, stroke, organ damage and reduced life expectancy.

The disease disproportionately affects tribal and underserved populations across central and western India. India accounts for about 10-13% of global sickle cell births.

Dr Gaurav Kharya, senior consultant, pediatric haematology, oncology and immunology, said, "While advances in transplant techniques have

made cure possible for a growing number of patients, prevention remains equally important."

He stressed that strengthening newborn screening, carrier detection, genetic counselling and timely referral to specialised centres can significantly reduce complications.

The spotlight on the disease comes as India pursues its National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission 2047, which aims to improve screening, diagnosis and treatment.

## India's world-class airports and the first-impression challenge facing its cities

**New Delhi , Agency :** For millions of travellers, the first glimpse of a country comes through an aircraft window. Long before they experience its food, culture, economy or people, they form an opinion based on what they see while landing. In that respect, many Indian cities continue to struggle.

A flight descending into Mumbai often reveals sprawling informal settlements packed tightly



around transport corridors and industrial areas. Arrivals into Delhi can bring views of hazy skies, especially during winter months when pollution levels spike. Kolkata often

presents a landscape marked by ageing infrastructure and congestion despite its rich heritage and cultural influence.

When travellers from India land in cities such as Singapore, Bangkok or Colombo the contrast becomes particularly striking. Wide roads, orderly urban layouts, greener surroundings and cleaner skylines create an immediate impression of efficiency and planning.

## Kailash Nagar case: Husband held in Mumbai for killing 30-year-old woman in Delhi

**New Delhi , Agency :** Four days after a 30-year-old woman was found murdered at her home in east Delhi's Kailash Nagar, police have arrested her husband from Mumbai.

The victim, Rukshar, was found with her throat slit on June 13 at her residence in Chanderpuri under the Gandhi Nagar police station area. Police seized a blood-stained knife, suspected to be the murder weapon and registered a case of murder.

During the investigation, CCTV footage showed that her husband, Khalid Navi, fled the spot after the incident. Investigators said he switched off his mobile phone, avoided electronic communication and left no digital trail, making it difficult to track him through technical means.

Police relied on human intelligence and field inquiries instead. Teams traced his links in Badaun in Uttar Pradesh, Hubballi in Karnataka, Mumbai and Goa, and carried out searches in Delhi.

After three days, police developed a lead suggesting the accused might contact his brother.

# The monsoons are coming on time...

**Puran Sarma**

These days, there's considerable concern in political circles about the monsoon arriving on time. It's as if the monsoon shouldn't arrive on time, and even if it does, it should arrive with government approval; otherwise, there's no need for it. Everyone, from party workers to ministers and the Chief Minister, is perplexed as to why the monsoon isn't arriving on time. What will

happen to famine and drought if the monsoon does arrive? When I met the Chief Minister, I said, "Sir, this time the monsoon is arriving on time!" The Chief Minister was bewildered. "What are you saying? Nothing happens on time in this country, so why is this monsoon arriving so early? Do something, friend, to delay the monsoon." I replied, "The people are chanting slogans for the monsoon, and you want to delay it. I don't

understand why you're so worried about the monsoon. If it's monsoon season, it will come." A cloud of disappointment covered the Chief Minister's face, and a cloud of sadness swirled in his eyes. He said, "The truth is, we've asked the central government for ninety crore rupees in aid. If the rains come, how will we get this money? Distribution of relief material is mandatory for party workers. As for the dissidents, they too, under

the pretext of drought and famine, have become ministers and are keeping quiet because of this drought. As soon as the monsoon arrives, everyone will raise their voices." "Then it's really a matter of concern. The monsoon is going to increase political instability and there's a danger of national unrest. We should seek the cooperation of scientists in this direction," I said. The Chief Minister said, "There's nothing wrong

with the scientists.

They're cooperating well. Can't you see how much the weather and environment have changed in the last three decades? Instead of adequate rainfall, it's just drizzling. And then it's raining where it's not needed. "It's impossible for heavy rain to cause floods?" "Yes, and then it should rain so heavily that floods disrupt life. Flood relief is a similar task. The entire cabinet,

including their cronies, is busy with it," the Chief Minister said. I said, "The truth is, Chief Minister, the monsoon shouldn't arrive on time." "But what can we do?" Just then, the Minister arrived and, with his head hanging low, asked the Chief Minister, "Did you read today's paper?" "Yes, I did. This time the monsoon is arriving on time." "What do we have to do?" "Tell the workers to start flood relief soon.

## Editorial

### US-Iran Treaty: A Major Relief for the World

The signing of a treaty between the US and Iran to avert war is welcome news for the world; however, the agreement is clouded by so much skepticism that it is hard to believe the conflict will truly cease completely. The treaty was signed by US President Donald Trump and the Vice President of Iran. While this is undoubtedly a major success for the Iranian people, questions are now being raised in the US about what was actually achieved through this conflict. A look at the terms of the agreement reveals that the balance of advantage seems to lie with Iran; it appears as though Iran, by seizing control of the Strait of Hormuz, forced the US to yield to its position. Notably, the US showed little regard for the sentiments of the Israeli people, even though Israel had initiated the conflict against Iran-backed militants to safeguard its sovereignty. Consequently, the people of Israel feel betrayed—and rightly so. There is no guarantee that Iran-backed terrorist organizations will not attack Israel again in the future; if that happens, will the US step in to save Israel once more? Current circumstances suggest otherwise, as President Trump has criticized the Israeli Prime Minister, effectively acknowledging his own error in judgment—implying that he believes Israel was the reason the US became embroiled in the conflict with Iran.

When considering the gains and losses for both the US and Iran under this treaty, it becomes evident that only a provisional consensus has been reached on the core issue at the heart of the dispute: the nuclear program. The historic 14-point interim agreement between the two nations establishes only an immediate, temporary understanding regarding the nuclear issue, with the final details to be settled in the near future. In this agreement, Iran has explicitly pledged that it will never manufacture, develop, or acquire nuclear weapons.

