

Newsletter

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SMaRT Supports Ramayana Kalpavrksham 2026

SMaRT was glad to support Ramayana Kalpavrksham, held from 30 January to 1 February 2026. The event brought together scholars, artists, and seekers who share a deep respect for the Ramayana and its timeless values.

Over three days, participants explored the many layers of the Ramayana through talks, discussions, and cultural presentations. The sessions reflected how this great epic still guides life, ethics, and duty in today's world. Our support was aimed at helping such platforms grow and reach wider audiences. Programs like this keep classical knowledge alive and meaningful for the next generation.



SMaRT Facilitates Digital Media Access at MILAN 2026

SMaRT helped facilitate media coverage of MILAN 2026, the major naval exercise hosted by the Indian Navy in Visakhapatnam. For the first time, the Navy opened access to digital media. The passes were issued only through SMaRT.

Through this effort, Chanakyaa TV received the opportunity to cover the event from the ground. Their coverage shared rare visuals and insights from one of the largest naval gatherings in the region. This helps important national events reach wider audiences in a clear and responsible way.



SC and MP High Court order on OBC Reservations – Explained



Ever since the January 2026 UGC Circular we shared three articles on Reservations i.e. Can India become a Casteless Society and UGC Circular, 19 years old student from Jabalpur gets SC relief in Medical College Admission under EWS and Reservations in India Explained

Soon thereafter was a hearing in the Supreme Court (SC) on 73% reservations in the state of Madhya Pradesh (MP). SC order is courtesy and copyright the Supreme Court.

This piece shares parts of SC order, looks at definitions in the Colonial Constitution and points from MP government affidavit in SC.

1. "The 1994 MP Act provided for 14% reservation for "Other Backward Classes" in public employment for all posts, while providing 16% for Scheduled Castes and 20% for Scheduled Tribes."

2. Vide an ordinance dated 8.3.2019, reservations for OBC was increased to 27% meaning $27+16+20 = 63\%$. The Act was amended and notified in December 2019 to provide for 27%. Challenged in the MP High Court (HC) that granted a stay.

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Why India is setting up the Dalai Lama Centre for Tibetan and Indian Ancient Wisdom



Thanks to X (formerly Twitter) one gets to know of matters that media has missed out. Minister K Rijju said, “Dalai Lama Centre for Tibetan and Indian Ancient Wisdom will be a global centre for conducting education, research and other programmes to promote the study of ancient Indian thought and wisdom.” “His Holiness states that the wisdom of Nalanda nurtured by such masters as Nagarjuna, Aryadeva and Chandrakirti, a tradition grounded in reason and logic, was kept alive in Tibet.”

The foundation stone for this Centre was laid in 2023. “Interim director of the project, Tempa Tsering announced that the Centre was being established to fulfil His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s vision that if awareness of ancient Indian wisdom, particularly with regard to the workings of the mind and emotions, could be revived and shared more widely, it would contribute to the creation of a more peaceful, more compassionate world.”

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RSS' global perspective is geocultural, not geopolitical



As the city of Mumbai gears up to host Sarsanghchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Dr. Mohan Bhagwat, a lot of buzz is created around the event and various dimensions relating to RSS. However, one area that often goes unnoticed is the global perspectives of the RSS. In the centenary year of RSS, and with an assertive Indian diplomacy fuelling the rise of India as a strong and stable economic power in an increasingly uncertain world, it is essential to understand that RSS' global perspective is geocultural.

For others the worldview is determined through the geopolitical lens. For RSS, it is determined by geocultural consciousness steeped into realism rooted in the history of territorial integrity. India's foreign policy over the decades has been directly or indirectly shaped by this geocultural consciousness. It will not be an exaggeration to say that India's evolution from being a non-aligned, and hence non-committal, nation to being an assertive practitioner of multilateralism without compromising on own interest, can be attributed to the thought-provoking contributions of the RSS apart from the evolutionary

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Lashkar-Linked Terror Module Busted : 8 Islamists including a Bangladeshi National Arrested from Tamil Nadu and West Bengal



India has once again been reminded that the threat of terror is a persistent, adaptive reality and not a distant headline.

In a coordinated operation spanning two states, security agencies arrested eight Islamists allegedly linked to the Pakistan-based terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba. According to officials, the arrests have potentially thwarted a larger conspiracy aimed at destabilizing the country.

