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Anil Ambani joins ED probe in Rs 17,000-cr loan fraud case

New Delhi: Industrialist Anil Ambani on Tuesday joined the Enforcement Directorate investigation into an alleged Rs 17,000-crore loan fraud case. The 66-year-old businessman deposed before the investigators at the agency's headquarters here in the national capital following a summons issued to him last week asking to join the investigation on August 5 (today). Anil Ambani was directed to appear before investigators in connection with the probe pertaining to suspected financial irregularities and possible violations under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Udhampur students make Rakhis to thank soldiers for Op Sindoor

Udhampur (Jammu and Kashmir): Ahead of Raksha Bandhan, students in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur are making handmade Rakhis and greeting cards for Indian soldiers to express gratitude for their role in Operation Sindoor and for protecting the nation at the borders. A student said this Raksha Bandhan holds special significance as it is the first festival after the successful execution of Operation Sindoor. A student said, "this is the first festival after Operation Sindoor, so we are making Rakhis for the soldiers who contributed to its success and those who stand at the border for the country's protection... We feel proud and decided to make Rakhis and greeting cards instead of buying it from the market..."

Mumbai civic body fines over 150 people for illegally feeding pigeons

Mumbai: The civic body Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has fined over 150 people and collected Rs 68,700 after the authorities shut down all pigeon feeding points (kabutar khana) in Mumbai, an official said here on Tuesday. The BMC's action came after the state government on July 3, directed it to immediately shut down at least 51 pigeon feeding grounds (kabutar khana) in Mumbai. The BMC is entitled to charge a violator a fine of Rs 500 if he is found feeding animals/birds in non-designated areas. Of this, the highest penalties have been imposed at Dadar's iconic kabutar khana.

Bhopal, Wednesday, August 6, 2025

India-Philippines sign 14 MoUs

Increasing maritime, defence, tourism cooperation; take forward Preferential Trade Agreement talks

Agencies, New Delhi

India and the Philippines signed and exchanged 14 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) on Tuesday, looking to increase cooperation across sectors, including sharing the terms of reference for the negotiations for the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA).

The multiple MoUs were exchanged in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Philippines President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr. today boosting ties between both the nations and enhancing their trade relations. Notably, this is President Marcos' first state visit, with both countries celebrating 75 years of strong diplomatic relations.

The MoUs include cooperation in digital technologies, space, science, and tourism, and also increased co-operation between the armed forces and the coast guard, External Affairs Secretary (East) P Kumaran said in MEA media briefing in the national capital.



There was adoption of Terms of Reference for the negotiations on a Preferential Trade Agreement between India and the Philippines.

Incidentally, Indian and Philippine navies wrapped up their maritime cooperative activity (MCA) in the South China Sea, the first joint patrol of India and the Philippines in

the waters contested by multiple countries, including China, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Taiwan, among others. Three Indian naval vessels - involved three Indian naval vessels - a guided missile destroyer INS Delhi (D-61), and an anti-submarine corvette INS Kiltan (P-30) and the fleet replenishment

tanker INS Shakti (A-57).

The MoUs also include mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, a treaty on transfer of sentenced persons, and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.

"Several MoUs were concluded and exchanged during this visit, there were 14 of them, these include mutual legal assistance treaty in criminal matters, a treaty on transfer of sentence persons, terms of reference on negotiations for India-Philippines Preferential Trade Agreement, terms of reference for service staff talks, Army, Air Force, and Navy, enhanced cooperation between coast guards," MEA secretary Kumaran said during the ministry's special briefing.

"Cooperation in space, cooperation programme, cooperation in program of science and technology, MoU for cooperation in digital technologies, and an implementation program for tourist cooperation," he added.

Over 5 cr detected with hypertension, 3.4 cr with diabetes under NP-NCD: Govt

New Delhi Delhi (UNI)

A total 5.13 crore people have been diagnosed with hypertension, 3.45 crore with diabetes, 1.88 lakh with oral cancer, 41,386 with breast cancer and 91,291 with cervical cancer under the central flagship National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Disease (NP-NCD), the Government told Parliament today.

So far, a total of approximately 389.5 crore people have been screened for hypertension, while diabetes screenings stand close at 387.7 crore.

Screening for oral cancer has reached around 328 crore, breast cancer screenings total 172.1 crore, and cervical cancer screenings ac-



count for over 102 crore individuals, said Union Health Minister Pratap Jadhav in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha.

