

Actor Preity Zinta has secured permission from the Bombay High Court to initiate legal proceedings against Google, Meta (Facebook), and other online platforms over AI-generated deepfake videos and manipulated content allegedly misusing her identity and damaging her reputation.

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We always work for a better tomorrow, But when tomorrow comes. Instead of enjoying, We again think of a better tomorrow..! Let's have a better today!!

BRIEFS

SC Eyes National Registry for Advocates

► Vikrama Vahini | Delhi

The Supreme Court on Thursday issued notices to the Centre, the Bar Council of India (BCI), all State Bar Councils and the University Grants Commission (UGC) on a plea seeking a nationwide digital verification system for advocates and a social media code of conduct for the legal profession.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant described the proposed National Digital Registry for the Legal Profession of India (NDRLP) as an innovative idea that could help identify fake lawyers and verify law degrees through technology. The Court also stressed the need to support young lawyers while observing that the vast majority of advocates uphold high ethical standards.

3 Held in Ranchi RSS Petrol Bomb Case, Terror Angle Suspected

► Vikrama Vahini | Ranchi/Jamshedpur

Three persons have been arrested in connection with the alleged hurling of petrol bombs at the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) office in Ranchi, with police suspecting possible terror links, officials said on Thursday.

According to police, one of the accused sustained bullet injuries during an alleged escape attempt while being taken into custody. He is currently under treatment. The incident took place in the Nivaranpur area of Ranchi in the early hours of Wednesday. Following the attack, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) was formed to probe the matter.

Two Workers Missing in B'luru Tank Accident

► Vikrama Vahini | B'luru

Two workers went missing after falling into a water treatment tank in Bengaluru on Thursday evening, police said.

The incident occurred at a water supply facility in Belagere, Varthur. The missing workers have been identified as Brijesh (30), a native of Bihar, and Akhilesh (30), from Tamil Nadu.

According to officials, three workers were working near the tank when they accidentally slipped and fell inside. One of them was rescued immediately by fellow workers, while the other two went missing.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel have launched a search operation, while Varthur police have visited the spot and are investigating the incident.

DKS Takes On BJP-JD(S)! Cross-Voting Deals Blow to Opposition

► Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

The ruling Congress registered a strong performance in the Karnataka Legislative Council elections held on Thursday, winning five of the seven seats, while the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secured the remaining two seats.

The elections marked the first major electoral contest in the state since the formation of the new Congress government under Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

The results also highlighted instances of cross-voting from opposition ranks, which are believed to have aided the Congress in securing its fifth seat.

According to sources, while Congress candidates were expected to comfortably win four seats based on their numerical strength in the Assembly, the party managed to secure a fifth seat after receiving additional votes through cross-voting from some BJP and Janata Dal (Secular) legislators.

A total of eight candidates contested for seven Legislative Council seats, making the election closely watched. Under the proportional representation system, each candidate required 28 votes from MLAs to secure a seat.

The Congress had fielded five candidates — Thippannappa Kamknoor, P.V. Mohan, B.K. Hariprasad (KPCG President), Shivanna B.S., and Vinay Karthik Prakash — all of whom were declared winners.

The BJP's two candidates, Lingaraj Patil and Raghu R., also won the election, while Janata Dal (Secular) nominee Govindaraju was defeated.

The results come in the backdrop of vacancies arising from the retirement of seven MLCs,



Congress leaders felicitated the winners of the Legislative Council elections held today from the Legislative Assembly, including B.K. Hariprasad, Mallavalli Shivanna, P.V. Mohan, Vinay Karthik, and Thippannappa Kamknoor at Vidhana Soudha, followed by a press briefing. AICC General Secretary Shri Randeep Singh Surjewala was also present on the occasion.

MLC Win Reflects Welfare Success: CM

► Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Thursday said that the Congress party's performance in the Legislative Council elections reflects strong support for the state government's welfare guarantees and development-oriented policies. Speaking after the results, Shivakumar said the outcome demonstrated that legislators have endorsed the government's welfare programmes aimed at benefiting people across Karnataka.

The Congress secured five out of seven seats in the Legislative Council polls,

strengthening its position in the Upper House. The winning candidates from the Congress include Thippannappa Kamknoor, P.V. Mohan, B.K. Hariprasad (KPCG president), Shivanna B.S., and Vinay Karthik Prakash.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won two seats, with Lingaraj Patil and Raghu R emerging victorious. Janata Dal (Secular) candidate Govindaraju was defeated in the contest. The elections were closely watched as they were conducted through a preferential voting system, where candidates required the support of a fixed quota of MLAs.



Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar welcomed the results, saying the Congress victory in the Legislative Council polls reflects the people's trust in the government's welfare guarantees and development agenda. He said the outcome also shows the unity and strength of Congress legislators in the state Assembly. Shivakumar added that the government will continue to focus on implementing its flagship schemes and ensuring that the benefits of welfare programmes reach all sections of society.

including leaders from Congress, BJP, and JD(S), whose terms are set to end on June 30.

Party leaders said the outcome reflects Congress' strong numerical advantage in the Assembly, while also underscoring the impact of strategic voting dynamics in closely contested seats.

Party leaders further said the outcome has strengthened the Congress position in the Karnataka Legislative Council and boosted confidence within the ruling camp ahead of future legislative and political challenges.

They also noted that the result reflects effective coordination among party legislators and the impact of the government's organisational strength in the Assembly.

US-IRAN SIGN PEACE DEAL

► Vikrama Vahini | Evian

US President Donald Trump and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on Wednesday signed a preliminary peace agreement aimed at extending the ceasefire for 60 days and paving the way for broader negotiations on Iran's nuclear programme and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz.

The agreement, known as the Islamabad Understanding, was signed during a ceremony at the Palace of Versailles in France in the presence of French President Emmanuel Macron. It marks the first major diplomatic breakthrough between the two countries after months of conflict and international mediation.

60-Day Ceasefire and Hormuz Reopening

Under the agreement, both sides have agreed to maintain an immediate ceasefire for the next 60 days. Iran will reopen the strategically important Strait of Hormuz, ensuring unrestricted passage for commercial shipping without transit charges during the period. The move is expected to ease pressure on global oil markets and international trade.

