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Alarmed by the report that consumption of tobacco in Bihar was highest in the country, the Nitish regime has asked all the superintendents of polices (SPs) to set up anti-tobacco squads (task forces) to ensure that the provisions of 'Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003' were implemented strictly.

The state government was shocked after a report showed that tobacco consumption in Bihar was 53.5 per cent against the national average of 35 per cent.

In a letter addressed to all the SPs, Bihar Home Commissioner Amir Subhani pointed out that Rule 6 of the Act, which prohibits the sale of tobacco and tobacco products to minor children. was being flouted frequently. "Nearly 70,000 untimely deaths take place annually due to cancer, heart and lungs diseases which are directly or indirectly caused by tobacco," the letter said.

The commissioner asserted that apart from health concerns, the money spent on the treatment of

The Home Commissioner said that starting from May, the district magistrates would convene a meeting of district health societies where district education officers should be present to discuss implementation of the Act. “Report of such meetings should be submitted to the State Health Society as well as Home Department regularly,” Subhani added.

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Former Uttar Pradesh chief minister and Samajwadi Party patron Mulayam Singh Yadav has been shifted to the Critical Care Unit (CCU) of Medanta Hospital in Gurugram.

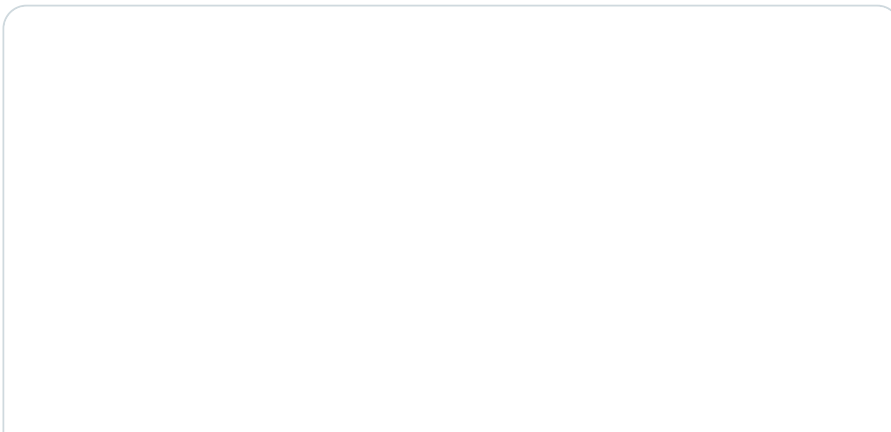
He is being treated by a comprehensive team of specialists, Medanta Hospital said in a statement.

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Former UP CM & Samajwadi Party leader Mulayam Singh Yadav is currently admitted to the Critical Care Unit (CCU) and is being treated by a comprehensive team of specialists: Medanta Hospital

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IAF's prowess gets boost with homegrown Light Combat Helicopters

Defence minister Rajnath Singh and IAF chief Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari were present during its induction in Jodhpur



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The Indian Air Force (IAF) on Monday inducted the first fleet of indigenously-built Light Combat Helicopter (LCH), which has been developed primarily for mountain warfare after a requirement for it was felt during the Kargil war in 1999.

Developed by the state-run aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), the 5.8-tonne twin-engine gunship chopper is armed with air-to-air missiles, 20 mm turret guns, rocket systems and other weapons.

The fleet comprising four helicopters was inducted into the IAF at a ceremony at the Jodhpur Air Force Station in presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari and other senior military officials.

"It is a momentous occasion reflecting India's capability in defence production," Singh said.

The LCH would be effective in hitting enemy infantry, tanks, bunkers, drones and other assets in high-altitude regions, military officials said.

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"Subsequently, the IAF and HAL began exploring the possibility of developing the platform with a capacity to carry an adequate weapon load, sufficient fuel and still be capable of operating in the higher reaches of the Himalayan ranges," said an official.

Here's all you need to know about the Light Combat Helicopter:

- > The Light Combat Helicopter (LCH), developed by state-run aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), has been primarily designed for deployment in high-altitude regions. The 5.8-tonne twin-engine helicopter has already completed various weapons firing tests, the officials said.
- > In March, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved the procurement of 15 indigenously developed Limited Series Production (LSP) LCH at a cost of Rs 3,887 crore.
- > The defence ministry had said 10 helicopters would be for the IAF and five for the Indian Army.
- > The LCH has similarities with Advanced Light Helicopter Dhruv. It has a number of stealth features, armoured-protection systems, night attack capability and crash-worthy landing gear for better survivability, the officials said.
- > The LCH is equipped with requisite agility, manoeuvrability, extended range, high altitude performance and all-weather combat capability to perform a range of roles including combat search and rescue (CSAR), destruction of enemy air defence (DEAD) and counter-insurgency (CI) operations.
- > The helicopter can also be deployed in high-altitude bunker-busting operations, counter-insurgency operations in the jungles and urban environments as well as for supporting ground forces.
- > The helicopter can also be used against slow-moving aircraft and remotely piloted aircraft (RPAs) of adversaries.
- > Officials said it would be a potent platform to meet the operational requirements of the IAF and the Indian Army. They said state-of-the-art technologies and systems compatible with stealth features such as reduced visual, aural, radar and IR signatures and crashworthiness features for better survivability have been integrated into the LCH for deployment in combat roles. Several key aviation technologies like a glass cockpit and composite airframe structure have been indigenised,

> The helicopter has been tested under stringent operating conditions including at sea level, in desert regions and in Siachen. In February 2020, it was declared ready for production. The Army has a plan to acquire 95 LCH largely for a combat role in the mountains.

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IAF scrambles jets to intercept China-bound Iran flight after 'bomb threat'

The incident happened in the morning when flight W581 was flying over Indian airspace



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The Indian Air Force scrambled fighter jets to intercept a civilian Mahan Air flight from Tehran headed for Guangzhou in China on Monday morning after a bomb threat, people familiar with the development said.

The incident happened in the morning when flight W581 was flying over Indian airspace, sources said. The pilots decided not to land in India and proceeded to China. The Delhi Air Traffic Control (ATC) received inputs from the Lahore ATC that there was a bomb threat on the Mahan Air flight. Subsequently, the Delhi ATC informed the pilots but they decided to fly on, the sources said.

As the aircraft did not follow the suggestion, laid down operational procedures were put into action, they said.

On October 3 an intimation was received of a bomb scare on an aircraft bearing Iranian

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'Bomb threat' onboard Iranian passenger jet over Indian airspace, with final destination in China, triggers alert, IAF jets scrambled. The passenger jet is now moving towards China. Security agencies monitoring the plane: Sources

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The aircraft was offered option to land at Jaipur and then, at Chandigarh but the pilot declared his unwillingness to divert to either of them. After a while, intimation was received from Tehran to disregard bomb scare. The aircraft continued on its journey towards final destination, it added.

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"All actions were taken by IAF as per laid down procedure, jointly with the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) and Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS). The aircraft was under close radar surveillance by the Air Force throughout the Indian airspace," the IAF said.

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Bapu look-alike as Asura at Kolkata puja pandal stokes controversy

The organisers said the similarities were 'just a coincidence'



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A Durga idol in Kolkata in which the 'Mahisasura' was replaced by a crudely-crafted Mahatma Gandhi-look alike created controversy on the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation.

Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Mahasabha, organisers of the puja near Ruby Crossing in southwest Kolkata, changed the appearance of the idol that looked like Gandhi following instructions from the police after a complaint was lodged.

The organisers said the similarities were "just a coincidence".

...na Gandhi. The similarities are just a coincidence. After photos of it went viral, a police team visited the pandal and asked us to change the face," Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Mahasabha state working President Chandrachur Goswami told *PTI* on Sunday.

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A journalist had earlier in the day tweeted a photograph of the Durga idol, tagging the Kolkata Police. He deleted the post later, claiming that the police asked him to do so as it might create tension during the festival.

"I have been requested by @KolkataPolice cyber cell @DCCyberKP to delete my tweet on a particular puja in Kolkata as they think it might create tension amid the festivities. As a responsible citizen I abide by their request," *Alt News* Senior Editor Indradeep Bhattacharyya said in a fresh post.

Goswami said the organisation didn't mean to hurt anybody's sentiments. "The police asked us to change it, and we obliged. We put a moustache and hair on Mahishasur's idol," he said.

The move drew condemnation from various quarters. "We don't support what Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Mahasabha did. We condemn it. We too had differences with Gandhi ji's views, but this is not a way to protest against it," said Sandip Mukherjee, president, Bangiya Parishad Hindu Mahasabha. Political parties such as the Trinamool Congress and the BJP also slammed the alleged depiction of Gandhi as 'Mahisasura'. The ruling Trinamool Congress state spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said if this was really done, it was nothing but sacrilege. "It is an insult to the Father of the Nation. It is an insult to every citizen of the country. What would the BJP say about such an insult? We know the assassin of Gandhiji belonged to which ideological camp," Ghosh added.

The state BJP too criticised such a representation. "If such a move had been made, it is unfortunate. We condemn it. This is in poor taste," BJP state president Sukanta Majumdar told reporters.

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