

## After Tesla CEO proposes new political party, Trump says Musk has gone 'off the rails'



**Divya Delhi :** After Elon Musk founded a new political party, President Donald Trump called it "ridiculous" and said the tech tycoon had gone "completely off the rails." Trump wrote on Truth Social "I am saddened to watch Elon Musk go completely 'off the rails,' essentially becoming a TRAIN WRECK over the past five weeks." "Third Parties are good at creating complete and total disruption and chaos." Musk said that he has founded the "American Party" to challenge the GOP and DNC. For weeks, he has teased a new political party to challenge Trump's tax and spending policies, which he argued would bankrupt the economy. By 2 to 1, you want a new political party and will get it! Musk added, "Today, the America Party is formed to give you back your freedom." over the bill soured Trump and Musk's bromance, which saw Musk spend millions sponsoring Trump's re-election bid.

## BRICS Leaders Strongly Denounce Terror Attack in Pahalgam

Rajesh Chauhan

**Divya Delhi:** The terrorist assault in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22, which murdered 26 people, has been strongly condemned in the Leaders' Declaration at the present BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The leaders of the BRICS countries have reiterated their resolve to fight terrorism in all its guises, from the international movement of terrorists to the funding of terrorists and the provision of safe havens. There should be no slack in the fight against terrorism, and the organization has called for a zero-tolerance policy. Additional reporting by our source: At the BRICS summit, during the session on Peace and Security, the prime minister brought up the problem of terrorism. After the terrorist assault in Pahalgam, he thanked the member nations for their united condemnation and support of India. A frontal assault on India's soul, identity, and dignity was what he called it. He went on to say that it was a tragedy for all of humanity,



### BRICS will soon establish a guarantee fund to encourage investment

**Divya Delhi:** BRICS group of developing nations is expected to establish a new guarantee fund supported by the New Development Bank (NDB) in order to reduce borrowing costs and increase investment. On the rise in uncertainties surrounding U.S. economic policies, the effort, which is based on

the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) of the World Bank, is set to tackle the issue of global investment movements, according to the anonymous sources. Use the Reuters Sustainable Switch newsletter to decipher the most recent environmental, social, and governance

not just India. There should be no hesitancy in applying punishment on terrorists, he said, and zero tolerance for terrorism was his second point. In order to end disputes and bring about world

peace, he further stated that India supports diplomatic discussion. Next year, India will host the BRICS summit, and he extended an invitation to the head of the group to attend.

## Sukhu urges Centre to explore feasibility of opening Shipki-La route for Kailash yatra

**Divya Delhi :** Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu urged the Centre to explore the feasibility of opening the Shipki-La route in the state for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra. In a letter to PM Narendra Modi, the CM said that Shipki-La region has served as a vital Indo-Tibetan trade route, predating modern borders. He said it has also been a cultural corridor for Tibetan Buddhism and



ancient pilgrimage paths reflecting India's enduring civilizational ties to Kailash and Mansarovar.

"Kinnaur region being semi-arid and situated in a rain shadow zone like Spiti, is less prone to monsoon disruptions which keeps the route acces-

sible for most of the year. The path from Shipki-La via Gartok to Darchen and Mansarovar is comparatively shorter on the Tibetan side. Shipki-La offers a more stable, unambiguous corridor, making it well suited as a long-term, dependable corridor for pilgrimage and cross-border link," he said. He noted the state has road connectivity up to Shipki-La via Rampur and Pooh.

## Census: Houselisting operations to begin

**Divya Delhi:** The houselisting operations for the forthcoming Census will begin from April 1, 2026, marking the start of the first phase of the decennial exercise, the Registrar General of India has said. The houselisting operations for the forthcoming Census will begin from April 1, 2026, marking the start of the first



phase of the decennial exercise, the Registrar General of India has said. Before that the appointment of supervisors, enumerators and work distribution.

## Maternity leave constitutional guarantee, says SC

**Divya Delhi:** Observing that the concept of maternity leave is not just a matter of fair play and social justice but also a constitutional guarantee to women employees, Supreme Court Friday set aside a Madras HC order denying the leave to a govt teacher for birth of her third child. maternity leave is intended to achieve the objective.

## Defence Ministry Approves Rs 1.05 Lakh Crore in Military Purchases

**Divya Delhi:** The acquisition of ten pieces of military hardware, including twelve mine counter-measure vessels for the Indian Navy and three regiments of rapid reaction surface-to-air missiles for the Indian Army, was sanctioned by the Defence Ministry for a sum of Rs 1.05 lakh crore. Indian companies will supply all of the approved purchases by the Defence Acquisition Council, which is headed by Defence Minister



Rajnath Singh. The approval follows a few weeks after Operation Sindoor, a four-day western front conflict between Pakistan and India. This conflict ensued after New Delhi retaliated

against the horrible Pahalgam terror strike, which killed 26 civilians, by targeting the terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Purchases of armored

recovery vehicles, electronic warfare systems, surface-to-air missiles, and an integrated shared inventory management system for the Tri-Services were all greenlit by the DAC. Sources indicate that three regiments of rapid reaction surface-to-air missiles, with a combined cost of approximately Rs 30,000 crore, were approved for the project, however officials did not reveal the exact amount or quantity.

## National highway DPR selection to be changed by government

**Divya Delhi :** Union minister of state for road, transport, and highways Ajay Tamta announced that the union government will no longer grant

detailed project reports (DPRs) for national highway projects based on pricing. "As an alternative, DPRs will be assessed on multiple parameters through a

points-based system by a joint team of senior ministry officials and premier academic institutions," Tamta said at a road safety meeting at IIT-Delhi and the SPA.

He emphasized that DPRs must account for local conditions and must be prepared by visiting project sites rather than using technology.



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## Ten public health labs to be set up in the nation's capital

**Divya Delhi :** In an effort to improve diagnostic support for basic healthcare, the Delhi government has begun the process of establishing ten integrated public health laboratories (IPHLs) around the city. The health and family welfare department has established a committee to monitor the project's development and execution. Essential diagnostic services will be more accessible to primary health centers (PHCs) and sub-centers in each district thanks to the IPHLs. Submit a detailed strategy outlining infrastructure, resource requirements, and implementation schedules by July 7th; the panel is directed to do so. Initiating the procurement and execution process, the DGHS



### 20% would be removed from voter rolls, according to EC

**Divya Delhi:** The Congress party in Bihar made accusations against the Election Commission, claiming that the poll watchdog had admitted that it "assumes" 20% of voters would be removed from the list during the review. The party also referred to the EC's position as a "threat" to the Constitution and marginalized communities

will supervise the creation of the tender document. The program's overarching goal is to increase local resi-

such as SC/ST/OBCs. The group's ally, CPI(ML) Liberation, warned of a massive anti-exercise movement after the opposition's cries to EC were ignored. Rajesh Ram, leader of the Bihar Congress, has claimed that the Election Commission is collaborating on a plot to disenfranchise migrant laborers, who make up over 80% of the electorate.

dents' access to high-quality diagnostic services and to fortify public health infrastructure.

## Rahul Gandhi's Bihar Sanitary Pad Packet Photo Causes Outrage

**Divya Delhi :** Rahul Gandhi's face on the free sanitary pads the Congress wants to give Bihar women has hit snags. Other parties have questioned why Gandhi's visage is on a women's product. Under the party's Priyadarshini Udaan Yojana, Bihar women are receiving pads to raise menstrual hygiene awareness. The party said the project is part of a statewide women voter push. The INDIA alliance promised a Rs 2,500 monthly stipend under the Mai Bahin Samman Yojana if elected.

Bihar Congress chairman Rajesh Kumar presented bundles of free sanitary



napkins that would be distributed. The party said it would distribute over 5 lakh sanitary pad boxes to promote menstruation health, break societal taboos, and raise awareness in rural and urban regions. "Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has been tirelessly empowering state daughters and sisters and creating a strong

foundation for their growth. Daughters, women are a symbol of respect and honor, but you, in an arrogant display of power, put your face on it (sanitary pads)," he remarked, criticizing Mr. Gandhi's image on the pads. Face of MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra appears on sanitary pad packages.

## Chirag Paswan denies becoming a future CM

**Divya Delhi:** The declaration that LJP (RV) chairman and union cabinet minister Chirag Paswan would run in the Bihar assembly elections later this year surprised everyone. His Lok Janshakti Party would form a pre-poll coalition with the ruling Janata Dal United

for the first time. Paswan's party won all five seats in last year's general elections, but it's not in the legislature. The 42-year-old son of LJP founder and former minister Ram Vilas has spoken out contrary to his coalition partner BJP. He told why he wants to

fight, the Waqf law, and the constitution preamble amendment. Haven't spoken to them.

This is my third term as a member of Parliament, and over the previous 11 years, I have realized that my vision for my state—Bihar first, Bihari first.

## Won't accept Marathi hooliganism, Debendra Fadnavis

**Divya Delhi :** CM Fadnavis cautioned that Marathi pride-based hooliganism will not be condoned. He claimed police have filed a FIR in the Mira Road incident where MNS workers thrashed a businessman for not understanding Marathi. Fadnavis told reporters that language-based violence was wrong. We are proud Marathi speakers. Asking someone to speak Marathi is fine, but assaulting a businessman who doesn't know is bad. If our Marathi-speaking businesspeople do business in other states and don't speak the local language, should they be treated equally? Such behavior and hooliganism



are wrong. He stated violent behavior will be punished. CM Devendra Fadnavis declared, "We love Marathi, but no other Indian language should be mistreated. Sometimes I'm surprised they speak English but argue over Hindi.

