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Garbage continues to pile up in key areas despite PMC's clean-up drive

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Patna: A day after sanitation workers called off their strike, Patna Municipal Corporation (PMC) on Friday claimed to have lifted nearly 9,800 tonnes of garbage across the city and restored door-to-door waste collection in all wards. However, residents in several neighbourhoods said garbage continued to pile up in lanes and internal roads despite the civic body's clean-up drive.

Mayor Sita Sahu said the accumulation of garbage was so extensive it could not be cleared in a single day. She said it would take at least three more days for every nook and cranny of the city to be cleaned and normalcy restored.

According to PMC, special sanitation drives were carried out across all six circles, with the highest garbage clearance reported from New Capital circle (3,600 tonnes) and Kankarbagh circle (3,000 tonnes).

The civic body said anti-larval spraying, along with the application of lime and bleaching powder, was also being carried out at garbage dumping points.

PMC said garbage collection vehicles were making additional trips to remove waste accumulated during the week-long strike and restore normal sanitation services. Door-to-door waste collection had also resumed in all wards, it added.

Residents, however, gave a different account.

Gitu, a resident of Anandpuri, said door-to-door garbage collection did not take place in her locality on Friday morning. "The main roads may have been cleaned, but the internal roads are still littered with garbage. We have not seen any sweeping in our lane," she said.

Several residents voiced similar concerns, saying that while garbage heaps on major roads were being cleared, little had changed in residential localities and narrow lanes.

The sanitation workers' strike led to huge accumulations of garbage in residential areas and commercial hubs. While PMC officials maintained that normalcy was gradually being restored, residents said the clean-up drive needed to extend beyond the city's main roads before Patna could truly be considered clean again.

WASTE CLEARANCE CHALLENGE

9,800 tonnes | Total garbage lifted across Patna

➤ **Door-to-door waste collection service restored in all wards**

5,214 | Total sanitation workers deployed

➤ Anti-larval spraying being carried out at garbage points

➤ **Lime and bleaching powder being sprinkled after cleaning**

TOI

12-yr-old boy's death in pit exposes civic safety gaps

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Patna: A 12-year-old boy drowned after falling into a waterlogged depression (jallah) in Ranipur under Ward 61 of Azimabad circle on Thursday, highlighting safety concerns in low-lying areas of the city amid garbage accumulation following the week-long sanitation workers' strike.

The deceased, Chintu Kumar, son of labourer Mukesh Kumar, fell into the jallah while playing, police said. Locals rescued him and rushed him to Nalanda Medical College and Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

Mehndiganj SHO Pooja Kumari said the family neither sought a post-mortem nor lodged a police complaint. Mayor Sita Sahu expressed condolences and said the incident would be discussed at the PMC standing committee meeting. She said a Rs 9 crore drainage proposal for the ward had been sent to the govt during the previous tenure and was awaiting approval.

> **SITA SAHU**
> **The incident will be discussed at the PMC standing committee meeting**
> PATNA MAYOR

Ward councillor Usha Devi said rainwater from seven surrounding wards drains into the area, worsening waterlogging during the monsoon. She said she would pursue compensation for the bereaved family.

Azimabad circle executive officer Shreya Kashyap said the site was a natural low-lying area.

PU to award degrees to 1,305 PG pupils today

B K Mishra | TNN

Patna: Patna University will award degrees to 1,305 students who cleared postgraduate examinations in the 2025-26 academic session at its annual convocation to be held at Patna Women's College on Saturday, with women students forming a significant share of recipients.

Of the 38 university toppers who will receive gold medals in different subjects, 29 are women. The convocation will be presided over by governor-cum-chancellor Syed Ata Hasnain. Punam Tandon, vice-chancellor of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, will deliver the convocation address.

University records show a sharp contrast with PU's first convocation on Nov 30, 1918, in the Council Chamber of Govt House, now Lok Bhavan. At that ceremony, only five candidates received Master's degrees and the rest received bachelor's degrees, while no woman received a degree and none was among the invited guests.

