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CII Summit aims to link Andhra Pradesh industries globally: CM Naidu

VIJAYAWADA. (Agency).

The 31st CII Partnership Summit, themed 'Navigating New World Order,' will be held in Visakhapatnam on November 12 and 13. The two-day investment summit is set to provide a new direction to industrial development in Andhra Pradesh in the context of the changing global economic landscape.Beyond attracting investments, the summit will facilitate extensive deliberations on a wide range of subjects, from trade to quantum technology, with a focus on translating the outcomes into actionable initiatives.Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, other Union Ministers and representatives of leading international industrial and business corporations will participate in the summit. Government and industry representatives from nearly 58 countries have already registered to participate in the two-day summit. Chief Minister Naidu stated that the summit is being organised with the objective of connecting Andhra Pradesh's industries with global markets. Discussions and agreements at the summit will aim to position Andhra Pradesh as a key destination for global investments, international trade and technology partnerships.

UCC to be implemented across India, government committed, says Meghwal

New Delhi(Agency).

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal has said the government is committed to implementing the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) across the country and asserted that its "constitutional basis" makes it difficult to justify restricting the legislation to a few states.Asked whether the Uniform Civil Code would remain confined to BJP-ruled states or eventually be implemented across the country, Meghwal said, "The Uniform Civil Code was discussed in the Constituent Assembly, and the makers of the Constitution incorporated a provision for it under Article 44. The Supreme Court has also made observations on the subject on several occasions. It is encouraging that some states have come forward to implement the UCC. Goa has had a common civil code for a long time, even when the BJP was not in power there," he said in an exclusive interview with The New Indian Express.He added "We believe that the UCC should be implemented across the country, and our government is committed to this objective. It has a constitutional basis, and there is no reason why its implementation should remain restricted to a few states. The issue is also increasingly finding a place in the election manifestos of political parties."Uttarakhand became the first state to enact a UCC law in February 2024 and remains the only state to have fully implemented the legislation.

Sonia Gandhi's inner turmoil on taking up PM post. Then, a midnight chat with Rahul

Sonia Gandhi's memoir recounts her deliberations after colleagues urged her to become Prime Minister in 2004, following the Congress-led UPA's stunning victory in the general elections.

New Delhi (Agency).

In May 2004, the Congress-headed UPA made a stunning return to the Centre after defeating the incumbent Bharatiya Janata Party-led NDA. The victory pushed Sonia Gandhi to an inner turmoil as her colleagues urged her to accept the prime ministerial post. She found herself waging an internal war; the initial conviction about never stepping into the shoes of her late husband and mother-in-law eventually turned into a feeble "theek hai", only for her to make a U-turn.Her son, Rahul Gandhi, was the first to know when she decided to decline the PM post offer. He was elated and so was his sister Priyanka, who learnt about it later. They had lived through the trauma of their grandmother, Indira Gandhi's assassination and their father, Rajiv Gandhi's horrific murder, she wrote in her memoir Belonging: A Journey of Love, which hit the stands today."In their minds, holding that office was intrinsically linked with heightened danger. They looked relieved and I, too, felt lighter, having said my views out loud on the question for the first time. And there the matter rested. I never spoke of it to anyone else," she added.Long before the 2004 election results came in, Sonia Gandhi had discussed the possibility of becoming Prime Minister with her children. Her answer had been unequivocal. "Absolutely not!" she recalled telling them, almost indignantly, when one of them asked whether she would accept the PM post if the UPA won the polls."Are you sure?" they pressed her. "I'm very clear," she responded.Rahul Gandhi was 34 at the time, and Priyanka 32. The conversation had them both elated. Sonia Gandhi had, after all, stuck with her narrative throughout the 2004 election campaign – never becoming the Prime Minister of India.But her emotions had gone haywire. She was at crossroads. "My emotions were changing, moment to moment. One minute I was clear, the next, I was torn."During an important Congress meeting at 10, Janpath House, Sonia Gandhi faced dramatic scenes from her colleagues. They were insistent on her taking up the PM post. And she somehow mustered up the courage to voice her opinion. No sooner, there is uproar as they surround her.



'Was Sizing Up Women At Reception': Sonia Gandhi Recalls Bill Clinton's Visit

Sonia Gandhi talks at length about a reception then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee hosted in Bill Clinton's honour.

New Delhi(Agency)

The Monica Lewinsky scandal had subsided when Bill Clinton came to India in 2000 but "old habits die hard", says Sonia Gandhi in her memoir, recalling the then US president every now and then "surreptitiously sizing up the more striking women" at a reception.The Clinton anecdote is among the many interactions with world leaders, including Princess Diana and Nicolas Sarkozy, Gandhi has recounted in her just released book "Belonging: A Journey Of Love".She talks at length about a reception then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee hosted in Clinton's honour."President Bill Clinton was staying at the Sheraton hotel with his daughter, Chelsea, and his delegation in 2000 when I called on him with our foreign minister. Friendly, informal, and exuding confidence, he



appeared more keen to give us his own views and predictions about Kashmir- 'a nuclear flashpoint', in his words, 'one of the most dangerous places on earth'--than to pay attention to our point of view," she says in the book."The Monica Lewinsky scandal had subsided a little by then, but old habits die hard; at the reception held by Prime Minister Vaipayee in his honour, I noticed him every now and then surreptitiously sizing up the more striking women present," Gandhi says.She also shares interesting anecdotes from then French president Nicolas Sarkozy's 2008 visit when he made a trip to India without his then partner Carla Bruni."It was said that he (Sarkozy) had been advised not to bring her (Bruni) because they were unmarried which would have been awkward at official functions. Seated at the banquet table, I was amused when the wife of our Vice President Mohammad Ansari, seated next to him, proceeded to quiz him good-naturedly about his marital plans. Was he going to get married? And if so, had the date been decided? Was he missing her? "President Sarkozy seemed unperturbed by the cross-examination, even eager to share details of his love life, answering all her questions while continuously messaging.

Learnt it from news reports: Keralam minister on CM's power purchase decision

Thiruvananthapuram(Agency).

Keralam Electricity Minister Sunny Joseph has said he learnt through news reports about the state government's latest decision not to purchase power from a private entity, news agency Press Trust of India reported.His remarks came amid criticism over the earlier move to purchase electricity through General Network Access (GNA), a private platform.Speaking to reporters on Monday, Joseph said reports informed him that the Chief Minister had spoken to the Power Secretary and the Kerala State Electricity Board chairman about the purchase of electricity."The CM is above the ministers. He can intervene, as required, in any department," Joseph said, adding that final decisions are taken by the Cabinet. He also said he had spoken to the Chief Minister several times.Joseph said Keralam was able to manage its power requirements in October because of electricity supplied by the Himachal Pradesh government. He added that it would have benefited Kerala if power from Himachal Pradesh had been available between November 2026 and May 2027.The minister made the remarks while responding to questions about the government's reported decision to drop its earlier plan to purchase power through GNA.Following Joseph's remarks, senior CPI(M) leader and former state minister P Rajeev questioned why the Chief Minister had earlier decided to purchase power through GNA when, according to the KSEB, Kerala faced no immediate electricity crisis.Rajeev claimed that even if there had been a crisis, the government should have chosen Himachal Pradesh, which was also the KSEB's preferred option. "According to us, the power crisis was created in the state," PTI quoted him as saying.

BJP-JDU ties under strain? Tejashwi birthday wishes stir Bihar politics

Patna(Agency).

Bihar politics is abuzz with speculation over the relationship between the BJP and the Janata Dal (United), particularly after the results of the recent Legislative Council elections. Meanwhile, birthday wishes to RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav from three prominent JDU leaders have triggered fresh political discussions in the state.JDU acting national president Sanjay Jha, Nishant Kumar and senior leader Vijay Kumar Chaudhary wished Tejashwi on his birthday. However, no prominent BJP leader,



including Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary, extended a formal birthday greeting to the Leader of the Opposition.Shortly after Sanjay Jha wished Tejashwi on his birthday, former BJP Bihar in-charge and MP Dharmendra Pradhan, who was also in Patna, visited Jha at his residence.Pradhan was reportedly in the city to distribute invitation cards for his daughter's wedding.While birthday greetings are generally a matter of courtesy, political moves are often interpreted as carrying wider implications. This has prompted questions about whether the JDU was attempting to send a political message to its alliance partner, the BJP, by wishing Tejashwi.The developments are being viewed against the backdrop.

Haryana Chief Minister Attacks Bhagwant Mann Over Alleged Drinking Habit

Chandigarh(Agency).

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's alleged drinking habit has become a fresh political flashpoint, with both Congress and the BJP targeting him over the issue. After Congress leader Rahul Gandhi



raised the allegation at a rally in Sangrur, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has taken a further swipe at Mann, appealing to Punjab's people to help him give up alcohol."Mann sahab ki daaroo chhurwao, tabhi nasha khatam ho sakta hai (make him quit drinking, then maybe the addiction can end)," Saini said, taking a dig at the Punjab Chief Minister while referring to the state's battle against drugs. At the November 4 rally, recalling his days in Parliament with Mann, Rahul Gandhi had said, "11 baje bhi unke muh se sharab ki badbu aati thi (Even at 11 am, there was the whiff of alcohol on his breath)."

"I'm not saying Bhagwant Mann should quit drinking. That is his personal issue. But if the fight is against addiction, then the Chief Minister cannot be an addict," Gandhi had added.Saini had earlier backed Gandhi's remarks, calling them "absolutely true" and recalling that Mann and Gandhi used to sit together in the Lok Sabha when they were part of the INDIA alliance. His latest statement has intensified the political attack on Mann.

Karnataka: CM DK Shivakumar meets Siddaramaiah, discusses Assembly polls, sting operation row

BENGALURU(Agency).

Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Monday met Congress Working Committee (CWC) member and former chief minister Siddaramaiah at the latter's Cauvery residence in Bengaluru and extended Deepavali greetings. Later, the CM held deliberations with KPCC president B K Hariprasad at the Congress office.The meeting, which lasted over one-and-a-half hours, also covered a range of political and organisational issues, including the controversy surrounding the alleged sting operation targeting Siddaramaiah, forthcoming local body elections and the Congress' preparations for the 2028 Assembly polls. The chief minister's political secretary and Virajpet MLA A S Ponnanna was also present.



Besides discussing the political developments surrounding the alleged sting operation and its implications for the party and the ruling Congress government, the two leaders are understood to have deliberated on elections to local bodies, including the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and zilla and taluk panchayats. The party's preparations for the 2028 Assembly elections and pending administrative and organisational matters in the government also figured in the discussions, sources said. Siddaramaiah stressed the need of going together unitedly for the polls in the interest of the party citing the party's debacle in the recently held council polls to four seats which the NDA whitewashed.Speaking to reporters later in the day, Shivakumar described Siddaramaiah as the party's leader and said they had discussed several issues concerning the government and the organisation."Siddaramaiah is our leader. I discussed several issues with him. There are court orders concerning the increase in reservation for SCs and STs (The Katnataka High Court struck down state's legislation). We have convened a meeting of all MLAs, and subsequently, I will call a meeting of legislators belonging to different communities as well. We also discussed party matters and the forthcoming local body elections," he said.

Over 40 fire calls on Diwali; major blazes reported in Khandsa, Sector 67 in Gurgaon

Gurgaon.(Agency)

The fire department received 42 fire calls across the city on Sunday during Diwali celebrations, with most incidents involving scrap shops and waste dumps. Fire officials said several fires were also reported at residential properties, commercial establishments and markets.

No casualties were reported, fire officials said, adding that sparks from firecrackers were suspected to have caused most of the fires.Among the major incidents, a hardware store on Khandsa Road caught fire around 2.50pm. Four fire tenders were rushed to the spot, and it took nearly three hours to bring the blaze under control. The exact cause is being investigated, though sparks from firecrackers have not been ruled out, an official said.Another major fire broke out around 8.30pm on the ground floor of a four-storey building at Orchid Crescent in DLF Phase 4. Preliminary findings suggested that a short circuit in the building's electrical panel triggered the blaze.Sparks quickly turned into flames, engulfing the panel and



spreading to parts of the ground floor. Thick smoke filled the premises, prompting residents to evacuate. Firefighters and police rushed to the spot and contained the blaze before it could spread to the upper floors or adjoining houses.In another incident, a house on the second floor of a residential society in Sector 67 caught fire. Two fire tenders were deployed. The occupants were not at home when the blaze broke out, leaving the house completely gutted. "Firecracker sparks are suspected to have triggered the fire, though the exact cause is yet to be ascertained," the official said.Several commercial establishments and scrap shops also caught fire during the day. A shop in Sadar market caught fire, triggering panic in the busy market, while another blaze was reported at J Tower in Police Lines. Firefighters brought both incidents under control.In Arjun Nagar, a scrap shop caught fire, with stored waste and plastic items allowing the flames to spread rapidly. A shop opposite Krishna Palace in Nai Basti also caught fire.

In Rajiv Nagar, Sector 13, a fire at a bicycle shop damaged several bicycles and other goods. Firefighters were also called to a scrap shop near Jodi village, as well as to incidents in Palam Vihar and Udyog Vihar. A cycle shop in Sector 13 was also engulfed in flames.A fire official said the Sector 29 fire station received around 15 calls on Sunday. The official added that nearly 80% of the 42 calls involved fires at scrap shops and dumps, while the remaining 20% concerned residential properties and commercial establishments.

Youth killed in road rage after scooter brushes bystander celebrating friend's birthday

Gurgaon.(Agency)

A 25-year-old man died and another was injured after a minor dispute over a scooter collision escalated into a fight at a park near Naya Bans village in Sector 15.

The deceased, Amit, a resident of Delhi's Ashok Nagar, had been spending time with his friends Shivam, Yashpal, Akash and Vinod in the park. As the group was leaving around 1am on Sunday, a scooter being driven by Shivam accidentally brushed against the foot of a bystander, Aftab, who was celebrating a friend's birthday in the park.ACP Mayank Tiwari said that the collision led to a quarrel between them and Aftab slapped Shivam. He then called his friends and a fight broke out between them and Aftab's friends — Golu, Abhishek Pandit and another teenager. Amit suffered a severe blow to his head and collapsed during the fight. Shivam, too, received serious injuries. Their friends rushed them to a hospital, where doctors declared Amit dead. Shivam received preliminary treatment before being referred to a higher medical centre.

Gurgaon Police trace missing 5-year-old boy, reunite him with family

Ghaziabad.(Agency)

Gurgaon Police traced a missing five-year-old boy and safely reunited him with his family following prompt action by a team from Sector 56 police station.The child, identified as Mohammad Gufran, was found wandering within the jurisdiction of Sector 56 police station on November 9. The police team took him into safe custody and immediately began efforts to trace his family.

Police personnel gathered information from the child and made enquiries in the surrounding areas to establish his identity and locate his family members. Their efforts soon bore fruit, and the team successfully contacted the child's family.

After completing the necessary enquiries and formalities, the police handed over the child safely to his family members. The family expressed gratitude to the police for their prompt response and efforts in ensuring the child's safe return.

Skyshot again? Owners away, fire burns down locked flat in Crossings condo in Ghaziabad

Ghaziabad.(Agency)

A fire at a locked flat of a society in Crossing Republik Township gutted the home's interiors on Sunday. No injuries were reported, officials and residents said, adding the blaze on the 10th floor of Tower 7 at GH-7 was "contained". The owners were out of town. While the cause of the blaze is yet to be known, the society's fire team alleged that a sky shot cracker or rocket crackers "hit the plastic pigeon net" in the flat's balcony and the fire spread from there to the outdoor units of two air conditioners, which exploded.

After the fire department received the call around 8pm, three fire tenders and a hydraulic platform were deployed. "The fire was completely extinguished," chief fire officer Saurabh Singh said. As a precaution, the fire department asked all residents to vacate the building and they were alerted through a WhatsApp message. Fire department officials said the flat was filled with toxic smoke, so firefighters entered wearing breathing apparatus sets and the fire was stopped from spreading to other flats.

MCG to hire agency to transport municipal waste from Khandsa to Bandhwari

Gurgaon.(Agency)

MCG on Monday initiated the process of engaging an agency to transport municipal solid waste from the Khandsa secondary collection point to the Bandhwari landfill. The agency will be responsible for transporting approximately 280 tonnes of waste daily, amounting to an estimated 33,600 metric tonnes over four months. The work is estimated to cost over Rs 1 crore. The contract will run for four months from the date of execution of the agreement. The selected agency will have to commence work within three days of allotment. Under the proposed terms, the agency will have to ensure that all waste is lifted before 4pm daily and transported to the designated disposal site in accordance with Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

The civic body has mandated 100% transportation efficiency, requiring the agency to deploy its own machinery and manpower. It will have to arrange at least eight GPS-enabled dumpers or compactors, along with excavators or JCB loaders, depending on the requirements at the collection point. MCG may also direct the agency to increase the number of vehicles and machinery based on the quantity of waste.The proposed system will include a real-time management information system (MIS), with project-related data accessible to MCG and integrated with GMDA's integrated command and control centre (ICCC). "CCTV feeds from secondary collection points may also be linked to the monitoring system, subject to availability. Data from electronic weighbridges will similarly have to be integrated with the MIS," an MCG official said.MCG has prescribed financial penalties for service lapses. If the agency fails to provide services after commencing work, it will be fined 1.5 times its quoted bid rate multiplied by the average daily waste transportation quantity for each day it remains non-operational. Disposal of waste at a site other than the designated landfill will attract a penalty of twice the quoted bid variable for every tonne disposed of.

Other penalties include Rs 2,000 per day for every vehicle short of the required.

SC ban goes up in smoke as crackers burst past deadlines until sunrise in Noida, Ghaziabad

Ghaziabad.(Ajency)

-Notices were put up in the societies, advisories went out on the society WhatsApp groups and security guards were asked to intervene. But none of it could keep the crackers away. They were set off well beyond the Supreme Court-permitted slots on Nov 7 and 8 in Noida and Ghaziabad, with bursting reported past midnight and until sunrise in some areas despite repeated advisories. The court allowed crackers only from 6am to 7am and from 8pm to



10pm.The violations pointed to a wider lack of discipline and accountability. Roadside cracker sales continued openly up to society gates in several Noida sectors. In Sector 150, firecrackers were burst well past 1 am. In a Greater Noida society, youths filming reels set off crackers past 2 am. In Sector 36, a palm tree in the D block park was burnt after children burst crackers under it.Ghaziabad localities, including Indirapuram, Vaishali, Vasundhara and Shalimar Garden, also saw widespread violations. The residents' associations said they had no authority beyond issuing advisories and arranging security interventions.

