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Bad Weather Diverts Siddaramaiah's Flight to Jaipur

> Vikrama Vahini | Delhi
A special flight carrying outgoing Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was diverted to Jaipur on Thursday due to adverse weather conditions while en route to New Delhi. According to sources, the diversion was carried out as a precautionary measure to ensure passenger safety amid unfavourable flying conditions. The flight was originally scheduled to land in the national capital. Several senior leaders were also on board, including Congress state in-charge and AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala, Minister K.J. George, Minister Byrathi Suresh, legal advisor Ponnanna, Legislative Council member Dr Yathindra, and AICC Secretary Abhishek Dutt.

No Double Standards on Terror: Doval

> Vikrama Vahini | Moscow
India's National Security Adviser Ajit Doval on Thursday stressed that there should be no "double standards" in the global fight against terrorism, while addressing an international security forum in Moscow. Participating in the International Security Forum hosted by Sergei Shoigu, Doval called on nations to take decisive action against terror and clearly choose between supporting or countering its sponsors. He also highlighted the need to reform global institutions formed after World War II to better address modern security challenges and ensure greater representation for the Global South. Doval further emphasised the importance of securing global trade routes such as the Strait of Hormuz and the Red Sea amid ongoing geopolitical tensions.

BJP Gears Up for 2027 Polls with UK Strategy Meet

> Vikrama Vahini | Dehradun
BJP national president Nitin Nabin on Thursday chaired a crucial meeting of the party's Uttarakhand core committee, outlining an intensive strategy for the 2027 Assembly elections. During the meeting, Nabin directed party office-bearers to form dedicated teams for booths where the BJP had faced defeats in previous elections. He emphasised strengthening grassroots-level organisation to improve electoral performance. Arriving in Uttarakhand for a three-day visit, Nabin is reviewing the party's preparedness and organisational structure ahead of the polls. He instructed the 17-member state core committee to tour all 70 Assembly constituencies between June and August.

Siddhu Quits; DK Era Set To Begin

CONGRESS LEADERS RUSH TO DELHI AMID CM RACE & CABINET BUZZ

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

An era in Karnataka politics came to a close on Thursday with the resignation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, ending months of speculation over leadership changes in the state. His resignation is expected to pave the way for Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar to take over the top post.

Cabinet Breakfast Meeting Precedes Resignation

Earlier in the day, Siddaramaiah hosted a breakfast meeting with his Cabinet colleagues in Bengaluru. During the meeting, he reportedly informed ministers of his decision to step down as Chief Minister.

The development came amid ongoing political discussions within the Congress party, including recent meetings in Delhi with Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and senior leader Rahul Gandhi.

Leadership Transition and Political Developments

The resignation ends months of uncertainty over the leadership in Karnataka. Earlier this week, both Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar were in Delhi for discussions with senior Congress leadership.

Following the developments, Shivakumar was also seen visiting Siddaramaiah's residence and touching his feet, in what was viewed as a symbolic gesture of respect and unity between the two leaders. A social media post shared with photographs of the leaders read: "That day, this day, forever... Unity is our strength! Public service is our eternal commitment!"

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Siddaramaiah's Emotional Farewell Post After Resignation

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

Congress leader Siddaramaiah on Thursday shared an emotional message thanking the people of Karnataka for their love and support during his tenure as Chief Minister, shortly after resigning from the post.

He posted on X a photograph of himself on

a stage with folded hands before a gathering, accompanied by a message of gratitude. "Thank you. Your love. Your trust. My forever strength," he wrote, signing the post.

In his message, Siddaramaiah said he bowed to the people of Karnataka, describing them as lakhs of affectionate hearts who supported him throughout his political

journey. He said whatever he had achieved was because of the trust and encouragement of the people, adding that the Constitution was his religion and the people were his God.

Siddaramaiah clarified that his resignation was only from the post of Chief Minister and not from public life or his commitment to the people.

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Shivakumar Touches Siddaramaiah's Feet Amid CM Buzz

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar touched Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's feet and sought his blessings during a breakfast meeting held at the Chief Minister's residence in Bengaluru on Thursday.

The interaction comes amid growing speculation over a possible leadership change in the state. Visuals from the meeting showed Shivakumar greeting Siddaramaiah by touching his feet, while another image captured the two leaders sharing a warm hug.

Closed-Door Discussions

The breakfast meeting was followed by a closed-door discussion between the two leaders, which reportedly lasted around 30 minutes.

According to sources, other ministers present at the meeting were asked to step out as the discussions continued privately.

Ministers who had attended the breakfast gathering were later seen waiting in a conference room during the separate meeting between the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister.

Cabinet Meeting and Resignation Buzz

Earlier in the day, Siddaramaiah convened a Cabinet meeting at 10:30 am, where he reportedly informed ministers that he would step down from his post. He is expected to submit his resignation after lunch, according to sources. The Congress high command has reportedly advised Siddaramaiah to move to the

Rajya Sabha, a move that could pave the way for DK Shivakumar to assume the Chief Minister's post.

Political Activity Intensifies

Amid the developments, several senior Karnataka ministers, including Priyank Kharge, KJ George, MB Patil, Ramalinga Reddy, and HK Patil, arrived at Siddaramaiah's residence, where tight security arrangements were in place. Both Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar were recently called to New Delhi for meetings with senior Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, KC Venugopal, and Randeep Singh Surjewala, further fueling discussions on a possible leadership transition in Karnataka.



No Action if Infiltrators Leave Voluntarily: Amit Shah



> Vikrama Vahini | Gandhinagar

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said that infiltrators who

voluntarily return to their home countries will not face legal action in India, while reiterating the government's commitment to identify and expel illegal entrants. Addressing a public gathering, Shah stated that the Centre is accelerating border fencing work along the India-

Bangladesh border, fulfilling its election promise. He also noted that significant land has been handed over for strengthening border infrastructure, including 600 hectares provided to the Border Security Force (BSF) within a short span. Highlighting developments in the

strategically important "Chicken Neck" corridor, Shah said 121 hectares of land have been entrusted to the government to enhance security measures.

He added that detention centres have been established, but the government prefers that infiltrators

leave the country voluntarily.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted a High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes (HLCDC) to address challenges arising from demographic shifts linked to illegal immigration and irregular population movements.

