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Accidental explosion at Nowgam police station, 9 killed, 32 injured

Jammu and Kashmir

The Union Home Ministry stated on Saturday that nine people were killed and 32 others injured in an accidental explosion at the Nowgam police station in Jammu and Kashmir late Friday night. The ministry clarified that the investigation into the cause of the incident is ongoing and that any further speculation on the cause is unnecessary.

Prashant Lokhande, Joint Secretary (Jammu and Kashmir Division), Ministry of Home Affairs, told a media briefing here regarding the Nowgam police station explosion that the Nowgam police station had recently busted a terrorist module based on clues from a poster.



During the investigation of FIR No. 162/2025 related to the same case, a large cache of explosives and chemicals was recovered. The recovered explosives were safely stored in an open area within the police station premises as per prescribed standards.

Lokhande stated that the process of sending the recovered material for forensic and chemical examination had been ongoing for the past two days. Given the volatile and sensitive nature of the recovered explosives, they were being handled with utmost care under expert supervision. An accidental explosion occurred at approximately 11:20 pm on Friday night. Nine people were killed, while 27 policemen, two revenue officials, and three civilians were injured. All the injured were immediately rushed to nearby hospitals. The explosion severely damaged the police station building and affected several surrounding buildings.

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Lucknow

Under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath leadership, Uttar Pradesh has delivered outstanding results under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana



Under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath leadership, the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana has achieved record progress in Uttar Pradesh. The state has installed over 2.72 lakh rooftop solar plants, generating nearly 4 million units of electricity every day. With rooftop solar capacity now exceeding 950 MW, Uttar Pradesh ranks among the top-performing states nationally, third in installations after Gujarat and Maharashtra and second in total applications. Vendor participation has grown sharply from just 400

at the start of the scheme to nearly 4,000 today. This expansion has created more than 48,000 direct jobs and millions of indirect opportunities across manufacturing and supply chains. The rooftop solar model has also helped conserve 3800 acres of agricultural land. Under the scheme, the central government has provided ₹1808 crore in subsidies and the state government ₹584 crore directly to consumers. Annual savings from rooftop solar are contributing over 0.2% to the state GDP, supporting Uttar Pradesh vision.

Government committed to tribal welfare: PM Modi

Narmada

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday stressed that development is incomplete without political empowerment, and for this purpose, the central government is committed to elevating the tribal community to the highest positions in the nation. He said that political leadership and equal participation in democracy are essential for the overall development of any society or community. The Prime Minister was addressing the Tribal Pride Day celebrations organized on the 150th birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda at Dedhiapada in Narmada district, Gujarat. On this occasion, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for road, health, education, water, and connectivity projects worth approximately ₹9,700 crore. He said



that this investment will bring a major change in the quality of life in tribal areas. He said that the tribal community's contribution to Indian civilization, culture, and the freedom struggle is incomparable, but for decades this contribution was ignored. He said that the BJP government has worked to remove this historical neglect by giving priority to the honour, self-respect and development of the tribal society. The Prime Minister said that representation in a democracy should not be merely symbol-

ic, but should be a medium for real transfer of power. PM Modi said that today the President of the country is a tribal woman. This is not just an honor, but an inspiration that shows that India's democratic system gives every citizen the opportunity to reach the highest office. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, and Madhya

Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel all symbolize the transformative political journey in which tribal communities are playing a leadership role. He said that the government is continuously strengthening sports infrastructure in tribal areas. The development of religious sites like the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, the Mahakal Corridor, the Ayodhya Ram Temple, and Kedarnath over the past decade is an example of adding new dimensions to national cultural heritage. He also announced the establishment of the Shri Govind Guru Chair – a center for tribal language promotion, which will focus on research and preservation of several tribal languages, including Bhil, Vasava, Garasia, Konkani, Rathwa, Nayak, Santhal.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi paying tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda on his 150th birth anniversary at Narmada in Gujarat.

CM launches portal for fire safety certificate

New Delhi

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has made the fire safety certificate renewal system online. She launched the portal for online renewal of fire safety certificates at the Delhi Secretariat on Saturday. Delhi Government Minister Ashish Sood and senior officials from the Delhi Fire Service (DFS) were also present at the special event. The portal, developed through a joint effort by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) and the Delhi



Government, fundamentally restructures the fire safety renewal process in Delhi.

The Chief Minister stated that over the past eight months, the Delhi Government has implemented several landmark reforms that are directly benefiting businesses, citizens, and various institutions in the capital. She explained that the processes related to fire permits, licensing, and other mandatory approvals have been simplified, transparent, and transformed into a single-window system.

Aadhaar is not proof of citizenship, Election Commission tells Supreme Court

New Delhi

The Election Commission has clarified in an affidavit filed in the Supreme Court that the Aadhaar card is being used only to verify a person's identity in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process of the voter list. The Aadhaar card is not proof of citizenship. In the affidavit filed in the Supreme Court, the Election Commission stated that the mere presence or absence of an Aadhaar card cannot be the reason for adding or deleting a person's name from the voter list. The Election Commission filed this counter-affidavit in response to a petition filed by BJP leader and lawyer



Ashwini Upadhyay. Upadhyay demanded that the Aadhaar card be used only to verify the identity of those applying for inclusion in the voter list. No one should be considered a citizen of the country based on the Aadhaar card, nor should the Aadhaar card be used as proof of date of birth. The Election Commission stated that existing law already limits the use of Aadhaar. It is noteworthy that the

New Delhi

Senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram said on Saturday that all political parties should focus on women's issues and ensure their development. Chidambaram said that while it's normal to seek votes during elections, parties should openly discuss women's issues and address them after coming to power. Chidambaram stressed that political parties should explain their policies and make sincere efforts for women's development. On the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, he said that women should be empowered economically, freed from fami-



ly and social constraints, and helped to advance so that they can also lead the country. Bihar election results cannot hide the Election Commission's misdeeds: Stalin Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Saturday congratulated

JDU supremo Nitish Kumar for his decisive victory and wished him well for fulfilling the expectations of the people of Bihar. Stalin criticized the Election Commission, saying that the election results cannot hide its misdeeds. The

Commission's reputation is at its lowest ebb. He said that the citizens of the country deserve a stronger and more impartial Election Commission, whose election conduct inspires confidence even among those who did not win. Pre-election distribution of funds worrying: Sharad Pawar NCP (SP) President Sharad Pawar said that the entrepreneurship scheme for women played a key role in the NDA's victory in the Bihar elections. He also expressed surprise at how the Election Commission allowed the distribution of funds during the election process. Speaking to reporters in Baramati on Saturday.

SIR: Forms reach more than 95% of voters in 12 states and union territories

New Delhi

A major update has emerged in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision Campaign to further clean up the electoral rolls across the country. According to the Election Commission, enumeration forms have been distributed to more than 95 percent of the 59.9 million voters in nine states and three union territories. The Commission states that this campaign is a major step towards making the electoral rolls transparent and error-free. In its daily SIR Bulletin, the Election Commission stated that a total of 486.7 million enumeration forms have been distributed

in 12 states and union territories. Jharkhand is not included in the states where this campaign is underway, but Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal are included. The process is also ongoing in Puducherry, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Lakshadweep. Second Phase of SIR Campaign Continues The second phase of the SIR campaign began on November 4th and will continue until December 4th. This phase is the enumeration stage, in which voters are given forms to verify or correct their details.

Congress blames SIR for Bihar election defeat

New Delhi

The BJP on Saturday targeted the Congress, saying that the people of Bihar have punished it for bringing disrepute to the country and dividing society on the basis of religion and caste. The Congress had alleged that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) was the reason for the Grand Alliance's defeat in Bihar. The NDA won a landslide victory in the Bihar Assembly elections, winning 202 out of 243 seats. The Congress termed this victory as "large-scale vote theft." Rahul Gandhi said that they could not win an election that was not fair from the beginning. Rahul Gandhi also said that the Congress and India Block would conduct a thorough review of the



election results and make more effective efforts to protect democracy. Responding to Rahul Gandhi's statement, BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh said that by giving the NDA a clear majority, the people of Bihar have made it clear that they want livelihood, prosperity, and development, not the

opposition's "jungle raj, mafia, Muslim League, and Naxalite politics." Responding to the attacks on the SIR campaign for the opposition's electoral defeat in Bihar, Chugh said, "The people have punished you for your anti-national misdeeds. They have punished you for speaking against the country,

defaming it, and dividing it on communal and caste lines." He further stated that the mandate in Bihar is a punishment for the India Bloc. The BJP leader also said that the NDA's landslide victory has sent a message to the people that they have unwavering faith in the "policies and intentions" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government. The two main NDA constituents, the BJP and the JDU, contested 101 seats each. Both parties have a strike rate of around 85 percent. The BJP won 89 seats in the Bihar Assembly elections, up from 74 in the previous election. Nitish Kumar's JDU, meanwhile, won 85 seats, almost double its total of 43 in the previous election.

Amrit Pharmacy will be established in every medical college and district hospital

New Delhi

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J.P. Nadda on Saturday announced the extensive expansion of the AMRUT network across the country, stating that the goal now is to provide AMRUT pharmacies in every medical college and every district hospital in the country, ensuring access to affordable medicines for every citizen. Nadda was addressing the gathering after inaugurating the 10th foundation day celebrations of AMRUT (Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for

Himachal Pradesh – Mega Walkathon organized against Chitta

Shimla

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu today launched a decisive battle against the drug Chitta by initiating a massive public movement in the state. The Chief Minister led an anti-Chitta awareness walkathon from the Ridge to Chaura Maidan in Shimla. People from all walks of life, including students, public representatives, officials, and dignitaries, participated in the walkathon. Before the



walkathon began, he administered a pledge to those present on the Ridge against drug abuse and drug abuse. Addressing the crowd at Chaura Maidan, the Chief Minister stated that today marks a turning point in Himachal's history. He stated that Himachal

Pradesh will face the challenge of Chitta with the power of a mass movement and will never allow smugglers to hide under any circumstances. He stated that Chitta-free Himachal is not merely a government program. It is a mass movement, a call from the people of the state, and a fight for Himachal's identity. Its voice will be so powerful that its echo will reverberate across the mountains, resonating not only in the state but throughout India.

Essay Competition Held at Mathura District Jail on Children Day



Gopal Thakur Mathura

On the occasion of Children Day, an essay competition was organized on Thursday for inmates at the Mathura District Jail. The event was held under the supervision of Jail Superintendent Anshuman Garg, with the objective of encouraging creativity, expression and a reformatory outlook among the inmates. The topics provided for the competition included "Prison as a Reformatory Home," "Indian Judicial System," "Life of Prison Inmates," and "Children's Day – Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru." Participants were allowed to choose any one topic for their essay. A total of 92 inmates, including 85 men and 7 women, took part in the competition with enthusiasm. The question papers were prepared by Education Instructor Sulendra Chaudhary. The competition carried 100 marks and participants were given one hour to complete the task.

I feel honoured to announce that by blessings of seniors and support of colleague and juniors

Bahraich: A sterilization camp was organized at the Community Health Center Charda on Thursday as part of the family planning program. A total of 11 women—Meera Devi, Phoolan Devi, Kismatul, Urmila and others—underwent sterilization and benefited from the program. The surgeries were performed under the supervision of Dr. Mant Dev Nigam (surgeon).

