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Search operation in J&K's Udhampur after terror suspects 'snatch cash' from villager

JAMMU: A joint team of security forces launched an intensive cordon-and-search operation in Latti area of J&K's Udhampur district Thursday after locals reported that a group of terror suspects had entered a house in Kirchi village, threatened its residents and fled after allegedly snatching cash. Personnel from the Army, J&K Police, and other security agencies were involved in the operation, officials said, adding that forces were on high alert. Authorities urged people to flag any suspicious movement in their respective areas. "Terrorists have been active for the past several months in Dudu-Basantgarh area — a forested, mountainous region straddling Udhampur, Doda, and Kathua districts of Jammu Division — which provides ample hide-outs due to dense vegetation," an official said. Basantgarh lies on a traditional infiltration route used by Pakistani terrorists who cross over the Indo-Pak international border in Kathua and move via the higher reaches to Doda and Kishtwar districts, into Valley. The region has witnessed several encounters and terror strikes in the past. On Oct 8, security forces conducted a massive combing operation in Dharni Top area of ,, after locals reported sighting three terror suspects .

Ordering CBI probe should be the last resort, not routine: SC

NEW DELHI: Cautioning high courts, and itself, against routinely ordering CBI probes, Supreme Court on Thursday said courts should invoke their power to direct an inquiry by the central agency as a last resort in an exceptional situation. A bench of justices J K Maheshwari and Vijay Bishnoi set aside Allahabad high court's order directing a CBI probe into alleged irregularities in the recruitment process for UP legislative council staff, saying the order was passed by HC on the basis of some doubt and assumptions. The bench also referred the matter back to the high court for a rehearing.

Abujhmarh, N Bastar Naxal-free, as 170 Reds to surrender today

Shah termed a "landmark day" in the battle to purge the country's Red Corridor

Relentless

□ "Naxalism is breathing its last due to the relentless efforts of Modi govt.

RAIPUR/NAGPUR:

Chhattisgarh's Bastar awaits the largest mass surrender of Maoists in its history of Left-wing extremism Friday, with 170 guerrillas lined up to formally lay down arms in what home minister Amit Shah termed a "landmark day" in the battle to purge the country's Red Corridor of Naxalite influence. "Abujhmarh and North Bastar that were once terror bases have today been declared free from Naxal terror... A trace of



Naxalism exists in south Bastar, which will be wiped out soon by security forces," Shah declared on X. The surrender ceremony, to be held in Jagdalpur in the presence of CM Vishnu Deo Sai and his deputy Vijay Sharma, comes three days after CPI (Maoist) politburo veteran Mallojula Venugopal Rao, aka Bhupathi, turned himself in along with 61 other guerrillas in Maharashtra's Maoist heartland of Gadchiroli.

The Maoists converging on Jagdalpur include 78 who reported to police in Kanker, Sukma and Kondagaon districts late Wednesday. Pictures and videos of armed guerrillas, including women, crossing forested areas and fields to the designated camps are circulating on social media. Maoist commander Rupesh and Marh division in-charge Ranita are part of the surrender list, officials said. Rupesh, who oversaw CPI

(Maoist)'s northwest sub-zonal bureau, sent out feelers last April about his willingness to surrender and has since been in contact with security agencies. Sources said he was recently elevated to the outfit's central committee, but the added responsibilities failed to hold him back. He had been a Maoist for two decades, playing a key role in recruitment, coordination and propaganda. "Naxalism is breathing its last due to the relentless efforts of Modi government," Shah said. "Our policy is clear: those who want to surrender are welcome, and those who continue to wield the gun will meet the wrath of forces.

RJD-Congress playing 'burqa politics' to derail progress: CM Yogi



Patna

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister and the Bharatiya Janata Party's star campaigner Yogi Adityanath, on Thursday, entered Bihar's election battlefield, addressing rallies in support of BJP's Ramkripal Yadav (Danapur) and NDA's Shyam Rajak (Phulwari Sharif). Launching a sharp attack on the RJD-Congress alliance, he accused them of derailing Bihar's growth by fueling divisive "development versus burqa" politics. "Those

who once pushed Bihar into Jungle Raj are again trying to mislead people," Yogi said, warning voters against "fake polling" and alleging that RJD-Congress wanted to return to the era of ballot snatching and fraudulent voting. He said these parties oppose EVM because they fear transparent elections. The Chief Minister reminded the crowd of Bihar's dark years between 1990 and 2005, saying that under RJD-Congress rule, "the land of knowledge became a hub of crime and dynasty politics."

SC collegium changes judge posting on govt. objection

NEW DELHI: In a surprising development, Supreme Court's five-judge collegium led by CJI B R Gavai has spelled out the reason — Union govt's objection — for changing the transfer destination of Madhya Pradesh HC's Justice Atul Sreedharan from Chhattisgarh HC to Allahabad HC. Two months ago, the collegium had uploaded a statement on its August 25-26 meetings that resulted in recommending



Centre transfer 14 judges from HCs where they were discharging their duties to other ones. Justice Sreedharan's name figured at the top of the list, specifying that he was being transferred from MP HC to Chhattisgarh HC. On October 14, the collegium statement said it acceded to the government's request for reconsideration of Justice Sreedharan's transfer to Chhattisgarh, where he would have been senior enough to be part of the HC collegium, and "resolved to recommend" his transfer from MP HC to Allahabad HC, where he would not be in the collegium.

CM Yogi to provide scholarships to 5 lakh students from backward classes

Lucknow

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will personally oversee the direct transfer of scholarships to lakhs of students' bank accounts during a ceremony organized by the Backward Class Welfare Department at Lok Bhavan Auditorium on Friday. For the first time, under the CM's direction the scholarship distribution for the 2025-26 financial year began in September itself. In the first phase, around Rs 62.13 crore was distributed to benefit over 2.5 lakh OBC students from classes 9 to 12. In the second phase, scheduled for Friday, Rs 126.68 crore will be transferred to more



than 4.83 lakh students. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Backward Class Welfare and Divyangjan Empowerment, Narendra Kashyap, said, "Only when the youth of the state are educated can the vision of Viksit Bharat-Viksit Uttar Pradesh be realised." He said that the objective of the state government is to ensure that no talented student is deprived of education due to financial constraints. The

government has made the process of scholarship and fee reimbursement for students from disadvantaged and economically weaker sections faster more transparent and fully digital. Under this system, for the first time in financial year 2025-26 the scholarship distribution began as early as September. He further said that in the year 2016-17 the budget of the Backward Class Welfare Department was Rs 1295 crore, which has now been increased to Rs 3124.45 crore in the current financial year 2025-26 indicating more than 2.5 times increase. Even the budget for scholarship and fee reimbursement schemes has seen a remarkable rise.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami flagged off nine mobile ambulances

Uttarakhand

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami flagged off eight mobile health service vehicles provided by the Hans Foundation, Dehradun and one jointly provided by Hindustan Zinc and the Mamta Organization from his residence in Nagla Tarai, Khatima, on Thursday. The Chief



Minister stated that these efforts by the Hans Foundation, Hindustan Zinc Company, and the Mamta Organization will

be instrumental in expanding healthcare facilities. He stated that mobile healthcare services will be extremely bene-

ficial for both urban and rural areas. The public will benefit greatly from these healthcare facilities. Project Manager of the Hans Foundation, Yudhveer Singh, stated that of the eight mobile medical units provided by the Foundation, four will provide healthcare services in Udhampur Singh Nagar district and four in Nainital district. Anamika

Jha, Director of Hindustan Zinc Company informed that mobile medical vehicles have been started in 04 districts of Rajasthan and 25 villages of Gadarpur and Kichha area of Udhampur Singh Nagar in Uttarakhand to provide consultation, check-up and treatment through doctors, staff nurses and counselors.

Delhi sets up teams for ground check to curb illegal cracker sales

Check

□ Delhi govt has constituted teams comprising police, Delhi Pollution Control



New Delhi: Following the Supreme Court order, Delhi environment minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said only certified dealers will be allowed to sell green crackers from Oct 18 to 20 at

designated sites. Delhi govt has constituted teams comprising police, Delhi Pollution Control Committee, MCD, and revenue department personnel to ensure action against illegal sellers, he said. Delhi has only one

CSIR-NEERI registered manufacturer of green crackers while there are 140 certified dealers, he pointed out. "We held a meeting with 140 certified dealers to sell only NEERI-approved green crackers bearing QR codes. If more dealers apply for licences, we may give temporary licences to additional vendors," said Sirsa, who chaired meetings with dealers and enforcement agencies.

EC accuses ADR of mala fide motive to disrupt SIR

NEW DELHI: Election Commission told SC on Thursday that NGO Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Yogendra Yadav had filed petitions with "ulterior and mala fide motives" to disrupt SIR in Bihar and create a narrative suiting the electoral interests of political parties. EC made the charge on a day the court virtually ruled out intervention in the electoral rolls prepared after SIR.

CM laid the foundation stone for the Khatima-Melaghat road reconstruction project at a cost of 20.89 crore

Foundation

□ Will also provide opportunities for border trade, tourism, education.

Uttarakhand

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Thursday performed the foundation stone laying ceremony for the reconstruction of the Khatima-



Melaghat State Highway (State Highway No. 107) in Udhampur Singh Nagar district, following a formal puja (worship). The project will be constructed at a cost of

2089.74 lakh (2089.74 lakh). It includes the reconstruction of an 11.50-kilometer-long road, the installation of a drainage system, road safety work the installation of road sig-

nage and strengthening with TBM and BC. The Chief Minister stated that this road is not only a pivotal element for the development of the Khatima region but also a vital route for the India-Nepal border. The improvement of this road will not only provide smooth transportation to Khatima and surrounding rural areas, but will also nities for border trade, tourism, and education.

Murthy & wife opt out of caste survey, DKS says personal choice

BENGALURU: Rajya Sabha MP Sudha Murty and her husband, Infosys founder N R Narayana Murthy, have declined to participate in the ongoing socio-economic and education survey being



undertaken by

Karnataka govt. Govt said it respected their "personal choice", but made it clear that it was upset with the decision. Sudha Murty is said to have signed an enumerator's form in which she wrote that

they were "not part of any backward community" and therefore saw "no need to participate" in the exercise. The note was widely circulated on social media. "It's her choice. As a

government, we cannot force anyone to participate. I respect her stand," deputy chief minister D K Shivakumar said. Labour minister Santosh Lad echoed similar views.