Nuclear Talks to Resume

The memorandum also establishes a framework for fresh negotiations on Iran's nuclear programme. Iran has reaffirmed that it will not pursue nuclear weapons, while its enriched uranium stockpiles will be diluted under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Further discussions on safeguards and verification are expected over the next two months.

Sanctions and Reconstruction



The United States has agreed in principle to lift sanctions on Iran as part of a final peace settlement, subject to successful negotiations.

The agreement also outlines a proposed \$300 billion reconstruction and development programme to support Iran's post-war recovery and economic stability.

Cautious Optimism

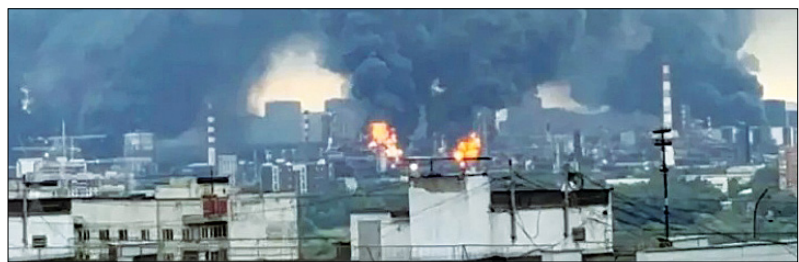
President Trump described the agreement as a crucial step to prevent a wider global economic crisis, while Iranian leaders welcomed the deal but maintained that Tehran would remain cautious in its dealings with Washington.

Although the agreement calls for an end to military operations across the region, challenges remain over its implementation, particularly regarding the Israel-Lebanon situation.



Along with President Emmanuel Macron, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the exhibition area at VivaTech 2026, where they explored various innovative technology showcases and startup displays. The visit highlighted strong India-France collaboration in the field of innovation and digital technology. The energy, enthusiasm, and creativity on display at the event were truly remarkable and reflected the dynamic spirit of global entrepreneurship.

Ukraine Strikes Russian Refinery



► Vikrama Vahini | Moscow

Ukrainian drones struck a Moscow oil refinery in a renewed escalation of the ongoing war, even as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky sought support from the United States and Europe to push for an end to the conflict.

The attack marks the second strike on a Moscow refinery this week, while Russia simultaneously launched missile attacks on Kyiv. The exchange comes

amid intensified diplomatic efforts aimed at ending the prolonged war.

Russia's Defence Ministry said its air defence systems shot down 555 Ukrainian drones overnight across multiple regions, including nearly 200 intercepted near Moscow. Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyanyin confirmed that several drones hit the oil refinery, causing damage. However, details on the extent of destruction have not yet been disclosed.

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Editorial

Unmasking the Dharma Conspiracy

The unfolding developments surrounding Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala have raised serious questions about the motives behind a sustained campaign aimed at tarnishing one of Karnataka's most revered religious institutions. The allegations and controversies that have surfaced in recent years appear increasingly intertwined with what many now perceive as a calculated attempt to damage the reputation of Dharmadhikari Dr. Veerendra Heggade and his family. Given Dharmasthala's immense social, cultural, and spiritual significance, any effort to undermine public faith in the institution extends far beyond personal attacks and strikes at the very trust that millions of devotees have placed in it over generations.

What makes the matter more intriguing is the government's reluctance to make public the findings of the Special Investigation Team (SIT), which was entrusted with examining the conspiracy angle behind the allegations. While the previous government displayed unusual urgency in accepting the controversial caste census report despite pending legal concerns, it showed little enthusiasm in receiving or disclosing the SIT report on Dharmasthala. Such contrasting approaches naturally give rise to public suspicion. If the report contains findings that expose vested interests, political motives, or organised attempts to defame the institution, the people of Karnataka have every right to know the truth. Transparency alone can restore confidence and prevent speculation from overshadowing facts.

The latest petition filed before the High Court by key accused Chinnayya has further intensified demands for a deeper investigation. The claims made in the petition reportedly shed fresh light on the alleged conspiracy and raise issues that cannot be brushed aside. In the interest of justice, credibility, and public confidence, the case now warrants an independent and comprehensive probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Such an inquiry would help establish the facts beyond doubt, identify those responsible for any orchestrated misinformation, and ensure accountability. The state government must seize this opportunity to demonstrate its commitment to fairness, transparency, and the rule of law. Anything less would only deepen public distrust and leave lingering questions unanswered.

-Editor



Greater Bengaluru Development Minister Shri Krishna Byre Gowda chaired a key review meeting today with officials to assess the measures undertaken by Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) within the jurisdiction of the Greater Bengaluru Authority. The meeting was attended by Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao, BBMP Commissioner Ramesh D.S., Pommala Sunil Kumar, G. Jagadish, Ramesh K.N., Dr. Rajendra K.V., BSWML CEO Karigowda, COO Ramamani, CFO Raju, CGM Rajesh, Deputy General Managers (DGMs), Assistant General Managers (AGMs), and other senior officials.

BNCC Surprise Raid Exposes Waste Collection Lapses

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru
Acting on repeated public complaints, Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar conducted a surprise early-morning inspection of the city's solid waste management system on Thursday, uncovering serious irregularities in attendance records and waste collection operations.

The inspection began at 5:45 am, with four teams deployed across different Auto Merging Points to assess vehicle attendance, staff deployment, and the functioning of door-to-door waste collection services. Senior officials, including Joint Commissioners, the Additional Commissioner and AGM, led inspections in different wards.

The inspection revealed widespread misuse of the QR code-based attendance system. Although attendance had been marked through the mobile application for several garbage collection vehicles, many of those vehicles were not



physically present at the designated locations.

At Wheeler Town Flyover in Ward No. 59, only 21 of the 32 registered autos were present, while the online system showed 24 vehicles as operational. Similar discrepancies were found in Wards 49, 27 and 24, where the number of vehicles marked present was significantly higher than those actually available on the ground.

Officials also found that several vehicles were operating without helper staff, while sanitation workers were not

using mandatory safety equipment such as gloves.

