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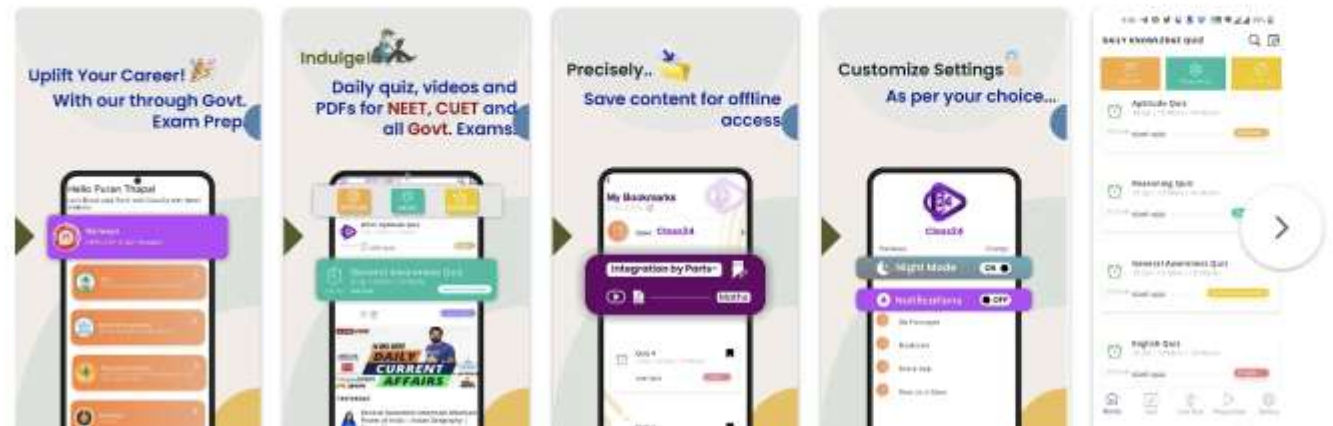
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**Russian missile and drone blitz kills 21 in Kyiv**

KYIV  
Russia hammered Kyiv in all 13-hour drone and missile attack overnight into Thursday morning, killing at least 21 civilians in the city and injuring more than 90 others in what Moscow said was retaliation for Ukrainian strikes on Russian oil facilities. **PAGE 14**

**Kuki village in Manipur torched by armed group**

SHIMLA  
Manipur's trail of violence widened after an armed group attacked and torched a Kuki village in Thursday afternoon around 8 a.m. on Thursday. The Kuki Inp alleged that suspected members of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland carried out the "unprovoked" attack on Lakhit. **PAGE 4**

**PF Rules notified: no word yet on hike in pension**

NEW DELHI  
The Centre published the Rules for the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, the Employees' Pension Scheme, and the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, replacing the old Rules of 1952. Trade unions said the notification does not reflect demands of workers such as increase in minimum pension and clarity in providing higher pension for applicants. **PAGE 8**

# Free Indo-Pacific priority for India, Japan: PM

Both countries are 'perfectly aligned', Japanese PM says and stresses on 'strategic cooperation' | Countries seal at least 129 MoUs on technology, investment and AI; Japan may invest \$1 trillion | Modi praises deal over defence tech for maritime security; Takaichi expresses concern over Gulf

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**Kalpal Bhattacharjee**  
NEW DELHI

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Meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe in New Delhi. **PHOTO: ANUPRAKASH PILLAI/PTI**

**Maritime security**  
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**Modi, Takaichi unveil Maruti Suzuki pact**

NEW DELHI  
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the importance of maritime security as the key to maintaining regional stability in the Indo-Pacific. "At least 129 memoranda of understanding are especially important for regional peace and stability," Mr. Takaichi said, highlighting the har-

## Dry horizon



But as even visitors take shelter under an umbrella on a sunny day at Velli beach in Tiruvannamipuram on Thursday, as the forecast predicts a monsoon deficit for the month of July. **PHOTO: NISHANT**

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**Anaratha Bhambhani**  
NEW DELHI

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the NCLT decision to admit its application into the corporate insolvency resolution process on an application filed by Janmas and Kashiur Bank under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code. The insolvency proceedings arose out of an alleged default in relation to a ₹200-crore credit facility extended by Janmas and Kashiur Bank to Pan India Utilities Distribution Company Ltd. The Mumbai Bench of the NCLT admitted the insolvency application in August after recording a claimed default of ₹57.4 crore.

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## Falling boulder kills 7 at quarry near Bengaluru

**The Hindu Bureau**  
BENGALURU

Seven workers, six of them migrants, were killed and five injured after a massive boulder collapsed on them at a stone quarry in Huttu, karnataka village in Taloa taluka Huttu on the outskirts of Bengaluru, Karnataka, on Thursday morning.



Battered remains: The aftermath of the boulder collapse at the stone quarry site, near Huttu, on Thursday. **PHOTO: NISHANT**

Seven workers, six of them migrants, were killed and five injured after a massive boulder collapsed on them at a stone quarry in Huttu, karnataka village in Taloa taluka Huttu on the outskirts of Bengaluru, Karnataka, on Thursday morning. Several workers were engaged in stone-cutting and quarrying activities when the rock fell in an adjacent quarry and came crashing down on them from a height of about 50 metres. The boulder collapsed on some vehicles, including a tractor trolley which was loaded, crushed several workers and left several others trapped. The accident occurred at around 7.30 a.m. Seven labourers — five

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**Kallol Bhattacharjee**  
NEW DELHI

A "free and rules-based Indo-Pacific" is a common priority for India and Japan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday while welcoming his Japanese counterpart, Sanae Takaichi. Mr. Modi said India and Japan would jointly develop technologies that would help in maintaining maritime security and "regional peace".

"India and Japan are among the biggest economies of the world. A free, prosperous and rules-based Indo-Pacific is our shared priority. We will jointly pave the way for peace, stability and progress for the entire region," Mr. Modi said.

"In the field of defence, India and Japan have done the first agreement for co-development of projects. This agreement on naval radio antenna will open a new chapter of defence technology partnership. Now, we will jointly develop such technologies that will help in maintaining regional peace, maritime security, and strengthen rules-based order," Mr. Modi added.

## Maritime security

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**Boosting ties:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Japanese counterpart Sanae Takaichi in New Delhi. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Mr. Modi and Ms. Takaichi attended an economic session in which Indian and Japanese companies sealed 129 memoranda of understanding on technology, investment, and artificial intelligence.

According to a docu-

ment shared by the External Affairs Ministry, Japan is on track to invest \$1 trillion across States, including Haryana, Odisha, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and those in the northeastern region.

Ms. Takaichi highlighted

## Modi, Takaichi unveil Maruti Suzuki plant

NEW DELHI

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the importance of maritime security as the key to maintaining regional stability in the Indo-Pacific.

