

## VHP cautions govt, SC on planned country-wide protests by AIMPLB on Waqf Act

**NEW DELHI:** The Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Saturday raised questions over the All India Muslim Personal Law Board's plan to hold nationwide protests against the Waqf Amendment Act, and urged the central and state governments to keep a close watch to ensure there is no violence.

It also urged the Supreme Court to take cognisance of the matter, alleging that the Muslim body, which is one of the petitioners in the case, has planned agitations to build pressure on the judiciary, instead of waiting for its final verdict.

This comes after the AIMPLB recently posted on X a "road map" for the second phase of its 'Save Waqf Campaign', proposing a host of activities to protest the amended Waqf law, which included a call to Muslims to keep their businesses, offices and other establishments closed, except medical stores, from 8 am to 2 pm on October 3.

The Muslim body has also planned to organise "Waqf marches" in Delhi and state capitals on different dates, according to the four-page "road map" of the second phase of its campaign posted on X

last week on September 19. "The AIMPLB and other Muslim organisations have announced a comprehensive programme of agitation against the amendments to the Waqf law. The Muslims across the country have been asked to keep their shops and institutions closed for a day. This is being promoted heavily on social media as Bharat Bandh," VHP president Alok Kumar told a press conference here, questioning the move.

Similarly, on another day the Muslims have been called to demonstrate and court arrests in Delhi and in all the state capitals of India. It has also been said that the Muslims shall march towards the Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi and the Raj Bhavans in the states," he said.

It's "strange" that the Muslim organisations, which welcomed the Supreme Court's interim order that came in the matter recently, have made such a comprehensive plan to protest against the Waqf Amendment Act, he added.

The VHP chief termed the AIMPLB's plan a matter of concern and urged the central and state governments to keep a "close watch" to

ensure that no incident of violence takes place during their protests and agitations.

"It is a matter of concern. There have been several incidents of violence in different parts of the country over the past few days since the Barawafat (Milad-un-Nabi). Plans for holding such agitational programmes may lead to disruption of law and order, invite conflicts and promote violence," he said.

It will be a "big threat" to the law and order situation of Bharat and social harmony, he said.

"The responsibility of averting any such situation squarely and primarily lies with the people organising these agitations. It is their responsibility to ensure that the programmes are held peacefully and do not involve vandalism, rioting, or assault on government and other properties," Kumar said.

"The central and state governments should also keep a close watch and remain adequately prepared to deal with all kinds of situations, particularly in view of the resentment and anger being spread in social media campaigns," he added.

The VHP chief also called upon the society, "particularly" Hindus, to remain "vigilant and prepared", and coordinate with the local administration and other law enforcement to avert any untoward incident in their respective vicinity.

In a post on X, VHP national spokesperson Vindo Bansal said the Supreme Court should also take cognisance of the matter as to why those parties to the matter subject to be tried before it are "trying to pressure the court from the streets, instead of waiting for its final decision".

On September 15, the Supreme Court put on hold a few key provisions of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, including a clause that only those practising Islam for the last five years could create Waqf, but refused to stay the entire law outlining the presumption of constitutionality in its favour.

"Presumption is always in favour of constitutionality of a statute and intervention (can be done) only in the rarest of rare cases," a bench of Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih said in its 128-page interim order on the contentious matter.

## BMW accident case: Delhi court grants bail to Gaganpreet Kaur; accuses paramedic of 'negligent act'

**NEW DELHI:** Delhi's Patiala court on Saturday granted bail to accused Gaganpreet Kaur in connection with a BMW accident case which killed Navjot Singh, deputy secretary in the ministry of finance on September 14. The court granted bail to Kaur on a bond of Rs 1 lakh and two sureties of the same amount. The court also directed Gaganpreet Kaur to surrender her passport. Before pronouncing the bail order, the court said that an ambulance reached there within seconds, and it remained there for 30 seconds. But did not take the injured to the hospital. Even though they did not have any emergency assignment and were going to the Army Base Hospital, the nearest hospital.



"What should be done with this ambulance? Are they not accused of the offence of death due to a negligent act?" the court asked the police. "The best-equipped vehicle was present there. The ambulance left the spot within 30 seconds. Is it not the medical negligence?" it added. The court said that the Ambulance with paramedic was duty-bound to take the injured to the hospital. The court, however, observed that paramedics inquired of the bystanders whether anybody wanted help. Delhi Police arrested Kaur who drove the BMW that fatally struck senior finance ministry officer Navjot Singh in Delhi's Dhaura Kuan area. Singh, 52, a deputy secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs and resident of Hari Nagar, died in the crash on Sunday afternoon. His wife, Sandeep, who was riding pillion, sustained serious injuries and remains under treatment. In her statement to police, Sandeep alleged that after the collision she repeatedly pleaded with Gaganpreet to take them to the nearest hospital, as her husband was unconscious and required urgent first aid. Instead, the BMW occupants allegedly took them to a small hospital.