The Commissioner said the problems in Bengaluru's waste management system stem from poor implementation, weak supervision and failure to follow schedules rather than the absence of new tenders. He directed officials to ensure greater transparency, accountability and punctuality in waste collection operations and announced that similar surprise inspections would continue to improve sanitation services across the city.

TUNGABHADRA DAM GATES INAUGURATION ON JUNE 25

> Vikrama Vahini | Koppal

The new crest gates of the Tungabhadra Dam will be inaugurated on June 25, Water Resources Minister Ramalinga Reddy said on Thursday.

After visiting Murirabad in Koppal district, the minister inspected the dam's upper area and reviewed preparations for the inauguration event with officials. He also chaired a meeting regarding arrangements for the programme. Reddy said Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, along with Karnataka Chief Minister and several Union and state ministers, are expected to attend the inauguration. He added that the Central Water Resources Minister and other dignitaries will also participate in the event. He said preparations are underway and

necessary steps are being taken to organise the programme in a grand manner.

Responding to questions on Legislative Council elections, the minister said voting had already been completed and clarified that neither the ruling party nor the opposition had indulged in any "operation" or manipulation.

On the Bidadi township issue, he said the project was initiated during the coalition government in 2006 and left it to the public to judge the ongoing credit claims.

Replying to questions on portfolio changes and political developments, Reddy said he has never sought any ministerial post and is happy with the Irrigation portfolio, which allows him to work for farmers. He also clarified that he had not resigned or attempted any political pressure tactics.



"HDK Unable to Secure MLA Trust"

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

Congress leader Maddadi Balakrishna on Thursday took a sharp dig at former Chief Minister and JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy, saying he was unable to "keep 18 MLAs in confidence" and questioning his leadership ability.

Reacting to recent political statements over cross-voting in the Karnataka Legislative Council elections, Balakrishna said Kumaraswamy had asked legislators to vote based on their conscience and therefore should not now raise allegations of horse-trading.

"When voting is done on conscience, it is unfair to speak about horse-trading. Such remarks only insult their own MLAs," he said.

He further stated that there was no wrongdoing in the election process and that legislators had voted according to their individual judgement. "MLAs voted as per their conscience, and that should be respected," he added.

Taking another swipe at the JD(S) leadership, he remarked that if Kumaraswamy could not manage even 18 MLAs, it reflected weak internal coordination.



Several Train Services Cancelled Till August

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

The South Western Railway has announced significant changes in train operations across Karnataka due to ongoing infrastructure works, including yard renewal at KSR Bengaluru station and bridge construction between Holenarasipura and Mavinakere.

As part of the revised schedule from June 18 to August, several services including the Mysuru-Talaguppa Express have been fully cancelled on select dates, while others have been diverted or partially regulated. The Mysuru-Shivamogga Town Express will operate from Arasikere instead of Mysuru on certain days, and the Mysuru-Yeshwantpur Express will face delays of up to two hours.

In July and August, key services such as the Vande Bharat Express between Bengaluru and Kerala, Lalbagh Express, and several Chennai-Bengaluru and Kaveri Express trains will also be affected due to ongoing modernisation works at KSR Bengaluru station.

SIR Grievance Phone-in on Saturday

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

To facilitate the smooth implementation of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, the Commissioner of Bengaluru South City Corporation (BSCC) and Additional District Election Officer, K.N. Ramesh, will conduct a special phone-in programme on Saturday to address citizens' grievances.

The phone-in programme will be held on June 20, 2026, from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm, during which the Additional District Election Officer will personally interact with citizens, clarify doubts and initiate action on complaints related to the electoral roll revision.

Residents of the BTM Layout, Bommanahalli, Jayanagar, Padmanabhanagar, Govindrajnagar, Vijayanagar and Basavanagudi Assembly constituencies can participate in the programme to seek clarification or lodge complaints regarding the Special Intensive Revision process.

Officials have been directed to register all complaints received during the programme, forward them to the concerned authorities and ensure prompt action on issues requiring immediate attention.

67 Students Hospitalised Over Midday Meal Scare

> Vikrama Vahini | Mandya

As many as 67 students were hospitalised as a precautionary measure after a suspected lizard part was reportedly found in a midday meal at a government school in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district on Thursday.

The incident occurred at a government school in Ravani village, where students noticed a lizard-like fragment in one of the food plates during lunch.

The discovery triggered panic among students and staff, prompting immediate action by school authorities.



All 67 students who had consumed the meal were shifted to the Malavalli taluk hospital for medical examination. Doctors confirmed that none of the children showed any signs of illness, also said that kitchen staff who had consumed the same meal earlier did not report any health issues.

measure, the students were kept under observation at the hospital.

Officials said that a detailed inquiry has been initiated into the incident to verify the quality of food served under the midday meal scheme.

They added that samples of the food have been collected and sent for laboratory testing, and strict action will be taken if any negligence is found.

District officials visited the hospital and took stock of the situation, assuring parents that children are safe and under proper medical supervision.

NEWS

₹35 Lakh Boost for Kakolu Government School

> Vikrama Vahini | Kakolu (Bengaluru North)

PM SHRI Composite High School, Kakolu, near Rajanukunte on Doddaballapur Road in Yelahanka Taluk, has emerged as a shining example of how community participation, corporate social responsibility, and educational commitment can come together to transform government schools.

The school's renovated infrastructure, developed at a cost of approximately ₹35 lakh, will be inaugurated on June 20, 2026, at 10:00 AM. The project represents a significant step toward strengthening public education and creating a vibrant learning environment for nearly 400 students from Kakolu and surrounding villages.



Guest of Honour, The programme will be presided over by Sri Vijeth R., President of the SDMC.

Speaking ahead of the inauguration, Sri Murali Kakolu, Founder Trustee of Panchajanya Foundation, said:

"Every child deserves to learn in an environment that inspires confidence, hope, and aspiration. This project is not merely about renovating buildings; it is about strengthening children's dreams and creating opportunities for their future."

A unique feature of the initiative is the 'Learning Journey' concept inspired by Panchajanya Foundation. Each classroom has been designed around a life value such as curiosity, discipline, responsibility, creativity, leadership, service, and achievement, creating an environment that supports both academic learning and character development.