"Expansion of maritime security is especially important for regional peace and stability," Ms. Takaichi said, highlighting the har-

mony between Japan's call for FOIP and the Government of India's emphasis on ocean as a "shared space" that can sustain economic growth and safeguard sovereignty.

"In the midst of international affairs in disarray, the establishment of such an inter-complementary cooperative relationship has become ever more important," she stated.

She expressed concern about the situation in the Gulf region, where at least 31 Japanese vessels remain stranded near the Strait of Hormuz.

## Defence cooperation

The two sides also announced deepening of bilateral defence cooperation through joint military exercises, particularly naval exercises in the Indian

Ocean and expanding Maritime Domain Awareness.

Interacting with the media on Thursday evening, Japanese officials said that bilateral cooperation in defence equipment and technology was progressing through industry agreements. They emphasised that the defence technologies being exported were intended for "defence purposes and not for warfare".

The two sides highlighted the need to collaborate in addressing energy security needs against the backdrop of the disruption in the Persian Gulf region and supported the idea of "strategic stockpiling of crude oil" to serve bilateral requirements. Japan is diversifying energy suppliers in the backdrop of the crisis in West Asia, said Japanese officials.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Key Points</b>
<b>Headline</b>	India and Japan reaffirmed that a <b>Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)</b> is a common strategic priority.
<b>Leaders</b>	Prime Minister <b>Narendra Modi</b> and Japanese Prime Minister <b>Sanae Takaichi</b> .
<b>Main Objective</b>	Strengthen cooperation in <b>defence, maritime security, technology, AI, investments, and regional stability</b> .
<b>Major Message</b>	Both countries are "perfectly aligned" on maintaining a <b>free, rules-based Indo-Pacific</b> .

Area	Details	Exam Relevance
Defence	First India-Japan agreement for <b>co-development of defence projects</b>	Defence cooperation
Naval Technology	Agreement on <b>naval radio antenna technology</b>	Maritime security
Maritime Security	Joint development of technologies for Indo-Pacific peace	Indo-Pacific strategy
Technology	<b>129 MoUs</b> signed in technology, AI and investment	Economic diplomacy
Japanese Investment	Japan may invest around <b>US\$1 trillion</b> across Indian states	FDI
Manufacturing	New <b>Maruti Suzuki plant</b> inaugurated at Kharkhoda, Haryana	Industrial development

## Indicator

MoUs Signed

Focus Areas

Potential Investment

Beneficiary States

## Details

**129**

AI, technology, manufacturing,  
investment

**US\$1 trillion**

Haryana, Odisha, Maharashtra,  
Gujarat and Northeastern states

## Strait of Hormuz

### Issue

Concern

### Details

Around **31 Japanese vessels** reportedly stranded due to tensions in the Gulf region.

Importance

Vital sea route for global oil trade.

## Maruti Suzuki Expansion

### Project

Plant

### Details

Fourth manufacturing facility

Location

**Kharkhoda, Haryana**

Significance

One of Suzuki's largest production facilities globally

**Sector****Examples**

Automobiles

Maruti Suzuki, Toyota, Honda

Two-Wheelers

Yamaha, Honda, Kawasaki

Infrastructure

Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail, Delhi Metro

Electronics

Panasonic, Sony, Hitachi

Industrial Corridor

Delhi–Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC)

Semiconductors


Growing cooperation in chip manufacturing

<b>Aspect</b>	<b>Details</b>
Strategic Partnership	Special Strategic and Global Partnership
Quad Members	Yes (India, Japan, US, Australia)
Major Areas	Defence, infrastructure, technology, semiconductors, AI, clean energy
Important Projects	Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail, Delhi Metro, DMIC, Dedicated Freight Corridor

## India–Japan Trade Relations (Latest Key Numbers)

Parameter	Latest Figures
Total Bilateral Trade (FY 2025–26)	US\$ 27.5 billion
India's Exports to Japan	~US\$ 6.0 billion
India's Imports from Japan	~US\$ 21.4 billion
Trade Balance	India has a trade deficit of ~US\$ 15.4 billion  Reuters +1

## Japanese Investment in India

Parameter	Figures
Japanese FDI (Apr–Dec 2025)	US\$ 3.2 billion
Cumulative Japanese FDI (Apr 2000–Sep 2025)	US\$ 45.6+ billion
Japanese Companies Operating in India	~1,400
Japan's Investment Commitment	Over US\$ 61 billion by 2035  Reuters +2

## Major Indian Exports to Japan

Category	Examples
Engineering Goods	Machinery, industrial products
Petroleum Products	Refined petroleum
Chemicals	Organic chemicals
Marine Products	Shrimp, seafood
Pharmaceuticals	Generic medicines
Textiles	Cotton yarn, garments
Agricultural Products	Tea, spices, rice

## Major Japanese Exports to India

Category	Examples
Automobiles	Passenger vehicles
Auto Components	Engines, transmission systems
Industrial Machinery	Manufacturing equipment
Electronics	Electronic components
Steel & Metals	Specialty steel
Chemicals	Industrial chemicals

<b>Project/Company</b>	<b>Sector</b>
Maruti Suzuki	Automobile manufacturing
Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail	Infrastructure
Delhi Metro	Urban transport
Delhi–Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC)	Industrial infrastructure
Toyota Kirloskar	Automobile
Honda	Automobile & Two-wheelers
Panasonic	Electronics
Hitachi	Railways & Energy

<b>Agreement</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)	<b>2011</b>	Trade liberalization, investment, services
Special Strategic and Global Partnership	<b>2014</b>	Strategic and economic cooperation
Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (with Australia)	<b>2020</b>	Diversify and strengthen supply chains
Recent AI, Energy & Economic Security Agreements	<b>2026</b>	Cooperation in AI, critical minerals, energy resilience and defence technology ( <u>Reuters</u> )

## Bullet Train

Point	Earlier/Original	Now/Latest Reported
Route	Mumbai–Ahmedabad	Same
Length	<b>508 km</b>	Same
Original cost	<b>₹1.08–1.10 lakh crore</b>	—
Current estimated cost	—	Around <b>₹1.98 lakh crore</b> reported due to ~₹90,000 crore cost overrun
Cost increase	—	Around <b>83%</b>
Main reason for increase	—	Delay, land acquisition issues, inflation, technical complexity
Completion target	Earlier 2023/2026 targets missed	Gujarat section: <b>2027</b> , full route: <b>Dec 2029</b> reported
Japanese funding	Around <b>81–88%</b> of original project	Extra cost likely to be funded by Indian side, not fresh JICA loan
Loan source	<b>JICA, Japan</b>	JICA loan already committed in tranches
Interest rate	Around <b>0.1%–0.25%</b> soft loan	Very low compared to Indian borrowing cost
Repayment period	<b>50 years</b>	Includes <b>15-year moratorium/grace period</b>
Loan amount originally discussed	Around <b>₹88,000 crore</b>	JICA commitments crossed about <b>₹59,000 crore</b> in signed tranches by Dec 2023
ROI / financial return	Low direct financial ROI	Feasibility study indicated <b>FIRR around 1.6%</b> , mainly viable because Japanese loan is very cheap

# Indian, Japanese PMs inaugurate Maruti Suzuki's fourth plant

**Jagriti Chandra**  
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi on Thursday inaugurated Maruti Suzuki's fourth vehicle manufacturing facility at Kharkhoda in Haryana.

