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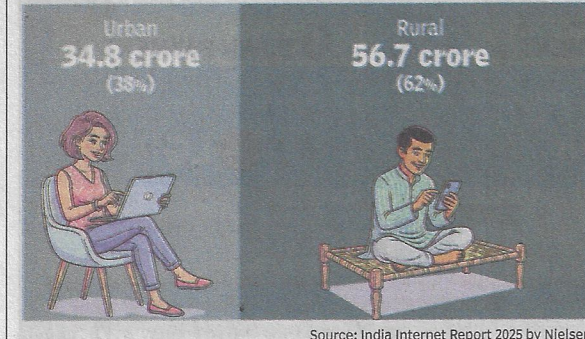


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## India conducts its maiden test of an 'N-capable ICBM'

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New Delhi: The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) launched the maiden test of a nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) off the Odisha coast on Friday evening.

"Though the test-launch doesn't look like that of an Agni-6 missile, the missile tested today is of the ICBM category," a source told TOI. However, DRDO is yet to officially make an announcement.

Days ago, TOI had reported DRDO was set to launch a missile test of ICBM category.

Only four countries—the US, Russia, China and North Korea—possess ICBM technology and have deployed ICBMs with over a 12,000-km range. France and Britain possess operational nuclear-armed submarine-launched ballistic missile technology.

If India perfects ICBM capability, any country, including the US, will come in

### India gets tech to turn 'dumb' warhead into 'smart' weapon

India has developed a glide weapon system technology that can convert an unguided ("dumb") warhead into a guided ("smart") weapon, marking its entry into an elite group of countries that possess advanced stand-off weapons capabilities, reports Surendra Singh.

On Thursday, DRDO and IAF jointly conducted the first flight-trial of Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation weapon off Odisha's coast, the defence ministry said Friday.

The modular range extension kit is India's first indigenous glide weapon system to convert unguided warheads into precision-guided weapons.

its missile strike range.

Days ago, DRDO chairman Samir V Kamath had said about Agni-6 "the moment government gives permission, we are ready to move forward".

## Govt rolls out 2 labour codes, caps weekly work hours at 48

### Notifies National Reskilling Fund For Retrenched Workers

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New Delhi: Amid a debate over working hours, the Centre has capped weekly working hours at 48 under the new labour codes, beyond which workers will be paid double the amount of their defined hourly wages.

Nearly four months after the draft rules under the four new codes were published for stakeholder consultation, the Centre on Friday published final rules under two of the codes—wages and industrial relations. For the other two codes, however, old rules will remain in force until final notification of the new ones.

States will have to notify their own rules, taking a cue from the ones notified by the Centre. West Bengal was so far the only holdout, but with BJP winning the assembly elections, it will also notify the rules in line with the Centre.



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"The notification of the rules is an important step in moving the labour codes from policy to implementation. However, it is equally important to recognise that these central rules will largely apply to establishments where the central govt is the 'appropriate govt'—such as telecom, banking and insurance, mines, oil fields, major ports and air transport, along with central public sector under-

takings and their contractors," said Puneet Gupta, a partner at EY India.

The rules also empower the Centre to set minimum wages and the national floor wage, apart from prescribing the manner for timely payment. Besides, they hold the principal employer accountable for non-payment of bonus to contractual employees, instead of the contractor. Further, it said variable dearness

allowance must be revised twice a year, based on changes in the consumer price index for industrial workers. Gupta, however, said the rules are not clear on the categories of workers to be covered under the definition of overtime.

Under Section 83 of the Industrial Relations (IR) Code, govt also set up a National Reskilling Fund to ensure workers who lose their jobs due to retrenchment are not just given a one-time severance pay but are also supported to learn new skills for re-employment.

The fund will be primarily financed by the employer, which has to contribute 15 days' salary for every retrenched worker. The notification of model standing orders under the IR Code also provides a baseline template on issues like classification of workers, communication of service conditions and leave and attendance norms.

## Murder, abetment accused can't inherit victim's properties: SC

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New Delhi: Observing that no person can be permitted to profit from his own wrongdoing, SC on Friday held that a person accused of committing murder or abetting in the murder of another person would be barred from inheriting the victim's property.

A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan said such disqualification on inheriting property applied to both intestate and testamentary succession and clarified the bar would be applicable even if the trial was still on. Intestate succession takes place in accordance with rules of personal law governing inheritance. Testamentary succession takes place when property is bequeathed through a will.

"A person accused of the murder of one from whom inheritance is claimed is disentitled from asserting rights, not only under Section 25 of Hindu Succession Act but also on the principles of justice, fair play and equity. Strict proof is not indispensable in civil proceedings if the preponderance of probabilities points to commission of the offence," SC said.

