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# Bursting firecrackers on Diwali no big deal, pollution will subside: Yogi Adityanath

**Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed happiness over the pomp and enthusiasm with which people burst firecrackers to celebrate Diwali, saying he was in Ayodhya and himself participated in fireworks.**

**New Delhi (Agency).**

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath praised the bursting of firecrackers during Dhanteras and Diwali, saying that it was heartening to see the scenes. His remarks come amid concerns of rising pollution across the country, especially Delhi-NCR. The CM, however, said that those who pollute an entire system through their corrupt deeds are not questioned, but if people enjoy one day with firecrackers, then immediately the matter of pollution emerges."Those who polluted the entire system through their corrupt deeds are not questioned. But if the public bursts firecrackers and celebrates with fireworks for one day, people start talking about pollution," he added.Adityanath urged people not to worry about pollution, stressing that even if there was pollution, it would eventually subside.Expressing happiness over the pomp and enthusiasm with which people burst firecrackers and fireworks to celebrate Diwali, he said that the BJP-led government under him did not encourage any restrictions and instead encouraged everyone to celebrate the festival freely.



He recalled his own Diwali celebrations in Ayodhya, saying he himself participated in the fireworks.Taking another dig at those raising pollution concerns during festivals, the UP CM said people seemed to remember pollution only when others were celebrating festivals and expressing happiness.

The air quality in several cities across the country has been worsening leading up to Diwali on November 8. Thick smog blanketed the capital and its adjoining regions such as Noida and Gurugram, with AQI levels in more than half of monitoring stations exceeding 400 in the severe category.On November 9 morning, the AQI in Delhi inched towards severe category, much worse than last year.

## Complaint filed against Karnataka Home minister Priyank Kharge over post linking RSS to arms seizure

**VIJAYAWADA. (Agency).**

A complaint has been filed against Karnataka Home Minister Priyank Kharge over an alleged social media post linking the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to the seizure of live cartridges in Bihar and Haryana, with police saying no FIR has been registered so far.The complaint was submitted by Tejas A Gowda at the Banashankari police station on Tuesday. He accused Kharge of circulating false information and attempting to disturb social harmony through a post on social media platform X.According to a PTI report, in his written complaint, Gowda alleged that Kharge had attempted to associate the RSS with the seizure of around 44,250 live cartridges in Bihar and Haryana, creating an impression that the organisation was connected to alleged criminal activities.The complainant further alleged that the Home Minister knowingly circulated information despite being aware that it was false, and claimed that the post could disturb communal harmony by spreading misinformation.

Describing the matter as a serious concern, Gowda said a person holding the constitutional office of Home Minister was responsible for maintaining law and order and protecting public.

## No shielding from accountability, scope of probe must be expanded: Congress on Ram temple donation theft

**New Delhi(Agency).**

The Congress on Wednesday demanded that the financial records of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust be made public and the investigation into the alleged theft of donations and offerings at the Ram temple in Ayodhya be expanded to cover all those responsible for its construction and management.The party also called for a probe under the supervision of the Supreme Court, asserting that accountability should not be confined to the eight employees arrested in the case and that anyone found guilty should face action under the law.In a post on X, Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh alleged that people affiliated with the BJP, RSS and Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) had controlled the management of the trust, temple construction, collection of donations and offerings, and their subsequent deposit in banks."Chanda Chori, Aastha Dhokha," Ramesh said, alleging that those who controlled these activities could not evade responsibility for the alleged theft.

He said allegations of irregularities and misappropriation had been raised as early as 2021 by Mahipal Singh, a former accounts in-charge associated with the RSS who had been sent to the temple for service. According to Ramesh, Singh had informed trust office-bearers Champat Rai and Gopal Rao after discovering the alleged theft, but was removed instead of action being taken against those responsible.

## Owaisi's Babri reminder to Muslim SP MPs on Akhilesh Yadav's Ayodhya visit plan

**AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi asked Muslim Samajwadi Party leaders to question their party chief Akhilesh Yadav over his proposed December 12 Ayodhya visit.**

**Lucknow(Agency)**

AIMIM chief Assaduddin Owaisi called on the Muslim leaders of the SamajwadI Party to question the proposed visit of Akhilesh Yadav to Ayodhya on December 12. He said that the Samajwadi Party MPs and MLAs should think about the fact that their fathers had gone to jail during the unrest after the Babri Masjid demolition before supporting their party chief's Ayodhya visit."Sholay ka dialogue toh nahin bolsakte ki 'tera kya hoga'. (Cannot narrate a dialogue of Sholay like 'what will happen to you now?'," Owaisi mockingly said.

