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Security forces recover 203 firearms in major Manipur crackdown



IMPHAL in a significant crackdown on illicit weapons, security forces operating in the hill district of Manipur recovered a large cache of 203 firearms, ammunition, and other explosive materials on July 4th, 2025. The recovery was part of a series of intensive, intelligence-led joint operation conducted by the Manipur police, the Indian army and the Assam rifles, and other Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). The action was a direct response to the persistent ethnic violence that has destabilized the state since mid- 2023.

Speaking about the mission, Home Minister Shri Amit Shah called Operation Sindoor a symbol of India's soul. He said it reflects a nation that believes in justice, compassion, and collective responsibility. According to him, India's daughters are the pride of the nation, and their pain is the pain of the entire country. Their rescue was not just an act of policy—it was an act of love and duty. What made this mission even more commendable was its quiet strength. There were no press releases during the operations, no photographs leaked to the media, and no fanfare. The focus remained on the well-being of those rescued and the safety of those yet to be reached. It is this humility in action that sets such missions apart.

The success of Operation Sindoor also reminds us of the power of coordination. While diplomacy handled sensitive negotiations, intelligence agencies mapped out threats and plans. Air Force pilots flew at odd hours through complex routes. Embassies worked overtime to verify identities and process emergency documentation. Volunteers, NGOs, and local Indian communities in other countries also played a major role by informing authorities and extending shelter to victims. As the rescued women begin the long journey of healing, the Government of India is not stepping back. Rehabilitation efforts are already underway—counselling, legal support, temporary housing, and help with employment and education are being arranged to help these women start afresh. Some have even spoken about using their experience to raise awareness and help others who might be in similar situations. Operation Sindoor has touched the hearts of millions. It is a powerful reminder that no matter how far from home someone may be, the nation is watching, listening, and ready to help. The courage shown by the rescued women and the selfless service of the officers involved are a true reflection of India's values. In the end, Operation Sindoor is not just about bringing people back—it's about bringing back their confidence, their smile, their belief that they matter. It's about proving that every citizen counts, especially those whose voices are lost in the noise. It is a celebration of womanhood, a reaffirmation of justice, and a salute to the enduring strength of the Indian spirit.

Let this mission serve as a message to the world: India takes care of its own. Always.

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1 Woman, 2 daughters, and a life in Cave! Isn't it deplorable?



RUSSIAN WOMAN FOUND IN KARNATAKA CAVE SPEAKS

A 40-year-old Russian woman named Nina Kutina was discovered in a cave in Ramtirtha Hill, Gokarna, Karnataka, along with her two daughters, Prema (6) and Ama (4). Following a landslide in the area, the police conducted a routine inspection and discovered them living inside. This woman reportedly spent nearly two months living in this cave with her two daughters. Why is this woman compelled to live in this circumstance, and who is she? Nina Kutina is living in India entirely illegally because she lacks any legitimate travel or residency documents. With the cave leaking, Nina's way of life appears to consist of plastic mats, clothing, instant noodle packets, and a few other groceries. When an Israeli man disclosed that he is Nina Kutina's ex-husband and the father of the children who have been taken from his daughters, the narrative took a different turn. According to Dror Shlomo Goldstein, he and Kutina have been apart for a few years. A few months ago, Kutina took both of the children from Goa because Goldstein was living apart from them. He added that he had lost contact with them. The man begs the court to order the centre to hold off on reporting the kids right away. Due to his inability to locate his children, he filed a police complaint with the Panaji police station in Goa last year. The union government was permitted to send the woman and her daughters back to Russia after the Karnataka High Court denied this petition. When the matter was discussed in the supreme court, justice arose the questions to the men about "what is your right? Who are you? Please show us any official document that you are the declared father and why should we not direct your deportation?" "Publicity litigation" and "what were you doing when your children were living in a cave?" were additional remarks made by the justice. How come you were in Goa? The man wants to be their father and requested shared custody of their daughters. The Indian Supreme Court refused to overrule the high court's ruling. The court is primarily concerned with the welfare of children and the fact that the mother and children were not forcibly deported but were permitted to return to their country of origin. According to the court document, the Russian embassy extended an emergency travel window to the woman and her children from September 26 to October 9.

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Devastating Waters Reshape Life in Uttarakhand's Mountain District.



The tranquil valleys of Uttarkashi, nestled deep within Uttarakhand's Himalayan embrace, recently faced nature's brutal reminder of its overwhelming power. When torrential monsoon rains converged with melting glacial streams, the district transformed from a pilgrimage haven into a chaotic theater of survival. Rivers that once murmured gently through ancient stone channels suddenly roared with demonic fury, swallowing roads, homes, and hope in their muddy torrents. Rescue operations showcased remarkable human resilience. Local youth, many barely adults themselves, waded through dangerous currents carrying elderly neighbours to safety. The National Disaster Response Force arrived swiftly, their expertise proving invaluable in navigating treacherous terrain. Helicopters buzzed overhead, lowering supplies and evacuating the most vulnerable—pregnant women, infants, the infirm—to medical facilities downstream. Critical Reality: Uttarkashi remains at continued risk. Weather forecasts predict additional rainfall systems approaching the region throughout the monsoon season. Residents must remain vigilant, maintain emergency kits, and heed evacuation warnings immediately. Preparation today prevents tragedy tomorrow. "Mountains teach patience, rivers teach humility. When we forget these lessons, nature reminds us—sometimes gently, sometimes with overwhelming force. Uttarkashi's floods carry a message we must finally hear: respect the environment or face increasingly severe consequences."