This was not an isolated or amateur plot. It bore the hallmarks of planning, cross-border coordination, and ideological messaging.

The Network: From Tiruppur to Pakistan

Six suspects identified as Mizanur Rahman, Mohammed Shabat, Umar, Mohammed Litan, Mohammed Shahid, and Mohammed Ujjal were arrested from garment manufacturing units in Tiruppur. Two others were apprehended in West Bengal. Among those detained, officials say, is a Bangladeshi national.

Investigators believe the group was in contact with handlers based in Bangladesh, with at least one handler reportedly operating out of Pakistan. Funding trails are being examined, with sources indicating money transfers linked to extremist organizations. Authorities also recovered multiple mobile phones and 16 SIM cards, suggesting operational layering and attempts at concealment. Perhaps most disturbing are allegations that forged Aadhaar cards were used for identification.

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Greek Government Orders Deportation of Bangladeshi Imam, Closes 60 Illegal Mosques



Hindu Voice Team: The government of Greece has announced a major enforcement action targeting unlicensed mosques and religious leaders in the country, resulting in the closure of dozens of prayer sites and the deportation of a Bangladeshi imam.

According to authorities, Greek immigration and asylum officials used Section 28 of Law 5224/2025 to identify and shut down 60 mosques operating without official permits, many of which were functioning in residential buildings and other makeshift locations in Athens and surrounding urban areas.

Among those affected is a Bangladeshi imam whose residence permit was revoked after local complaints and legal proceedings found that the mosque he led did not have authorization to conduct religious services. Greek authorities have begun deportation procedures against him, ordering him to leave the country.

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Husbands May Beat Their Wives 'As Long As Bones Are Not Broken': Brutal Law Passed in Afghanistan



Hindu Voice Team: A new controversy has emerged in Afghanistan regarding women's rights and domestic violence. Reports have recently surfaced about the passage of a law stating that a husband may physically discipline his wife, provided it does not reach the level of "breaking bones." The issue has sparked strong reactions internationally and raised fresh concerns over human rights.

Since the Taliban returned to power in 2021, strict restrictions have been steadily imposed on women's lives in Afghanistan. Girls' participation in secondary and higher education has been banned, women have been prohibited from working in many government and private institutions, and restrictions have been placed on traveling long distances without a male guardian. These decisions have faced widespread international criticism.

Analysts say the debated section of the new law indicates a further strengthening of the husband's authority within the family structure. Critics argue that a vague condition such as "not breaking bones" does not effectively define the limits of violence; rather, it risks legitimizing it in practice.

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From Sacred Hymns to Savage Horror : Muhammad Rakib and Two Associates Named in Brutal All-Night Gang Rape and torture of Speech-Impaired Hindu Mother Returning from Kirtan in Bhola, Bangladesh



When Devotion Turned to Darkness

When the hymns of devotion that had drifted across rural Bhola finally fell silent, a crime of unspeakable brutality emerged from the shadows.

On the fourth night of the five-day long Tirodhan Utsav honoring Achyudananda Brahmachari, more than 100,000 devotees had gathered in Aralia village of Tazumuddin Upazila for kirtan and prayer on 22nd February.