Two-thirds of Suzuki's cars are made in India and exported to more than 100 countries from New Delhi, Mr. Modi said during the launch at the India-Japan Joint Economic Forum.

"Kawasaki, Yamaha and Honda bikes too are exported to the entire world from here. Similarly, whether it is air conditioners or power grid equipment, precision manufacturing or medical technology, when Japanese expertise and investment and India's speed and scale join, then the whole world benefits," the Prime Minister said.

Today, the world is grappling with supply chain constraints, trade uncer-



PM Modi and Japanese PM Sanae Takaichi inaugurating the plant on Thursday. ANI

tainty, and a dip in global demand, Mr. Modi said.

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going," he added.

The Kharkhoda plant will be scaled from half a million units to 1 million units, which would make it one of the largest car manufacturing plants, said Toshihiro Suzuki, president, representative director and chairman of Suzuki Motors. The projected total investment at the facility will be ₹35,000 crore.

# SC quashes NCLT order for using AI-generated case law +

Aaratrika Bhaumik  
NEW DELHI

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“Even if an iota of fake or hallucinated material enters the decision-making process, it would violate the sanctity of adjudication. It is absolutely necessary to maintain integrity in decision-making, and we reiterate and declare zero tolerance for the Bar as well as the Bench to cite, refer to, or rely on such material,” the Bench said.

Cautioning against AI-generated hallucinations quietly permeating legal practice, it warned that reliance on fictitious precedents “subverts the rule of law”.

## ‘Frame norms’

While acknowledging that “increased workloads of modern life” have compelled lawyers and judges to adapt to AI to improve efficiency, it underlined that meaningful human oversight must remain integral to every stage of the adjudicatory process.

“For us, i.e., for those in the province of adjudication and determination of disputes, this by-product of AI, i.e., the production of fake, non-existent, and



hallucinated material and its utilisation as precedents in law, is like the release of methyl isocyanate in the province of law and justice: invisible, insidious, and catastrophic by the time anyone notices,” the Bench said.

The top court called for a “deeper collaboration” between the Bar and the Bench on AI and urged the Bar Council of India to frame norms to address the issue of AI-generated precedents.

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the NCLT decision to admit the company into the corporate insolvency resolution process on an application filed by Jammu and Kashmir Bank under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code. The insolvency proceedings arose out of an alleged default in relation to a ₹200-crore credit facility extended by Jammu and Kashmir Bank to Pan India Utilities Distribution Company Ltd.

The Mumbai Bench of the NCLT admitted the insolvency application in August after recording a claimed default of ₹87.43 crore.

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## Integrity of process

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**Headline** Supreme Court set aside an NCLT order after finding it relied on **AI-generated (hallucinated) fictitious judicial precedents.**

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**Bench** Justices **P.S. Narasimha** and **Alok Aradhe**

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**Core Principle** AI can assist legal work but **cannot replace independent judicial verification.**

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**Court's Stand** Declared **zero tolerance** for citing fake or AI-generated case law.

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## Why did the Supreme Court Intervene?

Issue	Details
AI Hallucinations	The NCLT relied on <b>non-existent AI-generated judicial precedents.</b>
Impact	Such reliance threatens the <b>sanctity, integrity, and credibility of judicial decision-making.</b>
Supreme Court Observation	Even a small amount of fake material can contaminate judicial decisions.

## **Provision**

AI as Assistive Tool

Mandatory Disclosure

Human Oversight

No AI Decision-Making

## **Purpose**

AI may assist judges and lawyers but cannot replace judicial reasoning.

AI-assisted filings should disclose the use of AI.

Judicial decisions must remain under human control.

AI cannot independently decide legal disputes.

## Aspect

Original Matter

Applicant

Respondent

Alleged Default

Earlier Orders

Supreme Court Decision

## Details

Insolvency proceedings under **Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)**.

Jammu and Kashmir Bank

Pan India Utilities Distribution Company Ltd.

**₹87.43 crore** (credit facility of about ₹200 crore).

NCLT admitted the insolvency application; NCLAT later upheld it.

Set aside both NCLT and NCLAT orders and remanded the matter for fresh consideration.

## Why AI Hallucinations are Dangerous in Law

Risk	Impact
Fake Judgments	Wrong legal precedents may influence decisions.
Miscarriage of Justice	Incorrect outcomes affecting litigants.
Loss of Public Trust	Weakens confidence in the judiciary.
Ethical Concerns	Raises issues of accountability and professional responsibility.

## AI Hallucination (Definition)

Term	Meaning
AI Hallucination	A situation where an AI system generates <b>false, fabricated, or non-existent information</b> while presenting it as factual.

### Five booked for 'child abuse' at creche in Bengaluru IT firm

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

The HIAL police have issued notice to five staff of the creche operating inside IT firm Capgemini in Bengaluru, summoning them for questioning about allegations of physical abuse and cruelty towards the children of the employees of the company.

The police registered an FIR against workers at the creche, Little Buds Day Care, on June 25.

The police have gathered video clips reportedly showing the alleged abuse and sent them to the Forensic Science Laboratory for further verification.

The questioning would ascertain the exact role of the staff based on which necessary legal action would be taken, a senior police officer said.

The FIR names caregivers Manjula, Vijayalakshmi, Bhavani, Sindhu and Binu. They have been booked under Section 304 (2) of the Bharatya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, and Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, based on a complaint filed by Tillash Kumar.

Allegations against staff According to the complaint, the alleged incidents took place on June 25 at the facility. The complainant alleged that the creche staff, including the in-charge and caregivers, subjected the children to physical and mental abuse.

It is noted that the children who cried or created a disturbance were arranged



The alleged abuse took place at Little Buds Day Care centre at the IT firm Capgemini.

edly confined inside a washroom, shower with water, and subjected to physical assault.

The complainant stated that videos showing children crying were circulated on WhatsApp, leading the alleged abuse to light.

Temporarily closed On July 1, Capgemini issued a statement announcing full co-operation with the investigators and temporary closure of the on-campus day care facility.

Police Commissioner Suresh Kumar Singh said that a special team, led by an officer of the rank of Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), was formed for the probe. "The FIR was registered based on a call to the child helpline..." he said.

Mr. Singh announced that the police would collect details of all day care centres run by companies in Bengaluru and ensure that all the rules are followed at these centres. "Any violation will be dealt with strictly," he said.