Trump Yet to Approve 60-Day US-Iran Ceasefire Deal

> Vikrama Vahini | Washington

Amid ongoing tensions in the Middle East, the United States and Iran have reportedly reached a preliminary agreement to extend their ceasefire for an additional 60 days. However, the deal is yet to receive final approval from US President Donald Trump, according to officials familiar with the negotiations.

Sources said US negotiators have already briefed Trump on the proposed agreement, but the President has sought more time to review the terms before giving his consent. He has reportedly asked for a few days to consider the deal.

As per the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the 60-day ceasefire extension would ensure unrestricted shipping through the strategically important Strait of Hormuz, restoring movement to pre-

conflict levels. The agreement also includes provisions for discussions on Iran's nuclear programme, including its stockpile of highly enriched uranium and a commitment to refrain from nuclear weaponisation.

In return, the United States is expected to continue offering limited sanctions relief and facilitate the release of certain frozen Iranian funds. The deal also aims to ease the flow of essential goods and humanitarian aid into Iran. However, officials noted that both Washington and Tehran have yet to formally approve the agreement. If finalised, the MoU would mark a significant diplomatic step towards de-escalation following heightened tensions after joint military actions involving the US and Israel earlier this year.

Further detailed negotiations are expected to follow once both sides formally endorse the initial framework.



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Editorial

Congress Plays Smart

The Indian National Congress in Karnataka appears to have initiated a carefully calibrated political transition by paving the way for a new leadership face after nearly three years in power. Since the party's emphatic victory in the Assembly elections, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar have been regarded as the twin pillars behind the Congress comeback. While Siddaramaiah emerged as the consensus choice for the top post, Shivakumar — who played an equally aggressive organisational role — was accommodated as Deputy Chief Minister. Yet, speculation over an internal power-sharing understanding never truly faded from Karnataka's political discourse.

What was once dismissed as political gossip has now seemingly transformed into political reality. Reports of a rotational power-sharing formula between Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar are no longer being treated as mere rumours. With the Congress high command stepping in decisively, Siddaramaiah's willingness to resign has reportedly cleared the path for a smooth leadership transition. Such a move reflects not only political maturity on the part of the outgoing Chief Minister but also the Congress leadership's determination to prevent factional instability within the state unit. Leadership transitions in Indian politics are often marked by bitterness, rebellion, and public confrontation. Karnataka, however, seems set to witness a comparatively disciplined transfer of authority.

The final step now rests with the legislators and the party high command formally endorsing D.K. Shivakumar as the next Chief Minister. If that happens, the Congress would have demonstrated rare organisational cohesion at a time when many regional and national parties struggle with leadership succession. More importantly, the transition signals the party's intent to blend administrative experience with generational change. By managing internal aspirations without allowing them to explode into open conflict, the Congress high command has displayed notable political tact. The coming days will reveal whether this carefully scripted transition strengthens governance and party unity ahead of future electoral battles.

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Governor's Absence Sparks Karnataka Political Buzz

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru
Political developments in Karnataka took a procedural turn on Thursday as Governor Thaaarchand Gehlot's absence from Bengaluru coincided with heightened political activity in the state.

According to official sources, the Governor left the state capital late Wednesday night for Indore due to a family emergency, with no confirmed timeline for his return. His absence comes at a time when key administrative and constitutional engagements were expected at Raj Bhavan.

Sources indicated that the Chief Minister's Office had reportedly sought an appointment with the Governor before his departure, but the meeting could not take place due to his unavailability.

As the Governor serves as the constitutional head responsible for

receiving and acting on key state communications, his temporary absence has led to procedural uncertainty in ongoing administrative matters.

Meanwhile, political attention remains focused on internal deliberations within the ruling Congress leadership, with Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar actively involved in key organisational discussions in recent days.

Officials, however, maintained that routine governance continues without disruption, though some constitutional and ceremonial functions requiring the Governor's presence may be delayed until his return.

Political observers noted that while speculation continues in political circles, attention has now shifted to administrative continuity and the timing of the Governor's return.



Siddhu Quits; DK Era Set To Begin

> From PGI

Siddaramaiah is among Karnataka's longest-serving Chief Ministers and the only leader after D. Devaraj Urs to complete a full five-year term in office.

He served 1,829 days during his first tenure from May 2013 to May 2018. In his second term, he completed approximately three years in office.

Devaraj Urs served two terms between 1972-1977 and 1978-1980, while Siddaramaiah joins the ranks of leaders such as S. Nijalingappa and Devaraj Urs in completing a full-term tenure.

Born on August 3, 1948, in Mysuru district, Siddaramaiah comes from a humble farming background. A lawyer by profession, he belongs to the Kuruba community and began his early life in challenging socio-economic conditions.

In his autobiography *The Journey of My Life*, he recalled how he was once forced to tend cattle due to financial hardship before teachers in his village recognised his academic interest, allowing him to continue his education from Class IV.

SIDDARAMAIAH SUPPORTERS PROTEST OVER LEADERSHIP BUZZ

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

Tensions flared in parts of Karnataka on Wednesday after supporters of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah staged protests and allegedly set tyres on fire amid speculation over a possible leadership change in the state Congress government.

Groups of supporters gathered at several locations, expressing anger over reports suggesting that Siddaramaiah could be replaced as Chief Minister.

Visuals from the protest showed burning tyres and slogans in support of the Chief Minister, indicating growing unease among sections of his backing.

The developments come amid heightened political activity within the Karnataka Congress, with senior leaders continuing consultations in Delhi and internal discussions over the leadership structure.

However, the party has not



made any official announcement regarding any change in the Chief Minister's post.

Congress leaders at the national level have reiterated that no decision has been taken on leadership change, aiming to curb speculation and maintain stability within the state unit.

Security arrangements were tightened in affected regions following the protests, with authorities closely monitoring the situation to prevent further escalation.

The Congress party is yet to officially respond to the protests involving its supporters, as political uncertainty continues to draw attention in the state.

Shivakumar Likely to Be Next K'taka CM: Deshpande

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has emerged at the centre of Karnataka's escalating political developments after senior Congress leader R.V. Deshpande indicated that the party high command has already taken a decision on leadership change in the state.