He threatened harsh punishment for lawbreakers. Should a Marathi-speaking businessman who works in Assam and learns Assamese be treated similarly? Should Assamese assault him? If you care about Marathi, teach it to others and to your kids.

### Police in Noida will design a 4-kilometer Kanwar Yatra route

**Divya Delhi:** In Noida, devotees will embark on a four-kilometer journey that begins at Mayur Vihar, continues past the Shani Temple and the Okhla Bird Sanctuary, and ends at Kalindi Kunj. According to the police, in preparation for next week's Kanwar Yatra, they have devised a strategy for traffic control to ease the journey of Kanwar pilgrims via Noida on their route to Delhi and Faridabad. The four-kilometer journey that pilgrims will take in Noida begins at Mayur Vihar and ends at Kalindi Kunj, stopping at Shani Temple and the Okhla Bird Sanctuary.

## Despite opposition, Surjewala will meet Karnataka Congress MLAs

**Divya Delhi:** Congress national general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala will visit Bengaluru and meet parliamentarians. The visit comes after many senior MPs humiliated the party with charges of government corruption, lack of constituency development funds, and a "political revolution" later this year. Senior functionaries say Surjewala's visit has nothing to do with party or government leadership changes. "Since some MLAs voiced grievances, Surjewala will speak to



them in groups," said KPC working president GC Chandrasekhar. Reports of a leadership shift are false. It won't be mentioned at Surjewala's MLA meeting." Surjewala would meet Mysuru and Bengaluru MLAs during his three-day tour. He

will separately meet senior legislators BR Patil, Raju Kage, and Basavaraj Rayareddi, who have criticized the government. Congress state president and deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar told reporters: "Surjewala would meet MLAs individually.

## Manipur to close relief camps by December, rehabilitation from July

**Divya Delhi :** Chief secretary Prashant Kumar Singh said a three-phase scheme will begin in July to help internally displaced families rehabilitate once the Manipur government closes all relief camps by December. Singh said at the 2nd foundation day of the Manipur State Commission for Scheduled Tribes in Imphal on Friday that displaced families will be given prefabricated houses if they cannot return home by the deadline. Singh said the rehabilitation program will begin in July and continue in October and December. Since 2023, ethnic conflict between Imphal Valley Meiteis and bordering hills Kuki-Zo tribes has killed over 260 people, injured 1,500, and displaced over 70,000. Government data shows that 62,000 displaced people have dropped to 57,000,



### Government issues Waqf Act rules

**Divya Delhi :** The Union government issued the guidelines to operationalize the disputed Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, focusing on the central portal where Islamic charitable endowments will be registered and leaving other details to the states. The 32-page minority affairs ministry document will be presented to Parliament on July 21 during the monsoon session. A senior ministry official said the rules will be republished in the gazette if Parliament modifies them.

with many families coming home. An additional 1,000 prefabricated dwellings are being built for individuals who cannot return. Singh announced a ₹1.3 lakh

financial reconstruction package and ₹1.7 lakh for rebuilding help for families whose homes were destroyed in the fighting and eager to return to their villages.

## 11 documents listed by EC for Bihar voter verification: Why getting even one is easier said than done

**Divya Delhi :** AT the heart of the Election Commission's special revision of rolls in Bihar is its instruction on June 24 that any person whose name is not recorded in the 2003 Electoral Rolls — an esti-

mated 2.93 crore — needs to submit at least one of 11 documents establishing eligibility to vote. According to the EC instructions, the list of the 11 is indicative, not exhaustive. This is because under the

Representation of the People Act, 1950, the Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) are empowered to make the electoral roll and the EC can only issue guidelines. Any Identity card/pension

Payment Order issued to regular employee/ pensioner of any Central Govt/State Govt/PSU: As per the Bihar Caste Survey 2022, around 20.49 lakh people in the state were in government service.

### China lashes out in anger as Dalai Lama affirms right to choose successor

**Divya Delhi:** Dalai Lama effectively excluded China from the process of selecting his successor by stating that the 600-year-old institution of spiritual head of Tibetan Buddhists will remain even after his death and that a trust he established will be the only authority to recognize his reincarnation. Controversy has surrounded the institution's future ever since the Nobel laureate and leader of Tibetan Buddhism stated in 2011 that he would make a decision.

## Uddhav Sena separates himself from Stalin's Support'; clarifies language row position

**Divya Delhi :** A day after MK Stalin's supporting tweet about Thackerays' combined victory ceremony, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut sought to distinguish Maharashtra's opposition to the Centre's language policy from Tamil Nadu's harder line. Raut explained that Maharashtra's criticism is against Hindi as a third language in primary schools, not the language itself. Tamil Nadu rejects Hindi. "Our fight is not against Hindi, but against forcing it in schools," Raut said. For years, south-



ern states have rejected Hindi imposition. They refuse to speak Hindi and won't let others. Our Maharashtra position is different," said. We speak Hindi. We oppose mandated Hindi in basic school, "Raut explained. Raut added:

"MK Stalin congratulated us and promised to learn. We wish him luck. No one has been stopped from speaking Hindi. We have Hindi movies, plays, and music. Only Hindi being imposed in basic classes bothers us." Raut

explained his affinity with Hindi: "I read, write, and think in Hindi. Our sole objection was adopting Hindi as a third language in state schools from Class 1. He spoke after the June 29 rollback of a controversial Government Resolution (GR) from April 16 that declared Hindi a third language in English and Marathi medium schools from Classes 1 to 5. The Shiv Sena (UBT) and Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) opposed the plan as an indirect attempt to impose Hindi.



Railways now prepare reservation charts 8 hours before departure

**Divya Delhi:** Indian Railways will compile the reservation chart 8 hours before the train's departure, up from 4 hours, to improve passenger convenience. This adjustment aims to reduce passenger uncertainty, especially for waitlisted tickets. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw evaluated ticket booking reform efforts before making the decision. He said the ticketing process should be smart, transparent, and efficient, prioritizing passenger comfort. The reservation chart will be prepared at 9 p.m. the night before for trains departing before 2 p.m. A gradual implementation will provide a smooth transition without disturbance. Travelers from outlying places or suburbs of big cities will benefit from additional time to check their ticket status and make alternate travel plans. Waitlist passengers will receive early ticket confirmation



DJB served with a notice by NGT

**Divya Delhi:** National Green Tribunal (NGT) has served notice on the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) following a petition alleging that private developers had unlawfully dug borewells and were drawing groundwater without authorization. According to the petitioner, Arun Kumar Tomar, nothing happened after he complained to the updates, making their travel plans more predictable. Indian Railways plan to upgrade its Passenger Reservation System (PRS) by December 2025. The Centre for Railway Information

DJB chairman. According to Tomar, 19 private builders in Delhi had allegedly dug illegal borewells. The charges necessitate confirmation by means of a spot examination by the DJB, as pointed out Prakash Shrivastava. It further stated that the relevant SDM should subsequently take the required measures. Systems (CRIS) is developing a PRS that can handle 10 times more loads. Over 1.5 lakh tickets can be booked and 40 lakh ticket enquiries handled each minute if deployed.

Electric Buses from DTC to 17 Cities Across the States

**Divya Delhi :** Delhi government is planning to launch an electric bus service called DTC that will connect 17 cities across six states. During a recent board meeting, transport minister Pankaj Singh gave his approval to a plan that will expand DTC bus service beyond the NCR. The destinations that the buses will drive to five cities in Uttarakhand (Rishikesh, Haridwar, and Dehradun), five in Uttar Pradesh (Ayodhya, Lucknow, and Moradabad), three in Rajasthan (Alwar, Bikaner, and Jaipur), three in Punjab (Amritsar, Patiala, and Chandigarh), and one in



each of Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir (Panipat and Jammu, respectively). To encourage environmentally friendly transportation, officials stated that Minister Singh had mandated the use of exclusively electric buses. During a recent meeting, the DTC board recom-

mended these routes, he added, and now the department is buying the buses and working with other states to provide the service. According to him, the interstate bus service in Delhi will be resumed with 100 electric buses after a hiatus of almost twenty years.

Arvind Kejriwal Slams BJP

**Divya Delhi:** AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal urged slum dwellers to protest against the BJP-led govt's demolition drives and reject both the BJP and Congress in future elections. Addressing a protest at Jantar Mantar, Kejriwal said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi said 'Jahan Jhuggi, Wahan Makan', but what he

meant was 'Jahan Jhuggi, Wahan Maidan'. His promises are false, and I urge you not to fall for them in future." He alleged that the Rekha Gupta-led Delhi govt has "ruined" the city in just five months. "We left a perfectly fine Delhi. But these people ruined it. There are long power cuts, school fees have been hiked, and their

ministers and MLAs are busy looting Delhi," he charged. Calling for unity among slum dwellers, Kejriwal said, "There are 40 lakh slum dwellers. If you take to the roads, they will be forced to stop the demolitions." He added, "The Anna movement started from Jantar Mantar and removed the Congress from power.

With the New Sports Policy 2025, India hopes to become a world power in sports.