## Memorandum of Understanding between Iran and the United States

**War reparations are a crucial issue. The USA has agreed to pay \$300 billion. It's true that the MoU refers to this as a payment for construction projects. But everyone knows and believes that this is actually reparations being paid by the USA. The country held responsible for the war pays reparations, a long-standing tradition. This means that the USA has accepted that the war was started without any reason, and that Iran is the victim. What did the USA gain from this entire turmoil, which resulted in the deaths of thousands of people? Its influence and prestige in the Gulf countries were damaged.**

**Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri**

These countries began to realize that Washington could no longer be relied upon. Iran's power was demonstrated in the Middle East, while the USA wanted to reduce Iran's influence through this campaign. Trump has successfully shattered the myth that America is a superpower and can bring the entire world under its influence...

The USA and Iran have reached a consensus on key issues. This consensus begins with the fact that not only the USA and Iran, but other countries on both sides, agree to this agreement. However, the memorandum does not mention the names of the allied countries. However, it clearly states that both countries will cease military action against each other. Furthermore, it also states that military action against Lebanon will also be ended. However, the USA was not carrying out military action against Lebanon. Israel is carrying out the action against Lebanon due to Hezbollah's terrorist activities there.

The USA has agreed to provide Iran with \$300 billion to restart construc-



tion. Iran's main demand was that the USA pay compensation for the war damage. The USA has also agreed to lift all sanctions imposed on Iran, allowing Iran to sell its oil as it sees fit. Indeed, the USA President publicly stated that Iran's government would be replaced. In this memorandum of understanding, the USA has agreed not to interfere in Iran's internal affairs. The main issue became the Strait of Hormuz. Iran not only blocked the passage of ships through it but also began imposing tariffs on them. In response, the USA blockaded Iran's sea routes. In this memorandum of understanding, the USA has agreed to end its blockade. Iran has also agreed to resolve the Hormuz issue with Oman. The USA will also eliminate its tariffs.

The main issue was Iran's development of a nuclear bomb. This was also cited as the reason for the military action initiated by the USA against Iran. In the memorandum of understanding, Iran has agreed to not develop nuclear weapons. Iran has agreed to resolve its stockpile of enriched uranium under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Organization. Both countries have also agreed on the sensitivity of nuclear energy issues. The agreement that is being shown now on nuclear energy issues was largely agreed upon by Iran even before the war. There is nothing new in this; only the language and phrases are new. Then the question arises: what did the USA gain from this entire campaign? It failed to change

Iran's government. It certainly succeeded in killing Iran's Supreme Leader, Khamenei, but in response, Iran announced a bounty on Trump. This MoU has not been withdrawn. As for nuclear weapons, the issues Iran agreed to were already agreed upon before the war. However, this military action has raised the new issue of the Strait of Hormuz. Despite imposing numerous sanctions on Iran, the US ultimately had to back down. War reparations are a very important issue. The USA has agreed to pay three hundred billion dollars. It is true that the MoU refers to this as a payment for construction work. But everyone knows and accepts that this is the reparations being paid by the USA. The country held responsible for the war pays reparations; this is a long-standing tradition. This means that the US has accepted that the USA started the war without any reason, and that Iran is the victim.

What did the USA gain from this entire upheaval, which resulted in the deaths of thousands? Its influence and prestige in the Gulf countries were damaged.

## Do yoga, stay healthy

**Following the rules of yoga and performing yogic exercises, a person's physical and mental well-being improves dramatically. In this maddening race for modernity, it's crucial for humans to pay attention to their health...**

**Today, our hectic lives are incredibly short on time. In such a situation, we need a fitness program like yoga, which is easily available in a short time and without any financial expense. While the physical amenities of daily life have developed, not only in cities but also in rural areas, this has significantly reduced human fitness. Our walking has decreased significantly. There is no program for maintaining the blood vessels that carry blood. Therefore, the need for a good fitness program is felt.**

**Bhupinder Singh**

Health is the greatest wealth. Without good health, wealth, position, and other material comforts seem meaningless. To ensure good health, this column has repeatedly provided information about yoga and encouraged people to adopt it. Yoga can be easily practiced by people of all ages, even in a small space. Due to current lifestyles, humans lack a health program that can improve and maintain their health. Today, by doing new research in science, humans have made so much progress in the field of technology and medicine that life has become much easier due to this, but physical labour which was earlier done easily in daily routine, now requires a separate fitness program. Yoga is a prime option for a time-conscious world, providing greater fitness with less effort. Therefore, it is now crucial for the general public to learn about yoga. Hundreds of years ago, Maharishi Patanjali compiled yoga in written form and composed the Yoga Sutras. Patanjali is known as the father of yoga for his



work. This great treatise on yoga states that yoga is the control of the mind's tendencies. Yama, Niyama, Asana, Pranayama, Pratyahara, Dharana, Dhyana, and Samadhi are the eight sutras of Ashtanga Yoga. Of the eight limbs, the first two, Yama and Niyama, are described as moral discipline, Asana, Pranayama, and Pratyahara as physical discipline, and Dharana, Dhyana, and Samadhi as mental discipline. Yoga encourages us to cultivate the mind and brain through Yama and Niyama. If a person fails to adhere to the Yama and Niyama principles before practicing Asana and Pranayama, they cannot fully reap the health

benefits of yoga. A detailed discussion of Yama and Niyama is essential. Restraint should be practiced in thought, word, and deed. Failure to adhere to it negatively impacts both a person's life and society. This strengthens and purifies the mind and increases mental strength. Truth, non-violence, non-stealing, celibacy, and non-possession are the principles of personal morality. Five rules have been established to empower humans to be dutiful and to organize life. These rules are purity, contentment, austerity, self-study, and devotion to God. Yama means adherence to truth in thought, word, and deed and renunciation of falsehood. Truth is describ-

ing what one has seen, heard, and experienced as it is. Non-violence is the second principle. Violence is not the only form of killing; rather, non-violence also means not causing any kind of suffering to any living being.