Omar marks first year with Darbar move on two J&K capitals

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah said Thursday the "Darbar" move tradition would be restored soon, announcing the move to mark a year of his National Conference (NC) gov-

ernment and stressing that he was fulfilling his promise to Jammu's people. The tradition involves rotating J&K's seat of government, with Jammu as the winter capital (November to April) and Srinagar as

the summer capital (May to October). The practice dates back to 1872 when Maharaja Gulab Singh, founder-ruler of erstwhile J&K princely state and Maharaja Hari Singh's ancestor, started it.

Delhi decongestion scheme enters 'Super Six' stage

Delhi : Delhi and the central government have collaborated on several infrastructure projects to improve connectivity and reduce traffic in the capital and its surrounding areas. The National Highways Authority of India will decongest 128km of Delhi roads with six big projects costing Rs 23,850 crore. A 17km link from NH344M to Tronica City and a 65km eastern Urban Extension Road II extension from the Delhi-Dehradun Expressway to Noida via Ghaziabad and Faridabad are planned. A 5km tunnel from Mahipalpur to Nelson Mandela Marg and a 20km elevated corridor from AIIMS to Faridabad Road aim to decongest south and central Delhi. A new interchange at Kalindi Kunj and a 20km Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway extension complete the Rs 27,000 crore project. These initiatives will divert long-distance traffic from downtown Delhi, relieve NH44 and NH48, and improve regional



Dhankhar will leave the VP enclave for Lutyens' Delhi

Delhi : Former Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar started packing his belongings after returning from the Rashtrapati Bhavan after submitting his resignation and will soon leave the Vice President Enclave for a type VIII government bungalow. Dhankhar will soon receive the allotment letter for the new Lutyens' Delhi government home. All retired Presidents

and Vice Presidents can choose a class VIII bungalow in the national capital. The largest government lodging in Lutyens' Delhi is these bungalows. M Venkaiah Naidu, Dhankhar's predecessor, lives in a home on Thyagraj Marg near Parliament. The former VP will move to a new government residence, while some of his family lives in Delhi.

connections with speedier highway access. The Kalindi Kunj junction will improve

Delhi-Noida-Faridabad traffic. Senior officials said the government will support NHAI.

Sahara India Challenges Municipal Corporation Action in High Court

Lucknow

Sahara India Commercial Corporation Limited has approached the Lucknow Bench of the Uttar Pradesh High Court against the possession proceedings initiated by the municipal corporation. The company termed the sealing of Sahara City by the municipal corporation as unilateral and against the fundamental principles of justice. Serious Allegations Raised in High Court Petition In its petition filed before the High Court, Sahara India alleged that the municipal corporation forceful-

ly took possession and sealed Sahara City without giving the company an opportunity to present its side and overlooked previously issued stay orders. The petition demands the cancellation of the municipal orders. Instructions for Lease Extension Already Issued Sahara India has also informed the court that clear instructions for extending the lease term had already been given as part of the ongoing arbitration process. Despite this, the municipal corporation allegedly violated these orders and proceeded to seal Sahara City, which

Sahara claims is a breach of judicial proceedings. Sealing Action Termed Unjust Sahara India contends that the municipal corporation's action is not only unjust but has also caused serious damage to the company's reputation and commercial activities. The petition further states that the corporation did not provide any opportunity for a hearing, which is against the principle of natural justice. Hearing Expected This Week The petition filed before the Lucknow Bench of the High Court is likely to be heard this week. Given the seriousness of the matter.



Two months, 16k hoardings, 1L posters removed

Delhi : Delhi Municipal Corporation claimed to have removed over 16,000 hoardings and 100,000 posters in two months. When the Delhi election code of conduct takes effect, such drives are common. Following chief minister Rekha Gupta's unambiguous order to clean the city and take stern action against defacement, MCD has removed these illegal signs in significant numbers. MCD has directed deputy commissioners in 12 zones to visit their regions everyday and remove hoardings and posters from walls and public spaces without using the civic body's authorized advertising spots. An MCD report shows 1,00,370 posters, 39,075 banners, and 16,642 hoardings destroyed in May and June. Shahdara North removed the most hoardings at 6,643, followed by West at 4,733 and Rohini at 1,580. West had 41,258 posters removed, Karol Bagh 14,922, and South 13,794. The report indicated that 23,333 banners were removed from Rohini zone and 4,852 from Shahdara North. MCD reported to the chief minister that the zonal deputy commissioner regularly inspected roads and public places. "Zonal sanitation and licensing must remove defacement and give challans to defaulters. The study noted that the maintenance wing regularly paints vandalized walls.



Delhi may eliminate the necessity for MCD health trade licenses to run restaurants

Delhi: The Delhi government may soon eliminate the need for a health trade license from the civic body to build restaurants and cafés in the city to enhance the hospitality sector. At the "Expresso" Lt Governor V K Saxena announced the city's

restaurant licensing requirement is being eliminated. The Delhi government and MCD did not immediately respond to the development. Recently, the Delhi government eliminated the need for hotels, clubs, restaurants, and guest

homes to get a police 'Eating House Registration and Lodging Certificate' to serve liquor. The L-G removed the Delhi Police Commissioner's ease-of-doing-business permit for the eating house registration certificate last month.

Center approves Rs 800 crore for Delhi Jal Board under AMRUT

Delhi : The Delhi Jal Board received Rs 800 crore from the Central government under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) initiative to connect slums and unauthorised colonies with sewers. Delhi Jal Board (DJB) officials and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' AMRUT scheme apex committee approved Yamuna cleaning project money at a meeting. The idea calls for 13,000 new sewage connections in slums under the AMRUT scheme to rehabilitate the Yamuna river holistically. "The Union Territory (Delhi) was also advised to work holistically



for Yamuna rejuvenation and sewerage management and to have a clear sludge processing strategy to work out its reuse," a report said. The DJB cannot process all municipal sewage to enhance its capacity by linking all residences to sewer-

age treatment facilities. The first BJP budget gave the water and sewerage sector Rs 9,000 crore, one of the largest amounts. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has budgeted Rs 500 crore for STP rehabilitation, covering two projects.

A New Blood Donor App Is Coming Soon to Delhi

Delhi : Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced that the city will soon release an app listing blood donors who are willing to donate their blood voluntarily. A blood donation camp in the Anand Vihar area was the site of the announcement, given by Ms. Gupta. "Details of those who intend to donate blood will soon be available on a blood donor app. "Details about their blood type, when they last donated, and whether they are eligible to donate again.

Delhi : Hotels, restaurants, discotheques, amusement parks, and auditoriums in the Capital will no longer need permission or NOCs from the Delhi Police. Recent order by L-G V K Saxena removed Delhi Police sanction power in such instances. The Delhi Police's Licensing Branch would now exclusively issue guns and explosives licenses, the directive added. L-G Saxena issued an order rescinding the sanction granted to the Commissioner of



Police, Delhi, for issuing regulations under Section 28 (1) of the Delhi Police Act, 1978, covering the seven activities listed in Para 1. These include hotels, pools, restaurants, discotheques, video game parlours, amusement parks, and auditoriums. L-G ordered the

Commissioner of Police to issue notification "repealing the said regulations with immediate effect". The order added, "The repeal notification shall be given wide publicity by Delhi Police and the Home Department." The decision stated that the Centre in pursuit of "minimum government and maximum governance" had reduced various licensing regimes in states and Union Territories (UTs) and urged simplified licensing procedures.

Pink Tickets Out, Aadhaar-Linked Delhi Women's Free Bus Rides

Delhi : Delhi's Chief Minister Rekha Gupta declared that the current pink tickets for free bus trips on Delhi Transport Corporation and cluster buses will be replaced with an Aadhaar-linked Pink Pass for women and transgender residents alone. Ms. Gupta said a Pink Pass for free Delhi bus travel for women will replace the pink ticket soon. "This benefit will be limited to Delhi residents only." Eligible applicants must submit Aadhaar, PAN, evidence of address, a passport-size photo, and KYC documentation for the pass. Transport Minister Pankaj Singh confirmed launch preparations. The Pink Pass's digital and administrative structure is being finalized "Aadhaar would be the primary ID for eligibility verification, he said. Lakhs of women use the 2019



pink ticket initiative for free transport daily. Officials believe the open-access system was misused by non-residents and led to corruption allegations in recent months. Inflated ticket counts, ridership data anomalies, and revenue leakages raise doubts about transparency and scheme reach. No date has been established for the transition, but authorities say the Pink Pass system will be implemented in phases over the following months.

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.

Take a stand against stray dogs by feeding them inside: SC backs a petition

Delhi : Bench members expressed alarm over the increasing incidence of stray dog attacks on people, bicycles, and early risers during a Supreme Court hearing into a petition seeking designated areas for community dogs to eat. The focus then shifted to public safety.

Reema Shah of Noida's Gautam Budh Nagar submitted the plea, which asked for guidance on how to find open, designated spaces in the city where community canines may be fed without



causing conflicts. Although the court recognized the petitioner's good intentions, it stressed the dangers of wandering dogs in public areas and emphasized that the "cruelty faced by the common man" must also be con-

sidered. Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta inquired, "Do you go cycling in the morning?"

With an air of formality. The court advised that one should "try it one day and see what happens" when riding a

It is possible to return to the drawing board with Master Plan 2041

Delhi: Would it be necessary to start over with the Delhi 2041 Master Plan draft? Master Plan 2041 is back in the spotlight after being put on the back burner for over two years after the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) submitted the draft to the Centre for notification and



implementation. The govern-

ment of Delhi met behind closed doors to pore over the document's sections, which lay out the groundwork for the city's future infrastructure and urban planning. DDA briefed chief minister Rekha Gupta, cabinet members, and high-ranking officials in the Delhi government on the draft

in great detail. The Delhi secretariat is expected to have more discussions over the paper, but according to sources, the officers were requested to provide comments on various parts of the plan. "Depending on the nature of inputs received from various departments, we may

DPRO conducts on-site inspection of preparations for Chhath Mahaparva

Emphasis on cleanliness and public amenities in all development blocks

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Prayagraj

Akhand Bharat Sandesh Prayagraj. The Prayagraj district administration has become fully active in anticipation of the upcoming Chhath Mahaparva. District Panchayat Officer Ravi Shankar Dwivedi conducted a field inspection of preparations in Pathar Tal Gram Panchayat of Koraon Development Block on Saturday. Tehsildar Vinay Kumar Baranwal and ADO Panchayat Koraon were also present. During the



inspection, the DPRO closely observed the cleanliness, lighting, security arrangements, and availability of drinking water at the Chhath Ghat. He instructed the village head and secretary to complete all preparations on time to ensure that no devotees face any inconvenience during the Chhath festi-

val.

