

REMARKS
AGAINST SHAH

RAHUL GETS
PRIVILEGES
COMMITTEE
NOTICE

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NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha Privileges Committee on Friday issued a notice to Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, seeking his response to a breach of privilege complaint over remarks he allegedly made against Union Home Minister Amit Shah during a debate in the House. Gandhi has been asked to submit his response by August 28.

The notice follows complaints by BJP members alleging that Gandhi used unparliamentary and derogatory expressions against the Union Home Minister and levelled serious allegations without providing the advance notice required under Rule 353 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha.

np Briefs

IMPHAL

Two killed in
attack on
Naga village

Two people were killed and two others injured after gunmen attacked a village in Manipur's Kangpokpi district on Friday, police said. Suspected militants armed with sophisticated weapons opened fire at Langka Naga village around 8 am, they said. The deceased were identified as W Chawang (34) and K Abonmai (55). Chawang suffered gunshot wounds to his head and died on the spot, while Abonmai succumbed to the injuries on the way to a hospital, police said.

SRINAGAR

'Our blood
has been
sucked'

Accusing Pakistan of "sucking the blood" of Jammu and Kashmir by denying it the right to use its river resources, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday launched an attack on Islamabad for staking a claim over waters originating from the region, asserting that the neighbouring country cannot be selective in its sympathy for Kashmiris.

U-TURN | Elected representatives warn ban
could adversely affect arecanut prices in
growing districts

K'TAKA PLANS
TO WITHDRAW
GUTKA BAN

Vinay Madhava Gowda
BENGALURU

Two days after banning Gutka and Pan Masala that contain tobacco and nicotine, the Karnataka government has made a U-turn and is preparing to withdraw the order.

The move followed a delegation of elected representatives from eight districts, predominantly cultivating arecanut, meeting Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and requesting him to reconsider the government decision, as the move would adversely affect the price of arecanut.

Shivakumar said that he was not properly briefed on the issue and took the Health

FLASHBACK...

Following health concerns over Gutka, the Karnataka Health Department had prepared a notification to ban Gutka and Pan Masala containing tobacco and nicotine. After the earlier ban on Pan Masala containing tobacco and nicotine, the manufacturers started selling Pan Masala and the tobacco mix separately, leaving the mixing to the consumers. Following the new complaints, the Health Department had prepared a notification to ban Gutka and Pan Masala as a whole, not allowing the tobacco and nicotine mix to be sold separately. The notification was placed before the cabinet on Thursday, and the cabinet gave consent to the notification, which ordered a ban on Gutka sales for one year.

Department officials to task for not properly briefing him about the issue before it was brought to the cabinet. He also directed the Health Department officials to withdraw the notification issued on Aug 12, after the cabinet approved the earlier notification.

This created a knee-jerk reaction in the rural areas, where Gutka addicts started hoarding Gutka. In places like Koppal, people purchased Gutka and

Masala Mix, which contains tobacco, stashed them in gunny bags and took them home. This created a severe shortage of Gutka, and the Rs 25-per-packet Gutka started selling for Rs 100.

Meanwhile, the MLAs and MLAs representing arecanut-growing areas called on Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and requested him to withdraw the order, as the ban would adversely affect the price of arecanut. Shivakumar summoned the Health Department officials, reprimanded them and asked them to revoke the ban.

3-DAY TRANSIT
REMAND

Delhi court
allows NCB to
take drug kingpin
Virender Singh
Basoya to Pune

PTI
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Friday allowed the Narcotics Control Bureau's (NCB) plea seeking three-day transit remand of drug kingpin Virender Singh Basoya, who was extradited from the UAE, to produce him before a Pune court.

Judicial Magistrate Twinkle Chawla allowed the NCB's application. During the proceedings, the NCB said that Basoya would be taken from Delhi to Pune by flight and permission would have to be obtained from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) for transporting him by air.

With August 15 a national holiday, it is likely that the permission will be obtained on Sunday, the agency said.

According to the NCB, permission to transport an accused by plane is granted only after the transit remand order is issued.

'SHOW RESPECT...'
MEA on political jibe at Meloni

PTI
NEW DELHI

India on Friday emphasised that it shares a strong relationship with Italy and underscored the importance of maintaining mutual respect in public discourse, a day after a Congress leader triggered a controversy with his political jibe at Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said this at his bi-weekly media briefing while responding to a question on Rahul Gandhi's criticism of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's handling of foreign policy and subsequent remarks by Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit.

