

From front page

Modi, Trump, Bibi...

The PM Modi said he had spoken to Machchhar's father Bhopendrabhai, mother Gitaben and wife Sonalben about his condition. "His medical treatment is currently ongoing, and today the entire world feels proud of him," Modi said.

"For every citizen of our country, Smit's valour fills us with immense pride," he said to loud applause from the audience.

Modi also appealed to people to pray for the pilot's recovery and long life.

"I appeal to all citizens of the country that we all pray for Smit's long life and good health and let us honour Brother Smit, who has enhanced the pride and honour of India," he said.

Earlier, Modi praised Machchhar in a post on X, saying his actions had helped save hundreds of lives.

1.5-hour chase leads..

DRI informed on Thursday that during the detailed search, officers found the contraband concealed inside the spare (stepney) tyre mounted on the rear door of the black Thar.

After the spare tyre was dismounted and opened, 21 packets containing a whitish-yellow crystalline substance were recovered. The substance tested positive for amphetamine using the NDPS Field Test Kit.

A total of 7.116 kg of amphetamine, along with the Mahindra Thar, was seized, and the three persons were arrested under the provisions of the NDPS Act, 1985.

ED attaches assets...

According to the agency, the accused established a network of 46 corporate entities under the Panoramic Group and floated illegal Ponzi schemes under the façade of "Sale of Room Nights" and timeshare holiday memberships. More than 51 lakh investors were allegedly induced with promises of unrealistic returns.

The properties are held in the names of Pancard Clubs Limited, Panoramic Universal Limited, their subsidiaries, family members and beneficial owners.

24 EVMs stolen from...

According to the complaint, contractor Ashish Tripathi had informed SDM Prashi Agrawal on Aug 20 that some EVMs were lying exposed after work began to demolish the dilapidated tehsil building. The SDM reportedly inspected the site within about 90 minutes of receiving the information. However, the machines remained at the vulnerable location for nearly a month. Following the theft, the remaining EVMs were shifted to a secure location.

620 CUs, 1,670 BUs were recorded- The complainant, Phoolsingh Sahu, an assistant teacher at Government Primary School, Sitapur, said in his police statement that he had been deputed to the Anuppur election office in 2014 under orders of the district collector. Records reportedly showed that 620 Control Units and 1,670 Ballot Units had been stored at the old tehsil premises after being sealed. Sahu said an inspection on March 16, 2026, found the machines properly arranged. Subsequently, demolition work began and the rear wall of the EVM room was found broken. Investigators suspect the machines may have been taken through the opening.

EVMs shifted on Sept 21- Following the theft, the remaining EVMs were shifted on Sept 21 to Room No. 6 on the ground floor of the tehsil office operating from the Polytechnic College campus.

Verification conducted between Sept 24 and 28 revealed that 24 machines were missing.

Police station in-charge Umesh Upadhyay said a case was registered on Wednesday under Sections 331(4) and 305(A) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Police will match the serial numbers of the missing machines with official records as part of the investigation, the TI said.

17 establishments fined Rs 52...

Officials said that the Food Safety Department has been conducting regular inspections and collecting samples as directed by collector Shivam Verma.

The department has also urged consumers to check the quality, packaging, manufacturing and expiry dates, and food licence details before buying food products.

Caretaker eludes police

Additional DCP crime Shailendra Singh Chauhan said police were looking for Varun in Punjab, UP and Delhi, besides continuing investigations in MP. Varun is originally from Nabha district in Punjab, but he has not returned to his native village. His father was traced to Gwalior, while his sister was in Punjab. The duo, during questioning, claimed that Varun does not remain in regular contact with his family. He was not on good terms with his father as his father married his aunt some years ago.

Police were also probing the possibility of a financial angle in the murder. They said the retired IAS officer had financial transactions with several people, and investigators are examining these dealings to determine whether they have any connection with the killing.

Agency that supplied caretaker under probe- The police have also begun examining the role of the agency that engaged Varun Kumar as a care-taker to the retired IAS officer. It has come to the fore that the agency did not carry out proper verification of Varun before appointing him at the retired IAS officer's residence. Verma Home Health Care, based in Bagsewania, provides services including elderly and patient care, home-based medical assistance, childcare support and home physiotherapy.

Balaghat children's...

"I do not know what world you are living in. You talk about 'development' round the clock, even while corruption runs rampant 24/7; yet, when our tribal brothers and sisters are in need, you are nowhere to be found. On behalf of the Opposition and the Congress, I want to send this message: do your job. Provide educational facilities and hospitals here, and ensure these people receive what is rightfully theirs...We have assured them that as soon as our government comes to power, we will assist them".

HC sends dist judge's..

