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Spent Rs 66,000, Pune farmer gets Rs 664 for 7.5 quintals of rain-hit onions

PUNE: Sudam Ingle, a farmer from Purandar, spent around Rs 66,000 on his onion crop this season. The incessant rains damaged most of his yield, but he managed to salvage a portion and spent another Rs 1,500 to pack and transport it to the Purandar market yard for sale on Friday. To his shock, Ingle received just Rs 664 for 7.5 quintals of onions. "This was from one acre of land. I still have onions from another 1.5 acres, but I won't sell them; I'll run a rotor and turn them into fertiliser for next year. That's more profitable than selling," he said. "I'm still a relatively big farmer. I don't know how smaller farmers with just one or two acres, many of whom have taken loans, will survive. If the govt doesn't step in, farmer suicides will increase." Ingle's story is echoed across Maharashtra's farmlands, where relentless rains and collapsing prices have left farmers struggling to survive. From onions, tomatoes, potatoes to pomegranates, custard apples, to soyabean, almost every crop has taken a hit this season. With no money in hand, farmers have no purchasing power, directly affecting rural markets that flourish during Diwali.

Teacher caned kids for discipline, not to harm, says HC; quashes case

KOCHI: Kerala high court has set aside a criminal case against a Palakkad school-teacher who caned three class 5 students for fighting, ruling that he acted within his authority to maintain classroom discipline. Justice C Pratheep Kumar, delivering the order on Oct 16, said the teacher's actions were aimed at correcting the students and helping them grow into responsible citizens, not at causing harm. The case had been registered by Vadakkencherry police after parents complained that the teacher struck their children on the legs during class at 10am on Sept 16.

INDIA bloc names Tejashwi as CM face for Bihar, Mukesh his deputy

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Union minister Amit Shah to name his leader for Bihar. "We have declared Tejashwi as our leader, but who is your leader?"

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someone else after the elections, although CM Eknath Shinde led the poll campaign. Tejashwi described the NDA's silence over its CM face as a gross injustice to CM Nitish Kumar, who was the first to kickstart the poll campaign from the NDA side.

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Kumar, CPI-ML general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya, VIP president Mukesh Sahani, and other Left leaders. Gehlot also said the VIP president and the leaders from other sections of society would be the Deputy CM if the opposition alliance came to power. "We have decided to name Tejashwi Yadav as our CM face. He is young and has a long future, and it has been noticed that the masses support people with long political future," Gehlot told the media in Patna on Thursday, also describing Tejashwi as a "man of commitments" who fulfilled all his pre-poll commitments in the previous term as the Dy CM.

Historic defeat! India fall at Adelaide for the first time in 17 years; Australia win series

India managed to push Australia towards the end, but the hosts secured the three-match ODI series 2-0 by.



Australia won the match by two wickets. While India showed improvement compared to the first ODI, morning conditions favored the bowlers, with swing and seam making life difficult for the batters. Mitchell Marsh won the toss and opted to bowl first. Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood, and Xavier Bartlett made life difficult for the Indian top order. Captain Shubman Gill fell cheaply, and Virat Kohli registered another duck. Rohit Sharma weathered the early storm and tried to accelerate but was dismissed for 73. Shreyas Iyer contributed a valuable 61 and put on a solid 118-run stand for the

third wicket with Rohit Sharma. Starc broke the stand by removing Rohit for a hard-working 73 off 96 balls. Shreyas scored 61 off 77 balls, but Adam Zampa cleaned him up and also knocked over KL Rahul in quick succession. Axar Patel played a neat knock but lacked support, with Washington Sundar and Nitish Kumar Reddy failing to deliver. After Iyer's wicket, India lost momentum. They were reeling at 226/8 and slipping in the death overs, but a brilliant fightback from Harshit Rana (24* off 18) and Arshdeep Singh (13 off 14), adding a 37-run ninth-wicket stand.

Upgrading strike capability: India tests 800-km BrahMos

NEW DELHI: In what will be a major boost for its precision strike capabilities, India plans to begin inducting the new 800-km extended range BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles in a little over two years, while over 200km Astra air-to-air missiles are also slated for production in 2026-27. Tests are underway for the 800-km BrahMos, with a modified ramjet engine and other upgrades, to ensure the



conventional (non-nuclear) missile is fully ready by end-2027, top defence sources told. 'Pinpoint Accuracy' Rajnath Singh Praises BrahMos Precision During

Operation Sindoor The existing 450-km range BrahMos missiles, which fly at almost three times the speed of sound at Mach 2.8, were launched from Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jets for the targeted strikes deep into Pakistan under Operation Sindoor in May. "The 800-km BrahMos is more or less developed in terms of the modifications to its ramjet engine.

To err is human, courts shouldn't shy away from rectifying error: SC

NEW DELHI: Admitting judges can also commit mistakes as they are human, SC said courts should not shy away from accepting them and rectifying errors if committed.

The maxim 'actus curiae neminem gravabit', which means the act of the court shall prejudice no one, is a principle firmly embedded in Indian jurisprudence and no party should suffer owing to an error, delay or inadvertence attributable to the court itself, a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said.

It said the maxim thus operates as a constant reminder that the court's authority must be exercised not to the disadvantage of liti-



gants but in furtherance of justice. "After all, to err is human, and when an inadvertent omission is brought to the court's attention, it becomes the court's solemn duty to ensure that no party suffers on account of such mistakes. In such circumstances, the court is obliged to restore the party to the very position he would have occupied had the error not occurred," the bench said. SC accepted there was an omission on its part, wherein it did not clarify in its

judgment that possession of a building in Chandigarh would be handed over upon receipt of amount awarded by it. Taking advantage of its omission, an "unscrupulous litigant" refused to hand over the possession of the building despite being paid Rs 2 crore as directed by the apex court.

In this case, the litigant had agreed to buy the property in 1989, paid an advance of Rs 25,000 and took possession of the property.

32 feared burnt alive as bus catches fire on highway

The incident occurred after the bus hit a bike, triggering a massive blaze that engulfed the vehicle



NEW DELHI: At least 32 people are feared dead after a private bus belonging to Kaveri Travels caught fire at Chinna Tekuru village

in Kurnool district on the Hyderabad-Bengaluru highway early Friday. The incident occurred

after the bus hit a bike, triggering a massive blaze that engulfed the vehicle within minutes. Twelve passengers

managed to escape, while others are suspected to have been trapped inside as the fire spread rapidly. Rescue and firefighting operations are underway, and officials are yet to confirm the exact death toll. Chief minister Naidu offered condolences to the families of the victims. The Kurnool tragedy comes

just days after a similar bus fire in Rajasthan, where 22 people, including three children, were killed and 13 others critically injured when a bus travelling from Jaisalmer to Jodhpur caught fire near Thaiyat village on October 14. A suspected short circuit in the vehicle's air-conditioning unit.

Over 6,000 voters deleted for Rs 80 each in Aland: Karnataka SIT

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BENGALURU: Karnataka police's special investigation team probing the alleged voter deletion scam in Aland constituency during the 2023 assembly polls has reportedly uncovered evidence of attempts to remove

names from the electoral rolls, and identified six suspects. Sleuths said deletions were carried out at a cyber centre in Aland, where operators were allegedly paid Rs 80 per application. SIT sources said they sus-

pect accused paid Rs 4.8 lakh to those who facilitated the deletions. Officials are probing how the centre gained access to EC's portal to file fake voter deletion requests.

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MP: In-laws demand buffalo for dowry, woman consumes acid; dies

BHOPAL: A 21-year-old newlywed woman died after consuming acid in Gwalior district of Madhya Pradesh, allegedly unable to bear the daily harassment by her in-laws who demanded a 'Murrah' buffalo as dowry. Police have registered a case against her husband and four family members for dowry harassment and abetment to suicide. Vimlesh Baghel got married to Dinesh Baghel.

Collegium preserves judiciary's autonomy, say CJI

NEW DELHI: CJI B R Gavai and Justice Surya Kant, the next CJI, on Thursday stoutly defended the much-criticised collegium system for selecting constitutional court judges and said it has helped the judiciary preserve its autonomy and independence in administration of justice. CJI Gavai was speaking at Royal Institute of Management in Thimphu, Bhutan, while Justice Kant was addressing Sri Lankan Supreme Court in Colombo. The CJI cited



SC's 2015 judgment striking down the National Judicial Appointments Commission and said granting primary control over judicial appointments to the executive would imperil the independence and autonomy of the judiciary. Justice Kant said the judiciary's

dominant role in appointment of judges to HCs and SC is a compelling "illustration of the doctrine of separation of powers".

The judiciary's independence and autonomy help it to go beyond simple resolution of disputes or defending constitutional

boundaries; it has allowed constitutional courts actively "shape the democratic imagination of a society and to function as architects of democratic life", he held. Justice Kant said that if separation of powers is the framework of India's constitutional democracy, then judicial review — Article 32 (a person can approach SC directly over violation of fundamental rights) and Article 226 (a person can file a writ petition in an HC) — is the sustaining force of democracy.

PM Modi to attend Asean summit virtually, Congress takes a swipe

NEW DELHI: PM Narendra Modi spoke to his Malaysian counterpart Anwar Ibrahim and conveyed that he will virtually attend India-Asean summit Sunday, scotching speculation of a meeting with US



President Donald Trump

on the margins of Asean and East Asia summits in Kuala Lumpur. The ostensible reason for the rare miss to the summit by Modi might be preoccupation with Bihar assembly elections but it also spares

him the discomfiture of running into the mercutrial president in the middle of a US-India trade deadlock and growing differences over Pakistan-related issues. According to Ibrahim, Modi told him

he would attend virtually "given Deepavali festival was still being celebrated in India at that time". "I respect the decision and extend my Deepavali greetings to him and all the people of India," said Ibrahim.

Women's World Cup: Rawal, Smriti centuries fire India into semifinals

Navi Mumbai: Dishing out a clinical brand of cricket when it mattered the most, India outplayed New Zealand by 53 runs (via DLS method) to

make it into the semi-finals of the 2025 Women's World Cup as the fourth team at the DY Patil Stadium on Thursday night. The prolific opening

pair of Smriti Mandhana (109 off 95 balls) and Pratika Rawal (122 off 134 balls) slammed scintillating hundreds, while returning to the XI.

