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## EC asks Tejashwi to hand over his EPIC card for investigation as it was not issued officially

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
PATNA: The Election Commission on Sunday asked RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav to "hand over for investigation" a voter ID card that he claimed to be in possession of despite having been "not issued officially". The leader of the opposition in the Bihar assembly had on Saturday demonstrated an online search, with the EPIC number, to claim that his name was missing in the draft electoral rolls published as part of special intensive revision (SIR) and, upon rebuttal from the authorities concerned, alleged that his voter ID card number was "changed". In a letter addressed to the former deputy CM, the Sub Divisional Magistrate of Patna Sadar-cum-Electoral Registration Officer for Diglha assembly constituency said, "Our preliminary investigation suggests that



the EPIC number you mentioned at the press conference on August 2 was not issued officially. You are therefore requested to hand over the EPIC card in original for detailed investigation". The RJD leader, thereafter, alleged that his EPIC number had been "changed", but District Magistrate Thiagaraja S M repudiated the claim. "The EPIC number in the electoral rolls is the one that was submitted by the honourable leader of the opposi-

tion in his affidavit in the 2020 assembly polls. If he is in possession of another EPIC card with another number as well, then it is a matter of investigation," the district magistrate said. Meanwhile, at a press conference here, spokespersons of the ruling NDA in the state Ajay Alok (BJP), Neeraj Kumar (JDU) and Rajesh Bhatt (Lok Janshakti Party Ram Vilas), among others, demanded that a case be registered against the RJD leader.

## Malegaon blast case verdict is victory of Hindutva: Pragya Singh Thakur

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHOPAL: Former BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur on Sunday said the special court's verdict acquitting her in the 2008 Malegaon bomb blast case was a victory of Hindutva and a "slap on the face" of people who coined the term "saf-from terror". The special court on July 31 acquitted Thakur, Lt Col Prasad Purohit and five others in the case, noting that the prosecution had not adduced cogent and reliable evidence to warrant conviction and prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt. Six people were killed and 101 were injured in the blast in Maharashtra's Nashik district on September 29, 2008. Speaking to reporters at the Raja Bhoj International Airport on her arrival in the city, Thakur said, "This is a victory of Hindutva and religion, a victory of saffron. Our scriptures say 'Satyamev Jayate' (truth alone triumphs), and it has been proved. Those who

spoke of saffron terror have been shamed." The society and the country have given a befitting reply to those who coined the term saffron terror; she said, adding that the court's decision was a slap on the face of opponents. Thakur arrived at her Bhopal residence to a grand welcome with garlands, drums, and sweets. The former BJP MP also reiterated her allegation that she had been tortured and pressured to name several individuals. "There was pressure, but I did not yield. I did not name anyone falsely, which is why I was tortured so severely," she claimed. Thakur had on Saturday alleged that investigators had tortured her and tried to compel her to name people, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Notably, Special Judge A K Lahoti has dismissed Thakur's claims of torture and mistreatment in his 1,036-page judgement.

## Air India cancels Singapore-Chennai flight due to technical issue



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Air India on Sunday cancelled its flight from Singapore to Chennai due to a technical issue. The flight AI349 was to be operated with an Airbus A321. In a statement on Sunday, the airline said the flight AI349 scheduled to operate from Singapore to Chennai has been cancelled due to a maintenance task identified prior to departure which required additional time for rectification. "Arrangements are being made to fly the passengers to Chennai at the

earliest. Hotel accommodation is being provided, and full refunds on cancellation, or complimentary rescheduling is also being offered to passengers based on their preference," Air India said. According to the airline, ground colleagues in Singapore are making every possible effort to minimise the inconvenience caused to the passengers due to this unforeseen disruption. In recent days, some of the Air India planes have faced technical snags.

## Man held for issuing bomb threat to Union minister Gadkari's Nagpur residence

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NAGPUR: Police on Sunday arrested a man for issuing a bomb threat to Union minister Nitin Gadkari's residence in Nagpur, which later turned out to be a hoax, officials said. The man called up the city police control room on the emergency number 112 in the morning to issue the threat, sending the authorities into a tizzy. During their investigation, the police traced the mobile number from which the call was made. They found that one Umesh Vishnu Raut, a resident of Tulsi Bagh Road near Vima Dawakhana in Sakardara area of Nagpur city, was its registered user, an official said. "Based on the mobile location and swift technical assistance, police detained

Raut from the premises of the Vima Dawakhana. He was taken into custody for questioning and later formally placed under arrest by the crime branch," he said. Raut reportedly works at a country liquor shop, he said. The bomb threat call turned out to be a hoax,

the police official said. Senior officials said further investigation was underway to determine the motive behind the false alarm and to find out if the accused has any prior record of similar mischief. A case has been registered against Raut, the police said.