He also directed them to ensure adequate cleanliness and lighting around the banks of the Ganga, canal banks, and water bodies. He also directed them to immediately arrange for generators where necessary. During this inspection, he also inspected the Gram

Panchayat Secretariat, where a health camp was organized. He inquired about the attendance and functioning of ASHA and Anganwadi workers. Observing the broken boundary wall and damaged ANC table at the Secretariat, he directed immediate repairs and emphasized the impor-

ance of maintaining cleanliness within the premises. The DPRO stated that similar cleanliness and public convenience campaigns are being conducted in other development blocks of the district: Meja, Bahadurpur, Jasra, Handia, Karchana, Kaundhiara, and Shankargarh. All ADO Panchayats, village heads, and secretaries are conducting field inspections in their areas to ensure cleanliness, lighting, drinking water, and security arrangements at the ghats. Ravi Shankar Dwivedi stated that the Chhath festival is a festival of public faith, and providing a clean and safe environment for devotees is the primary responsibility of the administration. He urged officials to work with a team spirit to ensure no one faces any inconvenience.

Unidentified body found on railway track, police working to identify it

Station House Officer Saini stated that efforts are underway to identify the body

Kaushambi

The body of an unidentified man was found on the railway track between Daudapur Kurmuridan and Lukiya railway stations, under the Saini Kotwali area, on Saturday.

The discovery of the body caused a stir in the area. Police from the Saini police station immediately arrived at the scene and took possession of the body. Preliminary investigations indicate that the man died after being hit by a train. However, police are investigating



the matter from all angles. The deceased has not yet been identified. He is believed to be around 35 years old. Police have launched a search in the surrounding areas to identify the man and have sent the body for post-mortem examination.

Station House Officer Saini stated that efforts are underway to identify the body. Anyone with information about this man should contact the police immediately. The body has been placed in the mortuary and legal action is underway.

Joint Training Camp of NCC Group Headquarters Prayagraj



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Prayagraj Annual Training Camp 74 under 1 UPCTR NCC, Prayagraj, began on October 22, 2025, and is being held until October 31, 2025. This annual camp is being held at the United College of Engineering and Research, Naini, Prayagraj. NCC cadets from Prayagraj, Pratapgarh, Fatehpur, Banda, Ayodhya, and Kaushambi districts are participating. The camp includes 534 cadets, six Assistant NCC Officers, three Girl Cadet Instructors, five JCOs, and 13

NCOs. The camp is being conducted by Camp Commandant Lieutenant Colonel R. Prasad, Acting Commanding Officer, 1 UPCTR NCC. On October 22, 2025, Camp Commandant Lieutenant Colonel R. Prasad delivered an opening address, welcoming all cadets and informing them about the camp rules. On Friday, Neeraj Mishra, Deputy Controller of Civil Defence, and his team provided detailed information to the cadets on National Disaster Management. On October 25, 2025, cadets will be conducting firing exercises at St. Joseph's College, Naini. Firing Range.

DM conducts surprise inspection of Swarup Rani Hospital, reviews arrangements

Sewer line construction near the mortuary be completed as soon as possible

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Prayagraj. DM Manish Kumar Verma, Additional District Magistrates, and Additional City Magistrates conducted a surprise inspection of Swarup Rani Hospital on Saturday to review the facilities and arrangements available to patients and issued necessary instructions to all concerned. During his inspection of Swarup Rani Hospital, District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma inspected the trauma center, outpatient department, emergency ward, and other wards. He provided necessary instructions. He directed that the



construction of the hostel being constructed by UPICDCO be completed expeditiously and with quality. He also directed that the sewer line construction near the mortuary be completed as soon as possible. The District Magistrate also directed that the damaged roads within the hospital be repaired as soon as possible. He instructed all doctors and staff to be present at the hospital on time and provide proper treatment to patients. During the inspection, the District Magistrate directed that information be clearly

displayed outside the duty rooms of doctors on duty, clearly listing their shift names, mobile numbers, and timings. He directed that helpdesks be set up to ensure that patients do not have to wander around for any services and have access to all information.

The District Magistrate directed that special attention be paid to cleanliness and other facilities, including ensuring drinking water, proper treatment for patients, and timely treatment by doctors in the OPD. He directed that all neces-

sary arrangements be made for patients and that all facilities be available. He directed that any deficiencies discovered during the inspection should be addressed and corrected effectively. He emphasized that patients visiting the hospital should not face any inconvenience. Additional District Magistrate (Administration), Mrs. Pooja Mishra, inspected the Cardiology Department, 2D ECHO, and ECG rooms and reviewed the attendance register. During the inspection, all doctors and staff were found present in the Cardiology Department. A patient admitted to the ICU was interviewed. They expressed satisfaction with the treatment they received at the hospital. They reported that most medications were available from the hospital and that they did not need to purchase them from outside. She directed for improved toilet cleanliness.

A young man who had come home from Mumbai to celebrate Diwali was hit by a train



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In the Kokhrail police station area, a young man who had come home from Mumbai to celebrate Diwali with his family was tragically killed by a train while heading to his farm. The train impact shattered his body into pieces and scattered over several meters. Only the body below the waist remains. Upon learning of the young man's death, the family was devastated. Police arrived at the scene, took custody of the body and sent it for a post-mortem examination. The investigation is underway. According to reports, Rajkaran, approximately 21

years old, son of the late Prithvi Lal, a resident of Chamandha, a municipal council in the Kokhrail police station area, worked in Mumbai and supported his family. He had returned home for Diwali. On Saturday morning, while crossing the railway line towards his farm, he was struck by a speeding train and tragically died. Upon learning of the incident, his family was devastated. A crowd of villagers gathered at the scene. Police were informed of the incident. Police arrived, took custody of the body and sent it for a post-mortem. It was sent for investigation and investigation has started.

The Mission Shakti Phase 5.0 campaign is raising awareness among women and girls

Mission Shakti team made them aware about the numbers given like Women Power Line 1090

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Prayagraj Thanks to the Mission Shakti campaign, girls



are now leaving their homes without fear and pursuing education. With

the aim of ensuring the safety, respect and self-reliance of women and girls, under the ambitious scheme Mission Shakti 5.0 run by the Uttar Pradesh government, under the direction of Police Commissioner Prayagraj, Deputy Commissioner of Police Kuldeep Singh Gunawat and under the able supervision of Additional Deputy Commissioner

of Police Ganganagar, an awareness campaign was run by all the places of Ganganagar zone of Prayagraj district under Mission Shakti Phase 5.0, whose main objective was to empower women and daughters and to make them aware about their safety and respect by visiting educational institutions and public places about their respect

and rights and in view of their safety and respect, the Mission Shakti team made them aware about the numbers given like Women Power Line 1090, Women Help Line 181, Child Help Line 1098, Chief Minister Help Line 1076, Police Emergency Dial 112 and Cyber Help Line 1930 etc. and gave detailed information on how to use the

given helpline numbers etc. Information was given about the government's public welfare schemes like Kanya Sumangala Yojana, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, destitute women pension scheme, mass marriage scheme etc. and it was told that the eligible women and daughters should avail the benefits of it.

BJP State President Bhupendra Chaudhary provided information about the campaign at a press conference

Sardar Patel's contributions must be spread to the masses: Bhupendra Chaudhary

Prayagraj

In a press conference held at the Chandrashekhar Azad Circuit House on Saturday regarding the 150th anniversary celebration campaign of the country's first Home Minister, Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, BJP State President Bhupendra Chaudhary stated that Sardar Patel's contributions must be spread to the masses. Previous governments only praised one family, giving them all the credit. All previous governments were foreign-minded, but the BJP's ideology is rooted in



indigenous principles. Sardar Patel thwarted all conspiracies and united the country's 500 princely states. The Modi-led government has

initiated programs that contributed to the nation's development and growth. Giving details of the campaign, the State President said that the

Sardar Patel 150th birth anniversary celebrations will be conducted in three phases. The campaign will begin with a Run for Unity on October 31st. This program aims to involve people from all walks of life, including advocates, teachers, doctors, writers, poets, students, and as many people as possible. As part of the program, tributes will be paid to Sardar Patel by garlanding his statue, and on the same day, a flower-laying ceremony will be organized at the booth level. Following this, an 8-to 10-kilometer padyatra will be organized in all the

assembly constituencies of Prayagraj Metropolitan, Gangapur, and Yamunapur between November 1st and 25th. Essay, speech, rangoli, and painting competitions will be organized in educational institutions (schools, colleges, etc.) as part of the campaign. The State President said that the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, through the 'My India' campaign, is organizing 'Develop India Padyatras' with the aim of instilling national pride in youth, increasing social responsibility, and strengthening the spirit of unity. All

registration and activity information can be viewed on the MY BHARAT portal. The people have not forgotten the jungle raj of Bihar. During a formal press conference, BJP State President Bhupendra Chaudhary, in response to a question regarding the Bihar elections, stated that the people of Bihar have not forgotten the jungle raj of the period from 1990 to 2005. Bihar has changed since 2005. The NDA alliance is going to the people of Bihar with an account of the work done by Nitish Kumar in the past 20 years.

A case has been filed against a doctor who allegedly molested a young woman

Akhand Bharat Sandesh

Kaushambi. A young woman from a village in the Saini police station area has filed a complaint with the Saini police, accusing an alleged doctor who had opened a clinic in a village under the Saini police station of molestation. Based on the woman's complaint, the Saini police have registered a case against the alleged doctor and are investigating. An 18-year-old woman from a village in the Saini police station area reported that on Friday evening, around 6:30 p.m., she was returning home



from the village market when an alleged doctor running a clinic in the village molested her and made obscene gestures. Upon protest, he threatened to kill her and her family. Based on the woman's complaint, the Saini police have filed a case against Brahmakant Maurya, son of Raj Kishore, a resident of Lohdara, Vijaypur police station in Fatehpur district, and are taking action.