Both BJP, AIADMK want to improve relations in TN

Delhi: Julie Mariappan says that 18 months after breaking relations with BJP and abandoning NDA, AIADMK leadership is warming up to the saffron party for a possible 2026 Tamil Nadu assembly election partnership. An AIADMK delegation led by general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami met with Union home minister Amit Shah. Both desire to advance the relationship. Next steps are forthcoming. Shah vowed to prevent the 'corrupt DMK govt' from returning in 2026 "AIADMK leader states. Shah accepted several AIADMK requests. Palaniswami told Delhi media that the conference discussed Tamil Nadu concerns such delimitation, the two-language policy, MGN-REGS and SSA dues, and the Tasmac scam. As the 2026 election approaches, the alliance will be decided. Shah and party president J P Nadda will



Transport department fined 95L for 2019 tree felling

Delhi: In 2019, the National Green Tribunal NGT order Delhi's transport department to pay ₹95.05 lakh for cutting 495 trees for bus depots in Burari without afforestation. The tribunal ruled that the forest department's license to transplant 168 trees

meet Tamil Nadu BJP national co-in-charge P Sudhakar Reddy night. State BJP president K Annamalai went to Delhi. While the AIADMK delegation met Shah, the Union minister's offi-

cial X handle had a 2026 Tamil Nadu electoral message. "As soon as the NDA govt is formed in Tamil Nadu in the year 2026, the 'flood of liquor' and 'storm of corruption' will stop."

introduced a private member motion requesting the government to build and maintain more shelters. Our culture and religion call the cow our mother, but many people abandon her when she stops delivering milk. Goel claimed this causes traffic, accidents, and sanitary difficulties.

BJP MLA Ashok Goel

Freedom of speech can't be suppressed on spurious reasons

Delhi: The Supreme Court ruled that freedom of speech and expression was essential to a healthy and civilized society and could not be violated on "flimsy and fanciful grounds". Gujarat Police's social status charges against Congress MP Imran Pratapgarhi were dismissed by the court. media post with poetry 'Ae khooon ke pyase baat suno'. A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan suggested not filing FIRs blindly to prevent government or police harassment of spoken or written words, signs, or visible representations



and to protect artistic freedom. Under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Sections 196 and 197(1), the police should undertake a preliminary inquiry to determine if a prima facie case exists. The bench set standards for assessing spoken and written words' impact "When an offence punishable under Section 196 of BNS is alleged,

the effect of the spoken or written words must be considered based on reasonable, strong-minded, firm, and courageous people, not weak and oscillating minds. The impact of spoken or written words cannot be measured by individuals who are always insecure or see criticism as a challenge to their power.

New prison factories will employ 100 more prisoners

Delhi: The Delhi prison department will modernize and add factories to employ 100 more prisoners. New paper, carpentry, and oil production units are planned by the department. The units will make eco-friendly products like custom-printed paper carry bags, file covers, and stationery, as well as beautifully packaged coconut,

sesame, almond, and mustard oils. "The new jail factory units aim to deploy over 100 inmates and emphasize 'earn while studying' A prison official stated new high-tech equipment will be purchased. Officials say Tihar jail number 2 has six units: carpentry, oil, paper, weaving, tailoring, and baking. Mandoli and other jails have weaving,

jute bags, perfume, pickles, confecti carpentry, and underwear facilities. Different facilities employ over 2,500 convicts. Last year, 215 inmates joined jail number 2's industries, mostly for carpentry, followed by bakery and paper. "We plan to increase the number of units so that more inmates can receive vocational training.



Delhi's health minister promotes mobile dentistry vans to expand oral care

Delhi: Health minister Pankaj Singh launched six National Health Mission mobile dental vans at Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences. The kickoff ceremony on World Oral Health Day aimed to expand dental services across the state. Minister Pankaj Singh remarked, "We will deliver the promised services to Delhi. This pilot project provides important dental treatment to children in government hospitals, senior individuals, and residents of slums and poor communities where such services are scarce." Singh said the mobile dental vans will deliver fillings, scaling, and general care. Our six-month plan includes adding vehicles after the state budget to broaden our reach. Our website will include all necessary information, and each van has GPS tracking so the public may track their locations across Vidhan Sabha constituencies. The vans will be available 24/7 to help the needy "said. Mobile dental vans will work with Delhi government dispensaries to improve primary care. They will also work with education, Delhi government schools, social welfare, and social justice ministries. On April 10, the Delhi government will sign an MoU with the Centre to execute the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in the national capital and enroll one lakh people.



Delhi's BJP government will pass a bill to safeguard stray cows

Delhi : Urban Development Minister Ashish Sood announced the move during a Delhi Assembly debate on stray cows and other animals. GST Registration Cancellations Misuse. "After careful consideration, we will pass a cow conservation and protection law to avoid departmental confusion. Sood said relevant Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) parts will be considered for legislation incorporation. He stressed that the bill will protect cows and keep the streets clean by avoiding stray livestock. "The suggestions represent House opinions and appeal to Sanatan-valued Delhiites. He stated



that everyone has thoughtfully addressed this topic. A stringent enforcement mechanism will prevent cow exploitation, illegal cattle trade, and owner neglect under the proposed law. The government is budgeting for new cow shelters and their maintenance.

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introduced a private member motion requesting the government to build and maintain more shelters. Our culture and religion call the cow our mother, but many people abandon her when she stops delivering milk. Goel claimed this causes traffic, accidents, and sanitary difficulties.

MPs Get 24% Salary, Pension Increase; New Allowances

Delhi: MPs' wages would rise 24%, along with pensions and allowances for former MPs, according to the Indian government. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs notified these adjustments, matching them with the 1961 Income Tax Act Cost Inflation Index. This national revision follows the Karnataka government's large wage boost for the Chief Minister, ministers, and MLAs.

Delhi govt to enact law for cow conservation and protection

Delhi: Varanasi MC orders closure of meat shops in city limits during Navratri. The Varanasi Municipal Corporation (MC) has issued an order to shut all meat and fish shops within the civic body limits during the Navratri festival. The decision was unanimously approved in the corporation's executive meeting. "This is the first time a decision has been taken to keep all meat and fish shops closed during Navratri, starting March 30. Officials have been directed to enforce the order and shop owners



were informed about the decision taken in the executive meeting," said Varanasi Mayor Ashok Tiwari. Tiwari said in Thursday's meeting of the Municipal Corporation's executive council, a member proposed a complete closure of meat and fish shops during Navratri. There are around 400-500 meat and fish shops operating within

the city limits. The shopkeepers violating the order will face legal action, he added. Navratri will conclude on April 7. In January this year, the Varanasi civic body had issued notices to meat shop owners operating within a two-kilometer radius of the Vishwanath Temple, directing them to shut down for "violating rules." The directive was based on a resolution passed by the corporation last year, which prohibited meat shops from operating within this radius.

State Hospitals Get Aushadhi Kendras

Delhi: The Delhi government will open Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras in all state-run hospitals to provide patients with affordable medicines. All Delhi government hospitals save Ayurvedic, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathic ones must have at least one such kendra on campus, according to officials. Patients can buy cheaper generic drugs instead of running to other hospitals' pharmacies to obtain branded ones. GB Pant Hospital, Lok Nayak Hospital, Sanjay Gandhi Memorial, Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital, Guru Nanak Eye Centre, Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, Babu Jagjivan Ram Memorial Hospital, and Chacha Nehru Bal Chikitsalaya are state-run hospitals that have opened



medicine stores. The hospital administration can buy medicine from the Jan Aushadhi Kendra in times of crisis, instead of buying it locally, unless it is required. This month, the BJP government decided to open the pharmacies, according to senior health department officials. Delhi health minister Pankaj Kumar Singh has ordered all medical superintendents and health officials to expedite medicine procurement through the PMBJP under the central government's

Govt allocates 12,952 crore for public transport system

The BJP government, led by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, presented its maiden budget on Tuesday, March 25. Gupta presented 1 lakh crore budget for 2025-26, a 31.56% increase from last year. In the budget for the financial year 2025-26, the government has allocated 12,952 crore to improve Delhi's public transport system. It has allocated 1,000 crore to improve the connectivity of Delhi with the NCR region.

Delhi Happiness Curriculum, Business Blasters, and Mission Buniyaad, the hallmark education programs implemented by the previous Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, will no longer be offered by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Delhi government, according to Delhi education minister Ashish Sood. He went on to say that new projects called Rashtraneeti, New Era of Entrepreneur Ecosystem and Vision (NEEEV), and Science of Living will take the place of current programs. In an interview, Sood



claimed that the AAP's educational initiatives were created more for publicity and political gain than for the benefit of the kids. "Instead of assisting the students in becoming self-sufficient

and prepared for the outside world, the AAP government's educational initiatives (Business Blasters, Happiness Curriculum, and Mission Buniyaad) were centered on adver-

Will introduce new programs and end all of AAP's educational initiatives?

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tisements and making political capital out of them." In the 2019 budget, the BJP govern-

ment has set aside money for new programs that will take the place of the old ones.

Many Delhi government ILBS services are now charged

Delhi: Delhi's autonomous Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) now charges for formerly free services, including body packaging (mortuary services). Dr. Arun Kumar Rastogi, chief operations (medical), ordered that corpse packaging services will cost Rs 1000. A patient

warming system will cost Rs 500 per day, infusion pump services for ICU, HDU, and ward patients would cost Rs 500, 300, and 200, respectively. Additionally, nebulisation costs Rs 100 every session. It charges Rs 250 for half-day oxygen/medical gas use and Rs 500 for full-day

use. Admission medical record fees are Rs 300. The domiciliary virtual consultation package is Rs 1800, while private and suite ward attendant fees (8 hours/night shift) are Rs 1000. The institute also changed service fees. USG screening costs Rs

450, up from Rs 385. Dietician consultation prices have increased from Rs 100 to Rs 250 and virtual OPD consultation fees from Rs 400 to Rs 600. Dr. Rastogi declined to discuss the topic due to his busy schedule.

The body of a newly married woman was found hanging from a noose

The bride's family alleged that she was murdered for dowry. Police have registered a case

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The discovery of the body of a newly married woman hanging from a noose in Dashrathpur village, under the Kaushambi Karari police station area, has caused a stir. The bride's family, upon receiving the news of her death, has accused her in-laws of murdering her for dowry. The deceased had returned to her in-laws' home on Wednesday after celebrating Diwali. The news of her death arrived that morning. Based on the complaint from the bride's family, the police have registered a case, taken the



body into custody, and sent it for a post-mortem examination. The investigation is underway. According to the information, Hiralal alias Mithun, son of Kishori Lal, a resident of Dashrathpur village in the Karari police station area, was married to Vimla Devi

alias Gorki, 19 years old, daughter of Chandra Pal, a resident of Purkhas village in the Sarai Akil police station area, about 6 months ago. It is alleged that since the marriage, the in-laws were demanding additional dowry and harassing the deceased. A few days after



the marriage, Bimla Devi's in-laws, husband Hiralal alias Mithun, father-in-law Kishori Lal and mother-in-law, together started demanding additional dowry every day and started beating, abusing and torturing her physically and mentally. Bimla's brother-in-law Rahul lives outside and used to demand dowry through phone and instigated his family members. Bimla had gone to her parents' house for 3 days to celebrate Diwali festival. On Wednesday, at about 2.30 pm, Hiralal alias Mithun

forcibly called Bimla from her house and brought her to Dashrathpur, where the in-laws beat her and hanged her. On the complaint of Deepak Pal, brother of the deceased, the Karari police station has registered a case against the deceased's husband Hiralal alias Mithun, father-in-law Kishori Lal, mother-in-law and brother-in-law Rahul under various sections. The police have taken the body of the deceased into custody and sent it for post-mortem and have started searching and investigating the accused.

