

# Farmer assaulted at Haryana border, 'barbaric' police action condemned

**PRITPAL WAS DOING 'LANGAR SEVA' WHEN HE WAS DRAGGED, BEATEN UP: FARMER LEADERS**

PTI

**CHANDIGARH**  
Senior BJP leader Amarinder Singh on Sunday condemned the Haryana Police for the "barbaric act of violence" against a farmer who was injured during the ongoing farm protest at the Khanauri border.

"We are removing a portion of the barrier from Point-A to Point-B for the commuters. The deployment of police and paramilitary forces will ensure strict vigil round the clock. Force deployment will stay in place. Vehicle movement will not be allowed for now," a senior police officer said. On Sunday, the city police removed two huge cement barriers for those commuters who walk towards Delhi using a small passage at the Singhu and Tikri borders.

A commuter Suresh said he commutes to Kundali for work but due to the barriers he has to walk an additional distance of more than a kilometre everyday.

Farmer leaders too hit out at the Haryana Police over the injuries suffered by the farmer -- Pritpal Singh -- who is currently undergoing treatment at the PGIMER in Chandigarh. "I strongly condemn the barbaric act of violence committed by the Haryana Police on our young farmer Pritpal Singh," Amarinder Singh, the former Punjab chief minister, said on X.

"I urge Haryana CM @mlkhattar to take strict action against the policemen who are guilty of badly beating up an unarmed youngster who

## Delhi police remove barrier for commuters at Singhu, Tikri

**NEW DELHI:** As the farmers halted their proposed march towards the national capital, the Delhi police on Sunday arranged a pathway for the commuters by removing a portion of blocks at the Singhu and Tikri borders.

"There is one narrow passage for the commuters through which only one person can go through. But now we got to know that the police is opening the barrier for the people. This will surely ease the problem," Suresh said.

The Delhi Police has directed the security personnel deployed at the city's Tikri, Singhu and Ghazipur border points to stay alert. They also conducted mock drills.

Delhi Police officials said the security personnel deployed at the three borders were asked to stay on alert and to keep strict vigil.

"Commuters, those coming to Delhi and those who going from Delhi to some other places, are facing problems. We have already arranged diversions. But for those who are walking, we have arranged a pathway. This pathway will help commuters to cross the road easily," said the senior officer.

was just serving langar to people," he said.

Farmer leader Baldev Singh Sirsa said Pritpal Singh was doing "langar seva" at Khanauri on the Punjab-Haryana border when he was allegedly dragged by the Haryana policemen.

"He was dragged from his

tractor trolley, thrashed and later admitted to a hospital in Rohtak. But we got him shifted to PGIMER at Chandigarh," he said.

Farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher on Sunday said Pritpal Singh has suffered multiple injuries.

"We strongly condemn the police action," he said.

Pandher further said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should come forward and accept the demands of the protesting farmers so that the deadlock in talks between the Centre and farmer leaders is

broken.

The prime minister should also take action against policemen who indulge in such "barbaric acts", he said.

Punjab Chief Secretary Anurag Verma on Saturday wrote to his counterpart in Haryana, demanding that Pritpal Singh, who was initially admitted to PGI Rohtak, be handed over to the Punjab authorities.

"You are requested to hand over Pritpal Singh to Punjab authorities so that his treatment may be got done in Punjab free of cost by the Punjab government," Verma told his counterpart.

Shubhkaran Singh (21), a native of Bathinda, was killed in a clash in Khanauri last Wednesday when some protesters tried to head towards the barricades erected by security personnel.

Shubhkaran Singh's cremation has not taken place yet as farmer leaders are demanding that the Punjab government order the registration of an FIR against those responsible for his death.

# INLD Haryana chief Rathee, party worker shot dead

PTI

**CHANDIGARH**

The Indian National Lok Dal's Haryana unit president Nafe Singh Rathee and a party worker were killed when unidentified assailants sprayed bullets on their SUV in Bahadurgarh near Delhi on Sunday, a senior party leader said.

Three private gunmen hired by Rathee for security also suffered injuries in the attack.