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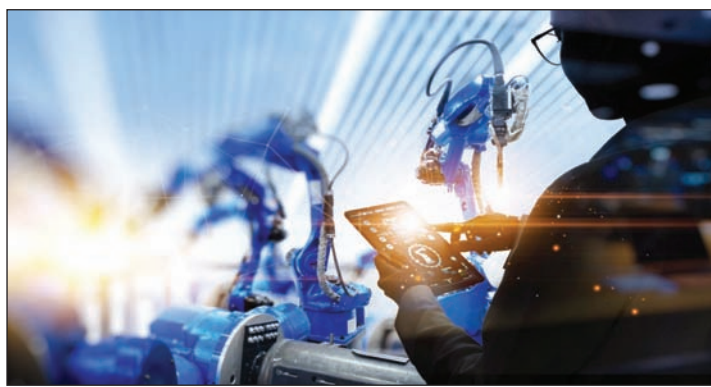
India uses BRICS to push reforms—not to challenge the US

The latest edition of the BRICS Summit was significant because all 10 member countries participated. It included Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, and the UAE, which attended as member states for the first time at the 2024 summit in Russia, and Indonesia, which joined in early 2025 as the first Southeast Asian country in the bloc. With its expansion, the group is now known as BRICS Plus—a term first used at the 2024 summit. Although forming groups of countries to promote cooperation is common globally, BRICS is more than a conventional grouping. It is a group of countries challenging the clout of the developed powers, particularly the US and European nations. In 2010, the first five members—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—constituted 18 per cent of the global GDP. Their collective share has risen to 26.5 percent in 2025. These nations are now challenging the hegemony of the West. Calls for de-dollarisation—reducing reliance on the US dollar in trade and finance—are becoming prominent, posing a threat to America's financial and geopolitical dominance. It gives China and Russia (and India too) a louder voice on the world stage. It fuels global economic realignment away from the dollar and Western institutions, pointing to a multipolar world order—something that US President Donald Trump doesn't support. The recent expansion of BRICS, with five new members joining, has increased the worries of the West, particularly the US. And without mincing words, Trump has started expressing his unhappiness over the developments happening in BRICS. Here are the key reasons why Trump opposes BRICS: The primary reason is that both the original members (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) and new entrants like Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt, Iran, and Ethiopia are openly discussing reducing reliance on the US dollar in trade and finance. Trump's long-standing "America First" stance makes any move away from the dollar a direct challenge to U.S. economic influence and its ability to enforce sanctions. The second point that irks Trump is BRICS' geopolitical opposition to the West. BRICS increasingly positions itself as a counterweight to Western institutions like the G7, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Bank. The deepening ties between China and Russia within BRICS are seen as part of a broader anti-Western alignment. Third, Trump has consistently taken a hardline stance on China, through trade wars, tariffs, tech and investment restrictions, etc. BRICS giving China a leadership platform to challenge the US on the global stage agitates him. He views BRICS as a vehicle for China's global expansion under the guise of multipolarity. Fourth, the inclusion of Saudi Arabia and Iran gives BRICS influence over global energy markets. There is growing potential for oil trade to be conducted in non-dollar currencies (e.g., yuan or BRICS currency), which would weaken the petrodollar system—a critical pillar of US global economic power. Fifth, Trump perceives BRICS expansion as a sign that the 'Global South' is drifting away from Western influence, forming its own independent bloc. This runs contrary to Trump's vision of negotiating "from strength," where US dominance is unquestioned. Sixth, Trump views global influence in zero-sum terms. Any rise of a non-Western grouping that excludes the US is seen as a personal and national affront. BRICS summits that propose alternative visions for world order without US involvement are perceived as a threat to 'American prestige'—something Trump values highly. He has threatened to impose higher tariffs on countries siding with the BRICS. He has already announced the imposition of 50 per cent tariffs on Brazil. Although India is a member of BRICS, its approach is more nuanced.



Both countries are global hubs of innovation, science, technology, and research

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on his fourth visit to the UK. He will hold wide-ranging discussions with PM Keir Starmer on the entire gamut of India-UK bilateral relations, and exchange views on issues of regional and global importance. He is also expected to call on King Charles III. During the visit, the two sides will also review the progress of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) with a specific focus on trade and economy, technology and innovation, defence and security, climate, health, education, and people-to-people ties. Following the UK's exit from the European Union, economic and trade relations between the two countries acquired a new salience. India-UK bilateral trade set a new record when it crossed \$55 billion (£42.6 billion) in 2024, registering an increase of around 10 per cent over the previous year. Indian companies have made significant investments in the UK. Grant Thornton (GT) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) research in 2024 highlighted a record number of 971 Indian companies in the UK with a combined turnover of over £68 billion. The report India Meets Britain Tracker 2024 found that Indian companies in the UK are thriving, with 100 companies having a revenue growth of at least 10 per cent. The Britain meets India Tracker 2024 identified 667 British companies in India with a turnover of approximately £47.5 billion. The UK is the sixth-largest contributor of FDI to India.



Cumulative FDI from the UK to India is around \$36 billion between 2000 to March 2025. India's investment in the UK during this period is close to \$20 billion. The Indian diaspora in the UK is also a major presence in the UK's economic scenario. The 2020 GT report, done with the High Commission of India, London, and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), identified 654 diaspora-owned companies with a turnover of at least £100,000, generating a cumulative annual turnover of £36.84 billion. The wealth generated by Indian diaspora-owned businesses in the UK was estimated to be around £75 billion by this report. The 1.8 million Indian diaspora forms about 2.7 per cent of the UK's population. During PM Modi's visit, the signing of the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is expected. The forward-looking agreement complements India's growth aspirations. The FTA has been described as both historic and ambitious. It is expected to boost jobs, exports, and growth, benefitting 99 per cent of Indian exports from zero per cent duty, opening export

opportunities for labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, marine products, leather footwear, sports goods and toys, gems and jewellery, and others such as engineering goods and organic chemicals. Trade in services is also expected to receive a significant fillip. Enhanced global mobility for aspirational young Indians and a three-year exemption from social security payments come as a major relief for Indian employees and companies based in the UK. Despite the record bilateral trade, the UK's trade with India accounts for around 2.5 per cent of its total trade. With both sides seeking trade diversification and supply-chain resilience, an India-UK FTA will hopefully create the doorway for businesses to drive the economic relationship forward. Given the immediate challenges on India's borders, cooperation in the defence sector with partners such as the UK has achieved greater importance. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's visit to the UK in January 2024 provided fresh impetus to the defence pillar of the relationship. In 2023, ties were elevated to a 2+2 mechanism. The British

defence sector could emerge as a key collaborator in technology transfers, the development of advanced capabilities, and supporting the Make in India effort by attracting more British FDI into the defence sector. Several defence cooperation agreements—covering production of Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS) and Lightweight Multirole Missiles (LMM), the establishment of an Advanced Short-Range Air to Air Missile (ASRAAM) assembly and test facility in India and a Statement of Intent to design and develop an Integrated Full Electric Propulsion system for Indian Navy ships—signal good times ahead for India's defence sector. India's focus on indigenous development does present challenges for the British industry, with fears that it could potentially make cooperation in certain sectors commercially unviable. Intellectual-property (IP) issues also need to be resolved. These issues can hopefully be addressed through the robust defence engagement mechanism that now exists between the two countries. Moreover, the UK-India military cooperation has grown in recent times.

The Royal Navy made six ship visits to India in 2023, while its Littoral Response Group (South) conducted exercises with the Indian Navy in March 2024. In August 2024, the UK's Royal Air Force participated in exercise Tarang Shakti in India. An Indian naval officer, Lieutenant Commander N Dinesh Anand, has joined

Britannia Royal Naval College as Divisional Training Officer for the first time. India and the UK are making a serious effort to build technology partnerships. The new bilateral Technology Security Initiative (TSI), formally launched during UK Foreign Secretary, David Lammy's visit, aims to catalyse collaboration on critical and emerging technologies in seven key sectors: telecoms, critical minerals, semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence, quantum, biotechnology and health technology, and advanced materials. Tech collaboration between India and the UK also extends to sectors including financial services, innovation in health, climate, renewables, and startups. The participation of stakeholders from government, industry, and academia would be important for taking the Technology Security Initiative forward. Both countries are global hubs of innovation, science, technology, and research. India is one of the world's largest startup ecosystems and has over 100 unicorn companies. The increasing focus on these areas is welcome. Education is an important pillar of India-UK relations. The University of Southampton opened its campus in Gurugram on 16 July 2025, becoming the first foreign university campus under the New Education Policy (NEP). The UK remains one of the preferred destinations for Indian students, with around 1,70,000 students studying in the UK in the academic year 2023-2024.

How the 7/11 blasts case fell apart?

The men gathered early one morning in a one-room tenement inside the Deccan Cooperative Society in Sewri, on the grimy eastern fringes of suburban Mumbai. They began packing ammonium nitrate-fuel oil gel, the lethal but readily available commercial explosive used across India, inside 35-kilogram pressure cookers. Then, a detonator cap was loaded into each pressure cooker and linked to a simple Ajanta-brand digital clock, set to 6:30 pm. Each cooker was then packed in a shopping bag. Later that evening 209 people died—far more than on 26/11—when the bombs went off in packed first-class compartments on seven separate trains running from Churchgate. This week, 19 years on, the Bombay High Court finally held what successive governments, police services, and the intelligence services themselves have long known: The five men sent to death row for their role in the bombings, and the seven others given shorter sentences, had nothing to do with the bombing.

The Maharashtra government has announced it will appeal—but disturbing evidence will surface that the botched trial has enabled the terrorists actually responsible for the crime to evade responsibility. Intelligence and police services at the time were struggling to detect the real workings of the Lashkar-e-Taiba-linked network that came to be known as the Indian Mujahideen. Therefore, following the 7/11 bombing, the usual suspects—generally men with loose ties to conservative Muslim groups—were pulled in and charged with terrorism, as was the pattern in several prosecutions from the period. Following the bombing of the Sankat Mochan Temple in Varanasi, as well as the local railway station, the Imam of the mosque at Phulpur was arrested and charged with the murder of 28 people. The Uttar Pradesh police alleged that Waliullah had handed over the explosives and the pressure cooker cases to three terrorists from Bangladesh, who were never identified.