Bike rider critically injured in bike-cycle collision, case filed



Jhansi

Both sides were injured in a collision between a bike and a bicycle near Badra Sonaoti village in the police station area. Unidentified individuals assaulted the young men on the bike, leaving Saddam seriously injured and unconscious. He was admitted to a nearby private hospital. Seeing his critical condition, the doctor referred him to the city. However, his family admitted him to a private hospital in Jhansi. His condition is still reported to be critical. Based on a complaint from Saddam's relative, Rizwan, the police have filed a case against unidentified individuals. Rizwan, a resident of New Jhansi, had gone to attend a wedding in Bahria on Monday

with his brother-in-law, Saddam. While returning, they collided with a cyclist upon reaching Badra Sonaoti village. All three fell to the road and were injured. At that very moment, unidentified individuals arrived and assaulted Saddam, the biker. When Saddam fell unconscious, the attackers left him and fled. Saddam was taken to a private hospital in Jhansi, where, seeing his deteriorating condition, he was advised to be taken to a city hospital. However, at Rizwan's insistence, he was admitted to a private hospital in Jhansi. Two days later, Saddam's condition remains critical. On Wednesday, based on Rizwan's complaint, the police registered a case against unknown persons and began an investigation.

Woman jumps from Shastri Bridge



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Jhansi. There was a commotion on Shastri Bridge on Wednesday morning when a mother of two children suddenly jumped into the Ganges River. The water police conducted a search operation for hours, but no trace of her was found. Upon receiving information about the incident, the woman's parents filed a written complaint with the police, accusing the in-laws of dowry murder. On Wednesday morning, passersby saw a woman jumping into the Ganges from Shastri Bridge, raising an alarm. The local police and water police were immediately informed of the incident. Upon receiving

the information, a water police team arrived at the scene and began searching for the woman in the deep waters of the Ganges. However, no trace of her was found until late evening. According to the complaint filed by the woman's brother, Ajay Yadav, a resident of Sherdeeh, his sister Bindu was married to Ajay, a resident of Dubawal, Sarai Inayat, in 2019. Ajay alleged that since the marriage, Bindu's in-laws had been harassing and pressuring her to bring a dowry of 10 lakh rupees. He accused the in-laws of harassing her and forcing her to commit suicide. The woman also has two children, one aged 5 and the other 2 years.

Enthusiasm was seen among the community members during the Chitrugupta Jayanti festival

All-round development of society is impossible without education - Vinod

Manjhanpur

The Kaushambi Kayastha community organized the Chitrugupta Jayanti festival in Manjhanpur on Thursday with great enthusiasm and rituals. On this occasion, Vinod Srivastava, District President of the All India Kayastha Mahasabha, said that society can only develop when every citizen is educated. It is on the strength of education



that developed nations today try to challenge us. Today's youth has progressed in every field, posing a challenge to elite nations. Shri Srivastava said that the increasing interest among youth in technical and spiritual education suggests that India will be recognized globally in the coming days. Ajay Srivastava of the Arya Parishad said that

youth have made significant progress in the field of education, but the lack of values is increasing. Due to this, family ties are breaking down and social distances are widening. Today, there is a need to focus on values along with education in children, otherwise our eternal culture, on the strength of which we are seen as a civilized society throughout the world,

will be destroyed. General Secretary Ashok Khare said that today our society is lagging behind. The reason behind this is that we are distancing ourselves from such events. Next time, this event will be organized in a more grand manner, with everyone participating enthusiastically. A society whose organization becomes weak lags behind the mainstream. We need to learn from the personalities and works of great leaders of society like Rajendra Prasad, Vivekananda, Subhash Chandra, Jai Prakash Narayan, Khudiram Bose, Vinoba Bhave, Lal Bahadur Shastri.

A proclamation was served at the home of the absconding wanted accused



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The accused is from Sohagi Police Station, UP-MP Border. Akhand Bharat Sandesh Koraon. A proclamation has been issued by the Madhya Pradesh government under Section 84 of the IPC, Section 308 (4) and Section 238 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), in a case registered against Ayodhya Singh, son of Ram Sanahi Singh Patel, a

resident of Chiraon village, Koraon, and an absconding accused from Koraon and Sohagi police stations on the UP-MP border. In this regard, a proclamation was served at the home of the accused, Ayodhya Singh, son of Ram Sanahi Singh Patel, in Chiraon village, Koraon police station area, on Thursday, October 23, 2025. SI in-charge Sanjeev Sharma was present with his team during the proclamation.

Poor shopkeepers extorted at the Bhai Dooj fair

DCP Vivek says strict action will be taken after investigation

Prayagraj

Lakhs of devotees and villagers attended the fair held in Ghurpur on Thursday on the auspicious occasion of Yama



Dwitiya and Bhai Dooj. Amidst the colorful festivities, a shock-

ing incident came to light at the fair, where some locals extorted

money from poor shopkeepers. It is reported that these shopkeepers were forcibly extorted between 1000 and 1500 rupees, while their daily income is only between 200 and 300 rupees. Shopkeepers say that despite a hard day's work, their earnings have dwindled to zero. One shopkeeper said, "We work hard every day to feed our families, but today we

didn't earn anything; instead, our money was snatched away. Now, we will be afraid to set up shop at the fair in the future." The tears in the eyes of many small businessmen and their angry faces during the fair testified that the joy of the festival had turned into pain for them. Local residents also expressed concern over the incident, stating that such extortion

has created financial difficulties for poor shopkeepers. Regarding this incident, DCP Yamunapar Vivek Chandra Yadav stated that a complaint of extortion from shopkeepers at the Ghurpur fair has been received. The matter is being investigated. Strict action will be taken against the culprits as soon as they are identified.

Block Education Officer arrived in the meeting hall at 10:47 am, which is objectionable

Action taken against accountants for negligence and indifference in their work

Akhand Bharat Sandesh

Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Soraon Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Soraon, has taken departmental action against accountant Mr. Indrajit Patel of Purbanara area for negligence in his work, allowing the village council to

occupy its land, neglecting old reports, negligence in handling Ganga Expressway files, and failing to comply with instructions issued by higher officials in a timely manner. Tehsil Handia Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Handia, has issued an adverse entry to accountant

Anil Kumar Paswan of Upardaha area for failing to demarcate the Chak Marg in Upardaha village despite being instructed to do so. Tehsil Meja Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Meja, has issued an adverse entry to accountant Mr. Arvind Kumar Singh for negligence in handling Tehsil

Day and IGRS references. Tehsil Koraon The Sub-District Magistrate, Koraon, has submitted a report regarding the application submitted by applicant Lavraj Singh, a resident of village Itwakhrud, through the IGRS portal through Lekhpal Shri Vishwanath Kshetra Itwakhrud, without

even visiting the site. This action demonstrates his indifference to government work. He has strongly reprimanded the action, issued a special adverse entry, and warned against such a recurrence. The attendance register for the Sampurna Samadhan Diwas was inspected at 10:20 am, and the Block

Education Officer, Koraon, was found absent. When asked, Mr. Ganesh Shankar Tiwari, Assistant Teacher, who was present in his office, stated that he had signed the attendance register. However, the Block Education Officer arrived in the meeting hall at 10:47 am, which is objectionable.

A middle-aged man died tragically after being hit by a train

Kaushambi

Premchand Saroj, 39, son of Swa Gaya Prasad Saroj, a resident of Mangal Pandey Nagar, Ward No. 10, Naudhiya, in the Kokhraj police station area of Kaushambi, had gone home to harvest paddy from his field. He was returning home after harvesting. While returning, Premchand was hit by a train near Naudhiya village on the Howrah-Delhi railway

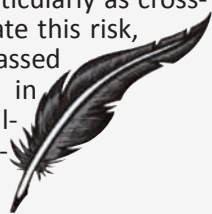


line, resulting in his tragic death. The incident is reported to have occurred around 9:00 pm. Upon receiving information, the outpost in-charge and railway police arrived at the scene, took possession of the body, and sent it for post-mortem.

Editorial

India should do more than just watch US-China chip war

The outgoing Joe Biden administration has been unusually active in recent weeks, making significant decisions with long-term implications. These include lifting certain restrictions on Ukraine and imposing stricter trade measures on China. The structural effects of these moves will become evident in 2025 and beyond. As recently as early December, the administration delivered its third major blow to China's semiconductor industry. This effort seeks to curtail China's ability to access and produce advanced chips that could support artificial intelligence for military purposes or pose risks to the United States' national security. For India, these developments are not merely a geopolitical spectacle but hold direct strategic relevance. Beyond observing this unfolding competition, New Delhi has an opportunity to assess its role in helping the US build resilience in semiconductor production and supply chains amid the intensifying "chip war." The US has maintained dominance in the semiconductor industry since Silicon Valley pioneered the technology. Over time, however, East Asian nations such as Taiwan and Japan emerged as key manufacturing hubs, incentivised by government subsidies. As Chris Miller highlights in his book *Chip Wars: The Fight for the World's Most Critical Technology*, this evolution allowed the US to establish critical business and strategic alliances in a region vulnerable to Russian influence during the Cold War. In the current Cold War-style rivalry between the US and China, these alliances remain crucial in countering Beijing's ambitions for a unipolar Asia. China, while not a leader in manufacturing advanced semiconductors, holds a commanding position in the production and supply of critical rare earth minerals, accounting for 70 per cent of global output. These minerals are essential for creating integrated circuits used in chips for civilian and military purposes. In response to US export restrictions, China has banned exports of key minerals such as gallium, germanium, and antimony, while tightening control over graphite, further complicating global supply chains. These minerals are essential components in making integrated circuits of chips, for both civilian and military applications. Despite its dominance in rare earth mining, China's position is not unassailable. First, the US is the second-largest producer of rare earth minerals globally. Second, China relies on US technology to process these minerals into complex semiconductors with game-changing capabilities. However, the Biden administration's efforts aim to prevent China from independently developing technology to control other parts of the semiconductor supply chain. While the Trump 1.0 administration adopted a hawkish stance on China, the Biden administration has taken robust measures to restrict Beijing's access to semiconductor technology. What plays in the US' favour is that China depends on foreign hardware and expertise to enhance its chip production capabilities. Indeed, this shows a fragile balance of dependencies. No conversation on chips can be complete without Taiwan. Taipei remains central to the global semiconductor industry, with its dominant chipmaker TSMC supplying a significant share of the world's semiconductors. The island's President has described this dominance as a "silicon shield," offering a degree of protection against China, which claims sovereignty over Taiwan. However, from the US perspective, Taiwan's role also creates vulnerability to supply chain disruptions, particularly as cross-strait tensions rise. To mitigate this risk, the Biden administration passed the CHIPS and Science Act in 2022, pledging nearly \$53 billion to boost US semiconductor manufacturing.