Supported by the CSR initiative of iValue InfoSolutions Ltd. and strengthened by active community participation, the project stands as a model for collaborative school development.

More than the unveiling of renovated infrastructure, the June 20 inauguration will celebrate community commitment, shared responsibility, and a collective investment in the future of children.

Educationists have welcomed the initiative, stating that such collaborations between local communities, corporate partners, and educational institutions can significantly improve the quality of government schools across Karnataka.



The transformation was made possible through the collective efforts of Panchajanya Foundation, the School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC), school staff, local community members, and CSR support from iValue InfoSolutions Ltd.

The project included the comprehensive renovation of 15 classrooms, educational wall graphics, improved learning spaces, and enhancement of the overall school campus. Despite the scale of the work and the limited summer vacation window, the entire project was successfully completed within just ten weeks through meticulous planning, continuous monitoring, and coordinated execution.

Volunteers from Panchajanya Foundation and SDMC members played a key role in supervising the project, coordinating resources, and ensuring transparency, quality, and timely completion.

The inauguration ceremony will be attended by Sri Krishna Raj Sharma, Director and Co-Founder of iValue InfoSolutions Ltd., as Chief Guest, and Smt. Shaiba, Block Education Officer (N-4), Yelahanka, as

HEALTH & Lifestyle

Monsoon Eye Alert: Prevent Conjunctivitis

With the onset of the monsoon, eye specialists have reported a rise in conjunctivitis, commonly known as pink eye, across several parts of the country. Doctors say increased humidity, contaminated water, poor hygiene, and close contact are contributing to the rapid spread of viral and bacterial eye infections, particularly among children.

Common Symptoms

Conjunctivitis causes inflammation of the conjunctiva, resulting in redness, watering, itching, swelling, sticky discharge, light sensitivity, and a gritty sensation in the eyes. Medical experts advise people not to ignore these symptoms, as early treatment helps prevent complications and limits transmission.

Follow Hygiene Measures

Dr. Dhananjaya KH, Consultant Ophthalmologist at SPARSH Hospital, Bengaluru, said people should avoid touching or rubbing their eyes, wash their hands frequently, use separate towels, avoid sharing eye drops or cosmetics, and keep spectacles clean. Contact lens users should discontinue lens use during the infection and consult an eye specialist before resuming.

Avoid Self-Medication

Doctors have cautioned against using steroid eye drops without medical advice, as they may worsen the condition. Children with active conjunctivitis should stay home to prevent spreading the infection.



Experts also recommend seeking immediate medical attention if symptoms include severe eye pain, blurred vision, excessive discharge, or persist for more than a few days.

Health experts emphasise that maintaining good personal hygiene and seeking timely medical care are the most effective ways to prevent conjunctivitis outbreaks during the rainy season.

Doctors also recommend strengthening immunity during the monsoon by eating a balanced diet rich in fruits and vegetables, staying hydrated, and getting adequate sleep. People should avoid swimming in contaminated pools or water bodies during an outbreak, as infected water can increase the risk of eye infections. Wearing protective eyewear while travelling in dusty or polluted conditions can also help reduce irritation and exposure to infectious agents. Eye specialists stress that most cases of viral conjunctivitis resolve within one to two weeks with proper care, but patients should complete the prescribed course of medication and avoid returning to school or work until the infection subsides.

SCIENCE & Technology

Claude AI Down? Try These Top 5 Alternatives

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

AI chatbot Claude, developed by Anthropic, experienced a major service outage on Tuesday, leaving users in India and several other countries unable to access its website, mobile app, and chatbot services. The disruption affected users relying on Claude for writing, coding, research, and productivity tasks.

As Anthropic works to restore normal services, users have turned to alternative AI platforms to continue their work.

Among the most popular alternatives is ChatGPT, widely used for writing, coding, brainstorming, document summarisation, and general assistance.

Google Gemini offers seamless integration with Gmail, Google Docs, and other Google Workspace applications, making it a preferred choice for Google users.

Microsoft Copilot provides AI assistance across Windows and Microsoft 365 applications, helping users create content, summarise documents, and generate code. Perplexity AI has gained popularity for research, as it delivers responses with web source citations, making it useful for students, journalists, and professionals.

Another option is Grok, developed by xAI, which offers conversational AI features, including content creation, coding support, and idea generation through the X platform and mobile applications.

The outage has once again highlighted the growing dependence of individuals and businesses on AI-powered tools for daily operations. Technology experts say users should keep multiple AI platforms as backup options to avoid workflow disruptions during unexpected service outages.

Food Awareness Focus of Annabrahma Chaturmasya

► Vikrama Vahini | Gokarna

Jagadguru Shankaracharya Sri Sri Raghaveshwara Bharathi Mahaswamiji of Sri Ramachandrapura Math has said that food is revered as divine in Sanatana Dharma and plays a vital role not only in ensuring physical well-being but also in attaining spiritual progress. He stressed the need to cultivate awareness about the sanctity of food and avoid wastage.

Speaking after releasing the invitation for the 'Annabrahma Chaturmasya' celebrations at the Math's headquarters in Ashoke, Gokarna, on Wednesday, the seer said that while Chaturmasya is a sacred observance for spiritual masters, it is a festival for disciples and devotees.

This year's Chaturmasya will focus on creating public awareness about food through the wisdom of ancient sages alongside spiritual enlightenment.

Expressing concern over increasing food wastage, the seer observed that rising prosperity has also led to irresponsible consumption habits. He said the programme aims to educate people on respecting food,



understanding its significance, and adopting mindful eating practices rooted in Indian tradition.

Drawing a comparison between animals and humans, Sri Raghaveshwara Bharathi Mahaswamiji noted that animals spend much of their lives searching for food but instinctively consume only what is suitable for them. Humans, however, often eat unhealthy and inappropriate food without understanding its impact. He added that little importance is given today to the origin, preparation, and

proper consumption of food, despite it being one of the most essential aspects of life.

The Annabrahma Chaturmasya will be held at Ashoke, Gokarna, from July 29 to September 26, 2026. As part of the observance, a series of awareness programmes and discourses will be organised on topics such as the spiritual significance of food, the right time to eat, rules for drinking water, the purpose of food, fasting, post-meal practices, traditional dining utensils, and ancient dietary wisdom. Devotees will also be served traditional

meals prepared according to time-honoured methods.