9pm-4am: Worst phase of pollution in Gurgaon on Diwali as PM 2.5 breached severe-plus

Ghaziabad.(Agency)

PM2.5 levels rose sharply in Gurgaon after 9pm on Diwali night, with three of the city's four active monitoring stations recording hourly levels above 450 micrograms per cubic metre (severe-plus) between 11pm and 4am. CPCB data shows Teri Gram recorded the highest concentration of 585 µg/m³ between 3am and 4am on Monday, while Sector 51 crossed 500 µg/m³ before midnight. The surge began after 9pm on Sunday and accelerated between 10pm and midnight. The average across stations reporting data peaked at 436 µg/m³ between midnight and 1am before concentrations began declining through Monday morning because of wind. The peak average, however, was based on readings from three stations as Vikas Sadan had no data for that hour.Across all four stations, the average was 397 µg/m³ between 11pm and midnight on Sunday, up from 313 µg/m³ an hour earlier and 214 µg/m³ between 9pm and 10pm.Firecrackers continued to be burst across the city well beyond the 10pm deadline on Diwali night, with residents reporting activity till around 2am on Monday. Although the administration had restricted firecracker bursting to the 8pm-10pm window, crackers were also burst in several residential areas for two to three days before the festival.Residents said the restrictions had little impact on the ground and pointed to weak enforcement rather than a lack of advisories. RWAs said their ability to intervene was limited, particularly because objections were often seen as interference in religious celebrations, raising questions about how effectively the administration could enforce the two-hour window.PM2.5 refers to particulate matter that is 2.5 microns in diameter, around 1/30th the width of a human hair. These fine, toxic particles can penetrate deep into the lungs, enter the bloodstream, and contribute to heart disease, stroke and respiratory illnesses. PM2.5 is widely used to assess the health impact of air pollution."A green cracker is still a cracker. It is a modified version of the conventional one, with somewhat lower emissions per piece.

Ghaziabad blast probe finds no evidence of IED at Vasundhara police outpost

Gurgaon.(Agency)

Preliminary searches at Vasundhara police outpost, which was rocked by an explosion on Friday night, have found no explosive residue, gunpowder, chemical traces or identifiable components of an improvised explosive device (IED). No detonator, battery, connecting wires or other material suggesting a bomb has been recovered, leaving agencies without physical evidence so far to support a deliberate attack.



Police are examining other causes, including an electrical fault in an air-conditioner and seized illegal firecrackers stored at the outpost. They are also checking if a firecracker struck the AC unit. Forensic samples have been sent to Agra for analysis."The cause of the explosion has not been established yet. We are investigating every angle. Further action will be based on findings," Ghaziabad police commissioner J Ravinder Goud said.

DCP (trans-Hindon) Rijul Kumar also said initial checks found no explosives, gunpowder or chemical residue. The blast, around 9pm on Nov 6, shattered two windowpanes and cracked a wall. A delivery worker suffered cuts from flying glass, while a sub-inspector on duty escaped unhurt.Officials said they were also assessing if the outpost's condition magnified the damage. The 21-year-old building had deteriorated and was allegedly built with substandard material.

Police are checking whether an object was thrown from Hindon Elevated Road, around 35ft above the outpost. Municipal corporation cameras along Shri Ram Setu elevated road were allegedly not working, so teams are relying on traffic police footage and plan to analyse mobile tower records..The terror angle emerged after an X account, 'Ghazi 2', posted a video and statement around 2.30am on Nov 7, claiming responsibility for Tehreek-ul-Mujahideen Hindustan. The account has since been deleted. Police are seeking information from X to identify its operators and verify the group's role. The masked speaker in the video called the blast an attack on police.

UP ATS, led by DIG Abhishek Yadav, is leading the probe, while NIA, STF, IB and Delhi Police's special cell are also involved. Police sources are checking possible links to Pakistan-based Shehzad Bhatti's network.

HC gives Haryana 3 months to ensure schools have mechanisms against LGBTQ+ bullying

Gurgaon.(Agency)

Punjab and Haryana high court has given the school education department three months to ensure all schools, irrespective of affiliation, have internal mechanisms to address bullying and harassment, particularly against LGBTQIA+ students.The directions cover complaints involving gender, gender identity and sexual orientation, along with broader student safety and mental health guidelines. Justice Manisha Batra issued the order on Oct 31 while hearing a petition filed by Aarti Malhotra, the mother of a 16-year-old student from a leading Faridabad CBSE school who died by suicide on Feb 24, 2022. The family alleged that the student had faced bullying, harassment and sexual assault by fellow students.

The court directed that such complaints be handled promptly and confidentially, and that cases disclosing a cognisable offence be reported to police as required by law. The directions are to be implemented within three months of receiving a certified copy of the judgment.The court also directed Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to issue instructions to its affiliated schools within the territorial jurisdiction of the high Court for strict compliance with its 2015 anti-bullying circular and Supreme Court's guidelines in the Sukdeb Saha case. CBSE has been asked to call for and scrutinise annual reports submitted by schools and take action under its bylaws in cases of non-compliance. This exercise must also be completed within three months.

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Police said the probe had also revealed links with associates operating from West Bengal and Bihar.

New Delhi: Delhi has formally removed its last 48 rural villages from the city's rural map, completing the urbanisation of all 357 villages. The move, however, is more than a change of status, as the entire revenue estate of these villages, along with their old abadi, has been brought into the urban area. The notification, issued on October 23 under Section 507(a) of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, states that the 48 villages will cease to be rural areas and form part of the urban area. Before this, 309 of Delhi's 357 villages had already been urbanised, while the remaining 48 continued to be legally rural despite their increasingly urban surroundings. The mismatch meant that areas with urban characteristics continued under rural land-use rules and faced gaps in coordinated infrastructure planning. For residents, the immediate change is legal and administrative, not a sudden arrival of new roads or sewer lines. Urbanisation brings the villages within the urban planning framework, allowing civic agencies to plan roads, water supply, sewerage, drainage, sanitation and other services more systematically. However, construction and land-use changes will still require applicable approvals. The move also has a potentially bigger implication for land. The DDA has been pushing land pooling and planned urban expansion under the Master Plan for Delhi-2047.

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It is for general information that I, KAPIL LAKHCHAURA S/O DINESH LAKHCHAURA residing at G-19, BLOCK-B, KAMAL VIHAR, KAMAAL PUR, BURARI, DELHI-110084 declare that name of mine, my father and my mother has been wrongly written as KAPIL LAKHCHAUDA, DINESH CHAND LAKHCHAUDA and RAHDA LAKHCHAUDA in my in my all educational documents. The actual name of mine, my father and my mother are KAPIL LAKHCHAURA, DINESH LAKHCHAURA and RAJESHWARI LAKHCHAURA respectively, which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Agrawal & Kiran Agrawal Owner of the Residential PLOT NO-210 POCKET-J SECTOR GAMMA - II, Greater Nagar, U.P. Mr. *Sanjay Kumar Agrawal & Kiran Agrawal* have lost Original *Allotment* *letter* executed by Sanjay Kumar Agrawal & Kiran Agrawal *&* *Allocation* *letter* of the said property, for which complaint lodged to the police. Therefore, by way of this Public Notice it is hereby notified that any person, Attorney and/or entity, firm/company, society and/or member of the Society, Bank, HUF/member of HUF, Financial Institution having any claim, charge, interest, or lien whatsoever with respect to the Said house/plot or otherwise, may notify to undersigned only on his email - krnagr@yahoo.com with docu-mentary proof within 15 days from the date of this publication of notice, failing which any such claim etc, shall be deemed to be null and void, whereas title shall be deemed to be clear, and mar-ketable without any defect or encumbrance and free to create equitable mortgage.

Sanjay Kumar Agrawal
D -235, 2nd Floor, Sarvodya Enclave, South Delhi, Malviya Nagar, Delhi, 110017
M-No 91612 08187

NAME CHANGE

I Naveen kumar S/o Dharam Pal R/ o B-550-551,3 rd Floor, Bunkar Colony, Ashok Vihar Phase -4 North West Delhi 110052 have changed to Naveen Pathak for all future purpose

NAME CHANGE

I, AJAY TIWARI, Son of VIDYADHAR TIWARI, Resident of House No 2950/2518, Gali No 1, Parvatiya Colony, Haryana - 121005, have changed the name of my minor son AYANSH TIWARI, aged 09 years, and he shall hereafter be known as NAMAN TIWARI. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

NAME CHANGE

I, DEEBA ALAM W/O MAHMOOD ALAM R/O H NO R-277 UPPER GROUND FLOOR FLAT NO-2 GALI NO-3 SIR SYED ROAD JOGA BAI EXTN JAMIA NAGAR OKHLA DELHI-110025, have changed my name to DEEBA RIZWAN for all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto Known as SBIRUMAN W/O MAHAVIR, R/O HOUSE NO-45, GAZIPUR ROAD, NEAR GOVRMENT SCHOOL, GAZIPUR GAON ,PALI FARIDABAD HARYANA 121004, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SUMAN. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto Known as SYAM DEVI W/O OMBIR SHYAM CHAUHAN, R/O LALPUR (149), FARIDABAD, HARYANA 121002, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SHYAMO DEVI. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto Known as EKTA alias NEHA SHUKLA W/O Late AASHISH SHUKLA R/o A-521 Dabua Colony, N.I.T Faridabad, Haryana 121001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as EKTA SHUKLA. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

NAME CHANGE

I, KILLI SRINIVASARAO S/o KILLI DEMUDU R/o QTR NO-12/04, OLD APS COLONY, DELHI CANTT-110010, have changed the name of my minor son HARSHITH aged 12 years and he shall hereafter be known as KILLI HARSHITH.

Public Notice

MY CLIENT GOPAL KRISHAN, S/O PURSHOTAM LAL WADHWA AND HIS WIFE UPJIT WADHWA BOTH R/O H. NO. K-84, FIRST FLOOR, K-BLOCK, BACK SIDE, NEW MAHAVIR NAGAR, DELHI, HAVE DEBARRED THEIR SON NAMAN WADHWA AND HIS WIFE RAJNI BALA FROM THEIR ALL MOVABLE-IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES AND SEVERED ALL THEIR RELATION DUE TO MISCONDUCT AND DISOBEDIENT. ANYBODY DEALING WITH THEM SHALL BEAR AT THEIR OWN COST, RISK CONSEQUENCES.

PINKI LAMBA MANN (Advocate)
OFF, A-205A, NORTH EX. MALL, SECTOR-9, ROHINI, NEW DELHI-110085

NAME CHANGE

I, Sahabuddin S/o Rahimla R/o 202, Bajarka, Mewat Nuh, Haryana-122107, have changed my name to Sahabdin for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, JAIWANT SINGH RAWAT S/O DALIP SINGH R/O D-136, SECOND FLOOR,TAGORE GARDEN EXTN, DELHI-110027 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JAIWANT SINGH FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

NAME CHANGE

I, Shalu Tanwar D/O Mam Chand Tanwar R/0 P4/14 Sec 75 Bptp Faridabad Haryana Have Change My Name To SHALU BHARDWAJ for all purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto Known as KUSUM DEVI W/O: DHARMVIR SINGH, R/O House No DB -1065 Ward No 2, Near Police Chowki, Puran Enclave Colony Faridabad – Haryana 121008, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PANCHO DEVI. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto Known as POONAM D/O RAJAN, R/O 217/6, DHOVI WARA, BARAH MOHLLA, OLD FARIDABAD, KHERI KALAN (113), FARIDABAD, HARYANA 121002, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KARINA. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that Mrs. Habiba W/o Mr. Tahir owner of the PROPERTY BEARING NO. C-295, AREA MEASURING 40 SQ. YARDS, OUT OF KHASRA NO. 1/7, SITUATED IN THE AREA OF VILLAGE ZIAUDDIN PUR, ABADI KNOWN BLOCK-C, GALI NO. 6, BRIJ PURI, ILLAQA SHAHDARA, DELHI, vide Gift Deed from Mr. Tahir S/o Mr. Sahfiq, vide as Doc. no. 2026/12/I/3572, BK-I, Vol. no. 6929, pages 89-110, in SRO-Karawal Nagar, Delhi, on dt. 04.11.2026. The property is free from all encumbrances, liens, charges, mortgages, and other third-party claims. The proposed purchase of the aforesaid property is to be financed by Vastu finserve India Pvt. ltd., Branch: Noida, U.P. If any person(s) objection & regarding subject property, then kindly may submit his/her objection within 07 days from the date of the Notice in writing. The said objection may be kindly sent to the undersigned by way of the Registered Post on the address given below and by E-mail. failing which, the claim as per aforesaid shall be treated as null and void in respect of the subject property.

[ASHWANI KUMAR] Advocate
Chamber No. 122, Tehsil Compound, Ghaziabad, U.P.
kumar2021ashwani@gmail.com

NAME CHANGE

I, MOHAMMAD KHALID QURESHI S/O ABDUL RAZZAQ R/O HOUSE NO-993, WARD NO-7, THIRD FLOOR, MEHRAULI, DELHI-110030 have changed my name to MOHD KHALID QURESHI for all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE

I, Neelam Kour Rayat, W/O Sukhbir Singh, R/O House No. 3669, Near Overhead water tank, Sector-23, Cartarpuri Alias Daulatpur Nasirabad, Carterpuri, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122017 have changed my name to Neelam Rayat for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, Mahendra Singh S/ O Parbhati Lal R/O , Jakhopur Ward No. 9 Sohna Gurgaon Haryana Pin: 122103 Have Changed My Name To Mahender For All The Future Purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, Ms. Khushboo D/O Mahender , Jakhopur Ward No. 9 Sohna Gurgaon Haryana Pin: 122103 Have Changed My Name To Khushboo For All The Future Purposes.

PROVISION OF NEW STATION BUILDING

Tender Notice No.: CPM-GS-MLG-SLT-2026-12; **Dated:** 08-11-2026; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work; **Tender No.** : CPM-GS-MLG-SLT-2026-12; **Name of work:** Provision of new station building at Murkongselek, Silapathar & Dhemaji under ABSS. **Approx. Value:** ₹8,27,93,339.23/-; Date & time of **Closing/Opening** of tender at **15:00** hrs. on **30-11-2026**. Complete information alongwith the tender document of above e-tender are available in the website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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ELECTRICAL WORKS IN TINSUKIA DIVISION

Tender Notice No. : TSK/Elect/264; **Dated:** 06-11-2026; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work; **SN-1: Tender No.**: LV-T-14-TSK-970; **Brief Description of Item :** At Tinsukia Division- Provision of facade lighting of 10 Nos of Amrit Bharat Stations of Tinsukia Division and decorative Street Light in Circulating area at Simaluguri Jn., Sibsagar Town, Amguri, Mariani Jn, Jorhat Town, Golaghat, North Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Silapathar & Murkongselek. **Tender Value:** ₹7,04,30,564.50/-; **Earnest Money**: ₹14,08,600/-;

SN-2: Tender No.: LV-T-14-TSK-971; **Brief Description of Item :** At Tinsukia Division- Provision of facade lighting of 7 Nos of Amrit Bharat Stations of Tinsukia Division and decorative Street Light in Circulating area at Ledo, Margherita, Makum Jn, Tinsukia, Duliajan, Namrup and Naharkatiya. **Tender Value:** ₹4,91,94,676.60/-; **Earnest Money**: ₹9,83,900/-; Date & time of **closing** of both tenders at **13:00** hrs. and **opening** at **15:00** hrs. on **30-11-2026**. For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender are available upto **13:00** hrs. on **30-11-2026** in website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS–2026

