

# Coaching center deaths 3 Die In Basement, 13 "Illegal" Coaching Centres Sealed In Delhi

Chennai July 29 2024: For dozens of students of Rau's IAS Study Circle, it just took a few moments to turn friendly chatter and discussion over tea and snacks into shock and awe. And, even hours after the horror that unfolded in the institute's basement, the survivors had yet to come to terms with the tragedy.

Many students narrated chilling stories of survival.

"It was terrifying... I was just sitting, and someone barged in shouting, 'pani aa raha hai, jaldi baahar niklo'. As we hastily tried to retrieve our laptops, books and

other belongings, water surged in with huge force within minutes," said Hridesh Chauhan, a student. Chauhan added that the library got filled with rainwater every year, but because the gate broke this time, the basement was flooded.

Aishwarya Rai (30), a UPSC aspirant belonging to Kanpur, said: "Around 35 of us were studying in the library when, all of a sudden, rainwater started flowing in. This created panic as it's one thing to wade through waterlogged streets and quite another to have a situation similar to a



dam burst where you have no means to escape." She added:

"Around 7pm, the staff asked us to vacate the library. The supervisor asked us to hold hands

and form a human chain. But there was chaos. Everyone panicked and tried to

run here and there. I saw one student fall from the stairs as the water gushed in."

Chauhan recalled how a glass door was smashed by water right in front of his eyes. "While trying to exit the library through the stairs, I also fell. Somehow, I managed to come out of the library. Close to 10 people were still stuck inside," he said. Still deeply traumatised, Chauhan wondered how he would be able to go ahead with the mains exams in Sept.

Nakul Tiwari (21), one of the survivors, was in the library along with Tanya, Shreya and other students. Originally from Punjab, he had come to Delhi to prepare for UPSC examinations.

His friend Divyam (20) told TOI, "Both Shreya and Tanya were holding onto Nakul as the water overflowed. Unfortunately, at some point, he passed out. All he remembers now is being out by NDRF team."

Saumitra Tiwari, a friend of another survivor, alleged: "Help came extremely late. The incident happened at 7-7.15 pm and rescue divers came in only around 9.15 p.m. The rescue operation could have been faster. Because of the delay in the arrival of water suction pumps, the situation worsened."

# Maldives President Thanks India For Debt Relief, Hopes For Free Trade Deal

Chennai July 29 2024: Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu thanked India for its support of the island nation in easing its debt repayment and affirmed hope that New Delhi and Male would forge stronger ties and sign a free trade agreement.

Muizzu was addressing the official Independence Day function in the Maldives on Friday. During his address, he commended the administration's foreign policy, celebrating eight months of 'diplomatic success,' according to

the Maldives President Office. President Muizzu expressed gratitude to India and China for their support in easing the Maldives' debt repayment, thereby enabling the country to ensure economic sovereignty. Emphasising the

need to alleviate the local shortages of US dollars, he said that the Maldives government is negotiating currency swap agreements with both New Delhi and Beijing. The Maldives President also announced that his administration is negotiating a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United Kingdom and expressed hope to reach a similar agreement with India.

Notably, the Mohamed Muizzu government in the Maldives took a reconciliatory tone after ties between the two nations soured, leading to a diplomatic row. Last month, President Muizzu also attended the oath ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, after he took office for the third consecutive term. Earlier this year, Muizzu sought debt relief measures in the repayment of the hefty loans taken from the country over



and he even ran the electoral campaign on the line of 'India Out'. The removal of Indian troops from the country was the main election campaign of Muizzu's party. Since coming to power, he has taken several steps that have been unconventional from the point of view of India-Maldives ties.

He departed from a long convention by not visiting India on the first official visit and instead went to Turkey, followed by China. During his visit, the two countries elevated their ties to comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership and signed around 20 agreements. Last December, the Maldives said it would

not renew the Hydrographic Survey agreement made with India. After Muizzu government officially requested India to withdraw troops, the Indian government set up a High-Level Core Group to discuss the matter. The withdrawal of Indian troops was completed in May this year.

