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**India complete clean sweep**  
India needed exactly an hour on day five to complete a seven-wicket win over West Indies and seal a 2-0 series sweep at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Tuesday. KL Rahul anchored the chase with an unbeaten 58 off 108 balls, hitting six fours and two sixes to help India easily hunt down 121.

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## Our future is in our own hands and right here

The old proverb about distant mountains being shiny is finally making sense to Indians. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks after the visa incident must be taken seriously. His pointed comments—stressing that we must stand on our own feet—are something Indians

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## Adani Group leads infra RoA globally

Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani said the conglomerate's return on assets (ROA) rose to 16.5 per cent in the financial year 2024-25 – placing it among the top performers in the global infrastructure sector.

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## Mrunal Thakur sets the ramp on fire

Actress Mrunal Thakur, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming film Dacoit alongside AdiviSesh, made a stunning appearance at Lakmé Fashion Week, leaving fashion enthusiasts captivated with her bold and glamorous runway presence.

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## Digital arrest scam targeting US citizens busted, 16 held

**BENGALURU:** In a breakthrough, Karnataka Police busted an international digital scam targeting US citizens and arrested 16 persons in connection with the case on Tuesday. The accused were running a call centre under the name Cybits Solutions Pvt Ltd in HSR police station limits, Bengaluru, and carried out large-scale cyber fraud.

Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh said, "It is a reverse digital arrest case, where citizens of the US, Canada, and other countries were subjected to digital arrest from Bengaluru." Police conducted raids on two residences and seized 41 computer systems, 41 monitors, 40 CPUs, 41 computer mouse, 41 key-boards, 41 VGA cables, 82 power cables, 21 LAN cables, two attendance registers, four script notebooks, 25 mobile phones, ID cards, an EPABX device, a D-Link switch, and a router.

Among those arrested, eight are from Maharashtra, four from Meghalaya, and the rest from Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, and Gujarat. According to police, on October 7, HSR Layout Police received a tip-off from a reliable source regarding the operations of Cybits Solutions and its cyber fraud activities. After gathering information, the HSR Layout Police Station officer registered a suo motu case.

Investigations revealed that 20 to 25 young men and women were recruited online for jobs at the fake call centre. They were trained to commit cyber fraud and were instructed to collect information about strangers online before contacting them over the phone.

Posing as officials from investigative agencies, they told victims that cases of narcotics smuggling and money laundering had been registered against them. Victims were then threatened and coerced into transferring money online under the pretext of receiving help.

Using a live server provided by the company, the accused threatened citizens with fake arrest warrants and police IDs, accusing them of drug trafficking and money laundering. Victims were kept under "digital arrest" and forced to comply with demands, transferring money into company-controlled wallet accounts. All operations were carried out using custom software developed by the company.

# Pak may attempt Pahalgam-type attacks again: Lt Gen Katiyar

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JAMMU

Asserting that Pakistan has no capacity to fight India but it may attempt Pahalgam-

type attacks again, Western Army commander Lieutenant General Manoj Kumar Katiyar on Tuesday said the response — Operation Sindoor 2.0 — will be deadlier.

He maintained that Pakistan continues its policy of "bleed India through a thousand cuts" and said the Army is fully prepared to deal with it.

"The action we will take this time will be deadlier than the past. It would be more powerful. Yes, you are very right. It (Operation Sindoor 2.0) has to be deadlier.



There is no doubt about it," Lt Gen Katiyar told reporters.

He was replying to a question whether Operation Sin-

door 2.0 will be deadlier than the first one.

Asked whether there will be Pahalgam-type attacks in the future by Pakistan, he said that until there is a change in Pakistan's thinking, it will continue to carry out such mischiefs.

"It does not have the capacity to fight a war with us. They do not want to fight a war. It does mischief as per its policy of 'bleed India through a thousand cuts'" The Western Army commander said that India had inflicted heavy damages on Pakistan in Operation Sindoor. "We have destroyed its posts and air bases, but it may again attempt some-

## MODI 'GOOD FRIEND', MUNIR 'FAVOURITE FIELD MARSHAL': TRUMP

**TEXAS:** United States President Donald Trump praised India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi without naming him, saying 'India is a great country with a good friend of mine at the top'. Earlier praising Sharif and his 'favourite field marshal' Pakistan army chief Gen Asim Munir, Trump also invited the Pakistan prime minister to address the gathering.

Sharif said peace has been achieved in the Middle East after 'untiring and relentless efforts' of President Trump.

thing (Pahalgam-type attack). We have to remain prepared. We are fully prepared.

I am confident the action this time will be deadlier than in the past," he said.