The AIMIM chief further used Mirza Ghalib's couplet to strengthen his point. "Kaaba kis munh se jaoge, Ghalib. Sharam tumko magar nahi aati. (With what face will you go to the



Kaaba, Ghalib? You, however, feel no shame)," he said.MIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, criticising Samajwadi Party National President Akhilesh Yadav's reported statement on Muslims, alleged that the SP has always played with the sentiments of the community.Owaisi and Yadav verbally clashed during Dussehra last month as well. While visiting jailed SP leader Mohammad Azam Khan in Rampur, Yadav was asked about the AIMIM chief to which he replied, "Even Ravana disguised himself for a day and abducted Sita, but here the disguise has been in place for years."Owaisi hit back, saying that the Samajwadi chief thinks every individual with a beard and a cap is like Ravana.Akhilesh Yadav's proposed Ayodhya visit has invited severe backlash from the BJP, which has called out the Samajwadi chief for his appeasement politics.UP BJP President Pankaj Chaudhary suggested that Yadav visit the shrine in Ayodhya on December 6 instead and apologise for the killing of 'kar sevaks' in 1990 during the Samajwadi rule in the northern state.

## Jharkhand: CM Hemant Soren orders CBI probe into Nisha Bhagat suicide case

**RANCHI(Agency).**

Amidst growing public outrage and mounting political pressure, Chief Minister Hemant Soren late in the evening on Tuesday directed CBI investigation into Nisha Bhagat suicide case. Soren on his social media post X announced this, paving way for the case to be handed over to the central investigative agency."The CBI will now investigate the Nisha Bhagat case. Orders have been issued," stated the social media post by Soren on X.Since Nisha Bhagat's death, the state government and police administration have faced mounting pressure to ensure an impartial investigation. The Opposition has repeatedly raised the issue, while several tribal organisations have questioned the role of the local police and demanded a probe by a central agency.

In view of the growing demands, Chief Minister Hemant Soren has directed officials to initiate the process of recommending a CBI investigation into the case.Nisha's father, Handu Bhagat, welcomed the Chief Minister's decision, saying he had taken a timely and prudent step by recommending a CBI inquiry. He said the move had raised hopes of a fair investigation and expressed confidence that the truth would emerge once the Centre formally approves the probe.Notably, in a 'Facebook Live' session, Nisha had accused the Hemant Soren-led government and land brokers of harassing her. Following this, she allegedly died by suicide on November 6.

In the nearly 11-minute video, which was available on her Facebook profile, Bhagat is seen crying and alleging that speaking out against the "Hemant Soren government and its land brokers meant inviting death".In the video, Bhagat spoke emotionally about her alleged fight against land mafias and voiced frustration over the administration's response to her complaints.

## Sri anandpur sahib bags swachh city of punjab award; harjot singh Bains receives national honour from president droupadi murmu

**The Sikh Times**

New Delhi, November 11: In a proud moment for Punjab, Sri Anandpur Sahib, the birthplace of the Khalsa, has been declared "State First Swachh City of Punjab" under the Swachh Bharat Mission. Local Government Minister S. Harjot Singh Bains received the national honour presented by President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi, on Wednesday. Paying obeisance to Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib ji, who founded Sri Anandpur Sahib, Harjot Singh Bains said, "I believe this award is the outcome of the service rendered during the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh



Bahadur Sahib Ji. As MLA and Local Government Minister, I remain committed to the further development of Sri Anandpur Sahib. It is Guru Sahib's boundless blessing that when Sri Anandpur Sahib receives an award today, I get the opportunity to serve this department." S. Harjot Singh Bains, who was accompanied by State Mission Director Swachh Bharat Mission & CEO PMIDC Ms. Deepti Uppal and Municipal Council, Sri Anandpur Sahib President Sh. Harjit Singh Jita during the award ceremony, attributed the recognition to a sustained, community-driven sanitation campaign carried out across the holy city. The Local Government Minister informed that over 4,751 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) participated in the 10th edition of Swachh Survekshan (2025–26), out of which 63 ULBs were recognised for their outstanding performance in cleanliness and sanitation. **Contd..page-3**

## Chhattisgarh's Raipur, Bilaspur, and Bilha to be conferred Swacch Survekshan Awards by President Murmu

**RAIPUR(Agency).**

Chhattisgarh's Raipur, Bilaspur, and Bilha have been selected to be awarded the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 by President Droupadi Murmu at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on Wednesday, In a



major recognition to the state's urban sanitation efforts,Highlighting the frontline workforce behind the achievement, the Union Ministry has invited delegations comprising sanitation workers (Safai Mitras), inspectors, supervisors, and municipal engineers.From each winning city, four delegates with dedicated representation from frontline sanitary staff will step onto the dais to receive the honour.Both Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao noted that the national accolade stands as a testament to the dedication of thousands of sanitation workers who maintain city hygiene daily.

Congratulating the citizens, civic administrations, and public representatives, CM Sai noted that securing national honours across three distinct urban centres will establish a benchmark for the remaining local bodies in Chhattisgarh, encouraging sustainable operational practices and higher citizen engagement statewide.