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## Quad not talk shop, generates practical outcomes: EAM Jaishankar hails talks with US, Aus, Japan FMs

Chennai, July 29 2024: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday said that Quad is not a talk shop but a platform that generates practical outcomes, as he concluded an extremely productive and detailed meeting with the foreign ministers of the US, Australia and Japan, in Tokyo.

In a post on X, the EAM said that in a challenging world, the Quad is a contemporary example of trusted partners and international cooperation.

"Concluded an extremely productive and detailed Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting today in Tokyo. Thank @Kamikawa\_Yoko, @SecBlinken and @SenatorWong for sharing their assessments.

"Quad today \*is systemically embedded in our respective foreign policies.

\*has an expansive agenda, including fostering maritime partnerships, increasing connectivity, ensuring energy security, supporting dialogue and sharing benefits of technology with the Global South.

\*is not a talk shop but a platform that generates practical outcomes.

\* involves democratic politics,



pluralistic societies and market economies working together for a free and open Indo-Pacific, rules based order and for global good.

\*is having a strong interactive dynamic bilaterally and trilaterally as well, enhancing the value of Quad.

"In a challenging world, Quad is a contemporary example of trusted partners and international cooperation." At a press conference with his Quad colleagues, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Japanese Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa and Australia's Penny Wong, the EAM stressed on five points: He said that the real satisfaction he has to see how deeply and systemically the Quad "has now got embedded in our foreign policies".

He said the fact is that different agencies of their Governments and stakeholders

beyond them now regularly interact with each other, to take the objectives forward. "And our leaders have personally led the Quad's growth".

EAM said that the Quad has built up an expansive agenda in the last few years. "We are working -- from trusted telecom technology and under sea cable connectivity, to humanitarian and disaster relief (HADR), critical and emerging technologies, cyber and health security, infrastructure, capacity building and training, STEM education, maritime domain awareness and counterterrorism.

"And this by the way is the abbreviated list! There are 16 working groups and we have just today agreed on more things to do. All of us are looking at, how to advance Quad, how to resource it better, how to coordinate more closely; and I think we have made some

important steps today in that direction," he added. "Third, this is not a talk shop but a platform that generates practical outcomes." He said "our HADR conversations are reflected in understandings and SOPs between our Navies.

The Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness initiative that came out of Quad today links information fusion centres. The Open-RAN network, that we have spoken about so much, is being deployed in Palau.

"A space-based climate warning system will be launched soon in Mauritius. Off-grid solar projects are actually happening in Indo-Pacific islands. During Covid, we cooperated to deliver vaccines to countries in this region. And the first cohort of Quad STEM fellowships is passing out and the second one will also cover the ASEAN.

## Post ITR filing deadline fine Rs.5000 or Rs.1000?

Chennai, July 29 2024: The Income Tax returns (ITR) filing deadline is on July 31 this year. Those who fail to meet the deadline must know that this can result in serious consequences. If individuals miss the July 31 deadline, you will have the opportunity to file a belated return by December 31, 2024 but failing to submit your Income Tax Return (ITR) by the deadline will result in the automatic assignment to the new tax regime.

This means that you



will have to forfeit the option to select the old regime for the respective financial year as you will be automatically placed under the new tax regime. Currently, there are two tax regimes being operated: the old regime and the new regime which was introduced in 2020 which features revised

tax slabs and concessionary rates.

If you fail to file your ITR by July 31, you have the option to submit a late return and as per Section 234F of the Income Tax Act, late filing fees of Rs.5000 can be levied. If your income does not exceed Rs.5 lakh, the late filing fees is Rs.1,000. Additionally, interest

will be charged at the rate of 1% per month or part of the month on the outstanding tax amount from the due date but penalty imposed cannot surpass the amount of tax in arrears.

Those who choose to file their income tax returns late will also have to give up the opportunity to carry forward any capital losses they might have suffered. This means such taxpayers will be unable to utilize these losses to offset future gains resulting in a higher tax liability in the upcoming years.

## First ever Indian female shooter Manu Bhaker Wins Bronze Medal in 10m Air Pistol at Paris Olympics 2024

Chennai, July 29 2024: In a historic achievement, Manu Bhaker has secured a bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol event at the Paris 2024 Olympics. This marks the first medal for India at the Paris 2024 Olympics and the first Olympic medal in shooting for India since the London 2012 Olympic Games.