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Chhath Puja Festival, Northern Railway, in association with other zonal railways, has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency / Day		Period
02252	New Delhi VANDE BHARAT FESTIVAL SPECIAL	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	Tri-weekly	Mon, Wed, Sat	Upto 25.11.26
02251	Patna Jn.	10:00	New Delhi	23:30		Tue, Thu, Sun	Upto 26.11.26
02254	New Delhi VANDE BHARAT FESTIVAL SPECIAL	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	Tri-weekly	Sun, Tue, Thu	Upto 26.11.26
02253	Patna Jn.	10:00	New Delhi	23:30		Sat, Mon, Wed	Upto 28.11.26
02258	New Delhi VANDE BHARAT FESTIVAL SPECIAL	05:00	Patna Jn.	18:30	Date wise	Wednesday	11.11.2026
02257	Patna Jn.	08:00	New Delhi	21:30		Thursday	12.11.2026
02436	New Delhi VANDE BHARAT FESTIVAL SPECIAL	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	Date wise	Friday	13.11.2026
02435	Patna Jn.	08:00	New Delhi	21:30		Saturday	14.11.2026
06597	Yesvantpur Jn.	07:00	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	10:15	Date wise	Thursday	12.11.2026
06598	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	17:55	Yesvantpur Jn.	19:45		Saturday	14.11.2026
04028	Anand Vihar(T.)	09:15	Muzaffarpur Jn.	04:30	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday	Upto 24.11.26
04027	Muzaffarpur Jn.	06:15	Anand Vihar(T.)	05:30		Wednesday, Saturday	Upto 25.11.26
04010	Delhi Jn.	23:05	Sitamarhi Jn.	23:30	Weekly	Thursday	Upto 19.11.26
04009	Sitamarhi Jn.	00:45	Delhi Jn.	20:30		Saturday	Upto 21.11.26
04014	Anand Vihar(T.) Via LUCKNOW (NR)	15:40	Laukaha Bazar	20:15	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed,	Upto 29.11.26
04013	Laukaha Bazar	22:30	Anand Vihar(T.)	03:40		Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
04314	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	15:20	Muzaffarpur Jn.	11:45	Bi-Weekly	Thursday, Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04313	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:15	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	11:15		Friday, Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04096	Anand Vihar(T.)	00:05	Patliputra Jn.	23:00	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed,	Upto 29.11.26
04095	Patliputra Jn.	00:45	Anand Vihar(T.)	21:30		Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
04072	New Delhi	21:35	Supaul	06:35	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed,	Upto 28.11.26
04071	Supaul	07:45	New Delhi	15:00		Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
02309	Rajendra Nagar (T)	20:10	New Delhi	15:00	Tri-weekly	Wed, Fri & Sun	11 to 20.11.26
02310	New Delhi	19:00	Rajendra Nagar (T)	14:00		Thu, Sat & Mon	12 to 21.11.26
04062	Anand Vihar(T.)	12:00	Bhagalpur Jn.	13:30	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 27.11.26
04061	Bhagalpur Jn.	16:30	Anand Vihar(T.)	20:00			Upto 29.11.26
04312	Yog Nagari Rishikesh Via MORADABAD	22:20	Kolkata	08:00	Weekly	Friday	Upto 20.11.26
04311	Kolkata	13:55	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	23:30		Sunday	Upto 22.11.26
04624	Amritsar Jn.	20:10	Kolkata	15:00	Weekly	Wednesday	Upto 25.11.26
04623	Kolkata	04:45	Amritsar Jn.	21:05		Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
07083	Bidar	10:00	Hazrat Nizamuddin Jn.	20:40	Date wise	Thursday	19.11.2026
07084	Hazrat Nizamuddin Jn.	10:30	Bidar	04:00		Sunday	22.11.2026
04090	New Delhi	23:30	Danapur Jn.	15:00	Bi-weekly	Friday, Wednesday	Upto 27.11.26
04089	Danapur Jn.	16:40	New Delhi	09:45		Saturday, Thursday	Upto 28.11.26
04098	Shakur Basti	09:20	Darbhanga Jn.	11:45	6 Days a week	Except - Tuesday	Upto 29.11.26
04097	Darbhanga Jn.	14:00	Shakur Basti	18:00		Except - Wednesday	Upto 30.11.26
04076	Delhi Jn.	00:30	Kamakhya Jn.	21:15	Weekly	Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04075	Kamakhya Jn.	05:00	Delhi Jn.	20:40		Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04064	Delhi Jn.	11:00	Gaya Jn.	07:15	6 Days a week	Except- Saturday	Upto 30.11.26
04537	Barauni Jn.	06:30	Chandigarh	13:20	Date wise	Thursday	12.11.2026
04088	New Delhi	15:50	Patna Jn.	12:45	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
04087	Patna Jn.	15:10	New Delhi	13:30			Upto 01.12.26
04634	Firozpur Cantt.	17:30	Purnea Jn.	03:00	Weekly	Thursday	Upto 26.11.26
04633	Purnea Jn.	06:00	Firozpur Cantt.	16:35		Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04652	Amritsar Jn. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	10:55	Jaynagar	20:00	Tri-weekly	Wed, Fri, Sun	Upto 29.11.26
04651	Jaynagar	04:15	Amritsar Jn.	15:00		Fri, Sun, Tue	Upto 01.12.26
04406	Shakur Basti	19:10	Mansi Jn.	02:30	Date wise	Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat	11, 12, 13 & 14.11.26
04405	Mansi Jn.	04:30	Shakur Basti	11:30		Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun & Mon	12, 13, 14, 15 & 16.11.26
04638	Amritsar Jn.	19:40	Chhapra Jn.	20:45	Weekly	Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04637	Chhapra Jn.	22:15	Amritsar Jn.	00:20		Tuesday	Upto 01.12.26
04640	Chheharta	08:35	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:10	Weekly	Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04639	Muzaffarpur Jn.	16:00	Chheharta	21:30		Tuesday	Upto 01.12.26
04404	Shakur Basti	15:15	Patna Jn.	14:30	Date wise	Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat	11 12, 13 & 14.11.26
04403	Patna Jn.	15:40	Shakur Basti	15:00		Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun	11, 12, 13, 14 & 15.11.26
04410	Shakur Basti	13:00	Jhanjharpur Jn.	16:00	Date wise	Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat	11, 12, 13 & 14.11.26
04409	Jhanjharpur Jn.	18:15	Shakur Basti	01:40		Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun	11, 12, 13, 14 & 15.11.26
04536	Chandigarh Jn.	23:45	Barauni Jn.	00:30	Weekly	Friday	Upto 27.11.26
04535	Barauni Jn.	02:35	Chandigarh Jn.	03:35		Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04656	Ludhiana Jn.	17:35	Saharsa Jn.	23:50	Date Wise	Wednesday	11.11.2026
04655	Saharsa Jn.	03:50	Ludhiana Jn.	08:35		Wednesday & Friday	11 & 13.11.2026
04662	Ludhiana Jn.	06:30	Darbhanga	10:00	Date Wise	Wednesday	11.11.2026
04661	Darbhanga	13:00	Ludhiana Jn.	17:10		Wednesday & Thursday	11 & 12.11.2026
04664	Ludhiana Jn.	06:30	Gaya Jn.	08:00	Date Wise	Thursday	On 12.11.2026
04663	Gaya Jn.	11:00	Ludhiana Jn.	12:50		Friday	On 13.11.2026
02569	Darbhanga Jn.	06:30	New Delhi	04:00	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed,	Upto 30.11.2026
02570	New Delhi	12:15	Darbhanga Jn.	10:00		Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 01.12.2026
04528	Sirhind	11:25	Saharsa Jn.	17:00	Date Wise	Thursday	12.11.2026
04527	Saharsa Jn.	19:15	Ambala Cantt.	22:20		Friday	13.11.2026
04022	New Delhi Via LUCKNOW (NR)	14:30	Gorakhpur Jn.	04:10	Weekly	Friday	13.11.2026
04021	Gorakhpur Jn.	07:00	New Delhi	23:10		Saturday	14.11.2026
04058	Anand Vihar(T.)	00:20	Chhapra	19:20	Bi-Weekly	Friday & Tuesday	Upto 17.11.2026
04057	Chhapra	22:10	Anand Vihar(T.)	17:20			
04066	Anand Vihar(T.)	05:00	Sabour	07:00	Date Wise	Wed & Thu	11 & 12.11.2026
04065	Sabour	11:00	Anand Vihar(T.)	13:45		Thu & Fri	12 & 13.11.2026
05579	Purnia Court	16:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	01:05	Bi-Weekly	Friday, Sunday	Upto 29.11.2026
05580	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:15	Purnia Court	13:45		Sunday, Tuesday	Upto 01.12.2026
04054	New Delhi	18:15	Howrah	23:40	Date Wise	Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday	11, 12 & 14.11.2026
04053	Howrah	01:40	New Delhi	08:20		Friday, Saturday & Monday,	13, 14, & 16.11.2026
05575	Saharsa Jn.	20:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	01:05	Weekly	Tuesday	Upto 24.11.2026
05576	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:15	Saharsa Jn.	10:30		Thursday	Upto 26.11.2026
05088	Anand Vihar T.	19:15	Mau	14:00	Date Wise	Wednesday	11.11.2026
04077	Darbhanga Jn.	21:00	Delhi Jn.	23:55		Wednesday	11.11.2026
02456	New Delhi	07:45	Kanpur Central	13:15	4 days a week	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.2026
04657	Saharsa Jn.	03:50	Ludhiana Jn.	08:35	Date Wise	Thursday	12.11.2026
04209	Varanasi Jn. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	22:15	Delhi Jn.	13:45	Tri-Weekly	Mon, Wed, Fri	Upto 27.11.2026
04210	Delhi Jn.	18:50	Varanasi Jn.	09:50		Tue, Thu, Sat	Upto 28.11.2026
04213	Ayodhya Cantt. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	18:20	Anand Vihar(T.)	06:10	Bi-Weekly	Sunday, Thursday	Upto 29.11.2026
04214	Anand Vihar (T.)	09:00	Ayodhya Cantt.	22:00		Monday, Friday	Upto 30.11.2026
04227	Varanasi Jn. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	11:05	Chandigarh Jn.	04:20	Bi-Weekly	Thursday, Sunday	Upto 29.11.2026
04228	Chandigarh Jn.	06:00	Varanasi Jn.	00:55		Friday, Monday	Upto 30.11.2026
04604	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	18:15	Varanasi Jn.	18:30	Weekly	Sunday	Upto 29.11.2026
04603	Varanasi Jn.	04:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	04:40		Tuesday	Upto 01.12.2026
04610	Jammu Tawi Via LUCKNOW (NR)	05:15	Varanasi Jn.	05:10	Weekly	Thursday	Upto 26.11.2026
04609	Varanasi Jn.	09:00	Jammu Tawi	08:30		Friday	Upto 27.11.2026

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G7 meeting in Paris turns to Ukraine as US-mediated talks get underway in Abu Dhabi

PARIS.(Agency).

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and his counterparts from the Group of 7 developed democracies are turning their attention toward Ukraine and how to support it in its struggle to defend itself from Russia.

As three-way talks between Russia, Ukraine and the United States get underway in the United Arab Emirates, top G7 diplomats are meeting Tuesday with Ukraine's foreign minister in France.Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha will start his day in Paris in talks with Rubio before heading to the French foreign ministry for a larger group meeting with the entire G7. They will discuss defense and security assistance to Ukraine, which President Donald Trump's administration has reduced, causing consternation not only in Kyiv but in capitals across Europe, the largest of which — Paris, Berlin, Rome and London — are G7 members.It was not immediately clear if the U.S. or any of its G7 partners would announce any new assistance for Ukraine.

China records trade surplus over 1 trillion dollar for second straight year, as exports surge 35 per cent

HONG KONG.(Agency).

China's trade surplus exceeded $1 trillion for a second straight year, according to official data released Tuesday, as pressure mounts for greater balance in trade with Beijing.control of Congress and impose political constraints on Trump for the first time in two years.Exports in October surged 35.2% from a year earlier, the customs agency said. Exports have grown rapidly this year supported by high-tech goods like semiconductors and autos. Imports rose 41.6% year-on-year.Between January and October, China logged a $1.04 trillion trade surplus, even as the trade surplus narrowed last month to $105.3 billion from $133.5bn in September as imports picked up pace.That puts China on track for surpassing last year's record $1.2 trillion trade surplus."We expect Chinese exports to stay strong for the rest of this year, led by electronics and autos," said Dave Chia, an economist at Moody's Analytics.

Man Fined For Forcing Quokka To Vape On Australian Island

World.(Agency)

A 29-year-old Australian man has been fined $200 after he forced a quokka to smoke a vape at the tourist hotspot of Rottnest Island, located 20 kilometres off the Perth coast. The image began circulating on social media this week, drawing outrage from users because of the heavy protections in place for the animal.

The image, believed to have been taken on Monday (Nov 2) prompted the authorities to search for the man. "Investigators tracked the image to a 29-year-old man, who was subsequently issued with a Rottnest Island Authority Infringement by police," a Western Australia (WA) Police spokesperson said.

WA Premier Roger Cook said he was "completely disgusted" by the "unacceptable" scene. "Any attempt to put quokkas at risk or harm them should be met with consequences," he was quoted as saying by news.com.au.

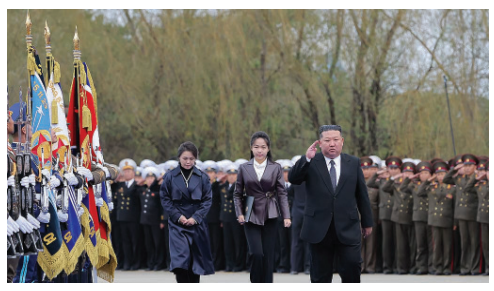
"Our quokkas are international drawcards for Western Australia and Rottnest Island because of their warm, welcoming nature," Cook said. He added that he hoped those involved would be held to account and that police were making inquiries.

North Korean defectors view Kim Jong Un's daughter as his possible successor

Kim Jong Un's repeated public appearances with his daughter over the past four years have led to speculation that she's being groomed as her father's heir.

SEOUL.(Agency).

Until she fled North Korea three years ago, Kim Yumi felt deeply frustrated whenever state TV showed leader Kim Jong Un with his young daughter. The message, she felt, was clear and worrying: North Korea was laying the groundwork for an eventual hereditary transfer of power, this time to Kim's daughter. Publicly questioning the Kim dynasty's hold on power would mean severe persecution. Already angered by draconian pandemic regulations that ruined her family's fishing business, she defected to South Korea by boat with her family."My husband and I didn't want our children to live under a fourth-generation dictatorship. As parents, we thought the best thing we could do for our children was to give them freedom," said Kim Yumi, 32, who now lives in Seoul.North Korea allows no dissent and harshly punishes attempts to flee the country. Established in 1948, the nation is nominally a socialist republic, but in reality it is an authoritarian dynasty, with three generations of the Kim family ruling in succession. There was no known public resistance during its previous two successions — from state founder Kim Il Sung to his son Kim Jong Il in 1994 and then from Kim Jong Il to his son Kim Jong Un in 2011.This time, North Korea is apparently trying something radical.Kim Jong Un's repeated public appearances with his daughter over the past four years have led to speculation that she's being groomed as her father's heir.The question of who will become North Korea's next leader is crucial because that person will face a huge challenge — governing an impoverished, nuclear-armed nation whose 26 million people have little



political freedom and live under strict state surveillance while being cut off from much of the outside world.North Koreans have no say in the selection of their future leader, and analysts and defectors say they will passively accept a third dynastic succession — at least publicly.To gauge North Koreans' private views, The Associated Press spoke with nearly a dozen defectors who still have contacts in North Korea or witnessed the country's previous power successions, as well as several experts.

Most defectors believe the girl is Kim's heir

Not much is known about Kim's daughter except that she's reportedly about 13 and named Kim Ju Ae.Since late 2022, she has made dozens of public appearances, all of them with her father at big events like weapons tests and military parades. State media has called her Kim's "most beloved" and "respected" child. Her status has been emphasized by images showing an elderly general kneeling before her and her standing in front of her father.South Korea's spy agency says she is Kim's likely heir. Eight of the 11 defectors interviewed by AP shared that view; the others disagreed, citing the North's deeply patriarchal culture."During her visits to missile launch sites and factories, the way senior North Korean officials treat Kim Ju Ae involves protocols reserved for a successor.

How Israel's new parliament can make Netanyahu's life difficult

JERUSALEM.(Agency)

Benjamin Netanyahu remains Israel's prime minister when the new parliament takes office Tuesday but its new, less friendly composition could make his life much more difficult.

Gadi Eisenkot, a former military chief seeking to move Israel to the centre, was given the mandate Sunday by President Isaac Herzog to form a new government, a complicated task as neither he nor Netanyahu command a majority.Until then Netanyahu, Israel's longest-serving leader, remains caretaker prime minister -- but the new 120-member parliament can still go to battle against him.The lack of a new government "does not infringe upon the Knesset's prerogatives", said Assaf Shapira, a political expert at the Israel Democracy Institute.Eisenkot has also warned military chiefs that Netanyahu does not have a mandate to resume war against Iran -- although the statement was more about politics than the law, with Netanyahu still in charge of national security.Netanyahu's bloc slipped to 53



seats in the new parliament, down from the decisive 68 it commanded previously.Eisenkot's core opposition bloc has fewer seats than Netanyahu at 48 but the new parliament also has a record 19 lawmakers from Arab-majority parties that are vehemently opposed to Netanyahu and his hard-right government -- although it remains unclear if Eisenkot will seek to work with Israeli-Arabs directly.Here are ways in which the new parliament could turn on Netanyahu:- Commission on October 7 attacks -One of the opposition's main campaign promises has been to set up a commission of inquiry to probe failures in the famously high-security country that allowed Hamas's October 7, 2023, attack, the deadliest ever day for Israel..While Netanyahu denies any wrongdoing on his part, his government has consistently opposed the creation of a national, independent commission of inquiry that would have broad investigative authority, with Netanyahu instead supporting a review by political appointees.Even before a new government is formed, the incoming parliament could set up a special committee on the attack which would hand over its findings.

Oxford Museum Returns 39 Colonial-Era Human Remains To Naga People In India

world.(Agency)

An Oxford University museum on Monday returned the remains of 39 people taken during Britain's colonial rule in India to members of its Naga community.Almost 30 people from the community based in northeastern Nagaland, a mountainous state bordering Myanmar, travelled to Britain for the ceremony, which the museum's director, Laura Van Broekhoven, called a "historic moment".

The handover at the Pitt Rivers Museum came as part of a broader trend among Western museums reassessing how they acquired exhibits from other cultures, particularly human remains, and in some cases returning them.

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Australia to launch AI safety regulator after OpenAI's breach of a government portal

MELBOURNE.(Agency).

Australia plans to create an artificial intelligence safety regulator in response to a breach of an Australian health department website by a rogue OpenAI agent in June, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said on Tuesday.

The regulator would enforce world-leading legislated AI standards that would apply to all frontier AI companies that want to operate in Australia, Albanese said. Financial penalties would apply, although the government has yet to detail those penalties."When it comes to the generational opportunity that artificial intelligence offers Australia, I've been very clear: our task is to make sure we shape AI rather than AI shape us," Albanese told reporters. "Australia is the first mover in this space and we want to make sure that we continue to work so that we can reap the potential benefits from AI."AI standards would mandate rapid incident notificationsThe standards would include companies maintaining security controls across all stages of models' development and deployment, as well as identifying and managing serious risks. The standards also would mandate rapid notification to the government of incidents such as "misaligned behavior" conflicting with developers' intentions.Australian government documents define frontier AI as the most sophisticated models at the cutting edge of current technological capability.Albanese told OpenAI chief executive Sam Altman that the U.S. company took too long to inform the government in September that a rogue agent had infiltrated government websites three months earlier, which was the first occurrence of such a breach with the technology.

Information taken without authorization from the public-facing Medicare Statistics Reporting Service portal on June 18 has since been made public. It is not clear whether the portal breach broke any Australian laws.OpenAI apologized in September for the breach and its slow response.

"We are sorry and working to do better in the future," OpenAI said in a statement. "We also should have handled our response better."

UFC chief Dana White declines Trump's White House job offer

WASHINGTON.(Agency)

Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) chief Dana White turned down President Donald Trump's -- apparently jovial -- offer of a job as press secretary in a surprise appearance at the White House on Monday.Trump stunned the world by saying on social media on Saturday that he had asked White to take on the high-profile post -- but a day later the 80-year-old president said he was "only kidding."The 57-



year-old cage fighting boss visited the White House on Monday, and Trump brought him out for a chaotic news conference in the James Brady Briefing Room."So let me ask you the big question. Would you like to be press secretary of the United States of America? Or do you just want to stay with this ridiculous UFC? Huh?" Trump said."Thank you for the offer, sir -- for the offer, I have no, no -- I do not want to be in politics," White replied.