"We have strong ties with Italy. Our ties with Italy in recent years have expanded and strengthened. It is important that as part of diplomatic practice that we strengthen our ties keeping in mind being respectful of each other," Jaiswal said.

In an address at an event on Thursday evening, Gandhi scoffed at Modi's handling of foreign policy which

THE INCIDENT

Addressing the Rachnatmak Congress National Convention on Thursday, Gandhi commented on the media 'toeing the government's line'. He also said it had somehow been ingrained in Prime Minister Modi's mind that foreign policy was about hugging leaders.

Gandhi then hugged Rachnatmak Congress chief Sandeep Dikshit to show what foreign policy was about for the current government. "Imagine the ignorance...where did he get the idea that foreign policy was about hugging leaders," he said. Dikshit then asked Gandhi, "Ek cheez pooch sakta hoon? Meloni samajh ke toh nahi pakda tha?"

he claimed was all about hugging leaders.

Cockroach row:
CJI says remarks
misused with
malicious intent
to mislead youth

PTI
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant expressed concern over the circulation of clips of court proceedings on social media without adequate context, referring to his oral remarks in the Supreme Court on May 15 where he likened certain individuals holding fraudulent degrees to "cockroaches" who become social media or RTI activists to attack the system.

The CJI said his oral remarks were misquoted and misused with malicious intent to mislead the youth of the country, speaking in the context of the widespread backlash that led to the satirical online movement, Cockroach Janta Party (CJP). In an interview with DD News on Thursday, the CJI said whatever happened was truly unfortunate and clarified that he could never imagine saying such things about the people involved.

"My comment was misquoted and misused. What was not said is presented as though it was said. This is extremely unfortunate. Particularly, it is a major malicious attempt to mislead the youth of the country," the CJI said.

Asking the media to report responsibly on judicial proceedings, the CJI said every citizen has a duty to maintain harmony in society.

"You are on social media, print media or any form of media or you are simply a citizen. All of us have rights and constitutional duty and responsibilities.

SC QUASHES CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
AGAINST COMEDIAN SAMAY, FOUR OTHERS

PTI
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday quashed criminal proceedings against comedian Samay Raina and four others for their remarks about people with disabilities and appreciated their efforts in spreading awareness and promoting dignity of the people.

Besides Raina, the apex court quashed the FIRs and criminal proceedings against Vipul Goyal, Balraj Paramjeet Singh Ghai, Sonali Thakkar and Nishant Jagdish Tanwar.

The top court appreciated the efforts made by them in organising a chess tournament in March for specially-

ADDRESS TO NATION ON I-DAY EVE

Need collective efforts
to achieve 'Viksit
Bharat@ 2047': Murmu

IAN S
NEW DELHI

In her message to the nation on the eve of the 80th Independence Day, President Droupadi Murmu on Friday highlighted the rapid and inclusive economic growth despite global uncertainties in the past decade and called for collective efforts to achieve the aim of 'Viksit Bharat@ 2047'.

Highlighting the Union government's welfare schemes targeted at women, youth, poor and farmers, the President also referred to the recent paper leak episode by assuring youth that the government is working to curb irregularities and ensuring transparency in the examination system.

She said that in the last 10 years, the nation has progressed at a fast pace with the harmonisation



of "Vikas and Virasat" (Development and culture).

The President added that all citizens should commit themselves to making the country a global leader.

Hailing the Union government's focus on infrastructure development, President Murmu said the efforts have attracted investors and created jobs while the nation has entered into free trade agreements with other nations.



Beating Retreat ceremony
Border Security Force (BSF) personnel perform during the Beating Retreat ceremony on eve of 80th Independence Day, at the Attari-Wagah Border, in Amritsar

कार्यालय नगर पालिका निगम, देवास (म.प्र.)

क्रमांक 108 / विद्युत / 2026 देवास, दिनांक 06/08/2026

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कार्यालय नगरी
नगर पालिका निगम
देवास (म.प्र.)

