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## Rahul Urges Party Leaders To Support 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' To Bring New, Equitable Education System

**NEW DELHI, JUN 27:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday urged all party leaders to support the students' movement launched by its youth wing, as well as the NSUI, against the present education system of "oppression and extortion."

In a letter, Gandhi urged all party general secretaries, state in-charges and chiefs of all state, district and city units to make 'Chhatron ki Goonj' campaign a country-wide movement and pave the way for a new system that provides equal opportunities for all.

"The young people of India are facing an unprecedented crisis. Paper leaks, cancelled examinations, repeated re-examinations, delays in recruitment, vacant government posts, rising



unemployment, and the growing cost of education have caused deep distress to them and their families," he said in his letter.

Gandhi addressed the first 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' rally in Kota on June 17 and would be addressing other similar rallies in Prayagraj, Patna

and Delhi.

"We are all aware that it is a system that puts immense pressure on young people and throws their families into a spiral of debt, sustained stress and suffering instead of supporting them as they choose career paths and forge strong futures for

themselves.

"We need to expose the truth of the oppression and extortion being faced by India's youth and create the momentum for a message to be carried across the country in a coordinated and effective manner," the Lok Sabha leader of Opposition said in his letter.

"Let us all work together to free our youth from this oppressive system and lay the foundation for a new system that provides them with the opportunity and support they deserve," Gandhi said.

The protest rallies planned by the Congress are part of the party's plan to woo students and Gen Z and rally their support against the Modi government, especially in the wake of the NEET paper leak and CBSE onscreen marking row. (Agencies)

## Why are fuel prices still high when global crude oil rates are back to pre-war levels, asks Kharge

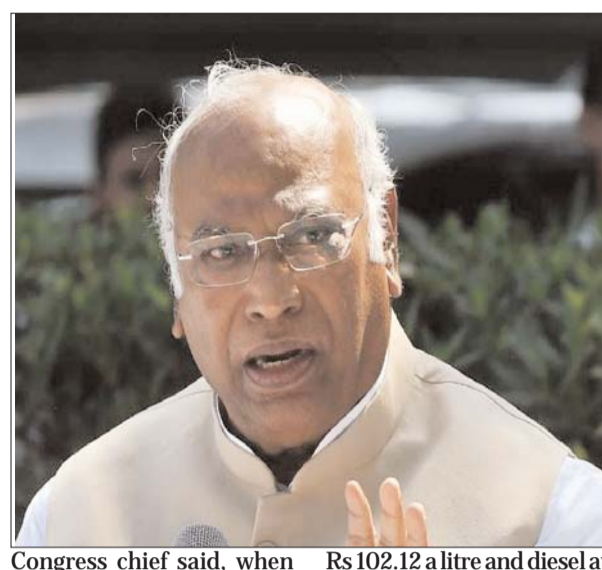
**NEW DELHI, JUNE 27:** Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday hit out at the Government on high fuel prices even when global crude oil rates had returned to the pre-West Asia war levels.

He accused the BJP of "looting" and "pickpocketing" the people, and alleged that the public has become just a means for the BJP to extract taxes and raise its collections.

Kharge asked why the public is being made to shell out more for petrol, diesel and LPG even when the global crude oil prices had plummeted to pre-war levels.

"BJP's Looting and pickpocketing habit - A' Crude oil is tumbling, yet instead of easing up on petrol-diesel-gas... The Modi government keeps tightening the reins on savings," he said in a post in Hindi on X.

Posing a set of three questions to the Government, the



Congress chief said, when the war in West Asia was at its peak, crude oil was at USD 138 per barrel.

Back then, petrol was Rs 94.77 a litre and diesel Rs 87.67 a litre, he said, adding that today, crude oil has fallen to USD 70.71 per barrel.

"So why is the Modi Government still selling petrol at

Rs 102.12 a litre and diesel at Rs 95.20 a litre?"

"Citing the war, the BJP government doubled the prices of commercial LPG. Now that supply has normalized, why aren't LPG prices being rolled back? Why isn't the public getting even a penny's relief," he asked.

Domestic cylinders, the 5-kg small cylinders useful for

migrants, and CNG - everything has been jacked up, he noted.

"Now that conditions are normal, why are the Modi Government's hands trembling when it comes to cutting the prices," Kharge asked.

The Congress chief said when crude oil was expensive, the public suffered.

Now that crude oil is cheap, why is it still that the public is bearing the brunt, he asked.

"It's obvious - the public has become just a means for the BJP to extract taxes and raise its collections," the leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha said.