"The transformation reflects progress made in women's education," said former dean of PU's faculty of ocial Sciences N K Chaudhary.

Youth's death in accident triggers arson at Zero Mile

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Patna: A 27-year-old man was killed after being hit by a speeding bus near Zero Mile in Agamkuan police station area on Friday morning, triggering violence in which an angry mob torched vehicles, vandalised public property and blocked NH-30.

Police said Manish Kumar, a flex worker, was crossing the road around 7am when a bus from West Bengal hit him. He died on the spot. Enraged locals first set the bus on fire. When fire brigade personnel arrived, the mob allegedly prevented them from extinguishing the blaze. The violence soon escalated with around 10 vehicles, including two police vehicles, buses and bikes, set ablaze. A traffic police post was torched, while another was vandalised and looted.

Manish's father, Umendra Mahto, said his son had left home for work as usual. "He used to put up flex banners. Today also he had gone for work when the accident happened," he said, demanding compensation.

Ranjeet Kumar

Firefighters douse a vehicle set afire by a mob near Zero Mile

Traffic sergeant major Deepak Thakur said the crowd turned violent after the accident. "First they set the bus on fire. Then they burnt our traffic post too," he said. A shopkeeper, Baleshwar, said police personnel posted at the traffic post fled after the crowd swelled.

Police said bags, uniforms, cash, mobile chargers and shoes were looted from the traffic post. Teams from nine police stations were deployed to restore order. City SP (East) Shailja, SDPO Raj Kishor Singh, SDO Satyam Sahay and ASP Raj Kumar Singh supervised the operation.

4 minority schools to start on Aug 17

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Patna: Minority welfare minister **Mohammed Zama Khan** on Friday announced that four new minority residential schools will begin academic operations on Aug 17. The new campuses, located in Jamui, Nalanda, Kaimur, and Muzaffarpur, will take the total number of operational minority residential schools in the state to six.

Speaking to reporters, Khan stated that the state govt aims to establish at least one such school across every district under the Bihar State Minority Residential School Scheme, launched in 2018-19. Approvals have already been granted for 24 districts so far. These institutions cater to meritorious students from Class 9 to Class 12, offering free boarding, lodging, and study materials.

Highlighting the success of the existing operational schools in Darbhanga and Kishanganj, department secretary Mohammed Sohail said 90% of students in Classes 10 and 12 secured a first division. Furthermore, 20 out of 29 students receiving special coaching cleared the IIT-JEE, while 38 out of 46 qualified for NEET.

To modernise traditional institutions, the department is also rolling out smart classes and modern curricula.

MU senate meeting likely on Aug 22

Abdul Qadir | TNN

Gaya: The Magadh University Senate would meet on Aug 22 to discuss the university budget for financial year 2026-27. According to registrar Binod Kumar Mangalam, permission has been sought from the chancellor's office to hold the senate meeting

Officials said officiating vice-chancellor Dilip Kumar Keshari is required to seek permission from governor-cum-chancellor Syed Ata Hasnain before taking any important decision.

Conceding that the budget passage has been delayed as the financial year began on April 1, the registrar said the delay in the budget passage is not going to make any material difference as the advanced copy of the budget has been sent to the higher education department.

> **VC Dilip Kumar Keshari is required to seek permission from governor-cum-chancellor Syed Ata Hasnain before taking any important decision**

Asked about the number of vacant positions in the university, the registrar said the vacancy position has been sought from colleges and once the report was available it will be forwarded to the competent authority.

Meanwhile, the university employees have not been paid their salaries for June and July. The pensioners too have not received pension for the two months.

Complete Mithapur-Mahuli road project on time: Samrat

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Patna: CM Samrat Choudhary on Friday asked road construction department officials to complete the remaining work under the second phase of the Mithapur-Mahuli elevated road project within the stipulated deadline while maintaining high construction standards.

Samrat issued the directive while inspecting the ongoing work on the corridor, which is expected to improve connectivity across south Patna. He said the project would provide major relief to commuters by easing traffic congestion and reducing travel time.