Sambhal, in western Uttar Pradesh, hit the headlines in late November when a court-order ASI survey of the early 16th century Babri Masjid in the township ran into trouble with the local Muslim populace, leading to a volatile situation. Protestors rained stones upon the police, leaving around two dozen personnel injured. Five Muslim youths, including a minor, were killed, allegedly in police firing on protesters, a charge that police vehemently denied. The autopsy discounted the culpability of police as the ammunition recovered from the bodies of victims was not used by the UP Police. The police have made a counter-claim of recovering empty cartridges of Pakistani origin from the spot. They claim that a day before the survey was scheduled to begin, Zia-ur-Rehman Barq, MP, Sambhal visited the mosque and delivered a provocative speech. An FIR registered by the police names him in addition to Sohail Mahmood, the son of local MLA Iqbal Mahmood, for inciting the mob through social media posts. An anti-encroachment drive was launched by the administration. This led to interesting revelations since then, that have shifted the discourse from early 16th century to late 20th century events. These revelations are equally suggestive. The local Hindus, who are a minority in the township, insist that the mosque was built by the Mughal invader Babur in 1526 by demolishing a temple of Lord Vishnu, originally erected by Prithviraj Chauhan in the 12th century. This belief appears deeply ingrained, though H.R. Nevill,



ICS, in the district gazetteer (1911), discounts the idea, arguing that Sikander Lodi, a known iconoclast, would not have allowed a Hindu shrine to occupy the loftiest site in his temporary capital (Moradabad: A Gazetteer, p. 147). While acknowledging that Babur visited Sambhal, Nevill attributes the construction of the mosque to his general, Hindu Beg, to which Babur set up an inscription. However, the revised Gazetteer of Moradabad (1968), written by Esha Basanti Joshi, IAS (Retd), presents a different view. She states that the town of Sambhal (originally perhaps Sambhalpura) stands on a series of scattered mounds, each said to mark the site of some ancient building or settlement. The highest of these mounds is known as the Kot (fort) and indicates the ruined site of the old fort of Sambhal, which was built before the advent of Muslims in the area.

The only building left standing on the site was once a Hari Mandir (a temple of Vishnu) but was later converted into a mosque (Gazetteer of India: Uttar Pradesh – Moradabad, p. 26). She bases her account on the description of A. Fuhrer in *Monumental Antiquities and Inscriptions* in the North-

Western Provinces and Oudh (1891). Joshi informs us that Babur visited Sambhal on 2 October 1527 and stayed there for two days. Earlier, he had sent his general, Hindu Beg, to subjugate the Afghan governor of Sambhal, Qasim Sambhali, who was subsequently defeated (Gazetteer of India: Uttar Pradesh – Moradabad, p. 42). A recent WhatsApp wisecrack cuts through the Gordian knot of this debate, asking why Muslims would oppose an ASI survey unless there is something to hide from the public eye. Following the violence in Sambhal and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vow that no miscreant involved would be spared, the police and local administration sprang into action. A manhunt was launched to apprehend the culprits, while simultaneous drives against encroachment and electricity pilferage were undertaken. These efforts unexpectedly revealed two temples in Muslim-majority areas that had been closed for decades. The first discovery was a Shiva/Hanuman temple in Khaggu Sari, adjoining the Deepa Sarai locality. The temple had reportedly been closed for the past 46 years. This struck a chord in the collective memory of Sambhal, as it had been abandoned following the riots of March

1978, after which the Hindus vacated the locality. Bulldozers clearing encroachments near the temple uncovered three mutilated deity images from an adjacent well. Shortly thereafter, a closed Radha-Krishna temple was discovered in the Sarai Tareen locality. At the time of writing, a third temple, referred to as the Banke Bihari Temple, has come to light in Laxmanganj, Chandausi, within Sambhal district. It appears that the Hindu community withdrew from Laxmanganj as the Muslim population grew, leaving the temple abandoned. Meanwhile, in a related development, a neglected temple of Siddheshwar Mahadev was reopened in the Madanpura area of Varanasi. The temple was founded by Ajay Sharma, President of the Sanatan Raksha Dal. Although the temple's closure was reportedly not due to any dispute, it had fallen into disuse as Hindus withdrew from the area, which experienced a significant growth in the Muslim population. In almost all these temples, with help from the administration, daily rituals and bhajans have started. However, the long-term challenge remains sustaining these activities, given the demographic shifts that had initially alienated the Hindu community from these areas. Critics often accuse the Ram Janmabhoomi Movement, which culminated in the demolition of the abandoned Babri Mosque in Ayodhya (1992), of being catastrophic for communal peace and harmony in India. This raises the question: why did Hindus feel compelled to migrate from mixed localities

in Sambhal following the 1978 riots? What exactly transpired in Sambhal on 29 March 1978? According to the statement made by S.D. Patil, the then Minister of State for Home Affairs, in the Rajya Sabha on 23 November 1978 (unstarred question no. 301), Sambhal experienced severe communal disturbances on 29 March 1978. The unrest apparently began when some members of the Muslim community objected to Holi titles conferred by the student union of the local college upon two Muslim girls. This led to violent clashes accompanied by widespread looting and arson. Police had to resort to firing in three locations to control the mob. As per the minister, 17 people lost their lives, 33 were injured, and the estimated loss was around Rs 25 lakhs.

It might be noted, provided the minister's description is authentic, that the violence was not provoked by the sprinkling of colours or water on any unwilling individual during Holi. Instead, it was sparked by a cultural act performed by the student union of the local college. Holi, after all, is a cultural festival; it is not even Vande Mataram, which used to rile former Sambhal MP Shafiqur Rahman Barq so much that he walked out of Lok Sabha when the House was dissolved on May 8, 2013. B. Rajeshwari, in *Communal Riots in India: A Chronology 1947–2003*, notes that the Sambhal riots of 1978 were attributed to a bootlegging rivalry between Hindus and Muslims, with the latter allegedly seeking to dispossess Hindus of their property (p. 8).

Why are BJP leaders not giving preference to RSS chief on temple-mosque dispute?

Recently in the winter session of Parliament, Aam Aadmi Party leader and MP Sanjay Singh had told BJP leaders that your boys will do business with Qatari Muslims, will do business with Dubai Sheikhs, and here you will talk about violence against Muslims. If we have to have darshan, we go to Kashi, we go to Ujjain to have darshan of Mahakal, we go to Ayodhya to have darshan of Lord Ram, but if they have to have darshan of God, they go to the mosque. They are running Bharat Khodo Yojana in the country. Earlier, Sarsanghchalak i.e. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat had also targeted the BJP governments' method of finding temples in mosques and clearly said in Pune that a new issue is being raised every day. Temples cannot be found under every mosque. Ram temple was a matter of faith. You cannot raise a new controversy every day. The RSS chief said that some people want to become leaders by raising new issues. This has become a means of leadership, it has become a shortcut. Majority and minority are all equal.

Everyone is equal and everyone has got fundamental rights to pursue their religion. Even before this, in the year 2022, the Sangh chief had said why to see Shivaling in a mosque every day? There may be some centers of faith, but there cannot be a fight on every issue. Recently on December 12, the Supreme Court also ordered the lower courts that survey or any other effective order will not be passed in the existing cases. In pending cases, the courts will not pass any effective interim or final order till further notice. The Supreme Court had said that no new case will be heard, the courts will not register a new case. Survey will not be ordered. Actually, this order of the Supreme Court came after the violence in Sambhal over finding a temple in the mosque. The way the government staff in Sambhal started searching for the temple in the mosque and in the houses of Muslims, it is clear that the BJP governments are using the temple-mosque dispute to gain political advantage. And in Uttar Pradesh.

For the fundamentalist, secular is dirtiest of dirty words: Rushdie on The Satanic Verses fatwa

To stand in this house is to be reminded of what is most beautiful about religious faith: its ability to give solace and to inspire, its aspiration to these great and lovely heights, in which strength and delicacy are so perfectly conjoined. In addition, to be asked to speak here on this day, the fourth anniversary of the notorious fatwa of the late Imam Khomeini, is a particular honour. When I was an undergraduate at this college, between 1965 and 1968, the years of flower-power and student power, I would have found the notion of delivering an address in King's Chapel pretty far-out, as we used to say; and yet, such are the journeys of one's life that here I stand. I am grateful to the Chapel and the college for extending this invitation, which I take as a gesture of solidarity and support, support not merely for one individual but, much more importantly, for the high moral principles of human rights and human freedoms that the Khomeini edict seeks so brutally to attack. For just as King's Chapel may be taken as a symbol of what is best about religion, so the fatwa has become a symbol of what is worst. It feels all the more appropriate to be speaking here because it was while in my final year of reading history at Cambridge that I came across the story of the so-called satanic verses or temptation of the Prophet Muhammad, and of his rejection of that temptation. That year, I had chosen as one of my special subjects a paper on Muhammad, the rise of Islam, and the caliphate. So few students chose this option that the lectures were cancelled. The other students switched to different special subjects. However, I was anxious to continue, and Arthur Hibbert, one of the King's history dons, agreed to supervise me. So as it happened I was, I think, the only student in

Cambridge who took the paper. The next year, I'm told, it was not offered again. This is the kind of thing that almost leads one to believe in the workings of a hidden hand. The story of the 'satanic verses' can be found, among other places, in the canonical writings of the classical writer al-Tabari. He tells us that on one occasion the Prophet was given verses which seemed to accept the divinity of the three most popular pagan goddesses of Mecca, thus compromising Islam's rigid monotheism. Later he rejected these verses as being a trick of the devil saying that Satan had appeared to him in the guise of the Archangel Gabriel and spoken 'satanic verses.' Historians have long speculated about this incident, wondering if perhaps the nascent religion had been offered a sort of deal by the pagan authorities of the city, which was flirted with and then refused. I felt the story humanized the Prophet, and, therefore made him more accessible, more easily comprehensible to a modern reader, for whom the presence of doubt in a human mind, and human imperfections in a great man's personality, can only make that mind, that personality, more attractive. Indeed, according to the traditions of the Prophet, even the Archangel Gabriel was understanding about the incident, assuring him that such things had befallen all the prophets, and that he need not worry about what had happened. It seems that the Archangel Gabriel, and the God in whose name he spoke, was rather more tolerant than some of those who presently affect to speak in the name of God. Khomeini's fatwa itself may be seen as a set of modern satanic verses. In the fatwa, once again, evil takes on the guise of virtue; and the faithful are deceived. It's important to remember what the fatwa is.