Trump smiled and headed out of the room, saying: "I am devastated to hear this. Goodbye, everybody."The press secretary's post has been vacant since Katie Zacharia left on October 16 after less than a week in the post. Her combative predecessor Karoline Leavitt left in August after a year and a half in the job.

Trump's announcement that he had offered the high-profile job to "violent Fighter and Warrior" White had sparked speculation that he was ready for a aggressive stance after the Republican Party's stunning midterm elections defeat.White is a long-time friend of the president and helped host a massive UFC match on the White House lawn earlier this year.But there was also some skepticism about the president's announcement, and Trump said Sunday night that he had been joking.

- 'Beat the hell out of you' -Leading out White to the podium on Monday, Trump said he had been "having a little fun."

"He's a great guy," Trump told the room full of reporters. "The only problem is he'll talk for a little while and then he's going to beat the hell out of you."Staning at the lectern and wearing a black t-shirt and jacket, White looked like he might be more comfortable in the octagon -- the ring used for UFC fights."I've always wanted to do this. Who has the first question?" he joked -- before quickliy adding: "I have zero political aspirations."White added that "the last 24 hours of my life has been insane" since Trump made the announcement.Asked by a journalist to confirm he had said no to the job, White added: "I don't tell the president 'no' to anything... I didn't want to be disrespectful and say anything until he said something first."

Brazil to present plan for moving economies toward renewable energies at UN climate talks

ANTALYA.(Agency)

Countries that want to wean themselves from the fossil fuels that cause climate change will get a road map aimed at guiding them on an economy-transforming journey toward renewable energies at the U.N. climate talks Tuesday.Brazil, which ran last year's U.N. climate talks, will launch its promised road map to "transition away from fossil fuels" during this year's talks, COP31, taking place in Turkey.It's an intricate document designed with different "levers" for nations to use to switch from coal, oil and gas to renewable energies, such as wind and solar, which don't release heat-trapping gases that lead to global warming. In a groundbreaking agreement three years ago at climate talks, the world agreed to "transition away from fossil fuels" but didn't provide guidance or details.That's what Brazil is hoping to provide."What we hope to achieve with the road map is making a big problem — that is transitioning away — translating it into smaller actionable solutions," Brazil's Ana Toni, who was CEO of last year's talks, told The Associated Press. "What we want is to be very pragmatic, helping countries move forward."Because all countries are all different, the road map is differentiated so that a nation could look at different tools and make decisions about moving away from fossil fuels, Toni said.Some people may think this is impossible, but the road map shows that it is possible and a transition to renewable energies is inevitable, she said."Actually many countries are doing many things already," she added.Toni said it was important for countries to stop building new fossil fuel power plants and infrastructure because those will be come "stranded assets."One of the other key "foundational" levers, she said, is getting rid of subsidies that make fossil fuels cheaper and easier.Brazil, with major oil deposits, is a major fossil fuel exporter while most of its internal energy consumptions comes from hydropower. Toni declined to comment directly on her country's oil exports."We'll create a road map that is good not only for Brazil, but for the world," Toni said.Environmental group Climate Action Network lauded Brazil and its president Monday "for doing something that feels increasingly revolutionary at a climate summit: working out how to deliver what was agreed."Brazil is also presenting other "road maps" during the talks. One deals with deforestation and the other on putting details into promised $1.3 trillion in climate financial aid for poorer nations.

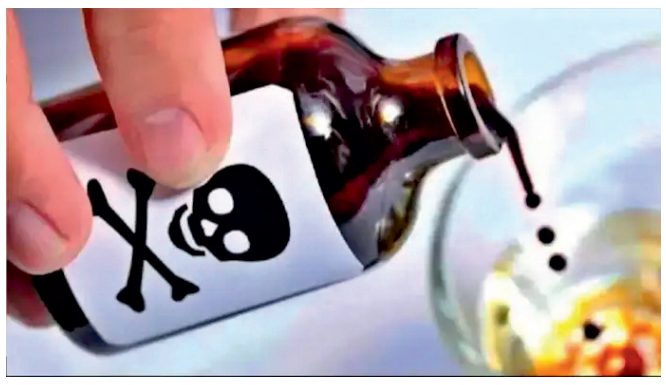
UP cops attempts suicide, claims harassment over seized firecrackers

A UP Police head constable allegedly attempted suicide following a dispute over seized Diwali firecrackers. His harassment claims and allegations of irregular distribution have triggered an enquiry.

Maharajganj.(Agency)

A 33-year-old Uttar Pradesh Police head constable allegedly attempted suicide by consuming a poisonous substance after a dispute with his seniors over firecrackers seized on Diwali night, news agency Press Trust of India reported, citing police.Head constable Vishal Singh, who is posted at Nichlaul police station in Maharajganj, was found unconscious on the police station premises late on Sunday night. He was taken to a government hospital and later shifted to a private hospital. His condition is said to be improving.

Before the incident, Singh posted a note as his WhatsApp status accusing Station House Officer Yogendra Rai and other police personnel of harassing him over the seized firecrackers, police said on Monday.In the note, Singh alleged that around 40 per cent of the seized firecrackers had been taken away. He claimed that some of the remaining stock was handed over to an accused, identified as Kausman Ali, under pressure from the SHO.Singh also alleged that he was



humiliated after being accused of stealing the firecrackers. He named Rai, constables Manish Singh and Anand Singh, BJP MLA Premsagar Patel, Vishal Yadav, Bholu Yadav and Alok Sharma, accusing them of harassment.The head constable further claimed that a policeman, Vishal Sharma, had recorded a video of the alleged distribution of firecrackers on his mobile phone, PTI reported, citing police.The allegations have not been independently verified, and the responses of those named in the note were not immediately available. No response could be obtained from Patel, the BJP MLA from the Siswa Assembly constituency.Nichlaul Circle Officer Ravindra Kumar Singh said the head constable had been under mental distress and that an investigation was underway. "Further action will be taken after completion of the inquiry," he said.Police are investigating Singh's allegations of harassment and irregularities involving the seized firecrackers, while the head constable remains under treatment and is said to be recovering.

3 workers die after inhaling toxic gas at Tata's iPhone factory in Tamil Nadu

Chennai.(Agency)

Three contract workers have died at a Tata Electronics factory that makes parts for Apple iPhones in India's southern Tamil Nadu state, the latest supply chain incident affecting the US company in its most critical manufacturing base after China.The deaths, which occurred late on Monday, will be investigated by Apple, Tata and the state authorities, state officials and two industry sources with direct knowledge said.The salt-to-aviation Tata Group's electronics unit accounts for roughly 40% of iPhone assembly and Foxconn makes up the rest in India. Tata has in recent months faced many challenges as its iPhone-making operations have been hit by a ransomware attack and concerns about water pollution.Over the years, as Apple expanded manufacturing beyond China, India has emerged as a key hub which now accounts for roughly 25% of the world's iPhones.The three contract workers died during maintenance work on an effluent treatment plant at the facility, which is located in Hosur in Tamil Nadu, district official Dinesh Kumar said.The effluent treatment plant was operated.

Road block over delay in flood relief in Odisha

BERHAMPUR.(Agency)

Residents of Burupada gram panchayat under Hinjilicut block staged a road blockade on Monday, protesting the delay in distribution of rice meant for flood relief.The agitated villagers alleged that the delay was due to the arbitrary functioning of the panchayat executive officer (PEO) and the supply assistant. Raising slogans against the officials, the protesters blocked the local road and burnt tyres to register their protest. The agitation disrupted vehicular movement on Hinjilicut-Sheragada road, causing inconvenience to commuters.Later, administrative officials reached the spot and held discussion with the villagers. The protesters demanded immediate intervention by the administration and distribution of relief rice to all eligible flood-affected families without further delay.

The road blockade was lifted after the administration agreed to fulfil the demand.The incident has once again brought into focus the gaps in relief delivery in Ganjam, where several areas continue to await the assistance announced by the state government despite the passage of nearly two weeks since cyclone Arnab and the subsequent floods.

No Bible camp this Diwali: Why small churches in Maharashtra are holding back

Mumbai.(Agency)

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is typically a time for fun and learning, featuring songs, games, crafts, and Bible stories for children. This event often takes place during summer or the Diwali break. However, this year, several Protestant churches across Maharashtra are approaching it with caution. Following disruptions at prayer meetings, some churches are either cancelling VBS or restricting attendance to just Christian children in an effort to avoid complications or allegations of conversion.Christian children aged 5 to 15 usually join VBS alongside friends from different faiths. Church leaders from various regions, including Mumbai and Nagpur, shared their experiences with The Sunday Express. Some pastors in the Mumbai region have chosen to cancel VBS entirely, while others are proceeding but limiting participation to Christian kids. They are implementing measures like banners, registration, and fees to show no child was lured in.The caution follows Sunday disruptions at prayer meetings in rented halls, schools and homes in the Mumbai region by people identifying themselves as Bajrang Dal or VHP workers alleging conversion.

FIR against 4 accused of stripping, assaulting, filming CISF constable in UP

Ramnik Sakhwala, 40-year-old father of a schoolgoing teen, last spoke with his wife Sheetal on June 24, said he was working as a supplier with the Russian army. He then went silent.

Bhadohi.(Agency)

A court has ordered police to register a case against four people accused of assaulting, stripping and filming a Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) constable, who was later arrested in a molestation case, news agency Press Trust of India reported.

The constable alleged that police kept him at a station for nearly 24 hours and did not act on his complaint. Following the court order, police in Bhadohi district of Uttar Pradesh registered a case against the four accused under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Information Technology Act.Additional Superintendent of Police Shubham Agrawal told PTI that the alleged incident took place on August 12 in Sardar Bahuta village, under the Suriyawan police station area.CISF Constable Ajay Yadav, 34, filed a petition before the Civil Judge (Senior Division) court on August 19. He alleged that he was returning home from the market on his motorcycle when Dhirendra Yadav, 26, Virendra Yadav, 23, Aman Yadav, 20, and Sarita Yadav, 37, intercepted him and damaged his motorcycle. All four are residents of the same village.

According to the petition, the accused abused and severely assaulted him. He suffered bleeding from the nose and had difficulty breathing after blood entered his respiratory tract. He also sustained a



serious head injury and continued to experience dizziness.Yadav alleged that Dhirendra, Virendra and Aman then dragged him behind their house, forcibly stripped him and recorded a video.

Some villagers who witnessed the incident intervened, rescued him, helped him get dressed and sent him to the police station.The petition said Yadav reached the police station at around 4 pm on August 12 to lodge a complaint but was made to sit there. He alleged that after he contacted senior police officials by phone later that evening, Sarita Yadav was called to the station at around 11 pm and a molestation case was registered against him.Yadav further alleged that although he underwent a medical examination on August 13, police did not register his complaint. Instead, they arrested him in the molestation case and recorded the arrest nearly 24 hours after he had reached the station.Agrawal told PTI that Civil Judge (Senior Division) Har Kiran Kaur heard the petition and ordered the registration of a case against all four accused on November 7. Police registered the FIR on Monday evening in compliance with the order.The case was registered under BNS sections relating to an attempt to commit culpable homicide, voluntarily causing grievous hurt, damaging property, voluntarily causing hurt, intentional insult intended to provoke a breach of peace, and criminal intimidation involving threats of serious offences. Relevant provisions of the IT Act were also invoked.

Donkey Named 'Chunky Pandey' Steals The Show At Chitrakoot Fair, Sold For Rs 72,000

Satna.(Agency)

A black donkey named after Hindi film actor Chunky Pandey became the star attraction at the historic donkey fair in Chitrakoot this Diwali, selling for Rs 72,000 after a lively round of bidding. The fair, held every year on the banks of the Mandakini River, once again drew traders from across the country. Along with donkeys, horses and mules were also bought and sold, with trade worth crores of rupees expected during the event.According to local belief, the fair dates back to the reign of Mughal ruler Aurangzeb. It is said that during an attack on temples in Chitrakoot, the horses, donkeys and mules in the army fell ill. Many animals died, prompting the



establishment of a market to buy and sell replacements. Over time, the market evolved into a tradition that continues to this day.Traders come to Chitrakoot not only from nearby areas within a radius of about 250 km but also from several other states. For many of them, buying a donkey during Diwali is not just a business transaction. Donkeys are considered a symbol of prosperity, and purchasing them during the festival is regarded as auspicious.Visitors, devotees and tourists also gathered in large numbers to see animals of different breeds and qualities. The administration made arrangements for security, drinking water and accommodation for traders.Despite its long history, organisers expressed concern that the fair is gradually losing popularity. They said the younger generation is showing less interest in carrying forward the tradition, raising concerns about its future.

Telangana: Six month simple imprisonment for RR collector in contempt case

HYDERABAD(Agency)

The Telangana High Court has sentenced Rangareddy District Collector C Narayana Reddy to six months' simple imprisonment for wilfully and deliberately disobeying its directions to consider applications seeking deletion of two plots from the list of prohibitory properties maintained under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908.Justice K Lakshman allowed a contempt case filed by P Shivaleela and another petitioner, holding that the collector had failed to comply with the court's order dated August 5, 2025, within the stipulated 60 days.The petitioners had sought deletion of Plot No 59 and the eastern portion of Plot No 62, situated at Manne Muthyalamma Kunta in Turkayamjal, from the prohibitory properties list. The court had directed the collector to consider their representation in the light of earlier proceedings through which neighbouring plots in the same layout had been deleted, and pass a reasoned order if their request was rejected.The collector, however, failed to act within the prescribed period. He issued a rejection order only on February 26, 2026, after receiving notice in the contempt case. A subsequent rejection order was also passed on July 8, 2026.The court observed that the collector had failed to offer a satisfactory explanation for the delay and had attempted to re-agitate issues that could not be raised in contempt proceedings.

Millers cut fine paddy rates, ryots stage protests across Nalgonda

NALGONDA.(Agency)

Millers who initially offered Rs 4,000 to Rs 4,400 per quintal for fine paddy at farmers' threshing floors have now cut the procurement price to Rs 3,200 per quintal for grain delivered to their mills, prompting farmers across Nalgonda district to stage protests.Despite drought conditions caused by the El Nino effect and the Nagarjuna Sagar Reservoir holding less than half its capacity, farmers cultivated fine paddy across nearly 2.50 lakh acres during the Kharif season. Acute water scarcity, however, reduced yields to around 40%.Anticipating strong demand for fine rice, millers and private traders initially competed to buy the produce, even offering high prices for wet grain. Farmers preferred these offers over the government's MSP of Rs 2,461 per quintal.

However, when the main harvest reached rice mills in Miryalaguda around Diwali, millers reduced their offers to Rs 3,200–3,500 per quintal.

On Sunday evening, farmers arriving in more than 10 tractors unloaded their paddy and staged a sit-in outside a prominent rice mill in Miryalaguda, demanding that millers honour their initial offer of over Rs 4,000 per quintal.

A local miller said traders had initially offered higher rates due to soaring fine rice prices in the open market. However, he claimed government-imposed caps on sale prices had made it difficult for millers to continue paying those rates.

Andhra's Kolleru shrimp cultivation hit hard by cyclones

ELURU(Agency)

A combination of successive cyclones, rising water levels in Kolleru Lake, prolonged power outages, soaring diesel expenses and falling shrimp prices has pushed aquaculture farmers in the Kolleru region into a severe financial crisis.Shrimp farmers are struggling to safeguard stocks as heavy rains triggered by Cyclones Arnab and Murasu led to declining oxygen levels, deteriorating pond conditions and suspected viral infections.Strong winds and torrential rains uprooted trees and damaged power infrastructure, disrupting electricity supply.With aerators essential for maintaining oxygen levels, farmers were forced to run diesel generators continuously for nearly three days to prevent large-scale mortality. They said additional fuel costs increased expenses. It worsened as Kolleru Lake received heavy inflows from rainfall by Murasu.



Floodwaters entering through feeder channels and drains raised water levels, creating fresh challenges for aquaculture operations. Sudden weather fluctuations and poor water quality triggered suspected viral infections, forcing farmers to harvest shrimp prematurely to minimise losses.Farmers said shrimp prices have fallen steeply even as input costs continue to rise. The price of 100-count shrimp dropped from about 280 per kg to nearly 210 per kg, while feed costs remain high, making cultivation increasingly unviable.A farmer cultivating seven acres said he invested nearly 20 lakh but recovered only around 1 lakh after the cyclone, with much of it spent on labour.District Fisheries Officer RVSV Prasad said shrimp farms in Kaikaluru and Kalidindi mandals suffered damage. Around 16,000 acres are under aquaculture in the Kolleru region, where floodwaters from Budameru and Tammileru canals affected water quality and oxygen levels.

We cannot keep flying on others' wings

India has become one of the world's largest and fastest-growing aviation markets. Yet it imports each and every one of the commercial passenger aircraft it needs. Indian airlines have placed orders for nearly 2,000 aircraft—a figure that surpasses the outstanding orders of any other nation—all destined to be built by American giant Boeing or its European rival Airbus. We are a nation that sends spacecraft to Mars, operates nuclear submarines and exports complex software, yet when it comes to the commercial passenger jet—the very symbol of industrial sovereignty—we remain entirely dependent on others.

To understand the scale of this challenge, one must look at the historical trajectories of the nations that built the global aviation order. The first scheduled commercial passenger flight took place in 1914, flying from St Petersburg to Tampa in Florida. Five years later, the first daily scheduled commercial passenger flight was launched between London and Paris. However, it was the modern jet engine, designed and first patented by Frank Whittle in 1930, that revolutionised aviation. The post-war era saw the advent of commercial jets. British Overseas Aircraft Corporation flew the first-ever commercial jet-powered airliner in 1949 and introduced the first commercial jet service in 1952.By the mid-1950s, US companies began designing and building their own jet airliners. The breakthrough came with General Electric's development of the first American jet engine, I-A, which was born from a covert project to counter the German Me 262. This provided the foudational technology and the guaranteed market for early jet engines like J31 and J33, which in turn powered the first generation of American jet fighters. This military-industrial convergence allowed companies like Boeing and Douglas to take immense risks. The Boeing 707, aircraft that truly inaugurated the jet age for the masses, was a direct descendant of the KC-135 Stratotanker, a military aerial refuelling aircraft. This model created an industry that has consistently pushed the boundaries of technology and efficiency, from the first swept-wing jets to the composite-intensive 787 Dreamliner.The Soviets took a different, yet equally State-centric, path. The design bureaus (Tupolev, Ilyushin, Yakovlev, and Mikoyan-Gurevich) were tasked with achieving strategic parity and, where possible, superiority over the West. Tupolev Tu-104, derived from the Tu-16 bomber, became one of the first successful jet airliners, and the Ilyushin Il-62 provided long-range service. In the postwar era, Britain, France and Germany too had capable aircraft industries, but lacked the scale to challenge the American behemoths. Then came the creation of Airbus in 1970, a consortium of French and German companies later joined by Spain and the UK. It was a project designed to ensure that Europe would not be solely dependent on the US for its civil aviation needs. European governments provided repayable loans for the A300, the first twin-engine wide-body jet. China is a new entrant to this club. For decades, China's aviation industry was limited to producing derivatives of Soviet designs. The turning point was the launch of the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC) in 2008.