— Dr. Anika Sharma, Environmental Scientist specializing in Himalayan Ecology

Community Response Amid devastation, humanity's finest qualities emerged brilliantly. Neighbors who had feuded for years worked shoulder-to-shoulder filling sandbags. Temples and gurdwaras opened their doors, transforming sacred spaces into temporary shelters providing hot meals and dry blankets. Social media networks coordinated relief efforts with impressive efficiency, connecting donors with those desperately needing assistance. Local NGOs mobilized rapidly, distributing essentials while government machinery processed damage assessments. The solidarity displayed—strangers sharing their last dry provisions, mechanics repairing rescue boats without charge, doctors treating patients by flashlight—illustrated communities at their absolute best when circumstances demand their worst endurance. Looking forward, Uttarkashi faces monumental rebuilding challenges. Reconstruction must incorporate disaster-resilient design principles—elevated structures, improved drainage infrastructure, reinforced embankments, and crucially, sustainable development policies respecting ecological boundaries. The district needs comprehensive early warning systems integrating real-time meteorological data with automated alert mechanisms reaching even the remotest villages. The floods have receded, but their lessons must remain permanently etched in our collective consciousness. Every decision regarding development, every construction project approved, every tree felled or preserved carries consequences. Uttarkashi's suffering demands we fundamentally reconsider our relationship with these fragile mountain ecosystems. The choice stands before us clearly: adapt our behaviors respectfully, or watch nature deliver increasingly harsh corrections until we finally learn.

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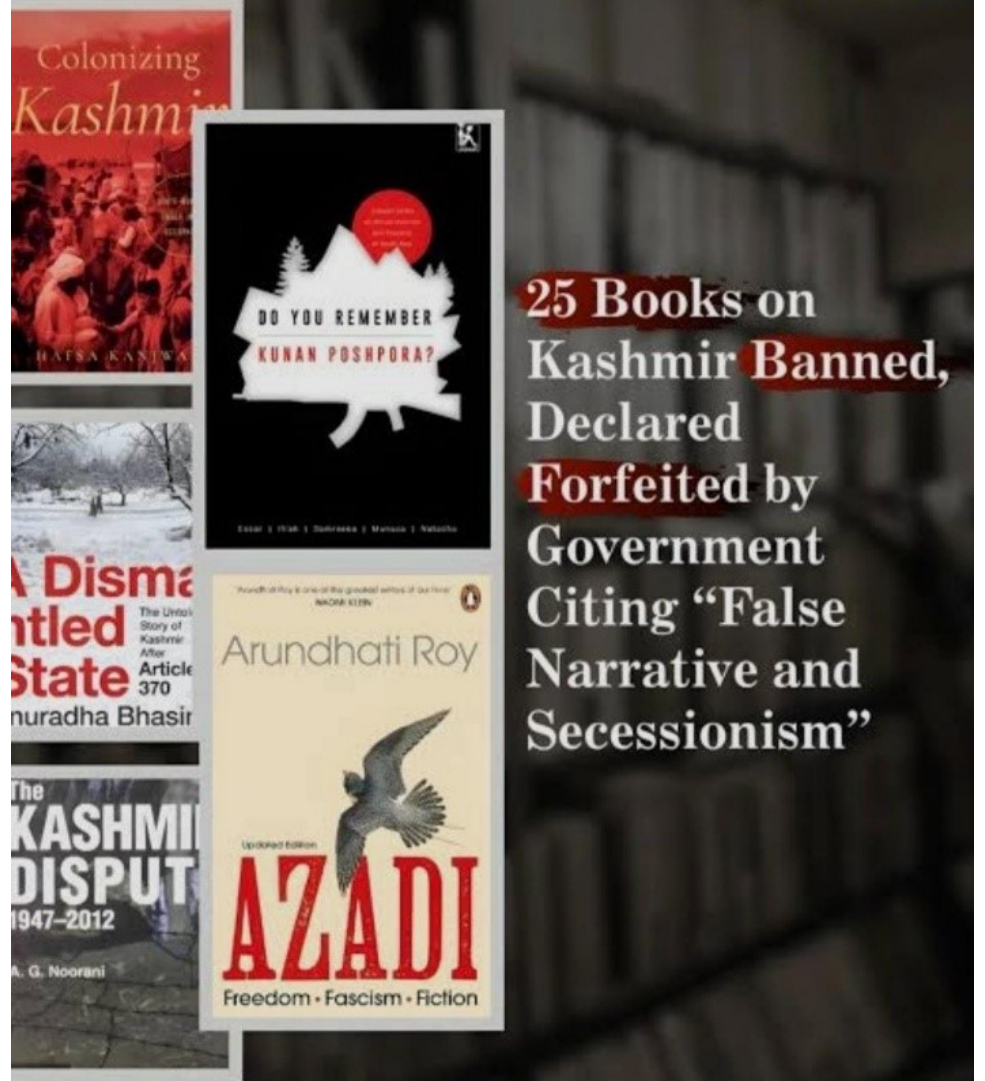
Jammu & Kashmir Government Bans Sale and Possession of 25 Books, Including Works of Prominent Authors

In a controversial move that has sparked widespread debate about freedom of expression and intellectual liberty, the Jammu & Kashmir government has officially banned the sale and possession of 25 books, including works by several prominent authors. This decision has sent shockwaves through the literary community, raising serious questions about censorship, democratic values, and the right to access information in one of India's most politically sensitive regions. The Ban: What We Know, The government order, issued under existing legal provisions, prohibits not only the sale but also the possession of these 25 titles within the union territory. The list reportedly includes works by well-known authors whose writings have been deemed problematic by authorities. While the exact titles and authors have been specified in the official notification, the ban encompasses books covering various subjects including political commentary, historical analysis, and social critique. According to official sources, the decision was taken in the interest of public order and national security. The government has maintained that these books contain content that could potentially disturb communal harmony, incite violence, or promote separatist ideologies. However, critics argue that such broad justifications can be used to suppress legitimate discourse and dissenting voices.

Literary Community Responds, The ban has drawn sharp criticism from authors, publishers, academics, and civil rights activists across the country. Many have characterized it as an assault on intellectual freedom and a dangerous precedent that threatens the fundamental right to read, write, and think freely.

Prominent writers and intellectuals have expressed concern that banning books, especially those by established authors, represents a regressive step in a democratic society. They argue that ideas should be countered with better ideas and debate, not through prohibition and censorship. The literary community has pointed out that many of the banned works are scholarly texts that offer important historical and political perspectives on the region.