The attack, which came weeks before the Lok Sabha elections, drew sharp reactions from opposition parties, which alleged a breakdown in law and order in the BJP-ruled state.

INLD leader Abhay Chautala told PTI that Rathee and a party worker accompanying him were shot dead. Three private gunmen, whom Rathee had hired for security, also received injuries, Chautala said, adding, "No police security had been given to him." Rathee, a former MLA from Bahadurgarh and aged around 70, was travelling in an SUV when the assailants, who were in a car, attacked him in the town in Jhajjar district.

"A volley of bullets was



Minister Anil Vij.

"The two-time MLA, who is our state unit chief, was not provided with security. In writing, representations had been made to senior police officers and state home minister that he was facing threats and should be provided with security," he said.

"Had he been provided with security, such a situation would not have arisen," he said.

He also said that law and order has broken down in Haryana and today that has been proved yet again.

The opposition Congress and Aam Aadmi Party also hit out at the Manohar Lal Khattar government over the incident.

Senior Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda said, "The news of INLD state president Nafe Singh Rathee being shot dead in Haryana is very sad. This reflects the law and order of the state... Today no one is feeling safe in the state." Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Sushil Gupta said that "rule of law has ended in Haryana and jungle raj prevails".

"No one is safe in Haryana today," he added.

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sprayed at him," Chautala said.

Confirming the attack on Rathee, police said further investigation in the matter was underway.

Chautala accused the government of failing to provide Rathee with security despite there being threat to his life, and demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Home

# SP chief Akhilesh joins 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra'

PTI

**AGRA**  
Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav joined Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra' in Agra on Sunday, days after the two parties reached a seat-sharing arrangement in Uttar Pradesh for the Lok Sabha polls.

Party workers of the SP and the Congress raised slogans in their support as the two leaders, accompanied by Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, waved at the crowd gathered here for the yatra.

Attacking the government in his address on the occasion, Yadav said, "Today, farmers are standing against the government. The government is scared of the power of

farmers. In the coming time, the BJP will be removed and the INDIA coalition government will give respect to farmers." He added that the BJP has not given the backward classes, Dalits and minority communities the respect they deserve.

Senior Congress leader in Uttar Pradesh Pradeep Mathur was also present on the occasion. Earlier, the leaders paid floral tributes at a statue of B R Ambedkar in Agra.

"The Agra leg of the 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra' has definitely proved to be an ice-breaker. The atmosphere is wonderful, workers of both parties are enthusiastic. This will definitely have a positive impact in the Lok Sabha elections for both the parties," Mathur told PTI.

# Three Naxals die in encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh

PTI

**KANKER**  
Three Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district on Sunday morning, a senior police official said.

The face-off took place around 8 am on a hill between Bhomra-Hurtarai villages under the Koyalibeda police station area, where a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxalite operation, Kanker Superintendent of Police Indira Kalyan Elesela said.

**Bodies of three Naxalites were recovered from the site along with some muzzle-loading guns, he said. A few items of daily use and Maoist-related materials were also seized, the official said**

The security forces had received inputs about the presence of cadres belonging to company no. 5 of Maoists in Bhomra, Hurtarai and Michchebeda villages, he said.

A joint squad of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) and 30th battalion of the Border Security Force (BSF) was dispatched to the area on Saturday night, the official said.

A gunfight broke out, and Naxalites fled the scene after a brief exchange of fire, he said.

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# PM goes scuba diving, performs prayers at ancient Dwarka city

PTI

**DEVBHUMI DWARKA**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday went scuba diving off the Panchkui beach coast here in Gujarat and performed prayers as he witnessed the ancient Dwarka city of Lord Krishna, which is submerged in the waters.

To pray there was a "very divine experience," he said.

Wearing a white diving helmet and ochre robes, Modi sat cross-legged on the

sea bed, folded his hands in prayers while being helped by the Navy divers and waved peacock feathers before offering them to Lord Krishna.

"More than courage, it was faith," he said after coming out of the waters.