**Divya Delhi :** The government of India has approved the 'National Sports Policy (NSP) 2025,' which will "drive excellence, economic growth and social progress" and promote the well-being of citizens. The policy's stated goals include establishing India as a global sporting powerhouse capable of hosting major international events like the 2036 Olympics and resolving the governance issues that have plagued the country's national federations. "Broad basing of sports and achieving excellence in sports at national and international level to create a robust ecosystem that nurtures talent from the grassroots to the Olympic



podium" were the two overarching goals of the recently passed comprehensive policy, which was chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi while the Union Cabinet met. "The new policy replaces the two decade-old national sports policy of 2001 and outlines a vision to make India a strong contender on the glob-

al sports stage, including at the 2036 Olympic Games," said Ashwini Vaishnaw, minister of union communication and broadcasting, who announced the cabinet's decision to do so. The policy promotes tapping into the economic potential of sports and is in line with the new education program.

A New Blood Donor App Is Coming Soon to Delhi

**Divya Delhi :** Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced that the city will soon release an app listing blood donors who are willing to donate their blood voluntarily. A blood donation camp in the Anand Vihar area was the site of the announcement, given by Ms. Gupta. "Details of those who intend to donate blood will soon be available on a blood donor app. "Details about their blood type, when they last donated, and whether they are eligible to donate again .

HC cites ‘egregious misuse’ of Delhi Rent Control Act

**Divya Delhi:** Delhi High Court called the Delhi Rent Control (DRC) Act, 1958, a "egregious misuse of an anachronistic piece of legislation" that forces landlords into "impecunious and desperate circumstances" while well-off tenants "unjustly" occupy premises for a pittance. The HC was reviewing petitions challenging the 2013 additional rent controller (ARC) judgments that dismissed eviction petitions by



UK- and Dubai-based owners of a Sadar Bazar property in favor of tenants. The petitioners sought eviction on the grounds that they manage two London restaurants and need the premises to grow in India. While ruling against the petition-

ers, the ARC noted that they are settled in and running their businesses in London and Dubai and do not need the premises for survival"; hence, their request was not an ARC also believed the premises were too tiny for a sit-in restaurant.

High-budget projects can now be approved by DJB

**"Divya Delhi:** The Delhi government has granted the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) financial autonomy, allowing it to unilaterally approve high-cost projects, including ones surpassing Rs 50 crore, which could greatly reduce administrative impediments that the agency has been facing. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced the decision, calling it a "historic step" towards expediting the implementation of vital projects pertaining to the regeneration of the Yamuna River, the control of drains, and the supply of drinking water. "Our government is dedicated to providing people with results-oriented governance, not confusing them with red tape," Gupta reportedly stated, according to the (CMO) For the first time ever, the Delhi government has grant-



ed the Jal Board the power to make decisions and finish projects, which is a monumental step forward. The evolved into something more than just a symbol; it can now function independently and effectively. According to the chief marketing officer, the Board can skip waiting for Cabinet clearance on projects worth crores of rupees. This decision to give the Delhi Jal Board additional money is a huge leap forward in terms of making the government more efficient

Govt allocates 12,952 crore for public transport system

**The BJP** government, led by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, presented its maiden budget on Tuesday, March 25. Gupta presented 1 lakh crore budget for 2025-26, a 31.56% increase from last year. In the budget for the financial year 2025-26, the government has allocated 12,952 crore to improve Delhi's public transport system. It has allocated 1,000 crore to improve the connectivity of Delhi with the NCR region.

Delhi L-G Saxena asks the CM Rekha Gupta to reconsider the old vehicle fuel ban

**Divya Delhi :** Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has written to Chief Minister Rekha Gupta to review the blanket fuel restriction on end-of-life (EOL) vehicles in Delhi amid growing public concerns. Starting July 1, the Commission for Air Quality Management directive, which has since been overturned, prohibited petrol pumps from refueling diesel vehicles older than 10 years and petrol ones older than 15 years, causing confusion and criticism



around the city. In a comprehensive letter, L-G Saxena noted the CAQM directive presents practical, legal, and socio-economic issues. He mentioned the CM's recent meet-

ing and the Environment Minister's request to CAQM to suspend the order due to technical issues and uneven enforcement across NCR. Saxena called

Delhi govt approves waiver on late payment surcharge

**Divya Delhi:** Delhi govt has given in-principle approval to waive late payment surcharges on inflated water bills, which will bring relief to lakhs of people who have raised concerns about receiving inflated bills. The waiver, however, will be for domestic and government houses, not for commercial consumers. Water minister Parvash Verma said the scheme will be launched in two months. He said that the implementation awaits a software upgrade, shifting the existing Oracle-based system to a cloud-based platform. "Once the new system is operational.

the fuel embargo on older vehicles "perhaps breach legal certainty in need of a comprehensive reappraisal," and equitable treatment.

Delhi may hire a third party to provide fire OKs

**Divya Delhi :** Delhi government may hire licensed third-party firms to handle fire safety certifications and no objection certificates (NOCs), relieving the fire department. This is part of a larger attempt to make city business easier. Fire agencies no longer issue NOCs in various states. Instead, pri-

vate fire safety firms that are certified by the state after an examination of their capabilities and competence have been given the duty, said a home department official who oversees fire services. This is being considered to let fire departments focus on fighting without managing certification

requests. The official stated that no proposal has been written while the notion is being considered. The tentative plan calls for third-party audits of major businesses like factories, with the fire department granting certificates. Smaller businesses like offices could be certified directly by

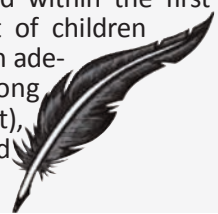
agencies. "Nothing is finalized. The official said all possibilities are being studied. The move follows the government's removal of Delhi Police licensing requirements for hotels, discotheques, swimming pools, amusement parks, video game parlours, and auditoriums to reduce bureaucracy.



## Editorial

### Revamp anganwadi model for Viksit Bharat. Workers should be seen as frontline educators

**Integrated** Child Development Services Scheme – the Anganwadi Services Scheme was launched in 1975 as an innovative experiment to address maternal and child health, nutrition, and early childhood development. Aligned with the objectives to improve children’s health, nutrition, and development, reduce mortality, morbidity, and dropout rates, and empower mothers through counselling, the ICDS framework is designed to nurture holistic development. Through a lifecycle approach, it targets children aged 0-6 years, pregnant and lactating mothers, and adolescent girls, delivering supplementary nutrition, immunisations, health check-ups, non-formal pre-school education, and nutrition counselling. Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) are the focal points for delivering ICDS services, and Anganwadi workers (AWWs) and helpers are the fulcrum of rendering these vital services through AWCs and home visits. Today, through a strong network of more than 1.4 million Anganwadi centres (AWCs) covering 100 million particularly vulnerable mothers and children, ICDS has emerged as the largest service delivery program for mother care and child development. As ICDS celebrates 50 years this year, it presents a valuable opportunity to celebrate its achievements, reflect on the gaps and challenges, and propose a way forward to align with the futuristic needs of Viksit Bharat. Since this launch, ICDS boasts a robust framework that enables it to adapt and evolve meaningfully in the future. Its evolution to currently Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0, combines schemes Poshan Abhiyaan, Scheme for Adolescent Girls, and Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi, emphasising holistic development and real-time monitoring. Today, all AWCs and over 101 million beneficiaries are registered on the Poshan Tracker, enabling real time tracking of service delivery and outcomes. Over the years, ICDS has played a crucial role in equitably addressing malnutrition, early childhood care, and maternal health across India. India is moving in the right direction toward achieving the SDG 2030 targets for maternal and child mortality. Research has demonstrated that early childhood interventions targeting nutrition, education, and health can substantially enhance human capital, especially in developing countries. An IFPRI study published in the Bulletin of the World Health Organisation highlighted improvements in both equity and coverage of ICDS from 2006 to 2016, with increased service utilisation (58 per cent to 71 per cent), especially among Scheduled Castes and Tribes. Another study examining the linkages between utilisation of ICDS and underweight among children aged 6-59 months from 2015-16 to 2019-21, attributed improvements in ICDS utilisation to 9-12 per cent of the observed reduction in underweight children. A peer-reviewed study in The University of Chicago Press Journals found that children who were exposed to ICDS during the first three years of life completed 0.1-0.3 more grades of schooling than those who were not. As India advances towards Viksit Bharat, ICDS must not only strengthen its existing interventions but also embrace transformative paradigm shifts to effectively address emerging challenges, harness new opportunities, and align with the evolving aspirations of society. Firstly, the pace of improvement in nutrition needs to be accelerated. Malnutrition rates remain high—stunting among children under five is 36 per cent, underweight at 32.1 per cent, and anaemia prevalence at 67 per cent, especially in comparison to global benchmarks. Sub-optimal Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices, where only 42 per cent of infants are breastfed within the first hour, and only 11 per cent of children aged 6-23 months receive an adequate diet. Anaemia among pregnant women (52 per cent), children (67 per cent), and women of reproductive.