Legal and Constitutional Implications From a legal standpoint, the ban raises important constitutional questions. While the government has the authority to restrict certain forms of expression under reasonable restrictions outlined in the Constitution, critics argue that blanket bans on books may not meet the test of reasonableness, especially when applied to



serious literary and academic works. Legal experts have noted that book bans must be carefully scrutinized to ensure they don't violate fundamental rights guaranteed under Article 19(1)(a) of the Indian Constitution, which protects freedom of speech and expression. The question of whether possession of these books can be criminalized has also been raised, with many arguing that reading material in private should remain protected under the right to privacy. Impact on Readers and Booksellers, The practical impact of this ban extends beyond symbolic concerns about freedom of expression. Booksellers in the region now face the challenge of removing these titles from their inventory, while readers who already own these books are left in a legal gray area. The ban also affects libraries, educational institutions, and researchers who may have legitimate academic reasons to access these materials. Publishers have expressed concern about the chilling effect such bans can have on future publications. When books can be banned retroactively, it creates uncertainty in the publishing industry and may discourage authors from writing on sensitive but important topics. The Way Forward, As this controversy unfolds, several questions remain unanswered. Will the ban be challenged in court? How will it be enforced? And most importantly, what does this mean for the future of intellectual freedom in the region?

Civil society organizations and literary groups are calling for a transparent review process and urging the government to reconsider its decision. They argue that in a democracy, the answer to speech we disagree with should be more speech, not silence. The coming weeks will likely see continued debate and possibly legal challenges to this ban, as stakeholders grapple with the fundamental question of how to balance security concerns with the cherished democratic value of free expression.

This ban serves as a reminder of the ongoing tension between state authority and individual liberty, and the need for constant vigilance in protecting the rights that form the foundation of a free and open society.

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Delhi's Stray Dog Dilemma – Supreme Court Orders Shelters

On August 11, 2025, India's Supreme Court passed a significant order that grabbed headlines across the country. The Court directed the Delhi government to move all stray dogs from public streets to shelters within a set timeframe. The decision comes amid growing public concern over stray dog attacks, especially incidents involving children, and fears of diseases like rabies spreading through the city. The order isn't just about rounding up dogs and putting them somewhere. It asks civic authorities to adopt a humane, scientific approach: catch the dogs, sterilize them, vaccinate them, and only then relocate them to approved shelters. The goal is clear — public safety without harming the animals. But as with most big orders, the implementation is where the challenge lies. Delhi reportedly has around one million stray dogs, and while shelters exist, they are not nearly enough to accommodate such large numbers. This immediately sparked criticism from animal rights groups, who called the move "impractical and insensitive". They argue that removing all dogs from streets overnight is impossible and could even backfire, causing panic among the animals and potential chaos in neighbourhoods. To balance things out, the Supreme Court later allowed dogs to be returned to their original areas if shelters are full, provided they have



'Stray Dog Issue Due To Authorities' Inaction': Supreme Court Reserves Order On Plea To Stay Directions To Remove Delhi Stray Dogs

been sterilized and vaccinated. Municipal bodies are now looking into controlled feeding zones and regular medical check-ups for strays, aiming to reduce human-dog conflict while maintaining animal welfare. The debate also highlights a bigger issue: the fine line between public safety and compassion for animals. On one hand, residents want safe streets; on the other, dogs have adapted to urban life and need care and protection. Experts say that long-term solutions like catch, sterilize, vaccinate, and release (CSV) programs are more sustainable than mass relocation. In the coming months, it will be interesting to see how Delhi manages this delicate balance. The Supreme Court's order is a reminder that urban wildlife, even in the form of stray dogs, can't be ignored. At the same time, it shows that laws need to be implemented thoughtfully, with enough infrastructure, planning, and empathy to truly work. For now, residents will have to adjust, dog lovers will keep advocating, and authorities will have their hands full making sure that Delhi's streets are both safe for humans and humane for animals.

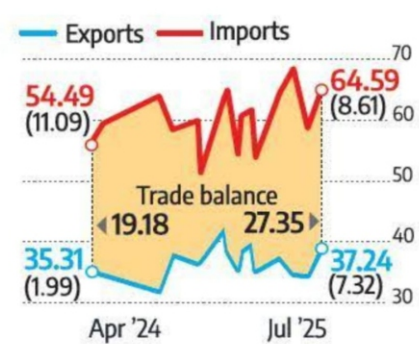
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India's trade deficit widens to \$27.35 billion

In July 2025, India's trade gap crept up to its highest level in eight months, reaching \$27.35 billion, according to early estimates from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. This is notably higher than the \$24.77 billion recorded in July of the previous year, and an increase from the \$18.78 billion registered in June. On the bright side, exports of goods showed a rebound in July. They rose by around 7.3%, reaching approximately \$37.24 billion, driven in large part by stronger shipments to the United States just before planned tariff increases took effect. Yet at the same time, imports of goods surged too — up about 8.6% from two months of decline — to reach a three-month high of around \$64.6 billion.

When services are included, the picture offers a little more balance. Presidenting services exports grew by about 1.4%, reaching \$31.03 billion, while services imports fell by around 3.4% to \$15.4 billion. That produced a surplus in services trade of roughly \$15.63 billion. Overall, combining goods and services, total exports were up roughly 4.5% in July at about \$68.3 billion, while total imports climbed ~6% to about \$80 billion. What are the take-aways here? One, India is seeing a solid pickup in export activity, especially in sectors beyond oil and gems—industries like electronics, pharmaceuticals, engineering goods and chemicals led the export rebound. For example, electronics exports jumped about 33.9%, engineering goods about 13.7%, drugs & pharmaceuticals about 14%, and gems & jewellery close to 28.9%. Two, though, the import bill is swelling — particularly for crude oil and gold.