Why's Turkey erupting for Ekrem Imamoglu? He's the biggest threat to Erdogan yet

In Turkey, the vox populi is rising once again, reminiscent of the Gezi uprising that occurred 12 years ago. After a week of continuous protests in multiple cities—against the arrest of Istanbul mayor Ekrem Imamoglu—authorities have put a ban on gatherings and detained close to 2,000 individuals. The unlawful and unconstitutional arrest of Imamoglu is the culmination of over two decades of political erosion under President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's increasingly autocratic governance. It has systematically

undermined democratic institutions, silenced dissent, and played up the Islamist agenda internationally, particularly on the matter of Kashmir. Now, in the streets of Turkey's major cities, thousands of people, mostly students and youth, are pushing back against Erdogan, and their defiance is growing louder by the day. At the heart of this unrest lies the struggle for Turkey's political future—and the figure leading this charge—Ekrem. Imamoglu, a calm and charismatic mayor, was arrested under politically motivated

charges of corruption and embezzlement—accusations that many see as a pretext for silencing a rising political star. His arrest was an absurd spectacle. Taken from his walk-in closet while calmly adjusting his tie, Imamoglu was detained merely hours before he was set to be nominated as the presidential candidate by Turkey's Opposition in the 2028 elections. For a leader with immense support across Turkey, this act of political repression has galvanised protests not just in Istanbul but across the nation. But why

has one figure—mayor of Istanbul since 2019—become the focal point of such a significant crisis. Obscurity in 2019, defeating the candidate supported by Justice and Development Party (AKP) by 13,000 votes—when no one thought he could. Before Imamoglu, conservatives from the AKP had ruled Istanbul for 25 years. Erdogan himself owes the foundations of his political career to his mayoralship of Istanbul in the 1990s.

What made it even more embarrassing for AKP was that, at the latter's appeal.

Honking ban ordered by DoE for schools

Delhi: The Delhi DoE has instructed all schools to prohibit illegal parking and honking. In response to increased noise and congestion outside schools, the Delhi Pollution Control Committee DPCC wrote to civic bodies, including DoE, with directives. New guidelines require private unaided recognized schools to create a silence zone awareness plan and issue letters to SHOs to reduce illegal parking and honking. All deputy directors of education (DDEs) at the district and zonal levels have been asked to inform school heads and ensure compliance with these measures. Dr. CS Verma, DoE deputy director at science. Order emphasized school zone traffic restriction. Officials said the initiative improves learning conditions. "Traffic congestion outside schools has been a long-standing issue, with frequent complaints from parents and residents about vehicles blocking gates



and causing excessive honking," a DoE spokeswoman said. Mount Abu School principal Jyoti Arora in Rohini said illegal parking and honking around Delhi schools are longstanding difficulties. "We are fighting a court case regarding an illegal auto stand near one of our schools," she said, adding that morning traffic is terrible. E-rickshaws and street vendors choke roads, she said. Delhi Parents' Association president Aprajita Gautam said most schools are in traffic zones and may struggle to comply. Parents should limit horn use to reduce this. School transportation limitations and no-honking signs .

Telangana govt resolute in raising reservation

HYDERABAD: Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao announced on Monday that the Congress government is determined to increase reservation for backward classes in education, employment, and political representation from 23% to 42%. In a post on the social media platform 'X,' he highlighted that the population of backward classes in the state stands at 56.36%, based on the recent caste survey conducted in Telangana.

The US canceled 2,000 Indian visa appointments

Delhi: The US embassy in India reported the cancellation of over 2,000 visa applications. Indians are one of the largest groups of immigrants to the US for labor, tourism, and study. Fraud prompted the US Embassy in India crackdown. Due to "bad actors" or bots' severe appointment system infractions, the embassy deactivated their accounts. "Consular Team India cancels 2,000 bot-made visa appointments. We don't tolerate agents and fixers who break scheduling rules. "Effective immediately, we are cancelling these appointments and sus-



pending the associated accounts' scheduling privileges," said the message. US visa applications in India are already backlogged, notably for B1 and B2 applicants. This visa is for business and tourism. Application wait times in 2022-23 ranged from 800 to 1,000 days. New Delhi has regularly expressed reservations about the wait time with

Washington. In 2022, foreign affairs minister S Jaishankar complained to then-US secretary of state Antony Blinken about visa delays. The Biden administration blamed COVID-19 for the backlog. During his January visit to Washington for Donald Trump's inauguration, Jaishankar raised the issue again with Marco Rubio, Blinken's successor.

The dual degree option at DU will help students learn more

Delhi: The University of Delhi (DU) now allows students to pursue two degrees simultaneously. DU students can enroll in one degree through the normal mode at any DU-affiliated college or department and a second through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) through the School of

Open Learning. This policy gives existing students the option to expand their academic horizons without choosing between conventional and distant education. It has restrictions, though. Even with normal and ODL enrollment, students cannot enroll in two identical degrees (such as

BCom Hons and BCom Pass). DU dual degree qualifying requirements are simple but require careful planning. Students must meet both degrees' academic requirements. Attending classes, completing assignments, and passing tests for each program.

Perfume manufacturing is the focus of the newest DU course.

Delhi : As one enters this studio in the middle of Hindu College at Delhi University, they are greeted by pulsating scents and a diverse range of notes, from sweet to spicy, balmy to effluvious. Instead of books, pupils in this classroom-like setup experiment with different combinations of essential oils to produce scents that they associate with their favourite perfumes. Enter the Sangneria Olfactory Studio, a place that looks like a cleanroom but functions more like the Hogwarts House of Potions from the beloved Harry Potter books. In accordance with the New Education Policy, 2020, the college has instituted a new certificate program called "Sustainable Perfumery: the art of creating fragrances and nurturing careers," which is held at the studio. According to Benu Arora, a faculty member affiliated with the course, it is the first of its sort in the country. The course's concept emerged during the development of the Undergraduate Curriculum Framework. This course is 11 months long. Since the nation lacks any formal education programs teaching people how to create their own fragrances, we recognized a significant unmet need in the market and set out to provide it. Hindu College principal Anju Srivastava explained that the lengthy implementation process was due to the fact that, when the curriculum was drafted, it was forwarded to specialists and knowledge partners for refinement.



Most states, even non-BJP, give Hindi or Sanskrit as 3rd language

Delhi: As the Centre and Tamil Nadu argue over the controversial "three-language formula" in schools under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, most Hindi-speaking states, including those ruled by non-BJP parties, offer Sanskrit as a third language of study. Non-Hindi-speaking states usually offer Hindi. Private schools are offering foreign languages as third languages due to student demand. The method allows states to choose Indian languages for government and private schools. Most states have implemented the "three-language formula" up to Class 8, with some extending it to Class 10. Tamil Nadu, however, has a two-language policy.



Hindi, Sanskrit, and other languages are taught as third languages in most states, along with the region's mother tongue and English, depending on the medium of teaching. French, German, and Spanish are also in demand in Hindi- and non-Hindi-speaking countries. The Tamil Nadu govern-

ment has refused to sign an MoU with the Centre to implement the PM Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI) scheme, which aims to upgrade 14,500 schools and make them model schools that embody NEP 2020, citing concerns about the "three-language formula" and Hindi language imposition.

IT-Delhi rose 255 places to 171st globally

Delhi: Among Indian universities for sustainability, IIT-Delhi rose 255 places to 171st globally, according to 2025 QS Rankings released. The QS Sustainability Rankings include 78 Indian universities, with nine of the top 10 improving and 21 new institutions entering. Two IITs—Delhi and Kanpur—are in the world's top 100 for impact. With 177 and 67 rank improvements, each became fourth and fifth in India. Bangalore's IISc is among the world's top 50 environmental education schools.

NAAC adopts e-inspections for new accreditation

Delhi: To eradicate corruption and speed up accreditation, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has stopped physical college inspections. Accreditation teams will now perform evaluations exclusively online, replacing on-cams visits with virtual examinations. But for colleges, the changeover will be hybrid; most inspections will be remote, but some reviewers will still visit campuses to retain some monitoring. The decision fol-

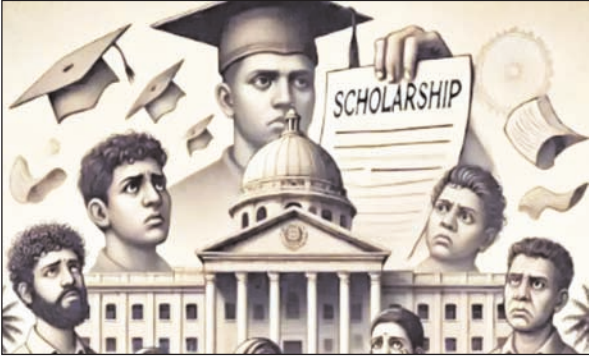


lows the CBI's recent arrests in the case involving Andhra Pradesh's Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (KLEF), where management reportedly bribed NAAC peer visit inspectors for good ratings. "We chose to do whatever it takes

to eliminate corruption. "Stopping in-person visits will greatly reduce the issue," stated NAAC executive committee head Prof Anil Sahasrabudhe. "With so many weekly inspection visits, it was hard to track what happened. Now, all this is recorded." NAAC head Ganesan Kannabiran hailed the switch to online inspection a "surgical strike" against corruption. The latest CBI lawsuit challenged NAAC's peer review system.