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. Office Number 201-B, 2nd Floor, Road No. 1 Plot No-B3, W/IT IT Park, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane (West)- 400604

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Radhika Traders/ Ramprakash Dhakar/ Lajita Dhakar/ Darshanlal Dhakar/ Bijendra Singh Dhakar/ Pinki Dhakar/ Sudhir Dhakar/ Girja Dhakar/ 171505001648	Survey No. 414 Min 2/1 Khata No. 142, Gram Rithony, Old Ph. No. 18 New Ph. No. 39, Tehsil Kailaras And District Morena Madhya Pradesh 476224, owned by Girja Dhakar, Bijendra Singh Dhakar/ August 11, 2026	March 28, 2026 Rs. 1,71,37,771.44	Morena
2.	Pawan Dairy/ Kamal Kishor S/o Ramratn/ Rajni W/o Kamal Kishor/ 725605500021	Part of Survey No. 276, (Patwari Halika No.21) Village Rawatpura Pargana Gormi, Porsa, Jaitai Road Puliyta, Tehsil Gormi Dist. Bhind Madhya Pradesh- 476115, Owned By Kamal Kishor S/o Ramratn/ August 12, 2026	December 04, 2025 Rs. 47,15,017.02/-	Bhind

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: August 15, 2026 Place: Morena & Bhind Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Material Management Department
(Pc Tender Notice for the supply of Stores, No.EPS/25/2026)

CEMMWCR on behalf of the President of India invites the following advertised tenders through E-procurement System. No manual/postal offers shall be entertained. Tenders can be accessed under the link website <https://ireps.gov.in> for details and for submission of Tender.

Sr	Tender No.	Short Description	Tendered Qty.	Due Date
1	81255303	COMPOSITE GROOVED RUBBER SOLE PLATE (GCRSP) 10MM	500000 Nos.	18/08/2026
2	20255025A	Set of spares for CGL make IGBT Auxiliary Converter	1 Set.	08/09/2026
3	61262429	Flexible poly vinyl chloride (PVC) flooring, sheet	1371 Nos.	23/09/2026
4	61262427	Fire Retardant Decorative Thermosetting Synthetic Resin Bonded Laminated Sheets	5127 Nos.	21/10/2026
5	38261827	Brake Shoe Key for bogie wagon	114684 Nos.	26/10/2026

* For tenders with estimated value below Rs. 50 lakh, interested firms are advised to visit www.ireps.gov.in

(SD)
For Principal Chief Material Manager, WCR, Jabalpur

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GRIHUM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: 6th Floor, B Building, Ganga Trueno, Lohegaon, Pune, Maharashtra - 411014
Branch Off : Unit 1st Floor, Z-26, Zone - 1, Near ICICI Bank, M.P Nagar, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh - 462011

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the "Act") read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower: Co-Borrower: Mortgagee (s) Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to Grihum Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Secured Creditor") as per the Act, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of the Act read with Rules 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules pursuant to notice under section 13(2) of the Act. The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 31-08-2026 through E-Auction. It is hereby informed to General public that we are going to conduct public through E-Auction platform provided at the website: <https://www.banksauctions.com>. For detailed in GFL's Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.grihumhousing.com

Proposal No. Customer Name	Demand Notice Date and Outstanding Amount	Nature of Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price	EMD (10% of RP)	EMD Submission date (G)	Incremental Bid	Property Inspection Date & Time	Date and time of Auction (J)	Known encumbrances/ Court cases if any
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Loan No.: HMD019710000005049899 CHANDRA BHAN NORE (BORROWER) RAJKUMARI NOURE (CO-BORROWER)	09-10-2025 & Rs.4,19,032/- (Rupees Four Lakh Nineteen Thousand Thirty-Two Only) payable as on 09-10-2025 along with interest @14.35% p.a. till the realization.	Physical	All That Property I.E. One Plot No. 55, Which is Part Of Land Of Revenue Survey No. 528/2(S), 529, 633/530/2 Comprising Of Plot Area Is 801 Sq.Ft. Which is Situated At Basal, Ward No. 18, Tehsil Berasia, Distt. Bhopal (M.P.) Which is Bounded as under:- One The East By: Plot No. 58 One The West By: Plot No. 56 On The North By: Colony Road On The South By: Plot No. 54	Rs. 3,36,420/- (Rupees Three Lacs Thirty Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Only)	Rs. 33,642/- (Rupees Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two Only)	27-08-2026 Before 5.00 PM	Rs. 10,000/-	24-08-2026 (11 AM - 4PM)	31-08-2026 (11 AM - 2 PM)	NIL