With this achievement, Manu becomes the first Indian female shooter to win a medal in Olympics, a day after she became the first female shooter to reach an Olympic final in an individual event in the last 20 years.

Manu Bhaker became the fifth Indian shooter to clinch a medal in the Olympic Games after Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore (2004 Athens), Abhinav Bindra (2008 Beijing), Vijay Kumar (2012 London) and Gagan Narang (2012 London).

Qualification Round Highlights:

Manu Bhaker finished 3rd with a score of 580 in the qualification rounds, also shooting the highest number of Perfect Scores (27).

She became the 1st Indian female shooter to reach an Olympic Final in an individual event in the last 20 years! The last time



was Suma Shirur, who reached the Final of the 10m Air Rifle event in Athens 2004.

She also became the first Indian woman to qualify for the 10M AIR PISTOL WOMEN'S final round at any Olympics.

Key Government Interventions and Financial Assistance (Paris Cycle):

Assistance for ammunition and weapon servicing, pellet and ammunition testing, and barrel selection

Assistance towards training with personal coach Mr. Jaspal Rana in Luxembourg for the Olympics preparation

Financial assistance under TOPS: Rs.28,78,634/-

Financial assistance under Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC): Rs.1,35,36,155/-

Achievements:

Gold Medal in 25m Pistol Team at Asian Games (2022)

Gold Medal in 25m Pistol Team at World Championship, Baku (2023)

Quota place for

Paris Games 2024 at Asian Shooting Championship, Changwon (2023)

Bronze Medal in 25m Pistol at World Cup, Bhopal (2023)

Silver Medal in 25m Pistol at World Championship, Cairo (2022)

Two Gold Medals in 10m Air pistol individual and women's team event at World University Games, Chengdu (2021)

Background:

Manu Bhaker is an Indian Olympian who competes in shooting. Born in Jhajjar, Haryana, a state known for its boxers and wrestlers, Manu Bhaker took to sports like tennis, skating and boxing in school. She also participated in a form of martial arts called 'thang ta', winning medals at the national level. She then impulsively decided to try her hand at shooting when she was just 14 – just after the 2016 Rio Olympics ended – and loved it.

At the 2017 National Shooting Championships, Manu Bhaker stunned Olympian and former

Training base: DR. KARNI SINGH SHOOTING RANGE, NEW DELHI  
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world No. 1 Heena Sidhu where she won 9 gold medals. Manu shot a record score of 242.3 to erase Sidhu's mark to win the 10m Air Pistol final. 2018 was Bhaker's breakthrough year as a shooter as she became a teenage sensation bagging a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games just at the age of 16.

In the 2018 International Shooting World Cup held at Guadalajara, Mexico. Bhaker won the gold medal in the Women's 10-metre air pistol, defeating Mexico's Alejandra Zavala, a two-time champion.

Manu Bhaker also sealed an Olympics quota place with a fourth-place finish at the 2019 Munich ISSF World Cup. However, her debut at the Games did not go as planned. Shortly after Tokyo 2020, Manu Bhaker became the junior world champion in the women's 10m air pistolat Lima and did win the women's 25m pistol silver at the 2022 Cairo World Championships and a gold in the same event at the 2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou.

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## Airtel expands its Wi-Fi service across an additional 2.5 million households in Tamil Nadu

Chennai, July 29 2024: Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), one of India's leading telecommunications services providers, today, announced that it has increased its Wi-Fi service to an additional 2.5 million new households in Tamil Nadu.

With Airtel Wi-Fi, a customer not only gets high-speed reliable wireless internet service but a whole host of other benefits including access to unlimited streaming, 20+ OTT services and over 350+ TV channels. Customers can book Airtel Wi-Fi



by placing an order using the Airtel Thanks App or by calling 8130181301.

Tarun Virmani - CEO, Tamil Nadu, Bharti Airtel, said, "I am happy to announce that Airtel Wi-Fi has now reached every

speed wireless Wi-Fi service at an affordable tariff starting at Rs. 699 a month. We hope customers make the most of this and enjoy endless entertainment."