Snapping decline India's merchandise trade (\$ bn), figures in brackets show growth (%)



Source: Department of Commerce

Petroleum and crude oil imports rose ~7.4% to \$15.5 billion, gold imports jumped ~13.8% to \$3.97 billion, and electronics imports rose ~12.8% to \$9.8 billion. Fertiliser imports, perhaps surprisingly, surged ~133% to \$1.6 billion. From a policy vantage, the government appears alert. Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal noted that despite global uncertainties, India's goods and services exports continue to perform well. In response to the widening gap and to boost competitiveness, India is fast-tracking free trade agreements (FTAs) with several countries and trade blocs — including with the four-member European Free Trade Association (EFTA), the European Union (EU), and nations such as Oman, Chile and Peru. Further, the government's new "Export Promotion Mission" seeks to drive inclusive export growth up to FY31, with particular focus on micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). In simple terms: while there's good news in exports gaining support, the import side is growing faster, making the trade deficit wider. It signals that India's growth is still import-heavy and vulnerable to rising global commodity prices and import dependencies. With export trend turning positive, the challenge ahead is to sustain it, widen the export basket further, and keep the import surge in check.

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Sudarshan Chakra - India's Leading Defence System



Mission Sudarshan Chakra was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 15, 2025, the 79th Independence Day of India. A comprehensive, multi-layered, and indigenous system is being built for India as part of this initiative. The incidents that occurred in India in 2025 and the drive for India's security and self-reliance are directly tied to this mission.

India began Operation Sindoor against Pakistan in 2025 after the Pahalgam attack. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Mission Sudarshan Chakra in response to the escalating tensions between India and Pakistan. The mission's concept was developed with consideration for security issues, such as Pakistan's missile and drone attacks.

Lord Shri Krishna's weapon served as the inspiration for the mission's name. The Sudarshan Chakra serves as inspiration because, when Shri Krishna spins Sudarshan during the time of Dharma, sin is eliminated, Dharma is established, and the triumph of truth is decided.

The goal of this ten-year defense project is to create a national security shield that will be operational by 2035. We became aware of the significance of defense when India was unexpectedly attacked and similar incidents occurred. We need a multi-layered defense system that can protect everyone for India's security. India's armed forces and current missile defense system fared well against Pakistan's drone and missile attacks during Operation Sindoor. The Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) had previously presented the "Raksha Kavach" concept, a multi-layered defense system, earlier in the year. Conceptually, the Sudarshan Chakra is comparable to systems such as the US Golden Dome and Israel's Iron Dome, but it is being designed with more sophisticated, indigenous, and future-ready capabilities. It will be launched from satellites, ships, and the ground. Mission Sudarshan Chakra will be implemented in two phases, in 2030 and 2035. In addition to reviewing the project and providing an action plan that includes a medium-term plan through 2030 and a long-term plan through 2035, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has announced that he will also review the combined commanders conference in Kolkata on September 16, 2025. Mission Sudarshan Chakra, according to Air Chief Marshal Amarpreet Singh, would be a dynamic and integrated ecosystem that would combine already-inducted military assets like the S-400 with next-generation weapons under development, such as Project Kusha. The launch of Mission Sudarshan Chakra is expected to cost between Rs 130,000 and Rs 170,000 crore, with an initial outlay of about Rs 25,000 crore for yearly operating expenses.

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September 2025: OTT & Movie Trends — What's Hot Right Now



September 2025 was an exciting month for movie buffs and binge-watchers alike. With a mix of big-ticket films, new OTT series, and trending social media sensations, there was no shortage of entertainment options to keep people glued to their screens.

One of the most talked-about releases was Saiyaara. The film not only drew attention for its storyline and performances but also became a social media phenomenon. Reels, memes, and fan edits flooded Instagram and X, making it the internet's favourite trend for weeks. On the other hand, Rajinikanth's Coolie hit OTT platforms and rekindled nostalgia, especially for fans following the superstar's milestone year.

Streaming platforms went all out this September, releasing content across languages and genres. Hindi crime thrillers like Inspector Zende kept viewers on the edge of their seats, while romantic dramas such as Aankhon Ki Gustaakhiyan offered emotional relief. Regional content also gained momentum; Malayalam fantasy-thriller Lokah: Chapter 1—Chandra became one of the most streamed shows on Netflix India. The trend is clear: viewers no longer stick to just one language or type of story — they want variety and quality.

The “weekend drop” strategy proved successful again. Netflix, Amazon Prime, and Hotstar mostly released content on Fridays or Saturdays, catering to the growing habit of binge-watching over weekends. Shows like The Bads of Bollywood sparked discussions for their inside look at the industry, blending drama with real-life gossip. Fans were actively debating plot twists, performances, and hidden details, keeping the conversation alive on social media.

The overall trend in September shows how the OTT space has evolved. People are looking for entertaining, sharable, and binge-worthy content, whether it's a thriller, romance, or fantasy. It's not just about watching a show; it's about being part of the conversation. With such diverse releases, audiences are spoiled for choice, and every weekend now feels like a mini film festival at home.

So, whether you're catching Saiyaara, diving into a thriller like Inspector Zende, or exploring regional gems like Lokah, September 2025 proved to be a month where there truly was something for everyone — and the buzz doesn't seem to be dying anytime soon.

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Cloudburst and Flash Floods in Kolkata



Kolkata has witnessed devastating cloudbursts and flash floods that have brought the city to a standstill. The sudden and intense downpours within a few hours caused severe waterlogging across major parts of the city, including areas like Park