### 20 passengers held with fake visas at Hyderabad airport

The women passengers from A.P. were stopped from boarding an Oman Air flight after officials detected forged Kuwait visa documents; case filed against 39 accused, including 19 travel agents

The Hindu Bureau HYDRABAD

Twenty women from East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh were stopped from boarding an Oman Air flight at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad after immigration officials detected forged Kuwait visa documents that had been altered to bypass immigration requirements for overseas workers.

The police have registered a case against 39 accused — the 20 passengers and 19 travel agents — involved in arranging the forged documents. According to the first information report (FIR), the women, all holders of Foreigners' (Check Required) (FCR) passports, were



The role of the airline is being probed after boarding passes were issued despite the forged documents. 15,1 room

scheduled to travel to Kuwait via Oman, on Oman Air flight WY-620 during the intervening night of June 30 and July 1. During immigration clearance, officials noticed discrepancies in some of the documents and subjected

documents had been altered to falsely reflect the category as "Join Family" and carried the endorsement "Not permitted to work". Investigators believe that the forged endorsements were made to help the passengers evade mandatory clearances.

The women were detained at the airport and handed over to the RJA Airport Police Outpost for further legal action. During questioning, the women said that they had been promised jobs in Kuwait by travel agents and were unaware that the visa documents had been forged.

The officials said that the role of the airline is being probed after boarding passes were issued despite the forged visa documents.

### Heavy rain lashes Himachal; five killed

Dina Trust of India SHIMLA

Heavy rainfall lashed several parts of Himachal Pradesh, with five rain-related deaths reported across the State in the 24 hours till Thursday evening, official sources said.

Three persons were killed in separate accidents in Shimla and Chamba districts, while one death was reported in Mandi district, officials said. A bus conductor named Cyan

Chand, a resident of Mandi district, was killed in Lahaul and Spiti district after falling stairs from a hill-side bus stop.

Around 30 pilgrims were stranded near a temple in Bharnour of Chamba district as flash floods washed away a temporary wooden bridge, cutting off access to the temple.

A joint search and rescue operation involving the National Disaster Response Force, local administration, a mountain-

ing institute and the Public Works Department, was launched after information was received about the incident.

"The temporary wooden bridge in the temple has collapsed. The rescue team has reached the site and essential supplies have been sent to the stranded pilgrims," Bharnour Sub-Divisional Magistrate Vinit Sharma told media persons.

Incident rainfall has caused the Chaurang Khad

### IN BRIEF



### A.P. CM to launch work on Rayalaseema steel plant today

In a major step towards industrialisation of the Rayalaseema region in Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will launch the construction work of the RW Rayalaseema Integrated Steel Plant in Kadapa district on Friday. The commencement of construction transforms a long-pending aspiration into reality and reaffirms the State's commitment to make Rayalaseema a manufacturing and green industrial hub, says an official release.

### Bengaluru ISRO headquarters evacuated after bomb threat

A bomb threat was received by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) headquarters in Bengaluru, claiming explosives were planted at the high-security establishment. After a thorough security check by the police and bomb disposal squads, the threat was declared a hoax. The email was received by the ISRO staff post-lunch. They alerted the police who rushed to the spot, and evacuated the campus. Police have launched a probe to trace the email sender.

### Telangana DSP booked in disproportionate assets case

The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered a disproportionate assets case against Sarikereddy Bhuvan Reddy, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) posted at Police Computer Services (PCS), Hyderabad, alleging that he amassed assets disproportionate to his known source of income through corrupt practices. The action came after ACB officials carried out simultaneous searches at the officer's residence and 13 other premises linked to him.

### Kerala begins examination of Vizhinjam port deal

The Hindu Bureau THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala government has initiated the process of examining the proposal by the Adani Group to invest its 49% stake in Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Limited (AVPPL), the consortium and operating company of the Vizhinjam International Seaport.

Announcement by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ) that the over-land-based Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) Group will acquire a 49% stake in AVPPL, has sparked a controversy in Kerala.

On Thursday, the government expressed dismay over being kept in the dark on the issue. Chief Minister V.J. Somnath conveyed the State's displeasure to the management of the Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd., a communication from the Chief Minister's Office said.

Leader of the Opposition Pinarayi Vijayan said that such a deal without the prior permission of the government was "illegal". Following the controversy, the company hastily submitted a proposal to this effect on Wednesday night to the Ports Department Secretary and the Managing Director of Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited (VIL).

The proposal has now been forwarded to the Law Department for vetting. After legal scrutiny, it will be discussed by a high-power committee headed by the Chief Secretary. Based on the committee's recommendations, the State Cabinet will decide whether to approve the stake sale.

### Word of caution



Beated off: A notice has been placed declaring the area restricted following the compound wall collapse at the government-run Borewing and Lady Caxson Hospital in Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, on April 29, 2020. L.A.S.R. SIDDHANTH

### Vikram-1, India's first-ever privately developed orbital rocket, gears up for launch

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

India's first privately developed orbital class rocket is all set for its maiden launch.

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Vikram-1 sits on a launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota

second mission following the successful suborbital flight of Vikram-0, the first private rocket to reach space from Indian soil, on November 18, 2022. It said that this would be a partially commercialised launch, with the company planning to commence full commercial flights after one or two successful demonstrations in orbit.

All stages of the rocket's Vikram-1 have been successfully integrated and stacked at the launch pad. The mission will gather critical data across propulsion, stage separation, guidance, navigation, control and overall vehicle performance.

### NIMHANS opens 'database' to aid research on sleep disorders among stroke patients

Ashish Yaswanth BANGALURU

A team of researchers from NIMHANS, Bengaluru, and the International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Hyderabad, has developed the first open-access Asian database of overnight sleep studies in patients with ischaemic stroke.

The database, which has been made publicly available, is expected to support research on sleep disorders in stroke survivors and help improve post-stroke care. The dataset, named IS-LEEPS (Polysomnography Dataset for Sleep Analysis and Research), was first presented, has been published in the Nature Portfolio



The database compiled 100 overnight polysomnography (PSG) recordings collected at the NIMHANS, bangalore on

oxygen desaturation episodes, periodic limb movements and bruxism information, all annotated, according to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine's 2017 guidelines. It includes clinical data, manually scored sleep stages, respiratory events,

that no new tax proposals were under consideration. This was reiterated in the Business Advisory Committee as well. But, after the Budget presentation, the Finance Bill was reportedly inserted into the agenda," he said.

"Finance Bills with such tax proposals are usually passed only after vetting by the Subject Committee. However, this convention was also violated. The Chief Minister tried to justify it by claiming that the LHM government also passed a Finance Bill during its final Budget session, but that Bill did not have any new tax proposals," he said.

### No urgent hearing in case related to judges' PAs: SC

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday declined to grant an urgent hearing to a plea challenging a Madras High Court order setting aside the appointment of 17 Personal Assistants (PAs) to High Court judges after finding several "irregularities" in the recruitment process.