Asteya means not stealing. Obtaining something through deceit, fraud, lying, or dishonesty is also theft. Taking something that is not one's right also falls into this category. Brahmacharya: Sexual restraint in thought, word, and deed, or complete renunciation of sexual intercourse, is celibacy. Exercising restraint in all sensual pleasures is Parigraha. Its absence is Aparigraha. Accumulating more than necessary is Aparigraha. Not desiring the possessions of others. Renouncing this tendency through thought, word, and deed is Aparigraha. In the rules of Shaucha, external purification is considered to be removing impurities from the body, clothing, food, house, etc., using water, soil, etc., as part of purification. Purification through goodwill, friendship, compassion, etc., is

considered internal purification. It is not enough to simply take care of one's physical body. It is also important to identify the thoughts in one's mind and strive to remove them. Purification of both body and mind is the second rule. Contentment is the second rule. In this, while performing one's duty, one should remain content with whatever is available, whatever one gets. Do not have any kind of greed. The third rule is penance, in this rule one should follow one's own religion according to one's caste, ashram, situation and ability. Fasting, fasting etc. are also included in this. That is, one has to live a self-disciplined daily routine. Swadhyaya is the fourth rule. So that one can understand one's duty, that is, studying the scriptures. Following the words of great men also comes under Swadhyaya.

Ishwar Pranidhan is the fifth principle. Having complete devotion and faith in God. Renouncing the desire for reward and surrendering all actions to God is called Ishwar Pranidhan.

# Tuljabhavani Temple introduces unified darshan system

**Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Agency:** In a major overhaul of the darshan management system at the Shri Tuljabhavani Temple, devotees holding donation darshan passes and those in the general dharmadarshan queue will now be allowed darshan from the same location, eliminating the difference in viewing points that existed earlier. The new arrangement came into effect on Thursday. The Shri Tuljabhavani Temple Sansthan has introduced the changes in view of the growing number of devotees visiting the shrine and to streamline crowd management.



Dharashiv district collector Keerthi Kiran Pujar said that under the revised system, devotees holding Rs500 donation darshan passes and referral donation darshan passes will enter the temple through the Raje Shahaji Mahadwar. They will then be guided via the Kallol Tirth side and Tolbhairav steps to the third floor of the Darshan

Mandap before being taken to the first floor. Devotees holding Rs200 donation darshan passes will be allowed entry through the Bidkar steps and the emergency gate leading to the first floor of the darshan mandap. Those arriving for dharmadarshan will enter through the Bidkar steps and proceed to the fourth

floor of the darshan mandap. The Rs500, Rs 200 and dharmadarshan queues will thereafter merge in the underground passage on the first floor, from where devotees will be allowed darshan of the deity in a uniform manner. The mukhdarshan queue will continue to be routed through the Bidkar steps to the ground floor of the darshan mandap. Arrangements for Singhasan puja and Abhishek puja will remain unchanged. The Singhasan puja queue will enter through the Datt Mandir gate, while the Abhishek puja queue will proceed through the Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj prangan.

## 'Monster bites back': India slams 'Frankenstein' Pakistan over terror links; calls Indus Waters Treaty outdated at UNHRC

**New Delhi, Agency:** India launched a sharp attack on Pakistan at the 62nd Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), describing it as a "Frankenstein state" that nurtured terrorism as state policy and was now facing the consequences of its own actions. Exercising India's right of reply during the interactive dialogue on the UN high commissioner's annual report, first secretary at India's permanent mission to the United Nations, Anupama Singh, rejected Pakistan's allegations against India and criticised Islamabad's repeated attempts to raise the issue of Jammu and Kashmir at international forums. "This is the country where the sitting defence minister boasts of hosting, training and deploying terrorists as a state policy, and yet Pakistan calls itself a victim of terrorism, indeed a paradox which only Pakistan could sustain. It is a living example of a Frankenstein state, which is shocked when its own monster bites back," Singh said.



India also rejected references to Jammu and Kashmir made by Pakistan and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), accusing Islamabad of using international platforms to divert attention from its domestic challenges and record on terrorism. "India is compelled to exercise its right of reply in response to references made to it by Pakistan and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation. We categorically reject the baseless and malicious allegations made by Pakistan. We also categorically reject the references to J&K made by the OIC. Pakistan's propaganda is designed to mask its domestic failures and support for terrorism. Its misuse of the OIC Coordinator's role only reinforces this deception," Singh said. Reiterating New Delhi's position on Jammu and Kashmir, Singh said the Union Territory remained an integral part of India. "Jammu and Kashmir was, is and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India. The only unresolved issue is Pakistan's illegal occupation of Indian territories and their return," she said.

The Indian diplomat also raised concerns over the situation in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), alleging repression and human rights violations in the region. Referring to recent unrest in Rawalakot, Singh said, "The ongoing tragedy in Rawalakot, the killing of hundreds of civilians and the brutal crackdown across Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir are the predictable outcome of a system built on forcible occupation and sustained through repression."



## Prime suspect in Sikh couple murder case in Pakistan arrested

**New Delhi, Agency:** Police have arrested the prime suspect in the double murder case involving a Sikh caretaker couple who were shot dead at a gurdwara in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, officials said.

Jagannath and wife Asma Wanti served as caretakers of the gurdwara at Babu Mohalla in Mardan district, about 60 km northwest of Peshawar. They were shot dead on Wednesday.

Addressing a press conference on Thursday, Mardan District Police Officer (DPO) Masood Ahmad Bangash said the prime suspect in the case had been arrested. The suspect has been identified as Sher Shah, a resident of Amazugari. Bangash said investigations conducted by a Joint Investigation Team (JIT), comprising police officials, Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) personnel and other senior authorities, have so far found no evidence linking the suspect to any banned outfit, terrorist organisation or organised network.

The motive behind the killings remains unclear, and authorities are examining all possible angles in light of the suspect's statements and other evidence collected so far, the DPO said.

## Government: Significant progress already made on interim US FTA

**New Delhi, Agency:** A day after PM Modi's meeting with US President Trump, govt said on Thursday that significant progress had already been made on the India-US interim free trade bilateral agreement and the two countries are in the final stages of concluding that agreement. Briefing reporters about Modi's G7 engagements, foreign secretary Vikram Misri also said India expects the US-Iran interim peace agreement to lead to sustained peace and stability in the region.



Misri said both leaders once again gave instructions to officials to conclude the trade agreement at the earliest. "Next week, in fact, US trade representative Jameson Greer will be visiting India to take forward these discussions and in the bilateral meeting between the PM and President Trump yesterday in Evian, this was a major subject of discussion," said Misri.

## 1 in 3 lawyers fake, Supreme Court to look at digital registry

**New Delhi, Agency:** With one in every three advocates being fake at a time when the judiciary is occupying a central space in India's governance, a concerned Supreme Court Thursday agreed to examine the plea of the Bar Association of India (BAI) for a national digital register for advocates along the lines of Aadhaar.