The invitation release programme was attended by Math Administrator Santosh Hegde, Finance Committee Chairman Ganesh J.L., Havyaka Mahamandala President Hariprasad Periyapu, D.D. Sharma, Pradeep Nayak, Mahesh Shetty, R.S. Hegde Haragi, Manjunath Suvarnagadde, Praveen Bhimanakone, Chaturmasya Chief Coordinator Chandan Shastri, along with coordinators and prominent devotees from various regions.

Betrayers in MLC Polls to Be Identified: Ashok

► Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

Senior BJP leader R. Ashok on Thursday said the party will identify and take action against MLAs who engaged in cross-voting during the Karnataka Legislative Council elections held for seven seats.



Acknowledging internal dissent, Ashok said those who "betrayed the party" would be identified before deciding on disciplinary action.

Despite winning two seats it contested, the BJP fell short of expected votes. Party candidate Raghu R., who was projected to receive 30 votes, secured 29 after one vote was declared invalid.

Another candidate, Lingaraj Patil, received 27 votes instead of the expected 30 due to cross-voting, party sources said.

The results have triggered concern within the BJP over internal discipline ahead of future legislative contests.

Astram App Speeds Up Civic Response

► Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) South Zone has begun using the 'Astram' mobile application, currently used by the Bengaluru Traffic Police, to ensure quicker response to public complaints related to potholes, rain damage, fallen trees, and other civic issues affecting road safety.

A special training workshop was conducted for BBMP engineers at the corporation's conference hall to familiarize them with the effective use of the application. During the session, the Astram technical team demonstrated how engineers can identify potholes, rain-damaged roads, and fallen trees through the app, receive real-time alerts, and provide updates on repair and clearance works.

The workshop was held under the leadership of Chief Engineer Basavaraj Kabade, who emphasized that the application would play a crucial role in responding to emergencies and resolving public grievances promptly. He directed all engineers to make effective use of the technology to improve civic service delivery.

Basavaraj Kabade said that whenever citizens or Bengaluru Traffic Police report civic issues through the Astram app, BBMP engineers and their field teams will immediately visit the location and initiate repair or clearance work. The app is expected to strengthen coordination between departments and ensure faster redressal of complaints, thereby improving road safety and public convenience.



Former Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) Chairman Dr. Ram Prasath Manohar V., IAS, who was transferred after serving for two-and-a-half years, was felicitated at a farewell ceremony organised by the Board. Present on the occasion were Dr. Manjula N., IAS, the newly appointed BWSSB Chairperson, Administrator Madan Mohan, Principal Chief Engineer Dalayat, Financial Advisor Subbaramaiah, and members of the Board's staff.

Centre Flags Telegram Misuse in HC

► Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

The Central Government has informed the Delhi High Court that the messaging platform Telegram is being widely misused for terrorism, cybercrime, drug trafficking, child exploitation and financial fraud, terming it a "new dark web" for criminals.

In its affidavit, the government alleged that Telegram's encryption and anonymity features are being exploited by terror outfits

and cybercriminals for recruitment, coordination and illegal activities. It further claimed that the platform is being used for selling hacking tools, leaked data and conducting online scams through channels and secret chats.

The Centre also accused Telegram of not cooperating with law enforcement agencies by refusing to share user data, citing privacy concerns.

TTD PLANS DIRECT DAL PROCUREMENT

► Vikrama Vahini | Tirumala

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) is exploring the possibility of directly procuring quality pulses from dal millers across Andhra Pradesh for its Annaprasadam programme, which provides free meals to lakhs of pilgrims daily at Tirumala.

A meeting in this regard was held on Thursday with representatives of dal mills, chaired by TTD Additional Executive Officer Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary, focusing on ensuring both quality and adequate supply of pulses.

TTD officials said the institution currently uses seven varieties of pulses, including Bengal gram, black gram (with and without husk), toor dal, green gram and groundnuts, for preparing Annaprasadam.

The Additional EO noted that TTD has already improved rice procurement through miller associations and expressed confidence that a similar system could be adopted for pulses.

Millers responded positively, expressing willingness to

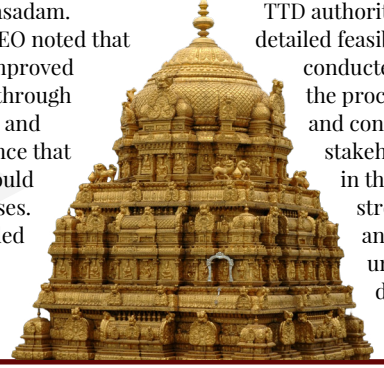
supply quality pulses as part of the sacred service linked to the Annaprasadam initiative.

Officials were directed to examine transparent procurement mechanisms directly from millers.

Senior TTD officials, including Deputy Executive Officers and procurement and catering departments, along with dal mill representatives, attended the meeting.

Officials further stated that the proposed direct procurement model is expected to improve transparency in the supply chain and ensure consistent quality standards for the large-scale Annaprasadam programme.

TTD authorities added that detailed feasibility studies will be conducted before finalising the procurement process, and consultations with stakeholders will continue in the coming weeks to streamline logistics and maintain uninterrupted food distribution to pilgrims.



ENTERTAINMENT

Madras HC Halts Drishyam 3 Telugu OTT Release



► Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

The Telugu-dubbed OTT release of Mohanlal-starrer Drishyam 3 has been halted after the Madras High Court issued an interim injunction restraining its release on digital platforms. The Telugu version was scheduled to premiere on Amazon Prime Video on June 18, but the release has now been put on hold following a copyright dispute.

The legal battle began after filmmaker Sripriya's production company, Rajkumar Theatre Pvt. Ltd., approached the Madras High Court, alleging that the producers of Drishyam 3 had violated its exclusive remake rights by opting to release a Telugu-dubbed version instead of producing an official Telugu remake.

Hearing the petition, Justice K. Kumaresh Babu observed that despite private notices being served, none of the respondents appeared before the court. Taking note of their absence, the court passed an interim injunction restraining the respondents, their agents, licensees, and representatives from exploiting the applicant's copyright by releasing the Telugu version on any OTT platform until further orders.