According to Deshpande's remarks, Shivakumar is expected to take over as Chief Minister once Chief Minister Siddaramaiah submits his resignation and the formal process,

including acceptance and constitutional procedures, is completed.

Deshpande said the transition cannot move forward without completing the required procedural steps, adding that the exact timing of resignation, acceptance, and oath-taking is yet to be finalised.

His statement suggesting that the high command has already "decided" the next leadership has triggered intensified political discussions within Congress circles, with attention

now shifting to possible consultations in Delhi involving senior party leaders.

Deshpande further clarified that decisions regarding cabinet positions and portfolios rest entirely with the party leadership and the Chief Minister, stating that he does not seek or claim any ministerial post.

With political focus firmly on the unfolding developments, the state unit is awaiting official communication from the Congress high command regarding the leadership transition and its timeline.



Siddaramaiah's Emotional Farewell Post After Resignation

> From PGI

He said he would continue to fight for social justice and stand against divisive forces, reaffirming his dedication to constitutional values.

Resignation Submitted After High Command Direction
Siddaramaiah resigned as Chief Minister two days after the Congress high command directed him to step down. He submitted his resignation to the Governor's office, which was received by the Governor's Special Secretary as the Governor was out of the state.

Leadership Transition Within Congress

He had repeatedly stated that he would abide by the instructions of the party high command. Earlier in the day, during a breakfast meeting with cabinet colleagues, he informed ministers about his decision and indicated that Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar would succeed him.

The transition comes amid earlier discussions within the party over leadership arrangements following the 2023 Assembly election, where Congress secured a majority and Siddaramaiah was chosen as Chief Minister, with Shivakumar appointed Deputy CM.

Siddaramaiah Resigns as Karnataka CM

> From PGI

"I had already stated that I will resign whenever the high command decides. Following their instruction, I have submitted my resignation today," he said. He expressed confidence that the constitutional process would be completed smoothly without delay.

"Once a Chief Minister submits resignation, it is the Governor's responsibility to accept it and proceed as per constitutional norms," he added.

Majority Support in the Assembly

Siddaramaiah also stated that the ruling Congress enjoys a strong majority in the Assembly, claiming

support of more than 135 MLAs along with independent members.

Gratitude to Party Leadership

In his statement, he thanked Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge for their support and guidance throughout his political journey. He said his rise from a rural background to becoming Chief Minister twice was unexpected, adding that his entry into politics was accidental.

Ideological Influence and Political Journey

Siddaramaiah said his political ideology has been shaped by the teachings of Buddha, Basava, Dr.

B.R. Ambedkar, and Mahatma Gandhi. He reaffirmed his commitment to constitutional values, equality, and inclusive governance.

He concluded by expressing gratitude to the people of Karnataka for giving him the opportunity to serve as Chief Minister and public representative over multiple terms.

He further stated that the leadership transition within the party would be carried out in an orderly and disciplined manner, ensuring continuity in governance and ongoing development programmes.

Siddaramaiah emphasized that

the welfare schemes introduced during his tenure would continue to benefit the people, and he expressed hope that the next leadership would build upon the foundation laid by his government.

Reiterating his commitment to public service, he said stepping down from the post does not mark the end of his political journey.

Siddaramaiah affirmed that he would remain actively involved in state and national politics, working towards social justice, secular values, and the upliftment of weaker sections, while continuing to serve the people of Karnataka in every possible capacity.

BJP Gears Up for 2027 Polls with UK Strategy Meet

> From PGI

The leaders were been asked to spend at least two days in each constituency, interact with local party members, conduct booth-level meetings, and identify key issues faced by the public. They will also submit recommendations to the state government to address local grievances and improve governance outreach.

The move is seen as part of the BJP's early groundwork to consolidate its voter base and address weaknesses at the booth level well ahead of the elections. Party sources indicated that feedback gathered during these tours will play a key role in shaping campaign strategies and candidate selection for the 2027 Assembly polls.

NEWS

DK Shivakumar Set to Become Karnataka CM: Family in Focus

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

Congress leader DK Shivakumar is set to take over as the Chief Minister of Karnataka following the expected resignation of current Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. The development follows a recent high-level meeting between Siddaramaiah and the Congress leadership in Delhi.

After the meeting, Siddaramaiah is reported to have called a breakfast meeting of his Cabinet on Thursday morning, where he informed ministers that he would submit his resignation after lunch the same day. With this, the way has been cleared for Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar to assume the top post in the state.

In a notable moment of political transition, Shivakumar was seen touching the feet of Siddaramaiah and later sharing an emotional hug with the outgoing Chief Minister.

Family Background of DK Shivakumar

The full name of DK Shivakumar is Doddalahalli Kempegowda Shivakumar. He is the son of Doddalahalli Kempegowda and Gouramma. He was born in Kanakapura, near Bengaluru, and belongs to the Vokkaliga community.

He is married to Usha Shivakumar, a businesswoman and educationist. The couple tied the knot in 1993 and have three children—two daughters and one son.

Children and Family Connections

Their daughters are Aishwarya and Abharan, while their son is Akash. Shivakumar's family has also established strong connections in business and education circles.

His elder daughter, Aishwarya, is married to Amartya Hegde, the son of the late Café Coffee Day founder VG Siddhartha. The



As DK Shivakumar prepares to take over as Karnataka Chief Minister, his political rise is backed by a strong family legacy, deep-rooted connections, and significant influence in both politics and business circles.

wedding took place in 2021 and brought together two prominent families from Karnataka.

Aishwarya is associated with the Global Academy of Technology, an engineering institution in Bengaluru. Reports also indicate that she plays a role in managing educational initiatives linked to the family.

Brother in Politics

DK Shivakumar's younger brother, DK Suresh, is also active in politics and currently serves as a Member of Parliament representing Bengaluru Rural constituency. With both brothers engaged in public life, the family continues to hold a significant presence in Karnataka's political landscape.

The transition marks a crucial phase in Karnataka politics, with expectations of continuity as well as new leadership dynamics under Shivakumar. Party leaders believe his administrative experience and organisational strength will play a key role in shaping the government's future direction.