Street, Behala, Tollygunge, and Salt Lake. Roads turned into rivers, traffic came to a halt, and people struggled to reach their homes or workplaces. Schools and offices were forced to close as water levels rose rapidly, submerging vehicles and ground

floors of many houses. A cloudburst refers to an extreme amount of rainfall occurring in a very short period, usually over a small area. When this happens in a densely populated city like Kolkata, the impact is catastrophic. The old and inadequate drainage system of the city failed to cope with the sudden volume of water, resulting in widespread flooding. The situation was made worse by blocked drains filled with plastic waste and debris, preventing proper water flow. In several localities, power supply had to be cut off for safety reasons, leaving residents without electricity and communication for hours. Rescue teams from the Kolkata Municipal Corporation and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) worked tirelessly to assist stranded citizens. Boats were used to evacuate people from the most affected areas, and relief camps were set up to provide food and shelter. Hospitals faced difficulties in reaching patients, and emergency services were severely delayed. Experts have linked this extreme weather to the growing impact of climate change. Rising global temperatures have increased the likelihood of intense rainfall and unpredictable

weather patterns. Moreover, unplanned urbanization and the loss of green cover have reduced the city's natural capacity to absorb rainwater. Concretization and encroachment on wetlands have made the situation even worse, turning heavy rainfall into dangerous floods within minutes. The government and civic authorities are now being urged to take long-term measures. Strengthening the drainage system, restoring natural water bodies, banning plastic use, and improving solid waste management are some essential steps. Awareness among citizens about keeping drains clean and avoiding littering is equally important. The recent cloudburst and flash floods in Kolkata serve as a serious warning. They highlight the urgent need for climate resilience and sustainable urban planning. If timely measures are not taken, such incidents will continue to occur more frequently, putting lives, infrastructure, and the environment at risk. Kolkata's struggle with flash floods is not just a local issue—it is a reflection of how cities across India must prepare for the challenges of a changing climate.

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Punjab Flood Nightmare: Climate Change and Human Error



As a journalist student, I've witnessed firsthand the devastating impact of floods on Punjab village. The recent floods in August 2025, regarded as one of the worst in nearly four decades, have left a trail of destruction and despair in their wake. Over 1,400 villages were submerged and more than 3.71 lakh acres of farmland were inundated.

The Humanitarian Crises: The floods have resulted in a humanitarian crises, with thousands of families forced to evacuate their homes and seek shelter in relief camps. The aftermath of floods has seen a surge in waterborne diseases, and the lack of access to clean water and sanitation facilities has exacerbated the situation. The emotional toll on the affected communities is palpable, with many farmer having lost their entire crops and livelihoods.

Climate change: The Underlying Factor Climate change has emerged as a significant factor contributing to the increased frequency and severity of floods in Punjab. This is evident in the unusually heavy monsoon rains that hit Punjab in August 2025, causing the Sutlej Beas and the Ravi river to swell beyond their capacity.

Human Error and Infrastructure Neglect

However, human error and infrastructure neglect have also played a significant role in exacerbating the floods impact. The failure to implement crucial preventive measures, such as desilting canals and reinforcing riverbanks, has worsened the situation. Unregulated construction and mining activities have also contributed to the increase vulnerability of the region.

The Road to Recovery: The road to recovery will be long and arduous, but there are steps that can be taken to mitigate the impact of future floods. Investing in climate resilient infrastructure, promoting sustainable agriculture practices, and implementing effective disaster management strategies can help reduce the vulnerability of Punjab villages.

Conclusion
The floods in Punjab are a stark reminder of the devastating impact of climate change and human error. It's time for policymakers and stakeholders to take proactive approach to mitigate the effects of natural disasters. By working together, we can build a more resilient and the sustainable future for the people of Punjab.

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India- China's diplomatic reset and the future of South Asia



The engagement ahead of the SCO summit represented a crucial moment that would shape the trajectory of India-China relation. Chinese President Xi Jinping and India Prime Minister Narendra Modi. China Daily via REUTERS Diplomacy in Asia is moving at a swift pace where the upcoming SCO summit will emerge as the latest focal point. As the two Asian powers reengage, Foreign Minister Wang Yi's recent visit to New Delhi on 18-19 August laid the foundation of this reset. The engagement ahead of the SCO summit represented a crucial moment that would shape the trajectory of India-China relations. During his visit, he held meetings and talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar. In the aftermath of the Galwan clash, these meetings carried a lot of symbolism and substance. He invited Modi to attend the upcoming SCO summit, which Modi has accepted, signalling the openness to exploring arrangements beyond Western frameworks. The issues raised in these meetings ranged from the Line of Actual Control (LAC) disengagement to easing trade restrictions and sharing hydrological data regarding the new dam in Tibet. As US economic pressure mounts, India is looking to diversify its ties, and a regional multilateral framework like the SCO opens a viable avenue. Wang's itinerary also included Pakistan and Afghanistan after his India visit. This highlights that China would be playing a central role in South Asia's security apparatus. Beijing is navigating a complex triangular dynamic existing between India, China, and Pakistan. With this context, important questions arise, like what agendas will dominate the SCO summit, how far this potential reset will go, and what are the implications for South Asia. The stage setting for the summit has been completed, with the disengagement and reopening of border points, the lifting of the ban on rare earth magnets, the restoration of fertiliser supplies, and talks on resuming direct flights. With the mix of these pragmatic and sensitive agendas, SCO can be used to advance these issues. Border disengagement can be one of the talking

points. Strengthening economic ties and trade facilitation will also be major themes. Discussions on resource flows, energy cooperation, and supply chains have become more and more prominent on the SCO's agenda, providing Beijing and New Delhi with a formal forum to discuss issues like high-tech products, rare earths, and fertilisers. Under the SCO's auspices, a potentially delicate bilateral negotiation receives credibility, enabling both nations to show collaboration without undermining their bargaining positions. Hydrological cooperation will also emerge, most likely under the SCO's focus on sustainable development and ecological security, especially with regard to China's massive project in Tibet. While China can portray its projects as aligned with regional development objectives, India finds that bringing up the issue on a multilateral basis helps ensure transparency. Both India and China share an outlook on domestic economic development; i.e., foreign policy is being used as a tool to achieve it. Leading them to downplay their ideological differences. This explains the emphasis on economics, trade, and connectivity. They recognise that creating a stable environment is essential to sustain their growth. Even this kind of pragmatism does not exist in a vacuum; it is rather shaped by U.S. economic pressure. Trump's sweeping tariffs on India form the broader backdrop and also catalyse India-China closeness. Washington's accusations that India is profiteering from Russian oil have unsettled the U.S.-India ties. The U.S. courting Pakistan amidst the existing tension between India and Pakistan has rattled New Delhi. Wang Yi's travel to Pakistan and Afghanistan showed China's position as a central stabiliser in South Asia. In Kabul, he chaired the Sixth Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Dialogue with Pakistan's Ishaq Dar and Afghanistan's Amir Khan Muttaqi. All sides