Kerala cuts minority scholarships due to financial difficulties

Delhi : Kerala's government has cut minority community scholarships by 50%, putting thousands of students' education at risk, citing the financial crisis. Nine of the 11 minority welfare scholarship programs originally allotted Rs 13.6 crore are affected by the decision. The Government says the plan size reduction is a priority, but the disproportionate cut to minority student educational support raises questions about governmental priorities and social justice. Twitter shares The Prof Joseph Mundassery Scholarship, which received Rs 5.2 crore this year, suffered most. It has saved Muslim, Sikh, Jain, and Parsi high-achieving children by paying Rs 10,000 to those who scored A-Plus in all SSLC subjects and Rs 15,000 to those

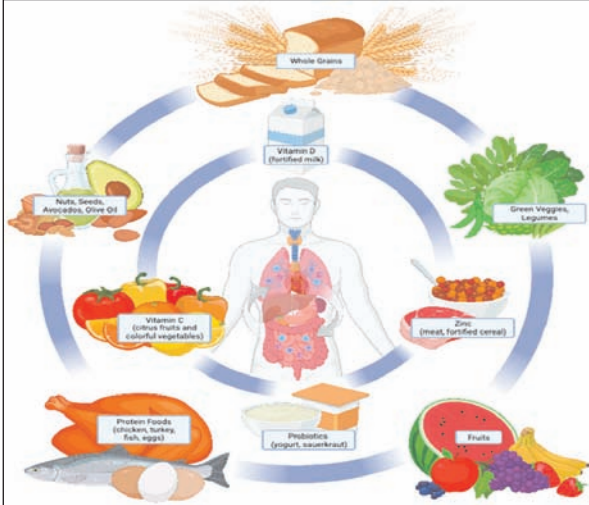


who scored 80% in upper secondary or 75% in vocational higher secondary. It ensured that bright students from underprivileged backgrounds were not forced to drop out due to financial constraints by prioritizing BPL students and providing provisions to economically weaker APL students. The crucial APJ Abdul Kalam Scholarship for minority students has also been cut in half. Those admitted to government-approved colleges on merit, with priority for BPL families,

receive the Rs 6,000 grant. Since it reserves 30% of funds for female students, the reduction could hurt young women who already struggle to enter higher education. Another affected program is the Mother Teresa Scholarship, which helps Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, and Parsi students in government nursing and paramedical diploma programs. Many aspiring nurses and paramedics, whose families cannot afford professional training, may have to quit.

Hospital visits decreased, learning metrics improved. Meal program passes

Delhi: The State Planning Commission SPC found that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's breakfast policy had improved health and education in government schools. which shows that hospital visits among government primary school pupils reduced by 68.4% in rural areas and 29.4% in urban areas throughout this period, illustrating the program's impact on nutritionally challenged regions. In addition to health metrics, the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission reported to Stalin on 13 March that the plan has increased student involvement in class. Nearly 5,300 urban and rural children showed improvements in attention and comprehension. Students' attention without urging grew



from 85.8 percent to 93.7 percent, and their ability to follow teachers' instructions increased from 91.3 percent to 95.5 percent. Students are also completing more written work, rising from 89.6% to 95.4%. The ability to learn new content increased from 88.1 percent to 92.5 percent, while lesson recall increased from 71.4 percent to 77 percent. Nearly 5,300

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SC calls Punjab's NRI quota a 'fraud' on medical education

Delhi: The Supreme Court called Punjab's medical colleges' extension of the non-resident Indian (NRI) quota a "fraud" that excludes meritorious candidates. A bench chaired by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud dismissed petitions challenging a Punjab and Haryana high court ruling that invalidated the Punjab government's proposal to widen the NRI quota criteria to include distant relatives. We must end NRI quotas today! The bench, which included Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said the NRI quota was being used to circumvent merit-based admissions. The bench called such a broad interpretation of NRI eligibility, which permitted distant relatives to qualify, a "money-spinning tactic" that undermined the school system. "All three petitions fail. Keep this under control. This scam must end. This NRI business is a scam. Senior counsel Shadan Farasat stated that Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh previously employed the larger NRI quota interpretation during the hearing. The Court rejected these arguments, stressing that the larger definition weakened merit and permitted less deserving individuals to be admitted based on money and connections rather than academic performance. The panel agreed with Bhandari that NRI quotas should be kept for real NRIs and merit should not be ignored.



Aneet Padda's *Shakti Shalini* announcement from *Thamma* gets leaked

There were reports that Saiyaara actress Aneet Padda has replaced Kiara Advani in Maddock Horror Comedy Universe's film *Shakti Shalini*



Thamma, starring Ayushmann Khurrana and Rashmika Mandanna, has hit the big screens today (October 21, 2025). It is the fifth film in Maddock Horror Comedy Universe, and during the movie, the makers have announced their next MHCUCU movie, *Shakti Shalini*, starring Saiyaara fame actress Aneet Padda.

A video has gone viral on social media, and netizens are claiming that it is the announcement of *Shakti Shalini*. In the video, we get to see that the makers have given a hint about what to expect from the film, and later, the cast and the release date are announced: "Aneet Padda in *Shakti Shalini*." Check out the video below...



Shakti Shalini is slated to release on December 24, 2026. So, it will be a Christmas release.

Earlier, there were reports that Kiara Advani was supposed to star in *Shakti Shalini*, but the movie was never officially announced with the War 2 actress.

While *Thamma* has been released and *Shakti Shalini* announced, many more films will be made under the MHCUCU, like *Bhediya 2*, *Chamunda*, *Chhoti Stree* (animation), *Stree 3*, *Munjya 2*, *Pehla Mahayudh*, and *Doosara Mahayudh*.

At the trailer launch of *Thamma*, Shraddha Kapoor had revealed that before *Stree 3* releases, an animated film titled *Chhoti Stree* will hit the big screens. However, the official release date of the movie has not yet been announced.

Meanwhile, fans of Varun have been eagerly waiting for *Bhediya 2*. The movie is slated to release in August next year, but reportedly, it might get postponed.

According to reports, Chamunda stars Alia Bhatt in the lead role, but there's no official confirmation about it. Meanwhile, recently, in an interview, Dinesh Vijan had confirmed that in the next 5 years, all these movies will be released. We are sure the audience is in for a treat.

Elnaaz Norouzi turns showstopper

Elnaaz Norouzi turned showstopper for a charity gala on cancer awareness at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, Mumbai

Actress Elnaaz Norouzi brought her signature grace and screen presence to the runway as the showstopper for Maheka Mirpuri's 13th Annual Charity Gala, Move for Cancer Awareness, held at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, Mumbai. The evening celebrated the fusion of art, fashion, and compassion, raising funds for cancer treatment at the Tata Memorial Hospital.

For Elnaaz, this appearance was more than a walk down the ramp, it was a moment to stand for something larger than herself.

"As an actor, I've always believed that storytelling goes beyond the screen," Elnaaz shares. "It's about inspiring change, evoking emotion, and giving back in whatever way we can. This gala beautifully embodies that spirit, using creativity to make a real difference. I support cancer awareness because it's something so unpredictable, it reminds me how fragile life can be, and that fear pushes me to help in any way I can."

Known for her powerful performances across Indian and international cinema, Elnaaz continues to carve her path as one of the most promising global talents. She will next be seen in the much-awaited *Masti 4* and the international thriller *Hotel Tehran*, alongside Zachary Levi and Liam Neeson.

"Fashion, like film, is about expression," Elnaaz adds. "And when that expression carries purpose, it becomes truly powerful."



DDLJ's SRK & Kajol on the film's historic impact on its 30th anniversary

The lead pair share anecdotes and their thoughts on the film



The historic blockbuster has etched its rightful place as the film with the biggest pop culture impact for India, Indians and South Asians across the world. For 30 years, DDLJ's iconic on-screen pair Raj and Simran is synonymous to love in the country! SRK & Kajol celebrate the release anniversary saying they can never forget how people fell in love after watching DDLJ!

Shah Rukh Khan says, "It doesn't feel like it's been 30 years since *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge* released. It feels like it happened yesterday because 'bade bade desh mein aisi choti choti baatein hoti rehti hain...' but it still feels unbelievable. I'm truly grateful for all the love that I have received from people from across the world for playing Raj - nobody could have foreseen the kind of place the film made in the hearts of people around the world and I will never forget the moment when everyone started to come...see the film and fall in love."

He adds, "The impact this film has had on the hearts of people worldwide is unprecedented and so many couples meet me and say we got married or fell in love...after watching this film. I also feel that it has had such a happy effect on the pop culture of India and South Asians."

SRK further says, "I think all the success is to be credited to the pure heart with which the film was made by us all, the clarity that Adi had about DDLJ and especially because of the blessings of Yash ji! Here's to the many years of falling in love..."

Kajol aka Simran says, "Thirty years of DDLJ sounds surreal! The film has aged into a legacy and a nostalgic experience for a generation. That classic was made with the recklessness of youth and the honesty of first love, never imagining that Raj and Simran would make the entire na-

tional hold its breath at a train station. The songs, the dialogues, the mustard fields - everything from that world seeped into pop culture and stayed there."

She adds, "There's a piece of DDLJ in almost every romantic film that came after it, because somewhere, history was made and it never quite left us. For me, Simran is a chapter that refuses to end. She represents millions of girls across this country - girls who want to do what their parents say, who carry tradition in one hand but still reach out for freedom with the other. That's why she still resonates. Every time someone says, 'Ja Simran, ja', it signifies the belief that courage and love can coexist."



About DDLJ's timeless impact, Kajol says, "The viewers who adored this film at sixteen are now watching it with their children, owning it more fiercely with every passing year. Maybe that's what turning thirty does to a person - you begin to know yourself better. But when a film reigns for thirty years, it defines a generation's idea of who they are and what love means to them. It's become the template of how Indian cinema dreams of love. So grateful to the viewers who still see me as that girl in the white suit,

running toward someone she loves... just with more sass."

About how DDLJ made SRK & Kajol the most iconic on screen pair and rule over people's hearts for 30 years, Kajol says, "I'll always be grateful for the love that DDLJ received. Over the years, it became a cultural landmark that made audiences believe in love even when life tested them. When a film becomes a phenomena, it does so for countless reasons - a combination of script, performances, music, emotion and timing, but mostly because it taps into something universal."

She adds, "For me, the brilliance lies in Adi's vision to make this idea of romance the nation's biggest obsession. Navigating the expectations of family, balancing tradition and modernity, and learning the courage to follow your heart are themes that don't age. They resonate with every generation, whether you're experiencing first love or looking back at it with nostalgia."

DDLJ also showed SRK & Kajol's effortless chemistry that moved people on an emotional level like never before. Kajol reveals, "I've never been one to tiptoe around the truth and Shah Rukh is no different. With him, it was effortless from the first take. There's a kind of understanding, a rhythm, and a trust that just clicks. You know exactly how the other person thinks, how they'll react, how a look, a pause, or even silence will land. That's why the magic feels so natural on screen; it's not acting in the traditional sense, it's responding, playing, and bouncing off each other in a way that feels real."

She adds, "There is a lot of mutual respect and comfort in our equation. We never had to overthink, over-plan, or try too hard. Even in the most emotional or intense scenes, there's this unspoken confidence that the other person will meet you halfway. And I think audiences feel that; they sense authenticity, even if they don't know the work behind it."



Aamir Khan's daughter Ira on her therapy process

Aamir Khan's daughter Ira Khan, who has long been vocal about her mental health journey, recently shared an emotional post marking the end of a significant chapter in her healing process. On October 20, Ira revealed that she had completed her last therapy session after eight years of psychoanalysis, opening up about what it means to live beyond structured therapy.

In her heartfelt post, Ira appeared in a simple white T-shirt and black shorts. Alongside a carousel of candid pictures, she wrote, "On 13th October, I had my last therapy session. After 3 times a week - for 8 years of psychoanalysis... I'm no longer in therapy."