The competent authority shall afford due opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and shall pass a reasoned and speaking order, strictly in accordance with law, preferably within six weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of the order. Designated senior advocate Aditya Sanghi, who appeared on behalf of the petitioner, said, "High Court also cited a Supreme Court judgment delivered in the case of Union of India vs. Rohit Nathan on March 11, 2026. In that ruling, the Supreme Court clarified crucial points regarding creamy layer regulations, establishing that decisions cannot be based solely on income."

PICNIC TURNS TRAGIC | These students of Class XI & XII were part of a group from private coaching class 'Winners Academy'

8 students drown off Diveagar beach in Maha

PTI MUMBAI

Eight students on a picnic drowned in the Arabian Sea off the popular Diveagar beach in Maharashtra's Raigad district on Thursday, with the bodies of all the victims being recovered, police said.

These students of Class XI and XII were part of a group from private coaching class 'Winners Academy' based at Alandi in Pune district, they said.

Located around 170 km from Mumbai, Diveagar is famous for its beach and historic temples.

A police official said a group of 48 individuals, comprising 25 boys, 17 girls and six teachers, had gone for a picnic at the beach under Dighi coastal police station limits.

Eight students ventured into the sea and were swept



LEADERS EXPRESS GRIEF

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis expressed grief in his post on social media platform X and said: "The incident of 8 students from Winners Academy in Alandi, drowning to death at the Dighi Port in Diveagar beach in Raigad district, who had come for tourism, is extremely tragic and heart-wrenching. I pay my heartfelt tribute to them." Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde in his condolence message said, "The incident of eight students from Winners Academy in Alandi, who had come to the Dighi Port and Diveagar in Raigad district for tourism on the seashore, drowning to death is extremely heartbreaking and unfortunate."

away after misjudging the depth of the water and current, he added.

Search and rescue teams rushed to the spot following an alert and recovered the

bodies, he said.

Police personnel and local authorities are present at the site to carry out further legal and administrative proceedings, the official said.

Meanwhile, terming the incident as "heartbreaking", Shiv Sena MLA Mahendra Dalvi, who represents the Alibag assembly constituency, on Thursday expressed disappointment over the "lack of adequate safety precautions" by the local administration.

The lives of eight students ended tragically during their trip to Diveagar from Pune, he said.

"Such incidents keep happening there time and again, so the local administration must take safety precautions. Young schoolchildren may not be able to assess the risks posed by the sea, including high tide and the depth of water," he said.

'EN INIYA PON NILAVE' COPYRIGHT ROW

SC DISMISSES ILAIYARAJA'S PLEA AGAINST HC ORDER

FIANS NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to interfere with the Delhi High Court order restraining the use of the song "En Iniya Pon Nilave" from the Tamil film "Moodu Pani" without a licence from Saregama India Ltd.

A bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and K. Vinod Chandran dismissed the special leave petition (SLP) filed by music composer Ilaiyaraaja, challenging the Delhi High Court's interim order in his copyright dispute with Saregama India Ltd.

The apex court, while dismissing the plea, held that no error, "not to speak of any error of law", could be said to

have been committed by the High Court in granting the injunction sought by Saregama.

The Justice Pardiwala-led Bench also clarified, on a request made on behalf of Ilaiyaraaja, that the findings in the Delhi High Court judgment were prima facie and would not operate as a precedent on the merits of the dispute.

"It is needless to clarify that the observations in the impugned judgment are prima facie, for the purpose of deciding the issue in question," it said. The dispute pertains to Saregama's claim that Vels Film International Ltd (VFIL) had infringed its copyright by recreating the song "En Iniya Pon Nilave" for its film "Aghathiya", based on a licence obtained from Ilaiyaraaja.

Actor Ranya Rao fined Rs 89 Cr by Customs

GOLD SMUGGLING CASE

Agencies BENGALURU

Karnataka Home Minister Priyank Kharge on Thursday said he was not aware of the complete details regarding the Customs Department's decision to impose a Rs 89-crore penalty on actor Ranya Rao in connection with an alleged gold smuggling case and said he would react after obtaining the information.

"I don't know the complete information about the imposition of the fine. I will react once I get the information," Kharge told reporters in Bengaluru.

The Customs Department has imposed a penalty of Rs 89 crore on Ranya Rao, who was arrested by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in connection with the alleged smuggling of gold from abroad and was later granted bail.

Customs Joint Commissioner Sandeep has issued a notice directing Ranya Rao to pay the penalty. The order is accompanied by a detailed 399-page investigation report.

According to the Customs investigation, Ranya Rao, her associate Tarun and three others allegedly smuggled a total of 113 kg of gold from foreign countries between March 7, 2024 and February 18, 2025.

HC stays trial against IAS officer Venkitaraman in journo Basheer death case

FIANS KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Thursday stayed further proceedings in the trial against senior IAS officer Sriram Venkitaraman in the 2019 road accident death of journalist K.M. Basheer.

Justice G. Girish passed the order on a plea filed by Basheer's widow, Jaseela, challenging the state government's decision not to appoint a Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) to conduct the trial.