Major revelation of misuse of bank accounts of the poor

Serious allegations against an international funding network, Case rapidly going viral on social media

Akhand Bharat Sandesh

Prayagraj. A shocking case of misuse of bank accounts of poor and innocent people has come to light in the district. A victim, a resident of village Gaura Akodha, Tehsil Karchana, Police Station Kaundhiara, has made serious allegations in a letter addressed to the Chief Minister, Police Commissioner Prayagraj, Crime Branch Prayagraj, and ACP Kaundhiara and Kheri. The matter is so sensitive that it has been rapidly going viral on social media over the past two days. Several women are also making allegations against some people in the Kaundhiara area through videos and posts, which Hindustan newspaper does not confirm. According to the victim, a group of about eight people lured poor and illiterate villagers into open-



ing accounts in various banks, including the Indian Post Bank. It is alleged that after opening the accounts, passbooks, ATM cards, and SIM cards are taken from the villagers. After this, up to ₹40-45 lakh is allegedly transferred to each account through hawala from abroad and immediately withdrawn. After transactions worth crores of rupees, the account

is frozen, while the account holders are given only ₹2,000 to ₹4,000, keeping them ignorant of the actual activities.

The victim says that people associated with this network use local power and threaten villagers. They have been in possession of many account holders' passbooks, ATMs, and SIM cards for months. When villagers

demand their passbooks, they are threatened with death. The victim alleges that complaints have been filed several times with the Kaundhiara, Kheri, and Karchana police stations, but no concrete action has been taken. This has created an atmosphere of fear and insecurity among the villagers. The victim demanded high-level action, stating that this network is not only an economic crime but also poses a serious threat to the lives of villagers. In the petition, the victim demanded that a joint team of the Crime Branch, ACP Kaundhiara, and ACP Kheri be formed to thoroughly investigate the case and take strict action against the accused. ACP Kaundhiara Abdus Salam Khan stated that the matter came to light through local residents. The case is being investigated and the culprits will be sent to jail.

Beni Madhav Singh PG College dominates the inter-college athletics competition



Tharwai

The inter-college athletics and shot put competition was held at Prof. Rajendra Singh Rajju Bhaiya University, Prayagraj, on Friday, in which athletes from several colleges participated. Beni Madhav Singh PG College, Bighiya, a renowned college in Prayagraj, continues to boast medals in sports along with education. Friday's athletics and shot put competition also won 12 medals, including five gold medals. In which Anjali 100 meter silver medal BA second year, Resham 800 meter race gold medal BA third year, Rudra Prakash Tiwari 800 meter race silver medal MA first year, Sagar Singh 800 meter race bronze medal BA first year, Sagar Singh 1500 meter race silver medal BA first year, Kavita Patel in

women's category 1500 meter race bronze medal BPED first year, Reshma in women's category 5 km race silver medal BA third year, and relay race gold medal in men's category, relay race women's category gold medal, relay race mixed gold medal and Sushil gold medal in shot put BA third year women's category Palak bronze medal BPED first year. In the joy of this victory, the college's Principal Dr. D.V. Singh, Secretary Madhuri Singh, President Kripa Ram Mishra, Dr. Seema Singh, Dr. Babita Singh, B.P.Ed. Department President V.D. Singh, Ram Prasad, Ram Kailash, Karunesh Shukla, Parveen Jahan, Supreeti Mishra, Shalu Pandey, College's Administrative Officer Gopal Singh, Satyanarayan Mishra etc.

Seemant Inter College hosted a grand Sports Day celebration

Bahraich

The annual Sports Day celebration at Seemant Inter College was held with great enthusiasm and excitement on Friday. Students enthusiastically participated in various sports competitions and showcased their talents. School Manager Subhash Chandra Pandey, Manager Representative



Vikas Pandey and Principal Priyanka Pandey stated that sports are an integral part of life. They devel-

oped discipline, team spirit and leadership skills. They stated that the purpose of Sports Day was to promote

physical fitness, mental agility and a spirit of healthy competition among students. The program included exciting competitions such as races, mind booster games, ball passing, puzzle games, book balancing, musical chairs, and jalebi races. At the end of the program the winning participants were awarded prizes and certificates.

Electricity department officials are forcibly installing electric poles on farmers' fields, The farmer was not compensated, resulting in losses worth lakhs

Akhand Bharat Sandesh

Kaushambi The tyranny of electricity department officials is being openly demonstrated. Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited is a government commercial organization and collects bills from consumers after supplying electricity. To supply electricity, the electricity department is forcibly installing electric poles in farmers' fields. After the installation of the poles, farmers' fields are at risk of

electrocution, resulting in the deaths of their animals and innocent farmers. When farmers protest the installation of electric poles, department officials silence them by filing lawsuits and using the police. Electricity department officials and contractors consider farmers' fields their property. They forcibly install electric poles in farmers' fields through contractors, causing many farmers to suffer from the tyranny of electricity department officials. A similar case has come to

light in Hinauta Gram Panchayat, under the Manjhanpur tehsil area. Electricity department officials installed electric poles in the fields of Ravindra Kumar Singh, son of Vishram Singh, a resident of Hinauta, without the farmer's permission. He was not compensated when the farmer filed a complaint. When he demanded compensation, he was only given a lollipop in the name of compensation. The farmer demanded compensation at the

government's circle rate, but he has not received compensation at the circle rate. The electricity department had assigned the work of installing electric poles to GR Infra Limited Corporation. The electricity department officials installed electric poles on the farmer's farm, in addition to the land on which electric wires are supplied from the farmer's farm. Farmers cannot grow large crops in the entire area. They cannot plant trees and gardens on their farms, which ruins the

farmer's land. However, they pay compensation at an arbitrary rate for the land on which electric poles are installed, but they do not compensate for the land through which electric wires are taken. Approximately one bigha of land on farmer Ravindra Kumar Singh's farm is being destroyed by the installation of electric poles and electric wires, but the department is ready to pay compensation for 100 square meters of land at an arbitrary rate.

MUNPL Meja Organizes Press Meet 2025

Meja

MUNPL Meja successfully organised 'Press Meet 2025' on 15th November 2025. The event witnessed the participation of representatives from leading press and media organizations of the region. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Shri Vivek Chandra, Head of Human Resource, MUNPL, who extended a warm welcome to all media representatives and senior officials. There was a detailed overview presentation of MUNPL Meja's station performance, Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, key achievements, and environmental efforts. Shri Ashesh Kumar Chattopadhyay addressed the media



and shared details about MUNPL's achievements and key initiatives undertaken by MUNPL Meja across various sectors, including environmental conservation, tree plantation, and other CSR activities. He highlighted the organization's continued commitment to community development and sustainable growth through these initiatives. The event was attended by senior officials, including Shri Avijit Chatterjee, CGM (Technical

Services), Shri Narendra Nath Sinha, GM(O&M); Shri Anand Prakash, GM (Project), Shri Ashok Kumar Samal, GM (Maintenance), Shri Amit Rautela, CFO (Finance), Dr. Manisha Pandey (CMO), Ajay Singh, DGM (HR). The objective of the Press Meet was to strengthen engagement with media representatives and to share updates on the project's progress and its social responsibility initiatives.

The police overruled the court's order, leaving animals starving for food and water

Akhand Bharat Message

Kaushambi. Surendra Singh filed a lawsuit in the District Judge's court regarding a land dispute in Nasirpur Uchhwa village, located in the Sandipan Ghat police station area. While hearing the case of Surendra Singh vs. Mulayam Singh, the District Judge directed that in the interest of justice, both parties and the police force should not take any coercive action until the appointed date. However, the Chail Circle police are prevailing over the District Judge's order. The Muratganj outpost police of the Chail Circle seem to have no hesitation or fear in committing contempt of court. Contrary to the court's order, the opponents have locked the house on the spot. The plaintiff,

Surendra Singh, demanded that the police open the locks. When contacted, the Muratganj outpost in-charge stated that the Chail CO has instructed the plaintiff, Surendra Singh, to remove his animals from his house and vacate the premises. However, the court has not given any instructions to vacate the house or remove the animals. The question arises: has the Chail CO become more powerful than the District Judge? Several animals are locked inside the house, deprived of food and water. Due to which the animals are yearning for food and water. Contrary to the court's order, the opponents have placed their belongings on the land and are making every effort to occupy it. Law and order is being flouted. An attempt is being made to assault

Surendra Singh, who filed the case, due to which he is pleading for police help from the police station to the resolution day, but gradually, even after many days have passed, no action has been taken against the opponents, their courage has increased and the outpost police, contrary to the court's instructions, are trying to forcibly occupy the house of the opponents. Under the protection of the outpost police, the outpost police are committing terror and atrocities. The outpost police are indirectly strengthening the people committing contempt by violating the court's order, behind which their personal interests are hidden, whereas the court has prevented the opposition as well as the police from taking punitive action.

A truck hit two young men riding a bike, killing one on the spot and injuring the other

Kaushambi

Police are searching for the driver who fled the scene after abandoning the truck. The havoc of high speed was witnessed in the Karari police station area of Kaushambi on Thursday night, where a speeding truck hit two young men riding a bike. One of the young men died tragically on the spot, while the other was seriously injured. The injured man was taken to a hospital by ambulance for treatment.

Grand Inauguration of Lakhan Lal Banquet Hall and Resort, Bharwari

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Bharwari, Kaushambi. The Lakhan Lal Guest House on Mehta Road, located within the Bharwari Municipal Council, has been renovated and renovated to meet public demand. The grand inauguration of the Lakhan Lal Banquet Hall and Resort took place on Saturday, attended by thousands of people. On the occasion



of the inauguration of the Lakhan Lal Banquet Hall and Resort, Shailendra Kumar, National General

Secretary of the Jansatta Dal Party and former Member of Parliament, arrived and was welcomed by former

Chairman Kailash Kesharwani. Former District President of the Samajwadi Party, Ashok Yadav, Ashwani Kumar Singh, Youth District President of the Jansatta Dal Party, Chunna Singh, Rehan Ahmed, Vikas Kesharwani, Avinash Kesharwani, and Prakash Kesharwani welcomed the guests. A grand feast was also organized for the inauguration, attended by thousands of people.

NDMC gardeners become 'plant doctors': Four-day special training teaches everything from landscaping to surgical tree care

Delhi

With the goal of making the capital one of the world's greenest cities, gardeners and gardeners of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) underwent a four-day special training. The program was organized by the National Institute of Secretariat Training and Development in collaboration with the NDMC with "Green Man of India" Vijaypal Baghel and environmentalist Chandra Mohan Tyagi as



the main trainers. The purpose of this training was to teach gardeners not just gardening, but also the scientific and surgical care of plants. The trained gardeners were told that just like humans have bodies, plants are living beings. And just as the human body is treated

through surgery, new species can be developed and revived through surgical tree care. This was described as a scientific method of 'reproduction'. Landscaping and modern gardening techniques were also taught. During the four-day training, gardeners received both

classroom theory and practical training in the field. A detailed study was conducted on the available land in the NDMC area, the percentage of green cover, and the potential for green cover enhancement. They were trained to understand and create modern techniques such as vertical gardens, terrace gardens, kitchen gardens, rock gardens, lawn management and water gardens. During the training, gardeners surveyed the green cover at 51 roundabouts and 13

major intersections in the NDMC area. They were taught the importance of conserving traditional species such as mango, jamun, tamarind, neem, kachnar and amaltas and avenue planting. Based on this, they were trained to develop new landscape designs along the Shantipath and other important routes. Training ranged from identifying trees and plants to developing new varieties of roses. Gardeners were taught a detailed method of plant identification.

High Court expresses strong displeasure over incomplete documents and digitization flaws in bail

Akhand Bharat Sandesh

Prayagraj. The Allahabad High Court has expressed serious concern over the lack of complete documents submitted by advocates when filing bail applications and the shortcomings in the digitization process. A bench headed by Justice Arun Kumar Singh Deswal issued these instructions while rejecting the bail application of Auraiya resident Jainu Yadav alias Neeraj alias Ankush Yadav. The court observed that in many cases, advocates submit incomplete docu-

ments when filing bail applications and later submit additional documents through supplementary affidavits. However, these are not scanned by the Registry, defeating the purpose of the High Court's document digitization process. Furthermore, complaints were raised about the poor quality of scanning, making it difficult to read documents and often requiring a hard copy of the file. The court directed the person in charge of the digitization center to ensure that all supplementary affidavits filed in new cases are also scanned and

uploaded to the Digital Management System (DMS). The matter was also ordered to be presented before the High Court IT Committee. Rejecting the bail application, the court noted that the appellant has been charged under serious sections of the BNS and has been accused by the injured party of causing serious head injuries. The AGA, representing the state, opposed bail, stating that medical reports confirm the serious injuries and that the accused has a criminal history. The accused has been in jail since July 17th.