"Judicial independence of the legal profession is at stake," said BAI's counsel Prashant Kumar and Vipin Nair, while drawing the court's attention to the Bar Council of India (BCI) chairperson's recent statement that approximately 35-40% of those practising in courts may be without genuine degrees.

The counsels told a bench of CJJ Surya Kant and



Justice V Mohana periodic drives by BCI for the verification of degrees of advocates is an ad hoc measure to address the problem of fake lawyers and suggested the creation of a permanent technology-driven infrastructure in the form of a National Digital Registry for the Legal Professionals.

CJI Kant said the suggestion appeared to be an innovative one, which could be

implemented with the help of technology, but it would require the impleadment of all universities which confer law degrees and instructing them to reveal the list of those who had genuinely secured the requisite qualifications to practise in courts. The bench sought responses from the Union govt, BCI, University Grants Commission and state bar councils to the PIL.

## HDFC said to have put freeze on TMC account, Didi's faction denies it

**Kolkata, Agency:** Former West Bengal sports minister Aroop Biswas - now being probed for last Dec's "Messigate" at Salt Lake stadium - wrote a letter six days ago to HDFC Bank, asking for the party's account to be frozen.

The letter, to the bank's Central Plaza branch, sought a "freeze" till "competent authorities" could decide who controlled the party. Aroop's letter - dated June 12 though it was received by the bank on June 16 - became public knowledge Thursday, the day he presented himself to cops for the probe in the "Messigate" affair.

Biswas's letter was written a week after the Trinamool national working committee on June 5 removed him as the party's



treasurer and replaced him with ex-MP Subhasish Chakraborty. Party seniors said they had told HDFC Bank about the change.

Biswas on Thursday refused to comment on the letter. He has skipped all party meetings at former CM Mamata Banerjee's residence after the May 4 poll defeat. His brother, Swarup Biswas, is now in police custody after being implicated in a host of corruption- and extortion-related cases.

## Udgir-based ganja kingpin on EAGLE radar after 200kg haul



**Hyderabad, Agency:** Investigators are looking for Udgir-based Prabhu, who is allegedly a key procurer of ganja and is wanted in several cases, in connection with the 200 kg ganja seizure made by EAGLE sleuths two days ago.

Officials said that Vasantha Jadhav, who was caught recently, is a repeat offender. "On the instructions of Prabhu from Udgir in Maharashtra, she managed to transport 100 kg of ganja on two separate occasions recently. It was on the third occasion that we caught her after a tip-off that she was again involved in transporting ganja," police said.

Investigators said that Prabhu and Vasantha are actively involved in procuring ganja and supplying it in Nanded, Latur,

Nizamabad and several other surrounding districts. She had previously been arrested by the Latur police for drug trafficking. "On the instructions of Prabhu, she hired a commercial transport vehicle at Bodhan and travelled in another vehicle as a pilot," officials said.

They were sourcing large quantities of ganja from Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. "Prabhu finances his gang members in arranging the logistics. Once he receives ganja in bulk, Vasantha and her associate Ansari are paid 10,000 per kg," she said in her confession. She was wanted in a case registered in Nalgonda district, and police had kept her under surveillance for a long time after she was released from a Maharashtra jail.

## FIRs against principals of 14 illegal schools in Malwani

**Mumbai, Agency:** An FIR was registered against the principals of 14 schools in Malwani by the local police after a complaint was given by the BMC's private primary schools department that the institutions were illegal. As per the complaint, the BMC found a total of 164 primary schools in Mumbai in 2025-26 that were illegal. Of these, 14 were located in Malwani. The BMC sent notices to



the principals of these 14 schools in March 2026 and asked them to give an explanation within a week as to why the schools should not be shut down. But the principals did not get back and continued to operate the schools. Subsequently, a list of the 14 schools with their names and addresses was communicated to the Malwani police along with a copy of the notices served to them.

## Iranian petroleum minister to visit India next week, amid hopes of Iranian oil surge

With the US-Iran interim peace agreement likely to issue waivers to allow Iran to export crude, Tehran is hoping to again emerge as a top supplier to India. Significantly, official sources said, Iran is sending petroleum minister Mohsen Paknejad to India next week for a BRICS energy meeting. Apart from participating in the meeting, he is also likely to have a bilateral meeting with his counterpart Hardeep Puri, although official sources said this is yet to be confirmed. Iranian ambassador to India



Mohammad Fathali told a news agency Thursday that India required reliable, stable, and affordable energy supplies, and Iran possesses extensive capabilities to meet these needs. If sanctions are lifted, he said, there is no doubt that Iran

can once again become one of India's "principal oil suppliers."

Iran was among India's top crude suppliers till 2019, when the latter stopped importing because of US sanctions even though many Indian refineries were configured to process Iranian crude.

"India has historically been one of Iran's most important oil customers, and energy cooperation between our two countries has a long and successful track record. We hope that with the complete removal

of sanctions, not only will Iranian oil exports to India resume, but bilateral trade and joint investments will also surpass their previous peak levels and reach a scale commensurate with the true potential of our two countries," Fathali told Media. While Iranian crude can help India expand its energy portfolio, the Indian government is hoping that the lifting of sanctions would also allow India to expand work on the Chabahar port, its strategic gateway to Afghanistan and Central Asia that bypasses Pakistan.

# Stop doing this! How your fridge is secretly ruining your expensive groceries

Do you also bring all that grocery and stuff it in the refrigerator? Well, for most of us, refrigerators are those magical vaults that can extend the life of anything and everything, but do you know storing it all together may be the worst thing you have been doing for ages? Keeping groceries in the fridge like a pantry ruins the taste and flavor of every food and drink you store inside your magical vault. Here's the bitter truth you need to know...



● **Tomatoes:** One of the most common things people store. It is believed that placing tomatoes in the fridge is the ultimate flavor sin. The cold temperature, anything below 50°F or 10°C, triggers a chemical reaction that permanently breaks down their volatile flavor compounds. It also damages their cell membranes, turning a juicy, vibrant fruit into a mealy, tasteless disappointment.