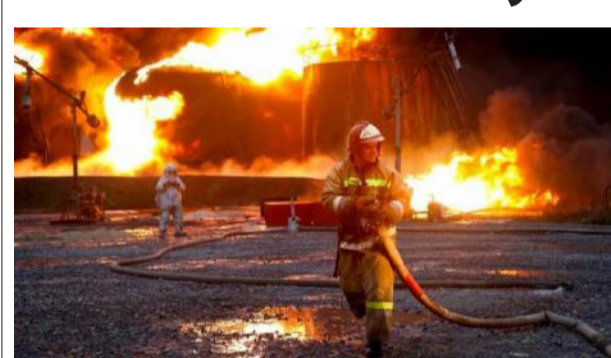
Scuba diving is conducted off the coast of Dwarka near Beyt Dwarka island, where people can see the underwater remains of ancient Dwarka that have been excavated by archaeologists.

Sharing his experience while addressing a gathering here later in the day, Modi said when he was touching the ancient city, the picture of India's grandeur of the 21st century flashed before his eyes, and he remained inside the waters for a long time.

"The vision of Dwarka in the sea has further strengthened my resolve of a developed India," he said.

The PM also shared his experience with some photographs on X.

# Seven killed, 7 hurt in explosion at UP firecracker factory



PTI

**KAUSHAMBI**

At least seven people died and seven others were injured in an explosion at a firecracker factory in Uttar Pradesh's Kaushambi district on Sunday, police said.

The blast took place around 12 noon at Maheva village in the Kokhraj police station area and was heard several kilometres from the factory, they said.

Soon after information was received about the explosion, 10 fire tenders and ambulances rushed to the spot, officials said.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) of Prayagraj Zone Bhanu Bhaskar said, "The cracker factory belonged to one Shahid (35). He was also killed in the blast along with six others." As per information shared by the office of UP relief commissioner, four other deceased were identified as Shiv Narayan, Shivkant, Ashok Kumar, and Jaichandra.

Efforts are being made

**The ADGP said prima facie it appeared that the blast occurred following a fire in the chemicals kept in the factory. Ten fire tenders were sent to the spot to douse the fire**

to identify the two other deceased, police said.

According to the ADGP, around 18 people were working at the factory when the blast took place.

"Prima facie it appears that the blast occurred following a fire in the chemicals kept there. Ten fire tenders were sent to the spot to douse the fire," said the ADGP.

As per locals, the blast was so powerful that it dismembered limbs of the deceased and the injured were thrown several metres away from the site.

The cracker factory was legal and had all necessary clearance from the local administration, the officials said.

# Kharge claims efforts on to change Constitution

PTI

**BENGALURU**  
Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday claimed that efforts are underway to change the Constitution, and warned people that there would "certainly be a dictatorship" in India if they don't stand strong and united in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

He was speaking at the valedictory of the 'Constitution and National Unity Convention 2024' here.

"Many people are trying to erase or change the Constitution. If you don't stand strong

and united in the upcoming election and if the Constitution is affected, it is certain that there will be a dictatorship in this country in the days to come. Whether you want dictatorship or want to lead a life with justice, (deciding that) is important," Kharge said.

"If the Constitution survives, the unity of this country will survive. If democracy survives, every one can live with prosperity. But today there is no government at the Centre that either protects the Constitution or functions keeping the Constitution in mind," he added.

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# Fadnavis trying to kill me, will march to Mumbai: Jarange

PTI

**MUMBAI**

Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange on Sunday said he would march to Mumbai and protest outside the residence of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis who he accused of trying to kill him.

The announcement, made at the end of a speech of more than one hour in Antarwali Sarati in Jalna in which Jarange made several allegations against Fadnavis, took his supporters by surprise.

Asked about Jarange's statements later, Fadnavis just said "I did not hear what he spoke".

"Some people are being lured and pressured to make false allegations against me.

Fadnavis is behind these conspiracies. He wants to kill me. I am ready to march to Sagar bungalow (Fadnavis' official residence in Mumbai's Malabar Hill) right away," Jarange said.

The announcement led to chaos at the site, where the activist's supporters had gathered in large numbers.

Even as some of them tried to take away his microphone, Jarange said he would march to Mumbai alone and all he needed was a stick for support.