pledged to advance counterterrorism efforts, enhance trade and transit, and extend the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) into Afghanistan. This was aimed at tackling the threats to Chinese projects, reflecting the economic as well as security motivations. Later in Pakistan, he re-emphasised the iron brotherhood bond while pushing regional integration. Moreover, these visits focused on the dynamics that reassured Pakistan of China's support and also drew Afghanistan into its connectivity vision. Around 20 leaders, observers, and dialogue partners are coming together for the SCO summit, which is a major optic for China's diplomacy. Several incremental outcomes can be expected. Confidence-building measures on border disengagement may be

announced, intended to reduce friction along the Line of Actual Control. Although SCO is a stepping stone in India-China relations, it is not a magic wand that would eliminate the existing structural issues. By institutionalising earlier announcements and advancing modest confidence-building measures, it can provide a framework for steady engagement. For Beijing, it is an opportunity to demonstrate that China is central to Asia's diplomacy. The real test lies beyond the summit: whether India and China can convert symbolic gestures into durable mechanisms of cooperation and whether Pakistan and Afghanistan can be drawn into stable patterns of regional integration.

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Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers?" National Doctor's Day 2025



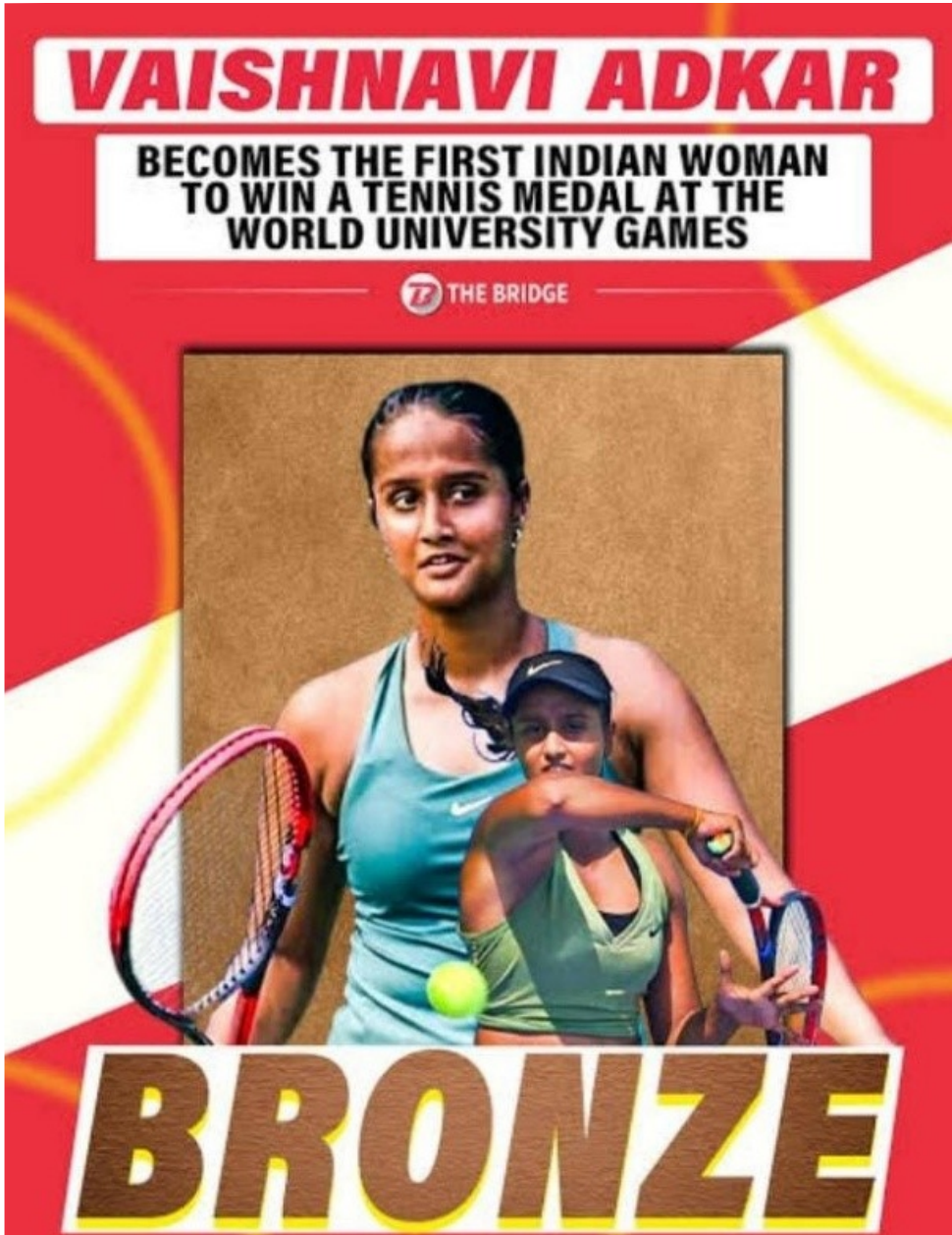
Every year on 1st July, India celebrates National Doctor's Day to honour the hard work and dedication of doctors. This year, the theme is "Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers?", which focuses on the mental and emotional health challenges that doctors face while caring for others. Doctors are often seen as strong and tireless, but behind the mask, they are human too. Long working hours, pressure to save lives, and handling critical situations every day can leave them feeling tired and stressed. Many doctors face judgment or misunderstanding from society when things do not go as planned, which adds extra pressure on their mental health. The COVID-19 pandemic made this even clearer. While doctors were on the front lines fighting the virus, many experienced fear, anxiety, and loneliness. They often put their own needs aside to take care of patients, showing great dedication and care. Yet, very few people think about how doctors themselves need support, rest, and

understanding. It is important for society to recognize that doctors can also feel unwell emotionally. Just as they treat others with care, they too need encouragement, kindness, and moments to relax. Simple gestures like saying "thank you," offering respect, or listening to them can make a big difference in their daily lives. National Doctor's Day reminds us not only to appreciate doctors but also to think about their well-being. Hospitals and workplaces should provide better mental health support, proper rest, and opportunities for doctors to share their feelings without fear. After all, doctors can give their best to patients only when they are healthy in both body and mind. This day is a chance to reflect on the invisible struggles of doctors and to show love and respect for the people who save lives every day. Behind every smile and every mask, there is a human being who deserves care and support just like anyone else.