Reflecting on her progress, she added, "So you're cured now? I'm still on medication, and I probably will be for the foreseeable future. Not being in

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therapy anymore means that my therapist and I felt confident that I had learnt a bunch of things, started living my life in a more helpful manner and I'd be able to manage on my own - responsibly taking care of myself and remembering to have fun in life!"

Ira further explained that she is in a

"remission from depression" and continues to manage her mental health with medication. In a light-hearted tone, she wrote, "This is not a thing and not what it's called but I like saying it - I GRADUATED THERAPY! I PASSED!"

However, while many praised her honesty and courage, some online users cruelly trolled her appearance. Comments like "Abe ye behns jesi taange na dikhy kr" and "Your legs look bad" flooded her post, highlighting the harsh reality of social media scrutiny.

Despite the negativity, Ira received overwhelming support from fans and mental health advocates who lauded her openness. One user wrote, "It takes real strength to talk about depression publicly. You're helping others feel less alone." Another commented, "So proud of you for normalising therapy and showing that healing is possible."



India wants Rs 3 lakh cr in defense manufacturing

Delhi: The government wants to produce Rs 3 lakh crore in defence by 2029, strengthening India's standing as a global powerhouse. Now, 65% of defense equipment is made locally, up from 65-70% import dependency. According to the Ministry of Defence, 16 DPSUs, over 430 licensed enterprises, and 16,000 MSMEs boost indigenous production capabilities. "The private sector contributes 21% to total defence production, fostering innovation and efficiency," it said. The government wants to expand defence exports to Rs 50,000 crore by 2029, strengthening India's position as a global manufacturing hub and supporting economic growth. Defence exports rose 32.5% to Rs 21,083 crore in FY 2023-24 from Rs 15,920 crore in FY 2022-23. Indian defence exports increased 21 times from Rs 4,312 crore in



2004-14 to Rs 88,319 crore in 2014-24, demonstrating its growing involvement in the global security sector. India exports defense equipment to over 100 nations, with the US, France, and Armenia buying most in 2023-24. In 2024-25, the Ministry of Defence signed a record 193 contracts worth Rs 2,09,050 crore, nearly doubling the previous record. These include 177 contracts, 92% awarded to the domestic industry for Rs 1,68,922 crore, 81% of the overall contract value. This emphasis on indigenous manufacture supports defence production self-reliance.

Centre will borrow 8L cr, 54% of the objective

The government plans to borrow Rs 8 lakh crore, 54% of its Rs 14.8 lakh crore FY26 borrowing, in the first half. It didn't front-load the borrowing program to avoid raising rates while the RBI pumped record liquidity into the system. Since the market reported little demand for 30-year and longer bonds, the government announced it would borrow less in FY26. Thus, front-loading of the borrowing program has been avoided due to government (fiscal consolidation without compromising quality of expenditure).

Kotak highlights the risk in the lending business strategy

Delhi: Veteran banker Uday Kotak has expressed worries about the banks business model, pointing out the shrinking gap between deposit and lending rates, ahead of an anticipated rate decrease by the RBI, despite the fact that liquidity is still limited. According to Kotak, leading banks are increasing one-year wholesale deposits by about 8%, which, when accounting for CRR, SLR, deposit insurance, and priority sector lending requirements (but not operational costs), results in a marginal deposit cost of more than 9%. The system as a whole has restrained



growth in low-cost retail deposits (CASA non-wholesale). However, banks are offering home loans at a variable rate of 8.5%. Take out a loan at 8.5% and borrow at 9%, Spread is negative by 0.5%. Additionally, repo rates are probably going to decline. Kotak warned that if the tight deposit situation continues, it may make it difficult for banks to maintain their

business model and asked how they would handle credit and operational expenses. The majority of banks are required to connect their retail floating rate loans to the repo rate. The remarks coincided with a sharp decline in bond yields as investors awaited the RBI's next liquidity injection before its monetary policy committee's decision.

Bank loan growth drops for eighth straight month in February, RBI data reveals

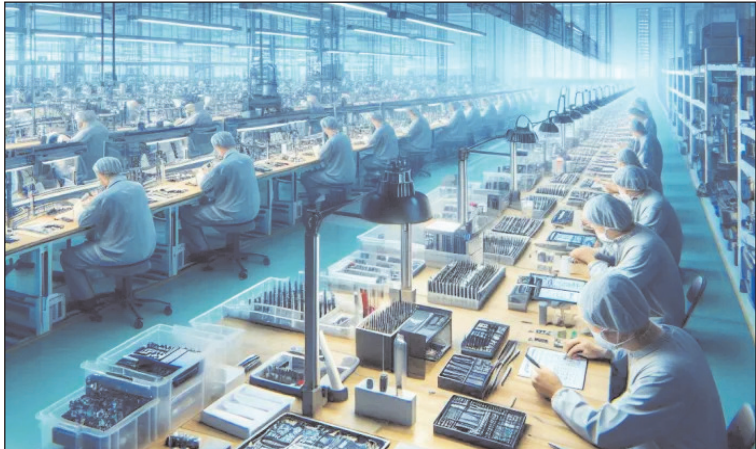
Delhi: Central bank statistics revealed that personal and credit card loans fell for the eighth straight month in February due to Reserve Bank of India tougher policies. Last month, banks' credit rose 12% year-over-year, slower than 16.6% a year earlier,

excluding HDFC Bank's merger. Housing Development Finance Corp, Loans rose 11% in February, compared to 20.5% a year earlier, including the merger. In January, loan growth fell to 12.5% excluding the merger and 11.4% including it. Retail

demand for unsecured loans drove strong loan growth for several years in the banking sector. However, in late 2023, the RBI tightened capital requirements for personal, credit card, and non-banking finance company loans. in its Mumbai headquarters.

Cabinet approves electronic component program

Delhi: The Union Cabinet approved a six-year Rs 22,919 crore incentive program for electronic component manufacture. The initiative seeks to increase India's domestic value addition and global value chain participation. The Indian Express originally revealed that the government was developing the system, its costs, and its details. The government wants at least 91,600 direct jobs from the scheme and has tied participating firms' annual payments to job creation. Rs 4.56 lakh crore in production and Rs 59,350 crore in investment are envisaged from the scheme. The government wants to target display modules, sub assembly camera modules,



printed circuit board assemblies, lithium cell enclosures, resistors, capacitors, and ferrites.

These are utilized in cell-phones, laptops, microwave ovens, refrigerators, and toasters. "This scheme will reduce component imports. We must

abandon import substitution and promote exports. After mass production, viability follows. Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said electronics production is \$120 billion and hopes to reach \$500 billion in the next years.

Gautam Adani Is India's Biggest Wealth Gainer

Delhi: According to the 'Hurun Global Rich List 2025', Gautam Adani, Adani Group Chairman, is India's greatest wealth gainer, increasing his net worth by approximately Rs 1 lakh crore. The ranking showed Adani's fortune rising 13%. Second-richest Indian on the global list, his total is Rs 8.4 lakh crore. Meanwhile, Indian billionaire Mukesh Ambani fell off of the top 10 richest list. However, he leads Asia. The Hurun list ranks India third in billionaires. Tesla-SpaceX CEO Elon Musk tops Hurun Global Rich List 2025. India has 284 billionaires, 13 more than previous year.

Airtel prepaid 5,985 crore spectrum dues but stock remains unchanged



Delhi: Bharti Airtel Ltd. shares closed flat after the company and its subsidiary Bharti Hexacom Ltd. prepaid Rs 5,985 crore to the Department of Telecom, fully prepaying the 8.65% high-cost interest liabilities for the 2024 auctions. Airtel subsidiary Network i2i Ltd. voluntarily called and redeemed \$1 billion in Perpetual Notes. BSE Bharti Airtel shares down 0.04% to Rs 1,733. Large cap stock has gained 8.58 percent this year and 42.51% in a year. The market cap of Bharti

Airtel decreased to Rs 9.88 lakh billion. On BSE, 1.11 lakh shares traded for Rs 19.33 crore. Bharti Airtel stock has a one-year beta of 1, indicating average volatility. Technically, Bharti Airtel's RSI is 64.3, indicating it's neither overbought or oversold. The recent payment means Airtel has prepaid Rs 25,981 crore of

high-cost spectrum commitments for the 2025 fiscal year and Rs 66,665 crores overall. The average cumulative liability prepaid interest rate was 9.74%. Airtel had entirely prepaid liabilities with 10%, 9.75%, and 9.3% interest rates. Prepayments were made 7 years before average residual maturities. Airtel prepaid Rs 116,405 crores of scheduled instalments that would have been due on their various dates over the obligations' original lifespan. Airtel's cost of debt on spectrum liabilities.

The Reserve Bank of India will increase the price for using an ATM from Rs 21 to Rs 23

Delhi: News broke from India's central bank. There will be a cost of Rs 23 per transaction for clients using ATM banking services from May 1, 2025. The previous amount was Rs 21 for each transaction. The central bank announced that customers will still be able to use their own bank's ATMs for five free transactions per month, regardless of whether they are financial or not. There are three ATMs in major cities and five in smaller towns where they can use their card for free transactions. According to ET, a two rupee hike to the ATM interchange fee for cash withdrawals has been authorized by the Reserve Bank of India and the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The revised fees were



Greater Noida Authority board authorizes Rs 5,600 crore land acquisition, important projects

Delhi: The Greater Noida Authority's 138th Board meeting approved a Rs 5,600 crore budget for 2025-26. Manoj Kumar Singh, Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary and Authority Chairman, chaired the meeting. Budget priorities include land acquisition, development, and construction. The approved budget allocates Rs 1,400 crore for land acquisition and Rs 1,973 crore for development.

announced to member banks by NPCI and are scheduled to be implemented on May 1, 2025. An increase of Rs 19 for domestic finan-

cial transactions and Rs 7 for non-financial transactions has been agreed by the National Financial Switch Steering Committee.

Income Tax wants Rs 2,209 crore from Yes Bank

Delhi: Union Minister of State for Power Yesso Naik urged state power companies to become more profitable. AI and digital technologies and cost-reflective pricing are crucial for electricity sector financial stability, the Minister said. These steps will help utilities



become financially stable, he said. He also suggested India's Ujjwal DISCOM Assurance

Yojana (UDAY) for DISCOM financial turnaround and rehabilitation. The Energy Ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Maharashtra, top officials from the Central and State governments, State Power Utilities, PFC Ltd., and

REC Ltd. attended the conference. Special invitee TATA Power Distribution, Odisha, shared their best practices and journey to prosperous DISCOMS. Member States actively engaged and presented State DISCOM overviews. They give DISCOMS good

1 in 5 Indians with over Rs 5 crore worth plans to relocate overseas



However, Kotak's private banking division targets individuals worth over Rs 300 crore. Many UHNIs buy abroad property for migration and permanent residency. "Ultra-HNIs are diversifying their portfolios and embracing domestic and global assets, setting the stage for a sig-

nificant increase. Alternative assets and equities are becoming more popular in domestic and international markets. Nearly a third of India's Ultra-HNIs own worldwide assets. With two in three ultra-HNIs planning structured wealth transition, succession planning is crucial.