HEALTH & Lifestyle

WOMEN & CALCIUM DEFICIENCY: KEY HEALTH WARNING

Calcium deficiency is increasingly being observed among women due to changing lifestyles, unbalanced diets, and hormonal changes. Experts warn that inadequate calcium intake can lead to several long-term health complications, especially since calcium plays a vital role in maintaining strong bones, teeth, and muscle function.

Why Women Need More Calcium

Health specialists note that women require higher calcium intake during pregnancy, breastfeeding, and menopause. During these stages, the body's demand for calcium increases significantly. If not met through proper nutrition, it can lead to bone weakness, fatigue, and other health issues.

Health Problems Caused by Calcium Deficiency

A lack of calcium gradually weakens the bones, leading to joint pain, muscle weakness, and a constant feeling of tiredness. Some women may also experience muscle cramps, leg pain, and tremors in hands or legs.

If the condition continues for a long period, it may lead to osteoporosis, a condition where bones become extremely fragile and prone to fractures even from minor injuries.

Calcium deficiency can also affect dental health, causing weak teeth, brittle nails, and reduced physical

strength.

Symptoms That Need Medical Attention

Doctors advise women to undergo calcium level tests if they experience persistent fatigue, bone or joint pain, muscle cramps, or increased sensitivity to minor injuries. Early diagnosis can help prevent severe complications.

Foods to Improve Calcium Levels

Dairy products such as milk, curd, paneer, and buttermilk are rich sources of calcium. Green leafy vegetables, sesame seeds, almonds, and soy-based foods are also beneficial.

Experts also highlight the importance of Vitamin D, which helps the body absorb calcium effectively.

Importance of Sunlight

Regular exposure to sunlight for a short duration daily helps improve Vitamin D levels, which in turn supports better calcium absorption and strengthens bone health.

Health experts further advise that women should not rely only on diet but also maintain an active lifestyle with regular weight-bearing exercises like walking, yoga, or light strength training.

These activities help improve bone density and reduce the risk of osteoporosis in the long run. In cases of severe deficiency, doctors may recommend

calcium and vitamin D supplements under proper medical supervision to restore balanced levels in the body.



SCIENCE & Technology

ISRO Finds Possible Ice Beneath Lunar South Polar Region



> Vikrama Vahini | Chennai

In a significant scientific breakthrough, the Dual Frequency Synthetic Aperture Radar (DFSAR) onboard India's Chandrayaan-2 orbiter has detected evidence of possible subsurface ice in the Moon's South Polar Region, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) announced on Thursday. The findings, based on detailed analysis by scientists from the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad, provide new insights into the distribution of lunar volatiles and could play a crucial role in future lunar exploration and resource utilisation missions.

According to ISRO, the radar observations identified potential ice-bearing zones within "doubly shadowed craters" located inside permanently shadowed regions (PSRs), where temperatures can drop as low as 25 Kelvin, creating favourable conditions for long-term ice preservation.

The DFSAR instrument, a microwave imaging radar operating in L and S bands, is the first fully polarimetric Synthetic Aperture Radar deployed on a lunar mission. Scientists used advanced polarimetric techniques to analyse radar signals and identify signatures consistent with subsurface ice.

CUET-UG 2026 REVISED: EXAMS ON MAY 31, JUNE 6 & 7

► Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

The National Testing Agency (National Testing Agency) has announced revised dates for the CUET-UG 2026 examination after the May 28 exam was postponed due to Eid-ul-Azha. The entrance test will now be conducted on May 31, June 6 and June 7.

Revised Exam Schedule Announced

As per the latest notification, the CUET-UG 2026 examination will be held on three revised dates:

- May 31, 2026
- June 6, 2026
- June 7, 2026

Candidates who were earlier scheduled for the May 28 exam have been advised to carefully check their updated exam dates to



The NTA has already released admit cards for candidates appearing on May 31. Students can download their hall tickets from the official website cuet.nta.nic.in.

The admit card includes important details such as exam centre, reporting time, subject details and candidate information. Candidates have been advised to verify all details carefully and report any discrepancies through official channels.

Admit Cards for Remaining Dates Soon

Admit cards for candidates appearing on June 6 and June 7 are expected to be released shortly. The NTA has urged students to regularly check the official website for updates and instructions.

About CUET-UG

avoid confusion and last-minute inconvenience.

Admit Cards Released for May 31 Exam

PM Modi Likely to Join Yoga Day Event

► Vikrama Vahini | Kolkata

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to attend the main International Yoga Day celebrations in Kolkata on June 21, according to the Union Ministry of AYUSH. The event is expected to be held at Red Road and adjoining areas, with participation of over one lakh people.

Union Minister of State for AYUSH Prataprao Jadhav announced the development during the inauguration of a 25-day countdown programme for International Yoga Day in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh.

This year's central Yoga Day celebrations will be hosted in Kolkata for the first time after the BJP came to power in West Bengal, and preparations are already underway for the large-scale event. The theme for this year's Yoga Day is "Yoga for Healthy Ageing", focusing on promoting physical and mental well-being among the elderly.

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TRANSACTIONS WHERE PAN CARD RULES HAVE BEEN RELAXED

Income Tax Rules 2026 bring major changes.

1 CASH DEPOSIT & WITHDRAWAL

- No PAN for cash deposit up to ₹50,000 in a day.
- Annual cash deposit reporting limit increased to ₹10 lakh.

2 PROPERTY PURCHASE & SALE

- PAN required only if property value is above ₹20 lakh.
- Reporting threshold increased to ₹45 lakh.

3 INSURANCE PREMIUMS

- Report premiums above ₹5 lakh (with PAN) and ₹2.5 lakh (without PAN).

4 STAMP PAPER PURCHASE

- Limit is ₹2 lakh (with PAN) and ₹1 lakh (without PAN).

5 PAYMENT AT HOTEL, BANQUET HALL, EVENTS

- PAN required for cash payments above ₹1 lakh.

6 FOREIGN TRAVEL & FOREX REGULATIONS

- PAN rules simplified.
- Transactions above ₹2 lakh may be reported.

7 FORM 97 - NEW SUBSTITUTE

- Form 60 replaced by Form 97.
- Not valid for property deals above ₹45 lakh.

8 OBJECTIVE OF NEW RULES

- Simplify small transactions.
- Strict monitoring of large financial transactions.