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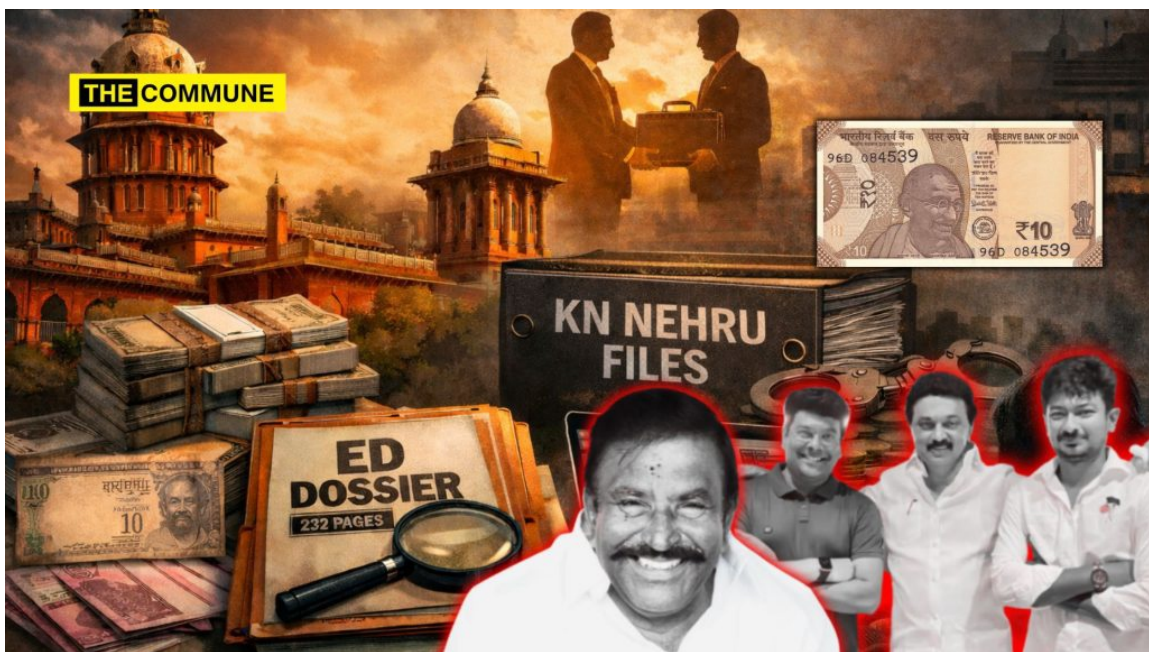


আমাদের ভারত, আরামবাগ, ২৬ ফেব্রুয়ারি: আরামবাগ মুখ্য ডাকঘরে বোমাতঙ্ক। গ্রাহক ও পোস্ট অফিসের কর্মীদের বাইরে বের করে দেয় পুলিশ। গোটা এলাকাটি ঘিরে রাখে আরামবাগ থানার পুলিশ। আরামবাগ এসডিপিওর নেতৃত্বে বিশাল পুলিশ বাহিনী তল্লাশি চালায় এলাকায়। আতঙ্কিত হয়ে পড়েন পোস্ট অফিসের গ্রাহক থেকে কর্মীরা।

আরামবাগ শহরের এই মুখ্য ডাকঘরে আধার কার্ডের সংশোধনী ও নতুন আধার কার্ড তৈরি হয়। তাছাড়াও পাসপোর্ট ভেরিফিকেশনের কাজ চলে। তবে পোস্ট অফিস সূত্রে জানা গেছে, পোস্ট অফিসে বোমা রাখার খবর জানিয়ে মেইল আসে। তাই এলাকাটি খালি করে দেওয়া হয়। পোস্ট অফিসের ভিতর থেকে গ্রাহক ও পোস্ট অফিসের এজেন্টদের বেরিয়ে যেতে বলা হয়।

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10% Commission As 'Party Fund' With ₹10 Note As Hawala Code To Swindle Crores, ED Dossiers On KN Nehru Exposes Dravidian Model DMK's Scientific Corruption



The Madras High Court, on Friday 20 February 2026, directed the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) to register a criminal case based on inputs from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) alleging large-scale corruption in the Municipal Administration and Water Supply (MAWS) Department headed by DMK Minister KN Nehru.

The direction was issued by a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava and Justice G. Arul Murugan while hearing writ petitions seeking registration of an FIR in the alleged cash-for-jobs and transfer-posting scam. The Bench had earlier reserved orders after hearing detailed submissions from all sides.

Pulling up the State over the delay in acting on the ED's communication, the court held that the material already on record disclosed cognisable offences warranting immediate registration of a case.

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Busting The News Minute's 'Real Kerala Story': Weaponising Faulty Arithmetic To Gaslight Hindus On Conversions



A few days ago, in the backdrop of the controversies surrounding Kerala Story 2, leftist rag The News Minute came up with some 'groundbreaking' research into the 'numbers' of who was converting to which religion in Kerala – and they wanted to point out which religion was 'gaining' the most.

Haritha John, the reporter, said she found it hard to comb through official records, yes, it must have been hard to twist the numbers to suit the leftist narrative.

The News Minute also tried to build some buzz around the 'report'. But it has turned out to be a damp squib.

The News Minute says they combed through Kerala's 2024 gazette and so many records to try and show its audience, that love jihad was a myth, that conversions were a myth in Kerala – a state where Hindus are not the majority.

This report's central claim is that Hinduism is the 'biggest' gainer in terms of conversion. They share this table 'data' from the 2024 Gazette to prove their claim is right.