The American military approach is a far cry from how India viewed the arrival

In an era of multiple strifes across continents, an anniversary quietly slipped under the radar of world watchers. Eighty years ago, an explosion ushered in a new age of combat, weapons, tactics, and technology. At 5:29 am local time on 16 July 1945, the United States tested the world's first atomic bomb in the desolate desert of New Mexico in an area called Jornada del Muerto—Spanish for "Dead Man's Road". The site couldn't have been chosen because of the irony in its name. In the days of Spanish expansion into the New World, this must have certainly been a deadly route to take, but that was centuries before America's wartime quest for the world's most potent weapon. And it was tested under the codename 'Trinity'. A multi-billion-dollar initiative that involved scores of enterprises, institutions, and scientists of various disciplines working under strict military supervision, it was innocently labelled 'Manhattan Project'. Innocent, since the name didn't convey its unifocal military purpose. The world entered the nuclear age with a military purpose, and its impact on 6 and 9 August 1945 over Hiroshima and Nagasaki are historical landmarks that will not be erased anytime soon. Reams have been written about the Manhattan Project and its impact. The ghastly use of the bomb against Japan has also been dissected. What has been relegated to dusty shelves and nerdy researchers, however, is the official report on the programme. It's unambiguously called Atomic Energy for Military Purposes. Among the most extraordinary aspects of the report is that it was made public on 12 August 1945, even before the radioactive clouds had lifted from Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Princeton University physicist Henry DeWolf Smyth penned the report. Within the community that contributed to making the nuclear fission device a success, the Smyth Report

was the working paper on how the Manhattan Project was to be discussed. It is patently clear that the US was working on a long-term nuclear perspective. The American military approach is a far cry from how India viewed the arrival of the nuclear era. Although its nuclear journey is extraordinary among formerly colonised nations, India missed vital landmarks along the way. In July 1945, India already had a nuclear research programme at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), established months before Washington's Trinity test. Within a year of Independence, the country also had an Atomic Energy Commission, and in less than a decade, it had commissioned Asia's first nuclear reactor, APSARA, at Trombay. India was light years ahead of any other Asian country. In the 1950s, China was largely dependent on its larger ideological ally, the Soviet Union. It entered the nuclear age with a sole purpose, based on Chairman Mao's dictum, "Power flows from the barrel of a gun." The simple formulation offered Beijing both short-term benefits and dividends in the long run, too. It is now obvious that the possession of weapons of mass destruction will not invite military intervention.

in an era of mass hypocrisy. Iran and Iraq, which didn't possess nuclear arsenals, were attacked, while North Korea, which did, wasn't. Hypocrisy and discrimination are obviously kosher in today's world order. India, however, approached the nuclear era from the perspective of "peaceful utilisation" to harness unlimited energy and enter the club of rapidly developing countries. It officially launched a three-stage nuclear programme with an indigenous research and development project. But eight decades after TIFR initiated its research programme, India remains light years away from its early energy vision. And it has also missed the bus to power.

India's reform story of more than three decades, it is worthwhile to recall that economic liberalisation

Looking back at India's reform story of more than three decades, it is worthwhile to recall that economic liberalisation of the 1990s had a few implicit assumptions of how an economy should function and grow on a sustainable basis. One of those assumptions followed from the government decision to allow the private sector to operate in areas that were hitherto monopolised by state-owned enterprises. Under such liberalisation, it was assumed that while the government would continue to frame policies for areas

opened up to the private sector, the regulation or enforcement of those policies would be undertaken by independent regulators through rules framed by them. A classic example of this thinking was India's telecommunications sector that was opened up to the private sector in the early 1990s. This was followed by the setting up of the Telecommunication Regulatory Authority of India or Trai a few years later. Subsequently, the business of basic telephone services, run in large parts of the country by a

government department, was hived off to a newly created state-owned enterprise. Something similar, in varying degrees, happened in other areas such as the insurance, airports, and power sectors. In addition, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) was set up to regulate and adjudicate upon issues of market dominance and practices that undermined competition in various sectors. The principle was clear: Let the government frame the policy (and not run a business), while independent regulatory bodies could

enforce the policy by framing necessary rules. Another implicit assumption behind such a separation of responsibilities between the government and the regulators was about who should steer those regulatory bodies. To impart autonomy and independence to these institutions and insulate them from government interference, the pool of talent for hiring key personnel was widened. Experts and private-sector professionals in related fields, along with even retired members of the judiciary.

Vice President of the Women's Commission participated in the Chaupal held at the old age home

Bahraich

Addressing the discussion on the Drug Eradication Chaupal and Mahila Shakti Mission held at the old age home in Nagarour, Vice President, Deputy Minister-level, Uttar Pradesh State Women's Commission, Aparna Yadav said that drug addiction is a social scourge. Public dialogue and public support are essential for effective control of drug addiction. She added that Hon'ble Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has taken effective steps for women's empowerment. The government is committed and dedicated to the safety and security of women. The government is providing all possible support for women's empowerment. Advocate Sanjeev Srivastava, President of the Rule of Law Society, Awadh Region, stated



that public awareness is essential for effectively curbing the illegal drug trade. Police Circle Officer Harshita Tiwari stated that the police administration is continuously taking effective action to effectively control the illegal drug trade. Sub-District Magistrate Sadar Pooja Chaudhary provided information about various helplines and schemes operated for the safety, security and self-reliance of women. Social Welfare Officer Shraddha Pandey explained departmental schemes in detail. District Probation Officer Vinod Rai pro-

vided information about departmental programs for exploited children and destitute women. Inner Wheel Club General Secretary Jyoti Bansal assured effective participation in life-support programs for poor and disabled women. Women Police Station in-charge Manju Yadav distributed leaflets about the Mahila Shakti Mission and urged women to establish coordination and communication. The program was conducted by Conciliation Officer Anil Mishra and the vote of thanks was given by Old Age Home Manager Dilip Dwivedi.

Now there will be war, not begging - Mahendra Pratap

Mathura

The pilgrimage, organized with the support of the Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Mukti Trust, reached Mathura on Thursday under the guidance of Acharya Rajeshwar Maharaj, President of the United Indian Dharma Sansad. The pilgrims were given a grand welcome at the city's KDS International School. The meeting held on this occasion was presided over by Saint Govindananda Tirtha Maharaj of Seva Mangalam Ashram in Vrindavan. Advocate Mahendra Pratap Singh, President of the Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Mukti Trust and a Hindu party in the Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Eidgah Mosque case, said in the meeting that the birthplace of Lord Krishna is the center of our faith. Citing historical references to the Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi, he explained how the temple was repeatedly demolished, and each time the Hindu community rebuilt it. He said, "The time for begging is over. This bat-



tle is being fought with full force in the court. We have all the historical and evidential evidence that the original sanctum sanctorum of Lord Krishna was located at the same place where the mosque is built. Now our resolve is to build a grand temple at that very spot." Acharya Rajeshwar Maharaj stated that a nationwide campaign is underway for the liberation of Shri Krishna's birthplace. He explained that the first yatra started from Dwarka to Mathura, and this second yatra came to Mathura from Badrinath Dham. The next yatra will start from Rameshwaram to Mathura, with the aim of strengthening public awareness and religious unity. He explained that when he began this yatra, a person from Australia

contacted him and informed him that Advocate Mahendra Pratap Singh was representing the case. "Upon contacting him, we found that he is not only fighting on the legal front but is also working to raise awareness in society," he said. Saint Govindananda Teerth Maharaj stated that this struggle to liberate Shri Krishna's birthplace is a religious war. "Truth always triumphs. Unrighteousness never triumphs. This war is for the protection of Sanatan Dharma and the liberation of Shri Krishna's birthplace," he said. Kumar Damodar Singh, founder of KDS International School, said that the struggle for the liberation of the birthplace symbolizes Indian culture and self-respect. He emphasized that society must play an active role in this campaign. Dr. Aditya Anand Giri Maharaj of Chintamani Kunj, Vrindavan, said, "Those organizing the procession are doing their part, those fighting the case are struggling in court, but now we must also awaken.

The closing ceremony of National Nutrition Month was held under the chairmanship of Dr Babita



Mathura

The closing ceremony of National Nutrition Month was held in the auditorium of BSA Engineering College under the chairmanship of Dr. Babita Singh Chauhan, Chairperson of the Uttar Pradesh State Women's Commission. MLA Baldev Puran Prakash, District Program Officer Buddhi Mishra, District Probation Officer Vikas Chandra, District Basic Education Officer Ratan Kirti, District Information Officer Prashant Kumar Suchari, Block Development Officer Farah, Neha Rawat, and Ruchi Sharma, Block Development Officer Rural, all Child Development Project Officers and Supervisors of the Child Development Department, along with Anganwadi workers from the district were present at the ceremony. Dr. Babita Singh Chauhan, Chairperson of the Uttar Pradesh State Women's Commission, visited various stalls set up by Anganwadi workers at the event. She inspected the stalls displaying delicious and nutritious dishes prepared by the Anganwadi workers and tasted the dishes. The District Program Officer informed that all the dishes were prepared with less sugar, less oil, and less salt. Various nutritious dishes made from millets were also displayed at the stalls. In the closing ceremony of the National Nutrition Month, Dr. Babita Singh Chauhan performed the baby shower ceremony for 5 women. The Chairperson of the Uttar Pradesh State

The Ghosh Dal of Krishna Chandra Gandhi Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Mathura, won first place at the district level

Mathura

The Ghosh Dal of Krishna Chandra Gandhi Saraswati Vidya Mandir Inter College, Madhav Kunj, Mathura, achieved first place in the District Level School Band Competition 2025, organized by the District Project Office of Samagra Shiksha (Secondary), Uttar Pradesh, Mathura district, thanks to its excellent performance. School media in-charge Umesh Sharma stated that the school's Ghosh Dal performed brilliantly in the competition, placing first among all participants. On this occasion,



the school's Manager, Sameer Bansal (Advocate), congratulated Ghosh Instructor Sitaram Baghel and all the Ghosh Dal students, saying, "This achievement is the result of the students' hard work, dedication, and discipline.