The Fix: Keep them on the counter, stem-side down, away from direct sunlight. Only refrigerate them if they are fully ripe and you can't eat them before they spoil.

Coffee If you are storing your coffee beans or grounds in the freezer or fridge, please stop immediately. Coffee beans are incredibly porous and act like literal sponges for moisture and odors. Every

time you open that cold container, condensation forms on the coffee, stripping away the delicate essential oils that give you that perfect morning brew. Plus, nobody wants espresso that faint of leftover onion.

The Fix: Store coffee in an airtight, opaque container in a cool, dark pantry.

Bread It seems logical: put bread in the fridge so it doesn't get moldy. However, the refrigerator actually accelerates a process called retrogradation, where the starch molecules crystallize in the cold. This makes the bread go stale, dry, and crumbly up to three times faster than it would at room temperature.

The Fix: Keep what you will eat in a bread box or paper bag on the counter.

If you can't finish the loaf in a few days, slice it and freeze it.

● **Potatoes and Onions** Storing potatoes and onions together in a dark basket under the sink feels like a classic kitchen move. It's also a disaster. Onions emit ethylene gas, which coaxes potatoes to sprout and rot much faster. Furthermore, potatoes should never go in the fridge; the cold converts their starches into sugars, resulting in a gritty texture and an unpleasantly sweet taste when cooked.

The Fix: Keep them both out of the fridge, but store them in separate, well-ventilated dark spaces.

● **Olive Oil**

Leaving your beautiful bottle of extra virgin olive oil

right next to the stove looks great in photos, but the constant heat exposure is devastating. Heat and light oxidize the oil, rapidly turning those complex, grassy, and peppery notes into something flat, greasy, and rancid.

The Fix: Store your oil in a dark glass bottle inside a cool, dark cupboard away from the stove and oven.

● **Garlic and Honey** Honey never spoils—literally ever—unless you put it in the fridge, which causes it to crystallize into a solid, unscrapable block of sugar. Garlic, on the other hand, needs to breathe. Sealing garlic in plastic bags or putting it in the fridge traps moisture, inducing mold and prompting it to sprout bitter green shoots.

## Should you leave doors open or closed in summer? The surprising cooling trick that could keep your home cooler for longer



When summer temperatures soar, many people look for simple ways to keep their homes cool without constantly adjusting the thermostat. One of the most common household debates centres on whether interior doors should be left open or closed. Some believe closing doors traps cool air and keeps rooms comfortable, while others argue that open doors improve airflow throughout the house.

The reality is not quite as straightforward. Air movement, room layout, ventilation and the type of cooling system all play a role in determining what works best. Understanding how airflow behaves indoors can help create a more comfortable living environment, improve cooling performance and make your home feel fresher during even the hottest days of summer.

● **Does leaving doors open help cool a house faster? What experts say** In many homes, leaving interior doors open can help air move more freely from one room to another. Better airflow often allows cool air to circulate more evenly, reducing the likelihood of hot and stuffy areas developing in certain parts of the house. Ventilation researchers have long recognised that air movement

is a major factor in thermal comfort. Air movement can significantly influence thermal comfort.

When air flows more freely through connected spaces, occupants often perceive rooms as feeling cooler, even when the actual temperature remains unchanged.

Open doors can also support natural ventilation when combined with open windows, allowing fresh air to travel through a property and carry heat away more effectively.

● **Closing doors can help keep rooms cooler during hot weather** There are situations where closing a door may be beneficial. If a room receives intense afternoon sunlight, generates extra heat from electronics or appliances, or is rarely used during the day, closing the door can help isolate that warmer space from cooler parts of the home. Similarly, when a particular room is being cooled independently, keeping the door shut may help maintain a more stable temperature within that space. Research from the U.S. Department of Energy highlights the importance of controlling unwanted heat transfer and air leakage to improve indoor comfort and energy performance.

## How to keep indoor plants healthy in summer

Easy and smart tips to protect plants from heat damage



It is quite clear that summer is not easy for either people or indoor plants. Although indoor flowers are protected from the outside influences, increased temperature, excessive sunlight, dry indoor air, and inadequate irrigation can have a detrimental effect on them. The first symptoms of overheating may consist of yellow leaves, brown spots, and drooping stems. Fortunately, a few simple measures will make sure that the indoor plants can thrive even during the hottest times of the year. Here are some useful recommendations for maintaining plants through the summer.

● **Protect them from harsh afternoon sunlight:** There is no doubt that most plants love bright sunlight. Nevertheless, intense sun during the summer may become too strong for many flowers. Windows, which receive several hours of direct sunlight every day, may cause leaves to scorch, wilt or become pale. It is advised to move the flowers slightly from the direct sunlight or use sheer curtains for filtering. Bright but indirect sunlight would work well for most plants.

● **Water correctly, but not too much:** Among the common mistakes made during summer is overwatering. Although most plants need additional moisture during the hot days, overwatering can lead to such issues as root rot and other problems.

● **Make sure that indoor air has enough humidity:** Air conditioning and fans may lead to a decrease in the amount of humidity inside during the summer. Many common household plants, in particular tropical species, are used to moist environments. There are a few effective solutions that can help create proper conditions.

## Clothes still smell after washing? These everyday kitchen ingredients can remove stubborn sweat odour

You go for a morning run, soak your shirt in sweat, throw it in the wash, but the smell comes back after a few days. Annoying, right? The issue isn't that you're not washing enough; it's that regular detergent isn't built to fight the bacteria that cause sweat smell. Sweat itself doesn't really stink. It's what happens when bacteria break down sweat that creates the nasty odour. These bacteria get stuck deep in fabric fibres, especially in synthetic workout clothes like polyester. Once they settle in, they become stubborn. Regular washing just won't touch them. But here's the good news: you don't need expensive speciality detergents or complicated tricks. Simple stuff from your kitchen works just as well, sometimes even better.

● **Why do your clothes still stink even after washing:** Let's start with the basics. Sweat happens because your body needs to cool down. That's actually healthy; your body releases moisture to regulate temperature. But here's the problem: that moisture gets absorbed into your clothes, and bacteria love moisture. Dead skin cells, body oils, and sweat breakdown products mix, and the bacteria multiply. The more bacteria, the worse it smells.