The dispute stems from the successful Telugu remakes of the first two Drishyam films. The original Malayalam films were officially remade as Drushyam (2014) and

Drushyam 2 (2021), starring Venkatesh and directed by Sripriya. According to the petitioners, they continue to hold the remake rights for the franchise in Telugu. They argued that releasing Drishyam 3 as a dubbed film, instead of creating a separate Telugu remake, infringes upon those rights and could adversely affect their commercial interests.

Based on these claims, Sripriya and producer Rajkumar Sethupathi sought an immediate stay on the OTT release of the Telugu-dubbed version. The High Court accepted the plea at the interim stage and restrained the release pending further proceedings.

While the Telugu version has been blocked for now, the Malayalam original and other language versions remain unaffected and continue to stream as scheduled. Drishyam 3, directed by Jeethu Joseph, was released in theatres on May 21 and became available on Amazon Prime Video from June 18. The film stars Mohanlal, Ansiba Hassan, Esther Anil, and Kalabhavan Shajon in pivotal roles.

Meanwhile, the Hindi adaptation of Drishyam 3, starring Ajay Devgn, is expected to hit theatres in October this year. The outcome of the ongoing copyright case is likely to have significant implications for remake and dubbing rights in the Indian film industry.

NETFLIX UNLEASHES UNCUT 'DHURANDHAR 2' FROM JUNE 19

► Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

After a successful theatrical run and its recent digital premiere, Ranveer Singh-starrer Dhurandhar: The Revenge is set for another OTT release, with Netflix India bringing the film's uncut international version to audiences from June 19. The latest release promises an enhanced viewing experience featuring restored scenes, uncensored dialogues, and extended action sequences that were not included in the domestic theatrical version.

The film will be available in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam, allowing viewers across the country to watch the action thriller in their preferred language. Netflix's release comes just weeks after the film premiered on JioHotstar on June 4.

The JioHotstar launch had drawn criticism from viewers due to technical issues, including poor video and audio quality during the live streaming event. Many subscribers also expressed disappointment over the decision to stream the film as a live broadcast instead of offering it as an on-demand title. The Netflix release is expected to address those concerns with a standard on-demand streaming experience.

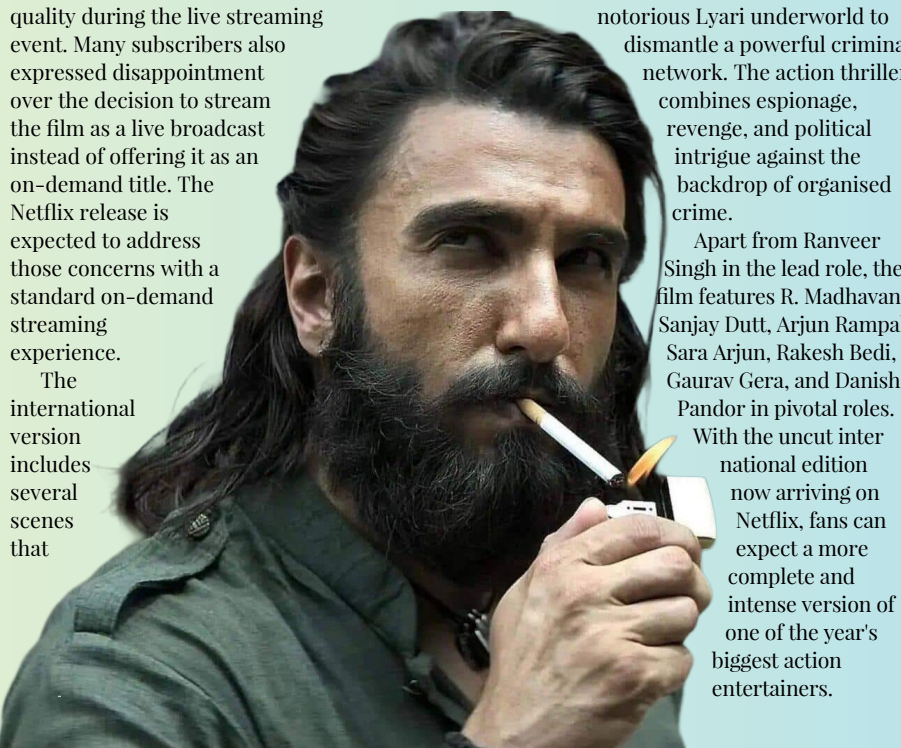
The international version includes several scenes that were previously removed or shortened for Indian theatrical audiences. Viewers will get access to uncensored dialogues, extended combat sequences, and additional footage that further expands the narrative. The version also restores the original overseas audio track and contains stronger language and more graphic action sequences than the censored domestic release.

Among the restored scenes is the controversial sequence involving Uzair Baloch and Arshad Pappu, along with longer action segments featuring protagonist Hamza Ali Mazari. Several intense fight scenes have also been extended, providing a more detailed portrayal of the film's high-octane action.

Directed by Aditya Dhar, Dhurandhar: The Revenge follows the story of Jaskirat Singh Rangji, also known as Hamza Ali Mazari, who infiltrates Karachi's notorious Lyari underworld to dismantle a powerful criminal network. The action thriller combines espionage, revenge, and political intrigue against the backdrop of organised crime.

Apart from Ranveer Singh in the lead role, the film features R. Madhavan, Sanjay Dutt, Arjun Rampal, Sara Arjun, Rakesh Bedi, Gaurav Gera, and Danish Pandor in pivotal roles.

With the uncut international edition now arriving on Netflix, fans can expect a more complete and intense version of one of the year's biggest action entertainers.



BUSINESS

Crude Below \$80: Fuel Price Cut Hopes Rise

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A sharp decline in global crude oil prices has raised expectations of a possible reduction in petrol and diesel prices in India. Following the recent US-Iran peace agreement, the Indian basket of crude oil has dropped below the \$80-per-barrel mark, offering relief after months of elevated import costs.

According to the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC), the Indian crude oil basket stood at \$78.66 per barrel on June 16, compared to a peak of \$146.09 per barrel on March 17, when geopolitical tensions in West Asia drove global oil prices sharply higher. Before the conflict, the Indian crude basket was priced at \$70.70 per barrel on February 19.