Always provide correct information and PAN wherever required. Non-compliance may lead to penalties and scrutiny.

Odisha Farmer Guards Rare ₹3 Lakh/kg Miyazaki Mangoes

► Vikrama Vahini | Malkangiri

A farmer in Odisha's Malkangiri district has successfully cultivated the rare Miyazaki mango, one of the world's most expensive fruit varieties, reportedly valued at up to ₹3 lakh per kg in premium markets.

According to reports, farmer Deba Padhiami from Tamasa village grew the sapling received nearly four years ago from a social worker. The tree has now begun bearing fruit, attracting attention from nearby villagers who are visiting the orchard in large numbers.

The Miyazaki mango, originally from Japan's Miyazaki Prefecture, is known for its deep reddish-purple colour, rich sweetness and premium quality, often sold as a luxury gift in select markets.

However, the sudden attention has also raised security concerns for the farmer, who says he now sleeps beside the tree to protect the valuable fruit from theft. "I have been guarding the orchard as these mangoes are very valuable," he said.

BJP Reshuffles State Units; New Chiefs for Delhi and Punjab

► Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday announced a major organisational reshuffle, appointing new state presidents in four states as part of its internal restructuring exercise ahead of upcoming political challenges.

Union Minister Harsh Malhotra has been appointed as the new president of the Delhi BJP unit. He is also the Member of Parliament from East Delhi. Malhotra replaces Virendra Sachdeva, who had been leading the Delhi unit since 2023 and completed his three-year tenure in March.

Following the announcement, Sachdeva congratulated Malhotra and expressed confidence that the organisation would gain "new energy, strength, and new dimensions in public service" under his leadership. He also said Malhotra's experience would help further strengthen the party's organisational base in



the capital.

In another key appointment, senior leader Kewal Singh Dhillon has been named the new president of the Punjab BJP unit, where Assembly elections are scheduled for 2027.

In Haryana, Dr Archana Gupta has been appointed as the new state unit chief, while Abhishek Debroy will head the party's Tripura unit. The reshuffle is seen as part of a broader organisational revamp by the BJP ahead of upcoming state and national political engagements.

PALIKE ENGINEERS TRAINED ON NEW ACTION PLAN

► Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

The Bengaluru South City Corporation organised a workshop for its engineers and officials to prepare the "Current Year Action Plan", moving away from the traditional style of budget implementation.

Experts from various organisations, including Walkaluru, WRI, HSR Layout Citizen Forum, B.PAC, Sensing Local, Well Labs, Biome, CSTEP, Hasiru Dala, Jan Sahas and Create Foundation, participated in the workshop and provided technical guidance on efficient budget utilisation and urban planning strategies.



The workshop finalised a seven-point action plan aimed at improving urban infrastructure and civic services.

The plan also focuses on creating and improving public spaces and green zones, implementing a ward-level

"resilient neighbourhood" model with Begur selected as a pilot project, and addressing climate change challenges such as heat, flooding and water scarcity through initiatives like sponge parks, lake rejuvenation, rainwater

harvesting, solar rooftops and cool roof projects.

Further, special measures will be taken for the protection and welfare of economically weaker and vulnerable sections, along with ensuring strong community participation in planning and execution of civic projects.

Addressing the workshop, Additional Commissioner Dr. Naveen Kumar Raju said the initiative would not remain a paper-based exercise but would translate into a practical action plan delivering visible changes on the ground.

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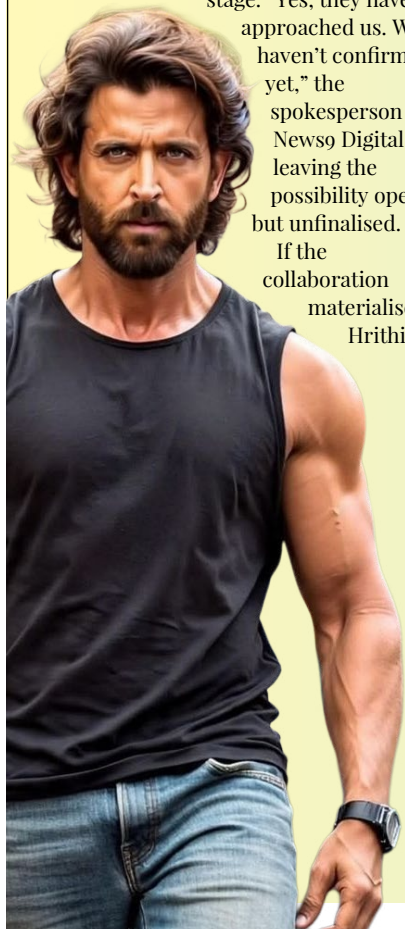
HRITHIK ROSHAN IN TALKS FOR CAMEO IN JAILER 2

► New Delhi

Bollywood actor Hrithik Roshan has reportedly been approached for a special cameo role in Rajinikanth's much-anticipated film Jailer 2, after Shah Rukh Khan is said to have declined the offer due to prior commitments. However, no official confirmation has been made regarding Hrithik's participation.

Hrithik Roshan Approached, No Confirmation Yet

According to Hrithik Roshan's spokesperson, the actor has indeed been approached for the project, but discussions are still at a preliminary stage. "Yes, they have approached us. We haven't confirmed yet," the spokesperson told News9 Digital, leaving the possibility open but unfinalised. If the collaboration materialises, Hrithik's



appearance is expected to enhance the film's pan-India appeal and add further star value to the project.

Why Shah Rukh Khan Opted Out

Earlier reports suggest that the makers of Jailer 2 were keen on casting Shah Rukh Khan for a cameo role. However, he reportedly declined due to a packed schedule, including his upcoming film King, which also stars Deepika Padukone and Suhana Khan.

Hrithik-Rajinikanth Connection

Hrithik Roshan shares a long-standing cinematic connection with Rajinikanth. In the 1986 film Bhagwan Dada, Hrithik appeared as a child artist, while Rajinikanth played his adoptive father. Interestingly, Rajinikanth was also reportedly considered for Rakesh Roshan's 1987 film Khudgarz, but declined due to similarities with a previous role.