"Section 25 of the Hindu Succession Act provides that a person who commits murder or abets the commission of murder shall be disqualified from inheriting the property of the person murdered or any other property in furtherance of the succession to which such person committed or abetted the commission of murder..."

The bench said the principle underlying the provision "is founded upon public policy, justice, and good conscience, namely, that no person can be permitted to profit from his own wrong".

### SC turns down scamster's plea to club FIRs

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday said it would not direct the clubbing of FIRs against a person accused of duping thousands of investors across states while rejecting a plea by Sameer Agrawal of Saga group who fled to Dubai after allegedly misappropriating Rs 10,000 crore maturity amounts of depositors in a cooperative society.

Appearing for the absconding accused, senior advocate R Basant told a bench of CJJI Surya Kant and Justice Joylaxmi Bagchi the court had in the past clubbed FIRs if these were premised on the same fundamental allegations to avoid the accused going from state to state to attend trial.

CJI Kant said when a person cheats thousands of investors, then each incident becomes the subject matter of an independent FIR. There are 33 FIRs against Agrawal in UP, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana for failing to pay the maturity amounts to depositors.

"Clubbing of FIRs is a bonanza for the accused. Those who are duped would have to travel long distances to depose before the court while the accused enjoys sitting in one place. The probe agencies should net this person and bring him to India to face trial," it said.

"If a group of people who are duped come together for the clubbing of the FIRs, the court will consider. Our approach must be victim-centric." It said if the accused deposits Rs 10,000 crore for refund, the court would consider his plea. TNN

## In a 1st, NCRB tracks cases of cruelty against animals: 10,312 arrested in 2024

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New Delhi: The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has for the first time tracked cases of animal cruelty and compiled the data, noting the registration of 9,039 cases and the arrest of 10,312 persons in the country in 2024.

Maharashtra recorded the highest number (2,356) of such cases, followed by Madhya Pradesh (1,346), Uttar Pradesh (1,121), Gujarat (526) and Tamil Nadu (457). The data tracks cases under the Prevention of Cruelty to Ani-



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mals (PCA) Act, 1960, ranging from FIR registration and investigation to filing of chargesheet and case disposal.

The report shows police disposed of nearly 77% (6,969) of the total cases, with 2,070 cases, nearly 23%, pending

investigation. The bureau also recorded 8,660 cases of animal theft, valued at Rs 49 crore, with a recovery rate of 45%, exceeding the national average for property crimes.

"The formal recording of crimes is a key step toward transparency and data-driven governance. While many cases still go unreported, moving from anecdotes to hard data allows us to clearly see how the system is functioning," said activist Gauri Maulekhi.

At the trial stage, the data reflects a high conviction rate of over 80%, rising to nearly 94% in metropolitan areas.

## Kolkata Police unfollows Didi, nephew on X

Kolkata: Kolkata Police has undergone a symbolic digital shift following BJP's landmark victory in the Bengal assembly elections, with the force's official 'X' handle unfollowing outgoing CM Mamata Banerjee and TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee.

In a move signalling alignment with the changing political landscape, the handle now follows PM Modi, home minister Amit Shah and PMO and MHA's official accounts. The transition coincides with the withdrawal of additional security from TMC headquarters and netas' homes in the city. TNN

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed that the Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana has granted License No. 76 of 2010 dated 1st October 2010 for setting up of 'Residential Group Housing Colony' over an area measuring 10.563 acres in Sector 92, Village Wazirpur, Tehsil Harsaru, District Gurugram in the name of JSG Builders Pvt. Ltd. and NCC Urban Infrastructure Ltd. DTC, Haryana has now granted in-principal approval for Transfer of License and Change of Developer of the said license vide Memo Nos. LC-1758 Vol-III/E (S.J)/2026/15729 and 15734 dated 06.05.2026 under Rule 17 of Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Rules, 1976 and Section-3D of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Act, 1975 respectively.

The objections / suggestions from existing allottee(s) of License No. 76 of 2010 are hereby invited in respect of proposed Transfer of License and Change of Developer of 'Residential Group Housing Colony' measuring 10.563 acres.

Allottee(s) are hereby invited to submit their objection / suggestions, if any in writing within 30 days from the date of publication of this public notice in the Office of Senior Town Planner, Gurugram. A copy of the in-principal approvals for proposed Transfer of License and Change of Developer is hosted on the website www.ansals.com and displayed at the Site Office at Gurugram for information of all existing allottee(s) as well as at the Office of Senior Town Planner for perusal.

Dated : 08.05.2026

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