# One more suicide: New twist in IPS officer's case

► **Mystery deepens as ASI shoots himself dead, implicates Puran; Rahul visits the senior officer's family and calls for the respect of all Dalits**

► **Congress leader asks Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the state government to take immediate action and arrest the officials responsible**

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CHANDIGARH

A Haryana assistant sub-inspector in Rohtak shot himself dead on Tuesday and purportedly levelled corruption allegations against the late Inspector General Y Puran Kumar, adding a murky twist to the suspected suicide of the senior Dalit officer who served in the same district. ASI Sandeep Kumar's alleged suicide comes in the backdrop of the escalating row over Puran Kumar's death, which has led to a shakeup of the police brass and also become a huge political issue.

Earlier in the day, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi visited the senior officer's family and called for the respect of all Dalits. He asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the state government to take immediate action and arrest the officials



responsible.

The second suicide of a Haryana cop has muddied the waters even more, the questions becoming louder, the mystery deeper.

Sandeep Kumar's shock death came hours after the state government late Monday night sent state DGP Shatrueet Kapur on leave. Before that, the government transferred Narendra Bijarniya, former Rohtak superintendent of police. The two were among the eight officials named by Puran Kumar in a note he left behind.

O P Singh, a 1992-batch IPS officer of DGP rank, has been assigned "additional charge of DGP Haryana during the leave period of Shatrueet Kapur", according to an official order.

Sandeep Kumar, who was posted in the cyber cell and whose body was recovered from his Rohtak home, left behind a six-minute purported video and a three-page suicide note naming Puran Kumar. The veracity of the video and the statement could not

be immediately verified.

Police sources said the ASI played a role in the arrest of head constable Sushil Kumar, an aide of Puran Kumar who was found with a gunshot wound in his Chandigarh home on October 7.

"Sandeep shot himself," said a senior police official from Rohtak.

Asked about the video and the note, he said, "To say anything at this stage is difficult... the forensic team is investigating."

Sandeep Kumar levelled serious allegations against Puran Kumar in the purported video, saying even Bhagat Singh made sacrifices and walked a difficult path after which the country awakened.

Puran Kumar's name had cropped up in a bribery scandal recently.

A liquor contractor in Rohtak filed a bribery case against head constable Sushil Kumar. He alleged Sushil Kumar sought a bribe of Rs 2.5 lakh in Puran Kumar's name (when he was posted there).

# BJP drops Speaker, fields two Deputy CMs

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The ruling BJP on Tuesday sprang surprises with its first list of 71 candidates for the Bihar assembly polls, denying a ticket to Speaker Nand Kishore Yadav, a seven-term MLA, while fielding Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary in a direct election after over a decade.

Health and Law Minister Mangal Pandey, a member of the legislative council, has also been fielded by the party for the assembly polls. While Choudhary, who had last won an assembly election



from Parbatta in 2010 on an RJD ticket, has been fielded from adjoining Tarapur, Pandey has been named the BJP candidate from Siwan.

Notably, both Choudhary and Pandey are former state BJP presidents, and so is Yadav, who has been replaced in Patna Sahib with Sanjay Kumar Gupta, a low-key state secretary of the party.

# Bulk SMSes, voice messages during 'silence period' on EC radar

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NEW DELHI

AS Bihar prepares for phase one of assembly polls on November 6, the Election Commission has warned that bulk SMSes and audio messages during the 48-hour 'silence period' which starts before the conclusion of voting, is prohibited.

Meanwhile, Election Commission said that first randomisation of Electronic Voting Machine- Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (EVM-VVPATs) for the second phase of Bihar Assembly Elections has been completed. In a note issued on October 9 outlining campaigning restrictions, the poll authority said, political advertisements on any election matter in TV, cable networks, radio, cinema halls, use of bulk SMS/voice messages, audio visual displays in any polling area during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll for any election in the polling area is prohibited.

Separately, in a statement on Tuesday, the EC said it has issued orders on October 9, requiring every registered and national and state politi-



cal party and every contesting candidate to apply to the Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) for pre-certification of all political advertisements on electronic media, including social media before publication.

MCMCs have been constituted at the district and state levels for pre-certification of political advertisements as per the prescribed guidelines.

No political advertisements are to be released to any internet-based media/websites, including social media websites,

by political parties or candidates without pre-certification from the respective MCMC, it cautioned.

The MCMCs will also keep a strict vigil on suspected cases of paid news in the media and take suitable action.

Given the penetration of social media in the electoral landscape, candidates have also been instructed to share the details of their authentic social media accounts at the time of filing nomination.

Citing provisions of the electoral law and a subsequent Supreme Court directions, it said political parties should also submit a statement of expenditure incurred on campaigning through internet, including social media websites to the ECI within 75 days of the completion of the assembly elections.

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**Point to be noted**

- Keep adequate balance to avoid cheque bounce

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