Dogs digging up the soil revealed a dead body, with deep injury marks on the head and face

Akhand Bharat Sandesh

Prayagraj. In the morning, villagers in a garden near Lakhrawan village, under the jurisdiction of the Tharwai police station, spotted a body buried beneath a tree. They then called Dial 112 and informed the local Tharwai police station. Upon receiving the information, Tharwai Inspector Santosh Kumar Pandey arrived at the scene with his team and began investigating the matter. Shortly thereafter, ACP Tharwai Chandrapal Singh, DCP Ganganagar Kuldeep Singh Gunawat, and ADCP Ganganagar Pushkar Verma also arrived at the scene, investigating every aspect. The SOG and forensic teams also arrived. When police arrived, they discovered the body of an unidentified woman buried in the ground, with a portion of her hand visible. The body was exhumed and was found wearing a green kurti. DCP Ganganagar said that they would find out where the recent missing person reports were filed and they were also engaged in investigating from every angle how the woman was murdered and the reason behind it. ACP Tharwai Chandrapal Singh said in a byte that on Saturday morning at around 8:30, villagers



informed the police that a dead body was buried in the ground in a garden near Lakhrawa village in Tharwai police station area. On receiving the information, the police reached the spot and ACP Tharwai said that prima facie there appears to be injury marks on the head. But the body could not be identi-

fied. The age of the person is said to be around 25 years. Investigation is underway. The police took the body into custody and sent it for post-mortem. The matter will become clear only after the post-mortem report. The police is investigating from every angle.

The SOG and Meja police team uncovered a robbery incident and arrested two accused



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Meja. On Saturday, following a tip-off from an informant, a joint team of SOG Yamunanagar and Meja police arrested two accused wanted in a robbery case from Bolan Tiraha in Meja. They recovered 15,200 rupees in cash, a pair of anklets, two pairs of silver chains, and four pairs of toe rings from their possession. It is noteworthy that on July 17th, complainant Raj Seth, son of Dinanath Seth, a resident of Sirsa Bazaar in the Meja police station area, filed a complaint at the Meja police station alleging that while he was returning home from his shop, unknown bike riders stopped his bike, num-

ber UP 70 CQ 1038, near Barsainta village, assaulted him, and stole gold and silver jewellery kept in a black bag in the bike's trunk. Based on his complaint, a case, crime number 379/25, was registered at the Meja police station.

Following his complaint, a joint team of Special Operations Group (SOG) and Meja police, acting on a tip-off, arrested Abhishek Pal and Ajay Bhartiya, two of the accused, from Bolan Tiraha, and recovered the cash and other items from their possession. According to the police, both arrested accused have confessed to the robbery. Both arrested accused have been sent to jail by the Meja police.

The Soraon Festival concluded: Children gave melodious performances



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Soraon: On Saturday, children from the Government Higher Secondary School, Gohari Prayagraj, and Soraon Inter College, Soraon, under the Soraon development block of Prayagraj district, gave melodious performances, which drew applause and encouragement from all present. The program was held at the playground of Meva Lal Inter College, Soraon development block. Girish Yadav was the chief guest, and former MP Keshari Devi was the special guest. The program began with a grand welcome to all guests, with a welcome song. The Soraon Festival program included the Vande Mataram program, followed by a folk dance performance by children from both schools. They were honored with mementos for their outstanding folk dance performances. Ravi Bhushan and teachers Dr. Reena Pradhan, Sarla Devi, and others were present on the occasion. The students participated in folk dance in which Arnika Maurya, Shivangi Yadav, Ayushi Maurya, Ankita Ayushi, Sania Zehra, Ritika, Vandita, Madhuri etc. gave melodious performances.

Checking Campaign as part of Road Safety Week on Handia Bypass

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Handia. A comprehensive vehicle checking campaign was conducted on the Handia Bagaha Bypass on Saturday as part of Road Safety Week. Led by ACP Handia Sunil Kumar Singh, the campaign's primary objective was to prevent road accidents, ensure compliance with traffic rules, and increase public awareness. A large police force, including SDM Handia Raghavendra Pratap Singh, was present during the campaign. Officers conducted thorough checks of two-wheelers and four-wheelers.



Drivers were made aware of the mandatory requirements for helmets, seat belts, driving licenses, vehicle registration certificates, and pol-

lution control certificates. ACP Sunil Kumar Singh stated that strict action is being taken in the area during Road

Safety Week, especially against speeding, overloading, minors driving, and driving without helmets. He emphasized that by following traffic rules, every citizen not only ensures their own safety but also contributes to the safety of others on the road. SDM Raghavendra Pratap Singh appealed to the public to follow traffic rules and prioritize the safety of their families and society. Officials also stated that the campaign will continue throughout the week and necessary legal action will be taken against those who violate the rules.

Miscreants opened fire on a cannabis seller in the Shivkuti area

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Prayagraj. On Saturday morning, miscreants on a bike created panic in the Shivkuti area of the city. They opened fire on cannabis seller Anshul Sahu, causing panic among locals. Police arrived at the scene and discovered cartridge casings. CCTV footage is being examined while questioning the victim. The motive for the incident is still unclear. It has been reported that there is a licensed cannabis shop in Amedkar Park, in the Shivkuti police station area. Anshul, a resident of Shivkuti, sells



cannabis there. The victim alleges that while he was at the shop on Saturday morning, two miscreants arrived on a motorcycle, abused him, and opened fire with a pistol. Three shots were fired, one by one, leaving a hole in the shop's shutter. Anshul somehow managed to hide and save his life. The indiscriminate firing created panic among locals.

Shivkuti police arrived at the scene as soon as they received the news. Three empty shells were recovered during the investigation at the scene. CCTV footage from nearby areas is also being examined to identify the attackers. The motive for the incident is unclear, but it is believed the shooting may have stemmed from a dispute over the purchase or sale of cannabis. Inspector Shivkuti Rukumpal stated that a case has been registered based on the victim's complaint. Police are searching for the shooters through CCTV footage. Necessary action will be taken against them.

Swami Vivekananda Vidya Ashram's "Sapt Shakti Sangam" program concluded



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Tharwai. A grand "Sapt Shakti Sangam" program based on Indian culture was organized on Saturday at Swami Vivekananda Vidya Ashram Senior Secondary School, Tharwai. At the event, women power displayed the diversity of Indian culture through traditional attire. The program was chaired by Kala Devi, while Kanchan Shukla and

Asha Devi were present as special guests. Keynote speakers were Nidhi Patel, Sarita Singh, and Gayatri Yadav. The program was jointly moderated by Saroj Tiwari. On this occasion, Vandana Sinha from Madhav Gyan Kendra Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Naini, educator Neelam Pandey, Acharya Shalini Shukla, Saroj Tiwari, Vineet Sharma, Uma Kushwaha, and other teachers expressed

their views on Indian culture and women's empowerment. Speakers encouraged mothers to embrace Indian traditions with confidence and pride. The presentations by the school's parents captured everyone's attention. School management and Principal Dinesh Kumar Pandey expressed gratitude to the guests, saying that such events foster respect and understanding for cultural values among students.

102 lost mobile phones returned to their owners

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Bhadohi. As part of a special campaign to recover lost mobile phones, Bhadohi police recovered 102 lost mobile phones worth approximately ₹16,82,000 (sixteen lakh eighty-two thousand rupees) and returned them to their owners. Under the guidance of Abhimanyu Manglik, Superintendent of Police, Bhadohi, a special campaign is being launched to recover lost mobile phones in Bhadohi district, with the aim of recovering lost mobile phones and returning them to their rightful owners. In compliance with these instructions, Shubham Agarwal, Additional Superintendent of Police, Bhadohi, has directed computer operators posted at all police stations in the district to expedite the recovery of lost mobile phones through the effec-



tive use of the CEIR portal. Upon receiving complaints through the portal, public hearings, and dial 112, the computer operators are instructed to enter the mobile phone's IMEI number and related information on the CEIR portal immediately.

They are also required to thoroughly analyze the traceability details received from the portal, such as SIM number and location, and take prompt action. They are also required to conduct regular reviews and follow-ups to recover as many lost mobile phones as possible. Computer operators posted at police stations in Bhadohi district, through continuous efforts to respond to complaints received through the

CEIR (Central Equipment Identity Register) portal, public hearings, and dial 112, have recovered a total of 102 lost mobile phones. The estimated value of the recovered mobile phones is approximately ₹16,82,000 (sixteen lakh eighty-two thousand rupees). Today, on 15 November 2025, these recovered mobile phones were handed over to their owners by Abhimanyu Manglik, Superintendent of Police, Bhadohi, in the auditorium of the Reserve Police Lines, Gyanpur. Expressing immense joy at having their lost mobile phones back, the mobile owners thanked and praised the Superintendent of Police, Bhadohi, and the district police team.

Development of the area is our first priority: Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani

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Prayagraj. Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani on Friday inaugurated two tubewells near Chandralok Rajshree Tandon Mandapam and Mansoor Ali Park. He also dedicated an RCC road in Muthiganj Ghisai Ka Hata at a cost of Rs. 8 lakh. Addressing the residents, the Mayor said that these development works will provide better facilities to the residents and improve their quality of life. Inauguration of tube well: The Mayor inaugurated a big tube well near Chandralok Rajshree Tandon Mandapam and Mansoor Ali Park, which will solve the drinking water problem in the area. Inauguration of road: The Mayor inaugurated a road at Muthiganj Ghisai Ka Hata at a cost of Rs 8 lakh, which will facilitate the movement of the residents of the area. The Mayor said that the Municipal Corporation is continuously working for the development of the area. The Mayor said that solving the problems of the area residents is his priority. The construction of this road will facilitate the movement of the residents of the area and improve their standard of living.



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Editorial

India's naval advancements will fuel its Indian Ocean ambitions

As India approaches its 75th Republic Day, the nation has achieved a significant milestone in strengthening its naval capabilities. In an exceptional move reflecting strategic foresight, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently commissioned three advanced naval platforms in a single day: a destroyer, a frigate, and a submarine. However, in a fast-changing security environment in the Indo-Pacific, the developments in naval capabilities must be measured in a relative context—capabilities of arch rivals and a swiftly evolving security domain, that is. Now, five points need to be underscored in this context. The commissioning of advanced naval platforms highlights India's aspiration to establish itself as a net security provider in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). Over the years, India's maritime security strategy has significantly evolved. The 2015 Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) vision reflects India's dedication to fostering regional cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. This vision is supported by initiatives such as the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and the Indian Ocean Island Countries (IOIC), which emphasise coastal connectivity and sustainable development. PM Modi's address at the 2018 Shangri-La Dialogue further reinforced India's strategic perspective for the Indo-Pacific. The SAGAR vision has gained traction through frameworks such as the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) and the Information Fusion Centre for the Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR), aiming to tackle regional security issues and counter China's expanding influence. While China's People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) has grown to become the world's largest by fleet size, it still lacks the operational capabilities and combat experience of the United States. India's navy, although the smallest of its armed forces, has consistently demonstrated efficiency and timely acquisitions. Compared to the Indian Air Force, which faces critical squadron shortages, the navy pragmatically acknowledges domestic limitations in engine development. It relies on foreign collaborations to fill gaps, ensuring progress. However, I'll turn to that later. To establish itself as a net security provider, the Indian Navy must sustain the momentum it has recently achieved in naval defence exports. Although this initiative began in earnest only in 2011, it gained significant traction after 2016. India has transitioned from being a cautious supplier of naval equipment, primarily targeting countries such as Mauritius, Sri Lanka, and the Philippines, to a more prominent player in defence exports. For many years, India's exports to nations such as Seychelles, the Maldives, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka were limited to refurbished ex-navy and coast guard vessels. However, this trend has undergone a remarkable transformation in recent years. Naval ships, as of 2024, account for over 61 per cent of India's total defence exports. This shift highlights India's growing capability to manufacture advanced platforms and its determination to emerge as a dependable supplier of defence equipment to neighbouring countries. This development is a critical component of India's regional and maritime strategy, especially given China's rapid ascent in modernising PLAN and expanding its influence in the Indian Ocean by providing naval assets to smaller nations. China has already established itself as the leading defence exporter to both Pakistan and Bangladesh. It delivered two Ming-class submarines to Bangladesh in 2017, gifted a P625 frigate to Sri Lanka in 2019, and committed to exporting Yuan-class submarines to Thailand. Although the Thai deal encountered difficulties when Germany refused to supply key propulsion components.