Regarding treatment, around 4.75 crore hypertension patients and 2.83

crore diabetes patients are currently under treatment. The number of patients receiving treatment for oral cancer stands at 1.77 lakh.

Breast and cervical cancer treatments have been administered to approximately 61,742 and 97,085 patients respectively, the Minister said, talking about the government's ongoing efforts in screening and managing NCDs across the country.

He said a population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs has been rolled out in the country under National Health Mission (NHM) as a part of Comprehensive Primary Health Care. Under the initiative, persons more than 30 years of age are targeted for their screening.

SC refers plea seeking lifetime ban on convicted MPs/MLAs to CJI

New Delhi (UNI)

The Supreme Court today took note of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking permanent disqualification of Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) upon conviction in criminal cases, and directed that the matter be placed before the Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai for listing before an appropriate larger Bench.

The PIL, filed by Advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, challenges the constitutional validity of provisions under Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which

currently bar convicted legislators from contesting elections only for six years after completing their sentence. Senior Advocate Vijay Hansaria mentioned the matter before a Bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joydip Bagchi, urging for an early hearing.

"This is a matter of grave concern. Orders have been passed from time to time. The February 10 order requires that it be listed before a three-judge bench," Hansaria submitted.

The Bench acknowledged the urgency and referred to paragraphs 4 and 5 of the February 10, 2025 order

passed by a Bench led by Justice Dipankar Datta, directing that the matter be placed before the CJI for further directions.

The plea is now expected to be heard finally on October 20, subject to the CJI's listing. In February 2025, the Union government opposed the plea, arguing that a lifetime disqualification of elected representatives was a matter purely within the domain of Parliament and not for the judiciary to decide.

The Centre, through the Legislative Department, maintained that while the court may declare a provi-

sion unconstitutional under its power of judicial review, it cannot rewrite legislation to substitute "lifetime" for "six years" as suggested by the petitioner.

"The relief sought effectively asks the Court to read 'lifetime' instead of 'six years' in all sub-sections of Section 8. This is unknown to judicial review and constitutional law," the Centre submitted.

"At the end of the prescribed time, penalties cease to operate automatically. Deterrence is ensured, while undue harshness is avoided," the government stated.

Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar named TMC's new chief whip in LS

Kolkata: West Bengal ruling Trinamool Congress chairperson Mamata Banerjee today said the party has appointed senior MP Dr Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar as the new chief whip of the party in the Lok Sabha.

Ghosh Dastidar has been appointed in consultation with senior parliamentarians in place of party MP Kalyan Banerjee, who resigned yesterday.

"Kalyan Banerjee submitted his resignation yesterday to the chairperson from the post of chief whip which has been accepted by the party supremo," an AITC communique said.

The party expressed gratitude to Banerjee for his contributions in that role. Banerjee in turn, thanked the party for accepting his resignation.

While Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar has been named as the AITC chief whip in Lok Sabha, another woman MP Satadhi Roy was named as the deputy leader of the party in the Lok Sabha with immediate effect.

Parliament adjourned



change also had taken place between Chairman Harivansh and Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge over Kharge's press note criticising the deployment of CISF personnel in the House as Opposition members stormed the well.

Kharge stated, "We are astonished and shocked at the manner in which CISF personnel were made to rush into the well of the House when members were exercising their democratic right to protest," The Government and the Rajya Sabha Chairman rejected this claim.

Earlier, after proceedings resumed at 2 PM, both Houses witnessed noisy sloganeering and protests by Opposition MPs. The Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day as the Opposition refused to relent on their demand for a debate on Bihar's SIR process.

Lawrence gang aide injured in shootout near Chandigarh

Mohali: A member of the Lawrence gang was injured in an encounter with Punjab police near Chandigarh's Derabassi area today. The suspect, identified as Sumit, sustained a gunshot wound in his leg and was taken to a nearby hospital for medical attention, police said.

Sumit is linked to a murder investigation, police said.

The encounter took place in the Gulabgarh road area, where Sumit was reportedly hiding in a local PG accommodation.

SC to hear plea on restoration of J&K statehood on August 8

New Delhi (UNI)

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on August 8 a petition seeking the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, which was downgraded to a Union Territory in 2019 following the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution.

The matter was mentioned today before a Bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai by Senior Advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, who urged the Court to retain the matter on the cause list for August 8.