JB Chemicals' promoter KKR will sell 10% of the company for 2,6k crore rupees

Delhi: In a series of block agreements, the promoter of JB Chemicals—Tau Investment Holdings, a subsidiary of global private equity giant KKR—is selling around 1.6 crore shares, or 10.2% of the firm, for approximately Rs 2,575 crore (\$300 million). According to the deal's term sheet, the minimum price at which the shares can be sold is Rs 1,625—a 5%

reduction to JB Chem's closing price of Rs 1,709 on Wednesday on the NSE. Shareholding reports on the BSE indicate that as of December 31, 2024, KKR owned 53.7% of the pharmaceutical company situated in the city. Midway through 2020, at a share price of Rs 745, the PE giant had taken over the pharmaceutical manufacturer.

Rohit Sharma takes charge mid-match, provides tactical tips while Shubman Gill sets field

● When Rohit noticed Sundar struggling with his bowling plan to left-handed batter Cooper Connolly. Rohit walked up to the bowler and delivered a fiery

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Generally captains come and tell the bowlers what to do.” Earlier in the match, Rohit produced a remarkable comeback. After being dismissed for just eight runs in the rain-shortened series opener in Perth, which had intensified World

continues, even without the captain’s armband.

Cup speculation, the 38-year-old struck a patient 73 in Adelaide. His innings laid the foundation for India’s total of 264 for 9. During the knock, Rohit shared a crucial 118-run partnership for the third wicket with vice-captain Shreyas.

The incident took place after the 33rd over,

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Later in the innings, Axar Patel, promoted to No. 5, contributed 44 off 41 balls, including a 39-run stand with Sundar (12). Tail-enders Harshit Rana (24 not out) and Arshdeep Singh (13) added 37 runs off 29 balls for the ninth wicket. Despite these efforts, Australia managed to

when Rohit noticed Sundar struggling with his bowling plan to left-handed batter Cooper Connolly. Rohit walked up to the bowler and delivered a fiery, hands-on chat, making numerous gestures to indicate the changes Sundar needed to make. Sundar listened silently and fol-

lowed the guidance, while Gill remained occupied with field placements. Former India pacer Varun Aaron, commenting on the move, noted, “The key for the off-spinner to the left-hander is to move the ball away from the batter, and bowl a little slower.

Naqvi’s audacity: 'Ab poora India trophy ke peeche bhag raha hai'



se le lenge. Lekin unko nahi pata tha ke hamara chairman wajir-e-dakhla bhi hai. Unhone team ko baad mein dehshat gardon ki tarah handle kiya, trophy

gaadi mein rakh ke saath le aaye. Ab poora India trophy ke peeche bhag raha hai.” In simple terms, the clip praises Naqvi for “standing firm” while the Indian team refused to collect their rightful trophy and medals, and for later taking the trophy away in his car. Pakistani media and social platforms are portraying this as a moment of authority.

Ranji Trophy: Kerala's batting falters under sombre skies

Kerala's Sanju Samson Thiruvananthapuram: Under brooding grey clouds that hovered over the Greenfield Stadium, Kerala's batting unravelled in a heap of unfulfilled promise, dismissed for 219 in response to Maharashtra's 239.

Shocking! 'I could have died in hours' — Tilak Varma opens up on life-threatening illness



Tilak Varma, who played a crucial role in India's Asia Cup 2025 triumph, revealed

Tilak Varma, who played a crucial role in India's Asia Cup 2025 triumph, revealed for the first time that he faced a serious health scare in 2022. The 22-year-old left-handed batter disclosed that he had been diagnosed with rhabdomyolysis, a rare condition that occurs when muscles break down rapidly. Tilak expressed his gratitude to the Mumbai Indians management and franchise owner Akash Ambani for providing top-class medical support during the crisis. Tilak has been an important member of the Mumbai Indians squad over the past few years and was retained by the fran-

chise ahead of the mega auction. His performances in the tournament played a significant role in earning him a call-up to the national team. Speaking on the latest episode of Breakfast of Champions, Tilak said, "I haven't shared this with anyone before. After my first IPL season, I had some health issues. I wanted to stay fit. I was diagnosed with rhabdomyolysis, which leads to muscle breakdown. At that time, I was focused on making it to the Test team while playing domestic cricket and the A series." He explained that he often overtrained and did not allow his body enough time to recover. "Even on rest days, I would be in the gym. I wanted to be the fittest player and an excellent fielder. I was taking ice baths but neglecting proper recovery.

Team India players take cab in Adelaide; driver left speechless



The video has since gained traction across social media, with viewers amused

The clip also captured the moment when the group reached their destination. The driver appeared to share a brief exchange with the players before they stepped out. The video drew amused reactions from fans.

Users commented that the driver was living the dream of every Uber driver. Some users empathised with the driver's quiet reaction, noting how meeting famous personalities can leave anyone speechless. The short clip also drew attention to the players' casual demeanour during the ride. The video has since gained traction across social media, with viewers amused at the driver's understated reaction to an unexpected star encounter. A day after the video of the players entering the cab went viral.

An Uber driver in Australia was left visibly stunned after discovering that his latest passengers were none other than Indian cricketers Dhruv Jurel, Prasidh Krishna and Yashasvi Jaiswal. The Indian team is currently in Australia for the ongoing ODI series. A video circulating on social media shows the driver waiting for his pick-up, unaware of who he was about to meet. Moments later, the three cricketers were seen getting into the vehicle and taking their seats one by one. The driver, clearly taken aback, looked at them in disbelief before quietly starting the ride.

R Ashwin's three-word post after India's series defeat against Australia sets social media on fire

Ashwin posted an image featuring Nike's iconic Swoosh logo in India's tricolour

Three years after his iconic “leave” against Pakistan in the T20 World Cup at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin stirred social media on Wednesday with a cryptic post that fans believe carried a deeper meaning. On the same date in 2022, Ashwin had displayed remarkable composure in one of the most dramatic finishes in T20 World Cup history. With India needing two runs off the final deliv-



ery against Pakistan, the spinner calmly chose to leave a full ball from Mohammad Nawaz that drifted down the leg side. The umpire signaled a wide, levelling the scores, before Ashwin lofted the next ball over mid-off to seal a famous win for India. On Thursday, hours after India's series defeat to Australia,

Ashwin posted an image featuring Nike's iconic Swoosh logo in India's tricolour, with the tagline reading, “Just Leave It.” The post immediately sparked widespread discussion, with fans linking it to that unforgettable moment at the MCG. While many viewed it as a clever nod to his famous leave, others speculat-

It might be aimed at senior players

R Ashwin on X Some users even suggested it might be aimed at senior players who failed to deliver in Adelaide, where India lost the second ODI by two wickets. Virat Kohli in particular, got out for a four-ball duck in Adelaide. The post, though without any caption or clarification, triggered a flood of reactions.

ed that it could be a subtle dig at Team India's current struggles following their ODI series loss to Australia under Shubman Gill's captaincy.

Israel attacks British officials after Maccabi Tel Aviv fans banned from Aston Villa match

Aston Villa announced that following police guidance, away fans would

British officials are under mounting pressure to reverse a decision that prevents Maccabi Tel Aviv supporters from attending a European match at Aston Villa. The Israeli



government has criticised this ban. Aston Villa announced that following police guidance, away fans would not be permitted

at the UEFA Europa League match against the Israeli club in Birmingham on November 6 due to security concerns.

Italy 'Bans' Israel From Participating In Milan Fair; 'Morally Not Right' | Watch "Shameful decision! I call on the UK authorities to reverse this coward decision," posted Israel's foreign minister Gideon Saar on X. UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer opposed the decision. He expressed his views on social media platform X. "We will not tolerate

antisemitism on our streets. The role of the police is to ensure all football fans can enjoy the game, without fear of violence or intimidation," Starmer wrote on X. Britain's Culture Secretary Lisa Nandy plans to meet with interior ministry officials and stakeholders to discuss possible solutions to the ban. "The Prime Minister has said we will do

everything we possibly can to resolve this issue," Ian Murray told UK media. Villa received instructions from the Safety Advisory Group, which oversees safety certificates for matches at Villa Park stadium. "The SAG have formally written to the club and UEFA to advise no away fans will be permitted to attend Villa Park.

Afghanistan captain Rashid Khan has removed Lahore Qalandars from his social media bio

Afghanistan captain Rashid Khan takes bold stand, escalates protest against Pakistan



Afghanistan captain Rashid Khan has removed Lahore Qalandars from his social media bio, following his country's decision to withdraw

from the upcoming tri-nation T20I series in Pakistan. The withdrawal comes in protest against recent Pakistani airstrikes in Afghanistan, which

These unlawful actions are a grave violation of human rights

“I am deeply saddened by the loss of civilian lives in the recent Pakistani aerial strikes — a tragedy that claimed women, children, and young cricketers aspiring to represent Afghanistan on the global stage,” Rashid wrote on X. “These unlawful actions are a grave violation of human rights. I fully support the ACB's decision to withdraw. Our national dignity must come first.”

reportedly killed eight civilians, including three young cricketers. Rashid Khan Rashid Khan X handle

Rashid, widely regarded as one of Afghanistan's most influential cricketers, had previously listed all

his major teams on X (formerly Twitter), including the national side, Gujarat Titans in the IPL, Adelaide Strikers in the BBL, and Lahore Qalandars in the PSL. The latest update now shows the Qalandars removed, leaving only his IPL and BBL affiliations alongside the Afghanistan national team. The change followed a strongly worded statement.

V takes over from Vengsarkar as ICA player representative

MUMBAI: V Chamundeswaranath has replaced former India captain Dilip Vengsarkar as the players' representative on the Apex Council of the BCCI. He was earlier a member of the Governing Council of the IPL, a position that has now been taken over by former India women's team captain Shubhangi Kulkarni. Kulkarni was previously on the Apex Council as the women's nominee. Vengsarkar completed his three-year term, which began in

2022, on the Apex Council. The Indian Cricketers' Association (ICA) General Elections 2025 were held on October 15 and 16. Former India women's team captain Shantha Rangaswamy has been elected as the first-ever president of the ICA. 'Chamundeswaranath, a former Andhra captain, comes into the Governing Council in place of Dilip Vengsarkar. “This election marks a notable moment for the ICA.