FIRs by the state police in civil disputes, the Su-

breakdown of the rule of

the law in Uttar Pradesh"

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law in Uttar Pradesh.

Converting a civil mat-

ter into a criminal case is

not acceptable, a bench

FADING SHADE

Law Board has moved

against the constitution-

al validity of the Waqf

(Amendment) Act, 2025.

bench comprising Chief

Justice Sanjiv Khanna

and Justices Sanjay Ku-

mar and K V Viswanathan

agreed to consider, listing

for an urgent hearing, the

plea of Jamiat Ulama-i-

Hind, AIMIM leader Asa-

duddin Owaisi and oth-

ers, including Congress

Earlier in the day, a



Muslim Law Board moves SC

against newly-enacted Waqf law

Security personnel check a two-wheeler after security was beefed up across Kashmir in view of Union Home Minister Amit Shah

voice of india

MANIPUR MLA TO CHALLENGE WAQF

AMENDMENT ACT IN SUPREME COURT

PTI, IMPHAL: Manipur legislator Sheikh Noorul Hassan

on Monday said he will challenge the Wagf Amendment

Act, 2025, in the Supreme Court. In a video message,

Hassan, a National People's Party MLA, said, "The Wagf

Amendment Act 2025 violates the rights of Muslims. I

it in the Supreme Court." In a separate development,

the Manipur BJP strongly condemned the torching of

the house of its Minority Morcha president Md Asker

Ali by a mob. In a statement, the BJP condemned the

incident and assured that "such unfortunate incidents

shall not happen in the future." Ali's house at Lilong in

Thoubal district was set on fire on Sunday for allegedly

supporting the Act. Following the incident, Ali posted

ment's intention to take Constitution ensure free-

complete control over the dom of conscience, the right

administration of Waqf, to practice, propagate reli-

therefore, sidelining the gion, and the right to estab-

Muslim minority from lish and manage institutions managing their own reli- for religious and charitable

a video on social media, apologising for his earlier

personally condemn and reject this Act. I will challenge



A bulldozer being used for the demolition of illegal encroachments and constructions **Tehsil of Dehradun**





Rahul Gandhi criticises govt over fuel excise duty hike

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Congress on Monday took a swipe at the government over the hike in excise duty on petrol and diesel, with Rahul Gandhi saying Prime Minister Narendra Modi finally gave a

befitting reply to "tariffs". Gandhi also said people suffering from inflation had been given an-13 per litre and that on

In a post in Hindi on on the tariff policy that X, Congress president your government has companies have informed Mallikarjun Kharge said, "Wah, Modi ji, Wah!! International crude oil pric-

befitting reply to 'tariffs'! Tax on petrol-diesel and inflation were given anloot!" the opposition lead-

er in the Lok Sabha added. petrol and diesel, has in-While any change in creased the central excise taxes is normally passed

rol and diesel by Rs 2 per small and big investors rol and diesel as the excise litre each. The excise duty in the stock market lost hike will be set off against on petrol was hiked to Rs Rs 19 lakh crore in one the reduction in retail pricgo due to the deep 'Kum- es warranted from the fall bhakaran-like' sleep in international oil prices.

es have fallen by 41 per chief Gandhi also hit out quent to the increase efcent compared to May at the government over fected in excise duty rates 2014 but your plunder- the excise duty hike. He today," the oil ministry ing government, instead said in a post in Hindi on said in a post on X.

Truck driver injured in naxal IED blast in Chhattisgarh

comprising Chief Justice ing day in and day out in

Sanjiv Khanna and Jus- Uttar Pradesheveryday

truck driver was injured af-The incident took en prey to such traps laid

place in the afternoon by ultras in the past in Basbetween Padamkot and tar region, as per police. Kutul villages where road construction work is un- old man was killed and derway, the official said. "The truck was en-

In January this year, tently stepped on the one villager was killed pressure IED, it went and two others susoff, leaving him injured. tained injuries in a sim-He has been admitted to ilar blast in Kurushnar Narayanpur district hos- village here.

Naxalites often plant districts. Civilians have fall-

Complete break down of

rule of law in UP: SC

PTI, NEW DELHI: Disthe director general of giving money cannot be civil cases take long, you mayed over the filing of the state police to file an turned into an offence, will file an FIR and set

tices Sanjay Kumar and K civil suits are being confiled as civil disputes against them in a money

The court directed It is absurd. Merely not and asked, "Just because nessman Deepak Behal.

affidavit before it within the CJI said.

FIR couldn't be filed in

tion to file an affidavit ex-

and shocking is happen-

law was set in motion.