Road construction department officials briefed the CM on the progress of the project. They said construction from Mithapur to Sipara under the second phase had reached the final stage. Once completed, the elevated road will connect directly to the existing flyover at Patna Junction (Karbigahiya) and the Mithapur R.O.B. Golambar.

TOI

CM Samrat Choudhary inspects work on the Mithapur-Mahuli elevated road project on Friday

Officials said the link would improve connectivity for residents of Mithapur, Sipara, Etwarpur, Parsa and Kurthaul and help reduce traffic congestion in these areas. It will also strengthen Patna's road connectivity with Gaya, Jehanabad and the Gaya-Dobhi four-lane stretch of NH-83.

Principal secretary to the chief minister Deepak Kumar, road construction department secretary Pankaj Kumar Pal, secretary to the chief minister Sanjay Kumar Singh, Patna district magistrate Kundan Kumar and senior superintendent of police Kartikeya K Sharma, along with other senior officials, accompanied Samrat during the inspection.

Display global folk art at museum: CM

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Patna: CM Samrat Choudhary on Friday asked officials to organise an exhibition of international folk art during the Bihar Museum Foundation Day celebrations in 2027, saying the initiative would help give Bihar's culture, civilisation and folk traditions greater recognition on the global stage.

Inaugurating the Bihar Museum Foundation Day-2026 programme, Samrat urged the youth to embrace folk art, cultural heritage and Indian traditions as an integral part of their lives. He described Bihar as a unique centre of linguistic and cultural diversity, highlighting Bhojpuri, Maithili, Magahi, Vajjika and Angika as languages that reflect the state's rich heritage.

Ranjeet Kumar

CM Samrat Choudhary at a function at Bihar Museum

The CM said Bihar's legacy encompasses Mata Sita, Baba Hariharnath and the cultural heritage of the Mauryan era. Referring to the ancient Nalanda University, he said it symbolised India's glorious tradition of learning before being destroyed by invaders. He added that the revival of Nalanda University under PM Narendra Modi and former CM Nitish Kumar represented the restoration of cultural and educational heritage. Samrat welcomed Padma Shri awardees and renowned artists who attended the function.

Nabard to give ₹21k for road & bridge projects

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Patna: Bihar's road construction department (RCD) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) on Friday signed a memorandum of understanding for long-term financing worth Rs21,000 crore to develop road and bridge infrastructure across the state.

The agreement was signed at a function held in the 'Sankalp' auditorium at Lok Sevak Awas, Patna, in the presence of chief minister Samrat Choudhary. RCD secretary Pankaj Kumar Pal and Nabard chairperson Shaji Krishnan V signed the MoU on behalf of their respective institutions.

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Addressing the gathering, the CM said Nabard has made a significant contribution to Bihar's development and that the Rs21,000-crore long-term financing would further strengthen financial arrangements to implement road and bridge projects. He said the state expected such cooperation to continue in the coming years.

Nabard chairperson Shaji Krishnan V said Bihar is developing rapidly and assured that the bank would extend all possible assistance required for the state's development. On this occasion, the CM released the book 'Nabard in Bihar'.

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(For Immovable Property)
[Under Rule 8 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

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1.	**A. Branch: SHERGHATI,Gaya. B. M/S VAISHNAVI TRADING Prop-Shri Awadesh Mishra, C. M/S VAISHNAVI TRADING Prop-Shri Awadesh Mishra** S/o Shri Krishna Chandra Mishra, Add-At-Gopalpur, Sherghati,Distt-Gaya-824211	Land and Building covered under sale deed no.-2928 dated -06/04/2017, Khata No-149 ,Plot No-1012 ,Thana No. 817 ,Area-2.0 dec. **Bounded by** N-Smt Pushpa Devi & Suresh Singh, S-Hirday Singh, E-Nij Road, W-Krishna Paswan, situated at Mauza-Gopalpur, PS -Sherghati in the name of **Shri Awadesh Mishra S/o Krishna Chandra Mishra.**	**A. 11.06.2021 B. Due Amount:Rs.37,54,332.86/-** (Rs. Thirty Seven Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Two and Paisa Eighty Six Only) as on 31.03.2021 plus further interest w.e.f 01.04.2021 and other expenses with until payment in full. **C. 28.09.2021 D. Symbolic Possession**	A.Rs.15,50,000/- B.Rs.1,55,000/- C. 10,000/-	24.09.2026 11 am to 4 pm	NIL