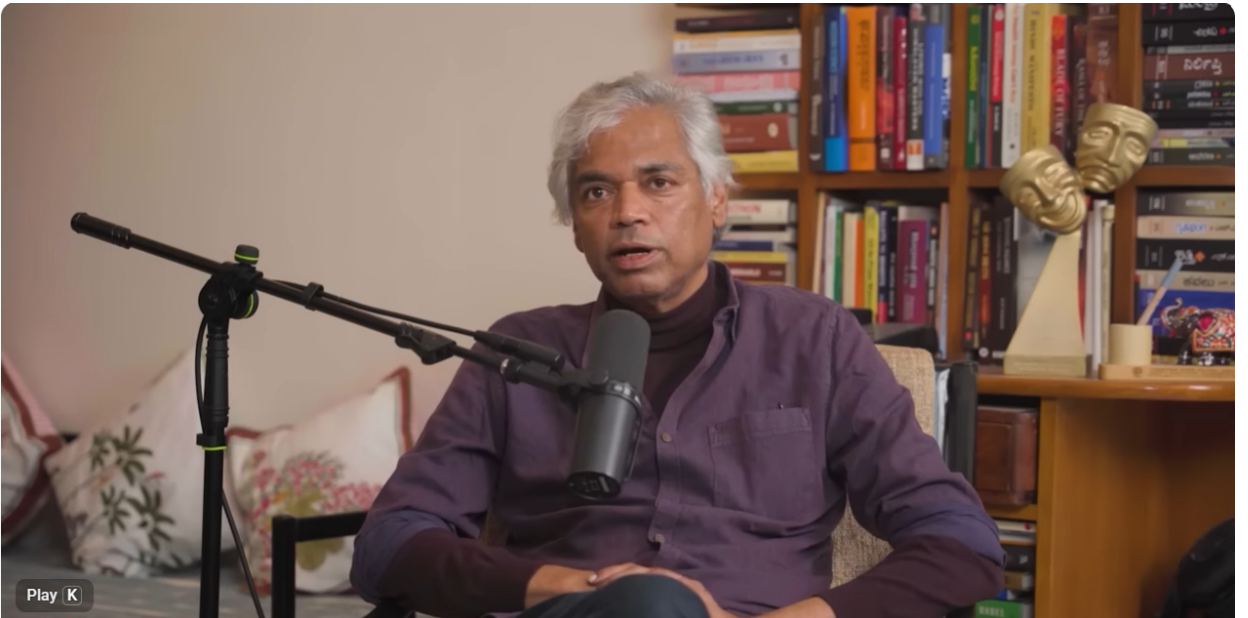
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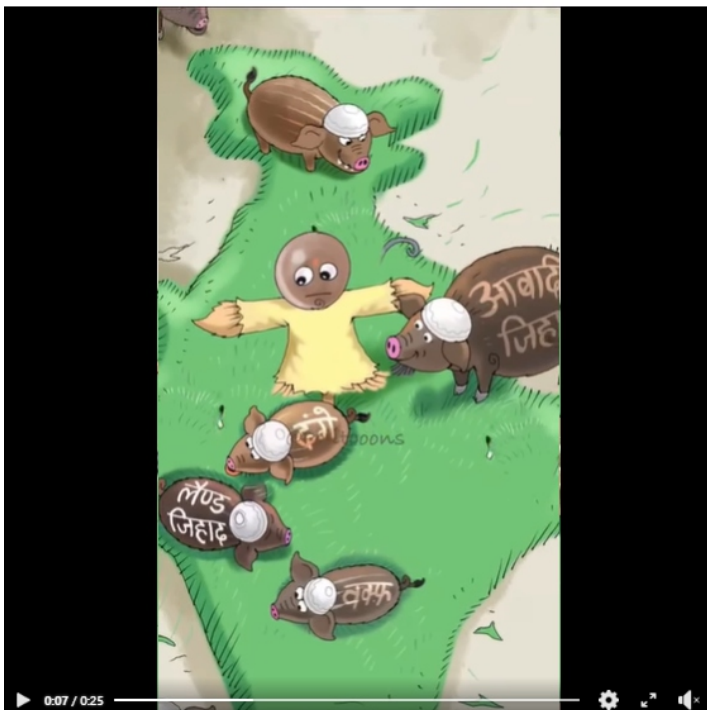
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