## Religious autonomy isn’t absolute. Imarat-e-Shariah protest in Patna sidelined



Imarat-e-Shariah, a strong socio-religious group with a big influence on a section of Indian Muslims, organised a huge protest on 29 June at Patna’s Gandhi Maidan. The rally, named ‘Waqf Bachao, Samvidhan Bachao – Save Waqf, Save the Constitution’ – quickly gained momentum, with thousands of Muslim protesters from Bihar and nearby states vocally condemning the Waqf Act amendment as a violation of both constitutional rights and religious freedom. This was not just a protest; it was a firm declaration against a law perceived as an infringement on fundamental freedoms—freedoms that many believe must be protected at all costs. Speakers at the rally claimed that the Waqf Amendment Act crushes not only the Islamic principle of Waqf (charitable endowment) but also assaults the very core of religious autonomy. Faisal Wali Rahmani, head of Imarat-e-Shariah, made it clear: the Act is a dangerous overreach that jeopardises the community’s ability to govern its own affairs. “This conference,” he declared, “is a peaceful, constitutional demand to roll back this draconian legislation.” His words rang out as a challenge to those who would allow such overreach to stand unchecked. I fully agree that every Indian has

the right to free speech and peaceful protest, as guaranteed by our Constitution. But the argument surrounding religious autonomy is far more complicated than it seems. This notion of autonomy isn’t about personal religious practice—it’s about collective and organisational control. The idea that a religious group should have the unrestricted right to manage its own affairs raises some troubling questions. First, does this imply that such a group is somehow separate, not truly a part of the larger nation? Second, is there not a risk in projecting this image of self-containment—as though the community exists outside the national fabric? The implications are far more profound than they may appear. What if every community or tribe starts to argue that no one has the right to interfere in their affairs, claiming that their practices and core values are above the reach of national laws or human rights? Imagine a community that argues the gov-

ernment should have no say in child marriage, defending it as a matter of religious or cultural tradition. Would such a stance be accepted simply because it aligns with the idea that each group should be able to uphold its own values? Surely, we would not accept such practices under the guise of religious freedom. At what point do we draw the line between protecting religious rights and ensuring that these practices don’t violate basic human rights or endanger individuals? The core issue is whether any belief or practice—no matter how deeply rooted in religion or culture—can be allowed to override the fundamental principles of justice, equality, and human dignity. When leaders of the Muslim community, or any religious group, invoke the Constitution, they often present it as though it grants them an unfettered right to religious freedom—one that allows them to manage their affairs without interference from the state, its leg-

islature, or its judiciary. But what is overlooked is that this right to religious freedom is not absolute or separate from other constitutional values. It exists within a broader framework that includes human rights, equality, and justice for all citizens. The Constitution, in its design, ensures religious freedom—but it does so with the understanding that such freedom must never come at the expense of the dignity or rights of others. This means that the Constitution’s values—those of equality and justice—must always take precedence over any individual or collective religious right when they begin to infringe on these fundamental principles. Once we are clear on this, we can oppose Waqf amendments that we believe infringe upon our rights. The idea that any community has the inherent right to manage its own affairs solely under the umbrella of constitutional rights is a dangerous one. As I make this distinction, it is crucial to point out some things. While the Patna protest may be framed as a defence of constitutional rights, the very organisation leading it—Imarat-e-Shariah—operates a parallel system within the Muslim Personal Law framework despite lacking formal judi-

cial authority. The argument often put forward is that these bodies deal with matters like marriage, divorce, inheritance, and Waqf when all parties involved consent to the process. However, we all know the reality of social pressure within Indian Muslim society. In practice, these institutions often function without any regard for constitutional values that guarantee equality and human rights for all citizens, particularly women. This contradiction is visible when they invoke the Constitution to protect their own interest but fail to understand the very values it stands for. The Constitution is not just meant to protect religious autonomy and the collective religious right of a community; it is also supposed to protect the fundamental rights of every individual, regardless of their religion or background. Moreover, such protests and gatherings only represent a section of Indian Muslims – not each and every one of us. These events are led mostly by elite Ashraaf Muslims, with Pasmandas being utilised as mob followers. It is disheartening to see how these institutions, controlled by Ashraafs, continue to use Pasmandas as pawns in their own power negotiations while claiming to represent the community as a whole.

### Karnataka’s fake news bill won’t survive a court challenge

Karnataka’s proposed Misinformation and Fake News (Prohibition) Bill, 2025, is poorly drafted and replete with structural infirmities. It is also at odds with existing central laws and its constitutional validity is questionable. Let’s see how. The bill deprives social media intermediaries of their statutory immunity from state persecution for user-generated content, a legal protection commonly referred to in internet law as ‘safe harbour’. India’s nodal Information Technology Act, 2000 (IT Act) provides for safe harbour protections and allows social media companies to host user content with conditional immunity, within a clearly defined legal framework. In contrast, Karnataka’s fake news bill proposes to hold social media companies accountable for violating any provision of the proposed law. The bill envisions a government-appointed Fake News on Social Media Regulatory Authority, with sweeping

powers to preemptively block or ban content it deems illegal. However, it does not clarify how these powers will sync with the safe harbour protections under the IT Act. Without safe harbour protections, social media companies could face a deluge of criminal penalties for content that is difficult to monitor and filter, such as superstitions or unscientific claims, both deemed illegal under the bill. The Authority’s blocking powers create a parallel mechanism to the content-blocking procedures already prescribed under the Centre’s IT Act. The lack of standard procedural safeguards, such as the need to notify penalised parties or offer them a fair hearing, further disregards the minimum standards set by the IT Act. That law limits content blocking to specific grounds such as public order, sovereignty, and integrity of India, friendly relations with foreign states, or preventing incitement to an offence – all of which correspond to the restrictions.

### Indian Muslims must face the truth—Muslim countries don’t care about them

West Asia has ever been on the boil, and its tumultuous events perturb Indian Muslims no end. Their attitude toward international affairs, particularly events in Muslim countries, is determined more by their religious identity and extraterritorial loyalty than by their national identity and the country’s interests. Since the establishment of the Mughal rule in 1526, Muslim rulers of India stopped swearing allegiance to any foreign entity, as was the practice during the Sultanate period (the reason why that period came to be known by this name), when the Sultan tacitly recognised the suzerainty of the Abbasid caliphate, which, after the sacking of Baghdad by the Mongol army led by Halagu Khan in 1258, moved to Cairo where it resided until 1527. Later, the caliphate was transferred to the Ottoman rulers of Turkey. In the political lexicon of Islam, Sultan means an autonomous governor of the caliph. The Mughals didn’t recognise the new Ottoman caliphate in Turkey, and called themselves Padshah (king) instead of Sultan. However, so long as India was under Muslim rule, it didn’t really matter whether the caliph was recognised or not. But with the termination of the titular Mughal sovereignty in 1857, the Muslim ruling class found itself stranded. In order to find an ideological mooring for their adrift theo-politics, they anchored themselves in the theocratic institution of the Ottoman caliphate. The Muslim ruling class had so maintained its foreign character that this transfer of allegiance to a new overlord outside India seemed normal and caused no consternation. Rather, this instinctive reaction was understood as a default action. The first stirrings of the newly incubated pro-Turkish sympathies became visible during the Russo-Turkish War of

1877-78. Unsurprisingly, the newly established Muhammadan Anglo Oriental College in Aligarh, the precursor to Aligarh Muslim University, chose the Turkish dress, with the distinctive Fez – the red hat with black tassel – as its uniform. This trend of associating with the Ottoman caliphate matured during the Khilafat Movement, which, in the Muslim mind, forever subordinated Indian nationalism to pan-Islamism, and also to a great extent made the Indian foreign policy sensitive to the extraterritorial loyalty of the Muslims. India’s Muslim ruling class had cultivated a sense of identity that made it easier for them to associate with their foreign co-religionists than the native compatriots. Therefore, it was inevitable that Muslims diverged into pan-Islamism when the national movement emerged in India. It’s true that Sir Syed Ahmad Khan had been wary of the pan-Islamic ideas, and opposed its propagation by the peripatetic preacher, Jamaluddin Afghani (1838-1897). But his opposition was because of pan-Islamism’s anti-British edge – and Sir Syed was a British loyalist.

### Success to failure, UPSC is a family affair

A couplet by Mirza Ghalib could well serve as the unofficial motto of UPSC aspirants: Ragon mein daudte phirne ke hum nahin qayal; jab aankh hi se na tapka to phir lahu kya hai— I’m not impressed by blood that runs in the veins; if it doesn’t spill from the eyes, what kind of blood is it? After all, aspirants live, for lack of a better description, a suspended life built on the edifice of junoon (passion) and self-doubt. But sometimes, it all comes together. The result is announced, and the aspirant’s name appears on the list. Those who succeed are elevated to near-mythical status. Their photos decorate news-

paper pages and coaching centre hoardings, and they are invited for felicitations and motivational talks. But what is not celebrated is the silent effort of an entire support system—a quiet, unpaid workforce made up of family members, friends, and partners. It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child. Clichéd but true. The same holds for success in the UPSC exam. If UPSC is the Everest of Indian competitive exams, and the topper is the climber, then their family members are the sherpas who make the ascent possible. The mother, often a school dropout herself, becomes the

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Xbox, sales, and other businesses face Microsoft's worst layoff in years

**Divya Delhi:** Microsoft is cutting off 9,000 workers, its second huge lay-off in months and largest in over two years. Microsoft announced layoffs in its Xbox video game business and other departments. A memo to state officials listed 830 Redmond, Washington-based Microsoft employees as laid off. Microsoft called the layoffs "organizational changes" needed to operate in a "dynamic marketplace" and will affect numerous teams worldwide, including its sales business.

The corporation won't specify how many layoffs it had, but it was approximately 4% of its personnel a year earlier. Xbox CEO Phil Spencer wrote to gaming division staff Wednesday that the changes will position the company "for enduring success and allow us to focus on strategic growth areas." Xbox would "follow Microsoft's lead in removing layers of management to increase agility and effectiveness," Spencer stated. MS had 228,000 full-time employees in June 2024, its last annual report. According to Microsoft, the latest layoffs would remove less than 4% of that staff. However, it has had at least three layoffs this.