The Congress has been accusing the NDA Government of not reducing oil prices after they have come down globally. The opposition party has also accused the BJP of "looting" the public through higher taxes on petrol, diesel and LPG. (PTI)

## Over 63,000 Bank Accounts Linked To Cyber Frauds Worth Rs 540 Cr Frozen Over Past One Year: Punjab DGP

**CHANDIGARH, JUN 27:** The Punjab Police has frozen more than 63,000 bank accounts over the past one year for alleged links to cyber fraud transactions to the tune of Rs 540.34 crore, a top official said on Saturday.

The official said since 2024, around Rs 64 crore of defrauded amount has been recovered and returned to victims, including approximately Rs 38.42 crore recovered since January 1, 2025. During the same period, 62,253 cybercrime cases have been registered across the state.

Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said, "The large-scale crackdown against cyber fraud gangs has not only enabled Punjab Police to freeze thousands of fraudulent bank accounts and recover defrauded money, but has also helped expose organised cybercrime networks operating across the country."

Punjab Police investigations have led to significant breakthroughs in identifying the methods, financial trails and interstate cybercrime networks, the DGP said, asserting that through timely intervention, advanced technological capabilities and meticulous financial tracking, "the Cyber Crime Division has been able to disrupt



fraud networks, protect citizens' savings and ensure that offenders are brought to justice."

Among districts, the Jalandhar Commissionerate froze the highest number of accounts linked to cyber fraud -- 16,032 -- leading to the recovery of Rs 6.81 crore. Kapurthala followed with 7,344 frozen accounts and recoveries amounting to Rs 2.56 crore.

In Hoshiarpur, 7,201 accounts were frozen, resulting in recoveries of Rs 3.96 crore while 6,930 accounts were frozen in Ferozepur, leading to recoveries of Rs 93.16 lakh.

Similarly, Tarn Taran police froze 5,229 accounts, resulting in recoveries worth Rs 6.97 crore. Jalandhar Rural recovered Rs 55.94 lakh by freezing 4,475 accounts.

Additionally, 1,760 bank accounts were frozen in Sangrur and 2,685 accounts

were frozen in Fatehgarh Sahib.

Highlighting one of the recent successes, the DGP said the Cyber Crime Division successfully cracked a cyber extortion case involving a Punjab resident based in Canada.

The victim was contacted through social media on the pretext of resolving personal problems through online 'ardas' (prayer), persuaded to share a video and subsequently blackmailed with threats of circulating it on social media.

The Cyber Crime Division arrested three persons in this connection and recovered around Rs 3.49 lakh, along with 500 USD.

The police also seized 29 mobile phones, one laptop, one dongle (router), one tablet and 38 empty mobile phone boxes. The case is among several successful operations carried out by the di-

vision in recent months, the DGP said.

To strengthen public awareness and prevent cyber fraud, Punjab Police has also undertaken an extensive outreach campaign across the state.

In the past one year, the Cyber Crime Division has organised 129 awareness programmes, with 50 conducted in Mansa, 44 in Sri Muktsar Sahib, 31 in Ludhiana, 27 in Hoshiarpur, 25 in Jalandhar, 23 in Khanna and 19 in Bathinda.

Special Director General of Police (Cyber Crime) V Neeraja said, "Besides tackling cyber fraud gangs, the State Cyber Crime Division is also working towards making citizens aware on how to avoid scammers' traps.

The police is also focusing on sensitising youngsters regarding fake online grooming, cyber bullying, sextortion, fake friendships and gaming platforms, which may lead to the sharing of sensitive personal information."

"She said the sustained enforcement drive, coupled with large-scale public awareness campaigns, reflects Punjab Police's multi-pronged strategy to combat cybercrime, safeguard citizens' savings and strengthen confidence in digital transactions across the state. (Agencies)

## Ayodhya Ram Temple Donations: Digvijaya Seeks Fir And Arrest Of Champat Rai

**UJJAIN, JUN 27:** Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh on Saturday demanded the registration of an FIR and arrest of Champat Rai, general secretary of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, in connection with the alleged financial irregularities in donations received at the temple in Ayodhya.

He alleged that the BJP, RSS, and VHP "bear full responsibility for this episode, but they are trying to shield the accused".

"Those who believe in the religion, Sanatan Dharma, and Lord Ram will not tolerate this theft and looting. The entire accountability and responsibility for this lies with the BJP, RSS, and VHP," he added.

Responding to a question, Singh said Champat Rai, vice president of the VHP, and Anil Mishra should be arrested.



"They have done this openly. And there are witnesses like Mahipal Singh and Dinanath Verma. Why don't you take their evidence? Record their statements," he told reporters.

Singh claimed donations were collected from approximately 12.5 crore families for the Ram Temple, yet there is no accounting for these funds.

An FIR, lodged at the instance of trust member Kr-

ishna Mohan, was registered following the recommendations of the preliminary report of a three-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the Uttar Pradesh government after the allegations of misappropriation surfaced on June 7.