America is big enough for all of us

Michigan's El-Sayed, the first Muslim to be elected to US Senate, pushed back against divisive politics

DR Abdul El-Sayed had a simple, distinctive slogan throughout his campaign for the US Senate against former Congressman Mike Rogers: "Money Out of Politics, Money in Your Pocket, Medicare for All." In his victory speech, El-Sayed asserted his domestic priorities as well as his opposition to foreign wars and their tragic consequences: "We want our taxes spent here [in Michigan], for schools here, and healthcare here, and infrastructure here. We don't want our money sent to do apartheid or genocide or war."His message addressed the economic needs of all citizens, while recognising the diversity of Michigan's population. Thus, not surprisingly, El-Sayed achieved a solid, globally historic victory, winning with a vote share of 52.5% (his opponent got 45.5%), while becoming the first Muslim to be elected to the US Senate. El-Sayed's victory was part of the Democratic Party's Blue Wave takeover of both chambers of Congress and a repudiation of US President Donald Trump's divisive politics, economic policies and his war on Iran.A disturbing element of this contest was the Republicans' Islamophobic rhetoric that could be regarded as unconstitutional hate speech targeting El-Sayed. The message from Republicans combined Rogers' "dog whistle" falsities about El-Sayed's supposed links with "terrorism" and direct attacks by Trump and Vice President JD Vance on his Muslim name and faith. Trump often called El-Sayed a "jihadist," asserting that if elected, the candidate would have to be screened using metal detectors.



And repeatedly, Trump mockingly brought up (and sometimes mangled) his name, calling him "Mohammad" or "Abdul Ramadan." For Vance, El-Sayed's call for reform and equity made him an un-American outsider with "little gratitude for the country that gave him everything."Underpinning these anti-Muslim attacks was the ideology of a racist/fascist Christian nationalism, openly articulated by Republican Senator Bernie Moreno in his repudiation of the Democratic candidate in Michigan: "Our rights come from God Almighty" and "Jesus came here for our salvation." And El-Sayed "should be nowhere near Washington, DC." The message that echoed from the Republican and generally conservative ecosphere was clear: "We cannot vote for a Muslim. He is not one of us. He hates America."How did El-Sayed and his surrogates respond to this vitriol? He campaigned tirelessly, meeting individuals and groups across diverse parts of Michigan. He never accepted corporate PAC money (unlike his primary opponent), so he was not beholden to any special interests. His supporters and surrogates also reminded voters of his distinguished record: as a University of Michigan student, athlete, Rhodes scholar, medical doctor and a successful public health official in Detroit.While pushing back against the divisive politics unleashed by his rivals, El-Sayed made diversity the cornerstone of his message. In his acceptance speech, he laid out his vision of an inclusive America, pointing to a contrast with Republicans: "They attack the very idea of America — an America that looks a little different, prays a little different."

They repudiate "who does not look like them, prays like them, loves like them."He responded to Islamophobic attacks with sharp retorts that blended equanimity with humour. During a town hall meeting (a video of which went viral), El-Sayed rebuked an audience member who questioned his loyalty to the nation: "You assume that because I am Muslim, that somehow I would have some allegiance to something that is not our Constitution? For me, that Constitution is the guiding light." Here, while being proud of his Muslim faith, he endorsed freedom of religion and secularism.

Finally, in his victory acceptance speech, he offered a humorous riposte to Trump: "You struggle with my name. When I am sworn in by JD Vance, you can just call me Senator."Finally, El-Sayed's victory in Michigan is also a testament to the unifying support of many civil society groups, drawing citizens across race, religion, class, gender and sexual orientation. Michigan is a purple state with a mix of Democrats and Republicans, often switching sides between the two parties. It also has one of the nation's largest Arab-American communities in Dearborn, besides various Christian denominations and other religions.The groups that joined El-Sayed's campaign included "Michigan Jews for Democracy," who "come from a wide range of the political spectrum"; a volunteer grassroots coalition, "Women for Abdul"; another volunteer-led group, "LGBTQIA+ Michiganders," and others — all of whom wanted to elect him Michigan's next Senator.

Groups such as Saath, a youth-led South Asian political organisation, also joined a Diwali-themed rally to support El-Sayed's candidacy among South Asians, including Indian Americans. While Republicans tried to divide Muslim and African-American communities during the primary, El-Sayed received widespread support from Black faith and civil rights communities as well as Black constituencies — all of whom recognised their shared struggles against racism.To sum up, what I offer here is a story of the triumph of unity and tolerance, and a cautionary tale about how authoritarian populist regimes rule by fear, lies and division. In fact, they consolidate their power by manufacturing a demonic enemy or scapegoat to be excluded from full citizenship and human rights.El-Sayed's candidacy has exposed the vulnerability of Muslim (and other) minority populations, not only in the US but also in right-wing divisive politics everywhere: in India, China, Turkiye and several European regions/nations and political parties. However, despite political differences, we witnessed in post-midterm America on Wednesday a widespread expression of harmony and even love for fellow citizens and humans. I am proud to be a "Michigander."

Government dodges political bullet with Agniveer extension, job issue remains

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The Union government has snuffed out a spark just when it was threatening to become a political fireball ahead of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections early next year. By rewriting the Agnipath scheme weeks before the first batch of Agniveers recruited under it were to be released after four years of service, and allowing them to serve two more years, the Centre has averted the possibility of having thousands of 22-to-25-year-olds clamouring for jobs at a time unemployment is emerging as a major electoral plank in India's most populous state.

On November 21, the first batch of Agniveers was scheduled to be discharged from the Navy. This was expected to be followed by releases from the Air Force in December and the Army in January. In all, three-fourths of about 24,400 first-year recruits were expected to be released under the scheme's initial framework, designed to reduce the average age of the forces and rationalise the pension burden on the exchequer; the rest one-fourth were to be retained in regular service on merit.Though the defence ministry adopted an 'all-India, all-class' hiring model for the scheme and has not published state-wise recruitment figures, indirect evidence shows young men and women from Uttar Pradesh formed the largest cohort. Their voices would have added substantial weight to about a third of those aged 15-29 in the state who are estimated to be not in education, employment or training.It also helps NDA-ruled states like Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra which had proposed job quotas for Agniveers in various uniformed services at the Union home ministry's suggestion. Given that one of the three criteria for granting extension, apart from fitness and service record, is willingness to continue, it remains to be seen how many Agniveers opt out of the central service and apply for state jobs. The strain such quotas would put on state resources was indicated when Maharashtra opted to offer a 10 percent quota in certain uniformed Group-C services, not 20 percent like in neighbouring Madhya Pradesh.Though the move dodges a political bullet for now, the cannonball of defence service reforms remains undeterred. The original vision of upskilling disciplined, militarily-trained personnel after short-service careers for deployment in nation-building roles remains relevant. But there again, the question of jobs would need to answered at the end of training.



Building safe campuses for all

India's ascriptive society was traditionally sorted on the basis of exclusion in education. Today it operates in more subtle ways. The death by suicide of Sahil Wakode at IIT Bombay highlighted systemic gaps that need to be addressed for all categories of students

The Constitution of India considers the practice of untouchability a criminal offence. Laws such as the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 were enacted not only to punish those practising untouchability, but to also deter those abetting it. As the socio-economic environment evolved, such practice underwent many changes. Today, it's indirect and systemic in urban areas. Some scholars have identified more than 60 ways of practising untouchability—from segregating individuals over food choices to discriminating subtly in educational institutions and workplaces. In rural India, a combination of overt and subtle discrimination persists, where the person perpetrating it and the one facing it understand the thin line separating the two, but cannot prove its working.Instances of discrimination are far more apparent in government offices and public educational institutions. This essentially has to do with the ownership of resources. Most cases reported are associated with economic spaces. Therefore, the social construct is essentially determined by the economic engagements between communities.Systemic discrimination and the practice of exclusion in educational institutions operate in a manifest manner—right from the admission process at the undergraduate level. Most colleges accredited by 'B' rating and onwards can easily fill the full reservation quota, considering that the cutoffs need not be very high. But entry into the best colleges complicates things owing to students with private schooling and coaching bringing the cutoff up or securing seats early.

Employability after postgraduate courses has given way to the preferene for private universities that are inaccessible to students from the margins. Doctoral programmes with diminishing scholarships have begun to keep them out, leading to teaching opportunities in public institutions becoming inaccessible. Among those already in service, caste-based exclusion remains extremely evident. When B R Ambedkar called for annihilation of caste, education was supposed to be the key in facilitating it.

The debate around the unfortunate death by suicide of Sahil Wakode at IIT Bombay has again raised concerns about the treatment of socially-disadvantaged communities. The claims by IIT-B and allegations made by the parents and organisations supporting them bring to the fore the worst case of structural discrimination.The ascriptive society that India inherits is mostly based on exclusion in education. Individuals belonging to the lowest strata at one point were brutally penalised for acquiring education, it being an important medium of social mobility. However, a new stratification in education seems to have been generated. One can understand it in terms of the courses that members of SC and ST communities opt for.The question of merit is a farce in a system based to a large extent on caste ascription. The fact that students like Sahil make it to an institution of excellence like IIT-B is itself evidence that there is no dearth of talent, because unlike unreserved category students, he cracked the same exam with almost equal grades. Therefore, the argument of privileging someone coming from a disadvantaged community does not stand. One must consider that the seats reserved for SC groups are far less than the seats for other communities. Fortunately, today, a few students having better educational backgrounds are able to make it to the merit list of top institutions because expenditure on education among SC families remains high on average. Their aspiration, however, can be satisfied only at public institutions. After Sahil's suicide, the debate over reserved-unreserved seems 'manufactured'. The case has occurred at a premier institution precisely because the government funds it to kep up standards. Therefore, the aspiration to succeed here is not just among those coming from disadvantaged backgrounds, but also those from the general category. Sahil's case is certainly a major concern to the entire students' community, as oppressive institutional engagements claim many lives. As statistics is brought to the table to argue that students are not able to cope up with the pressures irrespective of caste, or that more students from the general category have committed suicides, have to be looked at in a very rational manner. One aspect missing in the debate is institutional reforms. The Karnataka government's Rohith Vemula Bill can offer some options. It is also important to know about the functioning of SC-ST committees, equal opportunities cells and inclusivity among the chairs of such committees. Socially-active individuals with known credibility must have seats on such panels. Enough students from marginalised communities have lost their lives across higher education institutions. Reforms, therefore, are essential to stop structural or systemic discrimination on the lines of the 1989 Act. If the brutal Nirbhaya case could prompt new laws, why can't Sahil's case, too? It is important that institutions of higher learning are treated as spaces for free thinking and equal opportunities, where traditionally disadvantaged communities feel welcomed and secure.



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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. (Agency)

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Fishing cats found scavenging on carcasses of Olive Ridleys

KENDRAPARA.(Agency)

Fishing cats have been found scavenging on the carcasses of Olive Ridley turtles in the mangrove forests of Bhitarkanika National Park, offering new insights into the feeding behaviour of the elusive wild cat species, as per the research of scientists of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII).Researchers have documented two instances of fishing cats feeding on dead Olive Ridley turtles in the Bhitarkanika mangroves of Odisha. The observations provide rare direct evidence of scavenging behaviour in fishing cats, which are generally known for their hunting abilities.The first observation was recorded on February 29, 2024 during a camera-trap survey in Rajnagar range of Bhitarkanika National Park. Researchers discovered an Olive Ridley turtle carcass on a mudflat. A close examination revealed several pugmarks around the carcass, along with dragged pieces of flesh. The pugmarks were identified as those of a fishing cat based on their size and measurements, said Govindan Veeraswami Gopi, one of the researchers.

Two Vijayanagara-era hero stones discovered in Nilgiris

NILGIRIS.(Agency)

A team of researchers has identified two hero stones that they have dated to the Vijayanagara period at Kollatti Patti Bhoothanatham village, near the Moyar River in the Segur region of Nilgiris district. The site is located about 10 km from Masinagudi.The two structures, located side by side, are of the dolmen type, featuring upright stones supporting a flat stone slab that forms a roof-like top. The researchers have dated the hero stones to the 15th or 16th century.

Dr C Chandrasekar, a historian and professor in the department of history at the Government Arts College, Dharmapuri, who led the research team, said the study aimed to document and preserve the cultural heritage of indigenous tribal communities.One of the hero stones consists of three tiers depicting the warrior's death and his journey to the afterlife. The bottom tier portrays a warrior thrusting a spear into a horse. The warrior is depicted with a topknot tilted to the right, with long earlobes adorned with earrings and a short sword or dagger at his waist.The researchers described such memorials using the term 'Kuthirai Kuthi Pattan', referring to a warrior who died while attacking a horse. The spear is shown piercing the horse's neck and emerging on the other side, symbolising the warrior's exceptional strength.

Forget Mumbai, these Maharashtra cities had far worse air after Diwali

One city crossed 300 and Pune's reading is 2.5 times last year's. Here's the list, and why inland Maharashtra is struggling

Mumbai(Agency)

Mumbai's air quality post-Diwali has drawn some attention, but it turns out that inland cities in Maharashtra faced even worse conditions. The Air Quality Index (AQI) in Pimpri Chinchwad soared past 300, while Pune's levels were 2.5 times what they were last year. On November 9, 13 cities in the state fell into the 'poor' or 'very poor' categories.Of this year's 10 worst-hit cities, only Nanded was 'poor' on the day after Diwali last year. This year, all ten cities found themselves in that category. Meanwhile, Mumbai managed to remain in the 'moderate' zone with an AQI of 172.

Which Maharashtra cities had the worst air after Diwali?

Looking closer at the data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) dashboard at 4 pm on Monday, Pimpri Chinchwad topped the list at 301. Following it were Nanded at 296, Pune at 288, Malegaon at 273, and Nagpur, the home constituency of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, at 268. The numbers continued with Jalna at 266, Parbhani at 246, Jalgaon at 243, Nashik at 234, Akola at 230, Belapur at 218, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar at 211, and Chandrapur at 202.



How much worse is it than last year?

When you compare this year's figures to last year's, it's striking. The ten worst-hit cities all showed higher levels than they did on October 22 last year, the day after Diwali. Pune jumped from 115 to 288; Malegaon rose from 123 to 273; Akola increased from 109 to 230; and Pimpri Chinchwad climbed from 154 to 301. Nanded, already struggling at 216 last year, went up by about 37 percent.

What about Mumbai?

In contrast, Mumbai's AQI of 172 is considered moderate, and most areas in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region stayed in the 'moderate' category. Bhiwandi had the highest at 195, while Dombivali was at 176, Kalyan at 170, and Navi Mumbai at 160. Some places like Mira Bhayander saw a drop, going from 256 to 148, while Bhiwandi experienced an increase from 111 to 195.

Why is inland Maharashtra worse than Mumbai?

Gufran Beig, an atmospheric scientist at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), explained that an anticyclonic circulation forming over the Himalayas starting November 10 brought in easterly winds for coastal areas like Mumbai, helping to disperse pollutants.

KPSC scam: Accused member seeks protection from arrest ahead of SIT probe

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Bengaluru.(Agency)

B V Geetha, a member of the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) considered a key player in the alleged corruption in the recruitment examinations, has sought protection from arrest, ahead of a probe by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the Karnataka High Court.The SIT was constituted by the High Court on November 3.Earlier, the Enforcement Directorate had arrested Geetha on October 6 along with the suspended KPSC chairman Shivashankarappa Sahukar, for allegedly laundering money collected from nine aspirants for the veterinary doctors exam in exchange for leaking answer keys. Geetha is currently in judicial custody.The examinations were held on January 8 and 9 to recruit veterinary doctors to state services.The move to seek protection from arrest comes even as the verdict in a regular plea for bail in the ED case is set to be pronounced by the court on Wednesday, November 11. Geetha has cited her status as a woman, a grandmother, and ill health for grant of bail in the ED case.

She has sought anticipatory bail in the police case handed to the SIT.Geetha is accused by the ED of giving answer keys for the veterinary exams to nine candidates in connivance with Shivashankarappa and former KPSC exam controller Gyanendra Kumar Gangwar, an IAS officer.She is specifically accused of receiving an advance of Rs 20 lakh from the first-rank winner, as part of a Rs 40 lakh deal to provide the answer keys to the aspirant after it was obtained from the exam controller.The ED has alleged that "she played an active role in the larger conspiracy related to the leaking of the answer keys" for the veterinary officers selection exam.The criminal investigation in the veterinary officers recruitment case, being conducted by the CID unit of the Karnataka police, is yet to unravel the role of Geetha and Sahukar in the veterinarians' recruitment fraud.The CID unit had arrested Gangwar and a middleman, Basavaraj Kannale, in connection with the leakage of questions and answers for the KPSC selection exam to 11 aspirants for prices ranging from Rs 20 lakh to Rs 40 lakh.With the investigation of the criminal case now handed to a Special Investigation Team of the Karnataka Police headed by an ADGP-rank officer, and the ED already unraveling parts of the conspiracy, the SIT is expected to look at evidence of the role played by Geetha and Sahukar, leading to a possible requirement of custodial interrogation.The criminal case is also likely to see the invoking of the Prevention of Corruption Act against public servants accused of receiving bribes for leaking KPSC questions and answers for the entrance exam held to recruit veterinary doctors for 400 vacancies in the state.Sahukar and Geetha are accused by the ED of obtaining the answer keys for 80 questions prepared for the exam in Bengaluru from Gangwar on the eve of the exam, on January 8.The ED has told the court that Sahukar and Geetha gave access to answer keys to six candidates – the first-rank winner, the third-rank winner, eighth, ninth, 11th and 12th rank winners — in the entrance exam.