The matter was mentioned for urgent listing before a panel of Justices Dipak Chandra Chelukumari and Justice Nageshwar Reddy by senior advocate S. Nagarathnam. The Bench, however, declined the request.

### Finance Bill passed in violation of Assembly conventions: Pinarayi

The Hindu Bureau THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala's Leader of the Opposition Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday accused the United Democratic Front (UDF) government of shirking Assembly conventions to pass the Finance Bill.

He accused Chief Minister V.J. Somnath of showing "unnecessary haste and stubbornness to provide tax cuts to liquor companies." The Finance Bill was not part of the schedule for the Revised Budget session. The government had said at that point of time

that no new tax proposals were under consideration. This was reiterated in the Business Advisory Committee as well. But, after the Budget presentation, the Finance Bill was reportedly inserted into the agenda," he said.

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responding authors of the study, told The Hindu that the project was conceived to address a major gap in sleep medicine research. "Sleep-disordered breathing is extremely common after ischaemic stroke, but researchers have had very limited access to large, well-annotated datasets from stroke patients... we wanted to create a high-quality resource that researchers across the world can use," he said. "Sleep... plays an important role in brain repair, memory consolidation and functional recovery after stroke. If sleep disorders are not recognised and treated, they can adversely affect rehabilitation and even increase the risk of recurrent stroke," he said.

# Vikram-1, India's first-ever privately developed orbital rocket, gears up for launch

**The Hindu Bureau**

BENGALURU

India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket is all set for its maiden launch.

On Thursday, private space launch company Skyroot Aerospace, based in Hyderabad, announced that the launch window for Vikram-1's first test flight, named Mission Aagaman, is between July 12 and August 4.

It said that Test Flight-1 is targeted for no earlier than July 12, subject to the completion of assembly and testing operations at the launch site at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in



Vikram-1 sits on a launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.

Sriharikota, as well as weather, safety and range clearance. The launch window extends till August 4.

The company said that Mission Aagaman, meaning 'the arrival', marks its

second mission following the successful suborbital flight of Vikram-S, the first private rocket to reach space from Indian soil, on November 18, 2022.

It said that this would be a partially commercial flight, with the company planning to commence full commercial flights after one or two successful demonstrations to orbit.

All stages of the Skyroot's Vikram-1 have been successfully integrated and stacked at the launch pad. The mission will gather critical data across propulsion, stage separation, guidance, navigation, control and overall vehicle performance.

**Topic****Key Points****Headline**

**Vikram-1**, India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket, is set for its maiden launch.

**Developed By**

**Skyroot Aerospace**, Hyderabad

**Mission Name**

**Mission Aagaman** ("The Arrival")

**Launch Window**

**12 July – 4 August 2026**

**Launch Site**

**Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC)**, Sriharikota,  
Andhra Pradesh

**Significance**

Marks India's entry into privately developed orbital launch vehicles.



# Vikram-I

## Why this rocket is special

Vikram-I is Skyroot's first launch vehicle that can carry payloads to orbit. It is designed to launch small satellites.

The rocket can be re-fired after one firing. This allows multiple payloads to be deployed into different orbits in a single launch.

Vikram-I is made using advanced carbon composite structures and uses 3D-printed liquid engines, making it lighter and stronger.

The company claims that the rocket can be made on-demand and launched within 24 hours from any launch site.



## **Feature**

## **Details**

Rocket

Vikram-1

Company

Skyroot Aerospace

Mission

Mission Aagaman

Type

Orbital Launch Vehicle

Launch Status

Maiden orbital test flight

Commercial Status

Partially commercial; full commercial launches planned after successful demonstrations

# Objectives of Mission Aagaman

Objective	Purpose
Propulsion Testing	Validate engine performance.
Stage Separation	Test successful separation of rocket stages.
Guidance & Navigation	Verify onboard guidance systems.
Flight Control	Evaluate vehicle stability and control.
Overall Performance	Collect critical flight data for future commercial missions.

## Background

Mission	Achievement
Vikram-S	India's first private rocket launched successfully on <b>18 November 2022</b> .
Current Mission	Vikram-1 is Skyroot's <b>second mission</b> and first orbital launch vehicle.

**Particular****Details**

Headquarters

Hyderabad

Sector

Private Space Technology

Founded

2018

Founders

Pawan Kumar Chandana &amp; Naga Bharath Daka

Focus

Small satellite launch vehicles and space technologies

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Vikram-S</b>	<b>Vikram-1</b>
Mission Type	Suborbital	Orbital
Launch Date	18 Nov 2022	July–August 2026 (planned)
Objective	Technology Demonstration	Satellite Launch Capability
Achievement	First private rocket launched from Indian soil	First private Indian orbital rocket

## IN BRIEF



## Coal imports decline 13% to 21.3 million tonnes in April

India's coal imports in April this year declined about 13%, or 3.4 million tonnes (MT), to 21.3 MT, the Union Ministry of Coal informed on Thursday. This was particularly led by the decline in imports of power sector and plants that rely on imported coal. Power plants' coal imports dipped about 34.9% to 3.8 MT in April this year. Plants designed to run on imported coal observed the steepest reduction of 27.4%.

## Rupee falls 19 paise to close at 95.35 against U.S. dollar

The rupee pared initial gains and settled for the day on a negative note, down by 19 paise at 95.35 against the U.S. dollar on Thursday, as the support from saving crude oil prices was negated by robust dollar advanced from importers and corporate hedgers. At the interbank forex market, the rupee opened at 94.95 and reached in a range of 94.90-95.42 during the session. On Wednesday, the rupee depreciated 80 paise to close at 95.15 against the U.S. dollar.

## Danish brewer Carlsberg files for India unit IPO

Danish brewer Carlsberg said on Thursday it had filed for an IPO confidentially for its Indian unit with the country's securities regulator. The progress and timing of the potential IPO will depend on regulatory approvals and prevailing market conditions, the company said in a statement. The confidential route allows companies to keep their IPO filings private until the launch. The potential listing will add to an already busy year for India's IPO market.

## Low-cost energy, growing demand led to aluminium

Lalendra Mishra  
MUMBAI

The Adani Group is entering the aluminium sector to capitalise on its low-cost energy business as well as on the growing demand for the metal, said Karan Adani, MD, Adani Ports & SEZ and Adani Cement.

"If you look at it, two aspects which is why we are entering into it. One, it's a very energy intensive business and it works in the advantage of the group as we are one of the lowest-cost producers of energy. And so, this is one of the biggest competitive edge that we bring on table," he said when asked the reason behind entering the business.

"And, second, obviously we see an digitisation. As manufacturing in the country increases, the demand for aluminium is go-



Karan Adani

ing to rise. And we see that as a big opportunity, long-term opportunity for the country."