About Jailer 2: Jailer 2 is the sequel to Rajinikanth's 2023 blockbuster Jailer, in which he played retired jailer Muthuvel Pandian. The sequel is expected to continue the story and expand the action-driven narrative.

The film features an ensemble cast including Mithun Chakraborty, Vidya Balan, SJ Suryah, and Suraj. Reports also suggest that Mohanlal and Shiva Rajkumar may return for special appearances.

Release Date: Jailer 2 is tentatively expected to release on September 11, 2026, although the makers are yet to make an official announcement.

The buzz around Jailer 2 has been steadily growing, with fans closely tracking every casting update and cameo speculation. The first installment, directed by Nelson Dilipkumar, was a massive box office success and set high expectations for the sequel, especially in terms of scale, star power, and surprise appearances.

Kangana's 'Bharat Bhhagya Viddhaata' Salutes 26/11 Hospital Heroes

► Vikrama Vahini | Mumbai

The makers of actor Kangana Ranaut's upcoming film "Bharat Bhhagya Viddhaata" on Thursday released a motion poster paying tribute to hospital staff who continued their duty during the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.

Titled "The Unseen Heroes," the poster highlights the courage and resilience of frontline hospital workers who remained inside Cama Hospital as terror unfolded outside.

Story Set During 26/11 Attacks

Written and directed by Manoj Tapadia, the film is based inside Cama Hospital on the night of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. It narrates how nurses, ward boys, cleaners, lift operators, security personnel and administrative staff stood firm in extreme crisis conditions and helped save nearly 400 lives.

The film aims to showcase the untold stories of ordinary individuals who played a crucial role during one of India's most tragic terror incidents.

Motion Poster Showcases "Unseen Heroes"

The newly released motion poster features Kangana Ranaut and another woman dressed in hospital uniforms, with visible injuries

and ash marks on their faces and clothes. The background depicts fire and smoke, symbolising the chaos of the terror attack.

The visual presentation emphasises the theme of courage, sacrifice and humanity amid violence.

Tribute to Frontline Workers

The makers described the film as a tribute to the unsung heroes who continued to serve patients despite life-threatening circumstances during the 26/11 attacks.

Further updates on the film's release date and full cast are expected to be announced soon.

The makers of the film said that the project is not just a retelling of historical events but an attempt to highlight the strength of humanity and duty during extreme crisis situations.

They added that the film aims to introduce the real courage of hospital staff, who continued to serve patients despite fear and life-threatening circumstances, especially to the younger generation.

The film is expected to feature strong emotional elements along with scenes inspired by real-life events of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks. The team further stated that the official release date and additional cast details will be announced soon.



BUSINESS

Gold Prices Drop Sharply: ₹205 Cut per Gram



► Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

Gold and silver prices declined on Thursday, with gold falling by ₹205 per gram and silver dropping by ₹10 per gram across major markets in India.

The price of 22-carat gold has reduced from ₹14,510 to ₹14,305 per gram, while 24-carat gold is priced at ₹15,606 per gram. Silver is currently priced at ₹275 per gram in cities including Bengaluru and Mumbai, while in Chennai and a few southern markets it stands at ₹285 per gram. In India, the price of 10 grams of 22-carat gold is ₹1,43,050, while 24-carat gold is priced at ₹1,56,060 per 10 grams. The price of 100 grams of silver stands at ₹27,500.

- * Gold and Silver Rates in India (May 28)
 - * 24-carat gold (1 gram): ₹15,606
 - * 22-carat gold (1 gram): ₹14,305
 - * 18-carat gold (1 gram): ₹11,704
 - * Silver (1 gram): ₹275
 - * Major City Rates for 22-Carat Gold (per gram)
 - * Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kolkata, Kerala, Bhubaneswar: ₹14,305
 - * Delhi, Jaipur, Lucknow: ₹14,320
 - * Chennai: ₹14,500
 - * Ahmedabad: ₹14,310
 - * Silver Rates (per gram)
 - * Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow: ₹275
 - * Chennai, Kerala, Bhubaneswar: ₹285
- Internationally, 24-carat gold prices also showed slight variation across markets including Malaysia, Dubai, the US, Singapore, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Kuwait.
- Market experts attribute the decline to global price corrections, though fluctuations are expected to continue in the coming days.
- Analysts say global market corrections and currency fluctuations are driving the recent dip in precious metal prices.

SPORTS

Jaiswal Urged to Quit Royals, Join Mumbai Indians

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi
Former India cricketer Ambati Rayudu has advised young opener Yashasvi Jaiswal to consider leaving Rajasthan Royals ahead of the next IPL season, citing increasing competition within the team. Rayudu's remarks come after the impressive performances of rising talent Vaibhav Suryavanshi, whose explosive 97-run knock helped Rajasthan Royals secure a place in the second qualifier of Indian Premier League 2026. With Suryavanshi emerging as a key player, attention has shifted away from Jaiswal, who was previously a consistent performer at the top. Speaking after Rajasthan's win over Sunrisers Hyderabad, Rayudu said Jaiswal should look for a new team to avoid being overshadowed. He suggested that the talented opener does not need to change his game but rather find a platform where he can continue to shine as a leading player.

Rayudu also named Mumbai Indians as a suitable destination for Jaiswal, noting his familiarity with Mumbai cricket and strong performances at the Wankhede Stadium. He added that Mumbai may be looking for a young Indian opener, making Jaiswal an ideal fit.

Despite a comparatively modest season, Jaiswal has still contributed significantly, scoring 426 runs in 15 matches in IPL 2026 at an average of 32.77 and a strike rate above 150. Since joining Rajasthan Royals in 2020, he has accumulated over 2,500 runs in 82 matches, including two centuries and 18 half-centuries.

IND vs ENG T20: First Match Starts at 11 PM IST

> Vikrama Vahini | London
The India Women's cricket team is set to take on England in a crucial T20 series ahead of the upcoming Women's T20 World Cup starting June 12. The series, which serves as an important preparatory platform for both teams, begins on May 28 in Chelmsford. Led by Harmanpreet Kaur, the Indian side will be aiming to build momentum and confidence before heading into the global tournament. Smriti Mandhana will serve as the vice-captain, while England will be led by Charlotte Dean.