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In the FISU World University Games 2025 in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany, Indian athletes won 12 medals- two gold, five silver and five bronze.



Around 300 Indian athletes competed for medals in 18 different sports at the 32nd edition of the World University Games. India has been participating in the World University Games since the inaugural edition in 1959. In the 2025 edition, India won their first bronze medal in the mixed badminton event. India won its first badminton medal in the history of the World University Games 2025. Vaishnavi Adkar, a 20-year-old tennis player, has made history by becoming the first Indian woman to win a medal at the World University Games. She also secured a bronze medal after reaching the semifinals of the Women's singles event. Through this achievement, Nandalal, India's only tennis medallist who won a silver medal in men's singles at the 1979 World University Games in Mexico City. In the Women's team compound archery, the trio of Parneet Kaur, Avneet Kaur, and Madhura Dhamangaonkar won the bronze medal by defeating Great Britain 232-224. In men's team compound archery, Kushal Dalal, Sahil Jadhav and Hritik Sharma won a silver medal, narrowly missing gold after a close score of 232-231 against Turkey. Parneet Kaur and Kushal Dalal both made history by winning India's first-ever gold medal in mixed team compound archery, defeating South Korea 157-154. Sahil Rajesh Jadhav won the gold medal in men's individual compound archery, further enhancing India's

achievements at the Games. India's athletics delegation secured an impressive performance, with nearly half of the country's total medal haul. Praveen Chithravel won a silver medal in the men's triple jump with an amazing effort of 16.66m, Seema and Ankita dhyani both claimed silver medals in women's 5000m and 3000m steeplechase. The Men's 4x100m Relay team, Lalu Prasad Bhoi, Animesh Kujur, Manikanta Hoblidhar and Dondapati Mrutyum Jayaram, secured their bronze medal. Dev Kumar Meena set a new national record in pole vault, finished fifth place in the final. This impressive achievement highlights his exceptional talent. In the 2022 Asian Games, silver medallist Ancy Sojan secured eighth place in the women's long jump, while the national champion in the men's long jump, Jeswin Aldrin, lost the 12-man final, placing 18th in the qualifiers with a best effort of 7.43m. In swimming, Olympian Srihari Nataraj set a new record by breaking the national records in the men's 100m and 200m freestyle events, clocking times of 49.46 seconds and 1:48.11, respectively. Rohit Benediction registered India's best time in the men's 50m butterfly with 23.96 seconds. The athletes' impressive achievements highlight skills, confidence and remarkable talents in their games, making the entire nation proud.

By: Sneha BMM 3 Sem

The prestigious Mrs India International Queen 2025 beauty pageant



was successfully hosted at the Leela Ambience Convention Hotel, Delhi, bringing together participants, celebrities and dignitaries from various parts of the country, marking a nationwide celebration of talent." India's most prestigious Mrs India International beauty pageant for married women across the world with the motto "Be Strong, Be Confident, Be YOU! The beauty pageant set a new standard in the industry by awarding ₹1 Lakh to the winner, ₹50,000 to the 1st Runner-up, and ₹25,000 to the 2nd Runner-up across both Mrs and Classic Mrs categories. At the event, Bollywood Actress Amrita Rao presented as the Chief guest, while Ankita Saroha, Founder-Director of Mrs India International Queen, crowned Mrs Kanupriya Mohan Kaushik from Gurgaon as the winner of the Mrs India International Queen 2025 title and Dr Ritu Bir from Faridabad won the crown as the Classic Mrs India International Queen 2025 category. Mrs India International Queen 2025, 1st Runner-up title crowned to Dr Apra Attri from Shimla, while Mrs Shweta Gandhi from New Zealand won the 2nd Runner-up title. In the Classic Category, the 1st Runner-up title was awarded to Dr Sarita Naik from Mumbai, followed by Mrs Sonal Sanjay Desai from Surat won the 2nd Runner-up title. Over 80 subtitle awards were also distributed among all the participants. The founder-director of the pageant, Mrs Ankita Saroha, has a pageant vision: She said, "Our motto is -Be strong, Be Confident, Be You! To empower married women to rediscover their individuality, strength, aspirations and unforgettable dreams. She aims to break the stereotypes

in beauty pageants and provide a platform for married women to become role models for society. This initiative focuses on promoting confidence building, self-transformation and talents recognition, irrespective of age or background. The pageant's comprehensive selection process started with auditions held nationwide, including evaluation Rounds with an Introduction, talent showcase, and personal interviews, personality, stage presence, traditional wear and evening wear to ensure that every participant is evaluated properly. The 4-day event will be attended by empowering participants who will focus on self-defence beauty and wellness sexual health, financial independence, and mental health Partnership with Makeup sponsor Orane International Janakpuri and Mr Ricky Wong the catwalk trainer Former winner and special guests, including Mrs Manju Upadhyay, Mrs Pooja Gangyan, Dr Jyotsana Chadha and Mrs Sharmishta Das Dey, presenting as the Guest of Honour, added a sense of prestige and mentorship to the event, while the panel of former titleholders and industry experts provided a portion and narrative of the judging process. Contestants were evaluated based on their poise, talent, and self-confidence, making the pageant a celebration of women's empowerment and achievement. The success of Mrs India International Queen 2025 highlights the importance of platforms that recognise and honour married women, combine glamour with dignity, and set new standards in India's beauty talent.

By Sneha BMM 3 Sem

“Educate Girls” makes history with Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025



New Delhi, 31 August 2025 – India’s non-profit sector has achieved a landmark moment: the organisation Educate Girls (officially the Foundation to Educate Girls Globally) has been awarded the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025 — becoming the first Indian organisation ever to receive this accolade.