Such competitions develop social and emotional skills in students, increasing their dedication and self-confidence towards success. "School Principal Vinay Kumar Singh said, "This is the result of the students' dedication, skill, discipline,

self-confidence, and skillful leadership. Participating in competitions develops team spirit, social connections and tolerance. This victorious team from the school will now represent Mathura district in the state-level competition."

Major reshuffle before local polls: Entire Gujarat cabinet resigns

NEW DELHI: The entire Gujarat cabinet except chief minister Bhupendra Patel resigned on Thursday, news agency PTI reported citing sources. The cabinet comprised of 16 members including eight cabinet-rank ministers and nine ministers of state. "Resignations of all the 16 ministers have been taken by the party. Except for chief minister Patel, all the ministers have resigned," BJP source told PTI. The reshuffle comes nearly three years into the current government's term and just



months before crucial local body elections across the state, including municipal corporations, municipalities, district panchayats, and taluka panchayats. Major Cabinet Reshuffle in Gujarat as Ministers Step Down Before Local Polls Gujarat's 182-member assembly allows up to 27 ministers, or 15% of

the house. Earlier this month, MoS Jagdish Vishwakarma was appointed BJP's Gujarat state president, succeeding Union minister CR Paatil. Bhupendra Patel was sworn in for his second term as CM on December 12, 2022. Earlier PTI had reported that the cabinet will be expanded on Friday.

'Priority is to safeguard interests of consumers': India

NEW DELHI: The ministry of external affairs on Thursday issued a statement in response to US President Donald Trump's claim that PM Narendra Modi had "assured him that India would stop buying Russian oil". The government said India's import policies are guided entirely by "priority to safeguard the interests of the Indian consumer in a volatile energy scenario". "India is a significant importer of oil and gas. It has been our consistent priority to safeguard the interests of the Indian consumer in a volatile energy scenario. Our import policies are guided entirely by this objective," said MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal. Stating stable energy prices and secured supplies as India's twin goals of our energy policy,



Jaiswal said: "This includes broad-basing our energy sourcing and diversifying as appropriate to meet market conditions. "The government said the Trump administration has shown interest in deepening energy cooperation with India and that discussions are ongoing. "Where the US is concerned, we have for many years sought to expand our energy procurement. This has steadily progressed in the last decade. The current Administration has shown interest in deepening energy cooperation with India. Discussions are ongoing," the MEA

said. Trump claimed on Wednesday that PM Modi has assured him that India will stop buying Russian oil, months after he imposed punitive tariffs over the purchases. "He's assured me there will be no oil purchased from Russia," Trump said. "You know, you can't do it immediately. It's a little bit of a process, but the process is going to be over with soon," he added. Responding to ANI's question whether he views India as a reliable partner, Trump said: "Yeah, sure. He's (PM Narendra Modi) a friend of mine.

Farmers should earn more income by using in-situ agricultural machinery for stubble management: CDO

Bahraich

Presiding over the Kisan Diwas meeting held in the Vikas Bhawan auditorium to address farmers' problems, Chief Development Officer Mukesh Chandra reviewed the complaints received from previous Kisan Diwas meetings point by point. Following this, the CDO stated that Bahraich is an agricultural district and all farmers are being covered on time by providing fertilizers, seeds and Prime Minister Crop Insurance. Every effort is being made to prioritize and resolve any problems. He suggested making agriculture profitable. He urged farmers to cultivate cash crops to maximize their



income. The CDO urged all farmers in the district not to burn crop residues after harvesting and threshing the current paddy crop, but to manage them using in-situ machinery and incorporate them into the fields, increasing the fertility of the fields to achieve higher yields. The CMO urged combine harvester owners present at the meeting to harvest crops using a reaper attached to their combine harvesters. Otherwise, if found harvesting without a reaper, their combine harvesters will be con-

fiscated and other legal action will be taken. He urged all farmer producer organizations in the district to prevent their associated farmers and surrounding farmers from burning stubble and to explain the benefits of stubble management, which will maintain human and environmental health and maintain soil fertility. The CMO provided information about the application process for other schemes, including the Chief Minister's Child Service Scheme and the Kanya Sumangala Scheme.

Karnataka vs RSS: Cabinet approves new rules; no activities allowed in public places without permission

NEW DELHI: The Karnataka cabinet on Thursday decided to frame new rules to regulate Rashtriya Swayamsevak



Sangh (RSS) activities, including marches and events held on government-owned properties and public roads, information technology and biotechnology minister Priyank Kharge said, according to PTI. The decision follows a letter from Kharge to chief minister Siddaramaiah, seeking a ban on RSS activities and those of its affiliated organizations in public and government spaces.

Speaking to reporters after the cabinet meeting, Kharge said, "The rules we want to bring is regarding public places, government schools, colleges, government premises, government owned institutions and aided institutions. We will bring together the previous orders issued by the home department, law department, and the education department to frame a new rule.

In the next two to three days, the new rule will come into force within the framework of law and the Constitution." He clarified that while the government cannot control any organisation outright, "from now on you cannot do whatever you want in public places or roads. Whatever you have to do, it has to be done after seeking the government's permission." Kharge further explained that granting permission will be at the government's discretion.

'Give me one more chance': Ibrahim Ali Khan

Saif Ali Khan and Amrita Singh's son Ibrahim Ali Khan made his acting debut with *Nadaaniyan*, which was released earlier this year on Netflix. The film, which also starred Khushi Kapoor, was panned by critics, and the audience also trolled it. Recently, during an interview with *Esquire India*, Ibrahim opened up about the film's failure and trolling.

He stated, "I'm just gonna go on record and say that it was a really bad film." While talking about trolling, the actor said, "It was really bad. It became a sort of culture to, 'Oh, let's troll that film!'"

"There were people who were trolling it just because they heard that some other person was trolling it. That's uncalled for, but if I now give a blockbuster in the future, I want the same kind of response. They should go mad after me," he added.

Well, through this interview, Ibrahim has a kind request to critics and fans. He said, "Give me one more chance, man. Let's have at it."

After *Nadaaniyan*, Ibrahim was seen in *Sar-zameen*, which also starred Kajol and Prithviraj Sukumaran in the lead roles. The film was also released on OTT.

and it received a mixed response.

However, now Ibrahim is gearing up for his first theatrical release *Diler* which is directed by Kunal Deshmukh.

While talking about the film, he said, "I've really sat on the script this time around. Kunal Deshmukh sir, is a really experienced director. He's very good and can present me well. I'm not taking shots at my previous directors, but the truth is that they are also first-time filmmakers. You have to think about that."

The release date of *Diler* has not been announced yet.

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Maasi Priyanka Chopra sends heartfelt wishes

Priyanka Chopra congratulated her cousin Parineeti Chopra & Raghav Chadha on welcoming their baby boy

Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra and her husband, Aam Aadmi Party leader Raghav Chadha, have become proud parents to a baby boy. On Sunday, October 19, the couple shared the happy news on social media, officially announcing the birth of their son.

Soon after, Parineeti's industry colleagues and friends flooded the couple with love and congratulations. Amid the warm wishes, the actress' cousin sister, actress Priyanka Chopra, now a proud maasi, shared a heartfelt message for Parineeti and Raghav.

Priyanka took to her Instagram Stories to share Parineeti and Raghav's announcement post, congratulating the couple with a simple yet sweet message, "Con-

gratulations." The *Sky Is Pink* actress also tagged her uncle and aunt, Reena and Pawan Chopra, extending her love to the entire family.

Sharing the arrival of their baby boy in a joint statement on Sunday afternoon, Parineeti and Raghav said, "He's finally here! Our baby boy. And we literally can't remember life before! Arms full, our hearts are fuller. First we had each other, now we have everything...With gratitude, Parineeti and Raghav."

Parineeti and Raghav tied the knot in September 2023 in an intimate yet elegant ceremony in Delhi, attended by close friends and family. However, Priyanka's absence from the wedding had sparked rumours of a rift between

the cousins.

Later, Priyanka's mother, Madhu Chopra, clarified the reason behind her daughter's absence when she was spotted at the Udaipur airport. When the paparazzi asked her how the wedding was, Madhu smiled and replied, "Bohot badhiya (very good)."

The paps further asked her why Priyanka couldn't attend Parineeti and Raghav's wedding. Madhu said that she had work commitments, which is why she had to give the wedding a miss. "Woh kaam kar rahe hai (She is working)," said Madhu Chopra.

Later, Priyanka took to her Instagram handle and shared a sweet message for the couple, putting an end to the rift rumours.

AP Dhillon bashes Bollywood

Punjabi singer AP Dhillon, best known for hits like *Brown Munde*, *With You*, *Thodi Si Daaru*, and *Dil Nu*, recently explained why he has been turning down Bollywood offers. He criticised the industry for exploiting artists and sharing that he cares for his people, aiming to set the right example for junior artists.

Appearing on a podcast on the YouTube channel SMTV, AP Dhillon said, "I'll tell you why I've never done a Bollywood song yet. It's only because I care for my people. It's not about Bollywood. I want to set an example for my people. I told them that I'm happy to do a song for them, but they must first change the way they do business."

Further, he added that Bollywood industry exploit the song and the artist for their own profit.

Sharing his experience, AP Dhillon revealed that even several huge actors wanted his music for their films. "I don't want to take names, but a couple of huge actors said that they want my music in their film. I made the song; we even had the scene in mind. But they want to own the song, they want the rights to the song, the remix rights, they want to exploit. That's not correct," he shared.

View this post on Instagram

Punjabi singer AP Dhillon, known for hits like *Brown Munde* and *Dil Nu*, revealed why he's turning down Bollywood offers

A post shared by AP DHILLON (@apdhillon)

He stated, "I told them that until they change this, I can't do a song with them. If I do it, then junior artists will also have to do it, and I don't want them to."

AP Dhillon added that he does not want young artists to lose their source of income or be exploited by selling their hit songs, pointing out that the main issue is that other A-listers are still accepting such deals.

Meanwhile, AP Dhillon is gearing up for his *One of One India* tour, performing across eight cities. The tour kicks off in Ahmedabad on December 5 and wraps up in Jaipur on December 28, 2025. This will mark his third run in India, following last year's *The Brown-print India* Tour.