The real issue is that most regular detergents aren't strong enough to break down these bacteria and the oils they hang onto. Your clothes come out of the wash smelling fine, but after a day or two, as fresh bacteria start growing again, the smell comes back. It's maddening.

The fabric matters too. Cotton doesn't trap odour as badly as synthetic materials. Polyester



and other man-made fabrics in gym clothes? They're bacteria magnets. The sweat gets trapped inside instead of evaporating, creating a perfect breeding ground for smelly microbes. That's why your gym gear smells worse than your regular cotton t-shirt after the same amount of sweating.

Simple tricks that can make sweaty clothes smell fresh again

The baking soda solution: Your first line of defence

Here's what actually works: baking soda. It's cheap, it's already in your kitchen, and it's basically magic for this problem. Baking soda is alkaline, which means it neutralises acidic odours. Think of it as counteracting the smell instead of just covering it up.

There are two ways to use it. The simple way: sprinkle baking soda directly onto the sweaty areas of your clothes under the arms, the neckline, anywhere the smell is strongest. Let it sit for at least 30 minutes, then wash as normal. You can even leave it overnight for really stubborn smells.

For tougher odours, make a paste. Mix baking soda with a little

water until it becomes thick and spreadable. Apply it to the problem areas, scrub gently with a soft brush, and let it sit for 30 minutes. According to microbiologist research on fabric odour removal, baking soda works because it acts as a gentle abrasive that lifts odours from deep within the fabric. After 30 minutes, wash as you normally would. The smell is gone.

● **White vinegar: The acid that breaks down bacteria:** If baking soda doesn't work alone, vinegar is your next weapon. White vinegar is acidic, and that acid breaks down the residue that causes smells. It also kills bacteria. The only downside? It smells like vinegar while wet. But trust me, it disappears once the clothes dry. No smell left behind.

Add one cup of white vinegar to your washing machine during the rinse cycle. Or, if you want to soak first, mix one part vinegar with four parts water. Soak your smelly clothes in this mixture for 30 minutes before washing normally. This gives the vinegar time to break down the odour-causing bacteria and

buildup.

Here's a pro tip: test vinegar on a hidden area of your clothes first. Some delicate fabrics or dyed clothes might react to vinegar. Most everyday gym clothes and t-shirts are fine with it, but better safe than sorry.

● **The washing machine method that actually works:** Don't just throw sweaty clothes in with your regular laundry. That's a mistake. Wash them separately, inside out. Seriously. Turning clothes inside out exposes the dirtier side, where sweat, oils, and bacteria are concentrated, directly to the cleaning products. It makes a real difference.

Use warm water, not cold. Warm water works better at breaking down oils and killing bacteria. Add either baking soda or vinegar to the wash cycle, then use a regular detergent or an odour-fighting detergent if you have one.

If your washing machine itself is old or hasn't been cleaned, it might be part of the problem. Front-load machines, especially, can get buildup inside. If washing with these methods doesn't work, clean your machine according to the manufacturer's instructions.

● **Simple prevention tips that stop smell before it starts:** The best solution is prevention. Don't let the problem start in the first place. Wash sweaty clothes as soon as possible. The longer they sit, the more bacteria grow and the harder the smell becomes to remove.

If you can't wash immediately, hang the clothes up to air dry. Don't pile them in your hamper or gym bag where moisture gets trapped. Turn them inside out and let air get to them.

# The India Story'

This post has sparked intense discussion on social media, as the film's plot revolves around the serious issue of food adulteration and its dangerous impact on public health. Presented by Zee Studios in association with MIG Production & Studios, the film features Shreyas Talpade alongside Kajal Aggarwal in a pivotal role.

**Kajal Aggarwal sparks an important debate on food safety with a powerful post ahead of the release.**



## She said, "I could have done better than this"

Renowned actress Tamannaah Bhatia gained immense nationwide popularity with the hit song 'Kaavaalaa' from South superstar Rajinikanth's film 'Jailer'. While her dance and Tamannaah agreed with this and mentioned that she puts in a lot of hard work for every project. She said, "I am not a trained dancer, so I have to rehearse more beforehand for any song." During the same conversation, Tamannaah also spoke about another popular song of hers, "Aaj Ki Raat." She shared, "I rehearsed for about 15 days for this song

style in the song were widely praised, the actress feels she could have delivered an even better performance. She recently opened up about this and shared what was going through her mind at the time. Director and choreographer Farah Khan had visited Tamannaah's home

for her YouTube vlog, where they discussed Tamannaah's career, her popular songs, and her acting journey. When the conversation turned to the song 'Kaavaalaa', Tamannaah admitted she wasn't entirely satisfied with her performance. She said, "When the shoot for the song wrapped up, I felt I could have done better." Hearing this, Farah Khan shared her perspective, noting, "It is in Tamannaah's nature to always strive to improve her work." She added jokingly, "Tamannaah is one of those people who always feels she could have done even better.

Tamannaah agreed, explaining that she puts her heart and soul into every project. She said, "I am not a trained dancer, so I have to rehearse extensively for any song." During the conversation, Tamannaah also spoke about another popular song of hers, 'Aaj Ki Raat'. She shared, "I rehearsed for about 15 days for that song. I wanted to fully understand every step and expression before performing. I like to take time to prepare; it helps me deliver a better performance." It is worth noting that the music for 'Kaavaalaa' was composed by Anirudh Ravichander.



Amidst growing nationwide concerns regarding food adulteration, actress Kajal Aggarwal—star of the film 'The India Story'—has once again drawn attention to this critical issue. Recently, she shared social media posts highlighting reports about pesticide residues and quarantine-related concerns affecting Indian mangoes. Linking this issue to her upcoming film, 'The India Story', she wrote, "Unfortunately, this is the story of India; this is 'The India Story'." Her post has sparked a lively discussion on social media, particularly because the film's plot revolves around the serious subject of food adulteration and its hazardous impact on public health. Presented by Zee Studios in association with MIG Production & Studios, the film features



Shreyas Talpade alongside Kajal Aggarwal in a pivotal role. The film aims to shed light on a reality that affects millions of families daily. It is directed by Chetan DK, with the story and production handled by Sagar B. Shinde. 'The India Story' is set for a worldwide theatrical release on July 24, 2026, in Hindi, Telugu, and Tamil. With its socially relevant theme and impactful message, the film aspires to go beyond mere entertainment and spark a vital national conversation.