## No demand by any party to include or remove names from Bihar draft roll so far: EC



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Election Commission on Sunday said no political party in Bihar has so far approached it for inclusion or removal of names from the draft electoral roll published on August 1. The EC said that between 3 PM on August 1 and 3 PM on August 3 (Sunday), no demand under claims and

objections has been received. But individually, 941 claims and objections have been received from voters for the inclusion of names or for the removal of those they claim are ineligible from the voter list. Political parties and voters have one month till September 1 to demand inclusion or removal of names from the voter list.

The ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral roll in Bihar has seen opposition parties attacking the EC, alleging that the exercise will deny voting rights to crores of eligible persons for want of documents. The EC maintains that it has ensured that no eligible person will be left out of the final electoral roll to be published on September 30.

## Natrang presents Urdu play 'Kissa Badal Gaya'

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Natrang presented an Urdu play 'Kissa Badal Gaya' which has been written by Showkat Thanvi and ably directed by Neeraj Kant in its weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre' at its Studio Theatre. The play 'Kissa Badal Gaya' presents story of a household where the owner of the house 'Zafar' and his wife 'Jameela' are shown scolding their servants 'Rahim' and 'Naseeban' over an issue of breaking crockery and also for not rendering their services properly. In the course of discussion, it was also disclosed that both of them initiate their masters and buy similar commodities like shoes, clothes and make-up etc. One day, 'Zafar' purchases an expensive lottery ticket, 'Rahim' also purchased the same by selling his wife's ear-rings. 'Zafar' gets



Artists performing during the play.

furiously to know this but the story takes a turn when 'Rahim' wins the lottery and becomes a millionaire and thus the servants turned masters and masters became servants. But for 'Rahim' and 'Naseeban', it was very difficult to get out of their mentality. They can't resist

their previous habits. Even 'Zafar' and 'Jameela' tell them that now when they are millionaires they have to maintain a status. But giving a deaf ear to their suggestions, they start blaming the couple for one reason or the other as they both used to do when they were mas-

ters. Getting the taste of their own medicine, masters turned servants, 'Zafar' and 'Jameela' decided to leave the couple at the mercy of God, but both of them started begging before them to not leave them as they could not survive without them. On this, they decided to live happily together, giving due respect to each other. Today's play was decorated with the participation of Pawan Verma (Recipient of J&K State Award and National Fellowship from Ministry of Culture) who performed brilliantly. Others who have significant performances included Kananpreet Kaur, Palshin Dutta, Prema Sharma and Kushal Bhat. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant whereas the sound was rendered by Kartik Kumar. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen and the presentations were done by Aryan Sharma.

## Udhampur Citizens' Forum felicitates Pawan Gupta on appointment as BJP's Dy Leader of Opposition



MLA Pawan Gupta addressing a gathering at an event at Udhampur.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: The Udhampur Citizens' Forum organized a grand felicitation ceremony to honor Pawan Kumar Gupta, MLA from Udhampur, on his recent appointment as the Deputy Leader of Opposition (BJP) in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly. The event, held under the leadership of prominent local figures including Sham Saroop Kalsotra, Ashwani Paba, Advocate Dinkar Gupta, Dharam Vir Gupta, Suresh Gupta, Satpal Sallan, and Mahesh Badyal, witnessed a large turnout of dignitaries,

social workers, and citizens from across the district. Gupta received a rousing welcome as he arrived at the venue, with traditional dhol beats and garlands showcasing the affection and admiration of the public. In his address, he thanked the Citizens' Forum and the people of Udhampur for their unwavering support and trust. He shared updates on major development projects that promise to bring lasting change to the region. A key highlight was the announcement of a Rs 125 crore water supply project aimed at resolving

Udhampur's long-standing drinking water crisis. Gupta informed the gathering that the project has been tendered and approved, marking a significant step toward ensuring a sustainable and reliable water supply for the town. He also revealed that a Rs 19 crore project for constructing a new Municipal Office complex along with a multilevel parking facility has been sanctioned. Work on this long-pending civic infrastructure project has already commenced, and it is expected to ease traffic congestion and improve urban services.