Centre will borrow 8L cr, 54% of the objective

The government plans to borrow Rs 8 lakh crore, 54% of its Rs 14.8 lakh crore FY26 borrowing, in the first half. It didn't front-load the borrowing program to avoid raising rates while the RBI pumped record liquidity into the system. Since the market reported little demand for 30-year and longer bonds, the government announced it would borrow less in FY26. Thus, front-loading of the borrowing program has been avoided due to government (fiscal consolidation without compromising quality of expenditure).

Embark on the InvIT expressway with Gadkari's invitation to investors

**Divya Delhi :** Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will offer units valued at 25,000 crore in its infrastructure investment trust (InvIT) issue this fiscal year to retail investors. The state-run road builder is now pursuing ambitious goals, including the completion of the monetisation of over 50,000 crore worth of highway assets and the construction of 10,000 km of roadways. This ambitious endeavor aims to entice small investors to the highways. In its pursuit of higher-quality consultants, NHAI will also forgo



the habit of going with the lowest bidder when preparing highway detailed project reports (DPR). After all, a separate cadre would be formed by the NHAI subsidiary responsible for border road construction. According to Gadkari, the objectives of the new regulations were to reduce India's logistics costs, which are currently over ten percent, and to construct infrastructure that meets international standards. "I am confident that with the work we have done to improve mobility in the country, the coun-

Bank loan growth drops for eighth straight month in February, RBI data reveals

**Divya Delhi:** Central bank statistics revealed that personal and credit card loans fell for the eighth straight month in February due to Reserve Bank of India tougher policies. Last month, banks' credit rose 12% year-over-year, slower than 16.6% a year earlier,

excluding HDFC Bank's merger. Housing Development Finance Corp, Loans rose 11% in February, compared to 20.5% a year earlier, including the merger. In January, loan growth fell to 12.5% excluding the merger and 11.4% including it. Retail

demand for unsecured loans drove strong loan growth for several years in the banking sector. However, in late 2023, the RBI tightened capital requirements for personal, credit card, and non-banking finance company loans. in its Mumbai headquarters.



NCLAT reduces penalty on Google to 216 crore in Play Store matter

**Divya Delhi:** Appellate tribunal NCLAT upheld the order passed by fair trade regulator CCI against Google for abusing its dominant position with respect to Play Store policies, however, reduced the penalty on the tech giant to 216 crore from 936.44 crore. A two-member bench comprising Chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan and Technical Member Barun Mitra said Google "has abused its dominant position and has violated Section", however in some sections, violation was "not proved, but penalty was still leviable on proof of violation".

Small savings program interest rates unchanged

**Divya Delhi:** For the fifth quarter, 2025, the government maintained interest rates on PPF and NSC. The rates of interest on various Small Savings Schemes for the first quarter of FY 2025-26, starting on 1 April 2025 and ending on 30 June 2025, would stay unaltered from those notified for the fourth quarter of a finance ministry notification. The notification states that Sukanya Samriddhi deposits will earn 8.2% interest, while three-year term deposits will earn 7.1%. Popular Public Provident Fund (PPF) and post office savings deposit scheme interest rates remain at 7.1% and 4%, respectively. Kisan Vikas Patra investments mature in 115 months at 7.5%. National Savings Certificate (NSC) interest rates will stay at 7.7% for April-June 2025. Like the current quarter, investors will earn 7.4% from the Monthly Income Scheme. Small savings programs, mostly run by post offices and banks, have had the same interest rates for the sixth quarter.

Minimum age for cab aggregator vehicles is 8 years

**Divya Delhi :** All vehicles, including cars, buses, three-wheelers, and motorbikes, must be at least eight years old before aggregators like Rapido, Ola, and Uber may board. In updated regulations for aggregators, the road transport ministry stated that they must also adhere to goals established by state governments for the proportion of electric and zero-emission vehicles in their fleet. A driver's license and vehicle permit must be prominently placed on the back of the front seat next to the driver, as stated by the government, so that passengers may easily view them.



Although some jurisdictions already let private motorcycles and three-wheelers use aggregators, the regulation has been updated to explicitly include these vehicles in order to clarify things, as certain states do not permit bikes on these platforms.

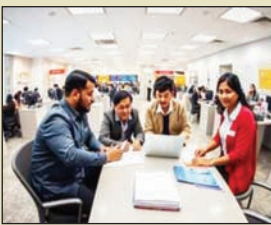
According to the rules, aggregators must verify that "they are fit to be on-boarded" by conducting a psychological evaluation of the drivers. It was stated that aggregators have no authority to forbid or limit on-board drivers from using

Birla Co. recovers Rs 2 crore in stolen digital gold

**Divya Delhi :** Hackers breached the ABCD mobile app run by Aditya Birla Capital and stole digital gold valued at approximately Rs 1.95 crore from 435 user accounts, according to Divya Delhi. On June 9, the scam was exposed after multiple consumers contacted the company's call center to express their dissatisfaction with the theft of their digital gold. Concerned about this, the company's technical staff launched an internal investigation and filed a first information report. According to our sources, the affected accounts now have their balances returned by the company.

PSBs may waive minimum balance fines

**Divya Delhi :** After conversations with the finance ministry about the declining share of current and savings accounts in total deposits, public sector banks are reconsidering the requirement for minimum savings account balances. Since Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda, Punjab National Bank, and Indian Bank have eliminated this rule, customers who fail to maintain the required amount will not be penalized. Finance ministry authorities may have questioned banks about penalizing clients



who don't keep minimal balance in a recent meeting. Slowing low-cost current and savings account deposits raised concerns. RBI's financial stability report stated that "banks' liability profile is changing with the share of higher-cost term deposits and CDs growing compared to low-cost current account and savings

account (Casa) deposits" Jan Dhan data reveals that many of these accounts were originally dormant, but balances climbed steadily, lenders said. . Traditional public sector banks had lower balance requirements than private banks and waived Jan Dhan account requirements. Private banks waive minimum balance requirements on pay accounts and accounts with a 'relationship value' threshold, which covers fixed deposits and other assets, in addition to Jan Dhan accounts.

Center permits aggregators to use white board bikes for passenger rides.

**Divya Delhi:** The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways' 'Motor Vehicles Aggregator Guidelines 2025' aims to establish a light-touch regulation framework while addressing user safety and driver welfare. The guideline suggested that the state government allow aggregators to share non-transport motorcycles for passenger travel, reducing traffic congestion and vehicular pollution and providing affordable passenger mobility, hyperlocal delivery, and livelihood opportunities. The guideline states that the State government may allow passengers to travel on non-transport motorcycles under sub-section (3) of Section 67 of the Act. "The State government may, under sub-section (3) of



Total bids for three initial public offerings (IPOs) reached 22.5 billion rupees

**Divya Delhi :** Nearly 22,500 crore rupees were raised in three separate initial public offerings (IPOs) that concluded. The combined target amount for all three was 2,562 crore rupees. According to data from the exchanges and merchant bankers, the 119 crore rupee IPO of Globe Civil Projects was subscribed 86 times, the 853 crore rupee IPO of Ellenbarrie Industrial Gases was subscribed 22 times, and the 1,590 crore rupee IPO of Mumbai-based real estate giant Kalpataru was subscribed 2.3 times.

Section 67 of the Act, impose fees on the aggregator for issuance of authorisations permitting non-transport motorcycles to undertake journeys through such aggregator, on a daily/ weekly/ fortnightly basis, as may be determined by the state government," noted.

GST compensation fund likely to have 95k cr surplus

**Divya Delhi:** They requested anonymity and stated the GST Council may determine how to use this extra compensation cess. Cess funds are used for a specified purpose and are levied in addition to taxes. These insiders claimed the GST Council, the top indirect



tax decision-making body, will meet before or after the Monsoon session of

Parliament, depending on member availability. They said the Council meeting is overdue and coming soon. Last December 21, the 55th GST Council met in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. They stated the Council will discuss tax rate rationalization, compliance

ease, and cess reform during its 56th meeting. The council may replace the GST compensation cess on sin goods and luxury commodities like cigarettes and cars with two specific-purpose levies to fund health and clean energy projects.

Jindals considered a reverse merger with Akzo to list paints

**Divya Delhi :** After acquiring Dulux Paints, billionaire Sajjan Jindal aims to reversely combine JSW Paints with listed Akzo Nobel India to take it public. The Jindals will control the combined business, which will also include private equity investors and public stockholders. The Rs 13,336-crore Akzo Nobel India transaction was financed by private equity funds. Once listed, Jindal will have six publicly traded firms worth Rs 4.5 lakh crore. Jindal also plans to list JSW Cement



(Shiva Cement is already listed). "It (Akzo Nobel India) is a structured transaction where, at the time of the reverse merger, and based on the performance of the merged entity, their (private equity investors') capital would get converted to a stake in the merged entity," Parth Jindal, CEO of JSW

Paints, said. The transaction will be financed by JSW Paints internal accruals and promoter contributions of one-third each, in addition to private equity. Akzo will move JSW, which entered the decorative paints industry in 2019, to fourth after Kansai Nerolac, Berger Paints, and Asian Paints.