"Skill impeding?"  
Asked if the firm was entering an already-crowded market dominated by Nalco, Hindalco and Vedanta, he said despite such large capacities, India was still importing aluminium. "So, this is a sign there is more demand. And there

## 'Fuel prices will fall only after cheaper crude reaches India'

Puri says fuel presently being sold was derived from crude oil purchased months ago when prices were elevated, OMC's incurred ₹74,791 cr. loss in June ended quarter from petrol, diesel, LPG sales

Saptarishi Mishra  
NEW DELHI

Purposes of petrol and diesel will come down only after cheaper crude oil reaches Indian shores and refiners, Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said, indicating that an immediate downward revision may not be possible.

The Minister also informed that state-run oil marketing companies incurred a loss of about ₹74,791 crore from the sale of LPG, petrol and diesel combined in the June-ended quarter. Speaking to reporters here on Thursday, Mr. Puri elaborated that the retail fuel presently being sold in pumps had been derived from crude oil that was purchased in advance from the crude oil that would have been obtained two months ago," he said, adding, "So, it was bought at the price avail-



Task full: Mr. Puri stated India was presently holding crude stocks enough for 70-80 days. (Hindu, Nandan Varma)

able then. The price of crude oil that then was not this (about \$70/barrel now)." Today the crude oil that is sold at ₹73 per barrel or below will arrive much later," he added.

He also stated that under recoveries stood at about ₹1.89 lakh crore in the June and quarter. This includes under re-

covery of ₹19,305 crore on petrol, approximately ₹1.45 lakh crore on diesel and ₹24,148 crore on LPG. On how prices may pan out in future, Mr. Puri said, "I can not speculate about it, but I have to prepare for it," adding, "Stocking while crude oil prices are low, increasing storage space and intensifying outreach to bilateral partners — all that will go hand in hand."

Separately, in response to a query from *The Hindu* about expanding storage capacities, Mr. Puri stated India was presently holding crude stocks enough for 70-80 days.

"This is inclusive of crude stocks of ports, refineries, pipelines and strategic petroleum reserves," he said. To queries about India's state-owned OMCs exporting crude to Russia, Mr. Puri stated that the purchases might be routed through third-party countries from the OMCs.

## Adani, IHC Group to set up aluminium project in Odisha for \$11.5 bn

Lalendra Mishra  
MUMBAI

Adani Enterprises Ltd. (AEL), the flagship company of the Adani Group, and International Aluminium Holding (IAH), the Abu Dhabi-based natural resources investment platform of International Hold-

ings Company (IHC) Group, on Thursday, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Odisha to develop an integrated greenfield aluminium project at an investment of \$11.5 billion (₹128 lakh crore).

AEL and IHC will form a 50:50 joint venture for the proposed project. This will mark the entry of the Adani Group into the aluminium sector. The proposed investment is expected to be Odisha's largest private direct investment (FDI) proposal and India's largest FDI in the metallurgy sector, Odisha government

officials said. The project comprises a 4 million metric tonnes per annum (MTPA) alumina refinery to come up in Rayagada district on a 3,200-acre, a 2 MTPA aluminium smelter, a 4,000-mpgwt (MTP) captive power plant and a 1 MTPA, downstream manufacturing

park, supported by essential infrastructure, in Sundargarh district on 4,000 acres. The MoU was signed in the presence of Odisha CM Naveen Patra, Union Minister for Heavy Industries and other dignitaries. (The writer was in Bhubaneswar at the conclusion of Adani group)

## Visa unveils OTP-less payment method

The Hindu Bureau  
MUMBAI

Global payment technology company Visa unveiled its Visa Payment Passkey (VPP), an OTP-less authenticated payment for credit card holders.

VPP users can authenticate transactions with the same method they use to unlock phones. This means One Time Password (OTP) will not be needed to verify the payment. One can use fingerprint, facial recognition, PIN, password or pattern.

Whichever merchant app you use, you will allow you to register biometrically and that gets used subsequently during transaction process," said Karan Prasad, Copan lead products, India and South Asia, Visa.

## BoB enters \$600 mn out-of-court settlement with UAE's NMC Group

BL Bureau  
MUMBAI

Bank of Baroda (BoB) has entered into a huge out-of-court settlement with the joint administrators of the collapsed UAE-based NMC Group, paying \$600 million (approximately ₹7,700 crore) in a bid to avoid protracted litigation, uncertainty and associated costs.

The public sector bank's stock closed at ₹260.35 on Thursday. The NMC Group was put under administration in 2020 after investigators uncovered billions of dollars of undisclosed debt and evidence of alleged fraud. This was one of the biggest corporate scandals



The U.K. proceedings are in the process of being discontinued.

in the Gulf. Incidentally, NMC Group's founder R.R. Nethy was conferred Padma Shri, India's fourth highest civilian award, by the then UPA government in 2019.

In a regulatory filing, Hyderabad-based lender said proceedings under Abu Dhabi Global Market

(ADGM) Court of First Instance as also the UK Insolvency law and the UAE civil law, in relation to NMC Health PLC, NMC Holding Ltd and NMC Healthcare Ltd, both reserved. The NMC Health PLC, NMC Holding Ltd and their respective joint administra-

tors resolved the claims between them and BoB in consideration for payment \$600 million, prominent to a settlement agreement. "All claims, causes of action between them have been resolved without admission of liability or wrongdoing. The settlement agreement and its terms otherwise remain confidential. The liability of the bank in these proceedings is limited to this extent. Payment in settlement agreement, the ADGM proceedings have been discontinued. The U.K. proceedings are in the process of being discontinued," said BoB.

"The settlement is to bring the disputes to conclusion thereby avoiding protracted litigation, uncertainty and associated cost," the bank added.

## IRDAI gives nod for Prudential HCL Health Insurance

The Hindu Bureau  
HYDERABAD

Insurance regulator IRDAI has granted certificate of registration to Prudential HCL Health Insurance to carry on health insurance business in India.

With this registration, the number of standalone health insurers operating in India has increased to eight. The Finance Ministry and Development Authority of India (UIDAI) said it took the health insurance grant during the calendar

year 2020. IRDAI said in a release on Wednesday. Prudential HCL Health Insurance is a joint venture between the Prudential Group (PG) and the HCL Group (HCL). The venture is set up to establish a JV with Vastu Standard Investments (VSI), an already-crowded market dominated by Nalco, Hindalco and Vedanta. "And, second, obviously we see an digitisation. As manufacturing in the country increases, the demand for aluminium is go-

## Submarine cable project linking India, Malaysia, Singapore unveiled

The Hindu Bureau  
HYDERABAD

A consortium comprising Microsoft, Singtel, Tata Communications and AI connectivity platform HCL Group unveiled a submarine cable system connecting India, Malaysia and Singapore.

"The facility is designed to cater to Singapore's growing demand from hyperconnectivity. It will also serve providers and enterprises running AI training and inference workloads across the India-Southeast Asia corridor," HCL Group said announcing signing of contracts to launch the

building of the cable system. No details of the project were shared.