That's the tragedy for the daughter of Bangladesh's founding father Sheikh Mujibur

In October, the International Criminal Tribunal (ICT)—that she herself founded—issued an arrest warrant against her and 45 others for the deaths of an estimated 1,000 people in the violence that preceded her ouster on 5 August. "Sheikh Hasina was at the helm of those who committed massacres, killings, and crimes against humanity in July and August," the chief prosecutor of the ICT said at the time. All of this adds up to a profile that's hard to defend. The international media is now clubbing her name with dicta-

tors like Idi Amin of Uganda, Muammar Gaddafi of Libya, and the recently deposed Bashar al-Assad of Syria. A recent Washington Post article quotes the French newspaper Le Monde, which, in one of its reports, calls Sheikh Hasina "India's cumbersome guest". For New Delhi, watching developments in Dhaka and London brings disquiet. For Sheikh Hasina, who led her country for 15 years and saw it scale dizzying economic heights, it leaves a bitter taste. For friends and family who made the proverbial hay while

the sun shone, the law may or may not eventually catch up. But hard times lie ahead. Tulip Siddiq is unlikely to find her way back into the British government any time soon. But some of the mud will stick. That's the tragedy for the daughter of Bangladesh's founding father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman—even her staunchest supporters admit her chances of ever returning to her motherland look very slim. Not just her niece, several other members of Sheikh Hasina's family are also under investigation for corruption

that, some estimates say, totals a mind-boggling \$5 billion. The corruption case is linked to an alleged land grab in Dhaka and, more infamously, to a Russian-funded nuclear power plant. In 2013, Sheikh Hasina travelled to Moscow to seal the deal and was photographed standing beside President Vladimir Putin, Siddiq, and other members of her family. When questioned about her presence in Moscow, Siddiq tried to explain it as a family event, but the photo was impossible to dismiss.

BSNL would increase the government's capex by a significant margin



Either effective monitoring of spending is lacking, or there are serious problems with project execution, reflecting the poor expenditure-absorbing capacity of these two sectors. This is borne out by a relatively good performance of the Indian Railways, which accounts for over 22 per cent of this year's capex. At ~1.68 trillion, the Indian Railways' capex is just about 1 per cent lower than its spending during April-November 2023. With regard to the transfer of special assistance as loans to states for their capex and additional central assistance for their externally aided projects, the Union government's performance was slightly better. In the April-November 2024-25 period, these transfers rose by about 5 per cent, although much lower than the budgeted increase of 41 per cent.

In contrast, such transfers during the entire 2023-24 had risen sharply by about 24 per cent to ~1.15 trillion. It appears that these transfers will take a hit in the current year and for the first time since this initiative to help states boost their capex was undertaken a couple of years ago. Significantly, this has not yet adversely impacted the states in a big way. The capex of 25 states (accounting for 95 per cent of all the states' and Union territories' total capex budget) has risen by just about 1 per cent in the April-November 2024-25 period, although states like Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Mizoram, Odisha, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh,

Uttarakhand, and West Bengal saw their capex fall by varying margins. Eventually, however, this will have an adverse impact on the states' capex programme and its growth-enhancing effect. There are two more sectors that account for another 13 per cent of the Centre's capital expenditure budget. But they bring out an intriguing aspect of why the government's capex has been slowing. They suffer from a peculiar problem, which has nothing to do with either the relevant sectors' expenditure-absorbing capacity or the absence of effective expenditure monitoring. The bulk of the capex under telecommunications was meant for infusing equity into state-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd, or BSNL. Of the total capex of ~0.84 trillion, the proposed amount for BSNL's equity infusion accounted for as much as ~0.83 trillion. But the total expenditure under this head in the first eight months of 2024-25 is only 6 per cent of what has been budgeted. In other words, a decision to transfer the equity amount promised to BSNL would increase the

government's capex by a significant margin. Why this money has not been transferred is puzzling.

Last year, against a budgeted BSNL equity infusion of ~0.53 trillion, the actual infusion was higher at ~0.65 trillion. This year, no action on this front even after eight months is a puzzle as this failure also contributes significantly to the decline in the Centre's capex. More importantly, the Budget for 2024-25 had allocated a significant amount of ~0.66 trillion for capex on central sector schemes and projects. Of this, a large chunk, estimated at ~0.62 trillion, was earmarked for new schemes that the government would announce during the year. However, in the first eight months of the current year, only 4 per cent of that total outlay has been used up, leaving ~0.63 trillion yet to be spent. It is likely that the government may not need this amount or it may have kept its powder dry to meet any new schemes that it might announce later in the year, for which such capital allocations will be useful. For the Union finance ministry, currently busy preparing the

Budget for 2025-26, such a state of play with regard to slowing capital expenditure could well be an opportunity. With tax revenue growth slowing in the last few months, the possibility of an upside earlier expected on the revenue front may be receding rapidly. Revenue expenditure is also rising at a rate higher than the budgeted 6 per cent. If the fiscal deficit target of 4.9 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) has to be met for 2024-25, which the government must in view of the uncertainties and challenges emerging both domestically and globally, the finance ministry may see in the composition of the current year's capex a sliver of hope. The finance ministry should not spend ~0.83 trillion for equity infusion into BSNL. Instead, it should ask the telephone company to raise resources from the market. The ministry should also desist from spending the remaining ~0.6 trillion earmarked for capital allocation to new schemes. Saving about ~1.43 trillion (a little less than half a percent of GDP) will be a cushion against other expenditure slippages and revenue shortfall. Not too many tears would be shed for a squeeze on capex if the hit is primarily on infusing equity into a state-owned enterprise and on new schemes that are yet to be announced. Quite ironically, a slowdown in the government's capex may well turn out to be an opportunity. capital expenditure (capex) continues to be a cause for concern. Of course,

the extent of its decline has reduced somewhat — from 35 per cent at the end of the first quarter of the current financial year to 15 per cent at the end of six months. But the latest number for the April-November 2024-25 period shows that the Union government's capex was still 12 per cent lower than what it was in the same period of 2023-24. Instead of aiming for the targeted 17 per cent growth to ~11.11 trillion in capex for 2024-25, the government will have to strive hard to at least cross the figure of ~9.48 trillion reached last year. What has led to this decline? A widely held view is that the seven-phase general elections, which began on April 19 and ended on June 1 last year, caused a slowdown in capex. But if that indeed is the reason, the decline in capex in the first quarter should have been reversed in the second quarter of 2024-25. And certainly, the first two months of the third quarter should have raised the trajectory of capex growth to a higher level. There has been some improvement, but a 12 per cent decline in the April-November 2024-25 period is no comfort. Look at the slightly different trajectory seen in the Union government's revenue expenditure growth during the same period. The Budget for 2024-25 had projected a rise of over 6 per cent to ~37.1 trillion in revenue expenditure. At the end of June 2024, the growth was just about 2 per cent, but it has been rising since then, reaching 4.2 per cent.

Netanyahu refused to give any concessions to Hamas

The right-wing parties in Israel's ruling coalition also threatened to bring down the Netanyahu government if he agreed to a ceasefire deal. Indeed, one right-wing leader, Ben Gvir, has openly admitted to successfully blocking previous attempts. Trump's pressure to agree to the ceasefire has come as a shock to right-wing Israelis, who hailed his election victory in November. In his first term, Trump moved the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and recognised Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, a Syrian territory occupied by Israel after the 1967 war with Arabs. When Trump announced the appointment of an Evangelical Christian Mike Huckabee as his ambassador to Israel, many right-wing Israelis were thrilled, particularly those who wanted new Israeli settlements in Gaza. Huckabee is on record saying there is no such thing as the West Bank or the occupation. So, why has Trump pushed for the ceasefire? Apart from taking credit for ending one of the most brutal

wars in recent history, Trump may like to focus on larger issues, like relations with China and ending the Russia-Ukrainian conflict. In the Middle East, he wants Saudi Arabia to recognise Israel, which will be a huge achievement of his administration. With the continuing war in Gaza and the terrible sufferings of Palestinians at the hands of Israel, Saudis could not afford to consider having diplomatic ties with Israel. But Trump is unpredictable, which is also a reason for both Hamas and Israel to accept the ceasefire deal. Turkey, Egypt and Qatar—the host of ceasefire negotiations—pressured Hamas to accept the agreement. And while Netanyahu may have defied Biden for so long, he could not do the same to Trump and must keep him on his side. Starting on Sunday, January 19, the ceasefire will last 42 days. It will see the exchange of 33 Israeli hostages detained by Hamas and Palestinians held in Israeli prisons. The deal will also enable the return of displaced people in Gaza.

Do Syrians not know what's happening in Afghanistan?

The replacement of the much-reviled Bashar al-Assad regime in Syria by a so-called "rebel force" that is actually just an Islamist offshoot of al-Qaeda and ISIS—which, remember, was headquartered in the Syrian city of Raqqa from 2014 to 2017—once again underlines how the turbulent history of that region is painted in countless shades of grey. As if the ongoing war between Israel and the equally Islamist Hamas left you in any doubt about that, of course. The Assads had ruled Syria with a mix of fear and murderous brutality for over 50 years. But that family, their Ba'ath Party and that general cohort were not religious fanatics. In fact, they professed the sort of secular socialism which evolved into the crony socialism-cum-authoritarianism seen in many countries ruled by similarly inclined people and parties. Even India and the Congress Party of the mid-1970s were not unlike Syria during that same period. The difference, of course, is that the Emergency in India marked the apogee and also the end of authoritarianism. India never degenerated into a single-party rule—which appears to be the main cause of the rise of the Islamist factions all over West Asia today. Ironically, authoritarian secularism (and in Syria's case, also minority rule by the Shia Alawite tribe of the Assads) has led to the ascent of doctrinaire Sunni Islam and power being captured by its adherents.

As the news channels broke the news of the fall of Assad's government in Syria, I saw London's Oxford Street become an impromptu victory procession of cars with young men honking, shouting and hanging out of windows brandishing their homeland's distinctive opposition flag. It continued for well over an hour without any of London's uniformed finest visible. Maybe the Metropolitan Police were just

relieved it was not yet another fraught pro-Gaza demonstration.

But having lived in Syria during the regime of this just-ousted socialist dictator's father, I had mixed feelings. How would those fashionably puffer-jacket-clad Syrians cheering in London fare under the country's new rulers whose roots are in the Salafi-jihadist school although they profess to have "moved" to a more accommodating position? Do Syrians not know what's happening in Afghanistan, whose Taliban rulers mouthed similar lines and then recanted? When my father was India's ambassador to Syria, the then President Hafez al-Assad ordered the Hama massacre in 1982, triggered by a long-brewing uprising in that city 200km north of Damascus by the Muslim Brotherhood, an avowedly religious grouping. As the Ba'athists rammed through their One-Party agenda, the One-God-ists coalesced too. It was evident that the stage was being set for a cataclysmic clash, if not of civilisations but certainly of cultures. In the middle, ordinary Syrians in Damascus and elsewhere tried to get on with their lives. The streets bustled with quotidian commerce, youngsters of both sexes noisily swarmed out of schools and colleges, foreign tourists soaked in the sun and the civilisational ethos of Syria. Even the smiling locals working in the Indian embassy all hailed from good families; the moustachioed (but beardless) men wore suits and the women wore short dresses and makeup to work. Now, 42 years later, a former IS affiliate Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham has stormed to power and is promising an egalitarian (if Islamic) future. Their leaders, including the charismatic Ahmed al-Sharaa, have spoken of amnesty for Syrian soldiers and fair play for religious and ethnic minorities including Christians and Alawites.