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**Soha Ali Khan gave her daughter her favorite childhood toy; said—**

## 'I want to give the same happiness that I received

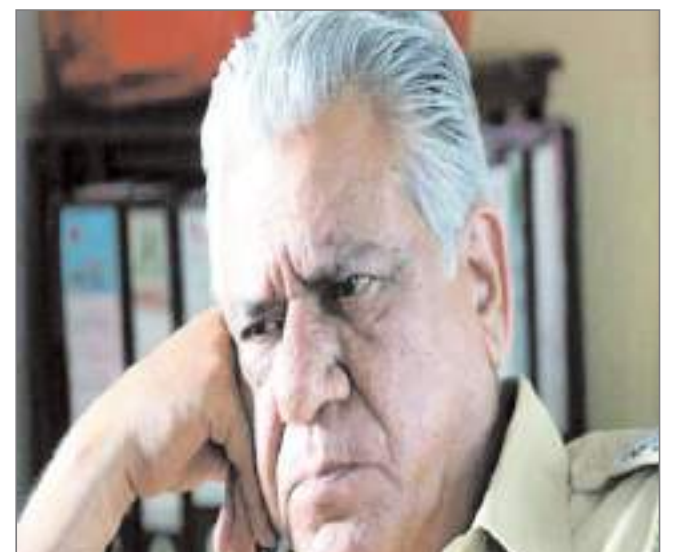
Childhood memories are often linked to specific places, people, or objects. Sometimes, even a simple toy becomes an essential part of a child's world. Actress Soha Ali Khan, too, had such a toy—one deeply connected to her childhood memories. She shared a video on social media to show this toy to her fans. It is a toy dog ??she had named 'Elliott'. Now, this very toy belongs to her daughter, Inaaya Naumi Khemu. In the video, Soha shared, "The most beautiful memories of summer vacations are the moments spent with my brother Saif Ali Khan and sister Saba Ali Khan Pataudi, when the three of us would weave various stories around Elliott. One of us would start a story,

another would carry it forward, and the third would add a new twist. Through our imaginations, Elliott would travel the world, solve mysteries, and meet new friends." In the video, Soha added, "To make the game more exciting, my brother Saif would hide clues



in different parts of the house. My sister Saba would draw maps to lead us to the 'treasure,' while I—with Elliott as my companion—would hunt for those clues and set out to solve mysteries. Often, we would lose track of time as the entire day flew by. It brought us so much joy." Soha remarked, "The true value lay not in the toy itself, but in the imagination it sparked. A simple toy gives children the chance to create new worlds, craft new characters, and let their imaginations soar freely." "That is why I still consider Elliott a very special part of my life," the actress said. "When Inaaya was born, I really wanted her to experience the same joy of creating her own little world, so I gave her my most cherished toy, Elliott. Now, Inaaya spends hours playing with her toys. Sometimes she tells them stories, at other times she cooks for them, and occasionally she pretends to teach them. Watching her imagination blossom in this way brings me immense joy.

## When Om Puri shared the story of overcoming his struggles with the English language.



Mumbai . Late veteran actor Om Puri once told that during his National School of Drama (NSD) days, he had to struggle a lot with the English language. Actor Om Puri, while sharing his experience in actor Anupam Kher's show 'The Anupam Kher Show - Kuch Bhi Ho Sakta Hai', had said: 'I had a lot of difficulty in English in NSD because I had studied in Punjabi medium, whereas here we were taught in English medium. Some students were from convents, whose English was very good. That's why I felt an inferiority complex.' He told that when the then NSD director Ibrahim Alkazi came to know about this, he asked people to keep an eye on him. Later when Om Puri admitted

that he could not speak English like others, Alkazi asked him to speak in Hindi instead of English if he felt comfortable. However, he also advised to read newspapers and converse with your friends in English to improve your English. He had said, 'Even if people laugh, don't worry.' 'After his primary education, Om Puri took admission in NSD. His classmate Naseeruddin Shah inspired him to join him at the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune. Om Puri started his acting career with the 1976 Marathi film 'Ghasiram Kotwal', which was based on Vijay Tendulkar's play of the same name.



# Shreyanka Patil ruled out of Women's T20 World Cup 2026 due to injury



**London, Agency:** In a huge blow to the Harmanpreet Kaur-led India, Shreyanka Patil has been ruled out of the

remainder of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 after sustaining an injury.

The off-spinner picked

up an ankle injury while fielding in India's Group A match against the Netherlands on Wednesday, during her very first over of the game, according to the ICC.

Patil was subsequently stretchered off the field and will take no further part in the ongoing tournament.

The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 Event Technical Committee has approved leg-spinner Prema Rawat as her replacement in the Indian squad.

Rawat, who was already in England with the India A team, will now join the senior squad for the remainder of the World Cup.

"The Event Technical Committee of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 has approved Prema Rawat as a replacement for Shreyanka Patil in the India squad," the ICC Media release read.

"Rawat was named as a replacement after Patil was

ruled out following an injury to her right ankle that she sustained while fielding in the match against the Netherlands on Wednesday. The replacement of a player requires the approval of the Event Technical Committee before the replacement player can be officially added to the squad," the statement added.

The 24-year-old remains uncapped at the international level but has shown promise with strong performances in the Women's Premier League and the Women's Asia Cup Rising Stars tournament.

She also picked up eight wickets at an impressive average of 9.62 for India A in the competition. Patil had recently returned to international cricket after recovering from injury and featured in India's win over Pakistan, where she bowled three economical overs for 17 runs without taking a wicket.



## India's dream shattered in the final minutes as they lost 2-1 to Germany in the FIH Hockey Pro League

Rotterdam, June 19 (HS). The Indian men's hockey team put up a valiant fight against reigning world champions Germany in the Rotterdam leg of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2025-26 on Friday, but the match slipped out of their hands in the final moments, losing 1-2.

Jugraj Singh made his 100th international appearance memorable for India with a goal, but Germany scored twice in the final four minutes to seal the victory.

Early in the match, India played aggressively, maintaining control of the ball and denying

Germany free rein. A strong defense prevented the world champions from creating clear-cut opportunities in the first half.