The Manila-based award foundation cited Educate Girls “for its commitment to addressing cultural stereotyping through the education of girls and young women, liberating them from the bondage of illiteracy and infusing them with skills, courage, and agency to achieve their full human potential.” Founded in 2007 by Safeena Husain, a London School of Economics graduate who returned from the United States to take up the challenge of girls’ education in India’s remote districts, the organisation began with a pilot in Rajasthan and has since scaled across thousands of villages. Over the past two decades, Educate Girls has reportedly mobilised more than 2 million out-of-school girls into classrooms and supported remedial learning for millions more. In her remarks, Husain called the recognition “a proud milestone ... but also a reminder of how much more there is to do.” Looking ahead, the organisation has set a goal of reaching 10 million learners by 2035,

through deepened government partnerships and further community mobilisation. The Ramon Magsaysay Award, often described as Asia’s equivalent of the Nobel Prize, was established in 1957 and is bestowed annually for outstanding leadership and selfless service across the continent. The formal presentation ceremony for the 2025 laureates will take place on 7 November at the Metropolitan Theatre in Manila.

Why this matters: it signals global recognition for grassroots work in girls’ education in India, especially in underserved rural areas. It could galvanise greater investment and policy attention to the gender gap in education. The symbolic value of an Indian organisation being honoured may encourage similar initiatives and innovations in social development. The award ceremony, held in Manila, Philippines, celebrated the achievements of individuals and organizations working toward social justice and change across Asia. Representatives from August-Educate Girls expressed gratitude for the recognition, stating, this award is not just for us but for every girl who dreams of an education. We hope to inspire others to join the fight for educational equality.

By: Sakshi Singh BMM 3rd Sem

Rajasthan's Manika Vishwakarma Crowned Miss Universe India 2025

Jaipur, August 18, 2025: The glittering night of India’s premier beauty pageant witnessed a new star rise to national fame as 22-year-old Manika Vishwakarma from Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan, was crowned Miss Universe India 2025 in a grand finale held in Jaipur. A graduate in Political Science and Economics from Delhi University, Manika outshone 48 contestants from across the country to claim the prestigious national title. Overwhelmed with emotion, she dedicated her victory to her parents, mentors, and friends, expressing gratitude for their constant support. “This feeling is so amazing. The journey has been incredible,” she said, moments after her win.

Before this national triumph, Manika had earned the title of Miss Universe Rajasthan 2024 and placed among the Top 20 in the national competition that year. Her consistent growth in the pageant circuit has now culminated in this remarkable achievement. With the crown now on her

head, Manika will go on to represent India at the Miss Universe 2025 pageant, scheduled to be held in Thailand on November 21, 2025. Her win is not just a personal victory but a source of inspiration for young women from small towns across India. Coming from a modest background in Rajasthan, she embodies the spirit of perseverance, ambition, and grace.

Manika’s academic accomplishments and articulate responses during the finale showcased a new dimension of beauty pageants — one that values intellect and substance alongside style and glamour. She also bagged special titles such as “Best in Personal Interview” and “Miss Beautiful Smile”, further highlighting her all-round excellence. The first runner-up title went to Tanya Sharma from Uttar Pradesh, while Mehak Dhingra from Haryana secured the position of second runner-up. As Manika prepares to represent India on the international stage, the spotlight will now



turn toward her training and grooming sessions for the global competition. With her blend of confidence, intelligence, and social awareness, pageant experts and fans alike are hopeful that she will bring the Miss Universe crown back to India. The journey to the crown was not without

challenges, but Manika’s dedication and resilience have made her a symbol of hope for countless aspirants. As she embarks on this exciting new chapter, the nation watches with pride, confident that she will make India shine on the world stage.

By: Sakshi Singh BMM 3 Sem

First female para swimmer with autism



Jiya Rai, a 17-year-old Indian para swimmer with Autism Spectrum Disorder, made history by becoming the first female with ASD to successfully swim the treacherous 34-km Catalina Channel solo. She completed the feat in over 15 hours, dedicating her swim to autism awareness. Jiya’s journey is one of courage, resilience, and inspiration. Jiya Rai has become the first girl with autism to swim solo across the Catalina Channel in the United States. Jiya, the daughter of Indian Navy commander Madan Rai, dedicated her achievement to increasing awareness about autism. Her accomplishment adds to a remarkable list of achievements. Despite her disability, Jiya continues to pursue her goal of becoming

the youngest para-swimmer to cross seven oceans, cementing her place as one of India’s most inspirational athletes. The officials said in the 100-year history of Catalina Channel swimming, Jiya is the first girl with ASD to achieve this feat. She began her solo swim at midnight on Sep 25 from Catalina Island and finished at San Pedro, California, in the afternoon of Sep 26. More people have scaled Mount Everest than swim across the English Channel. In the last 100 years, only about 1,700 people have swum across the English Channel. (ANI) Her swimming achievements have been registered in Asia Books of Records and India Books of Records.

By: Sadhana BMM 1 Sem

Always behind, Never beside

It's strange.
How they walk.
unbothered, slow, light.
But I am running.
And running.
Breathless. Heart in hand.
Am running.
But still behind.
Always behind.
I become a detective.
Detective of my own existence,
searching for fingerprints.

On a crime I didn't commit.
On a place I don't fit.
I carry rooms within me
Rooms filled with ghosts
Ghosts that look exactly
Like the people I sit beside.
People with lots of lies
People Who got lot to hide.
Am running from them.
Am running behind them.
Am running and running and running

By: Nisha, BMM, IIIrd Sem



सरहदों की दिवाली

क्यू हर दिन इस सोच में बीत जाता है,
की मैं घर लौट पाउंगा या नहीं |
घर की दिवाली की बहुत याद आती
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बच्चे मुझे याद करते होंगे,
इस बात से अनजान,
की उनके पिता,
सरहद पर किसी दुश्मन से जूझ रहे
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इस देश के नाम हो जाता है |
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क्योंकि मेरे लहू से ही
इस धरती को जीवन मिलता है |

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