The sustained decline reflects easing global supply concerns after the ceasefire between the United States and Iran. During the peak of the crisis, India imported crude at an average price of \$114.48 per barrel in April and \$106.23 per barrel in May, significantly increasing the burden on oil marketing companies.

Despite the fall in crude prices, an immediate reduction in retail fuel prices may not be announced. Industry experts say oil marketing companies are expected to first recover losses incurred during the period of high crude prices before passing on the benefits to consumers. In addition, the Central Government may also consider its revenue position after reducing excise duty on petrol and diesel earlier this year.

The government is also facing increased expenditure on fertiliser subsidies due to the impact of the West Asia conflict, which may influence the timing of any decision on fuel price revisions.

However, economists believe that if petrol and diesel prices are reduced, it could boost consumer spending, lower transportation costs, ease inflationary pressures, and support overall economic growth. Lower fuel prices would also help reduce logistics costs across industries and provide much-needed relief to households and businesses.

Market analysts say that if global crude prices remain below \$80 per barrel over the coming weeks, oil marketing companies could gain enough pricing flexibility to consider reducing pump prices.

SPORTS

Triple Delight! Team India Wins Three Matches in a Single Day

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

June 17 turned into a landmark day for Indian cricket as all three Indian teams in action—India, India A and the Indian women's team—registered emphatic victories in their respective international matches. The rare feat showcased India's strength across formats and levels, delighting cricket fans with a day of complete dominance.

A total of seven international matches were played across the world on June 17, with India participating in three of them. Remarkably, all three Indian teams secured comprehensive wins by huge margins, underlining the country's growing depth in cricket.

The day began with India A taking on Afghanistan A in the Tri-Series. Batting first, India A piled up 319 runs before bowling out Afghanistan A for 218, sealing a commanding 101-run victory. The win also ensured India's direct qualification for the tournament final.

Later in the afternoon, the senior Indian men's team faced Afghanistan in the second ODI of the three-match series. India produced a batting masterclass, posting a massive 402 runs on the board. Afghanistan's chase never gathered momentum as they were dismissed for 232, handing India a convincing 170-run victory and an unassailable lead in the series.

The celebrations continued in the evening when the Indian women's team took on the Netherlands in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. India amassed 209 runs before bundling out the Netherlands for just 114, recording a 95-run victory. The result also marked India's biggest-ever winning margin in the history of the Women's T20 World Cup.

IPL 2027 to Begin Early from March 10!

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

The BCCI is planning to start IPL 2027 on March 10, nearly two weeks earlier than usual, with the tournament expected to conclude by May 15. The move is aimed at avoiding extreme summer heat and pre-monsoon rains that often affect players, fans and crucial playoff matches.

BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia said the tournament will continue in its existing 74-match format, dismissing speculation of an expansion to 94 matches. The board has decided against increasing the number of games due to the packed international cricket calendar and concerns over player workload.

The revised IPL window will also require domestic tournaments, including the Ranji Trophy, to finish before March, allowing a smooth transition into the IPL season.

BCCI officials believe the new schedule will provide better playing conditions, reduce weather-related interruptions and ensure greater availability of overseas players. The board is expected to finalise the revised calendar after consultations with stakeholders and in line with the international cricket schedule.

The revised schedule is expected to improve match quality while ensuring a smoother and uninterrupted IPL season for players and fans alike.

Versailles Hosts Historic Iran-US Deal

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

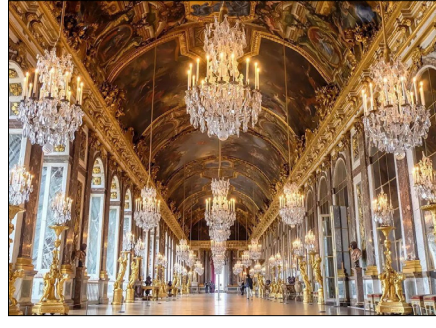
The United States and Iran have signed a landmark peace agreement at the historic Palace of Versailles in France, marking a significant step towards easing months of tensions between the two nations.

The agreement was signed by US President Donald Trump following the G7 Summit in the presence of French President Emmanuel Macron and First Lady Brigitte Macron.

60-Day Framework for Final Settlement

The 14-point agreement, officially titled the "Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding between the United States of America and the Islamic Republic of Iran," establishes a 60-day framework for both countries to negotiate a comprehensive and permanent peace settlement.

During this period, both sides have agreed



to avoid any action that could disrupt the ongoing negotiations.

Why Versailles Matters

The signing ceremony attracted global attention not only because of the agreement itself but also due to its symbolic venue—the Palace of Versailles. One of France's most iconic landmarks, the palace served as the

royal residence of Kings Louis XIV, Louis XV, and Louis XVI and has long been associated with major international diplomacy.

Historic Legacy of Peace Treaties

Versailles is best known as the site where the Treaty of Versailles was signed in 1919, officially ending World War I. The treaty reshaped Europe's political landscape, imposed strict conditions on Germany, and established the League of Nations, making it one of the most influential diplomatic agreements in modern history.

Over the centuries, the palace has hosted several important international treaties, peace negotiations, and state events.

By choosing Versailles as the venue for the Iran-US agreement, both sides underscored the historic significance of the occasion and the hope for a lasting diplomatic breakthrough.

₹10 Cr for Rebel Sena MPs: Raut

> Vikrama Vahini | Mumbai

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Thursday alleged that rebel MPs of his party were paid an additional ₹10 crore each and shifted to a "safe location" in Rajasthan, as internal tensions deepen within the Uddhav Thackeray-led faction.



Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Raut claimed that the dissident MPs were being provided police security and demanded that such protection be withdrawn. He also warned of strong party action, including what he termed "Operation Tudva", against the rebel lawmakers.

Raut further alleged that the MPs were earlier offered ₹15 crore each and reiterated his claim that inducements of up to ₹50 crore had been made to persuade them to switch allegiance.

Calling upon the rebel MPs to resign and seek a fresh mandate, Raut said party workers had worked hard for their election and asserted that leaving the party without returning to voters was "morally wrong".