## From farming to dairy revolution: Mohan Yadav's big pitch for Madhya Pradesh

**New Delhi(Agency).**

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has outlined an ambitious vision to expand the dairy sector, boost milk production and improve farmers' incomes through animal husbandry, as his government seeks to strengthen the state's position in India's White Revolution.Speaking at the India Today Group's Kisan Tak Bharat Agriculture Conference 2026, during a session titled 'White Revolution in MP Now', Yadav underscored the importance of integrating animal husbandry with agriculture to raise farm incomes, generate employment and drive rural prosperity.Emphasising the close link between agriculture and dairy farming, the Chief Minister said animal husbandry was essential to increasing farmers' earnings. "Our country is primarily an agricultural nation. I, too, come from a farming family. And we all know that farming means farming, and farming means animal husbandry. So, naturally, to increase agricultural income, to increase the farmer's



income from farming, we must do animal husbandry as a matter of course," he said at the two-day flagship event taking place at the Bharat Mandapam in Delhi.Yadav said Madhya Pradesh had made rapid strides in promoting animal husbandry, adding that the government wanted to revive and strengthen the country's traditional association with cattle rearing and dairy production.Referring to the state's 'Farmers' Welfare Year', he said the government was working towards balanced growth across sectors, with agriculture and allied activities playing a crucial role in tackling unemployment and bringing prosperity."We need to tackle unemployment, promote agriculture and bring prosperity to the state and the country, so we must move forward on all fronts equally," he said.

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Yadav's remarks come as Madhya Pradesh seeks to build on its position as the country's third-largest milk producer and emerge as the leading state in milk production.In October, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the Madhya Pradesh government had set a target of increasing daily milk procurement from 12 lakh kg to 52 lakh kg.

## Light winds and sunshine bring relief as air quality improves in Noida and Ghaziabad

**Gurgaon.(Agency)**

Smog hung over the city in the morning, but sunshine and light winds brought some relief. The air felt less suffocating than it had in the past few days, although the pollution levels remained high. The air quality in Noida improved from Monday's 332 to 301 within 24 hours. The air quality in Ghaziabad and Greater Noida remained in the 'poor' category, with AQIs of 244 and 233, respectively. PM2.5 was the dominant pollutant across the three cities.

Of the 19 monitoring stations spread across the three NCR cities, four stations in Noida recorded air quality in the 'very poor' category. Sector 62, with an AQI of 351, remained the worst, followed by Sector 110 with an AQI of 341, Sector 39 with an AQI of 324 and Sector 150 with an AQI of 321.

Three air quality monitoring stations — two in Ghaziabad and one in Greater Noida — recorded 'moderate' AQI, and 12 other stations recorded 'poor' air quality in the range of 200-300. Indirapuram in Ghaziabad recorded the best air quality.

## Massive fire breaks out at a garment export factory, two workers rescued

**Noida.(Agency)**

A massive fire broke out at a garment export factory in Sector 63 late Monday night, trapping two workers inside the building. Firefighters rescued both men safely and brought the blaze under control after a nearly hour-long operation.

According to chief fire officer (CFO) Pradeep Kumar Choubey, the fire department received information about the blaze at a unit in A-4 of the sector. The emergency call also reported that people were trapped inside the premises. Eight fire tenders were immediately dispatched to the spot. Firefighters launched an intensive operation to contain the flames, which had spread across the first and second floors of the building.

During the rescue operation, firefighters found two workers, Vicky (41) and Arun (26), trapped on the first floor, where they had been sleeping when the fire broke out. Both were unable to escape as flames and smoke engulfed parts of the factory.

## 1,050 govt schools in Haryana have just 1 teacher

**Ghaziabad.(Agency)**

As many as 1,050 govt schools across Haryana are functioning with just one teacher, while 107 have fewer than 10 students enrolled, highlighting disparities in teacher deployment and student enrolment across the state.Ambala and Yamunanagar account for the highest number of single-teacher schools, with 189 and 186, respectively. Mahendragarh has 68, Sirsa 63, Bhiwani 60 and Kurukshetra 50. Fatehabad has 43, Rewari 39, Gurgaon 36, Palwal 34 and Nuh 32. Karnal has 29, Kaithal 26, Faridabad 25 and Panchkula 23, while the remaining schools are spread across other districts.

The data also shows that 107 schools have fewer than 10 students. Kurukshetra has the highest number of such schools at 21, followed by Yamunanagar with 18, Bhiwani with 13 and Ambala with 11. Fatehabad and Hisar have seven each, while Mahendragarh has six and Karnal four. Sonipat, Sirsa and Panchkula have three such schools each.The figures, based on education department data, have also brought the prolonged delay in teacher transfers and rationalisation into focus.

# Voted many times, removed from rolls during SIR, now a route back via Form 6: 'Why put us through this harassment

**Noida.(Agency)**

For Smriti Gupta, pregnancy became an unexpected reason for losing her place on the electoral roll. While her husband's name figured on the draft voter list released earlier this year during special intensive revision (SIR) in UP, hers was missing.As an "unmapped" voter, Gupta was told to attend a hearing to get her name back on the roll. But unable to travel because of her pregnancy, she could not attend it and eventually found her name struck off the roll, though she has been a voter since she turned 18. Now, after Election Commission of India (ECI) eased several criteria in the wake of protests over large-scale deletions from voter rolls, Gupta has filled Form 6 online and hopes to get back on the rolls.Like her, many others who voted but lost their place in the electoral roll because they could not attend hearings asked why it couldn't be done in the first place for those who were already registered voters."That would have saved us the harassment," says Gupta, who voted in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections too.