Personal, small biz loans prop bank credit growth

**Divya Delhi:** Credit to small businesses and advances in the personal loans segment have helped keep the year-to-date growth in bank credit in positive territory. According to data on sectoral deployment of bank credit as of May 2025 released by Reserve Bank of India, overall bank credit grew 0.2% from end March 2025 levels. The growth over 12 months (year-on-year) was 9%. The sluggish growth in credit was

because credit to large industries shrinking by 3.8% Rs 26.8 lakh crore - a drop of Rs 1.06 lakh crore from end March levels. Year on year credit to large industries was up 1% compared to 7.1% growth a year ago. Similarly, credit to the services segment fell by 1.4% to Rs 50.9 lakh crore, a drop of Rs 75,800 from end-March 2025. This was largely because of a 4.5% drop in bank credit to non-banking finance companies.



## One candidate obtains 100% in four of five CUET-UG subjects

**Divya Delhi :** The NTA released Common Entrance University Test-Under Graduate 2025 results on Friday. NTA reports one candidate earned 100% in four of five subjects. As many as 17 individuals earned 100% in three subjects. A merit list will be created by participating universities and organizations. The NTA's CUET (UG)-2025 scorecard will guide university counseling. NTA prepared to host CUET (UG) - 2025 in CBT style for 13,54,699 unique registered applicants. Between May 13 and June 4, 2025, 10,71,735 candidates took the exam. Around 6.1 lakh people registered for the General category, while 4.75 lakh individuals competed. The OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) group followed with 4.4 lakh registered



and 3.6 lakh appearing candidates. Nearly 1.4 lakh SCs registered and 1.15 lakh appeared, while 84,000 STs registered and 62,000 appeared. About 60,000 of 73,000 EWS students took the exam. Male candidates numbered 7.1 lakh, with 5.5 lakh appearing. At least 6.5 lakh women registered, and 5.2 lakh appeared. Only five third-gender people registered, and only three took the exam. About 22.5% of male candidates and 19.1% of female candidates

### Move to delete papers on Islam, China, and Pakistan cleared by DU panel

**"Divya Delhi :** The request to remove papers discussing Islam, Pakistan, China, and political violence from the postgraduate syllabus of Delhi University's Political Science department was approved by the department's top academic body. 'Pakistan and the World,' 'China's Role in the Contemporary World,' 'Islam and International Relations,' 'Pakistan: State and Society,' and 'Religious Nationalism and Political Violence.'

## Four-Year UG Course at DU Allows Exit After 3 Years

**Divya Delhi: Delhi** University has allowed Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) students to leave after three years and still receive a degree. A major step toward implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The Thursday notification allows students who have completed six semesters (three years) of the UG Curriculum Framework 2022 to depart. An Honours degree for single-core disciplines or a general degree for multi-core subjects will be awarded. It says:



"Students interested in availing the above option can log in to the university's student portal at <https://lc.uod.ac.in> and submit their intent through the designated online process," The institution advises students to "carefully evaluate their academic and career goals" and consult lecturers or mentors before leaving early. In

August, DU will commence the fourth and final FYUP year. The NEP 2020 program offers four-year undergraduate coursework with different entry and exit possibilities. Certificates (1 year), diplomas (2 years), and degrees (3 or 4 years) are awarded based on years completed. The fourth year offers research specialization.

## The dual degree option at DU will help students learn more

**Divya Delhi:** The University of Delhi (DU) now allows students to pursue two degrees simultaneously. DU students can enroll in one degree through the normal mode at any DU-affiliated college or department and a second through Open and Distance Learning (ODL)

through the School of Open Learning. This policy gives existing students the option to expand their academic horizons without choosing between conventional and distant education. It has restrictions, though. Even with normal and ODL enrollment, students cannot enroll in two identical degrees (such as BCom Hons and BCom Pass). DU dual degree qualifying requirements are simple but require careful planning. Students must meet both degrees' academic requirements. Attending classes, completing assignments, and passing tests for each program.

## City schools in Delhi must get smart classrooms and renovations ASAP, according to CM



**Divya Delhi:** Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has ordered the following: the rapid activation of two thousand smart classrooms; the provision of state-of-the-art science laboratories in every public school; the immediate restoration of crumbling educational infrastructure; and the rapid filling of open teaching positions in all city schools.

Understanding her government's dedication to building a comprehensive and modern educational environment for kids in the capital, she also ordered upgrades to the entry gates of Thyagaraj and Chhatrasal stadiums.

At a high-level review meeting at the Delhi Secretariat, these directives were issued by the Chief Minister, who was meeting with senior officials of the Education Department to evaluate current infrastructure projects, examine staffing gaps, and devise plans to guarantee that all Delhi Government schools provide a quality education. "Our Government is working with full commitment on both resource and policy levels to ensure every child in Delhi, irrespective of their background, receives equal opportunity and world-class education," stated Governor Gupta following the meeting.

## IP University to consider CUET scores for admission to PG courses in 2025-26 session

**Divya Delhi:** Offering students greater flexibility and more opportunities, IP University will now consider CUET-PG scores for admission to 20 postgraduate programmes in the 2025-26 academic session. According to the university, once the merit lists from national-level entrance exams and the university's own admission tests are exhausted, seats in the respective programmes will be filled based on CUET scores. This provision applies to a wide range of courses, including MBA, MCA, MA and LL.M. Candidates interested in applying through CUET can submit their applications online along with an application, marking and counselling fee by



July 15. Detailed information is available on the university's official website. The courses open to CUET-based admissions include MBA, MCA (Software Engineering), MAMC, MPT (M/N/S/C), MSc in Environment Management, LL.M, MA (English), MEd, MTech (CSG),

MTech (EG), MA (Economics), PG in Applied Geoinformatics, MSc in Yoga, Medicinal Chemistry and Drug Design, Bioinformatics, Molecular Diagnostics, Microbiology, MS in Packaging Technology, BEd, and BEd in Special Education.

### IT-Delhi rose 255 places to 171st globally

**Divya Delhi:** Among Indian universities for sustainability, IIT-Delhi rose 255 places to 171st globally, according to 2025 QS Rankings released. The QS Sustainability Rankings include 78 Indian universities, with nine of the top 10 improving and 21 new institutions entering. Two IITs—Delhi and Kanpur—are in the world's top 100 for impact. With 177 and 67 rank improvements, each became fourth and fifth in India. Bangalore's IISc is among the world's top 50 environmental education schools.

## Sikh resistance during the Mughal period to be covered in DU's upcoming UG course

**Divya Delhi :** The Sikh community arose in reaction to "religious persecution" and "state oppression" in the Mughal era and subsequent foreign invasions and Delhi University intends to institute a course on Sikh martyrdom for all undergraduates. The course covers the years 1500–1765 and shows how the Sikh identity developed via resistance events, such as the murder of Sikh gurus and the ascent of Sikh fighters like Banda Singh Bahadur.



Students from all academic backgrounds will be able to take it because the Centre for Independence and Partition Studies is offering it as a four-credit general elective according to the Undergraduate Curriculum Framework, 2022. At their meeting on July 5, the University's Academic Council will consider the course for approval. The highest decision-making body at DU, the Executive Council, has the last say. Course materials state that students will "throw light on the moral basis of emergent struggle by Sikhs to resist religious persecution" and "focus on the neglected social-religious history of martyrdom in the Indian context."

## CBSE mandates that all schools begin language mapping

**Divya Delhi:** The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has mandated that all affiliated schools begin implementing the language instruction provisions of the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-2023) beginning with the 2025–26 academic year, marking a significant move towards improving language learning in early childhood education. During the Foundational and Preparatory Stages of schooling, the board has placed a strong focus on teaching in the mother tongue or home language. A news release from CBSE this week stated that schools have to start language mapping activities with students right away and that an NCF Implementation Committee must be



formed by May 30, 2025. The order is in line with NEP 2020, which places a premium on multilingual education as a means to promote equity, inclusion, and cognitive development. Ideally, a student's mother tongue or a familiar regional or state language should be the first language of literacy (R1), according to the CBSE. "Until students attain foundational literacy in another language, R1 must be used as the medium of instruction," CBSE cited NCF-2023 (Part C, page 239). The

board recognized that the state language might be used as R1 where the mother tongue is impractical owing to student diversity or a lack of written heritage. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has made it clear that a child's native language shall serve as the medium of teaching during the Foundational Stage (from pre-primary to grade 2, ages 3-8). R1 fundamental literacy includes reading fluently, understanding texts, and writing short sentences expressing personal.

## Guidelines for CBSE Supplementary Exams 2025: Class 10, 12 practical test commences July 10

**Divya Delhi :** From July 10, 2025, Central Board of Secondary Education will hold Class 10, 12 practical supplementary exams. Candidates for the exam have guidance from the Board. Candidates can review CBSE guidelines at [cbse.gov.in](https://cbse.gov.in). Class 12 students placed in the compartment category due to repeating practical will only have to take the practical exam during the supplementary exams.

Their theory marks will be carried forward. All students who will take the exam must submit their



result/mark sheet and admit card to their schools/exam centers by July 7, 2025. Official notice states that regional office practical answer booklets must be used for the practical exam.

During the supplementary examination 2025, schools or examination centers that

conduct practical tests will upload applicant marks to the portal the same day.

The Board will administer regular candidates' practical exams in schools. Private candidates will take practical exams at theory exam centers. Candidates can visit CBSE's website for details.