The first T20 match between India and England will be played at the County Ground in Chelmsford and is scheduled to begin at 11:00 PM IST. The match will be broadcast live on Sony Sports Network and streamed on the Sony LIV app.

India's tour of England includes a four-match T20 series followed by a one-off Test match. With the World Cup approaching, both teams will look to fine-tune their combinations and strategies during this series.

In head-to-head records, England Women have dominated India Women in T20 internationals, winning 24 out of 35 matches, while India has secured 11 victories. However, India enters the series with confidence after winning their previous T20 series in England, boosting their morale ahead of this contest.

JAPAN BANS INDIAN MANGOES AGAIN AFTER 20 YEARS

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi
In a major setback to India's fruit export sector, Japan has suspended imports of premium Indian mangoes after nearly two decades, citing lapses in pest-control protocols.

The sudden move affects popular varieties such as Alphonso, Kesar, Langra, and Banganapalli during the peak export season.

The ban follows a routine inspection by Japanese quarantine authorities at a Vapour Heat Treatment (VHT) facility in Uttar Pradesh, where deficiencies were reportedly found in disinfection and fumigation systems.

Japan enforces a strict zero-tolerance policy against pests like fruit flies, prompting immediate restrictions on shipments certified



after March 25, 2026. This marks the first such restriction since 2006, when a similar ban was lifted after India strengthened its treatment and sanitisation processes.

The latest decision has raised concerns among exporters and authorities over compliance with international phytosanitary standards. The impact is particularly severe for mango growers in Maharashtra, especially those producing Alphonso varieties, who are already facing crop losses due to extreme weather conditions linked to El Niño.

Trump Peace Fund: Big Promises, Zero Funds

Trump's Gaza "Peace Fund" faces a credibility crisis as billions in global pledges fail to translate into actual deposits, stalling reconstruction efforts and raising serious concerns over transparency and execution.

> Vikrama Vahini | Washington
A major reconstruction initiative for war-torn Gaza, launched by Donald Trump under the "Board of Peace" framework, is facing a severe financial crisis just four months after its announcement, with no actual funds deposited despite billions in global pledges.

The fund, established under the supervision of the World Bank and backed by the United Nations, was intended to mobilise financial support for rebuilding Gaza following the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. While several countries reportedly pledged nearly \$7 billion, not a single dollar has been credited to the official account so far, according to reports.

Concerns have also been raised over transparency, as contributions are allegedly being routed to a private account linked to JPMorgan instead of the World Bank-managed fund, which is subject to stricter financial oversight. Officials associated with the project have stated that donors were given multiple options for contributions and some opted for alternative

channels. The lack of funds has stalled key reconstruction activities on the ground. Even a \$100 million contribution from the UAE intended for training a new police force in Gaza remains frozen, while a proposed \$1.2 billion support package from the United States has been withheld pending stronger financial accountability mechanisms.

The ambitious project, which was expected to require over \$71 billion over the next decade, has yet to move beyond the planning stage. Additionally, political complexities, including the ongoing presence of armed groups in Gaza, have further delayed governance and rebuilding efforts.

The "Board of Peace" was formed earlier this year with expectations of major contributions from countries like Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE, along with a proposed \$10 billion commitment from the United States. However, the current funding shortfall has cast serious doubts over the viability of the initiative.



Adhikari Performs Gau Puja at ISKCON



> Vikrama Vahini | Mayapur
West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari on Thursday visited the headquarters of the ISKCON in Nadia district, marking his first visit to the spiritual centre after assuming office. The visit carried both religious and political significance.

Dressed in a traditional white dhoti-kurta, Adhikari arrived at the temple complex in Mayapur and walked barefoot to the ISKCON gaushala (cow shelter) around 11:30 am.

He performed 'gau puja' as part of a special 'gau seva' programme, offering prayers and participating in rituals dedicated to cows, which hold religious importance in Hindu traditions.

During the visit, the Chief

Minister fed fruits and sweets to the cows and also took part in a 'yagna' conducted within the temple premises. He later visited the Chandradroya temple, where he offered prayers and interacted with monks and members of the ISKCON management.

The visit is being viewed as an outreach to religious institutions and devotees, reflecting the government's engagement with spiritual organisations in the state. Officials said the visit also aimed at strengthening ties between the government and spiritual communities in the state.

Adhikari's interaction with ISKCON representatives focused on cultural initiatives and the promotion of religious tourism in the region.

Santanu Sen Quits TMC Post, Attacks Party Over RG Kar Issue

> Vikrama Vahini | Kolkata
Former Rajya Sabha MP and Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Santanu Sen on Thursday resigned as the party's national spokesperson, strongly criticising the organisation over the controversy linked to the R G Kar rape and murder case and internal functioning of the party.

In his resignation, Sen described the recent electoral setback as a public rejection of "unethical practices" and expressed concern over the party's current direction.

Resignation Amid Internal Dissent
The resignation comes at a time when the

TMC is facing visible internal dissent, public criticism, and signs of organisational strain following its recent electoral defeat.

Party insiders suggest that growing differences within the leadership have intensified debates over accountability and strategy within the organisation. **Resignation Submitted to Mamata Banerjee**

Sen, a doctor-turned-politician and councillor of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation, submitted his resignation to TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee. He stated that he could no longer continue defending issues that, according to him, had distanced the party from ordinary citizens.



RG Kar Case and Political Fallout

The controversy surrounding the R G Kar rape and murder case has remained a sensitive political issue in West Bengal, drawing widespread public attention and criticism from opposition parties.

Sen's resignation highlights the continuing political impact of the case on the ruling party's image and internal cohesion.

Party Yet to Respond
The Trinamool Congress is yet to issue an official response to Sen's resignation or his remarks. Meanwhile, political observers note that the development adds to growing challenges within the party as it navigates post-election pressures.

30 Faith Groups Unite After Temple Vandalism

> Vikrama Vahini | Johannesburg
In a strong display of interfaith unity, nearly 30 religious organisations have come together to express solidarity with the Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj (PHSS) after its temple and community hall were vandalised over the weekend.

According to reports, unidentified individuals sprayed Islamic slogans on the external walls and glass doors of the temple complex located in Laudium, near Pretoria. The incident has drawn widespread condemnation from leaders across Hindu, Muslim, Christian, and other community organisations in Tshwane.