A total of 3.6 lakh names were removed from the roll in Gautam Budh Nagar, of which 1.8 lakh were from the Noida seat. In Ghaziabad, 5.7 lakh names (20.2%) were shaved from the rolls. A total of 3.16 lakh names were deleted from Sahibabad constituency, the highest constituency-level deletions in the state.Naveen Verma (40), a property dealer from Vaishali Sector 2, said he had voted in both parliamentary and assembly elections for years but found his name struck off as his address could not be verified. "When I contacted my Booth Level Officer (BLO), I was advised to apply afresh," Verma said. The prospect of going through another round of paperwork and visiting government offices, however, put him o"Honestly, I did not have the time to run around for the process. I had voted in several elections and could not understand why my name was missing. At one point, I had almost accepted that I might not be able to vote again. But when I learnt that I could apply online, I decided to give it another try. I have submitted my application and am now waiting for the draft roll. I hope my name appears this time," he said.

Sameer Kumar, a resident of Indirapuram's Shakti Khand, who recently applied online after finding his name deleted from the roll, said he was transferred to Gujarat and had rented out his Ghaziabad flat. The tenant received the verification form from the BLO but did not inform him."Initially, we did not understand the purpose of the SIR exercise because we had already been voting in Ghaziabad for years. We did not realise that our names could be struck off the electoral roll. I was transferred to Gujarat and had rented out my flat. The person staying there never informed me that the BLO had handed over the form to them," he said.Kumar said he later considered applying online but could not furnish the required details, as his parents' voter registration was in Bhagalpur, Bihar. His name was deleted before he could act, and he could not travel to Ghaziabad for the hearing."By the time I realised what had happened, my name had been struck off. I could not come to Ghaziabad and participate in the hearing. Now, I have registered online," he said.Several senior citizens, like Raja Rani, also found their names struck off the voters list during the SIR either because their documents were not updated or because they had changed residence. For the 70-year-old, the trouble began after she moved from Sector 1 to 5 following the purchase of a new house. Her Aadhaar card, however, still carried her old address, which stalled verification by booth-level officers (BLOs) and left her name off the revised roll.

"Paperwork for document updation is a struggle for old people. As my Aadhaar card still had my old address, when the BLOs came for verification, they could not complete the process because of the mismatch. Later, when the list was published, I discovered that my name was missing," she said.To provide a route back onto the electoral rolls for eligible citizens whose names were accidentally or administratively left out or deleted during the rigorous enumeration phase of the SIR.

# Mother of 2 refuses to marry lover, he batters her to death with brick in Loni

**Ghaziabad.(Ajency)**

Two men were arrested on Tuesday for allegedly beating a 31-year-old woman to death with a brick in Loni on Monday after she refused to marry one of them and move with him to Ahmedabad.Pintu Rajput (33) and his friend Aryan Kumar allegedly attacked the woman in Aryan's rented room in Naipura around 8:30 pm on Nov 9. According to the FIR filed at the Loni Border police station, the woman, Pinky, lived with her husband and two children in the same locality.The FIR has been filed based on a complaint by her brother-in-law Amit. He alleged that Pintu and Aryan rented a room in the locality three or four days before the incident. The two allegedly contacted Pinky and asked her to visit



them in the room to discuss her future with Pintu.Amit alleged that the men attacked Pinky with a brick, crushing her head, after she refused to marry Pintu. His relatives — Pravesh and Sumrit — allegedly witnessed the assault and tried to catch the accused, but they fled. Neighbours subsequently informed the police. Pinky died at the spot.A case has been filed against Pintu and Aryan under Section 103(1) (murder) of BNS and Section 3(2)(v) of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.Police arrested the two men on Tuesday. Pintu allegedly told the cops that he befriended Pinky on Facebook about five months earlier when he was working at a company in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. He said he came to Loni Border a few days earlier to meet her and was staying in a room rented by Aryan.

Pintu allegedly told police that he proposed marriage to Pinky, but she refused. On Nov 9, an argument over the matter broke out when she visited their room. He allegedly confessed that he and Aryan attacked her with a brick as part of a planned assault.

# Audit flagged lapses, but MCG property tax arrears remain near Rs 1.2k crore

**Gurgaon.(Ajency)**

More than a year and a half after an audit flagged serious lapses in MCG's handling of property tax defaulters and delays in recovery action, the civic body has issued notices to 495 defaulters who collectively owe nearly Rs 1,200 crore in outstanding dues. The notices were issued over the past month as part of a fresh recovery drive.In the latest drive, Zone 4 accounted for the highest number of notices, with 125 defaulters served, followed by Zone 5 with 115. Zone 1 saw 75 notices, while Zones 2 and 3 recorded 72 and 71, respectively. Zone 6 had the lowest number, with 37 notices.The audit, conducted by the office of the principal accountant general (audit), Haryana, had criticised MCG for failing to take timely action against defaulters, allowing substantial tax dues to accumulate. It also flagged the corporation's poor record-keeping and monitoring mechanisms, which hindered recovery eforts.

