

IN SEYCHELLES, PM CALLS FOR 'CLIMATE JUSTICE' FOR GLOBAL SOUTH

Vision to make Indian Ocean 'ocean of opportunity': Modi

Talks reflected on expanding ties across defence and maritime security

DIVYAA New Delhi, June 28

INDIA ENVISIONS AN Indian Ocean where maritime security is ensured alongside economic prosperity and where partnership is not based on size, but on mutual respect and trust...



Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives the 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' from Seychelles President Patrick Herminie, on Sunday.

He said the two sides discussed making bilateral economic cooperation more resilient and future-ready. 'We will continue to explore new opportunities for the industries of both our countries. Work will also be done to enhance connectivity between India and Seychelles,' he said.

The key outcomes of the talks reflected the broadening of New Delhi's engagement with the strategically located Indian Ocean archipelagic nation, expanding cooperation across defence and maritime security to connectivity, capacity building, development partnership, digital payments, space, health-care, agriculture and education.

AYODHYA RAM TEMPLE DONATION 'THEFT'

Police search houses of eight arrested men

MANISH SAHU Lucknow, June 28

TWO DAYS AFTER arresting eight people on allegations of theft and embezzlement of funds and valuables donated to the Ram temple in Ayodhya, police on Sunday carried out searches at the residences of all eight accused, who are currently in judicial custody.

This came a day before the accused, identified as Avinash Shukla, Lavkush Mishra, Anukalp Mishra, Manish Kumar Yadav, Karunesh Pandey, Ramshankar Mishra, Ram Shankar Yadav alias Tinnu Yadav, and Subhash Srivastav, were due to be produced before the court after their three-day judicial custody.

The police team first reached the residence of the main accused, Tinnu Yadav, who worked as a driver for Champat Rai. Police said they had previously recovered ₹79.8 lakh from seven of the eight arrested men during the course of the investigation.

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Army to establish, operationalise first Integrated Battle Groups next month

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA New Delhi, June 28

THE ARMY IS set to establish and operationalise its first Integrated Battle Groups (IBG) by next month, marking a significant transformation under which self-contained, agile, brigade-sized fighting units will be carved out of the Panagarh-based XVII Corps — the mountain strike corps (MSC) facing China — for swift deployment in mountainous areas, The Indian Express has learnt.



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Sources privy to the development told The Indian Express that the earlier plan was to create four IBGs under the two divisions operating under the XVII MSC — the 59 Division and the 23 Division — by September. However, this is now learnt to have been advanced to July 1.

According to the existing plans, four IBGs and a fire support group will be created under the XVII MSC. Each of the five will be commanded by a Major General rank officer. Each IBG will comprise over 5,000 troops, with 12-13 units, and may have a Brigadier-rank officer as the Chief Operations Officer.

Each IBG will have battalions of infantry, artillery regiments, as well as elements of the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical

Engineers (EME), Combat Engineers, Army Service Corps, and a field hospital or others. The creation of the IBGs is part of a larger restructuring plan of the Army, which includes the creation of Bhairav battalions, Rudra brigades, Divyastra batteries and Shaktibaan units.

As GST turns 10, focus shifts to AI-driven compliance, faster refunds, data sharing

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, June 28

AS INDIA ENTERS the tenth year of rollout of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the focus is shifting from implementation to efficiency through use of artificial intelligence (AI), data sharing and process simplification to reduce compliance costs, speed up refunds and tighten enforcement.



Government is using tech to simplify compliance for MSMEs, while integrating GST, income tax and customs databases

The government is increasingly using technology to simplify compliance, particularly for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), while integrating GST, income tax and customs databases to improve risk assessment, curb tax evasion, and reduce manual intervention.

helped broaden the tax base, strengthened compliance and increased revenues, making the indirect tax regime one of India's most significant economic reforms.

levied over and above the 28% rate for luxury, sin and demerit goods. As the GST system matured over the years, with stability in revenues and technology backend, besides increasing the registered taxpayer base, policymakers decided it was time for a rate rationalisation.

Starting September 22, 2025, a next-gen GST with a two-tier structure was launched by placing most goods and services into two slabs — 5% for essential items and 18% for standard goods and services.

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