## New DU semester starts August 1

**Divya Delhi :** DU offers 71,624 seats in 79 undergraduate and 186 BA programs in 69 colleges and departments this year. DU announced that classes will start on August 1 for the new academic year. After the Common University Entrance Test Undergraduate (CUET-UG) results were released, officials indicated the second phase of undergraduate admissions will begin early next week. The second phase schedule is coming soon.



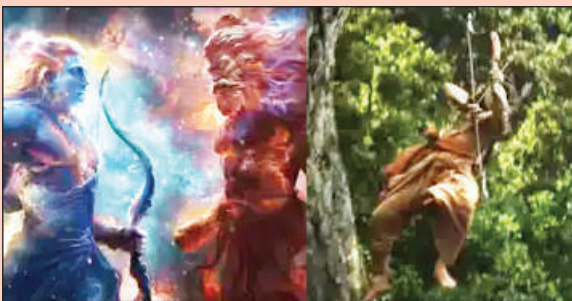
Haneet Gandhi, DU's dean of admission, said a correction window for registered students will possibly begin in the first half of next week. With the opening of the Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS) portal on June 17, admissions commenced. DU offers 71,624 seats in 79 undergraduate and 186 BA programs in 69 colleges and departments this year. Candidates must map Class 12 subjects to CUET domain subjects in the second phase because the university will only consider domain papers that match or closely resemble school subjects. The allocation-cum-admission round requires candidates to "accept" their seat. Colleges will examine eligibility and online documents. After approval, candidates can pay the cost to confirm admission. Inaction is considered seat rejection. For the first time, DU will request Class 10 marks for tie-breaking.



'Ramayana' starring Ranbir and Yash India's most costly film

Divya Delhi : The upcoming Ranbir Kapoor-Yash film 'Ramayana' is one of the most anticipated in Indian cinema. The makers recently released an official announcement film showing select sequences, which instantly captured people online with its stunning scope and grandeur, leaving them eagerly expecting the complete experience. Bollywood Hungama estimates that the 'Ramayana' franchise costs Rs 1600 crore to make. With Rs 900 crore for the first film and Rs 700 crore for the sequel, This massive budget makes 'Ramayana' the most expensive Indian film series.

A source said part two's budget was cut because part one invested much in asset and world creation, leaving only the action



Mahesh Babu faces legal action for promoting a ₹34 lakh real estate fraud, allegedly deceiving buyers

Divya Delhi : Mahesh Babu is in legal problems again over a real estate company he promoted. The Ranga Reddy District Consumer Commission in Telangana has warned the Tollywood actor about his real estate firm endorsement . A Hyderabad doctor reported being cheated after paying ₹34.8 lakh for non-existent properties. Mahesh, the third respondent, is accused of promoting Sai Surya Developers and misleading buyers. Actor and team haven't addressed the matter. Mahesh was questioned by the ED in April about a money laundering case.

sequences. The second installment will feature the characters and set elements created..

The authors view the Rs 1600 crore expenditure as a single investment. With this epic two-part

series, they hope to leave a global impression. Music Legends and Connections

Enhance EpicHans Zimmer and AR Rahman will score 'Ramayana'.

Metro... in Dino' review: Anurag Basu poetically analyzes modern love

Divya Delhi : A child born when Life in a Metro debuted must be 18. The only change in relationships is that the picture now features a teenager who is struggling with her sexuality and is not in a rush. Technology and therapy have helped the independent generation and those who missed the bus because they prioritized family. Our films often tilt. Critics classify them as progressive, regressive, or in between. Anurag and his co-writers again ditch algorithmic screenplays to tell a touching story about falling in and out of



love. Metro...in Dino borrows from the original yet has its own soul. In the Metro early... In Dino, a middle-aged, middle-of-the-road Monty Sisodia (Pankaj Tripathi) desperately wants to refresh his marriage by saying infertility, infidelity, and morality to his nagging wife, Kajol (Konkona Sen Sharma), who seems caught between modern and traditional values. Anurag Basu's humorous display of his kaleidoscope keeps us engaged for over three hours. The film initially breaks the fourth wall too often to address us, then it settles into a great pace with unpredictable beats. You can sense the romance throughout, but we know how Anurag softly cuts his audience's healed wounds.

The first Indian film to hit 9000 screens countrywide

Divya Delhi : Indian filmmakers go all out to reach the broadest audience. Every attempt is made, from intense advertisements to multi-language releases and significant budgets. One of the most anticipated films of the year will break screen count records. War 2 will be



released on 9,000 Indian screens, the most ever for an Indian film. The record was held by Rajinikanth's 2.0 with

7,500 screens. War 2 is set to be a pan-India megablockbuster starring Hrithik Roshan, Jr. NTR, and Kiara Advani. The Yash Raj Films-produced, Ayan Mukerji-directed picture opens August 14. The teaser and posters have gone viral, with fans applauding the high-octane .

CAPSULES

Earning 2.5 lakh daily with 'red lipstick, semi nudes': IITian criticizes Apoorva Mukhija's 41-crore empire

Divya Delhi : Apoorva Mukhija, aka The Rebel Kid, dominates social media. An IIT alumnus criticized the prominent content creator's success narrative, comparing regular education's challenges to influencers'.



Apurva Mukhija participated on Karan Johar's reality show 'The Traitors' set in Jaisalmer's Suryagarh Palace. The user @digital-sangghi on X remarked, "Not even 100 people know me" today, contrasting the two pathways, one of which required physical and mental struggle and the other brought in social media recognition and enormous money quickly. She recounted sacrificing her social life and personal relationships to pass India's hardest engineering exam and get into Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur. Not enough, she faced six years of academic pressure, mental strain, and job placement anxiety to succeed professionally. She wrote, "Studied 14 hrs a day to crack India's toughest engineering exam, gave up home, friends, cousins, sleep, and dreams -got into IIT, then fought for 4+2 years with CGPA nightmares, lab viva trauma, and placement tension." marketing

'3 BHK': A touching family drama

Divya Delhi : Sri Ganesh takes a break from crime thrillers to film a family drama about a family's struggle to buy a 3 BHK. The film is based on engineer-turned-writer Aravindh Sachidanandam's short story. Patriarch Vasudevan wants a home. He says "a house is not just a place of residence, it is also a family's identity, prestige and respect" . Sri Ganesh could have made his film a scathing system analysis.



Instead, he made it a feel-good family melodrama that will appeal to everyone. He crammed his film with all the challenges a family could face while pursuing their ambition. Each must overcome

obstacles and sacrifice to achieve the goal. Sri Ganesh tells a touching family story at a slow pace with a well-written storyline and insightful conversations. The film's ensemble cast delivers.

Shivakumar and Devayani, who appeared in 'Suryavamsam', play the parents, while Siddharth plays the boy. As the real estate broker, Yogi Babu provides the film's comedy.

Kiara Joins Don 3, Priyanka Chopra Returns

Divya Delhi : Don 3, one of the most anticipated films, has been delayed for many reasons. Farhan Akhtar is set to begin filming the action thriller in January 2026. Kiara Advani was rumored to leave the picture owing to her pregnancy, however she appears to have joined. Ranveer Singh replaced Shah Rukh Khan in the franchise and was criticized online for 'daring' to take his spot. Ranveer and Farhan



agreed to hide and let the heat die down. The job required hard martial arts training, so Ranveer needed time to mentally and physically pre-

pare." After that, Kiara Advani, who replaced Priyanka Chopra as the female protagonist, got pregnant, the insider said. Farhan stopped filming

owing to her changing circumstances. Farhan also focused on his acting schedule for 120 Bahadur, where he plays Major Shaitan Singh. That film opens November 21, 2025. "With filming starting in January, the goal is to release the film by December 2026. "Priyanka Chopra may return to the Don franchise." After Dil Dhadakne Do, Ranveer and Vikrant Massey will reunite in this film.

Saif Ali Khan loses Rs 15,000 cr Bhopal ancestral assets

Divya Delhi : In an appeal by heirs of Nawab Hamidullah Khan, who challenged the previous property distribution in support of Sajida Sultan, the Nawab's daughter from great-grandmother Khan, the Madhya Pradesh High Court set aside a trial court order naming actor Saif Ali Khan, his sisters Soha and Saba, and mother Sharmila Tagore as the successors to the properties. Sajida Sultan received the ancestral property earlier. The former Nawab's heirs, who died in 1960, wanted to partition the private estates pursuant to the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Act, 1937, which was in effect at the time. They filed a trial court petition in 1999.



High Court has ordered the trial court to restart and finish the case in one year. This order could change the Bhopal royal family's inheritance. Saif Ali Khan's legal troubles escalated after the Madhya Pradesh High Court rejected his case against a government's move to divide his family's Rs 15,000 crore Bhopal ancestral lands as "enemy property." The Custodian of Enemy Property

Department declared the Pataudi family's Bhopal assets under the Enemy Property Act in 2014. Saif's childhood house Flag Staff House, Noor-U-Sabah Palace, Dar-U-Salam, Habibi Bungalow, Ahmedabad Palace, Kohefiza Property, and others were included in the verdict. The government can seize the properties of Post-Partition migrants to Pakistan under the Enemy Property Act.

Rajinikanth's Coolie to hit 100 countries?