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'Current power availability in real-time market not dependable'

On the projected shortage, the source said current availability of electricity in the real-time market, largely due to winter conditions in north India and increased generation from coal-based plants, could not be treated as dependable.

Manipur arms training case: US national Van Dyke says he will reveal 'shocking details' of imprisonment in India

New Delhi: US national Matthew Aaron Van Dyke, who was granted default bail in September after the National Investigation Agency (NIA) dropped terror charges against him and six Ukrainian nationals in the Manipur arms training case, has said he will reveal "shocking details" of his imprisonment in India over the next few months. Related news: UAPA charges dropped, US citizen, 6 Ukrainians allowed to travel home In a post on X on Monday evening (IST), Van Dyke said, "For over 6 months, India imprisoned several Ukrainians and I. This was part of Russia's war against Ukraine. I will reveal shocking details about this story over the next few months in both posts and media interviews." Van Dyke, whose X profile states that he has fought in Libya and Ukraine, claimed that his incarceration was part of Russia's war against Ukraine. In September, the NIA dropped charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) against Van Dyke and the six Ukrainians, who had initially been booked for their alleged involvement in the Manipur arms training case. The agency proceeded against them only under Sections 21 and 23 of the Immigration and Foreigners Act, which provide for offences that can be compounded before the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO). At the last hearing on October 23, the court exempted all seven foreign nationals from personal appearance and allowed them to appear virtually at the next hearing, scheduled for February 24, 2027. The court also granted the NIA three months to conduct further investigation into Van Dyke's alleged involvement in the case. Earlier this year, the NIA had alleged that Van Dyke and the six Ukrainian nationals entered India on tourist visas, travelled to the north-eastern region without the mandatory permits and subsequently crossed over from Mizoram into Myanmar, where they allegedly trained ethnic armed organisations. The agency had initially invoked provisions of the UAPA, including those relating to conspiracy. It had also alleged that the accused disclosed details about the network and were involved in UAPA charges dropped, US citizen, 6 Ukrainians allowed to travel home In a post on X on Monday evening (IST), Van Dyke said, "For over 6 months, India imprisoned several Ukrainians and I. This was part of Russia's war against Ukraine. I will reveal shocking details about this story over the next few months in both posts and media interviews." Van Dyke, whose X profile states that he has fought in Libya and Ukraine, claimed that his incarceration was part of Russia's war against Ukraine. In September, the NIA dropped charges under the Unlawful Activities assembling equipment and targeting a passenger aircraft in Myanmar. However, in its subsequent charge sheet, the NIA did not invoke the UAPA provisions and instead proceeded under Sections 21 and 23 of the Immigration and Foreigners Act, which provide for offences that can be compounded before the FRRO. The agency had earlier indicated that its investigation into the alleged terror-related aspects was continuing and that further allegations could be included in a supplementary charge-sheet.



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Make all arrangements 2 days before Chhath Puja: CM Rekha Gupta

Delhi.(Agency)

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Monday convened a high-level meeting to review preparations for Chhath Puja.Speaking on the occasion, she described Chhath as a festival rooted in the faith of lakhs of people. "It is the government's priority to ensure that devotees face no inconvenience while offering prayers," she said, directing all departments to work in coordination and make arrangements keeping in mind the needs of devotees visiting the ghats. Office-bearers of various Chhath Puja committees were also present during the meeting.More than 1,400 ghats are being prepared for Chhath Puja in Delhi this year, compared with 1,326 last year. An 11-km-long Chhath Ghat being developed along the Munak Canal is expected to be a big draw for devotees. Stretching from the Outer Ring Road to Inderlok, the ghat will have steps on both sides and a concrete road to ensure convenient access for devotees coming to offer prayers.Chief Minister Gupta asked the officials concerned to complete the basic preparations at the ghats well in advance. District administrations and the departments concerned have been asked to regularly inspect the ghats in their areas and address all shortcomings."All major arrangements must be completed at least two days before the festival," she said. The Chief Minister also noted, "BJP national president Nitin Nabin will inaugurate the grand ghat at an event near Singalpur village on November 12. The government is developing the ghat in a way that will allow devotees from several adjoining constituencies to join."

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Delhi.(Agency)

Just days after the deadly building collapse at Sheesh Mahal in the Chawri Bazar area, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has directed residents of some buildings adjacent to the collapsed structure to get their properties audited for structural safety and submit the reports to the civic body within seven days of the issuance of the notice.

The notices, issued by the office of the executive engineer (Building-I) of the Old Delhi zone stated that a survey of the surrounding residential buildings was under way following the collapse. Further, the civic body has instructed owners and occupants of buildings identified as visibly dangerous or potentially vulnerable to obtain structural safety certificates and display them prominently on their premises.According to an official aware of the matter, the notice had been served to around three to four buildings at the time of filing this report, with more likely on the bases of assessment. This comes after the MCD on November 5 said that a survey of the adjacent buildings had been initiated to assess their structural safety and facilitate the relevant audits through engineers duly empanelled with the civic body.The audit report is required to be submitted to the office of the executive engineer. "The certificate or report must subsequently be displayed prominently at the premises for public information," the notice read.

Karnataka weather: Chilly mornings set In across state With light showers in coastal belts

Delhi.(Agency)

Winter conditions are steadily setting in across Karnataka as night and early morning temperatures continue to slip across several districts. Real-time readings show the minimum temperature fluctuating between 16.5 degrees Celsius and 25.3 degrees Celcius bringing a noticeable nip in the air. Overall rainfall activity remains subdued across most regions following the official withdrawal of the southwest monsoon on 15 October, leaving current weather systems largely driven by northeast monsoon patterns and minor atmospheric depressions.According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), coastal belts including Udupi, Uttara Kannada, and Dakshina Kannada are likely to see light, isolated spells of rain today. A few spots across southern interior districts namely Kodagu, Hassan, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Ramanagara, and Mandya might also record light showers.In contrast, completely dry weather will prevail across the northern plains, including Belagavi, Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri, Koppal, Raichur, Bidar, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, and Yadgir. Similar dry conditions are forecast for central and eastern districts such as Ballari, Chikkamagaluru, Chikkaballapura, Chitradurga, Davanagere, Kolar, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, and Vijayanagara.



Foggy mornings and commuter advisory

The weather department has indicated that misty and foggy conditions will dominate morning hours in several regions. Commuters should prepare for reduced visibility alongside occasional gusty winds or light thunder in isolated pockets, which may cause brief travel disruptions during peak morning travel.However, official advisories noted no major road closures or specific emergency restrictions for motorists. Over the next seven days, the state will see an alternating pattern of sunshine and overcast skies, with sporadic thundery activity but no heavy downpours on the radar.

Bengaluru Outlook: Overcast skies and cold breeze

In Bengaluru and adjoining rural belts, skies will remain predominantly cloudy over the next five days, with possibilities of passing light drizzle.On 9 November, the city is expected to record a maximum of around 29 degrees Celsius and a minimum near 20 degrees Celsius , accompanied by persistent cool breezes over the next 24 hours. While the winter chill will intensify as the weeks progress, broader weather influences like El Niño are keeping daytime temperatures relatively mixed, leaving residents to navigate a combination of sun, crisp air, and light showers.

Bharat Petroleum rejected Karnataka's E20 claim with facts. Then deleted a tweet

Delhi.(Agency)

Bharat Petroleum is currently running a 'MythVsFact' campaign on X, countering the Karnataka government's damning E20 claim. However, one deleted tweet has drawn flak and raised concerns. Shared on Sunday, the tweet claimed that testing of the ethanol blend in petrol at a Mysuru pump showed it adhered to the mandated 20 per cent level. However, many were quick to point out that the ethanol content, in fact, breached the limit and touched 33 per cent. Although Bharat Petroleum swiftly deleted the tweet, screenshots of it went viral, with people calling out the company for its double standards.Several other users shared the screenshot of the deleted tweet, with some demanding an explanation from the government-owned Bharat Petroleum for the same.In a massive allegation, the Congress-led Karnataka government said last week that petrol sold by oil marketing companies consists of significantly more ethanol blend (E20) than the mandated 20 per cent level.

The state government said that as many as 63 samples collected from prominent oil marketing firms such as IOCL, Shell and HPCL, across the southern state, showed having E20 content exceeding the benchmark. This raised concerns that the excessive blending could cause huge financial losses for motorists.The claim has led to a fresh political flashpoint between the BJP and Congress. Kerala, which is also ruled by the Congress, has begun random checks at petrol pumps. For now, the inspection is underway in four districts – Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam, Kozhikode and Kannur – with Minister Anoop Jacob saying that it will be expanded to more regions if something emerges in the first phase. He said that the samples will be obtained randomly and sent for testing at a government lab from where the results will be available within 10 days.

SC asks Delhi, UP, Haryana, Rajasthan to explain steps against polluting vehicles

The Supreme Court directed Delhi and three neighbouring states to detail action against polluting vehicles. The order signals urgent scrutiny of vehicular emissions as stubble-burning incidents decline.

Delhi.(Agency)

The Supreme Court has said the sharp rise in vehicular emissions requires urgent intervention and directed Delhi and three neighbouring states to explain the steps taken to stop over-age and non-compliant vehicles from entering or operating in the National Capital Region, news agency Press Trust of India reported.The court asked the governments of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana, along with the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Delhi Police, to submit detailed responses on measures to reduce vehicular emissions and their impact on air quality in Delhi-NCR.A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana sought details of short-term and long-term measures proposed or under consideration. It also asked the authorities to explain the existing system for identifying, monitoring and regulating vehicles that do not meet prescribed emission standards, including the enforcement of Pollution Under Control certificates.The authorities were directed to provide details of the regulatory framework and enforcement mechanisms governing the entry and movement of commercial and non-commercial vehicles in Delhi-NCR, particularly those coming from neighbouring states.The Supreme Court passed the order on November 6 while hearing a suo motu case on measures to curb air pollution in the NCR, PTI reported.The bench noted that data placed before it showed a substantial decline in incidents of stubble burning across Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan.

"While this development is certainly laudable, the same data also brings to the fore a converse and equally pressing concern, namely, the sharp increase in issues attributable to vehicular emissions," it said.The court said Delhi and the NCR, because of their geographical and economic links, face the combined burden of traffic originating within the region and in the neighbouring states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan."The situation is further compounded by the substantial volume of both commercial and non-commercial vehicles entering and plying within the city from different parts of the region, thereby adding to the existing vehicular emission load," it said."There can be little doubt that the issue warrants urgent and immediate intervention," the bench said.The court asked the authorities to detail the steps taken to prevent the entry and operation of over-age, end-of-life or otherwise non-compliant vehicles in the NCR. It also sought information on enforcement action, including the number of vehicles inspected, fined, denied entry or subjected to other proceedings during the relevant period.The bench sought details of coordination between the Delhi authorities and neighbouring states to regulate inter-state vehicle movement.



Centre okays Rs 122 crore for Ghazipur waste plant

Delhi.(Agency)

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has cleared the way for setting up a 2,000-tonne-per-day waste-to-energy plant at the Ghazipur dumpsite, with the Centre agreeing to provide `122 crore aid and the electricity tariff fixed at Rs 7.39 per unit, it said on Monday.The plant, which will be developed under the public-private partnership (PPP) model, is aimed at increasing the city's capacity to process waste and generate electricity from it, Standing Committee chairperson Satya Sharma said.



Jabalpur MSW Private Limited has been selected to develop and operate the facility after a technical and financial evaluation through an e-tendering process. The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) approved the proposed power tariff of Rs 7.39 per kilowatt-hour on October 13."The Centre of Housing and Urban Affairs will provide Rs 122 crore as Viability Gap Funding under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0," Sharma said.Under the agreement, the selected company will be responsible for financing, constructing and operating the plant. It will run the facility for 25 years after the commencement of commercial operations.The civic body will provide land within the Ghazipur dumpsite premises on lease, subject to prescribed terms and conditions. Sharma said the project was an important step towards addressing the city's growing waste management challenges through modern technology and scientific disposal methods. The facility is expected to help process a substantial quantity of waste at Ghazipur while generating electricity from material that would otherwise add to the city's mounting waste burden.

Delhi: 4.5 per cent dip in emergency calls this Diwali, minor cases only

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Delhi.(Agency)

Delhi recorded a 4.5% decline in emergency calls on Diwali this year, with the number falling from 269 in 2025 to 257 in 2026. Fire department officials said no major fire incidents were reported this year, with all calls relating to minor or moderate incidents.Of the total calls, 24 were related to fires caused by firecrackers. The busiest period was between 8 pm and 10 pm, when the department received 85 calls, accounting for 33.1% of the day's total.The calls included 214 fire-related incidents, 17 animal rescues, seven bird rescues, five human rescue operations and nine special-service requests. The department also received one call each regarding a house collapse and a road accident.Over the past 14 years, Diwali 2024 recorded the highest number of emergency calls at 318, followed by 290 in 2015, 271 in 2018 and 269 in 2025.

The lowest was recorded in 2021, when the department received 152 calls.Meanwhile, the Delhi Police have registered over 100 cases related to bursting of crackers beyond permitted hours on Diwali night. Police have also seized over 10,000 kg of illegal firecrackers from across the capital till the first week of November. Harjeet Singh Chhabra, general secretary of the Sadar Bazar Crackers Traders Association, said traders were given just three days to sell firecrackers this year. However, one day went into obtaining licences and arranging stock, leaving them with only two effective days of business."Several people sell illegally sourced firecrackers in the market during the festive season. These vendors often procure substandard products at very low prices, without any assurance about the quality of the materials used in their manufacture. Since their composition and safety standards are not verified, such firecrackers can pose serious risks to consumers.



Their use is unsafe and can endanger not only those handling them but also people in the vicinity," he said. A senior police officer said that they conducted regular surprise inspections and also raided at various spots.

Rain keeps India waiting as New Zealand get another lifeline

India's wait for a series-clinching victory will continue after persistent rain washed out the third ODI against New Zealand at Seddon Park in Hamilton on Tuesday. Even after the toss was completed and the match was reduced to 40 overs per side, the weather refused to clear, leaving the umpires with no option but to abandon the contest without a ball being bowled.

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New Zealand vs India, 3rd ODI: UPDATES

The washout means India remain 2-0 ahead in the five-match series, having won both opening matches through the DLS method. The first ODI in Auckland was reduced to 32 overs per side, with India chasing a revised target of 143 to win by five wickets. The second match in Wellington was also shortened, with India securing a four-run victory on DLS after being left at 113 for seven in their chase of 135.The teams now move to Mount Maunganui for the final two ODIs, scheduled for November 13 and 15 at Bay Oval. With the third match abandoned, India will need one more win to seal the series, while New Zealand must win both remaining games to level it.

WILL RAIN SPOIL REMAINING NZ VS IND ODIs?

After rain affected the first two matches and wiped out the third, the weather will remain a



talking point as the series moves to Mount Maunganui. The forecast for Friday's fourth ODI is more encouraging, with mostly sunny conditions and only a minimal chance of rain. Sunday's outlook for the series finale is less reassuring, with a 55 per cent chance of precipitation and cloudy conditions expected. The forecast could change closer to the matches, but another interruption cannot be ruled out.The Hamilton washout was particularly frustrating for India, who had hoped to wrap up the series with two matches to spare. Instead, the final leg now carries greater significance for both sides, with the weather potentially having another say in the outcome.

BIG SQUAD CHANGES COMING UP

The final two ODIs will bring a change in leadership for India. Shubman Gill and KL Rahul will leave the ODI group to join the preparations for the Test series, with Shreyas Iyer taking over as captain and Ishan Kishan named vice-captain. Tilak Varma, Kumar Kushagra, Auqib Nabi and Yash Thakur are among the players included in the squad for the last two matches. Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli remain available.New Zealand will also field a different group, with several players leaving for Test preparations. Tom Latham, Daryl Mitchell, Henry Nicholls, Glenn Phillips and Nathan Smith are among those moving across to the red-ball squad. Finn Allen, Lockie Ferguson and Tim Seifert are part of the group coming in for the final two ODIs, alongside Kristian Clarke, Matt Fisher, Mitch Hay and Nick Kelly.

No benefit in reopening Sandpapergate probe: Cricket Australia on Khawaja's claims

New Delhi.(Agency)

Cricket Australia has reacted to Usman Khawaja's new and explosive claims about the Sandpapergate saga. The former cricketer, in his new book Sabr, has claimed that the entire Australian team, including the coaching staff, knew that the team was using sandpaper to rough up the ball.The claim directly contradicts Cricket Australia's investigation at the time, which found that only three players, Steve Smith, David Warner and Cameron Bancroft, were involved. The bowling group, which included Pat Cummins,



Josh Hazlewood, Mitchell Starc and Nathan Lyon, was understood to have had no knowledge of the ball-tampering plotCricket Australia chief executive Todd Greenberg has now responded to Khawaja's claims, saying there was absolutely no benefit in reopening the investigation. He added that the board remained satisfied with its process and wanted Australian cricket to look ahead rather than revisit the controversy.

Cricket Scotland draws line on Afghanistan ties over women's rights concerns

New Delhi.(Agency)

Cricket Scotland has decided to restrict its cricketing engagement with Afghanistan, ruling out bilateral and tri-series



fixtures outside ICC events over the Taliban government's treatment of women and girls. The board will also refuse to host Afghanistan's pre-tour training camps or participate in practice matches outside ICC competitions.The decision follows a review of Cricket Scotland's engagement with the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB), prompted by requests for training facilities and discussions around the proposed Afghanistan Premier League (APL). In a statement released on Monday, the board outlined its new policy, making clear that it would only face Afghanistan when required by ICC competition regulations.reed one-year periodCricket Scotland will not proactively schedule bilateral series or participate in tri-series involving Afghanistan Men unless there is a material change in the circumstances surrounding Afghanistan women's cricket and wider human rights considerations," the statement read."Cricket Scotland will continue to participate in any fixtures against Afghanistan Men at ICC events which are determined by ICC competition regulations. Participation in these fixtures should not be interpreted as an endorsement of the current Afghan regime or its policies," it added..Cricket Scotland said its decision was guided by its commitment to the growth of women's and girls' cricket, the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan and the treatment of women under the Taliban government.