2-SEA, the cable system, will have a 3.5-core, home to the fastest-growing AI and hyperscale data centre clusters in Hyderabad and Chennai, directly to Singapore, the region's cloud interconnectivity hub. The 2-SEA consortium will have dual landings in India, with the one at Maldives and the other at a new diverse landing location in South China. The 2-SEA consortium will operate under a joint build agreement. NEEC Corporation has been appointed as system supplier and ASEAN Cableship (ACPL) as the installation partner. The system is now open for capacity commitments," Lightstream said.



Picture for representation purposes only.

the other at a new diverse landing location in South China. The 2-SEA consortium will operate under a joint build agreement. NEEC Corporation has been appointed

## Supermarket Chain Ratnadeep Retail files DRHP for IPO

The Hindu Bureau  
MUMBAI

Supermarket chain Ratnadeep Retail, which has presence across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka, has filed draft prospectus for IPO.

The proposed IPO will be a combination of a fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to ₹400 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of up to 1,68,00,000 equity shares by the promoter selling shareholders.

## Indian, Japanese PMs inaugurate Maruti Suzuki's fourth plant

Jagriti Chandra  
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Thursday inaugurated Maruti Suzuki's fourth vehicle manufacturing facility at Kharkhoda in Haryana.

Two-thirds of Suzuki's cars are made in India and exported to more than 100 countries from New Delhi, Mr. Modi said during the launch at the India Japan Joint Economic Forum. "Kawasaki, Yamaha and Honda bikes too are exported to the entire world from here. Similarly, whether it is air conditioners or power grid equipment, precision manufacturing or medical technology, when Japanese expertise and investment meet India's spirit and scale job, then the globe would benefit," the Prime Minister said. Today, the world is grappling with supply chain constraints, trade ince-



PM Modi and Japanese PM Shinzo Abe inaugurating the plant on Thursday. (AI)

tant, and a dip in global demand, Mr. Modi said. "When the going gets tough, the tough get going," he added. The Kharkhoda plant will be scaled from just a million units to 1 million units, which would make it one of the largest car manufacturing plants. Yoshitake Suzuki, president, representative director and chairman of Maruti Motors, the projected total investment at the facility will be ₹18,000 crore.

**Topic**

**Key Points**

**Headline**

A new **submarine cable system (I-2SEA)** will connect **India, Malaysia, and Singapore** to boost digital connectivity and AI infrastructure.

**Project Name**

**I-2SEA (India–Singapore–Southeast Asia Cable System)**

**Objective**

High-speed internet connectivity for AI, cloud computing, hyperscale data centres, and digital services.

**Target Completion**

**Q4 2029**

## Parameter

## Details

Project

I-2SEA Submarine Cable System

Countries Connected

India, Malaysia, Singapore

Estimated Length

**3,600 km**

Ready for Service

**Fourth Quarter (Q4) 2029**

Type

High-capacity submarine fibre-optic cable

## **Organisation**

Microsoft

Singtel (Singapore  
Telecommunications)

Tata Communications

Lightstorm

NEC Corporation (Japan)

ASEAN Cablesip (ACPL)

## **Role**

Consortium partner

Consortium partner

Consortium partner

AI connectivity platform and project  
developer

System supplier

Marine installation partner

## **Location**

India

India

Malaysia

Singapore

Inland Connectivity

## **Details**

**Machilipatnam (Andhra Pradesh)**

**South Chennai (Diverse Landing Point)**

Kuala Lumpur Data Centre Corridor

Cloud and hyperscale data hub

Hyderabad connected through  
Machilipatnam

## Feature

## Details

Definition

Fibre-optic cable laid on the seabed connecting countries for telecommunications.

Purpose

Carries internet, voice and data traffic across continents.

Share of Global Internet

**Over 95% of international internet traffic** travels through submarine cables.

Alternative

Satellite communication (lower capacity, higher latency for most uses).

**City**

Mumbai

Chennai

Kochi

Thoothukudi

Digha

**Machilipatnam (Planned)**

**State**

Maharashtra

Tamil Nadu

Kerala

Tamil Nadu

West Bengal

Andhra Pradesh

**Fact**

Project Name

Countries Connected

Length

Completion Target

Indian Landing Points

Major Indian Partner

Global Technology Partner

System Supplier

Marine Installation Partner

**Answer**

I-2SEA

India, Malaysia, Singapore

3,600 km

Q4 2029

Machilipatnam and South Chennai

Tata Communications

Microsoft

NEC Corporation

ASEAN Cables (ACPL)



**Topic****Key Points****Context**

Following the recent controversy over donations to the Ram Temple, attention has focused on how major temples in India receive, manage, audit and utilize donations.

**Main Issue**

Temple administration varies across states—some are managed by government-controlled boards, while others function under independent trusts.

**Types of Donations**

Cash, gold, silver, jewellery, foreign currency, online transfers, land, shares, and other valuable offerings.

## **Temple**

## **Approx. Annual Donations**

Tirupati Balaji

**₹1,880 crore**

Vaishno Devi

**₹2,230 crore**

Ram Temple, Ayodhya

**₹1,150 crore**

Siddhivinayak

**₹1,100 crore**


Kashi Vishwanath

**₹780 crore**

Jagannath Temple, Puri

**₹800 crore**

## How Donations are Managed

Stage	Process	
Collection	Through donation boxes (Hundis), counters, online portals, UPI, bank transfers and digital payment gateways.	
Counting	Done under CCTV surveillance with officials, auditors and designated committees.	
Banking	Funds deposited into designated bank accounts.	
Audit	Internal and external audits, often by Chartered Accountants and government audit agencies (where applicable).	
Utilization	Religious rituals, salaries, temple maintenance, charity, education, healthcare and infrastructure.	

## Temple Administration Models in India

Model	Description	Examples	
Government-controlled Boards	Managed under state Hindu Religious Endowment laws.	Tirupati (TTD), Vaishno Devi Board	
Independent Trusts	Managed by autonomous trusts created through legislation or trust deeds.	Ram Temple Trust, Siddhivinayak Trust	
Community/Traditional Management	Managed by hereditary bodies or local communities.	Jagannath Temple, many local temples	

## **Temple**

Ram Temple, Ayodhya

Tirupati Balaji

Vaishno Devi

Siddhivinayak

Kashi Vishwanath

Jagannath Temple

## **Managing Authority**

Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra  
Trust

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD)

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board

Siddhivinayak Temple Trust

Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple Trust

Shri Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA)

# State-wise Legal Framework

State/Institution	Law/Authority
Tamil Nadu	Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department
Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions & Endowments Act
Kerala	Travancore, Cochin and Malabar Devaswom Boards
Jammu & Kashmir	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Act
Uttar Pradesh	Trust-based management for Ram Temple and Kashi Vishwanath

# Traditional Temple Management Systems

System	Features
Family Management	Hereditary priests or families manage rituals and administration.
Mahant System	A Mahant oversees temple property, rituals and finances.
Akhada/Panchayat System	Religious institutions collectively administer temples and associated assets.