The findings of the audit, repoted by TOI on June 26, 2025, identified 120 property owners who individually owed more than Rs 1 crore, with their combined liabilities amounting to Rs 280.6 crore. The audit also found that MCG had no records of 34 property owners who collectively owed Rs 97.2 crore.Despite the findings, the corporation is still pursuing recovery of these dues. Property tax is one of MCG's key revenue sources and helps fund civic infrastructure and public services.

A senior MCG ficial said the corporation's property tax revenue had increased compared with previous years and that efforts to recover outstanding dues had been stepped up. "Interest is being charged on unpaid taxes.

## Nearly 1 in 2 children underweight in Noida, shows NFHS-6

**Noida.(Agency))**

The latest National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6) data for 2023-24 have presented a mixed picture of health indicators in Noida and Ghaziabad, with improvements in maternal healthcare, vaccination coverage and hypertension levels, but a sharp deterioration in child nutrition.

In Noida, the proportion of children under five years classified as underweight more than doubled, from 21.9% in NFHS-5 (2019-21) to 46.8%. Stunting, or children having low height for their age, rose from 25.5% to 40.1%, while wasting, which means a child is too thin for their height, increased from 12% to 21.1%.



Severe wasting more than doubled from 3.5% to 7.3%. Stunting, underweight and wasting are primary signs of undernutrition in children under 5 years. The survey suggests that nutritional outcomes among children have worsened considerably in the district over the two survey rounds.Ghaziabad also recorded a rise in underweight children, from 23.4% to 31.8%, and wasting, from 17.1% to 22.6%. Severe wasting rose from 3% to 4.1%. However, stunting declined from 28.2% to 24.8%.The survey shows that only 8.5% of children aged 6 to 23 months received an adequate diet, compared with 6.9% in the previous survey. In Ghaziabad, the proportion declined from 6% to 5%. The indicator measures whether children receive the required diversity of food and minimum meal

# Lights dead, driving after dark a nightmare on this 2km Noida Expressway link

**Noida.(Agency)**

A nearly 2km stretch of service road branching off from the third exit along the Noida Expressway and connecting Sectors 90-93 to Sectors 136, 148 and 168 has become a challenge for commuters, with the entire stretch remaining in darkness after sunset. None of the streetlights along the road is operational, leaving motorists with poor visibility. Passengers travelling by autos and cabs also say they feel unsafe taking this stretch after dark.The problem extends to nearby Sectors 82, 85 and 93, where several service lanes and roadside stretches have remained without adequate lighting for months. The Pusta area near Sector 168 is also completely dark. With winter setting in and daylight hours shrinking, residents have urged Noida Authority to repair the lights before the lack of visibility leads to an accident."I was travelling in an autorickshaw via the service road. It was pitch dark and quite dangerous," a resident of Sector 168 told .Several other parts of the city have reported similar problems. In Sector 51, streetlights outside Meghdootam Park had remained non-functional for around one and a half months, but were fixed on Tuesday evening.Sanjeev Kumar, general secretary of the Sector 51 RWA, said a cable fault caused by excavation work had left the lights out. He added that around 20 lights surrounding the Children's Park had also been non-functional for two months, despite repeated complaints to Noida Authority's electricity department.

"It appears that the Noida Authority is unable to maintain the lights it installed, which is unacceptable," Kumar said.

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# Gurgaon traffic cops recover 3 suspected stolen vehicles, seize 12kg cannabis in 30 days

**Gurgaon.(Agency)**

Gurgaon Traffic Police personnel have played an active role in crime prevention and public safety alongside their regular traffic management duties over the past 30 days.During this period, they caught suspected riders with two stolen motorcycles and a scooter, seized 12kg of cannabis and helped accident victims reach hospitals for immediate medical treatment.Suspects caught with stolen motorcycles and scooterWhile performing traffic duties, police personnel noticed suspicious activities and intercepted riders suspected of using stolen vehicles.Two motorcycles and a scooter suspected to be stolen were recovered during the operation. The suspects, along with the recovered vehicles, were handed over to the concerned police stations for questioning and further legal action.

12kg of cannabis seized near Manesar

In another operation against drug trafficking, traffic police personnel intercepted suspected individuals carrying cannabis at Nainwal Cut in Manesar. A search led to the recovery of 12kg of cannabis from their possession. Both individuals were subsequently handed over to the concerned police station for further investigation and legal proceedings.Bus driver who fled accident spot caught at Rajiv ChowkIn a separate incident, traffic police personnel helped rush injured victims of a road accident at Tikri Cut to hospital. The bus driver involved in the accident fled the spot but was subsequently intercepted and caught by traffic police personnel at Rajiv Chowk. He was handed over to the concerned police authorities for further



legal action.Injured accident victims rushed to hospitalsTraffic police personnel also assisted victims of several other road accidents during the past month, ensuring they were taken to hospitals without delay. Their timely intervention helped accident victims access medical attention and highlighted the importance of immediate assistance during road emergencies.