India A series ends in draws, Bumrah and Jadeja left short of match practice

New Delhi.(Agency)

India's preparations for the upcoming two-Test series against New Zealand received mixed returns as the three-match unofficial Test series between India A and New Zealand A ended without a result. While several batters made strong statements ahead of the senior team's



assignment, rain disrupted the final two games and denied some of India's key players the opportunity to build match fitness.The third and final unofficial Test in Lincoln ended in a draw on Tuesday after rain washed out the entire fourth day. The third day's play had also been abandoned without a ball being bowled, leaving the teams with little opportunity to make a contest of the match.

All three games in the series ended in draws.India A had declared their first innings at 464 for five, with Yashasvi Jaiswal leading the charge with a century. Sai Sudharsan, Tilak Varma, Dhruv Jurel and Washington Sundar also made significant contributions, while New Zealand A were 36 for two when the match was interrupted.

The series was intended to provide valuable red-ball preparation ahead of the first Test, which begins on November 19 in Wellington. Several players in the A squad are in contention for places in the senior team, while Jasprit Bumrah and Ravindra Jadeja were included in the final game to get some much-needed time in the middle after breaks from competitive cricket.

JAISWAL, PADIKKAL LEAD THE POSITIVES

Jaiswal was among India's biggest gains from the series. The opener scored 102 in the final game, taking his tally to 279 runs in five innings at an average of 69.75. It was his second century of the series, underlining his strong red-ball form ahead of the New Zealand Tests.

Devdutt Padikkal also made a compelling case in the race for India's No. 3 position. His 199 in the opening unofficial Test was the standout batting performance of the series, while Sudharsan kept the pressure on with two half-centuries, including an 88 in the final match and a fighting 91 in the first.Jurel added another strong performance with 71 in the third game, following a century earlier in the series. With Rishabh Pant still recovering from a side strain, Jurel's form could prove important as India assess their wicketkeeping options. Tilak Varma, who is not part of the senior Test squad, also impressed with an unbeaten 81.

Hardik Pandya's Punjab Kings move could unleash his best: Ravi Shastri warns rivals

New Delhi.(Agency)

A change of franchise could give Hardik Pandya the fresh start he needs, but Ravi Shastri believes the all-rounder's biggest threat to opponents will come when he is fully fit and firing. With a move from Mumbai Indians to Punjab Kings reportedly close to completion, the former India head coach has backed Hardik to make a strong impact when he returns to action.Speaking on Extra Innings ahead of India's third ODI against New Zealand, Shastri described Hardik as the best in the business in T20 cricket when fit, while suggesting that his time away from the game could leave him hungry to make a statement.

"You know, whenever he plays,if he's fully fit, he's the best in the business in T20 cricket. He's a genuine match-winner," Shastri said."And he might just be charged up. He hasn't played cricket for a while, so he could be eager to come out there and show what he's capable of.The comments come at a significant moment in Hardik's IPL career. His proposed move to Punjab Kings, with Arshdeep Singh heading to Mumbai Indians in exchange, is all but done, with India Today learning that both franchises have submitted their expressions of interest to the BCCI. An official confirmation is expected once the necessary paperwork is completed."

A FRESH START IN PUNJAB?

Hardik's potential departure would bring an end to his second stint with Mumbai Indians, where his return in 2024 was accompanied by a change in leadership. He took over as captain from Rohit Sharma, but the franchise struggled to find consistency during his three seasons in charge.Mumbai endured a difficult IPL 2026 campaign, finishing ninth with just four wins from 14 matches. They have missed the playoffs twice in the three seasons since Hardik became captain, and are now expected to bring Rohit back to



the leadership role for 2027.

Punjab, meanwhile, could offer Hardik a different environment. The franchise narrowly missed out on the playoffs in 2026 after reaching the final the previous season under Shreyas Iyer. Hardik is expected to join as a player, with Shreyas set to continue as captain.

WHY HAS HARDIK BEEN AWAY FROM CRICKET?

Hardik's absence has been prolonged by a series of fitness setbacks since IPL 2026. He last played a competitive match on May 24, having already missed four matches during the tournament due to back spasms.

Dr. Vedika Magar quit government job for cricket, now she dreams of an India jersey

Dr Vedika Magar left her government medical job to pursue her childhood dream of playing professional cricket, eventually making her domestic debut for Sikkim in October 2026. Speaking to India Today in an exclusive interview, the 26-year-old opened up about her unconventional journey, the sacrifices she made and her ambition to represent India.

New Delhi.(Agency)

If you are a Bollywood fan, you might remember the 2024 Rajkummar Rao-starrer Mr. & Mrs. Mahi. In the film, Janhvi Kapoor's character, Mahima, gives up her medical profession, which she had pursued to fulfil her father's wishes, to follow her dream of playing cricket for India. It is the kind of transformation that makes for a compelling movie. But sometimes, real life comes up with stories just as extraordinary.From Pandharpur, a town in Maharashtra where opportunities for women in cricket were limited, comes the story of Dr Vedika Magar. Like many Indian children, she grew up with the expectation of becoming a doctor. She studied medicine, secured a government job and appeared to be on a conventional career path. But somewhere along the way, cricket became a dream she could no longer keep aside.Last year, Vedika



took the courageous decision to leave her government job and pursue cricket professionally. It meant walking away from the security of a career she had worked hard to build and stepping into an uncertain future.

The journey was not straightforward. She was named in Mumbai's domestic probables on three occasions but had to wait for her opportunity to come from elsewhere. In October 2026, that leap of faith brought her a special moment when she made her professional debut for Sikkim against Kerala in the Senior Women's T20 Trophy.Vedika's journey has been anything but conventional. Unlike many cricketers who come through the age-group system, she began playing professional cricket only at a relatively late stage. Her years were spent pursuing medicine, but the desire to play never really went away.

THE DREAM SHE COULD NO LONGER PUT ON HOLD

After securing admission to Grant Medical College and Sir JJ Group of Hospitals in Mumbai, Vedika moved to the city to pursue MBBS. But even as she immersed herself in medical studies, she made sure cricket remained part of her life."After securing admission to a government medical college, Mumbai, I moved there to pursue MBBS. I never lost touch with cricket, continued attending practice sessions and joined a coaching academy," Vedika told India Today in an exclusive interview.

It was during her time in college that Professor Dr Hemant Gupta from the Department of Medicine noticed her playing leather-ball cricket with boys. He began guiding her and eventually asked her a question that would change the course of her life: did she want to pursue postgraduate studies or professional cricket?"He started guiding me and once asked whether I wanted to pursue postgraduate studies or cricket professionally," Vedika recalled.

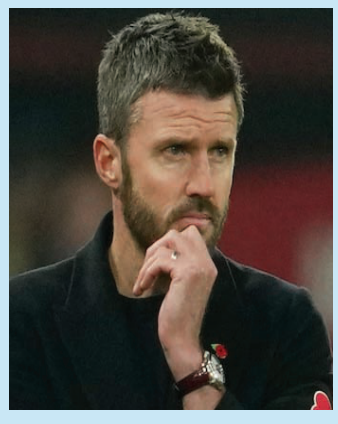
"Playing professional cricket had always been my childhood dream, but I had never imagined it would be possible. My internship was underway, I had a government job through my bond, and I had several other responsibilities. However, his guidance made me realise that I had to take a chance.

Manchester United have a Michael Carrick problem and they need to pull the plug now

New Delhi.(Agency)

If you want to put it simply, Manchester United have a Michael Carrick problem. And pretending otherwise is only going to make things worseThere comes a point when patience stops being a virtue and starts becoming a liability. For United, that point has arrived. Manchester United supporters would argue that the club has already been patient for far too long.

PREMIER LEAGUE: FULL COVERAGE



The 4-4 draw against Aston Villa at Old Trafford was yet another reminder of everything that is wrong with this team. There was fight, there was character, and there was a late comeback that briefly threatened to paper over the cracks. But there was also defensive chaos, individual errors and another afternoon without a Premier League victory.United will head into the November international break sitting 18th in the table, with just eight points from 10 matches. This is no temporary blip that can be brushed aside with talk of rebuilding or giving a manager more time.

Michael Carrick has had opportunities to arrest the decline. They have come and gone. And now, Manchester United need to pull the plug.

NO MORE CREDIT LEFT FOR CARRICK

When Carrick took over the reins at United, things were looking rather gloomy. The Red Devils were drifting away from the Champions League places, while Ruben Amorim had departed following a very public fallout with the board.

Delhi HC allows circulation of book about Rana Kapoor

New Delhi. (Agency)

The Delhi High Court has allowed the sale and circulation of the book 'Yes Man: The Untold Story of Rana Kapoor' while restraining the publication of four "derogatory" portions concerning former Yes Bank CEO Rana Kapoor.

The HC granted interim relief to Harper Collins Publishers India Pvt Ltd and Pavan Chand Lall, publisher and author of the book, respectively, saying the issue identified by the trial court arises from four statements, and the remaining contents of the book have not been found, at this stage, to constitute "defamatory" or "derogatory" material.

The court, in its 80-page judgement, said while it finds no reason to interfere with the findings returned by the trial court in respect of the four statements as "derogatory", the consequential direction restraining the publication, sale, distribution and circulation of the book in its entirety cannot be sustained. It opined that pending trial, the ban on the publication of the book is clearly not warranted and said the modification is confined to the scope of interim relief.

Earning dividend from HUL: Record date is Nov 12, so you have to buy shares by tomorrow

Kolkata. (Agency)

Hindustan Unilever (HUL) has declared interim dividend of Rs 19 per share. November 11, 2026 marks the last opportunity to take advantage of the company's interim dividend. After this, HUL shares will trade ex-dividend on November 12. The company has also set a record date for this dividend. This gives investors the opportunity to learn when they need to purchase shares to receive the dividend and how much they can earn if they own the same number of shares. HUL announced an interim dividend for fiscal year 2026-27 along with its Q2 results on October 28. The company's board approved a dividend of ₹19 per equity share of face value ₹1. This represents 1900% of the face value of the share.

HUL shares must be purchased by November 11

November 12, 2026 is the date which will determine which investors will receive the dividend. The company's shares will trade ex-dividend on November 12. Due to the T+1 settlement system in place on the stock market, investors must purchase shares by November 11th to receive the dividend. This means that if you want to take advantage of this dividend, Wednesday, November 11th, is the last day. Investors who purchase shares after this date will not be eligible for this dividend.

How much will be earnings on 100 shares?

The company will pay an interim dividend of ₹19 per eligible share. Therefore, the more shares you own, the greater the dividend amount.

Free lounge visits and up to 5% rewards for credit card for family travellers: Know details

New Delhi. (Agency)

Paytm AU SFB Credit Card, which was made public on October 21, offers a bonanza for holiday travellers. The card is free and carries rewards on eligible everyday payments made through Paytm UPI. The card has no joining or annual fee. The biggest reward for travelers is airport lounge access for up to four family members travelling together on eligible round-trip flights booked through Paytm. As communicated by the companies, this credit card offers a maximum of 12 complimentary lounge visits a year. It also carries a QR code that allows entry and one does not need to present the card every time.

Eligibility conditions for beneficiaries

In India there are millions of families that travel together on holidays For them, this card makes lounge access more convenient. However, the benefit is subject to eligibility conditions, and users should check the applicable terms before relying on it for a particular trip.

Rewards offered by the card

The Paytm AU SFB Credit Card offers different reward rates which depends on where customers spend. They are the following:Up to 2% rewards: On eligible Paytm UPI transactions, including payments for groceries and cab rides.5% rewards: On eligible Paytm Travel bookings and Paytm Gold purchases.Redemption of reward points: Points can be redeemed for Paytm Gold at ₹1 per point. It also applies to vouchers, bill payments and other benefits.The above reward rates are the ceiling rates and customers should check the card's detailed terms to understand exclusions, caps and redemption conditions.

Family lounge benefit

The biggest USP for the Paytm AU SFB Credit Card is the lounge access for families travelling together. As reported, a maximum of four family members can access airport lounges together. There is a ceiling on this facility and a maximum of 12 complimentary visits a year will be offered. The eligible criterion is that round-trip flights should be booked through Paytm. However, it must be noted that it has not been specified whether the 12 visits are shared across all family members or how visits will be accounted for if there are accompanying guests. There is no information on participating airports and lounges. These should be checked by those who want to take this card.

More trouble for Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang as shareholders sue over China spy links

New Delhi. (Agency)

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang is facing fresh trouble as the chipmaker and its chief executive have been sued by shareholders over allegations that the company concealed information about his reported relationship with a business executive suspected of being a Chinese spy, reported news agency Reuters.Nvidia and Huang were named in a proposed class-action lawsuit filed in federal court in San Jose, California, as per the report. The complaint accuses them of misleading shareholders by failing to disclose Huang's alleged relationship with Alice Huang, a former executive at Singapore-based data centre company Megaspeed International.The lawsuit claims that the alleged relationship raised national security concerns that could threaten Nvidia's reputation and business prospects, but that investors were not informed about these risks.The shareholders, led by Mark Kistenmacher, are seeking unspecified damages from Nvidia and Huang.The legal action adds another layer of uncertainty for the world's leading artificial intelligence chipmaker, which has already been dealing with an internal board investigation into reports that Huang may have been targeted by a foreign intelligence operation.

WHAT DOES THE LAWSUIT ALLEGE?

The complaint, filed in a federal court in San Jose, California, alleges that Nvidia and Huang defrauded shareholders by concealing information about the CEO's reported relationship with Alice Huang.

According to Reuters, the shareholders argue that the company failed to disclose that the matter could have national security implications and potentially damage its reputation and business prospects.The lawsuit refers to earlier reporting by The New York Times, which said US authorities had concluded that Alice Huang was a Chinese intelligence asset.Alice Huang is a former executive of Singapore-based Megaspeed International and is not related to Jensen Huang, Reuters clarified.

The lawsuit does not establish that Huang



passed confidential information to China or that Nvidia's technology was compromised. Instead, it centres on whether the company adequately disclosed information that shareholders claim was material to their investment decisions.The shareholders are seeking unspecified damages. Reuters did not report a specific amount being sought.

NVIDIA SHARES FALL 4.3%, MARKET VALUE SHRINKS BY $190 BILLION

The lawsuit comes after a sharp fall in Nvidia shares amid the controversy surrounding Huang.Nvidia shares closed 4.3% lower on Monday, wiping out approximately $190 billion from the company's market capitalisation.The proposed class-action lawsuit was filed just five minutes after the US stock market closed, Reuters reported.

Shareholder lawsuits following unexpected declines in a company's share price are not uncommon. However, the case brings fresh scrutiny to Nvidia's disclosures, corporate governance and the potential business implications of the allegations involving its CEO.

Gold rates dip on : Check Prices in Delhi, Mumbai, and other cities

New Delhi. (Agency)

Gold rates declined slightly on Tuesday, currently standing at Rs 14,411 per gram for 24-carat purity on November 10, 2026. Rates for 22K and 18K gold are Rs 13,210 per gram and Rs 10,808 per gram, respectively.The prices of precious metal dropped by Rs 49 for 24K purity, Rs 45 for 22K purity, and Rs 37 for 18K purity compared with November 09, 2026Following the US mid-term election results uncertainty prevailed over the ongoing US-Iran conflict, easing inflation concerns sending the crude rates for a weekly decline.

Brent crude edged lower on Tuesday by 0.23%, to $92.33 a barrel after the US President Donald Trump signaled that it is highly unlikely to launch fresh attacks on Iran as long as the talks proceed regarding ending the conflict. The easing crude prices, with expectations of lowering tension in the Middle East supported bullion.US Federal Reserve's decision to keep the interest rates unchanged however continues to weigh on bullion



which face selling pressure on the face of elevated interest rates. At the same time, investors are assessing the US economic data for cues regarding future monetary policy decisions. Higher inflationary risk poses uncertainty for the investors.Meanwhile, the crude prices remain volatile even after US President Donald Trump's decision to waive sanctions and tariffs on Russia further prompting expectations of rate hikes in the coming sessions.Also, the conflicts involving the Middle East have continued to keep inflation fears high since the end of February.

US inflation data and interest rates set by the Federal Reserve continue to influence the yellow metal's trajectory. When the dollar is stronger and interest rates are high, the yellow metal comes under pressure due to the increased opportunity cost of holding it.

Gold continues to remain under pressure, as its trajectory is likely to be influenced by geopolitical concerns and energy prices, with the Federal Reserve's rate decisions further affecting its price.

On a different note, festive buying across India is also playing a role in determining the cost of the yellow metal in domestic market.

China records trade surplus over 1 trillion dollar for second straight year, as exports surge 35 per cent

HONG KONG. (Agency)

China's trade surplus exceeded $1 trillion for a second straight year, according to official data released Tuesday, as pressure mounts for greater balance in trade with Beijing.Exports in October surged 35.2% from a year earlier, the customs agency said. Exports have grown rapidly this year supported by high-tech goods like semiconductors and autos. Imports rose 41.6% year-on-year.Between January and October, China logged a $1.04 trillion trade surplus, even as the trade surplus narrowed last month to $105.3 billion from $133.5bn in September as imports picked up pace.That puts China on track for surpassing last year's record $1.2 trillion trade surplus.

"We expect Chinese exports to stay strong for the rest of this year, led by electronics and autos," said Dave



Chia, an economist at Moody's Analytics.

Overcapacity in many industries, excess domestic savings and weakened domestic demand are still forcing China to ship its goods abroad as some countries move to protect their own industries, said Alicia García-Herrero, chief economist for Asia Pacific at French bank Natixis.The situation is not sustainable, she said.Businesses are feeling the pressure of ferocious competition as China's economy has slowed, said Cinders Zhou, who sells eyewear for a manufacturer in Linhai city in eastern China's Zhejiang province."It comes down to product quality, or rather the increasingly the lack of it across the industry, since there's significant homogenization," said Zhou, whose company makes frames and lenses sold both in and outside China. "That has forced everyone to compete on price," she said.