He said allegations against him were levelled once the Maratha quota bill was passed in the Maharashtra legislature on February 20.

"How come these people realised my so-called mistakes now and began speaking about them," Jarange asked.

He also spoke about the

"Brahminical tricks" of Fadnavis even while asserting that his allegations were not against "all Brahmins".

"Fadnavis does not like anyone to be more popular than him. It is because of Fadnavis that police complaints were filed against Maratha activists despite their peaceful protests. The court has allowed us to protest peacefully. Then why were police complaints filed," he told a regional news channel.

"I am not backing down from my demand to include Marathas in the OBC segment and issuing of Kunbi certificates. There was a plan to finish me by poisoning me through saline. This government is trying to demean major communities through political tricks," he alleged.

# IIT-Madras researchers patent use of Indian spices to treat range of cancers; clinical trials to begin soon

PTI

**NEW DELHI**  
Researchers at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, have patented the use of Indian spices to treat cancer and the medicines are likely to be available in the market by 2028, according to officials.

The Indian spice-derived nanomedicines have shown anti-cancer activity against lung, breast, colon, cervical, oral and thyroid cell lines but were safe in normal cells, they said.

The nanomedicines were also found to be safe in normal cells. The researchers are currently working on addressing the safety and cost issues which are major challenges in the existing cancer medicines. Animal studies have been



successfully concluded recently and clinical trials are being planned with a target of making the medicines available in the market by 2027-28.

"While the medical benefits of Indian spice oils have been

known through the ages, their bioavailability has limited their application and use.

Formulation as a nano-emulsion effectively overcomes this limitation. Stability of the nano-emulsion was a key consid-

eration and it was optimised in our laboratory," R Nagarajan, a professor at the Department of Chemical Engineering in IIT-Madras, told PTI.

"While mechanistic studies to identify the active ingredients and their modes of interaction with cancer cells are important and will continue in our labs, parallelly, we will attempt to translate the positive results in our animal studies to clinical trials in an expedited manner. We are looking at a two to three-year window for bringing the formulations to market," he added.

Animal studies have been carried out on the patented anti-cancer nano-formulations.

Animal validation to adjust the dosage (GLP phase) and efficacy studies (non-GLP

phase) have been carried out through funding support from IIT Madras Distinguished Alumnus Awardee and Infosys Co-Founder Gopalakrishnan through Pratiksha Trust.

Nagarajan said there are several advantages of nano-oncology over conventional cancer treatment therapy. "The benefits include no toxic side-effects, reduced cost of treatment, abundance of Indian spice oils and leveraging of nano-scale for optimising effectiveness and bio-availability," he said.

M Joyce Nirmala, Chief Scientific Officer (Cancer Nanomedicine and Drug Design Laboratory), IIT Madras, said the patented Indian spice-based nano-formulations have proven effective in many common types of cancers through

in-vitro studies.

"The drug dosage adjustment and efficacy are now under investigation through animal models. This will be followed by clinical trials. This cancer nanomedicine is being developed to reduce the cost and pain of cancer treatment and also to overcome the toxic side effects seen in the existing cancer treatments." India is the world's largest spice producer. Hence, large-scale production could be achieved at a low cost with our Indian spice-based cancer nanomedicine.

"Moreover, the formulations are developed for an oral route of administration to ease the treatment process. The spices chosen are edible, hence, biocompatibility is good, reducing toxic side effects," Nirmala said.

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**APPENDIX - IV-A**  
**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
(See proviso to Rule 8(G) and Rule 9(1) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(G) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (54 of 2002).

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Co-Borrower (s) and Mortgagor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Finance Limited on 21.08.2023, will be sold through E-Auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 03.04.2024 for recovery of Rs.3,32,48,319.04 (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Two Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen and paise Four Only) due and payable as on 22.08.2022 and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization due to the Secured Creditor from the Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors namely Libox Chem (India) Private Limited (through its Administrator Mr. Ram Ratan Kanooong), Mr. Arvind Manubhai Mehta, Mr. Sheshmal Bhatia and Mr. Dinbandhu Dilip Sheth.

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