Customers in Tamil Nadu can enjoy unlimited access to some of the leading Tamil OTT platforms and channels including Star Vijay, Sun TV, Kalaigarnar TV, Vijay TV, Zee Tamil, Polymer TV, Puthuyugam TV, and popular OTT platforms like Disney+ Hotstar Tamil, Zee5 Tamil, and SonyLIV Tamil.



## Hazoor Multi Projects Ltd. Board to Consider Stock Split

Chennai, July 29 2024: Hazoor Multi Projects Ltd. a leader in Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contracting services, has announced that its board will meet on 26 July 2024 to consider the sub-division/spilt of the Equity shares of the Company.



Earlier this year, the board has approved a fund raise of Rs. 4860 M n t h r o u g h preferential issue of fully convertible warrants, at an issue price of Rs. 300 per warrant, subject to necessary member and statutory approvals. The proposed allottees include FIIs and other investors from non-promoter group. The board also approved

the increase in authorized share capital and the constitution of a fund raising committee.

Hazoor Multi Projects Ltd. stands at the forefront of India's rapidly evolving infrastructure landscape, having strategically ventured into the development of a business vertical dedicated to providing high-quality and

reliable Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contracting services. Responding to the escalating demand in the nation-building process, HMPL has swiftly emerged as a key player in the industry.

Over the past few years, HMPL has achieved remarkable milestones by successfully

undertaking leading projects for the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC), utilizing both EPC and Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) execution methods. Notably, the successful completion of the Wakan Pali highway in 2019, despite the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, marked a pivotal moment for HMPL. The company further solidified its presence by taking on Package 11 of the prestigious Samruddhi Expressway and contributing to the NH 48 highway project, demonstrating a commitment to excellence in project execution.

## Minister announces aid package to Manjolai estate workers

Chennai, July 29 2024: The Tamil Nadu government on Sunday, July 28, 2024 announced an assistance package to Manjolai estate workers, as the Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation (BBTC) managing the Manjolai tea estate in Tirunelveli district is winding up its operations by announcing a voluntary retirement scheme for its workers.

providing housing facilities and to provide training and skilling for future employment opportunities. Minister Thangam Thennarasu announced the features of the assistance package on Sunday.

Manjolai Estate among 23,000 hectares in Tirunelveli district declared Reserve Forests

According to a report submitted by the BBTC to Tamil Nadu government's Labour

Welfare Department, except for 23 workers who are set to retire in September, a total of 536 workers have signed in the agreement opting for voluntary retirement. They also received 25% of the ex-gratia for opting for voluntary retirement, it has informed the TN government.

"Steps would be taken through the Labour Welfare Department to get the workers the remaining 75% of the ex-gratia due to workers from the company, their

monthly pension as per the rules and all legal entitlements," an official release said.

About 418 workers from 389 families submitted pleas to special committee constituted by the Tamil Nadu government. While 266 expressed interest to work in Tirunelveli district, 76 wanted to relocate to Tenkasi district, 49 in Thoothukudi district and 18 in other districts. Nine of them wanted to relocate to other States, the release said.

## Prashant Kishor to launch political party on Oct 2

Chennai, July 29 2024: Former election strategist Prashant Kishor on Sunday said his Jan Suraaj campaign will become a political party on October 2, coinciding with Gandhi Jayanti, and contest the Bihar assembly polls next year.

Kishor was addressing a "state-level workshop" of Jan Suraaj here, which was attended by several persons, including two former legislators and a granddaughter of late socialist icon Karpoori Thakur, joining the campaign.

"As stated earlier, Jan Suraaj will become

a political party on October 2 and contest next year's assembly polls. Other details, such as who would lead the party, will be decided in due course," said Kishor, who had launched the campaign two years ago.

"You've not aligned yourself with Jan Suraaj, its Padyatra, or its people. You've aligned yourself with those who agitated for a better alternative for Bihar and came together in the absence of a better alternative," he said.

Prashant Kishor called upon the functionaries to work towards ensuring that the next generation of

people from Bihar doesn't venture outside the state in search of better education, jobs, or healthcare.

"You'll have to struggle so that future generations get a better tomorrow," he said in his address.