Divya Delhi : Director Lokesh Kanakaraj's much-anticipated action film 'Coolie', starring Rajinikanth, may be released in over 100 countries on August 14! Hamsini Entertainment, a major international film distributor, is supporting global distribution. Hamsini Entertainment has

taken Indian cinema worldwide with over 130 films in multiple languages. Recently, Hamsini released The Greatest of All Time (GOAT) featuring Vijay in over 40 countries and Devara starring Jr. NTR in over 90 countries. Now, industry sources say Hamsini Entertainment is preparing for

their biggest release yet, targeting distribution in over 100 countries with 'Coolie', making it one of the most broad international releases for an Indian film. Sun Pictures' Coolie's record overseas acquisition for a Tamil film garnered headlines. For his fourth film with Lokesh

Kanagaraj, Anirudh created the music. Girish Gangadharan shot and Philomin Raj edited the film. The film is anticipated since it reunites Sathyaraj and Rajinikanth after 38 years. The 1986 Tamil smash 'Mr Bharath', in which Sathyaraj played Rajinikanth's father.

Urfi Remembers Death and Rape Threats in Her First Post

Divya Delhi : The Traitors' inaugural season was won by reality sensation Urfi Javed. The Traitors winner Urfi posted a reel on Instagram about her path from losing Bigg Boss to winning. Urfi wrote about her internet hostility and murder and rape threats in her long piece. The Traitors' inaugural season was won by reality sensation Urfi Javed. The Traitors winner Urfi posted a reel on Instagram about her path from losing Bigg Boss.

Bengaluru Court Bans Actor Kamal Haasan From Criticizing Kannada

Divya Delhi : Weeks after the Supreme Court said Kamal Haasan did not need to apologize for his "Kannada was born out of Tamil" claim, a Bengaluru court forbade him from criticizing the language. Kannada Sahitya Parishat petitioned an Additional City Civil and Sessions judge to injunct Mr. Haasan from defaming Kannada language and culture. The court barred the actor from "posting, making, issuing, writing, publishing and/or distributing



any statement or remarks claiming linguistic superiority over Kannada language or by making any statements having the effect of causing hurt or defaming the Kannada language, literature, land and culture" until the next hearing on August 30.

The Kannada Sahitya Parishat "has been working towards the promotion of Kannada language, literature and culture across the state of Karnataka" and "is empowered to take any steps in the interest of Kannadigas, their literature and culture" the

court remarked The Karnataka High Court advised Mr. Haasan against abusing his free speech after the statements caused a stir. "You can apologize, but not retract a word. The court said a scrambled egg is unsolvable. The actor said his statement was misinterpreted and that he respects Kannada, but he did not apologize. Pro-Kannada organizations tried to stop the film's release in Karnataka and threatened the-



# Women's voices and Punjabi culture shine at "Sunakhi Punjaban Season 7" auditions



**Divya Delhi :** Bharti Vidyapeeth Institute of Computer Applications and Management (BVI-CAM) in Delhi was filled with Punjabi colors and customs when over 100 young women auditioned for Sunaakhi Punjabon Season 7. The event celebrated Punjabi ancestry, cul-

ture, and women's skill. Sunaakhi Punjaban, inaugurated in Delhi in 2019, is unlike typical beauty pageants. Women's talent, dedication, and Punjabi heritage are appreciated over their beauty, height, and marital status. It's a movement that empowers women,



promotes leadership, and instills Punjabi pride, not just a competition. Participants performed well at auditions. Each performance, from traditional Giddha and Bhangra to passionate poems and socially conscious plays, captivated the audience. Many partici-

pants performed folk songs, solos, and debates about Punjabi folklore and modern concerns. The six respected judges—Jasmeet Kaur Soni (educationalist), Inderjit Kaur (Punjabi teacher), Tajinder Kaur (music teacher), Megha Rawat (lawyer) and Giddha



coach), Gurmans Singh, and Nazm Kaur—appreciated the creativity and talent of all the performances Sunakhi Punjaban empowers Punjabi women via culture.

The platform offers young women the chance to gain confidence, leadership, and

present their talents while passing on Punjabi traditions and values to future generations. The Sunakhi Punjaban team hopes to strengthen community identification and expand cultural involvement and personal growth as the competition progresses.



# Blue Ocean Corporation Expands in India to Power Supply Chain Future

**Divya Delhi :** Blue Ocean Corporation, a UK-based, Indian-owned multinational and global leader in supply chain training and consultancy, expands in India's dynamic logistics and procurement scene. Blue Ocean debuted at the ET Edge Supply Chain Management Fest 2025 in New Delhi as part of its long-term commitment to the country. Blue Ocean used the event to boost its aim of upskilling India's workforce and developing globally competent supply chain specialists. This supports national initiatives like Make in India, Atma Nirbhar Bharat, and India's goal of becoming a world-wide manufacturing hub. Blue Ocean Corporation Member of Board and former Indian cricket captain



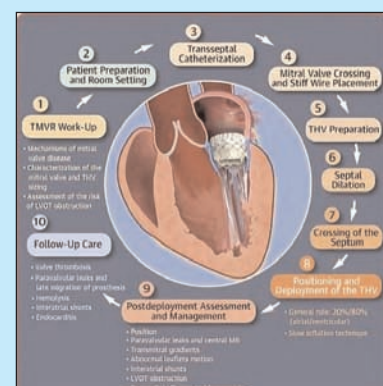
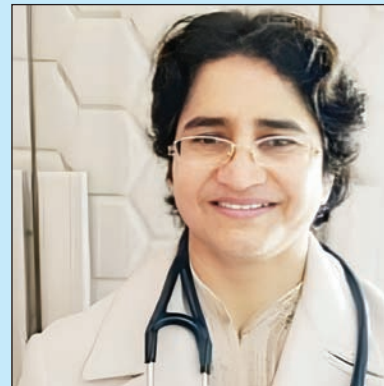
Sourav Ganguly said the company is building a stronger, more self-reliant India, not only professionals. "Our supply chain talent transformation will be a game-changer for the country's global ambitions," he said. India's economic story lacks competent labor, especially in supply chain and logistics, despite the government's historic infrastructure spending. The firm addresses India's supply chain and logistics skill deficit with 28

years of worldwide experience and 500,000+ alumni. "India's talent pool will determine its supply chain superpower status. International credentials, industry-aligned training, and strategic collaborations are Blue Ocean's approach to developing that ecosystem, said Group CEO Dr. Sathya Menon. Mr. Percy Jal Engineer, Senior Director – Academics at Blue Ocean Corporation, spoke at the event about the

future of supply chain education and workforce development in India. The company, which has locations in Delhi, Pune, Kochi, and Hyderabad, has announced a nationwide expansion. After a successful Mumbai debut in 2024, Blue Ocean will organize its flagship International Procurement and Supply Chain Conference (IPSC) in New Delhi this August. Over 650 decision-makers, specialists, and innovators will define India's supply chain ecosystem. Blue Ocean Corporation's hosting and participation in high-impact industry platforms reinforces its strategic goal to lead India's supply chain revolution, which will generate skills, ideas, and leadership that will define its worldwide stature.

# Heart mitral valve replacement using TMVR: Doctor Kavita Taygi

**Divya Delhi :** Heart mitral valve replacement (TMVR) is a transcatheter. It's less intrusive than open-heart surgery for mitral valve dysfunction. The damaged valve is replaced by a human-made or cow, pig, or human heart tissue valve. After the success of transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR), mitral valve pathology management has been studied. Patients with deteriorated mitral valve bioprostheses at high risk for recurrent surgery can now safely and effectively undergo valve-in-valve (ViV) transcatheter mitral valve replacement (TMVR). Mitral valve is one of four heart valves that direct blood flow. Mitral valve is between the left atrium and left ventricle. It has two leaflets that open and close with each heartbeat. When mitral valve repair is impossible, severe mitral valve disease patients need surgical replacement. Degeneration of the bioprosthetic valve is almost inevitable. The less invasive technique is welcome since deterioration requires repeat mitral valve replacement, a high-risk operation with significant mortality and major complications. Successful transseptal ViV-TMVR requires patient selection. Transseptal approach may not be possible if the patient underwent transseptal atrial septal defect repair or mitral



valve surgery. Those with a narrow left ventricular outflow tract (LVOT) and a lengthy, calcified anterior mitral valve leaflet are at risk for LVOT obstruction, the most dangerous TMVR complication. Adding a transcatheter valve to a tiny bioprosthesis will worsen the patient-prosthesis mismatch, so choose wisely. Endocarditis, significant paravalvular leak (PVL), thrombosis, or bioprosthesis dehiscence may contraindicate the surgery.

Patients prefer it since it is less invasive, avoids thoracotomy, and does not traumatize the LV. The big femoral vein usually allows a large sheath to be introduced safely. Third, venous access reduces pressure closure and vascular damage. Iatrogenic LVOT blockage is ViV-TMVR's Achilles heel regardless of access choice. The metal frame of the transcatheter valve pushes the anterior leaflet of the previous bio-

prosthesis toward the interventricular septum, narrowing the LVOT and causing LVOT blockage (LVOT peak gradient increase =10 mmHg post-TMVR). Cardiologists treat mitral valve dysfunction using numerous minimally invasive procedures. Mitral valve replacement and repair are options. MitraClip™ is a repair method. TMVR procedure:

what happens first? Before TMVR, echocardiography and CT scan arranged the operation. The transcatheter method is safer than open-heart surgery, but problems may occur: Stroke-causing blood clots. Trauma, such as left ventricular perforation or coronary artery injury. Left ventricular outflow tract obstruction causes left ventricle blood flow problems. Valves moving out of position. The heart team may switch to open-heart surgery if needed. Many people return to work and other activities weeks after TMVR.



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