The controversy comes after six of the nine Lok Sabha MPs of Shiv Sena (UBT) skipped a key parliamentary party meeting, raising speculation of a possible split in the party's parliamentary wing. Only Arvind Sawant, Anil Desai, and Rajabhau Waje attended the meeting along with Raut.

Party leaders indicated that show-cause notices would be issued to the absentees, while Raut maintained that their absence amounted to a violation of the party whip.

The developments mark a significant escalation in the ongoing political churn within the Shiv Sena (UBT) faction.

HC Blow to Mamata Over LoP Row

> Vikrama Vahini | Kolkata

In a significant setback for Trinamool Congress (TMC) chief and former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, the Calcutta High Court on Thursday refused to grant an interim stay on Assembly Speaker Rathindra Bose's decision to recognise expelled TMC MLA Ritabrata Banerjee as the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the West Bengal Assembly.

Justice Krishna Rao, while hearing a petition filed by senior TMC leader Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay, declined to interfere with the Speaker's decision at this stage and directed all respondents to file their replies within 21 days. The matter has been posted for further hearing on July 28.

The development comes amid growing internal turmoil within the TMC, with several rebel legislators breaking ranks and extending support to the newly formed Nationalist Citizens Party of India

(NCP). The party had challenged the Speaker's recognition of Ritabrata Banerjee, arguing that he had already been expelled from the TMC.

Following the TMC's defeat in the recent Assembly elections, the party had nominated Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay as its Leader of the Opposition and communicated the decision to the Speaker.

After seeking a formal resolution and minutes of the legislative party meeting, the Speaker reportedly received additional documents from the TMC.

During the proceedings, the High Court observed that the Speaker appeared inclined to accept the rebels' decision.

The court also rejected the argument that Ritabrata Banerjee's expulsion from the TMC had no legal consequence, noting that once the Speaker had been officially informed of the expulsion, the issue could not be treated as merely an internal party matter.



5 COPS SUSPENDED

> Vikrama Vahini | Patna

A youth who was injured in a police encounter in Bilauti village of Bhojpur district in Bihar has died during treatment, triggering protests and leading to the suspension of five police personnel.

The incident occurred on Wednesday under Shahpur police station limits, where Bharat Bhusan Tiwari was injured in an alleged encounter. He succumbed to his injuries on Thursday, following which villagers and family members staged protests, creating tense conditions in the area. Heavy police deployment was made to maintain law and order.

Following the death, authorities suspended five policemen in connection with the incident and initiated an internal inquiry.

The deceased's mother

alleged that her son had surrendered to the police and was still shot at multiple times. She claimed he was involved in social work and had earlier been accused in a case but had no illegal weapon.

She demanded justice, saying the firing was unjustified and excessive.

Police officials have not yet issued a detailed statement on the allegations, but confirmed that an investigation is underway.

Officials said senior police authorities have taken the matter seriously and assured that the inquiry will be conducted in a fair and transparent manner.

They added that strict action will be taken if any wrongdoing or violation of procedure is established during the investigation.



Delhi Braces for Hot Weather

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

Delhi has once again come under hot and humid weather conditions after a brief spell of rain, with temperatures rising to 38°C and minimum around 30°C.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast the possibility of light rain or thunderstorms in parts of the capital during the afternoon, though overall dry and uncomfortable conditions are likely to continue. Experts said monsoon activity has temporarily slowed after an early onset, but the normal arrival period for Delhi-NCR remains around June 27. They added that weather developments over the Bay of Bengal will play a key role in determining further progress of the monsoon. Across north India, IMD has predicted widespread rainfall in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh,



and parts of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan over the next few days, accompanied by thunderstorms and gusty winds.

In eastern and northeastern regions, heavy to very heavy rainfall is expected between June 22 and June 24 in states including Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and adjoining areas, with strong winds and lightning activity likely to continue. Light to moderate rainfall activity may provide brief relief in some regions, though humidity levels are expected to remain high across most parts of the country.

SHIV SENA (UBT) CRACKS WHIP ON 6 REBEL MPs

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

Amid growing speculation over a possible split within the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) faction, the party has decided to issue show-cause notices to six Members of Parliament who failed to attend a crucial parliamentary party meeting held on Thursday despite a mandatory three-line whip.

The meeting was convened to discuss important organisational and parliamentary matters at a time when reports of internal dissent and possible defections have gained momentum. Senior party leaders described the absence of the six MPs as a serious breach of party discipline.

Addressing reporters after the meeting, senior Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Arvind Sawant said the party had clearly instructed all MPs to attend the meeting without exception. He confirmed that the absentee MPs would receive show-cause notices by Thursday evening and would be given seven days to explain their absence.

"There was a strict directive from the party to attend today's meeting. Those who were absent will receive a show-cause notice and must submit their reply within seven days. If they fail to respond satisfactorily, disciplinary action will be initiated," Sawant said.

He further stated that if the MPs fail to provide an acceptable explanation, the party would not hesitate to approach the Speaker of the Lok Sabha. Sawant also questioned reports suggesting that some MPs had communicated their position through letters, challenging them to make such correspondence public.

Shiv Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut also launched a sharp attack on the absent lawmakers. He claimed that some of the MPs were in Mumbai and Pune rather than in Delhi, where the meeting was held, and questioned the reasons behind their absence.



Raut alleged that there was growing political pressure on the party's legislators and sarcastically asked whether the absent MPs had been "kidnapped" by supporters of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. He said party chief Uddhav Thackeray was personally monitoring the developments and gathering details regarding the missing MPs.

Warning of political consequences, Raut said the lawmakers who skipped the meeting would face difficult questions from voters in their constituencies. "They will have a tough time facing the people. They may even need security while visiting their constituencies," he remarked.

When asked whether the party would explore legal options, Raut said the leadership would take an appropriate decision after reviewing the situation. He also criticised constitutional institutions, including the Election Commission and the Supreme Court, over the political developments surrounding the Shiv Sena split.

The latest episode has intensified speculation about fresh divisions within the Shiv Sena (UBT), with political observers closely watching whether the absent MPs remain with the Uddhav Thackeray-led faction or chart a different political course in the coming days.

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