## Uchit Singhal conducts surprise inspection of MCTM Udhampur Railway Station

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Uchit Singhal, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager (Sr. DCM) of Jammu Division, conducted a surprise inspection of MCTM Udhampur Railway Station to assess the quality of passenger amenities and overall station upkeep. During his visit, Singhal closely examined the facilities available for passengers and interacted with the on-ground staff. He instructed them to maintain updated documentation and dispose of obsolete records to ensure better management and efficiency. He laid special emphasis on cleanliness, directing the staff to maintain hygiene and keep

the station premises, including the goodshed area, clean and orderly in line with the objectives of the recently launched Swachhata Abhiyan. In continuation of the inspection, the Sr. DCM reviewed the progress of works being carried out under the Amrit Bharat Station Yojana, aimed at enhancing infrastructure and passenger experience at railway stations. He evaluated the quality of ongoing construction and development tasks and urged the concerned teams to expedite the pending works. He also stressed on the need to accelerate the process of asset transfer related to these projects. Singhal also reviewed the operational status of the

goods shed and took note of the conditions of the ghat and its surroundings. He held detailed discussions with the Station Superintendent, Commercial Inspector, and Chief Goods Supervisor, issuing necessary directions to streamline operations and improve the functioning of the freight handling areas. The visit was part of the Indian Railways' ongoing commitment to enhance service quality, cleanliness, and infrastructure at key railway stations across the country. The inspection ended with a reaffirmation of the division's resolve to ensure timely completion of developmental works and strict adherence to cleanliness protocols.

## Sainik School Nagrota celebrates Vanmahotsava - 2025

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

NAGROTA: Sainik School Nagrota celebrated Vanmahotsava - 2025 with a spirited plantation drive aimed at fostering environmental consciousness among cadets. The event highlighted the school's commitment to sustainability and nature conservation. The occasion was graced by Shashikant Lakhnpal, General Secretary, Arogya Bharti, and Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Director, Arogya Bharti. Also present were Neeraj Gupta, Range Officer, District Social Forestry, along with officials from the Forest Department and the Department of AYUSH.



Cadets, guided by the guests and staff, planted saplings across the campus, symbolizing their pledge to protect and nurture the environment. Over 500 saplings were planted across the school campus, including a vibrant mix of flowering plants, fruit-bearing trees, and medicinal species, reflecting a thoughtful approach to biodiversity and sustainability. Principal Capt (IN) Shibu Devasia expressed his gratitude to the Forest Department for their support and encouraged cadets to care for the saplings as a lifelong responsibility. He also appreciated the presence of dignitaries from Arogya Bharti whose support further motivated the cadets in their environmental endeavour. The event also featured nature-themed poems by cadets, adding a creative voice to the green cause. Vanmahotsava 2025 at Sainik School Nagrota stood as a living example of discipline, responsibility, and eco-conscious leadership in action.

## Ban imposed on waste dumping within 1 Km of Jammu Airport

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a significant move aimed at ensuring the safety of flight operations and passenger security, District Magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaishya has imposed a ban on the dumping of waste materials and garbage within a one-kilometer radius of Jammu Airport. The decision comes after growing concerns about the presence of birds in the area, which have been posing a safety risk during flight operations. A prohibitory order has been issued to regulate waste disposal and control the growing bird population around the airport. The decision was made during a recent meeting held in the District Magistrate's office, following discussions with the Divisional Commissioner. The areas falling under the one-kilometer radius, including Belicharana, Satwari, Miran Sahib, and Flying Mandal, are now prohibited from dumping or throwing garbage or waste material. "Commercial establishments, eateries, vendors, and residential colonies in these areas have been instructed to ensure the safe and scientific disposal of waste. No food waste or garbage should be left open," said the District Magistrate in the meeting. To ensure compliance with the order, the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Cantonment Board, and Jammu Development Authority (JDA) have been tasked with removing open garbage dumps in the restricted area. Additionally, signages will be put up as a reminder to the public about the new regulations. This proactive step aims to reduce the risk posed by birds to flight safety and maintain a cleaner environment around the airport.