## Utilization of Temple Donations

Purpose	Examples
Religious Activities	Daily worship, festivals, rituals
Infrastructure	Temple construction, renovation, pilgrim facilities
Social Welfare	Hospitals, schools, scholarships, annadanam (free meals)
Employee Welfare	Salaries of priests and staff
Conservation	Preservation of heritage structures and manuscripts

## Challenges in Temple Administration

Issue	Impact
Misappropriation of Donations	Loss of public trust
Lack of Transparency	Accountability concerns
Political Interference	Administrative disputes
Weak Audit Systems	Financial irregularities
Asset Management	Difficulties in maintaining large temple properties

# Constitutional & Legal Provisions

Provision	Significance
Article 25	Freedom of religion
Article 26	Religious denominations can manage their own religious affairs, subject to public order, morality and health
Article 27	No compulsion to pay taxes specifically for promoting a religion
Article 28	Religious instruction in educational institutions

## Important Institutions

Institution	Role
Comptroller and Auditor General (where applicable)	Audits public bodies as permitted by law
State HR&CE Departments	Regulation of temples in several states
Temple Trusts	Day-to-day administration
Devaswom Boards	Management of temples in Kerala

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Government Board</b>	<b>Independent Trust</b>
Appointment	State Government	Trust Deed/Act
Financial Oversight	Government + Audit	Trustees + Statutory Audit
Autonomy	Limited	Higher
Examples	TTD, HR&CE temples	Ram Temple, Siddhivinayak

MANAS (Madak Padarth  
Nishedh Asoochna  
Kendra)

<b>Full Form</b>	<b>MANAS – Madak Padarth Nishedh Asoochna Kendra</b>
<b>Launched By</b>	<b>Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)</b>
<b>Launch Year</b>	<b>2025 (World Anti-Drug Day)</b>
<b>Objective</b>	Create a national platform for <b>drug-related reporting, counselling, rehabilitation and intelligence gathering.</b>
<b>Helpline Number</b>	<b>1933</b>

## What is MANAS?

<b>Aspect</b>	<b>Details</b>
Nature	National anti-drug information and reporting platform
Purpose	Enable citizens to anonymously report drug trafficking and seek help for substance abuse
Services	Drug reporting, counselling, rehabilitation support and intelligence sharing
Accessibility	Available through <b>Portal, Mobile App, UMANG App, Email and Helpline (1933)</b>

## Objectives

Objective	Purpose
Drug Reporting	Allow citizens to report drug trafficking anonymously
Counselling	Provide professional counselling for substance abuse
Rehabilitation	Connect affected individuals to rehabilitation centres
Intelligence	Generate actionable intelligence for enforcement agencies
Public Participation	Encourage community involvement in combating narcotics

## Key Features

Feature	Details
Anonymous Reporting	Identity of informants is protected
National Helpline	1933
Multi-Platform Access	Website, Mobile App, UMANG, Email
AI-enabled Analysis	Helps identify drug trafficking patterns
Counselling Support	Professional psychological assistance
Rehabilitation Referral	Links users with de-addiction centres

## **Indicator**

## **Achievement**

Drug-related inputs received

**2,65,673+**

Actionable intelligence inputs

**16,200+**

Calls connected to counselling

**47,500+**

Individuals assisted

**32,900+**

Rehabilitation requests addressed

**12,800+**

## Related Government Initiatives

Initiative	Purpose
Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)	Awareness and prevention of substance abuse
MANAS	Reporting, counselling and intelligence platform
National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR)	Prevention, treatment and rehabilitation
UMANG App	Unified platform for accessing government services

## Legal Framework

Law	Purpose
Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985	Principal law regulating narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in India
NDPS (Amendments)	Strengthens penalties, enforcement and regulation

**Initiative****Purpose****Ministry / Agency****MANAS (Madak Padarth  
Nishedh Asoochna Kendra)**Anti-drug reporting,  
counselling and intelligenceMinistry of Home Affairs /  
Narcotics Control Bureau**MANAS (Mental Health and  
Normalcy Augmentation  
System)**Mental well-being mobile  
platformNIMHANS-led initiative with  
PM-STIAC support**Tele-MANAS**24×7 tele-mental health  
counsellingMinistry of Health and  
Family Welfare ([Press  
Information Bureau](#))

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# Word of the day

## **Rigmarole:**

a set of confused and meaningless statements

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**Synonyms:** gibberish, nonsense, rhetoric

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**Usage:** *I don't want to go through all the rigmarole just to fill out one form.*

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**Pronunciation:** newsth.live/rigmarole

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**International Phonetic Alphabet:** /rɪgmərəʊl/

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# Word of the day

**Gainsay:** take exception to

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**Synonyms:** contradict, deny, dispute

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**Usage:** *It is impossible to gainsay the importance of a good education in today's job market.*

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**Pronunciation:** newsth.live/gainsay

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**International Phonetic Alphabet:** /'geɪn,seɪ/

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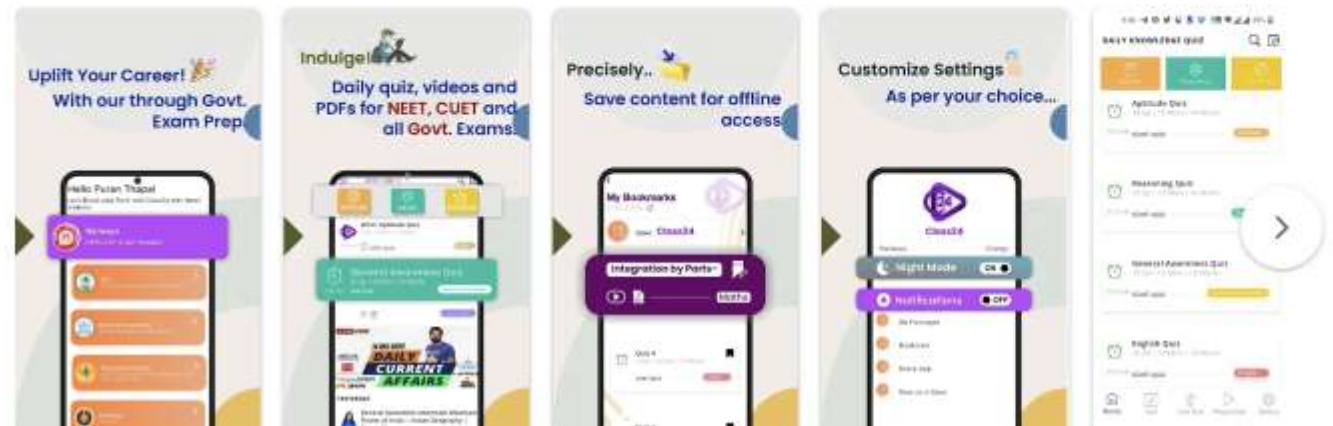
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