He claimed that the party would win the Assembly elections in Bihar in 2025.

Talking about the leadership of the party, he said that a seven-member committee would hold elections for 25 top party posts from August 15 to August 20.

Kishor said the committee would include Dr Bhupendra

Yadav from Samastipur, RN Singh from Begusarai, retired IAS Suresh Sharma, advocate Ganesh Ram from Siwan, Dr Naseem from East Champaran, retired IAS Arvind Singh from Bhojpur, and Swarnalata Sahni from Muzaffarpur.

"One can contest only if the application has a list of 5,000 fresh members," he added.

Talking about the educational criteria for candidates for the said 25 party posts, he said that they would find several "graduates" if the party wanted to field only degree holders in the elections.

## Bulkcorp International IPO Opens on 30th July, 2024

Chennai July 29 2024: Incorporated in 2009, Bulkcorp International is an ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, ISO 45001:2018 and BRC certified Company, which is engaged in manufacturing and supply of Food Grade Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container ("FIBC") bags. The manufacturing unit of the Company is situated at Changodar, Ahmedabad. The company offers a wide range of customisable packaging solutions FIBC bags (Jumbo Bags). The company



endeavours to maintain high safety and hygiene in plant premises by adhering to key safety and hygiene norms as specified by BRC. Bulkcorp International is offering fresh equity shares of up to 19,78,800 of face value Rs.10 each. Anchor Investor Bidding Date:

Monday, 29th July, 2024, Issue Opens on-Tuesday, 30th July, 2024, Issue Closes on: Thursday, 1st August, 2024, Issue Size: Rs. 20.78 Crores, Price Band: Rs. 100 to Rs. 105, Face Value: Rs.10, Issue Type: 100% Book Built, No.of Shares: 19,78,800

The Net Issue Proceeds will be utilized for Capital Expenditure setting upto solar power plant. To Meet Working Capital Requirements, General Corporate Purpose.

## Alliance University hosts International School Leaders' Summit

Chennai, July 29 2024: Alliance University proudly inaugurated the International School Leaders' Summit (ISLS) 3.0 recently. This prestigious annual event convenes global educational leaders, professionals, and experts to address contemporary challenges in education through innovative solutions. The summit, centered around the theme "Skill Development and Entrepreneurship," features a series of insightful sessions and panel discussions. Key topics include the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) and National Curriculum Framework (NCF), emotional intelligence, and fostering entrepreneurship. The event is hosted at Alliance University's central campus, welcoming eminent speakers who share their expertise and insights.



During the inauguration ceremony, the chief guest, U.T. Khader, Speaker of Karnataka Legislative Assembly, emphasised the importance of guiding the younger generation in today's fast-paced, consumerist era. He advocated for experiential learning through visits to state

institutions such as ISRO and NIMHANS, and underscored the significance of emotional intelligence in the current societal context. Guest of honour, Aishwarya D.K.S. Hegde, an educationist and entrepreneur, highlighted AI's potential to inspire fundamental questioning and understanding of larger phenomena among students. She stressed the ethical use of AI to uphold value systems and defined education as the acquisition of knowledge to become the best version of oneself.

Special Invitee, Priyadarshi Nayak, founder and chairman of CED Foundation, emphasised the need for focused attention on the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology, recognised by the UN. He introduced a unique pedagogy, ALFA (Accessing Learning for All), and highlighted the critical role of teachers' skill

development. Mr. Abhay G. Chebbi, Pro-Chancellor of Alliance University, discussed the importance of cultivating higher-order thinking skills and critical thinking. He advocated for a backward integration approach, illustrating how technologies like AI can facilitate this educational process. Mr. Chebbi also underscored the collective goal of contributing towards India's ambition to become the world's third-largest economy, accounting for 10% of global GDP, thereby enhancing the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER).

Priestly Shan Boaz, pro vice chancellor (academic affairs), addressed the educational gap between school and university levels. He advocated for skill education in areas such as tailoring, painting, and baking, inspired by models from the US, to foster creativity. Ray Titus, pro vice chancellor (incubation and

innovation) and dean of Alliance School of Business, explored the synergy between mastery and mindset. He discussed how taking ownership of one's learning can bridge gaps in the academic journey, leading to a more comprehensive educational experience. Ms. Surekha Shetty, Registrar-General, expressed her gratitude to the CED Foundation for their partnership and support. She discussed revolutionizing education by identifying and addressing gaps within the system.