On April 4, a 25-year pressure IED blast be-

B V Nagarathna and aside an order of the Cal-leged that when her diappellant started avoidjudicial officer in an FIR ing her, telling her not to

The appellant before the allegations in the FIR marriage, the woman "We find that there is the bench was a former and chargesheet were couldn't plead "miscona growing tendency of judicial officer who su-taken at face value, it was ception of fact" or "rape resorting to initiation perannuated from the improbable that the com- on the false pretext to prohibition on any ser- on medical grounds till of criminal proceedings post of civil judge (senior plainant had engaged in marry", the court said.

with the appellant only

given a "colour of a false" pretext to marry, in the bility of her and her son is clear that the physical

The bench said even if be based on an offer of



A pedestrian carries an umbrella to shield himself from the scorching sun, in Thane, Maharashtra

SC flags 'growing tendency' of filing

PTI, NARAYANPUR: A pital," the official said. ter he stepped on a pressure IEDs along the road and improvised explosive device dirt tracks to target secu-(IED) planted by Naxalites in rity personnel in interior Chhattisgarh's Naravanpur pockets of Bastar region, district on Monday, a police which comprises seven

gaged in road construction work. When driver Santosh Poyam inadver-

criminal cases when relationships sour **PTI, NEW DELHI:** The when relationships turn division), city civil court, a physical relationship

Supreme Court on Mon-sour. Every consensu-Calcutta. day said every consen- al relationship, where a She alleged the apsual relationship, where possibility of marriage pellant had assured that ance of marriage. a possibility of wedlock may exist, cannot be he would marry her and may exist, couldn't be given a colour of a false take complete responsipretext to marry" in the event of a fall out," it said. from the first marriage,

come to the witness box. lice station concerned at

seemed, lawyers in the Debu Singh and Deep-

state had forgotten there ak Singh, filed through

was something called a lawyer Chand Qureshi

civil jurisdiction. The top against the Allahabad

court was irked after a High Court refusing to

lawyer said the FIRs are quash the criminal case

ments, the bench said an Let the IO stand in the Sector-39 in Noida was

civil disputes and asked out a criminal casethis to appear in the witness

the station house officer is not the way you file box in the trial court and

or the investigating of- chargesheets," the CJI justify the registration of

verted to criminal cases. take a long time to settle dispute with one busi-

ficer of a Gautam Budh said, "let the IO learn a the FIR in the case.

Satish Chandra Sharma cutta High Court which re-vorce was finalised, the observed a "growing fused to discharge a former

Asaram's interim bail

Rajasthan HC extends

PTI, JODHPUR: The Ra- his devotees. jasthan High Court at Asaram's plea was Jodhpur on Monday ex- heard on April 2, in tended the interim bail which the respondent's of the self-styled god- advocate P C Solanki

man Asaram till July 1 in objected to the reprieve and argued he had vio-He had surrendered lated the bail conditions in the Jodhpur Central by holding sermons for Jail on April 1 after the the devotees at his Inim bail on March 31.

Vineet Kumar allowed sought an affidavit from

same conditions as laid Court, which included

Varanasi-bound IndiGo flight diverted after passenger's death

debates in both houses.

The All India Mus-

lim Personal Law Board

(AIMPLB) filed the plea in

In a press statement,

(Amendment) Bill, 2025, spokesperson, said the peand 26 of the Constitution

which was passed by tition strongly objected to of India but also clearly

the top court late April 6.

her assent to the Wagf SQR Ilyas, the AIMPLB

Mumbai and started feel- sure the well-being of pasing unwell mid-air. The sengers and crew on board.

PTI, CHHATRAPATI/ The Mumbai-Varanasi flight landed at the airport, **SAMBHAIINAGAR:** An flight made the unscheduled around 350km from Mum-IndiGo flight bound for landing at the Chikalthana bai, and a medical team ex-Varanasi made an emer- Airport at around 10 pm on amined the woman, but she Sushila Devi, a native of The airline said it "fol-

People raise slogans during a protest against the Wagf

(Amendment) Act, 2025, at Freedom Park, in Bengaluru

Parliament after heated the amendments passed

lowed" all standard safety

"arbitrary, discriminatory

said, not only violated the

fundamental rights guar-

anteed under Articles 25

PTI, CHENNAI: The Energy ed by his brother, official linked to a real estate entity ister, whose son Arun Nehru palli, which is the home city forcement Directorate on sources said.

Monday searched multiple locations in Tamil

revealed the govern-

Articles 25 and 26 of the

rappalli and Coimbatore sources said. The CBI filed ises of minister and senior with ED officials being pro- an FIR in this case in 2021.

named TVH Group, promotis a Lok Sabha MP, were also of minister K N Nehru, were

ED searches premises of Tamil Nadu minister K N Nehru

in case against brother's realty group

cations in Chennai, Tiruchibrother of K N Nehru, the that are continuing.

The searches covered lo- ed by K N Rayichandran, the covered during the raids also searched. Reacting to ED the loan funds being alleg- at the BJP-led Centre and al-DMK leader K N Nehru, vided security by central K N Nehru is the Tamil edly routed to a Trust "conleged that the "ED is an ally of as part of an alleged bank security forces. The probe Nadu minister for municipal trolled" by the family, as per the BJP", just like the parties loan fraud case against a pertains to an alleged Rs 22 administration. The sources the sources. Premises linked of Chandrababu Naidu (TDP)

real estate group promot- crore worth bank loan fraud said the premises of the min- to the probe in Tiruchirap- and Nitish Kumar (JDU).



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their dreams



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credit to small businesses

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