The central issue, the court said, was the effective implementation of existing guidelines at the school level.

# Sri anandpur sahib bags swachh city of punjab award; harjot singh Bains receives national honour from president droupadi murmu

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Among them, Sri Anandpur Sahib has been honoured with the Best Swachh City of Punjab Award. "This honour belongs to every resident, sanitation worker, councillor and volunteer who turned cleanliness into a people's movement," he said, while adding that the recognition holds special significance in view of Sri Anandpur Sahib's religious and historical importance, with a large number of pilgrims and tourists visiting the town from across India and abroad. Priority has been given to cleaning roads, public spaces and surrounding areas, along with creating awareness among the public about sanitation. S. Harjot Singh Bains said the award is a testament to the dedication of the Municipal Council team, officials and sanitation workers who work day and night. "This national recognition will inspire us to further strengthen sanitation systems, protect the environment and preserve the beauty of the holy city," he stated. While urging the residents to make cleanliness a part of their daily life to sustain this achievement, S. Bains said that the honour is a proud moment for Punjab and proof that coordinated efforts by the government, administration and common people can yield exemplary results.

## NAME CHANGE

I, PANYAM KUMARS HUSEN father of ARMY NO – 18008178A, RANK –HAV, NAME -PANYAM RAJAHUSEN residing at H. NO-10/208-1, BHAGATH SING COLONY-1, VTC-GOPAVARAM, PO & SUB DIST-PRODDATUR, DIST-CUDDAPAH, ANDHRA PRADESH-516360, have changed my name from PANYAM KUMARS HUSEN to PANYAM SAMURU USSAINAIAH for all future purposes vide Affidavit Dated 11/11/2026 before Executive Magistrate, Delhi

## NAME CHANGE

I, DR-10865A Rank-MAJOR Name-MIT SANJAYKUMAR MODI S/O SANJAYKUMAR MODI is legal father of VEDA residing at 5-213-A, MAKANKUVA (GOKULESH KRUPA), NEAR SHRAFF BAZAR, KOTHARIVAD, GODHARA PANCH MAHALS, GUJARAT-38900, have changed my minor daughter's name from VEDA to VEDA MIT MODI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 11/11/2026 before Notary Public Delhi.

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## NAME CHANGE

I, MOHAMMED SHAMEEM KHAN S/O RAHIMUDDIN KHAN R/O H NO-906, GALI NO-20, L-II BLOCK, SANGAM VIHAR, DELHI-110062 have changed my name to MOHAMMAD SHAMEEM KHAN for all future purpose.

## NAME CHANGE

It is for the general information of the public that I, Zahid S/O Summan R/O 30-B, Nayay Khand-2, Indrapuram Shipra Sun City, Ghaziabad, UP - 201014, hereby declare that the name of my father has been incorrectly recorded as " Mohd Kamaludin", respectively, in my educational records. the actual name of my father is Summan which may be amended accordingly.

## Date of Birth Change

I SHOBHA RAMESH SIRSAT legally mother of Army no - 2809117N, Rank - Nk, Name - SIRSAT RAJU RAMESH, Presently Residing At - Bhadola, Post-Bhadola, Teh - Buldana, Dist - Buldana, State - Maharashtra, Pin - 443001, in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 23/10/1968 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1970 vide Affidavit dated 10/11/2026 before Notary Public, Delhi.

## NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH CHANGE

I, HARU BAIE mother of No. 13626365K Rank-HAV Name-NAVALE DIPAK BHAUSAHEB residing at NAVALE MALA MATH VASTI, PARNER, PALWE KHURDA, PALVE BK, AHMEDNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA-414301, have changed my name from HARU BAIE to HARUBAI BHAUSAHEB NAVALE for all future purposes, in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 03/07/1955 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1955 vide Affidavit dated 11/11/2026 before Notary Public, Delhi.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to public at large on behalf of my client **(1) Sh. Ashish Pal & (2) Smt. Komal** in respect of **Built Up Plot No. 108-A, with all its roof/terrace rights, admeasuring 80 sq. yds. out of Khasra No. 18/18, Situated in the Area of Village Hastsal, Delhi State Delhi Colony Known as Vikas Vihar, Vikas Nagar, in Block-B, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059** claiming to have undisputed ownership. Now my client intends to sell the property in which **SMFG India Home Finance Company Limited** will provide the financial assistance If any person(s) has/have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the said property may please contact us within Seven days from the date of this notice on the number & address mentioned herein below, failing which my client(s) shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.