Alliance University is a renowned institution committed to delivering exceptional education and fostering innovative solutions for contemporary challenges. Through events like ISLS 3.0, the university continues to lead the way in shaping the future of education globally.



## 1 Killed, 6 Injured In Mass Shooting At Park In New York: Report

Chennai July 29 2024: One person was killed and six others were injured following a mass shooting at a park in New York's Rochester city today, according to local media.

The Rochester Police said they responded to the Maplewood Park around 6:20 pm for the report of a large gathering with shots fired and found several people suffering from gunshot wounds, and a large group of people fleeing from the scene.

According to the police, a 20-year-old died, another in life threatening condition and an additional five people have been hospitalised with "relatively minor injuries" at this time as a result of this shooting.

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The identity of the victim who was shot has not yet been released yet.

Several police agencies responded to the park including the Irondequoit Police, Monroe County Sheriffs, Rochester Police and New York State Police.

## Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurates Dr. Mohan's International Diabetes event Dr. Mohan's Handbook of Diabetes Mellitus launched

Chennai July 29 2024: In a ceremony to mark the International Meet of leading medical celebrities, professionals and Medicos from all over the country and abroad, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh was conferred the prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" in recognition of his exemplary dedication to the advancement of diabetology, diabetes care and diabetes research which earned him acknowledgement across the country and overseas.

The citation read out by Dr V. Mohan, Chairman of Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Speciality Centre and Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, Chennai, described Dr Jitendra Singh as a teacher Professor, researcher and practitioner of Diabetology, who rose from the grassroots to earned a name for himself as well as the State and country to which belongs. The citation further mentions that falling in the genre of the great Dr. B C Roy, Dr Jitendra Singh is another rare example of a nationally known Medical Professional, who proved equally successful in public life by being popularly elected to the House of People (Lok Sabha) for three consecutive terms with a decisive margin and also being among the few in the country and first in Jammu & Kashmir to find a berth in Union Council of Ministers consequently for the third term. Known for his clean image and impeccable integrity, Dr Jitendra Singh had earned the respect and love of three generations of colleagues who have worked with



him.

The citation also mentions the unique distinction conferred on Dr Jitendra Singh as the Lifetime Pattern of RSSDI (Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India), the largest academic association of Diabetologists.

The citation read out for Dr Jitendra Singh, during the ceremony, described him as a versatile personality, simultaneously known as an outstanding academician, researcher, Medical teacher, author and brilliant orator. The various awards received by him in the past include "Gold Medal for Oration" from Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER) Puducherry and coveted "Jamna Devi Gian Devi Award" for journalism.

The citation described Dr Jitendra Singh as an author of eight books and three Monographs on various aspects of Diabetes. He has written chapters on Diabetes in leading textbooks of Medicine and before becoming a Minister, he consecutively wrote a chapter on Diabetes in twelve successive editions of the prestigious "API Textbook of Medicine" published by the Association of Physicians of India. Among the

also described Dr Jitendra Singh as someone highly revered for his unassuming nature, practical and human approach, both in words and deeds, which makes him a "true son" of India.

Soon after rendering of the citation, when the Gold Medal for "Lifetime Achievement Award" was placed around the neck of Dr Jitendra Singh, the entire audience, comprising virtually the who's who from different walks of life, stood up to accord a standing ovation and kept clapping endlessly for several minutes. The audience burst into cheers and applause when the compere conducting the programme announced that Dr. Jitendra Singh owed his academic education to Chennai and happened to be an alumni of the prestigious Stanley Medical College.

Bowing his head down in response to the standing ovation to the audience, an overwhelmed Dr Jitendra Singh, in his "acceptance speech", said that the award was too big for him and he could accept it only with utmost modesty and humility at his command. He said, in a journey of nearly four decades, it was a divine blessing to grow under the shadow of some of the tallest medical professionals of the country and to rub shoulders with some of the most illustrious seniors and colleagues.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, he will continue his endeavour to live upto the high expectations of his colleagues and prove worthy of the honour conferred on him.