Grand event of "Prime Minister MP Sports Mahotsav 2025" was organized

Delhi

Today, children from more than 18 schools participated in the Sansad Sports Mahotsav at Sant Vivekananda School in Anand Vihar under East Delhi Lok Sabha. In which East Delhi Lok Sabha MP and Harsh Malhotra, Union Minister of State in the Government of India, said that with the aim of promoting sports in the country and strengthening the competitive spirit among the youth, the successful organization of "Pradhan Mantri Sansad Khel Mahotsav-2025" and the distribution of medals and awards started with great enthusiasm. Union Minister of State Harsh Malhotra said that the main objective of this festival is The aim is to strengthen the resolve of 'Khelega Bharat-Jeetega Bharat' and to identify talents at the grassroots level and



take them to the national stage. Harsh Malhotra also expressed confidence that these players will also win gold medals for the country in future. These games not only win but also build character, patience and team spirit. Games played in the country soil connect us to our roots and strengthen our values. "The sports field is not just a place of competition but a school of learning life values." The talents emerging from local sports bring glory to the country on the national and international stage tomorrow. The impact of sports is not only on the body but also on thinking, self-confidence and leadership ability. Sports tradition gives us the

strength to walk together, get up after falling and persevere towards the goal. This year Sansad Sports Mahotsav will include athletics, Many traditional and modern sports competitions are being organised, including Kabaddi, 85 basketball teams, Yoga, 69 football teams, 77 volleyball teams, Kho-Kho, 358 badminton players and 317 table tennis players. Widespread support from school children, young players, women participants and local schools and sports associations from East Delhi Lok Sabha was seen. Former Minister in Delhi Government and Yamuna Par Development Board Chairman Sardar Arvinder Singh

Lovely also praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that Modi in his message said, "Sansad Khel Mahotsav is not only a medium to bring forward sports talent, but is also a national campaign to strengthen health, discipline and team spirit in the society and attraction towards sports. "Players will bring glory to the country at national and international level through this platform. Under the leadership of Union Minister of State Harsh Malhotra, the active role of various public representatives, sports trainers, committees of all private and government schools and local administration was seen in the festival. The presence of a large number of spectators at the venue increased the enthusiasm and morale of the players end of program All the winning players.

Minister Chandramohan Holds Meetings on Disaster Management and Reviews



Assam: Assam Minister for Environment and Forests, Climate Change and other departments, as well as the in-charge Minister of Kamrup district, Chandramohan Patowary, on Friday chaired the meeting of the District-Level Review Committee of the 'Arunodoi 3.0' scheme at the conference hall of the Integrated Commissioner Office in Kamrup district. The meeting was held in the presence of Guwahati Lok Sabha MP Bijuli Kalita Medhi. During the meeting, Minister Patowary instructed officials to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries are included under the 'Arunodoi 3.0' scheme. He emphasized that while selecting beneficiaries, it must be ensured that previously eligible persons who had received financial assistance earlier should not be deprived of benefits this time due to any reason. In this regard, he directed all block development officers to exercise special vigilance in their respec-

tive development blocks. The meeting was attended by Kamrup Deputy Commissioner Dev Kumar Mishra, District Development Commissioner Sushanta Kumar Dutta, district committee members Anjan Goswami and Ranjit Bhattacharya, Rangia Co-District Commissioner Devashish Goswami, Palashbari Co-District Commissioner Rashmi Baruah Gogoi, representatives of various MLA, circle officers and other departmental officials. On the other hand, Minister Chandramohan Patowary also chaired another meeting of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) held on the same day at the conference hall of the Integrated Commissioner Office in Kamrup. During the DDMA meeting, detailed discussions were held on the proposals submitted by various departments regarding damage caused to roads, school buildings, bridges and other infrastructure.

World Diabetes Day: BHU Stresses Early Checkups and Healthy Pregnancy Outcomes.

Varanasi: World Diabetes Day was celebrated at the Centre of Excellence for Adolescent Health and Development SSH-BHU (OPD-201), by Sathiya Kendra (OPD 201), Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS) Sundarlal



Hospital, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), in joint collaboration with Mamta Health Institute for Mother and Child, New Delhi and National Health Mission, UP Govt. focusing on the theme "Diabetes Across Life Stages." The event featured esteemed resource persons, including Prof. Dr. Mamta and Dr. Jigyasa Singh from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, IMS BHU, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Sangeeta Rai, the Head of Department and Nodal Officer of the Centre. The session commenced with a warm welcome by Harsh Kumar Singh, a counselor at the center. Prof. Dr. Mamta emphasized the importance of understanding diabetes, its various types and prevention methods, advocating for routine checkups and expert consultations to manage daily health effectively. She highlighted that diabetes impacts individuals at every life stage, underscoring the need for a life-course approach to its prevention and management. Dr. Jigyasa Singh addressed diabetes in pregnancy, explaining that it can either be pre-existing or develop as gestational diabetes during pregnancy. She discussed potential complications for both mother and baby and stressed the importance of management through healthy lifestyle choices and, when necessary, medication to ensure a healthy pregnancy outcome. The audience actively engaged with numerous questions, which were answered comprehensively by the consultants. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Harsh Kumar Singh, reinforcing the commitment to educate and advocate for effective diabetes management across all life stages.

AAP wins bypoll again, Kejriwal- Mann 'jodi' continues to shine: Bharadwaj

Punjab

The Aam Aadmi Party swept the Tarn Taran bypoll with a historic mandate, crushing the Shiromani Akali Dal, Congress and BJP candidates who never came close during Friday counting. The over 12,000-vote victory electrified the party ranks, as National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal, Punjab Prabhari Manish Sisodia, National General Secretary (Organisation) Dr Sandeep Pathak, Delhi unit president Saurabh Bharadwaj and AAP National Media In-charge Anurag Dhanda hailed the result and congratulated the people of Punjab and AAP workers. AAP National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal took to 'X' and wrote: "The historic victory in the Tarn Taran byelection has made it clear that the people of Punjab prefer the politics of work and the honest leadership of Bhagwant Mann. Punjab has once again placed its trust in the Aam



Aadmi Party. This victory belongs to the people, it is the victory of every hardworking party worker. Heartiest congratulations to the people of Punjab and to all our workers." Meanwhile, senior AAP leader

and Punjab Prabhari Manish Sisodia congratulated the people and party workers on the victory in the Tarn Taran byelection and said, "Bringing the Tarn Taran seat back into AAP account is a major achievement. This is not a matter of arrogance, but if you look carefully, the people of Punjab have once again rejected the Akali Dal, Congress and BJP. Earlier, on the Ludhiana urban seat, Hindu, Punjabi, Sikh and Muslim communities together gave the Aam Aadmi Party a bumper and historic victory. Now on a rural seat like Tarn Taran, we have again secured a historic win.

This is clear proof that Arvind Kejriwal and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann reside in the hearts of the people of Punjab." On the other hand, AAP National General Secretary (Organisation) Dr Sandeep Pathak said on X, "This is a historic victory. Heartiest congratulations to Sardar Harmeet

Singh Sandhu of the Aam Aadmi Party in the Tarn Taran byelection. The people of Punjab prefer the politics of work and the honest leadership of Bhagwant Mann. Many congratulations to all our workers." Meanwhile, AAP Delhi State President Saurabh Bharadwaj stated, "The Aam Aadmi Party has won again in the Punjab byelection. The Arvind Kejriwal-Bhagwant Mann partnership continues to shine. After the Ludhiana byelection and the Gujarat byelection, this is another spectacular victory." AAP National Media In-charge Anurag Dhanda also took to X and wrote, "In the Tarn Taran byelection, the candidates of both the Congress and the BJP lost their deposits. This means the people of Punjab have rejected the politics of both these parties. The people have stamped their approval on the work done by the Bhagwant Mann government. Heartiest congratulations to all our workers."

The shooting of "Hamar Bahu Anmol" kicks off with a grand opening, creating an atmosphere of excitement in the village

Bhadohi: The shooting of the Bhojpuri feature film "Hamar Bahu Anmol," produced under the banner of Chaukas Media Private Limited, is in full swing in village Ugapur, Aurai police station Bhadohi district. The film is generating considerable excitement among the locals and it has become a major topic of discussion in the area. The film is produced by Lalit Goyal and co-produced by Anil Chanana, while director Akhilesh Pandey is directing. Vikas Pandey handles the camera operation. The film stars Rahul Kumar, Rupa Mishra,



Indersen, Seema Singh, Neelam Pandey, Dharmendra, Poonam and Vinod Sharma. Bhojpuri industry comedy king Rohit Singh "Matru" will also be seen entertaining audiences with his comic timing. The film unit includes makeup artist Dev, production manager Phool Kumar, still photographer Akhilesh Kumar

and costume designer Vivek. W serves as art director with his creative team. The film story, set against the backdrop of social and family dynamics, will provide both entertainment and a positive message. Local residents say that the film shooting in the village is a matter of pride and will enhance the region's identity.

Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority allotted 200 acre land parcel to SAEL Industries Limited for integrated solar-manufacturing facility

Lucknow/Greater Noida

The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) announced the allotment of approximately 200 acres of industrial land in Sector 8, to SAEL Solar P6 Private Limited, a subsidiary of SAEL Industries Limited for setting-up an integrated solar manufacturing ecosystem worth an investment of INR 8200 crores as per approval of State Government. The proposed facility will include TOPCon technology based 5 GW solar cell manufacturing and 5 GW solar module manufacturing lines. The allotment is issued following the earlier letter of comfort extended to SAEL Industries Limited by the Government of Uttar Pradesh under YEIDA and UPINVEST and now formalised through a Letter of



Allotment from YEIDA. CEO Yeida Rakesh Kumar Singh and OSD Shailendra Kumar Bhatia today handed over the allotment letter to the officials of SAEL. The facility will be located in the Yamuna Expressway corridor near to Jewar Airport which has been designated as a strategic industrial-growth zone within the state overall infrastructure and manufacturing push. This allocation further underlines YEIDA proactive role in facilitating large-scale manufacturing investment in renewable energy and advanced manufacturing segments. SAEL new solar project

is expected to leverage the region infrastructure advantages-connectivity to the upcoming Jewar airport and logistics hubs and the policy impetus of the Uttar Pradesh government for manufacturing-led growth. SAEL Industries Limited is a diversified and integrated renewable energy company with capabilities in solar module manufacturing, engineering, procurement and construction and operations and maintenance of power projects. It diversified clean-energy portfolio, includes 8299.5 MW of solar IPP, 3,625 MW of TOPCon solar module manufacturing capacity,

The 'double engine' development chariot has gained tremendous momentum in Bihar-Sunil Tyagi

Delhi: BJP Sahyog Manch National President Sunil Tyagi said that the immense love of the people of Bihar and the dedication of the workers have given tremendous momentum to the 'double engine' development chariot in Bihar. Heartfelt gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the people of Bihar for giving the NDA alliance a landslide victory and a historic victory in the Bihar Assembly elections. This victory is a triumph of 'development and good governance'



over the old politics of 'nepotism and casteism'. The voters of Bihar have proven their complete trust in the 'double engine' government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This overwhelming mandate will provide

new energy and momentum to the resolve of a 'self-reliant Bihar'. With the overwhelming majority in Bihar, the BJP Sahyog Manch said that the BJP will win the upcoming elections with a similar overwhelming majority.