## Petal Gahlot tears into Pak PM Shehbaz Sharif at UNGA, Know all about the Indian diplomat

**NEW DELHI:** India on Friday (Sep 26) issued a strong rebuttal to Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif following his speech at the United Nations. Exercising India's right of reply, Petal Gahlot, first secretary at India's Permanent Mission to the UN, delivered a sharp rebuttal. Calling Shehbaz's speech "absurd theatrics", the Indian representative pointed out that Pakistan sheltered al-Qaeda founder Osama bin Laden for a decade before the United States neutralised him at a walled compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, for masterminding the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"This assembly witnessed absurd theatrics in the morning from the Prime Minister of Pakistan, who once again glorified terrorism that is so central to

their foreign policy. However, no degree of drama and no level of lies can conceal the facts," said Gahlot.

She also countered Sharif's recent conflict with India. Calling his statement Bizarre, Gahlot said, "The Prime Minister of Pakistan also advanced a bizarre account of the recent conflict with India. The record on this matter is clear. Till 9th May, Pakistan was threatening more attacks on India. But on 10th May, the military pleaded with us directly for a cessation to the fighting."

The counter reaction by Gahlot has earned her praises from Indians and the world community who are eager to know more about the Indian diplomat.

One of India's advisors at the United Nations, Gahlot was Born in New Delhi and is seen as a rising star

in Indian diplomacy. She did her graduation from the St. Xavier's College, Mumbai and did completed her master's in political science and government from Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi.

She was appointed first secretary in India's Permanent Mission to the UN in July, 2023.

Prior to joining India's Permanent Mission to the UN, Gahlot worked as undersecretary at the ministry of external affairs in the European West Division, from 2020 to 2023. As an under secretary she worked at the Indian mission/consulate in Paris and San Francisco, reported Hindustan Times.

She also done master's in language interpretation and translation from Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Montreux.

## ED attaches properties worth over Rs 155 cr in fraud case

**NEW DELHI:** The Enforcement Directorate's (ED) Kolkata Zonal Office has attached 212 immovable properties valued at over Rs 155 crore.

This action is part of an ongoing investigation into LFS Broking Pvt. Ltd., its related companies, and individuals, including Saiyad Jiyajur Rahaman.

The attached properties, identified as proceeds of crime, include parcels of land, apartments, hotels, resorts and factory plots located across multiple districts in West Bengal and other states.

These assets were acquired through the fraudulent mobilization of over Rs 1600 crore from investors, who were misled by false promises of assured high returns from entities controlled by the accused.

## India confirms natural gas discovery in Andaman basin, 87% methane detected

**NEW DELHI:** Union Petroleum Minister Harddeep Singh Puri on Friday shared that natural gas has been found in the Andaman basin, confirming the long-held belief that the Andaman Sea is rich in natural gas. In a post on X in late evening, the minister informed about the occurrence of natural gas in the Sri Vijayapuram 2 well at a distance of 9.20 NM (17 km) from the shoreline on the east coast of the Andaman Islands at a water depth of 205 metres and target depth of 2,650 metres. "An ocean of energy opportunities opens up in the Andaman Sea," Puri said in the post. "Initial production testing of the well in the range of 2212-2250 metres has established the presence of natural gas with



intermittent flaring. The gas samples were brought by ship to Kakinada, were tested and found to be 87 per cent methane," he shared.

In the post, the minister, sounding upbeat, said that establishing the presence of hydrocarbons in the Andaman basin is a major step in confirming the long-held belief that Andaman basin is rich in natural gas, "in line with discoveries in the

entire area from Myanmar in North to Indonesia in the south in this belt". He added that the size of the gas pool and commercial viability of the discovery will get verified in the coming months. "Under the deepwater mission announced by PM Narendra Modi on Independence Day, large number of deepwater exploration wells are planned in our offshore basins in order to find new discoveries and fully exploit our hydrocarbon reserves," said Puri.

This occurrence of natural gas will help the country take forward its exploration ambitions in coordination with global deepwater exploration experts, and will be a significant milestone in India's journey through 'Amrit Kaal', the minister emphasised.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in his Independence Day address, announced the National Deep Water Exploration Mission, which aims to explore oil and gas reserves in the sea. The PM had termed it "Samudra Manthan" and said that the initiative will be executed in mission mode, highlighting India's push for self-reliance in the energy sector.