The intending bidders/purchasers are advised to visit Secured Creditor Branch and the auction properties, and make his own enquiry and ascertain additional charges, encumbrances and any third-party interests and satisfy himself/herself in all aspects thereto before submitting the bids. All statutory dues like property taxes, electricity/water dues and any other dues, if any, attached to the property to be ascertained and paid by the successful bidder. The interested bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, which is mandatory for e-bidding, from auction service provider/ C1 India PVT LTD. Address: Plot No-68 3rd floor Gurgaon Haryana-122003. Helpline Number- 7291981124,25,26 Support Email id support@banksauctions.com. Contact Person: Dharni P, email id-dharni.p@c1india.com Contact No-9948182222. Please note that Prospective bidders may avail online training on e-auction from their only. The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit amount of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of by NEFT/RTGS/DD in the account of "GRIHUM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED - AUCTION PROCEEDS A/C", Bank-ICICI BANK LTD. Account No-091551000028 and IFSC Code-ICICI000915, ICICI Bank Ltd, Panchshil Tech Park, Near Ganapathi Chowk, 43/44 Viman Nagar - 411014 drawn on any nationalized or scheduled Bank on or before 27-08-2026 and register their name at <https://www.banksauctions.com> and get user ID and password free of cost and get training on e-auction from the service provider. After their registration on the website, the intending purchaser/bidder is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded, e-mail and sent self attested hard copy at Address: 1st Floor, Z-26, Zone-1, Near ICICI Bank, MP Nagar, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh - 462011 Mobile no. +91 8281138143 E-mail id p.adithi@grihumhousing.com. For further details on terms and conditions please visit <https://www.banksauctions.com> & www.grihumhousing.com to take part in e-auction. This notice should also be considered as 15 DAYS (Fifteen) Notice to Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagee (s) / Guarantor(s) under Rule 8(b) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule-2002. In any case if there is any difference between the contents of local language publication and English newspaper publication, the content of the English newspaper language published in Free Press shall be prevail.

Place : Madhya Pradesh, Date : 15.08.2026

GUWAHATI

STF SEIZES 10 KG
HEROIN WORTH ₹80 CR

Digjyoti Lahkar
GUWAHATI

The Special Task Force (STF) of Assam Police seized 10 kg of heroin with a current street value of Rs 80 crore from a flat at Om Residency in Chachal, Six Mile, under Dispur police station in Guwahati, and apprehended a narcotics dealer from Punjab.

The operation was led by additional SP (STF) Kalyan Pathak.

The STF received information that a narcotics dealer from Punjab was staying at a flat in Om Residency at Six Mile, Cha-

chal, to receive a large consignment of narcotics for onward transmission to Punjab.

Acting on the input, the STF raided the flat and recovered 10 kg of heroin without cover. The narcotics were concealed in a red shoulder bag kept inside an almirah.

The arrested person has been identified as Hardeep Singh, 38, son of Lt Saudagar Singh, of House No 6275, near Mai Da Gurudwara, Agwar, Khwaja Baju, Jagraon, under Samrala police station in Ludhiana district of Punjab. Necessary legal measures are being taken.

J'khand job
exam stir
enters 21st day

PTI
RANCHI

The agitation by students demanding reforms in Jharkhand's recruitment examination process entered its 21st day on Friday, with officials meeting protesters at Jaipal Singh Munda Stadium amid plans for their 'Tiranga Yatra' on Independence Day.

The officials held discussions with the students, and also sought information about the proposed route for Saturday's procession.

The talks, however, remained inconclusive.

'584 ashram
school students
died in two
years in Maha'

PTI
MUMBAI

An average of nearly one student died every day in Maharashtra's ashram schools over the last two years, taking the total death toll to 584 across state-run and government-aided residential facilities during the period, officials said on Friday.

According to officials, the causes of death ranged from snakebites and sickle cell disease to serious illnesses, accidents, and suicides.

Facing severe criticism over the recent deaths of three tribal girls due to snakebite in Gadchiroli, the Maharashtra government has initiated corrective measures, including the cancellation of the residential school's licence and comprehensive safety audits of all such facilities across the state.

According to officials, data shows that 584 students enrolled in residential schools died between 2024 and 2026.