## PM Modi, Biren Singh's Meeting On Manipur Violence after 14 months

Chennai July 29 2024: Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh had a face-to-face meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his ongoing visit to Delhi. Mr Singh and PM Modi had discussed the situation in the state that was hit by massive ethnic violence last year, party sources told NDTV amid much speculation over the meeting.

Mr Singh is in Delhi for a special conclave of Chief Ministers from BJP-ruled states. But the short closed door session held in its sidelines, was specially scheduled to discuss the Centre and state's plans and roadmap for a possible solution to the ongoing crisis. Union ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh were also present for the meeting, but no officials from the Centre or the state attended it, sources said, underscoring its exclusivity.

The meeting comes amid massive Opposition pressure on the BJP over the Prime Minister's alleged silence on Manipur. Slogans of Manipur had rent Lok Sabha as the Opposition interrupted PM Modi's speech on the Motion of Thanks following President Droupadi Murmu's joint



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The BJP, though, has been especially focussed on Manipur after the two Lok Sabha seats in the northeastern state went to the Congress in the recent general election.

The meeting also comes on a day that Manipur governor Anusiya Uiquey was removed and new

Assam governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya was given additional charge of Manipur.

Over the last year, the clashes between the valley-dominant Meitei community and nearly two dozen tribes known as Kukis -- a term given by the British in colonial times -- who are dominant in some hill areas of Manipur, has killed over 220 people and internally displaced nearly 50,000.

The general category Meiteis want to be included under the Scheduled Tribes category, while the nearly two dozen tribes that share ethnic ties with people in neighbouring Myanmar's Chin State and Mizoram, want a separate administrative carved out of Manipur, citing discrimination and unequal share of resources and power with the Meiteis.

## A Melodious Evening for a Noble Cause

Chennai July 29 2024: On the enchanting evening, AIM for Seva brought to life the divine celebration of "Hé Govind: An Ode to Krishna" at The Music Academy, Chennai.

This soul-stirring concert, featuring the illustrious Jayateerth Mevundi, Pravin Godkhindi, and a stellar ensemble of musicians, captivated the hearts of all attendees, creating an unforgettable night of devotion and music.

### AIM FOR SEVA

Founded by the revered Pujyasri Swami Dayananda Saraswati in 2000, AIM for Seva is a pan-Indian public charitable trust committed to transforming society through a network of seva. Our flagship project, Chatralayams (Free Student Hostels), established in 2001, aims to provide equal opportunities to children from impoverished rural and tribal areas. Over the past two decades, AIM



for Seva has positively impacted the lives of over 20 million people across India, steadfast in our mission to support and uplift those in need.

### THE CONCERT

"Hé Govind" was a symphony of devotion, a celebration of Sri Krishna through a selection of bhajans and abhangs, blending classical and semi-classical styles. The evening featured compositions from revered saints and seers, including those by Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati.

The concert's divine resonance was brought to life by:

- Jayateerth Mevundi: Vocals
- Pravin Godkhindi: Flute

- Narendra L Nayak: Harmonium
- Suryakant Gopal Surve: Side Rhythm
- Sukhad Manik Munde: Pakhawaj
- Yashwanth Vaishnav: Tabla

### THE CAUSE: SWAMI DAYANANDA KRUPAHOME

This edition of "Hé Govind" was dedicated to supporting the Swami Dayananda Krupa Home, a sanctuary offering lifelong care for adult men with developmental delays and disabilities. The inspiration for this home arose when Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati encountered parents of special children, burdened with the

haunting question, "Who after me?" Krupa Home stands as a loving answer, providing a safe, nurturing environment where these individuals can live with dignity and joy. Set within a lush 10-acre campus, Krupa Home offers thoughtfully planned facilities and compassionate care for men aged 18 to 65. For more details, visit Swami Dayananda Krupa Home.

### A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Late Mrs. Saroj Goenka, whose generosity has made Krupa Home a reality. Her compassion and vision have planted the seeds of a brighter future for many.