In a joint statement, the groups termed the act as an attack not just on a single community, but on the shared values of dignity, respect, and peaceful coexistence. They emphasised that places of worship are sacred spaces meant for prayer, reflection, and community bonding, and any attempt to violate them undermines societal harmony.

Community leaders have called for calm while urging authorities to take swift action against those responsible. The incident has also sparked renewed calls for strengthening communal harmony and safeguarding religious institutions across the region.

The organisations also urged citizens across communities to stand united against acts of hatred and provocation, stressing that such incidents should not be allowed to disturb social harmony.

Tata Unveils 2026 Tiago EV Facelift at ₹6.99 Lakh

Tata Motors has launched the 2026 Tiago EV facelift in India at ₹6.99 lakh, featuring refreshed design, upgraded interiors, enhanced safety with six airbags, and improved technology. The electric hatchback now offers two battery options with a claimed range of up to 285 km and faster charging capabilities.

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi
Tata Motors has launched the updated 2026 Tiago EV facelift in India at a starting price of ₹6.99 lakh (ex-showroom). The refreshed model brings a redesigned exterior, an upgraded interior, and several new features, while continuing with its dual battery pack options.

The electric hatchback strengthens its position in the entry-level EV segment, competing with models such as the MG Comet EV and Citroën eC3. Tata has also significantly improved safety and connected car technology in the latest version.

Design and Interior Updates
The Tiago EV facelift features a sharper front design with slim LED headlights, updated LED DRLs, and a body-coloured closed grille that highlights its electric identity. The bumpers have been redesigned with new detailing, while the car now gets new 15-inch alloy wheels.

At the rear, the model features connected LED tail lamps and a revised bumper design. Other



exterior highlights include a blacked-out roof, chrome door handles, a shark-fin antenna, and six colour options including new and refreshed shades.

Inside, the cabin has been significantly upgraded with a dual-tone dashboard and a new 10.25-inch floating touchscreen infotainment system. The model also gets a partially digital instrument cluster with Bluetooth support. Tata has added features such as wireless Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, automatic climate control, cruise control, rear AC

vents, auto-folding ORVMs, a cooled glovebox, height-adjustable driver seat, wireless charging pads, and a rotary drive selector.

Safety Enhancements
Safety has been upgraded with six airbags as standard. The Tiago EV also includes a 360-degree camera, blind-view monitor, electronic stability programme (ESP), traction control, hill-hold assist, tyre pressure monitoring system (TPMS), automatic headlights, rain-sensing wipers, and follow-me-home lighting. Tata Motors has also improved

the structural rigidity of the vehicle to enhance crash safety.

Battery, Range and Performance
The Tiago EV facelift continues with two battery options—19.2 kWh and 24 kWh. The smaller battery produces 62 hp and 110 Nm of torque, while the larger version delivers 75 hp and 114 Nm.

The company claims a certified range of 226 km for the smaller battery and 285 km for the larger pack. Charging performance has also improved, with fast charging capable of delivering up to 100 km range in 18 minutes and 10-80% charge in around 35 minutes using a 30 kW DC fast charger.

The EV offers multiple driving modes and regenerative braking levels, with the 24 kWh variant capable of accelerating from 0-60 km/h in 5.7 seconds.

Tata Motors is offering a lifetime unlimited kilometre warranty for the first owner on the 24 kWh variant, while the smaller battery version continues with an 8-year/1.6 lakh km warranty.

WhatsApp Rolls Out FIFA World Cup 2026 Live Updates Hub

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi
WhatsApp has introduced a new "Football Central 2026" hub to help users follow FIFA World Cup 2026 updates, match news, and national team channels directly within the app.

The feature is being rolled out via the Updates tab on both iOS and Android devices, with wider availability expected in the coming days. It brings together live match coverage, team updates, and suggested football-related channels in one place.

The FIFA World Cup 2026 will be held from June 11 to July 19 across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. With global fan interest already building around squads, fixtures, and travel planning, WhatsApp's new hub aims to streamline football updates within its platform.

According to WaBetaInfo, the hub appears as a banner in the Updates tab. On tapping it, users are directed to a dedicated section featuring football channels that provide live updates, news, and tournament-related content. The hub can also be accessed later through the channel directory.

WhatsApp's move reflects its growing focus on sports content through Channels, including partnerships such as Meta's collaboration with Arsenal for exclusive fan updates.

The rollout is currently underway for the latest versions of WhatsApp on both iOS and Android, with a phased global expansion expected soon.

Peaceful Eid in Rajasthan; Call for 'Gau Mata' National Status

> Vikrama Vahini | Jaipur
Eid-ul-Azha was observed with religious fervour and harmony across Rajasthan, as members of the Muslim community offered special prayers at mosques and Eidgahs for peace, prosperity, and communal unity.

Devotees gathered in large numbers in cities and towns, exchanging greetings and visiting friends and relatives after offering namaz, reflecting the spirit of brotherhood and celebration associated with the festival.

In the border district of Jaisalmer, a unique initiative drew attention as some members of the Muslim community launched a signature campaign demanding that the cow be declared the national animal and accorded the status of "Gau Mata."

Authorities reported that celebrations across the state remained peaceful, with adequate security arrangements in place to ensure smooth observance of the festival.

Bengaluru Rains Flood Roads, Commuters Struggle

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru
Several parts of Bengaluru witnessed heavy rainfall on Thursday, leading to waterlogging and traffic disruptions across key areas of the city.

Intense showers were reported in localities such as Bannerghatta Road, BTM Layout, and Indiranagar, where rainwater accumulated on roads, causing inconvenience to motorists and slowing down traffic movement. Commuters were seen struggling to navigate flooded stretches, resulting in delays during peak hours.

In view of the prevailing weather conditions, authorities have issued a yellow alert for Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Mandya, Kalaburagi, and Raichur districts. Officials have advised residents to remain cautious, especially in low-lying areas prone to waterlogging.

Civic agencies are on alert and monitoring the situation to prevent further disruptions, while emergency response teams have been deployed in vulnerable zones to manage any untoward incidents.

The sudden downpour also exposed drainage issues in several parts of the city, raising concerns among residents.