In the second quarter, India applied intense pressure, forcing Germany into frequent mistakes. Abhishek created a good opportunity for India, but the team failed to take the lead.

India earned their first penalty corner in the third quarter, and Jugraj Singh delivered a powerful drag-flick in the 38th minute to give India a 1-0 lead. This marked a special moment in his 100th international match.

## Manuel Neuer will leave Germany after the 2026 FIFA World Cup, calling the World Cup his final tournament



**Winston Salem, Agency:** Germany's veteran goalkeeper Manuel Neuer has announced on Thursday that he will once again retire from international football after FIFA World Cup 2026. 40-year-old Neuer clarified that this will be the last international tournament of his career.

Neuer, who led Germany to World Cup victory in 2014, is playing as Germany's main goalkeeper in the fifth consecutive World Cup. He had retired from the national team after Germany's quarter-final defeat in Euro 2024, but after his brilliant per-

formance at the club level, he was again included in the team for the World Cup.

Neuer said in a press conference, "I left international football in 2024 for the right reasons. Playing for the national team continuously for the past two years would have been physically demanding. Now it's confirmed that this is my last tournament. I won't play in the next Euro Championship, which will be held in two years."

He said that in recent days he has accepted that these will be his last matches for Germany, but at the moment his sole focus is not on his

farewell, but on the team's performance.

Before the World Cup, goalkeeper Oliver Baumann was considered Germany's first choice, but after Neuer's return, he was given the starting spot. Playing his first match for the national team after two years, he participated in the 7-1 victory against Curacao.

Neuer stated that he and Baumann have a very good understanding and are working together in the best interests of the team.

Germany will now face Ivory Coast in their next group match. A win in this match could propel Germany to the knockout stage. The German team was eliminated in the group stage in the last two World Cups (2018 and 2022).

Neuer said, "We're not dwelling on past failures. Our goal is to win the next match and quickly reach the knockout stages."

He also said that playing another World Cup at this age is a gift for him. He also admitted that if he didn't see a chance of winning the World Cup, he wouldn't be here.

## FIFA World Cup 2026: Switzerland beat Bosnia 4-1

**Inglewood, Agency:** Switzerland made a remarkable comeback in the FIFA World Cup 2026, defeating Bosnia-Herzegovina 4-1 early Friday morning to take a strong position in Group B. The turning point of the match came in the second half when substitute Johan Manzambi scored his first World Cup goal, and Switzerland continued to play aggressively to secure a big win.

Switzerland maintained control of the ball in the first half, but failed to break through against Bosnia's well-prepared defense. Switzerland increased the pressure in the second half, and Manzambi gave the team the lead in the 74th minute with a brilliant volley.

Bosnia's problems further worsened when Tarik Muharemovic was shown a red card for a dangerous tackle, reducing the team to 10 men.

Taking advantage of their numerical advantage, Switzerland made it 2-0 in the



84th minute with a goal from Ruben Vargas. Mzambi then scored his second goal in the 90th minute off Vargas' pass. Captain Granit Xhaka converted a penalty in injury time to make the score 4-1.

Bosnia's lone goal came from Ermin Mahmic in injury time. Despite the defeat, Bosnia is still not out of the race to reach the knockout stage.

In the match, veteran

Bosnian captain Edin Dzeko set a new record by playing in a World Cup match at the age of 40, joining the select group of players to have started a World Cup match at the age of 40.

With this victory, Switzerland made a remarkable comeback after a disappointing draw against Qatar in the previous match and strengthened their position in the points table.

## Manika Batra questions her omission from Asian Games squad, demands transparency in selection process



New Delhi, June 19 (HS). Indian table tennis star Manika Batra has raised questions about the selection process after being excluded from the Indian team for the 2026 Asian Games. She has urged Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)

to investigate the matter and ensure the selection process is transparent, accountable, and fair.

The team announced by the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) will be led by G. Sathiyam in the men's category and Sreeja Akula in the women's category. The women's team includes

Sreeja Akula, Yashaswini Ghorpade, Diya Chitale, Sutirtha Mukherjee, and Cinderella Das. Manika Batra has been included in the list of reserve players.

In a statement released on social media, Manika stated that her exclusion from the team was disappointing, but what was even more concerning was the way the selection criteria were applied.

She stated that she had not yet been informed of the specific reason for her exclusion.

She stated that publicly available information suggests that the selection process is based on world rankings, national rankings, and the discretion of the selection committee. If this is the case, players should be clearly informed of the manner and weightage given to each of these factors.

The 31-year-old Manika also noted that her current world ranking is 51, placing

her very close to the top 50. She stated that minor fluctuations in rankings are normal, and that her exclusion based solely on this is difficult to understand.

Citing her international performance, Manika stated that she has consistently performed well this season, scoring significant wins against several strong Asian players, including China. According to her, her current performance remains competitive at a high international level.

She also stated that participation in domestic competitions is the basis for selection, but it is not always possible for players who regularly compete internationally to participate in every domestic tournament.

Manika also questioned the use of discretion in the selection process, stating that if special privileges are used at any level, the method should be clear, uniform, and documented.

## Dausa Enters Quarter-finals After Defeating Kota by Four Wickets



**Dausa, Agency:** The Dausa women's team won the pre-quarterfinal match of the tournament, defeating Kota by four wickets and advancing to the quarterfinals. Their next match will be against Sikar. District Cricket Association Secretary Brij Kishore Upadhyay stated that the pre-quarterfinal match of the 2026-27 Senior Women's Championship, organized by the RCA, took place at the Surat Cricket Ground in Alwar. The Dausa team defeated the Kota team by four wickets. Fielding first, the Dausa team bundled out the Kota team for 141 runs in 37 overs in the allotted 50 overs. Thanks to Dausa's excellent

fielding and tight bowling, the Kota team didn't even manage to complete the full 50 overs. Sonam Saini, Tanika Sharma, Yana Verma, and Bhumika Chaudhary took two wickets each for the Dausa team. Chasing the target, the Dausa team achieved the target in 31 overs for the loss of six wickets. From Dausa team, Tanika Sharma scored 30 runs, Yana Verma scored 22 runs, Sonam Saini scored 24 runs and Monica Dhawan scored 21 runs.

Upadhyay told that in the senior women's tournament, Dausa team has qualified for the quarter finals by winning the pre-quarter match.