"The date shows as August 8. Let it not be deleted," he submitted. The Bench agreed to keep the matter listed.

The plea has been filed by Zahoor Ahmed Bhat, a college teacher, and Khurshid Ahmad Malik, a political activist.

It challenges the delay in restoring full statehood to the region, contending that the prolonged Union Territory status un-

dermines the democratic and constitutional rights of its residents.

The petitioners argue that holding elections and forming a Legislative Assembly before granting statehood would be contrary to the principle of federalism, a part of the basic structure of the Constitution, as laid down in the landmark Kesavananda Bharati case.

They emphasise that full statehood must precede any meaningful legislative process to ensure representative governance.

The former state of Jammu and Kashmir was stripped of its special constitutional status on August 5, 2019, through the abrogation of Article 370.

Subsequently, Parliament passed the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, bifurcating the state into two Union Territories, Jammu and Kashmir (with a Legislative Assembly) and Ladakh (without one).

Delhi HC seeks ECI reply on ABJS plea for Bihar poll symbol

Agencies, New Delhi

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday sought a response from the Election Commission of India (ECI) in response to a petition filed by the Akhil Bharatiya Jan Sangh (ABJS), a registered but unrecognised political party, seeking the allotment of a common election symbol for the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections. Justice Mini Pushkarna heard the matter and directed the ECI to file its response, scheduling the next hearing for August 19.

ABJS states that its origins are to the Bharatiya Jan Sangh, founded in 1951 by the late Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. The party adopted its present name in 1979 and was officially registered under that

title by the ECI through a letter dated October 20, 1989, effective from September 20, 1989.

As an unrecognised political party governed by its own bylaws, ABJS has been conducting internal elections for its office bearers every two years in accordance with those rules.

Throughout its history, the party has consistently contested elections across various states and has periodically applied to the ECI for the allotment of a common symbol. In the most recent example, during the 2024 Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections, ABJS was allotted the 'sitar' symbol for its candidate, who contested under the party's banner, the plea stated.

WESTERN RAILWAY - BHAVNAGAR DIVISION

VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS

E-TENDER NO: 135-2025-26 TO 140-2025-26

Sr No.	E-Tender No	Name of Work	Tender Value(Rs.)	EMD Rs.
1	135-2025-26	Zonal Contract (2025-26) for Zone No. 4 under ADEN-Botad, Surendranagar gate (Incl) to Botad (Incl)-Rayka (Excl.)	1,04,60,000.00	2,02,300.00
2	136-2025-26	Bhavnagar Division: Provision of 57 water coolers of 150 L capacity at 52 stations.	53,62,122.31	1,07,300.00
3	137-2025-26	Dholka: Shifting of Crossover of Line No. 1 in UP direction.	29,79,386.52	59,600.00
4	138-2025-26	Providing and Installing Sewerage Treatment Plant at Botad station with water treatment for washing against the sanctioned work Bhavnagar Division:- Providing and Installing Sewerage Treatment Plant at Botad and Veraval stations with water treatment for washing.	2,56,70,239.11	2,78,400.00
5	139-2025-26	Providing and installing Sewerage Treatment Plant at Veraval station with water treatment for washing against the sanctioned work of Bhavnagar Division-providing and installing Sewage Treatment Plant at Botad and Veraval stations with water treatment for washing.	3,30,06,890.61	3,15,000.00
6	140-2025-26	Group Work 1). Bhavnagar Division: Provision of additional / extension of Relay Room at various D4 stations (Vadal., Upleta, Dhoraji & Jam jodhpur). 2). Provision of IPS at 11 LC gates.	42,20,895.50	84,400.00

For All above Tender : Bidding Start Date: 15/08/2025 Date of Bidding Closing: 29/08/2025 NIT has been uploaded on railway web site www.iraps.gov.in on Date - 04/08/2025

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	2025_UAD_441833_1	Purchase Of 2 Diesel Generator Set Garhakota	12,83,500/-	9,626/-	2,000/-	05 Sep 2025	6 Months
	2025_UAD_441831_1	Repairing Work Of Fire Bragrade At Garhakota	5,31,000/-	5,130/-	2,000/-	21 Aug 2025	6 Months
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	2025_UAD_442234_1	Inviting Rates For Supply Of Different Type Plants Year 2025-26 Garhakota	9,90,000/-	9,900/-	2,000/-	22 Aug 2025	6 Months
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