

# 'Ruins of Marhowra' make jobs a touchy topic in Bihar

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**Marhowra:** For most people in Bihar, Marhowra remains a symbol of industrialisation in the state. Even now, whenever there is talk of industrial activity, there are suggestions that the sugar mill in this town near Chhapra (Saran district) should be revived.

It's a task easier said than done. Just search for the now-defunct sugar mill and Google Maps would take you to the 'ruins of Marhowra'. But for directions, you are likely to miss the narrow lane that takes you to the Morton factory, which once dished out toffees, before it shut down in the late 1990s. Subsequently, a sugar mill and a distillery came up near it. There was also British India Corporation-owned Saran Engineering Company, which provided machinery to the plants.



With factories and mills shut, there are few jobs in Marhowra

## Seizures in poll-bound states hit ₹100 cr

The cumulative seizures by multiple enforcement agencies in the run-up to polls in Bihar and bypolls in other states have breached the Rs 100-crore mark, with liquor recoveries alone accounting for over 40% of their value. EC on Monday said illegal voter inducements worth Rs 108 crore were seized between the announcement of polls/bypolls on Oct 6 and Nov 3.

Seizures include 9.6 lakh litres of liquor worth over Rs 42 crore, drugs worth Rs 24.6 crore, Rs 9.6 crore in cash, precious metals worth Rs 5.8 crore and freebies worth Rs 26 crore. "824 flying squads have been deployed across Bihar to ensure complaints are attended to in 100 minutes," it said.

For nearly 30 years now, there has been no activity at the site. With factories and mills shut, there are few jobs.

Saran Engineering Company has been taken over and the new owners are selling the land as plots. Old houses that

belonged to the employees are there, with Ranvir Singh, a clerk who joined the company in 1974, occupying one of them. "The company owed me money and I entered into an agreement with the new management." Mohammad Shehzada, whose father and brother worked at the sugar mill, was appointed on compassionate grounds in 1996. "I am still fighting a case as people have not been laid off and we haven't received our dues," he said. Farmer Kailash Kushwaha expects the region's fortunes to change if the mill becomes operational again. However, there's little chance. "It has to start from the scratch. People have stopped growing sugarcane this side," said Ranvir Singh.

Jobs are a major issue for the locals in the polls. Sitting MLA Jitendra Kumar Rai of RJD is likely to sail through after the nomination of NDA candidate, Seema Singh of Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), was rejected.

# DMK moves SC challenging SIR of voter list

New Delhi: Tamil Nadu's governing party DMK on Monday filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court challenging the constitutional validity of the Election Commission's decision to conduct special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls of all states alleging that it is an arbitrary exercise that would lead to removal of voters' names from the lists.

"The SIR and the Orders, if not set aside, can arbitrarily and without due process, disenfranchise lakhs of voters from electing their representatives, thereby disrupting free and fair elections, which are part of the basic structure of the Constitution," DMK said through its organising secretary R S Bharathi. DMK said a special summary revision of TN voter list was conducted between Oct 2024 and Jan 2025, which addressed issues of migration, death and deletion of ineligible voters from the existing state electoral roll. "There is neither a necessity for conducting de novo verification of electoral rolls nor a compelling reason for such extensive exercise," it said.

# Tharoor: Dynastic politics threat to Indian democracy

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Nepotism generally trumps meritocracy, Tharoor argued

New Delhi: Congress MP Shashi Tharoor is set to rile Congress again, this time employing BJP's pet weapon against the party. Calling "dynastic politics" a "grave threat" to Indian democracy, he said it is time that India traded "dynasty for meritocracy". Tharoor said quality of governance suffers when political power is determined by lineage rather than the ability or grassroots engagement.

Reports quoted Tharoor as having written an article for international media organisation Project Syndicate, in which he said while the Nehru-Gandhi family is associated with Congress, dynastic succession prevails across the political spectrum, naming parties like BJP, Akali Dal, SP, LJP of Chirag Paswan, Shiv Sena, BRS of Chandrasekhar Rao, National Conference, among others. Though Tharoor has illustrated his point through regional parties across states,

roor's remarks. According to PTI, in the article titled 'Indian Politics Are a Family Business', Tharoor said for decades, one family has towered over Indian politics. He said the influence of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty — including independent India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru, PMs Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, and current opposition leader Rahul Gandhi and MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra — is bound up with the history of freedom struggle. "But it has also cemented the idea that political leadership can be a birth-right. This idea has penetrated Indian politics across every party, in every region, and at every level," Tharoor said.

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# INS urges Punjab govt for smooth paper transport

Chandigarh: Expressing concern over reports of newspaper delivery disruptions in Punjab on Sunday, Indian Newspaper Society (INS) said Monday: "Disruption caused by police checking and detention of vehicles for several hours led to significant delays and in some cases prevented citizens from receiving their daily newspapers." In a written statement, INS secretary-general Mary Paul said, "While law enforcement operations are an essential part of safety and security of the state, the Society asserts that such actions should not hinder newspaper distribution as readers' access to daily news updates is integral to press freedom and citizens' right to information."

"It is urged that Punjab govt take immediate steps to issue instructions to officers to ensure smooth movement of newspaper delivery vehicles," Paul added.

# 12 overdose deaths every week in 2023: NCRB

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Bengaluru: In 2023, the latest year for which data is available, at least 12 people died every week in India on average due to drug overdose, NCRB data reveals. That is nearly two deaths daily. Between 2019 and 2023, 3,290 deaths were attributed to the same cause, with the average for the five-year period remaining roughly the same as in 2023.

What makes this data particularly sobering is what it doesn't capture. These figures represent only confirmed drug overdose deaths — they don't account for unreported cases and deaths misattributed to other causes. Also, NCRB doesn't specify if the overdose involved a narcotic substance or prescription drugs. Psychiatrists, clinicians and retired police officers TOI spoke to said there needs to be more clarity in the classification of drug overdose cases. They pointed out in many cases, there could have been an overdose of prescription drugs such as sleeping pills or painkillers. The figures tell a story of volatility rather than steady decline. After recording 704 deaths in 2019, the country saw a sharp drop to 514 deaths in 2020, likely influenced by the Covid-induced lockdowns. The number of deaths surged to 737 in 2021 — the highest in the five-year period — before moderating to 681 in 2022, and 654 in 2023.

Tamil Nadu dominated the grim statistics in the early years of this period. In 2019, the state recorded 108 deaths, the highest in the country. Punjab, sharing a porous border with Pakistan that has long been a conduit for drug trafficking, has maintained a consistently high position in the rankings. Mizoram and Manipur have appeared intermittently in the top five.



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