The High Court also called for the records relating to the government decision.

UPSC must bring youth into public services who are not attracted by public office: PM

PTI NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the country must bring youth into public services who are not attracted by public office.

He said it is essential that the recruitment examination does not just test what a candidate knows but also sees why



that youth wants to come into civil services.

"We must bring such youth into public services who are attracted not by public office, but by public service.

Therefore, it is essential that the recruitment examination does not just test what the candidate knows, but also sees why that youth wants to come into civil services," the prime minister said, addressing the centenary celebrations of the Union

Public Service Commission (UPSC) here.

PM Modi said we have to test complex problem-solving and the farsightedness of candidates in our exams.

He said today the question is not about service delivery, it is whether public services are able to catch up with current instant delivery speed.

The prime minister said the country has seen a time when the government was considered "Mai baap", but now we are moving ahead with the objective of "Nagrik Devo Bhava".

After Cong decides to replace him, Warring changes X bio to 'former PPCC prez'

PTI CHANDIGARH

With the Congress deciding to replace him as the Punjab Congress chief, Amrinder Singh Raja Warring on Thursday wrote "former PPCC president" in his X bio.

The Congress took a call to replace Warring following weeks of infighting in the state unit ahead of the Punjab Assembly elections, which are due early next year. The announcement on appointing a new Congress chief is expected soon. Earlier, replying to a question on his replacement as the Punjab Congress chief, Warring refused to comment. "I do not want to comment anything now," Warring told reporters here. His bio on X now reads, "Former PPCC President" (PPCC - Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee), among several other posts.

The Congress high command has informed Warring of its decision to remove him as PCC chief in Punjab, party sources said.

3 Guj residents kidnapped in Ethiopia on US 'dunki' route return to India

FIANS MEHSANA

Three Gujarat residents who went missing in Ethiopia while allegedly attempting to reach the United States through an illegal migration route have reached India and are on their way to Mehsana district, police confirmed on Thursday.

Rutvik Jansari, Mamta Chavda and Mayuri had left Gujarat on September 20 after allegedly paying agents tens of lakhs of rupees to facilitate their journey to the US.

The police officer said the alleged abductors have reportedly been identified as being linked to the "Baba Khan network", but stressed that the matter is still under investigation.

"The abductors have reportedly been found to be from the Baba Khan network. The matter is currently being investigated," Gehlot said.

The three had travelled through Jaipur and Abu Dhabi before reaching Ethiopia. Their families lost contact with them after September 22, following which Mamta

They reached Mumbai airport at 3 a.m. today with the help and coordination of the Ministry of External Affairs and other local authorities. They are on their way to Mehsana, their hometown

■ Ankush Gehlot Langhnaj Police Inspector

Chavda's father, Kirit Chauhan, approached the Langhnaj police.

According to the complaint, Mamta's husband, Chiragkumar, had travelled to the US around six months earlier on a student visa.

Mamta had allegedly attempted to obtain a US visa six times but was unsuccessful, following which the family approached intermediaries to arrange her travel through an illegal route.

FLASHBACK...

On July 26, 2008, a series of 21 bomb blasts ripped through different areas of Ahmedabad in a span of 70 minutes, killing 56 people and leaving more than 200 others injured. Explosions also occurred at hospitals where victims were being taken for treatment, marking the first such targeting of medical facilities in a terror attack in India.

while upholding the death sentence of 38 operatives of the Indian Mujahideen (IM) in the 2008 Ahmedabad serial bomb blasts case, cited the large number of casualties, the "humongous" conspiracy and the intention to spread widespread terror as key reasons for affirming the punishment.

160 Youth Cong, SFI activists booked over violence in Trivandrum

PTI THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Two separate cases were registered on Thursday against KSU/Youth Congress and SFI/DYFI activists following a clash in the Palayam area in the state capital, police said.

SFI organised protests against the Youth Congress and the police across Keralam. Major violence was reported on Wednesday night after KSU/Youth Congress activists took out a protest march against the Union government and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar here.

However, a clash erupted when the protest march reached near the Keralam University hostel, police said.

Youth Congress/KSU activists alleged that stones were pelted at the march from the hostel, officials said.

Meanwhile, SFI/DYFI activists alleged that protesters threw fire torchlights towards the hostel inmates, police said.

The violence led to police intervention and a lathi charge at the hostel and outside.

Museum police registered a case against 80 Youth Congress/KSU activists, including Nemom Shajee, Gopy Nayyar, Sayedali Kaippadi, Syamala and Abhijith.

Police also registered a case against 80 SFI/DYFI activists, including Venu, Sree-kumar, Denny, Aswin and Adithyan.

The cases were registered under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Kerala Police Act, Kerala Public Way Restriction of Assemblies and Procession Act, and Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act.

Police said the accused would be summoned and arrested as the offences charged against them are non-bailable.

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