The NDA landslide victory in Bihar is a result of the Prime Minister able leadership: Ramdas Athawale



Delhi: Ramdas Athawale, National President of the Republican Party of India (Athawale) and Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, said that the RPI(A) heartily congratulates Prime Minister Narendra Modi and JDU leader and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on the NDA landslide victory in the Bihar Assembly elections, marking the beginning of a new chapter of Bihar bright future and progress. This victory is a result of the visionary leadership, persistent hard work and dedication to the people of the world most popular Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. The strategic guidance, organizational skills and persistent hard work of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah played a key role in this historic success.

Ramdas Athawale stated that this mandate is a victory for public trust, development and good governance. Under the Prime Minister leadership, the country is steadily progressing on the path of development and Nitish Kumar experience has taken Bihar to new heights. Union Minister of State Ramdas Athawale stated that the NDA historic victory in the state assembly elections is proof that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar policies and public welfare work have directly resonated with the people. Ramdas Athawale stated that even after the formation of the NDA government, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will continue to work with full dedication for the state all-round development, youth empowerment, women progress and social justice, and that under Nitish Kumar leadership.

Yesteryear cinema star Kamini Kaushal no more



Veteran actress Kamini Kaushal, Hindi cinema pioneer for over seven decades, passes away at 98 in Mumbai

Actor Kamini Kaushal, one of Hindi cinema's earliest female stars who began her career with the classic *Neecha Nagar* in 1946 and went on to act in a host of films right till 2022, has died in her Mumbai home, a close family friend said. She was 98.

Amongst the industry's highest paid actress in the late 1940s and early 1950s, Kaushal starred opposite the triumvirate of Dilip Kumar, Dev Anand and Raj Kapoor before moving on to char-

acter roles in the 1960s. Her last screen appearance was in Aamir Khan's 2022 film *Laal Singh Chaddha* at the age of 95, making for a remarkable 76 years in the movies.

"She died at her Mumbai home late on Thursday night. She would have turned 99 in February," Sajjan Narain, a close friend of the family, told PTT.

Early life and education

Kaushal was born Uma Kashyap on February 24, 1927, in Lahore.

Her father, Shiv Ram Kashyap, was widely regarded as the father of Indian botany and taught as a professor at the University of Punjab in pre-partition Lahore.

The youngest of two brothers and three sisters, Kaushal graduated with a degree in English literature from Government College in Lahore.

Entry into cinema

Kaushal's film career began when family friend and filmmaker Chetan Anand approached her for *Neecha Nagar* (1946).

The movie, co-starring Rafiq Anwar and Anand's wife Uma, won the Grand Prix at the inaugural

Cannes Film Festival.

It was a landmark film portraying social inequality and marked the debut of Zohra Sehgal, with music by sitar maestro Ravi Shankar.

Chetan Anand renamed her Kamini Kaushal to avoid confusion with another Uma.



A still from *Neecha Nagar*



A still from *Nadiya Ke Paar*



A still from *Biraj Bahu*

Rise to stardom

After *Neecha Nagar*, Kaushal worked extensively with Dilip Kumar, Dev Anand, and Raj Kapoor in hits like *Jail Yatra*, *Do Bhai*, *Aag*, *Shaheed*, *Nadiya Ke Paar*, *Ziddi*, *Shabnam*, and *Arzoo*.

Acclaimed performances

She played the lead in Bimal Roy's *Biraj Bahu* (1954), which won a *National Film Award*, and earned her a *Filmfare Award* for Best Actress. Kaushal also starred in the adaptation of Premchand's celebrated novel *Godaan*.



A still from *Upkar*

Transition to character roles

By the late 1960s, she moved to motherly roles, starting with Manoj Kumar's *Upkar* (1967) at age 40.

She appeared as the mother in Kumar's hits: *Purab Aur Paschim*, *Sanyasi*, *Shor*, *Roti Kapda Aur Makaan*, *Dus Numbari*, and *Santosh*. She also played Rajesh Khanna's mother in *Prem Nagar* (1974) and *Maha Chor* (1976).



A still from *Prem Nagar*

Industry tributes

The Producers Guild of India posted on X: "We pay tribute to versatile and multifaceted Kamini Kaushal ji, whose captivating performances enthralled millions over seven decades. Condolences to the family."



A still from *Chennai Express*

Television & later yrs

In 1984, Kaushal played Aunt Shalini in the British TV series *The Jewel in the Crown*. She remained selective but active in films, appearing in *Chennai Express*, *Kabir Singh*, and at 95, in *Laal Singh Chaddha*. She also acted in television shows like *Chand Sitare*, *Shanno Ki Shaadi*, and *Waqt Ki Raftaar*.

Personal life

She married her brother-in-law B S Sood in 1948 after her sister's death, adopting two daughters, and had three sons: Rahul, Vidur, and Shravan. She balanced her film career with family responsibilities, often choosing projects selectively. Known for her discipline and warmth, she created a nurturing home environment while remaining admired in the industry.



Chadwick Boseman to be honoured

Late actor Chadwick Boseman will be honoured with a posthumous star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame five years after his demise, reported People. The actor passed away at 43. The ceremony will take place on November 20. Ryan Coogler, who directed Boseman in *Black Panther*, and Viola Davis, who costarred with Boseman in *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, will speak at the ceremony. Boseman's wife, Simone Ledward-Boseman, is set to accept the honour at the ceremony.

Illusions, intrusions and mild confusions



TITLE: *Now You See Me: Now You Don't*

DIRECTOR: Ruben Fleischer

CAST: Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, Dave Franco, Isla Fisher & others

WHERE: In theatres near you

RATING: ★★★



fic, the spectacle remains enjoyable, particularly when the film leans into its playful chaos.

Music

Visually, the film packs in enough illusions to fuel an entire season of reality (TV magic competitions). The highlight is a labyrinth of trick rooms at the Eye's former headquarters, a sequence designed with gleeful excess and a clear desire to out-Nolan Christopher Nolan.

The soundscape stitches together adrenaline-heavy beats with sleek orchestral swells. The music occasionally competes with the action for dominance, but it certainly keeps the pulse brisk. Exotic locations, sharp lighting, and glossy production design provide a global sheen, though the constant hopping between cities can feel like a travel reel curated by an overexcited intern.

Final verdict

The film is a colourful, chaotic, enjoyable escapade: some polished, some puzzling, many knowingly overstuffed. Its charm lies not in narrative sophistication but in its unabashed commitment to spectacle. Long-time fans will appreciate the familiar rhythm, while newcomers may enjoy the cheeky irreverence the younger cast brings. The film may stretch itself thin, but it never stops entertaining. If magic is the art of distraction, this instalment certainly keeps the eyes busy, even if the mind occasionally wanders.

The third chapter of this conjurer's carnival arrives with the confidence of a veteran performer who knows the audience will clap, even if out of habit. The film expands its magical circus into a crowded tent of returning icons and energetic Gen Z apprentices, a choice that gives the plot breadth but not always breathing room. The classic Horsemen swagger back into the spotlight, only to find their old trick manuals enthusiastically remixed by three new illusionists who believe activism pairs well with cardistry.

The central heist, orbiting a diamond large enough to anchor its own continent, provides the narrative spine. Around it swirl holographic misdirections, philosophical sniping between generations, and enough subplots to fill a magician's hat with excess rabbits. The film maintains an undeniable energy, yet it occasionally stumbles under the weight of its own exuberance. Just when the action gathers pace, another twist jumps out like a restless jack-in-the-box demanding attention. Still, despite the narrative traf-

Actors' performance

The veteran ensemble slips back into its roles with practised ease. Jesse Eisenberg returns as J. Daniel Atlas with sharpened gusto, delivering his signature blend of arrogance and quicksilver wit. He treats every scene like a verbal fencing match, particularly when sparring with Woody Harrelson, who once again leans into Merritt McKinney's impish mentalist charm. Dave Franco brings an agile, streetwise energy to Jack Wilder, while Isla Fisher reclaims Henley Reeves with buoyant confidence, proving she can still escape from both tanks and narrative tight corners.

Among the younger recruits, Justice Smith plays Charlie with a quiet sincerity that grounds the more frantic antics around him. Dominic Sessa infuses Bosco with brooding competitiveness, while Ariana Greenblatt's June stands out with her nimble pickpocket flair and spirited problem-solving. Rosamund Pike is deliciously formidable as Veronika Vanderberg, wielding villainy with elegance and relish. Her performance feels like a masterclass in controlled theatricality, effortlessly stealing scenes from the ensemble with a single glacial stare or precisely timed smirk.

Rakul Preet shines in Ajay, R Madhavan film



TITLE: *De De Pyaar De 2*

DIRECTOR: Anshul Sharma

CAST: Ajay Devgn, R. Madhavan, Rakul Preet Singh, Jaaved Jaaferi, Meezaan Jafri and others

WHERE: In theatres near you

RATING: ★★★

The film starts off with a nostalgic walk-past of the film's first part (*De De Pyaar De*). This is then followed by Ayesha Khurana (Rakul Preet Singh) 'selectively' introducing her 'older-than-her' love interest Ashish Mehra (Ajay Devgn) to her self-confessedly 'educated, progressive, modern parents' consisting of her father Rakesh (R. Madhavan), her mother Anju (Gautami Kapoor) and her sister Kittu (Ishita Dutta).

Sensing her father's strong undercurrent of disliking towards Ashish, one day hell breaks loose between father and his daughter on a highway. Ayesha then chooses to leave her parents house to get settled with Ashish. Suddenly, Rakesh develops a change of heart and apologises to Ayesha and Ashish. Amid all this, there enters a 'young' and tal-

ented Aditya (Meezaan Jafri), who happens to be Ayesha's childhood friend.

The growing fondness between Aditya and Ayesha starts worrying Ashish. One day, when Ashish catches them kissing, he decides to step back. What happens after that is what forms the rest of the film.

Actors' performance

Despite the presence of two stalwarts- Ajay Devgn and R. Madhavan, it's Rakul Preet Singh who steals the show. Full points to the aforementioned two actors for letting her do so. As for Rakul, without going overboard, she exhibits the right amount of 'spunk and effervescence' which her role demanded.

Ajay Devgn, on his part, continues to be in the 'mould' of his character from the film's first part. One does miss his comic

timing majorly, but that's purely because of the film's narrative. As for R. Madhavan, he delivers a good performance, if not the best! There are a few places where he struggles with his character. But, in totality, he does a decent job. Meezaan Jafri and Ishita Dutta impress with their respective screen time. Seasoned actors like Javed Jaffrey, Gautami Kapoor don't have much to do, but do justice to their roles.

The film's director Anshul Sharma tries his level best to do justice to the audience's expectations. Even though he does not majorly disappoint with *De*

De Pyaar De 2, his direction seems helpless when the film goes astray (esp. second half). Even though he sails the film through successfully.

Just when you think that the film becomes predictable, the film's story (Luv Ranjan) brings in an unexpected twist (very impressive) in the second half. However, the film's writers (Tarun Jain, Luv Ranjan) should have used more punches and one liners.

Music

The film's music (Hitesh Sonik) is average fare. Even the hyped *Jhoom Shorabi* features in the end. The film earns its brownie points for its cinematography (Sudhir K. Chaudhary). Barring a major chunk in the film's second half, the film's editing (Chetan M. Solanki) is decent.

Even though the film will have its share of loyal audiences, word of mouth is what will do the trick. One just hopes and prays the film's fate should not get literally translated to the film's title!