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CINEMA OF THE WEEK

Ohh My Dog (Crime, Drama)
★★★

Cast: Maahi Rai, Pankaj Tripathi, Dogs - Bruno and Oscar
Director: Amit Rai
Duration: 2 hours, 30 minutes
Language: Hindi (U/A)

A stray dog searching for his missing caretaker and a little boy looking for his lost pet, anchor two parallel narratives that never quite intersect in Amit Rai's engaging but overstretched drama about the unconditional bond between humans and dogs.

Despite the resemblance in title, Ohh My Dog isn't a sequel to the OMG franchise, even though Amit Rai also directed OMG 2, starring Pankaj Tripathi. This is a standalone film that celebrates the bond between humans and dogs, championing compassion and kindness towards voiceless beings as the truest form of religion.

Metaphorically, it even presents dogs as a manifestation of God—selfless protectors who love unconditionally. Amit Rai's son Maahi and the family's indie pet dog Oscar play the sharp-witted Apu and Momo, two inseparable siblings living a happy life in Assam until Momo is kidnapped. Convinced that dog meat smugglers are behind the disappearance, Apu sets out to uncover the truth while the authorities remain largely indifferent.

Meanwhile, in Bhopal, Prince, an underage labourer, shares an unlikely bond with a stray dog named Bruno. When Prince goes missing, Bruno becomes the film's true hero, relentlessly searching for his companion, convinced that something sinister has happened. An investigative crime drama powered by a dog's unconditional love and unwavering loyalty forms the heart of the film. Bruno is treated like a full-fledged action hero, complete with slow-motion entries, gravity-defying jumps, elaborate chase sequences and enough sprinting to give Tom Cruise competition. His desperate pursuit of Prince's abductors, fuelled entirely by instinct and devotion, keeps you invested and even moves you in parts.

The problem is that the story eventually begins to chase its own tail. Much of it feels monotonous and could have benefited from a tighter edit. When a film constantly asks you to admire its intentions over its execution, something hasn't quite landed. Noble ideas alone aren't enough; they demand equally compelling storytelling.

Unlike the OMG films, known for their sharp writing, humour and thought-provoking debates on faith and society, Ohh My Doglacks that spark.

While the canine performances are flawless, the writing, direction and several of the human performances repeatedly tell you what to feel instead of trusting the audience to arrive there organically. That awareness of emotional manipulation keeps you at arm's length. Rather than allowing emotion to emerge naturally, the film leans heavily on tragedy, making the experience feel more manufactured than earned. A premise this unique had the potential to be more endearing, quirky and mystery-driven, something closer in spirit to The Sheep Detectives. It keeps you invested in solving the mystery, but never quite delivers the emotional payoff it promises.

While indie dog Bruno is the film's biggest attraction, Pankaj Tripathi as Masterji and Maahi Rai as Apu lend the story its human touch. Hats off to the cinematography team for capturing Bruno so beautifully, and to Amit Rai and the dog trainers for extracting such a remarkable performance from him. It couldn't have been easy.

You don't need to be a dog parent or even a pet lover to empathise with animals. Compassion and kindness are universal. That's what makes Ohh My Dog a film made for everyone, even if it doesn't fully realise the potential of its heartfelt premise. The film's biggest flaw is its length. At two and a half hours, the film overstays its welcome, taking some of the fun out of an otherwise engaging watch and prompting the inevitable question: why so serious?

—**Renuka Vyavahare**

RATING SCALE
TRASH ★ | BELOW AVERAGE ★★ | AVERAGE ★★½ | ABOVE AVERAGE ★★★ | GOOD ★★★½ | VERY GOOD ★★★★ | OUTSTANDING ★★★★½ | MASTERPIECE ★★★★★

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