Ranveer Allahbadia confirms relationship

YouTuber and podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia, popularly known as BeerBiceps, has found new love months after his breakup with actress Nikki Sharma. On Diwali, Monday, October 20, Ranveer shared photos from his celebrations. While he did not reveal his new ladylove's photos or name, he dropped Ghibli-inspired AI-generated pictures to confirm his new relationship.

Sharing the photos on his Instagram handle, Ranveer wrote, "Happy Diwali. Having a grown man Diwali this year. First time I decorated my own place, thanks to some divine help. Life's good when you begin your day with a LIVE Rasraj Ji Maharaj Bajrang Baan. And end it with some Soft 1960s music."

Minutes after Ranveer's Diwali post, Juhi shared a glimpse of his beautifully decorated home, featuring a floral rangoli strikingly similar to the one seen in his pictures, subtly confirming their relationship. In the photo, Juhi was also seen holding a bunch of pink roses, adding to the speculation that the two celebrated Diwali together.

Additionally, Ranveer and Juhi follow each other on Instagram, which has only added more fuel to the ongoing romance rumours.

Earlier, Ranveer was in a relationship with actress Nikki Sharma. He would often share pictures with her on his social media handle but kept her identity private by covering her face with a sunflower emoji.

Rumours about their breakup began circulating after Ranveer unfollowed Nikki

YouTuber and podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia has found new love months after his breakup with actress Nikki Sharma and is now dating influencer Juhi Bhatt.



on Instagram.

Earlier this year, Ranveer made headlines after a major controversy erupted on Samay Raina's show *India's Got Latent*, where he had asked a contestant, "Would you rather watch your parents have sex for the rest of your life or join in once and stop it forever?", faced multiple FIRs along with Samay and others on the panel.

Later, in his statement to the police, Ranveer admitted that he was wrong, apologised, and vowed to be more careful in the future.

Enrique Iglesias wants to visit Taj Mahal

Popular Spanish singer Enrique Iglesias is all set to perform in India after 13 yrs



Enrique Iglesias had concerts in India in 2012. Now, after 13 years, the popular Spanish singer is all set to perform in the country. His concert will take place on October 20 and 30 in Mumbai's MMRDA Grounds, BKC (Bandra Kurla Complex). According to a report in *Hindustan Times*, the singer is planning to extend his stay in India and wants to visit the Taj Mahal.

A source told the portal, "He regrets not seeing the Taj Mahal during his last trip and is now eager to immerse himself in the beauty of this historic site."

"Enrique Iglesias enjoys exploring the culture of every city he performs in, as demonstrated by his visits in the past," added the source. So, the singer, after his concert in Mumbai, will reportedly head to Agra.

While announcing his concert in Mumbai,

the singer had said, "I've missed performing in India; the fans there are some of the most loyal and passionate in the world. Since my first show back in 2004, the love has always been unreal. I can't wait to get back to Mumbai and bring them this new show."

According to the District, the ticket price of Enrique's concert starts from Rs. 7000 and goes up to Rs. 34,500. The Rs. 7000 tickets are for general access, Rs. 14,000 for the VIP section, and the lounge section tickets are for Rs. 34,500.

We are sure fans of Enrique are super excited for his concert in Mumbai.

This year, many international celebs have performed in India. Travis Scott had a concert in Delhi on October 19 and 20, and he will be performing in India on November 19.

Many others, like Calvin Harris, Akon, and more, will be having a concert in India in the upcoming months.



In a joint venture, Ambani and Adani will sell transportation fuel

Delhi : In a joint statement, Adani Total Gas Ltd and Jio-bp, an arm of Reliance Industries Ltd, announced their partnership to sell auto fuel at select outlets. Certain ATGL outlets will offer Jio-bp's gasoline and diesel, while Jio-bp outlets will incorporate ATGL's compressed natural gas (CNG) dispensers. "This partnership will enable us to leverage each other's infrastructure, thus enhancing customer experience and offerings," said Suresh P. Manglani, executive director and CEO of Adani Total Gas. After Reliance bought a 26% interest in an Adani Power project in Madhya Pradesh, the two opposing billionaires teamed together again. "We are united by a shared vision to offer our customers a superior selection of high-quality fuels," stated Jio-bp chairman Sarthak



Behuria. "The partnership between RIL and the Adani Group is anticipated to be extremely complementary, providing substantial operational advantage via their combined physical presence," stated Nirav Karkera, head of research at Fisdrom. A more holistic consumer experience is the goal of the relationship, which is why both companies are offering complementary items.

Both parties stand to benefit from this partnership, which is especially noteworthy in an industry where state-run corporations predominate.

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).

JioHotstar Reaches 300 Million Subscribers, Closer to Netflix

Delhi: JioHotstar, a worldwide OTT player from India, is closing in on Netflix's subscriber dominance. JioCinema and Disney+Hotstar now have 300 million users, up from 50 million in February 2025 after the 2025 TATA IPL. The 2025 Indian Premier League season greatly impacted JioHotstar's client base. It rose from 50 million subscribers in February to 280 million by May and 300 million currently. Digital viewership overtook television for the first time, causing tremendous development. Digital reach was 652 million versus 537 million TV viewers. The final IPL 2025 match



received 237 million digital viewers and 189 million TV viewers. Along with user growth, the platform broke revenue records.

Jiostar, the parent company of JioHotstar, announced that the 2025 IPL had the largest advertising and subscrip-

tion revenue. Historically, league rights were auctioned for 23,575 crore for TV and 20,500 crore for digital over 5 years, indicating great value. The IPL's peak internet viewership was 55.2 million and TV viewing time was 514 billion minutes.

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.



NCLAT reduces penalty on Google to 216 crore in Play Store matter

Delhi: Appellate tribunal NCLAT upheld the order passed by fair trade regulator CCI against Google for abusing its dominant position with respect to Play Store policies, however, reduced the penalty on the tech giant to ₹216 crore from 936.44 crore. A two-member bench comprising Chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan and Technical Member Barun Mitra said Google "has abused its dominant position and has violated Section", however in some sections, violation was "not proved, but penalty was still leviable on proof of violation".

Small savings program interest rates unchanged April-June quarter

Delhi: For the fifth quarter starting April 1, 2025, the government maintained interest rates on PPF and NSC. The rates of interest on various Small Savings Schemes for the first quarter of FY 2025-26, starting on 1 April 2025 and ending on 30 June 2025, would stay unaltered from those notified for the fourth quarter of a finance ministry notification. The notification states that Sukanya Samriddhi deposits will earn 8.2% interest, while three-year term deposits will earn 7.1%. Popular Public Provident Fund (PPF) and post office savings deposit scheme interest rates remain at 7.1% and 4%, respectively. Kisan Vikas Patra investments mature in 115 months at 7.5%. National Savings Certificate (NSC) interest rates will stay at 7.7% for April-June 2025. Like the current quarter, investors will earn 7.4% from the Monthly Income Scheme.

JSW to acquire Dulux Paints for 9,000 crore

Delhi : JSW Paints will buy 75% of Dulux-owner Akzo Nobel's India operations for Rs 9,407 crore (\$1.1 billion), the sector's biggest purchase amid rising competition. JSW Paints, founded by steel tycoon Sajjan Jindal in 2019, will become the fourth largest participant in the sector, controlled by Asian Paints, Berger Paints, and Kansai Nerolac. Aditya Birla Group launched Birla Opus in 2024. According to Indian takeover legislation, JSW Paints would openly offer Rs 3,929 crore to Akzo Nobel India's public stockholders for a 25% stake. Public shareholders would



receive Rs 3,418 per share in the open offer, while JSW Paints will pay the Dutch firm Rs 2,762.

Based on the open offer response, JSW Paints would buy enough shares from the Dutch company to maintain 75% ownership in

Akzo Nobel India. JSW Paints, part of the \$23-billion JSW Group, will market Akzo Nobel India after the purchase, with the Dutch corporation perhaps remaining a public shareholder.

Birla Co. recovers Rs 2 crore in stolen digital gold

Delhi : Hackers breached the ABCD mobile app run by Aditya Birla Capital and stole digital gold valued at approximately Rs 1.95 crore from 435 user accounts, according to Delhi. On June 9, the scam was exposed after multiple consumers contacted the company's call center to express their dissatisfaction with the theft of their digital gold. Concerned about this, the company's technical staff launched an internal investigation and filed a first information report. According to our sources, the affected accounts now have their balances returned by the company.

The BSE was fined 25L for the unfair distribution of corporate information



Delhi : According to Delhi, the 45-page SEBI order confirmed that the BSE's system design allowed paying clients and the internal listing compliance monitoring (LCM) staff to view business announcements ahead of schedule. Prior to the information being made public on its website, this occurred. Because there were no measures in place to ensure that all stakeholders had equal and contemporaneous access to the data, the regulator deemed this to be a breach of norms. To keep information

inequality at bay and guarantee fair markets, this is crucial. After reviewing the Securities Contracts (Regulation) SECC (Stock Exchange and Clearing Corporations Regulations, 2018), SEBI determined that BSE had broken Regulation 39(3). All users must have fair and transparent access for stock exchanges to

comply with the rules. Additionally, the regulator brought attention to the fact that BSE neglected to establish a really basic syndication (RSS) feed, which would have mitigated the possibility of unequal access to corporate filings. Inspections revealed gaps, but BSE just created a time gap to fix the problem, according to SEBI. The regulator also pointed out significant problems with BSE's oversight of client code updates, which are permitted only for legitimate mistakes.

NHAI to blacklist FASTags 'kept in hand', seeks details from toll operators

Delhi: Drivers who don't fix their FASTags on the windshield of their vehicles will face permanent blacklisting of tags, a measure taken in view of the malpractice of people handing out "loose or unfixed tags" for payment of highway-user fee, which leads to congestion at toll plaza lanes and sometimes altercations with toll collectors. The NHAI company dealing with toll collection and management of highways, IHMCL, has asked federations of toll collectors, highway builders and operators to report such cases for quick action. "Tags-in-hand" have been categorised as "loose tags". Despite repeated advisories against the practice there have been several cases of people handing out FASTag at toll gates for deduction



Total bids for three initial public offerings (IPOs) reached 22.5 billion rupees

Delhi : Nearly 22,500 crore rupees were raised in three separate initial public offerings (IPOs) that concluded. The combined target amount for all three was 2,562 crore rupees. According to data from the exchanges and merchant bankers, the 119 crore rupee IPO of Globe Civil Projects was subscribed 86 times, the 853 crore rupee IPO of Ellenbarrie Industrial Gases was subscribed 22 times, and the 1,590 crore rupee IPO of Mumbai-based real estate giant Kalpataru was subscribed 2.3 times.

of user fee. In letters addressed to these federations, IHMCL said, "This leads to lane-level congestion due to manual handling and viola-

tion issues, misuse in closed-loop tolling operations, generation of false chargeback demands and overall disruption.