The eight arrested persons were associated with counting cash and valuables received as donations at the temple. Following their arrest, they were remanded in

judicial custody till June 29 while investigators reported recovering Rs 79.85 lakh.

Digvijaya Singh, meanwhile, said the Congress would raise the Ram temple donation issue in every village, and committees are being formed at levels ranging from the ward to the district.

"The BJP, VHP, and RSS have collectively destroyed the traditions of Sanatan Dharma and betrayed its followers. The VHP and Sangh have nothing to do with religion or religious systems," he said.

Singh further alleged, "These people engage in land grabbing, and they are the most corrupt".

In an apparent jibe at RSS, Singh said, "They have no registration, nor do they pay any taxes. Yet, such an organisation has been empowered. Their sole objective is to take over 'mathas' (monasteries) and temples."

## Priyanka Gandhi Calls Alleged Ram Temple Donation Theft 'Tragic', Seeks Probe

**WAYANAD (KERALA), JUN 27:** Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday termed the alleged theft of donations collected for the Ram temple in Ayodhya "tragic" and "shameful", and said those responsible for collecting and safeguarding the donations should also be held accountable.

Speaking to reporters after a meeting at the Wayanad Collectorate, Priyanka demanded that the Uttar Pradesh government conduct a thorough inquiry into the alleged incident.

"It is really tragic. People from across the country - those who believe and have faith-made donations, and now those donations have reportedly been stolen. I think it is tragic and shameful," she said.

She said the government must investigate what happened, how it happened, and why it happened.

Priyanka said many people had contributed to the temple as part of a nationwide fundraising drive and that those who collected the donations must also take responsibility.

"If people have given, women have given from their savings, from their homes, poor people have given... It's not just funds given by big corporates. These are funds collected from ordinary citizens. There was a drive to collect them," she said.

"Who's responsible? If you collected them, it's your responsibility to keep them safe," she added.

Priyanka arrived in her Wayanad Lok



Sabha constituency on Thursday and is scheduled to attend various programmes and meetings during her visit.

The controversy over the alleged embezzlement of donations received at the Ram temple surfaced on June 7.

The Uttar Pradesh government constituted a Special Investigation Team on June 13 at the request of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, which submitted its preliminary report to the government.

An FIR was registered on the night of June 25 based on the SIT's recommen-

dations, and Ayodhya police confirmed the arrests of the accused on Friday.

A senior official said the SIT had made "strong and strict" recommendations in its preliminary report submitted to the state government earlier this week and asserted that Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was "very serious" about the matter, adding that anyone found guilty would face stringent action. Executive Branch

All eight persons arrested over the alleged embezzlement of donations received by the temple were remanded in judicial custody till June 29. (Agencies)

## Govt To Launch Affordable Cloud-Based Hospital Management System For Small Clinics On Jun 29

**New Delhi, Jun 27:** The Centre will launch a lightweight, cloud-based Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) for small outpatient clinics on Monday.

Union Health Minister JP Nadda will launch an e-Sushrut clinic, a simplified HMIS developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), aimed at addressing the digital needs of small clinics, primary health centres, health and wellness centres, sub-centres and private outpatient facilities.

The initiative comes amid concerns that existing hospital management software is often too expensive and complex for smaller healthcare facilities, forcing many to continue relying on manual processes.

According to the officials, several states and Union territories have also expressed interest in deploying a lightweight HMIS for public health facilities.

The cloud-based platform has been designed to automate routine clinic operations such as patient registration, billing, management information system (MIS) reporting, speech-to-text documentation and clinical decision support, while requiring minimal technical expertise from users.

The software also integrates key Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) fea-



tures, including speech-to-text capabilities and clinical decision support systems.

Officials said only healthcare professionals registered under the Health Professional Registry (HPR) will be able to use the platform, with HPR and Health Facility Registry (HFR) integration forming part of the onboarding process.

More than 800 health facilities have already been onboarded on e-Sushrut clinic, generating over 680 health records, according to official data.

C-DAC is also implementing the full-scale e-Sushrut hospital management soft-

ware across more than 15 AIIMS and several state government hospitals.

As part of the rollout, the National Health Authority (NHA) will sign a memorandum of understanding with C-DAC under which the agency will provide financial and operational support for the platform's expansion.

Under the agreement, C-DAC will be responsible for software maintenance and upgrades, while the National Health Authority (NHA) will bear expenses related to cloud hosting and SMS notifications sent to patients regarding ABDM services and other updates.

The NHA will also extend its call centre services to provide first-level customer support, while C-DAC will train call centre personnel and monitor service quality.

The software is priced at Rs 499 per month for up to five users. Under the NHA-C-DAC partnership, users will receive a subsidy of Rs 200, reducing the effective monthly subscription to Rs 299. The platform will also be offered free of cost for the first three months.

Additional users beyond the five-user limit will be charged Rs 50 per user per month, officials said. (Agencies)