Puri underlined that the discovery will strengthen India's ability to partner with global deepwater exploration leaders like Petrobras, BP India, Shell, and ExxonMobil. "This occurrence of natural gas will help us take forward our exploration ambitions and is a significant milestone in our journey through Amrit Kaal," he said.

## Cabinet approves 10,023 new medical seats within next five years

**NEW DELHI:** The union Cabinet has approved addition of 10,023 new medical seats with an investment of Rs. 15,034 crore as part of the goal to create 75,000 medical seats within the next five years.

These include 5,000 post-graduate and 5,023 undergraduate seats in existing government colleges and hospitals by 2028-29, an official spokesman said today.

At a meeting here chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi it was also decided to double the number of medical colleges to 808 in 2025-26 from 387

in 2013-14, with undergraduate seats up 141 percent and postgraduate seats up 144 percent. New 2025 regulations allow experienced government specialists to become professors without mandatory residency requirements. Initiative specifically targets underserved communities while positioning India as a global hub for affordable healthcare. "This will improve our healthcare system and enhance medical education infrastructure. It will ensure that every part of India has availability of skilled doctors," the Prime Minister Narendra said in a post

on X on September 24.

The country has significantly expanded its medical infrastructure over the past decade, yet the demand continues to outpace supply.

The total investment is Rs. 15,034 crore covering the period from 2025-26 to 2028-29. Of this, 68.5 percent amounting to Rs. 10,303.20 crore will be funded by the union government while the remaining Rs. 4,731.30 crore will be contributed by the states. The investment per seat is Rs. 1.5 crore.

Prime Minister Modi envisions 75,000 additional

medical seats in the next five years, and this new approval made on September 24, 2025, is a step towards that goal, the spokesman added.

India has the highest number of medical colleges (808) and has been expanding its medical educational infrastructure for years.

There are 1,23,700 MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery) seats today. In the last decade, 69,352 seats were added, a growth of 127 percent. During this period 43,041 post-graduate seats were added, a growth of 143 percent.

## CBI launches crackdown on builders in Kolkata, Bangalore, Mumbai for defrauding homebuyers

**NEW DELHI:** The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has launched a major crackdown, registering six cases against builders in Kolkata, Bangalore and Mumbai for allegedly cheating and defrauding thousands of homebuyers. The action aims to investigate the suspected nexus between these builders and officials of financial institutions.

The federal probe agency has conducted search operations at twelve locations across these cities.

The implicated builders include Bangalore-based Ithaca Estate Private Limited, LGCL Urban Homes (India) LLP, Ozone Urbana Infra Developers Pvt.

## 10-member SIT to probe Bareilly violence; cleric arrested, internet suspended

**BAREILLY:** A 10-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been set up to investigate the violence that broke out in Bareilly on Friday, following a protest linked to the "I Love Muhammad" campaign. Police arrested eight people, including the cleric Maulana Tauqeer Raza Khan who is also the chief of Ittehad-e-Millat Council chief, accusing him of instigating the unrest. A local court remanded Raza and the seven others to 14-day judicial custody. "Maulana Tauqeer Raza, the main conspirator of the Bareilly unrest, along with seven mischievous elements, have been arrested, produced in court, and sent to judicial custody," said Bareilly District Magistrate Avinash Singh at a joint press briefing with SSP Anurag Arya.

Officials said a crowd gathered outside Raza's



house after he posted a video in support of the campaign and it continued to swell.

District Magistrate Avinash Singh said Raza's representatives had been informed that permission for procession or protest has not been granted.

"We had told his repre-

sentative that Section 163 of the BNSS had been imposed and that no gathering would be allowed. They agreed and assured us that they would not hold the march. However, some people tried to go ahead after Friday prayers, and that led to the situation turning tense," the DM said. The clashes erupted out-

side a mosque in the Kotwali area after Friday prayers, when a large crowd carrying "I Love Muhammad" posters turned violent over the cancellation of the proposed demonstration.

Protesters pelted stones, vandalised vehicles, and allegedly fired in the air, injuring about 22 police personnel.

The police responded with a lathi charge and tear gas to disperse the mob.

Officials said Raza delivered provocative speeches that incited youth to join the protest, creating chaos from Khaleel Tiraha to the Islama Ground. The seven other accused were identified as Sarfaraz, Manifuddin, Azeem Ahmed, Mohammed Sharif, Mohammed Aamir, Rehan, and Mohammad Sarfaraz. Authorities have detained 36 others after identifying them through video footage.

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