TITLE: *Delhi Crime 3*

DIRECTOR: Tanuj Chopra

CAST: Shefali Shah, Huma Qureshi, Rashika Dugal, Sayani Gupta, Rajesh Tailang, Mita Vashisht

WHERE: Netflix

RATING: ★★★★★

The third season of *Delhi Crime* returns with the quiet confidence of a seasoned detective. This time, the crime extends far beyond the capital's borders. What begins as a case of missing girls from Silchar, Assam, spirals into a disturbing web of human trafficking that stretches across India. The show's creators ensure that every clue, every chase, and every confrontation is interlaced with the cold efficiency for which the series has become known.

While *Delhi Crime 3* doesn't break radically new ground, it reinforces the franchise's trademark realism and narrative discipline. The writing remains taut, refusing to meander into melodrama or moral sermons. The pacing is deliberate, mirroring the methodical steps of Deputy Commissioner of Police Anil Kumar, a steady, affection-

Dark, deliberate & disturbingly good



Music

Visually, *Delhi Crime 3* is a triumph of tonal control. The cinematography transitions effortlessly from exterior to interior shots. Each frame feels lived in, never ornamental. The series captures both the sprawl and the suffocation of India's trafficking nexus with unnerving authenticity. The background score hums beneath the narrative like a pulse; tense, minimal, and never manipulative. In episodes three and four, especially during the chase and arrest sequences, the sound design elevates the adrenaline without overwhelming the realism. Production values remain top-notch, proving once again that Indian streaming content can match global standards without losing its local texture.

ately called Madam Sir by her team, as she navigates through the nation's underbelly. The interlocking cases: a brutally injured baby, a vanished mother, and a nationwide trafficking ring, unfold with unnerving logic. If there's a quibble, it's that the emotional heft, though palpable, sometimes gets eclipsed by procedural precision. The grit and grime are perfectly balanced, yet one wishes for a few more cracks that allow the audience to exhale. Still, *Delhi Crime 3* never slips into spectacle; it stays loyal to its grounded storytelling, and that remains its biggest virtue.

Actors' performance

Shefali Shah once again commands the screen with quiet fury. Her Vartika is not a crusader but a realist, navigating the moral quicksand of law en-

forcement with unflappable composure. Rashika Dugal as ACP Neeti Singh delivers a performance of remarkable restraint, her steady gaze revealing more than pages of dialogue ever could. Rajesh Tailang's Bhupinder is underused in this season.

The surprise package, however, comes from the antagonists. Huma Qureshi's Meena, a trafficker masquerading as a humanitarian, oozes menace with every soft-spoken threat. Mita Vashisht's Kalyani and Sayani Gupta's flamboyant Kusum add colour and chaos to an otherwise sombre palette. Together, they form a chilling reminder that evil can wear lipstick and deliver speeches about empowerment. The ensemble's collective sincerity keeps the narrative credible and gripping.

This season grips viewers with its quiet intensity and rewards patience with depth. Grim yet necessary, it mirrors a faltering system redeemed by a few steadfast officers. Though it could probe deeper into emotional fallout, it remains taut & assured, proof that Madam Sir doesn't just solve crimes, she upholds the integrity of Indian storytelling.

SSB Distributes Sewing Machines to Empower Border Women

Bahraich

The 59th Battalion, Sashastra Seema Bal, Nanpara, organized a special event in Karmohana village on Thursday as part of its Civil Welfare Program. Six sewing machines were distributed to the village heads of Vishramgaon and Karmohana villages in the India-Nepal border area. The event was presided over by 59th Battalion Commandant Kailash Chand Ramola. District Skill Development Mission officials, the heads of both villages and local public representatives were present. Commandant Ramola



stated that the objective of this initiative is to provide women in the border area with sewing and embroidery skills and connect them with self-

employment, thereby increasing family income and promoting women's economic empowerment. He stated that the SSB Civil Welfare Program

is continuously working to improve the living standards of border residents and strengthen trust between the force and the public. Local people

and public representatives appreciated this social and public welfare initiative of SSB and expressed their gratitude to the force.

Class 3 student Aaradhya Gupta becomes CMO for a day



Bahraich: Under the aegis of the Women and Child Development Department, a symbolic role-playing program (mega event) was organized by girls and women as part of the "Mission Shakti" special campaign, Phase 5.0.

In this event, Aaradhya Gupta, a Class 3 student from Nanpara Higher Secondary School, was assigned the role of symbolic Chief Medical Officer for a day. Upon Aaradhya Gupta arrival at

the Chief Medical Officer office, CMO Dr. Sanjay Kumar welcomed her with a bouquet of flowers. He then seated the student on his chair and briefed her on the department procedures. She was also formally introduced to the medical officers present in the room and informed about the responsibilities of the CMO position. DHEIO Brijesh Kumar Singh and other officers and employees were present at the event.

Children's Day: Enthusiasm Among Children, Various Programs Organized



Bahraich

To mark Children Day, colorful programs were organized on Wednesday at various educational institutions, Anganwadi centers and social organizations in the Mihipurwa area. Children enthusiastically participated in the day-long programs, showcasing their talents. Rangoli, painting, sports, debate competitions and cultural presentations were organized in local primary and upper primary schools. Teachers provided children with inspiring information about Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru biography, his thoughts and child rights. During the program, children were distributed candy, study materials and prizes. In the same vein, health workers

conducted a child health and nutrition awareness campaign at the Community Health Center, Motipur. Parents were provided with detailed information about vaccination, hygiene, a balanced diet and preventing malnutrition. Several social organizations in the area also distributed clothes, reading materials and snack packets to needy children on Children Day. The children, dressed in attractive costumes, captivated everyone with colorful tableaux, chanting "Chacha Nehru Amar Rahe" (Long Live Uncle Nehru). Teachers, parents, volunteers and the local administration played a vital role in the successful organization of the events. The Children Day celebrations brought joy to the children faces.

Environmental Chaupal Organized at Dev Sanskriti Gramoday Inter College

Bahraich. Dev Sanskriti Gramoday Inter College hosted an Environmental Chaupal on Friday, where officials from various departments delivered key messages on environmental protection. The programme was chaired by Manager Sanjeev Srivastava and conducted by Principal Shubham Srivastava. Addressing the gathering, Deputy Director of Agriculture Vinay Kumar Verma said that agriculture cannot exist without a healthy environment, urging farmers to adopt organic farming and natural conservation practices.



Sub-Divisional Officer Shishir Verma emphasized that environmental protection is only possible through public participation. He appreciated the school initiative and termed it a commendable effort. Horticulture Department Officer

Dinesh Chaudhary expressed concern over rising pollution and stressed the need to turn activities like plantation drives, cleanliness and reducing plastic use into a mass movement. The programme saw active contributions from social worker

Shivpujan Singh, Chandra Prakash Mishra, young environmental activist Ayush Verma and the entire school team. Speakers motivated students to contribute to environmental conservation and took a pledge to protect nature.

A major public meeting was organized to mark the centenary of the Sangh work

Mathura

Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar launched the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh in 1925 to remove the many flaws that had crept into national life over time and to lead India to its ultimate glory as an organized, virtuous and powerful nation. Only an organized society can guide the country. This year marks the centenary of the Sangh work. To



mark the 100-year journey of service and dedication,

the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh

organized a major public meeting on November 14, 2025 at 3:30 pm in the auditorium of Sanskriti Bhavan, Lalit Kala Sansthan. Dattatreya Hosabale, Sarkaryavah of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, was the keynote speaker at the meeting. In his address, he said that to understand the Sangh, one must remember the patriotism of its founder, Dr. Hedgewar. He became

a revolutionary for the country independence, but he also considered the direction he should give to society after independence. The Sangh is celebrating its centenary year. This is not a celebration of the organization itself, but a symbol of the unity and self-confidence of society. We must resolve to dedicate this centenary journey to spreading the spirit of patriotism to every person in society.

Annapurna kitchen, which was operated manually for the past eight years, is now operated with modern machines

The Annapurna Foundation kitchen is equipped with modern cooking machines

Mathura

The new automatic dining hall of Annapurna Foundation, a social organization that has been providing free food to the needy, helpless and sadhus in Mathura city for the past eight years, was inaugurated by Mahant Sutikshan Das Maharaj of Sudama Kuti by cutting the



ribbon and lighting a lamp. After this, Maharaj also worshipped the new state-of-the-art machines for

preparing food and blessed all the service-minded members of Annapurna Foundation. Giving

information about this, Rahul Agarwal, founder of Annapurna Foundation, said that the Annapurna kitchen, which was operated manually for the past eight years, is now operated with modern machines, which include a dough kneading machine, a dough making machine, a vegetable washing and cutting machine, a vegetable

cooking machine and an automatic roti making machine. Due to this, food will now be prepared in a completely clean and hygienic manner in the Annapurna kitchen for the devotees and the needy. The inauguration of this kitchen was done today by Mahant Sudikshan Das of Sudama Kuti in Vrindavan by cutting the ribbon. Along with

this, an Annapurna van (Annapurna Rath) was also inaugurated. Gaya. On the occasion of the inauguration, Kanthi Mala family, Jayanti Prasad Agarwal, Prabhat Agarwal, Krishna Kumar Khandelwal, eminent citizens of the city and Annapurna Annamitras along with the Annapurna Management team were present.

SIS Security will organize recruitment camps in all blocks

Mathura:

Chief Development Officer Manish Meena informed that employment fairs are being organized in all blocks of Mathura district to provide employment to unemployed candidates. SIS Security will organize recruitment camps in all blocks. Recruitment camps will be held in Raya Block on November 13th, Maant Block on November 14th, Nauhjheel Block on

November 17th, Baldev Block on November 18th, Farah Block on November 19th, Mathura Block on November 20th, Chaumuha on November 21st, Chhata Block on November 24th, Govardhan Block on November 25th and Nandgaon Block on November 26th. Recruitment camps will be held from 10 am to 3 pm. For more information, contact 8295891474.

Briefs

KOLKATA

Southee joins KKR as bowling coach



Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) on Friday announced the appointment of New Zealand cricket legend **Tim Southee** as the team's bowling coach for the upcoming season of the Indian Premier League (IPL). Southee represented his country in 107 Test matches, 161 ODIs, and 126 T20 Internationals, taking 776 wickets. Southee was a part of the Kolkata Knight Riders squad (2021, 2022, 2023) in the IPL during his playing career. "KKR has always felt like home to me, and it's an honour to return in this new role. The franchise has an incredible culture, passionate fans, and a great group of players. I look forward to working closely with the bowlers and helping the team achieve success in IPL 2026," said the New Zealander.

NEW DELHI

Nagal gets Chinese visa for playoff



India's top-ranked male tennis player **Sumit Nagal** has finally received his visa to travel to China for the Australian Open Playoff, scheduled to begin on November 24 in Chengdu. "A big thank you to @Media_SAI, @MEAIndia, @China_Amb_India and @ChinaSpox_India for their prompt help in helping me secure the visa in time," he posted on 'X' late on Thursday night. The 27-year-old from Haryana had on Tuesday sought urgent intervention from the Chinese Embassy after his visa application was rejected without any explanation. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian later said that China issues visas to athletes from all countries, including India.

DOHA

Suryavanshi's 144 powers India 'A'



Young opener Vaibhav Suryavanshi smashed a blistering joint second fastest T20 hundred by an Indian batter, propelling

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FIRST TEST | Pacer produced a masterclass across little over two sessions

Bumrah fifer blows away SA

KOLKATA

Jasprit Bumrah turned a rare four-spinner gamble into his personal stage, producing a mesmerising exhibition of seam, swing and control as India skittled out South Africa for 159 on the opening day of the first Test, here Friday.

On a surface that drew pre-match scrutiny for its dry look, prompting India to field four spinners for the first time since 2012, it was India's pace star who made the ball talk the loudest, returning a superb 14-2-27-5, his 16 five-wicket hauls in 96 innings.

Bumrah produced a masterclass across little over two sessions, as South Africa crashed from a commanding 57 for no loss in 10 overs to lose all 10 wickets for just 102 runs in next 45 overs, with their innings lasting just four hours and 13 minutes after opting to bat.