GST compensation fund likely to have 95k cr surplus

Delhi: They requested anonymity and stated the GST Council may determine how to use this extra compensation cess. Cess funds are used for a specified purpose and are levied in addition to taxes. These insiders claimed the GST Council, the top indirect



tax decision-making body, will meet before or after the Monsoon session of

Parliament, depending on member availability. They said the Council meeting is overdue and coming soon. Last December 21, the 55th GST Council met in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. They stated the Council will discuss tax rate rationalization, compliance

ease, and cess reform during its 56th meeting. The council may replace the GST compensation cess on sin goods and luxury commodities like cigarettes and cars with two specific-purpose levies to fund health and clean energy projects.

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



Delhi: One in five ultra-rich Indians with a net worth over Rs 25 crore plans to settle abroad for investment opportunities, tax advantages, and greater global connectivity, according to a Kotak Mahindra Bank private banking survey. The first two quarters of 2024-25 survey interviewed 150 ultra-high networth people (UHNIs) and private bankers in 12 cities. EY ordered and validated the findings with industry. For this report, those worth over Rs 25 crore were canvassed.

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.

CONFIRMED: 'Rohit Sharma will play 2027 ODI World Cup and retire after that'

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good," he added. As for the match, Australia won the toss and chose to bat first. A 61-run opening stand between skipper Mitchell Marsh (41 off 50 balls, with five fours and a six) and Travis Head.

long-time teammate Virat Kohli thrilled

Chasing 237, India began strongly with a 69-run opening stand

Matt Short contributed 30 off 41 balls with two fours, while a 59-run partnership between Matt Renshaw (56 off 58 balls, with two fours) and Alex Carey (24 off 37 balls, with a four) took the Aussies to 183/3. However, a middle-order collapse saw them bundled out for 236 in 46.4 overs.

fans who had packed the stadium — possibly witnessing their last outing together on Australian soil. "The way Rohit batted today and how he contributed to India's win - it felt great to watch the match. He will play the 2027 ODI World Cup and retire after

that," Dinesh Lad said. Speaking about Virat, who scored a steady 74* after two successive ducks in Perth and Adelaide, Lad said that "there are misunderstandings about Virat everyday." "He is someone who can thrive anytime and anywhere.

Perform kar, warna bahar bitha dunga': How Gautam Gambhir's stern message fired up Harshit Rana

NEW DELHI: Harshit Rana carried immense pressure going into the third and final ODI against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG). On top of the expectations was the ongoing debate over his selection ahead of Arshdeep Singh. He faced criticism for his previous outings, but didn't respond publicly. He was trolled for being

Gautam Gambhir's 'man', yet he remained silent. Despite questions from every corner about his selection, all Rana did was wait for his moment and it finally arrived at the iconic SCG, where he claimed four wickets, celebrated, and silently walked with his team inside the dressing room. His silence clearly said — 'message well con-

veyed'. Generating pace and bounce off the SCG turf, Rana finished with figures of 8.4 overs, 4 wickets for 39 runs, at an economy of 4.50, helping India bowl out Australia for 236 runs. The young pacer had a rocky start on the tour — in Perth and Adelaide — and when he was picked for the Sydney ODI ahead of left-arm seamer Arshdeep.

Ranji Trophy: Kerala's batting falterers 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.

Pandya-Mahieka Sharma make it official? Their Diwali celebration wins the internet



Recently, the pair also celebrated Hardik's birthday with a beach getaway

lic outing immediately drew the attention of fans and paparazzi, with social media users calling them the "new power couple" of cricket and Bollywood. Photos and videos from the Diwali bash quickly went viral across platforms. Recently, the pair also celebrated Hardik's birthday with a beach getaway, glimpses of which Mahieka shared on her Instagram Stories. Their relationship first made headlines earlier this month when videos of them together at the Mumbai airport surfaced on October 10. Shortly after, Hardik posted an Instagram Story showing the two enjoying a quiet moment by the sea. Mahieka, who is seven years younger than Hardik, is a successful model known for her work with top brands like Tanishq, Vivo, and Uniqlo.

NEW DELHI: Indian cricketer Hardik Pandya and model Mahieka Sharma have made their relationship Instagram official, two years after his separation from Natasa Stankovic. The couple's appearance at a Diwali celebration in coordinated red traditional outfits has set social media abuzz. The duo attended a star-studded Diwali party on Monday, where Mahieka stunned in a red bandhani salwar suit paired with black leggings and white sandals. Hardik complemented her look with a red kurta, black trousers, loafers, dark sunglasses, and gold accessories. Their pub-

Virender Sehwag's Diwali social media post creates a stir: 'Where is...?'



Rumours are rife on social media that Virender Sehwag and his wife Aarti Ahlawat

couple of photos with sons Aaryavir and Vedant in her Instagram story. According to multiple reports, the couple are separated and have unfollowed each other on social media. Virender Sehwag and Aarti Ahlawat got married in 2004, and they have two sons together — Aaryavir, born in 2007, and Vedant, born in 2010. Virender Sehwag last shared a post with Aarti Ahlawat on April 28, 2023 — roughly 30 months ago. With rumours of Virender Sehwag and Aarti Ahlawat heading for divorce, this post has now gone viral on the internet. Rumours are rife on social media that Virender Sehwag and his wife Aarti Ahlawat are separating after 20 years of togetherness. However, both Virender and Aarti have remained silent.

Virender Sehwag's social media post on Diwali has created quite a stir among fans. The former India opener, who turned 47 on Monday, posted a photo with his two sons — Aaryavir Sehwag and Vedant Sehwag. Arti Sehwag's absence from the family photo has made fans curious. Sehwag posted on X and Instagram on the auspicious day of Diwali with the caption: "May you leave your sparkle wherever you go. Happy Deepawali." Sehwag Tweet Several fans commented, asking, "Where is your wife, Viru paji?" Meanwhile, Arti Sehwag posted a

Keeping the legends sharp: How Gill plans to manage Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli's ODI rhythm

: Captain hails Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli after India's big win With only six

Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli will need careful management going forward, now that they play only one format, skipper Shubman Gill said on Saturday, underlining the importance of game time for the two white-ball legends. Kohli and Rohit finished the ODI series on a high, scoring unbeaten 74 and 121 respectively, guiding India to a nine-wicket win in the dead



rubber against Australia. Asked about the upcoming gap before the next series against South Africa and then New Zealand, Gill admitted there has been no discussion yet. "We haven't talked about it yet. But I think once the South Africa ODI series is over (on December 6),

there will be a gap in international cricket before the New Zealand ODI series (January 11, 2026). So I think then we will see how to keep the players in touch. Then I think a decision will be taken," he said. Shubman Gill Press Conference: Captain hails Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli after

Rishabh Pant recovers to be named captain of India A squad vs South Africa A

Other prominent names to look out for in the squad are India U-19 captain Ayush Mhatre

Rishabh Pant has been named as the captain of the India A squad that will play two four-day matches against South Africa A. India's wicketkeeper-batter had been recovering



since picking up a toe injury during the tour of England. As a result he missed the home Tests against the West Indies and the ongoing

limited overs assignment in Australia. Earlier Pant was named in the Delhi Ranji Trophy squad to face Himachal

Pradesh, which is scheduled to take place on October 25 at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. But now with the first unofficial Test against South Africa on October 30, he may miss the domestic fixture. Pant sustained an injury on the England tour when a yorker from Chris Woakes struck his toe on the opening day of the Manchester Test. The

injury forced him to miss the final match of the five-Test series, which ended in a 2-2 draw between India and England. Since then, Pant has been under careful medical supervision, adhering to a structured fitness and rehabilitation program. A clearance from the BCCI medical team marks a key milestone in his return to elite

cricket. Other prominent names to look out for in the squad are Mumbai opener and India U-19 captain Ayush Mhatre, off-spinner Tanush Kotian. India A will play two four-day matches against the South Africa A from 30 October and 6 November, respectively, at the BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru.

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Shocking reason why Pakistan removed Mohammed Rizwan as ODI captain



Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) announced Shaheen Shah Afridi as cap-

tain of the Pakistan men's ODI team, replacing wicket-keeper-batter

"If he has spoken about Palestine, will you remove him from captaincy?"

"If he has spoken about Palestine, will you remove him from captaincy?" said Latif on his YouTube channel Caught Behind. "This mindset that there would be non-Islamic captains in an Islamic country is abysmal," he added. Shaheen will lead Pakistan in the three-match ODI series against South Africa, scheduled to take place at the Iqbal Stadium in Faisalabad.

Mohammad Rizwan has learnt that the reason behind Rizwan's removal as captain is his refusal

to promote betting companies. "Rizwan had informed the PCB that he wouldn't endorse betting com-

panies, which is the main reason behind his sacking. He was against the PCB's collaboration with surrogate betting firms," a PCB source tracking the development told Earlier this year, while playing for St Kitts and Nevis Patriots in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL), Rizwan had refused to wear.

Al-Nassr confirm Cristiano will not travel to India

Al-Nassr FC have confirmed that their captain, Cristiano Ronaldo, will not be part of the travelling squad that will arrive in India later tonight. Ronaldo, a five-time Ballon d'Or award winner, has missed the previous two AFC Champions League Two games, at home and away, and will now sit out of the group-stage clash against FC Goa at the Nehru Stadium in Fatorda on October 22. The Saudi Pro League giants are expected to arrive here on Monday night. FC Goa have

been waiting for a confirmation from Al-Nassr since Ronaldo's arrival here would mean detailed security arrangements. Goa police too had officially sought a status report on the Portugal superstar's arrival. "Al-Nassr have informed FC Goa today that Ronaldo will not travel," a source who has been tracking the development told TOI on Monday. "Even when FC Goa sought confirmation yesterday, they were asked to wait till today.