Bulls maintain firm grip on market as benchmarks stage a strong recovery from day's low

New Delhi. (Agency)

Bulls showed no signs of loosening their grip on Dalal Street after a 7-session strong rally as benchmark indices BSE Sensex and NSE recovered around 1% from the day's low and settled in the green on Monday. In the highly volatile session, the Sensex added 107.25 points, or 0.13% to close at 81,106.65 while the Nifty50 index closed 58.25 points, or 0.23% higher at 25,044.65.In intraday deals, the Sensex had hit a low of 80,519.31 while Nifty fell as much as 24,838.75. The recovery from lows came despite concerns of profit booking after a stellar run. Sentiments also received a boost as global brokerage firms - Citi and HSBC - turned bullish on India. While Citi raised its calendar year 2027-end Nifty50 target to 28,000 from 26,000, citing improving corporate earnings momentum, expectations of lower crude oil prices and potential FII inflows into Indian equities, HSBC upgraded the market to "overweight."

The upgrade by global brokerages came after the Nifty50 index climbed more than 10% across seven sessions, supported by record FII inflow and easing crude oil prices. "Indian equities traded range-bound with a positive bias, as intermittent profit booking following the recent rally capped gains. Weakness in IT and metal stocks also weighed on the benchmarks," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments.

Nair added that improving FII participation and better-than-expected corporate earnings have strengthened expectations of an upgrade to the FY27 earnings outlook, supporting market sentiment. In November, so far, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) bought aggressively in the Indian market with a net inflow of Rs 45,970 crores.

Asian stocks rise after technology shares rally on Wall Street

Several strong profit reports from big U.S. companies also helped buoy shares.

HONG KONG. (Agency)

Asian stocks advanced Tuesday after U.S. stocks rallied, recovering most of their big losses from last week.U.S. futures edged higher and oil prices fell.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 rose 2.6 per cent to 60,279.37.Shares in OpenAI investor SoftBank Group jumped 15 per cent ahead of the company's earnings release later in the day. Its share price had fallen to its lowest level in a year on Monday.Computer chip equipment maker Tokyo Electron surged 5.6 per cent and testing equipment maker Advantest gained 3.4 per cent.

South Korea's Kospi climbed 4 per cent to 5,219.37. Chipmakers Samsung Electronics gained 4.6 per cent and SK Hynix climbed 5.6 per cent.

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng rose 0.4 per cent to 24,535.74, while the Shanghai Composite index edged 0.4 per cent higher to 3,673.54.China's exports in October climbed 35.2 per cent from a year earlier, while imports grew 41.6 per cent, according to customs data released on Tuesday.That has put the country on track for another record for the year since the trade surplus for 2026 has already surpassed $1 trillion.

Australia's S&P/ASX 200 rose 1.1per cent to 9,131.70.

Taiwan's Taiex advanced 3.4 per cent.

On Monday, the S&P 500 jumped 2.3 per cent for a second straight gain after a wipeout on worries that Democratic victories in the U.S. midterm elections could lead to a slowdown in the construction of AI data centers. The best day for the index since April has it sitting just 3.4 per cent below its all-time high set last month.The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 2.2 per cent, and the Nasdaq composite rose 2.7 per cent.

Stocks were lifted by a decline in the price of Brent crude. It fell after President Donald Trump told CNN over the weekend that a resumption of strikes on Iran is "highly unlikely" if the United States sees progress in negotiations toward ending the war.However, U.S.



Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Sunday that Iranian demands had sometimes been "outrageous and ridiculous.Several strong profit reports from big U.S. companies also helped buoy shares.Constellation Energy climbed 10.5 per cent after the power company reported both profit and revenue for the summer that topped analysts' expectations.

Those data centers are coming under increased scrutiny following Democratic victories in last week's election. The worry is that governments could impose restrictions on the industry, which would mean fewer purchases of artificial-intelligence related products and services around the AI boom.That was on top of concerns that new construction of AI data centers may slow because of how expensive it's become to borrow money. Before that, critics already were saying AI stock prices had shot too high and were in a bubble.The stock that has become the face of the AI boom, Nvidia, fell 4.3 per cent. The chip company said it's investigating after its CEO, Jensen Huang, acknowledged an intimate relationship with a business executive who, according to The New York Times, U.S. intelligence determined was gathering information for China.Nvidia's board said it has "no reason to believe" that either national security or Nvidia secrets were compromised.



Ramayana: Dipika Chikhlia Reacts To

Sai Pallavi's

Sita Fighting Demons, Says 'I Don't Remember Such Scenes

Sai Pallavi's portrayal of Sita in Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana: Part One has sparked a discussion among audiences, particularly over the decision to depict the character participating in combat. While some viewers have appreciated the interpretation, others have questioned its departure from the versions of the epic they are familiar with. Now, Dipika Chikhlia, who famously portrayed Sita in Ramanand Sagar's 1987 television series Ramayan, has shared her thoughts on the controversy.Dipika, whose portrayal remains closely associated with the character nearly four decades later, admitted that she did not recall encountering such sequences in the versions of the Ramayana she had read or worked on. However, the veteran actress refrained from dismissing the filmmakers' interpretation, acknowledging that the epic has numerous retellings with considerable differences between them.

Dipika Chikhlia Reacts To Sai Pallavi's Action Scene In Ramayana

During a recent interaction with The Free Press Journal, Dipika was asked about the mixed response to Sai Pallavi's action sequence in the film."Yes, I saw that on Instagram (action sequence). I really don't know. The memory that I have of Valmiki's Ramayana and Tulsidas' Ramayana, which was majorly a part of our Ramayan, I don't remember that anywhere we had those kinds of scenes. But there are more than 300 Ramayanas in our country. Every story, every Ramayana is a little different from the other one. So they (makers) may have picked up something from some Ramayana, which I'm not aware of," she said.Her response was particularly measured, considering the criticism surrounding the sequence. Rather than questioning its legitimacy outright, Dipika acknowledged that her understanding was shaped by the texts that informed Ramanand Sagar's adaptation.Interestingly, Dipika also revealed that she had not watched Tiwari's film in its entirety yet. She had only come across the action sequence on Instagram and intended to watch Ramayana after Diwali.



Why Did Nitesh Tiwari Give Sai Pallavi's Sita A Warrior Avatar?

The debate began after viewers watched Sai Pallavi's Sita participating in action sequences, including the confrontation involving Khara and Dushana's army. Some questioned whether the depiction was consistent with the familiar accounts of the epic, while others defended the decision to explore a different aspect of Sita's character.

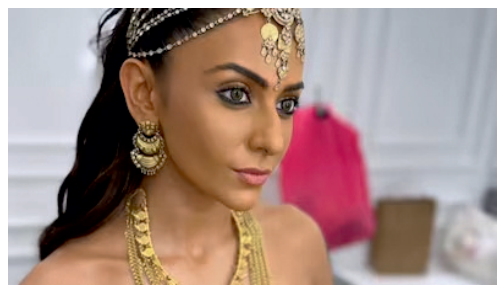


'Have Been Waiting To...'

Rakul Preet Singh

On Playing Surpanakha In Ranbir Kapoor's Ramayana

Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana, starring Ranbir Kapoor, Sai Pallavi and Yash, finally hit theatres yesterday, on November 5, after much anticipation. Now, Rakul Preet Singh, who is playing Surpanakha in the film, has taken to social media, penning a heartfelt note along with a series of pictures in her look as Surpanakha.In the note, Singh shared her experience of playing the role in Ramayana and said, "It has been such a special journey for me. It's not every day that you get to be a part of a story that has been a part of our lives and culture for generations.""To see Ramayana being brought to life on such a grand scale is truly something else. Being part of a story that means so much to our country, and seeing it come together on such a scale, makes this journey even more special," she added.The actress further continued and thanked producer Namit Malhotra and director Nitesh Tiwari, who were visionaries and dreamt big to turn this vision into a reality.



Their hard work and the desire to create something extraordinary from India to the world has been a very inspiring journey. And to #RanbirKapoor, @saipallavi.senthamarai, @thenameisyash, @ravidubey2312, @kajalaggarwalofficial, @shobana_danseuse ma'am and the entire cast and crew. Thank you for being such amazing co-stars and putting in your blood and sweat to bring this magic on screen ❤ ❤ ," she added.The actress concluded by writing, "Feeling grateful and excited for everyone to experience this one! ❤ It's not just a film. It's a moment that makes me feel proud as an Indian ❤ "Ramayana's collection is expected to witness a boost after Diwali, and expectations are still quite high. Meanwhile, News18 gave the film 3/5 stars. Our review read, "The film is visually beautiful, and the VFX deserve immense appreciation. The makers have clearly invested heavily in bringing this mythological world to life, and several frames are genuinely breathtaking. The scale and visual treatment make it a cinematic experience worth watching on the big screen.""The biggest surprise package is Yash as Ravana. He takes away the limelight with his powerful screen presence and commanding performance. Strong, fierce and convincing, Yash brings the right intensity to Dashanan. His scenes are among the most entertaining parts of the film, and he delivers exactly the kind of power and impact that audiences would expect from him. Whenever he appears on screen, the film gets a much-needed boost," the review also mentioned.

Daler Mehndi's Son Gurdeep Slams Abhijeet Bhattacharya Over Lip-Syncing Remarks: 'Be Polite'



Daler Mehndi's son Gurdeep Mehndi has hit back at singer Abhijeet Bhattacharya over his recent remarks concerning the lip-syncing controversy involving his father. During a performance in Mumbai, Gurdeep publicly defended Daler, insisting that the veteran singer had performed live at the event in Uttarakhand. He also promised to share footage from the performance to substantiate his claims.The controversy has been gathering attention since Daler's disagreement with Uttarakhand Cabinet Minister Subodh Uniyal made headlines. Abhijeet subsequently supported the minister, prompting Gurdeep to question his comments. A video of Gurdeep addressing the matter during his concert has since surfaced on his Instagram account.

Gurdeep Mehndi Hits Back At Abhijeet Bhattacharya

Gurdeep did not mince his words while addressing the audience at his Mumbai performance. Taking exception to Abhijeet's statements, he suggested that some artists were willing to make unwarranted remarks for social media attention."Kuch artists aise bhi hote hain jo chand views ke liye kuch bhi aur bhi bol dete hain. The way Abhijeet spoke recently, usse mujhe umeed nahi thi ki woh aisa kuch bolenge. Aur woh bhi itne legendary singer ke liye. Brother, I will send you the footage from that day. Woh jo gaa rahe the, live hi gaa rahe the, lip-sync nahi kar rahe the," Gurdeep said.

The singer maintained that his family does not resort to lip-syncing during live performances. He also expressed disappointment with Abhijeet, saying he had not expected such comments from a fellow musician.

'Be Polite,' Gurdeep Advises Abhijeet

Gurdeep went on to remind Abhijeet that professional setbacks and difficult circumstances could affect anyone. Rather than prolonging the verbal exchange, he said he intended to clear up the misunderstanding by providing evidence from the concert."Bura time, accha time kisi ka bhi aa sakta hai, brother. Baaki, be polite. Main aapki galatfehmi jaldi door karunga footage dete hue," he added.

Salman Khan Defends Maatrubhumi's Teri Sexy Beauty Song, Says 'Army Men Can Sing Kala Chashma Too'



Salman Khan's upcoming film Maatrubhumi: May War Rest in Peace has already got people talking, but not everyone seems happy with one of its songs. The track Teri Sexy Beauty has received criticism from viewers who feel that a peppy dance number looks out of place in a film based on the Indian Army. Salman has now shared his side of the story.Speaking at the film's trailer launch in Mumbai on Friday, November 6, the actor explained that the song has a specific place in the film. He said, "Yeh ek jawan, ek officer, aur sab jawans apni wife ki tareef karte hain, aur wahan par woh gaana aata hai. Jitne bhi gaane humne aapko dikhaye hain, woh jab aap picture dekhoge, yeh visuals bahut hi kam hone wale hain. Aapko aisa lagta hai ki humne 1400 gaane release kiye hain… Uska ek kaaran hai. Humari film ki jo situation hai, woh hum aapko pehle nahi bata sakte the. Aap jab picture dekhoge, tab pata chalega ki gaana kahan par aata hai. Agar aapko situations dikha di, toh picture ka kya kaam hoga?"

The actor also explained that soldiers don't necessarily spend all their time singing patriotic songs. They can enjoy regular Bollywood dance numbers too. Making his point, Salman said, "Ab har Army ka naujawan 'Mere Desh Ki Dharti Sona…' hamesha toh nahi gaayega na? 'Sandese Aate Hain…' Woh kabhi 'Kala Chashma', 'Shava Shava', yeh sab bhi toh gaayega. 'Oonchi Hai Building', yeh gaane hote hain na. Film mein yeh situation nahi hai, situation kuch aur hi hai."The actor also explained that soldiers don't necessarily spend all their time singing patriotic songs. They can enjoy regular Bollywood dance numbers too. Making his point, Salman said, "Ab har Army ka naujawan 'Mere Desh Ki Dharti Sona…' hamesha toh nahi gaayega na? 'Sandese Aate Hain…' Woh kabhi 'Kala Chashma', 'Shava Shava', yeh sab bhi toh gaayega. 'Oonchi Hai Building', yeh gaane hote hain na. Film mein yeh situation nahi hai, situation kuch aur hi hai."

Caring for sensitive Skin in winter





Cold and dry air during winter makes the skin lose its moisture faster.

For people with sensitive skin, this can mean inflammation, redness, flakiness and even symptoms of eczema at times. Fortunately, there are ways to protect your skin and keep it looking healthy. Here is a little help.

Moisturise well:

Be sure to apply an emollient-rich moisturiser designed specifically for sensitive skin during the day as well as at night.

Avoid cleansers with salicylic acid:

If your skin is acne-prone, avoid using medication-based cleansers or creams that contain salicylic acid. These will aggravate dryness and lead to inflammation. It is better to stick to milder cleansers to keep your pores clean over the

winter. Stay hydrated: Drinking more water will give you a healthier appearance. It will also ensure that your organs are functioning properly. Water helps flush out toxins from your body and thus give you a clear, glowing complexion. Make sure that you drink at least eight glasses of water, daily.

Do not forget to wear a sunscreen:

Even if it's cloudy, the UV rays present in the atmosphere can damage your skin and cause pigmentation. Use a sunscreen with an SPF content of 15 or above.

Don't exfoliate too much:

Avoid using scrubs and exfoliating masks that contain salicylic acid or glycolic acid. They can wear down your skin and make sensitive skin lose its natural protective barrier. See to it that you use a mild scrub if at all you need to exfoliate.

Use a hydrating mask:



Rehydrate and nourish your skin with an all-natural mask with homemade ingredients. This will help strengthen your skin and reduce the risk of inflammation.

However, if problems persists, it's best to see a dermatologist.



Benefits of Rose water



Generations of women have used rose water as part of their skin care regime. It isn't uncommon to hear grannies extolling its benefits and not without reason.

Rose water and rose oil are one of the oldest skin care and grooming products. It used to be added to baths as also to treat mild skin conditions. They are found in many cosmetic products these days.

Here are a few ways how rosewater works wonders for you:

1. Since rose oil has anti-inflammatory properties, using rose water can help in reducing the redness from irritated or over-heated skin.
2. It is a great cleanser and aids in removing oil and dirt accumulated in clogged pores. Thus preventing acne and pimples.
3. It has astringent like properties, which is why it is used after facials and clean ups to close open pores. Applying rose water after steaming tightens capillaries, reduces redness and blotchiness.
4. The aroma of roses is said to be a powerful mood enhancer. It rids you of feelings of anxiety and promotes emotional wellbeing, thereby making you look relaxed. Since it is de-stressing, it helps you sleep better which means you will wake up feeling fresh.
5. The best and easiest way to use it is to apply it at night. It helps clear all impurities that your face has collected through the day.



5 ways to thicken your Eyelashes

Always wash off your eye make up While it may be tempting to leave our eye make up on after a long night, this habit can damage your lashes and the sensitive skin around your eyes. This is because the eyelashes become brittle and more prone to damage, as well as irritate the surrounding area. So, use a gentle make up remover to get rid of the gunk and make sure you don't aggressively rub, pull or abrade your eyelashes in the process.

Give your lashes a breather

Eyelash curlers, lash extensions and excessive products can be very taxing to your eyelashes. They cause undue damage and stress, resulting in breakage and hair loss. So, give your lashes a break by avoiding these toxic practices when you can. Remember, your eyelashes need to recover; so letting them breathe naturally can benefit your eyes in the long run.

Eat healthy

Your diet plays an important role in maintaining the health of your lashes. Vitamins like Biotin are highly important for hair growth, as well as essential amino acids. Amino acids are an integral part of the hair shaft, so protein deficiencies can often cause hair loss. Look for a multivitamin or for a vitamin specifically designed for hair growth. Make sure it contains biotin, and take it daily.

Stop rubbing your eyes

Most people rub their eyes, particularly when they feel sleepy, stressed, or their eyes feel itchy. While it may feel good at the time, this is a particularly nasty habit that can cause a multitude of problems, least of which is the loss of your eyelashes. The more you rub your eyes, the more your lashes will break and fall off, leaving you with stubby and thin eyelashes. So, always remember to keep your hands away from your eyes.

zook for prostaglandins

Recently, prostaglandins have been proven to be effective in increasing the length of your lashes. They take some time to work, but they are highly effective and have even been US FDA approved for the purpose of eyelash lengthening. So, ask your dermatologist about this prescription treatment to get your lashes looking naturally thick and luscious.

Skin pigmentation is a skin disorder, which can be treated and prevented, simply by adopting a few measures



Treatment for pigmentation on the face



Dr. jay agnihotri Dermatologist with kolkata based Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute explains the various ways in which one can treat pigmentation on the face and how to avoid it.

According to Wikipedia, skin pigmentation on the face refers 'to disturbances of human skin colour, either loss or reduction, which may be related to loss of melanocytes or the inability of melanocytes to produce melanin or transport melanosomes correctly.'

Dr. Vijay Singhal says, "When melanocytes in the skin (pigmentation producing cells) start producing more melanin, pigmentation is caused."

Hyperpigmentation is caused by the sun, inflammation of the skin or injuries. The sun is directly responsible for hyperpigmentation.The dermatologist also suggests this home remedy to reduce skin pigmentation on the face, "Clean the face with milk and apply a homemade face pack." It helps the skin rejuvenate and restores the skin.One way to prevent skin pigmentation is to stay away from direct sunlight. Dermatologist, Dr. Vijay Singhal explains, "Skin pigmentation can be prevented by protecting one's skin from getting exposed to direct sunlight." He further adds, "Also, various over the counter medicines like hydroquinone should be avoided." So, check your skincare products for hydroquin.