It's South Africa's second-lowest total after a fifty-plus opening stand in men's Tests since their readmission. The lowest is 130 in their second innings in the 2018 Cape Town Test, also against India after a 52-run opening stand.

India ended the day at 37 for one in 20 overs, with a resolute KL Rahul (13 batting from 59 balls) and Washington Sundar (six batting; 38 balls) steady at the crease after Yashasvi Jaiswal (12) dragged Marco Jansen onto his stumps while playing close to his body.

The duo looked in no hurry on a pitch offering spice and variable bounce as they cut the deficit to 122 runs in front of a sizeable Eden crowd of 36,000-plus.

As light faded, South Africa crowded the bat with close-in fielders, hoping for a late breakthrough and used five bowlers. But Rahul and Sundar stayed calm and



India's Jasprit Bumrah holds up the ball to celebrate after taking five wickets during the first day of the first Test.

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Scoreboard

South Africa first innings:

A Markram c Pant b J Bumrah 31, R Rickelton b J Bumrah 23, W Mulder lbw K Yadav 24, T Bavuma c D Jurel b K Yadav 3, T de Zorzi lbw J Bumrah 24, T Stubbs (not out) 15, K Verreynne lbw M Siraj 16, M Jansen b M Siraj 0, C Bosch lbw A Patel 3, S Harmer b Bumrah 5, K Maharaj lbw Bumrah 0. **Extras** (B-8, LB-4, W-2, NB-1) 15. **Total** (All out, 55 Overs) 159. **Fall of wickets:** 1-57, 2-62, 3-71, 4-114, 5-120, 6-146, 7-

147, 8-154, 9-159

Bowling: Bumrah 14-5-27-5, Siraj 12-0-47-2, A Patel 6-2-21-1, K Yadav 14-1-36-2, R Jadeja 8-2-13-0, W Sundar 1-0-3-0.

India first innings: Y Jaiswal b M Jansen 12, KL Rahul (not out) 13, W Sundar (not out) 6. **Extras:** (LB-2, NB-4) 6. **Total** (For 1 wkt, 20 Overs) 37. **Fall of wickets:** 18-1

Bowling: M Jansen 6-2-11-1, W Mulder 5-1-15-0, K Maharaj 5-1-8-0, C Bosch 3-2-1-0, S Harmer 1-1-0-0.

assured, seeing out the final overs without further damage.

South Africa, missing their lead pacer Kagiso Rabada due to a rib injury, had looked primed for a big score after Aiden Markram (31 from 48

balls; 5x4, 1x6) and Ryan Rickelton's (23 off 22b; 4x4) brisk opening stand.

Markram, after 23 dot balls, opened up with a straight drive and a flowing cover drive, later twice punishing Axar Patel and unfurling a

deft late cut past backward point.

He also launched Axar for a wristy six over midwicket as the run-rate surged above five an over. At the other end, Rickelton's hit-and-miss 22 off 23 (4x4) added to India's frustration.

But just before the drinks break in the opening session, Bumrah from the Clubhouse end turned the morning on its head with two wickets in five balls across successive overs in his first spell that read 7-4-9-2.

A 140 kmph length ball straightened late to uproot Rickelton's off stump, and minutes later a short-of-length delivery leapt spitefully to take Markram's glove -- the contrast in bounce summing up the pitch's variable nature.

He returned after lunch to trap Tony de Zorzi (24) in front with one that skidded

through, before closing out the second session with reverse swing that split open the tail.

Simon Harmer's stumps were sent cartwheeling, and three balls later Keshav Maharaj was pinned plumb in front.

Siraj, Kuldeep sparkle

Having leaked 34 runs from six overs in the first session, Mohammed Siraj (2/47) delivered a sharp twin strike in the second session, removing Kyle Verreynne and Marco Jansen in four balls in his 10th over.

Verreynne (16) burned South Africa's last review after being struck pad-then-bat, while Jansen was breached by a reversing length ball that darted in. Kuldeep Yadav (2/29) chipped in with the key wicket of skipper Temba Bavuma.

Bumrah brushes aside fitness talk after fiery fifer

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KOLKATA

Back to his incisive best, **Jasprit Bumrah** on Friday brushed aside the chatter around his workload management insisting that he "tries to take care of his body" and said those "questions were not my questions".

On a dry pitch that prompted India to pick four spinners for the first time since 2012, it was Bumrah who grabbed 5/27, his only third fifer at home, and 16th overall, as South Africa folded for 159 in just 55 overs on the opening day.

There has been intense scrutiny over Bumrah in "picking" matches for his workload management post England summer test series.

He could not bowl in the Sydney Test against Australia when he was sidelined from bowling on the final day due to a back spasm then in England he was rested for two Tests -- second and fifth that India won -- fuelling critics questioning his commitment.

"I try to give my best in whichever format I play. These questions are not my questions; I will not answer them. I try to play as much as I can. I try to take care of my body," Bumrah said at the press conference.

A multi-format player, Bumrah has been playing continuously since England as he played in the triumphant Asia Cup T20Is, then switched to Tests against West Indies last month, before playing T20Is in Australia in the last series. He however was rested for the ODI leg there.

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India pacer

tion-answer sessions - whoever wants to play, they can play. I'm happy as far as I'm able to contribute and try to learn new things."

With spinners traditionally ruling home conditions, Bumrah acknowledged how special such hauls are in India.

"Whenever you play in India, it is known that spinners will pick up a lot of wickets. So whenever you're able to make an impact with limited spells... It always feels good. I'm very happy with the performance. The job is still left in the Test match."

The pitch helped the pacers the most with its uneven bounce as South Africa batting coach Ashwell Prince blamed their debacle on the conditions.

Sreejesh feels junior WC is stepping stone for success

Veteran goalkeeper states handling pressure and gaining experience will be most important learnings

NEW DELHI

Indian men's junior hockey team chief coach **PR Sreejesh** on Friday advised his wards to consider the upcoming World Cup as a stepping stone in their careers, keeping their sights firmly set on the 2028 Los Angeles and 2032 Brisbane Olympics.

The veteran goalkeeper, who represented India in four Olympics winning two back-to-back bronze medals in the Tokyo and Paris Games, said handling pressure and gaining experience will be the most important learnings for the youngsters from the Junior World Cup.

"For the juniors this is one of the greatest milestone of their career because from here the journey starts for senior level. One thing I always tell these guys is dream about 2028 or 2032 because you are not meant to be juniors forever." "They have a long vision about their future, their career but this is one of



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the best stepping stones for them from where they can start their career," Sreejesh

said in a virtual media interaction after India announced an 18-member team under the leadership of dragflicker Rohit for the marquee event.

"I always tell them dream big. There are a lot of players in the senior team who never played a Junior World Cup. This is a place where you gain experience because this is a World Cup. It will give them experience, teach pressure management, how to overcome challenges. This is a great platform for them," he added.

The FIH Junior Men's World Cup will be co-hosted by Chennai and Madurai from November 28 till December 10. The 37-year-old legendary goalkeeper has seen it all during his illustrious career, be it success, failure, pressure or disappointments. As a coach, he is trying to help the youngsters understand how to cope up with these things. "And second thing we are training them to win, to match expectations. We are training hard to win the tournament so that they get more confidence."

DHAKA

The Indian men's recurve team produced its most stirring performance in recent memory to stun heavyweights South Korea in a nerve-wracking shoot-off to clinch its first Asian Archery Championships gold in 18 years, here on Friday.

The trio of Yashdeep Bhoge, Atanu Das and Rahul rallied from 2-4 down to script a dramatic 5-4 victory over a Korean second-string side comprising Seo Mingi, Kim Yechan and Jang Jiho, breaking Korea's stranglehold on the event since 2009.

Both teams shot 29 in the shoot-off, but India were declared winners after Das -- the two-time Olympian who had exited early in the individual event -- delivered an assured 10 that finished closer to the centre than Korea's, sealing India's first Asian Championship men's team gold since 2007.

The result swelled India's tally at the championships to four gold and two silver, with the compound squad having already returned a haul of three gold and two silver on Thursday.



Ankita Bhakat stuns Nam to clinch Asian gold

Indian archer Ankita Bhakat capped a sensational day with the biggest win of her career, stunning Paris Olympics silver-medallist Nam Suhyeon of South Korea 7-3 in a tense five-set final to claim the women's recurve gold at the Asian Archery Championships, here on Friday. India also secured the women's recurve bronze after Sangeeta edged out veteran five-time Olympian Deepika Kumari 6-5 in a dramatic shoot-off.

Ankita had earlier knocked out her longtime senior teammate, former world No. 1 Deepika Kumari, in the semifinals. Locked at 5-5, both archers shot a nine in the shoot-off, but Ankita's arrow was closer to the centre, sending her into the title clash.

India's compound archers have had a stellar run with Jyothi Surekha Vennam completing a memorable double by winning both the team and individual gold.

It was a deeply emotional moment for recurve men's team coach Rahul Banerjee, a member of that champion 2007 team alongside Mangal Singh Champia and Jayanta

Talakdar.

Eighteen years after winning the title as an athlete, the 2010 Commonwealth Games gold-medallist anchored a second triumph, this time with his long-time protege Atanu and his wife Deepika Kumari in the squad.

Atanu, who topped national trials to earn selection and make Banerjee the men's team coach, fittingly hit the decisive arrow.

Didn't choke, finally fulfilled: Rahul

"It's really fulfilling as a coach as we defeated Korea and didn't choke. Atanu and I were discussing last night that we have not won a gold for a long time and it's finally fulfilled. The next target is Asian Games definitely," Banerjee told PTI from Dhaka.

Korea may have arrived without their legendary Olympic champion Kim Woojin, but the side still featured quality talent.

Seo Mingi topped national trials, Kim Yechan is a 20-year-old Chengdu University Games gold-medallist, and Jang Jiho rounded out a promising trio. Banerjee was quick to underline that pedigree.

WC Qualifiers

France qualifies for 2026 World Cup; Ronaldo sent off

DUBLIN

Kylian Mbappé and France are going to the 2026 World Cup. And Cristiano Ronaldo might be banned from Portugal's first game there if his team finally wins its European qualifying group.

Two goals from star striker Mbappé helped two-time champion France to qualify with a 4-0 home win against Ukraine on Thursday. But Ronaldo was ejected for the first time in his interna-

tional career and Portugal will have to wait until Sunday to secure a qualifying spot for the seventh straight time after it was stunned 2-0 by Ireland in Dublin.

Midfielder Michael Olise and substitute forward Hugo Ekitiké added the other goals in a dominant second half from France, the World Cup runner-up in 2022.

Mbappé sent the penalty straight down the middle to break the deadlock in the 55th minute before Olise turned inside the penalty

area to curl home the second goal in the 76th at Parc des Princes in western Paris.

Mbappé poked in France's third goal from close range in the 83rd following a goal-mouth scramble. Mbappé moved onto 55 goals and just two behind Olivier Giroud as France's all-time top scorer.

"The French national team will always be better with him in it," coach Didier Deschamps said about Mbappé. "He makes things easier for us. He performed his role perfectly this even-

ing, as both a player and the captain of the national team."

Mbappé went close to a hat trick moments later but blazed over after going clean through.

France has won Group D with 13 points, Ukraine and Iceland are tied on seven points and will play for second place when they meet on Sunday.

Ronaldo's 1st international red card Portugal will host last-place Armenia in the final qualifying game on Sunday, when Hungary hosts

Ireland at the same time.

Portugal tops Group F with 10 points, two ahead of Hungary. Ireland is third with seven points.

Ronaldo was sent off for elbowing Ireland defender Dara O'Shea on the hour. The referee issued a yellow card but minutes later upgraded it to red after a video review.

Portugal coach Roberto Martinez said he thought the ejection was "a bit harsh," pointing out that Ronaldo "has never been sent off before in 226 games."



French players celebrate after winning the World Cup Qualifying Group D match.

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