**Khaitan & Khaitan**
Plot No. 100 ,1st floor
Okhla Phase III, New Delhi
Ph. No: 011-49774545

## NAME CHANGE

I, ESM No-6945290W L/NK NARESH KUMAR (RETD) S/o SADHU RAM R/o HOUSE NO-44, RAKSHA ENCLAVE EXTN. MOHAN GARDEN, UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110059 have changed my mother's name from RAM DEVI to RAMDE DEVI for all future purposes and in my PPO records my mother's date of birth wrongly mentioned as 05/02/1948 instead of her correct date of birth as 01/01/1943 vide Affidavit dated 10/11/2026 before Executive Magistrate, Delhi.

## NAME CHANGE

I,MAHESH KUMAR BAJAJ S/O JAI DAYAL BAJAJ R/O H NO.298, BANK ENCLAVE, LAXMI NAGAR, DELHI-110092 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MAHESH BAJAJ FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

## NAME CHANGE

I, UKILA W/O MAZID KHAN R/O H NO-132 ASOLA EXTN FATEHPUR BERI DELHI-110074 have changed my name to OKILA for all future purpose.

## NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH CHANGE

I, No-14874426N Rank-HAV Name-B PRAKASH PATRA Residing at MAIN ROAD, VILL & POST-BHIKARIPALLI, CHHATRAPUR, DIST- GANJAM, ODISHA-761045 have changed my father's name from B KAMA to B KAMA PATRO for all future purposes and in my service records my father's date of birth wrongly mentioned as 21/06/1966 instead of his correct date of birth as 02/07/1968 vide Affidavit dated 10/11/2026 before Notary Public, Delhi.

## NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH CHANGE

I, No-14874426N Rank-HAV Name-B PRAKASH PATRA Residing at MAIN ROAD, VILL & POST-BHIKARIPALLI, CHHATRAPUR, DIST- GANJAM, ODISHA-761045, have changed my mother's name from B JANAKEE to B JANAKEE PATRA for all future purposes and in my service records my mother's date of birth wrongly mentioned as 03/07/1972 instead of her correct date of birth as 28/07/1972 vide Affidavit dated 10/11/2026 before Notary Public, Delhi.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**INVITING CLAIMS & OBJECTIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC**
**In respect of proposed sale and creation of mortgage over immovable property**

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that **MRS. ANJU THAKUR, W/o MR. SUBHASH KUMAR,** claims right, title and interest in the property described hereinbelow on the basis of Notarized General Power of Attorney (GPA), Agreement to Sell (ATS) and Will, all dated **04.04.2006,** executed by MRS. SUNITA DEVI, W/o **MR. VIRENDER SINGH,** in her favour.

**PROPERTY DETAILS:** All that piece and parcel of a plot measuring **100 Sq. Yds., bearing Khasra No. 97/2, Southern Side 1/2 Portion, situated at Gali No. 12, Colony Known as Wazirabad Extension, Village Wazirabad, New Delhi - 110084.**

**BOUNDARIES AS PER DOCUMENT:** E- Other Property; W- Plot of Subhash Kumar; N- 1/2 Portion of Said Property; S- 25 Ft. Wide Road.

**BOUNDARIES AS PER BANK TECHNICAL REPORT:** E- Other Property; W- Other Property; N- Other Property; S- 25 Ft. Wide Road.

**GEO-LOCATION:** 28.726240° N, 77.22310° E.

The aforesaid **MRS. ANJU THAKUR** has proposed to sell and transfer her rights, title and interest in the said property in favour of **MR. ASHISH KUMAR MISHRA** (Proposed Purchaser), who intends to avail a housing loan from **BAJAJ HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED,** against the proposed purchase, and offer the said property as security by way of mortgage, subject to the approval of the Financial Institution.

Therefore, any person(s) having or claiming any right, title, interest, share, claim, lien, charge, mortgage, encumbrance, possession or objection of whatsoever nature in respect of the said property and/or the proposed sale and mortgage are hereby called upon to lodge their written claims/objections, supported by relevant documentary evidence, with the undersigned within 07 **(SEVEN) DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the proposed transaction may proceed on the basis of available documents, subject to independent title verification and applicable laws.

**ISSUED BY**
**ADV. SATYA DEV TYAGI**
**ATORMIC TRANSITION AND LEGAL SERVICES LLP**
**ADDRESS-** S.F.-241, Loha Mandi, Ghaziabad,
Uttar Pradesh - 201001.
Contact: 9149345140 / 98716 45405


# EAST BOUND FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2026

**In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Chhath Puja Festivals, Northern Railway in association with other zonal railways has planned to run the following East Bound Festival Special Trains on 12.11.26, 13.11.26 & 14.11.26 in addition to normal regular trains as per schedule given below:-**

## EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 12.11.2026 (THURSDAY)

| Spl. Train No. | Station From | Dept. Time | Station to | Arr. Time | Accommodation | Stoppages |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 02254 | New Delhi (Vande Bharat Express) | 08:35 | Patna Jn. | 21:30 | Executive Chair Car & AC Chair Car | Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar & Ara |
| 04010 | Delhi Jn. | 23:05 | Sitamarhi Jn. | 23:30 | 1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier Economy & Sleeper | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur Jn, Sitapur Jn, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn & Bairagnia |
| 04068 | New Delhi | 19:00 | Patna Jn. | 15:00 | Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Junction, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur |
| 04014 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 15:40 | Laukaha Bazar | 20:15 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly(NR), Shahjahanpur Jn, Sitapur Jn, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Siswa Bazar, Bagaha, Harinagar, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Ghorasahan, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Shisho Jn, Sakri Jn, Jhanjharpur & Vachaspati Nagar |
| 04096 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 00:05 | Patliputra | 23:00 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Varanasi, Ghazipur City, Phephna Jn, Ballia, Sahatwar, Bakulha, Chhapra & Dighwara |
| 04072 | New Delhi | 21:35 | Supaul Jn. | 06:35 | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Etawah Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Gyanpur Road, Varanasi, Aunrihar Jn, Ghazipur City, Ballia, Suraimanpur, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai, Khagaria Jn, Mansi Jn, S Bhakhtiyarpur & Saharsa Jn |
| 04062 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 12:00 | Bhagalpur | 13:30 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Sone, Anugraha N Road, Gaya Jn,Tilaiya, Nawadah, Warisale ganj, Sheikpura, Kiul Jn, Abhaipur, Jamalpur Jn & Sultanganj |
| 04064 | Delhi Jn. | 11:00 | Gaya Jn. | 07:15 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Sone & Anugraha N Road |
| 04088 | New Delhi | 15:50 | Patna Jn. | 12:45 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Dildar Nagar Jn, Buxar, Raghunathpur & Ara |
| 04098 | Shakur Basti | 09:20 | Darbhanga Jn. | 11:45 | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn, Burhwal Jn, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Siswa Bazar, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Ghorasahan, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Janakpur Road & Kamtaul |
| 04406 | Shakur Basti | 19:10 | Mansi Jn. | 02:30 | Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Etawah Jn, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn, Gonda Jn, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur Jn, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai & Khagaria Jn |
| 04404 | Shakur Basti | 15:15 | Patna Jn. | 14:30 | Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Mirzapur, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur |
| 04410 | Shakur Basti | 13:00 | Jhanjharpur Jn. | 16:00 | Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Ghorasahan, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Janakpur Road, Kamtaul, Shisho Jn & Sakri Jn |
| 04080 | New Delhi | 22:30 | Darbhanga Jn | 01:00 | Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Gyanpur Road, Varanasi, Aunrihar Jn, Ghazipur City, Ballia, Suraimanpur, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Samastipur Jn & Laheria Sarai |

## EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 13.11.2026 (FRIDAY)

| Spl. Train No. | Station From | Dept. Time | Station to | Arr. Time | Accommodation | Stoppages |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 02436 | New Delhi (Vande Bharat Express) | 08:35 | Patna Jn. | 21:30 | Executive Chair Car & AC Chair Car | Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar & Ara |
| 04028 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 09:15 | Muzaffarpur Jn. | 04:30 | 1st AC. 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Amroha, Moradabad, Bareilly(NR), Shahjahanpur Jn, Sitapur Jn, Gonda Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur Jn, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Sonpur & Hajipur Jn |
| 04014 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 15:40 | Laukaha Bazar | 20:15 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly(NR), Shahjahanpur Jn, Sitapur Jn, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Siswa Bazar, Bagaha, Harinagar, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Shisho Jn, Sakri Jn, Jhanjharpur & Vachaspati Nagar |
| 04096 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 00:05 | Patliputra | 23:00 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Varanasi, Ghazipur City, Phephna Jn, Ballia, Sahatwar, Bakulha, Chhapra & Dighwara |
| 04072 | New Delhi | 21:35 | Supaul Jn. | 06:35 | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Etawah Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Gyanpur Road, Varanasi, Aunrihar Jn, Ghazipur City, Ballia, Suraimanpur, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai, Khagaria Jn, Mansi Jn, S Bhakhtiyarpur & Saharsa Jn |
| 04052 | New Delhi | 18:15 | Howrah | 23:40 | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Mirzapur, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn, Bakhtiyarpur Jn, Kiul Jn, Jhajha, Jasidih Jn, Madhupur Jn, Chittaranjan, Asansol Jn, Durgapur, Bardhaman & Bandel |
| 04062 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 12:00 | Bhagalpur | 13:30 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Sone, Anugraha N Road, Gaya Jn, Tilaya, Nawadah, Waris Aleganj, Sheikpura, Kiul Jn, Abhaipur, Jamalpur Jn & Sultanganj |
| 04090 | New Delhi | 23:30 | Danapur | 15:00 | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar & Ara |
| 04064 | Delhi Jn. | 11:00 | Gaya Jn. | 07:15 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Sone & Anugraha N Road |
| 04088 | New Delhi | 15:50 | Patna Jn. | 12:45 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Dildar Nagar Jn, Buxar, Raghunathpur & Ara |
| 04098 | Shakur Basti | 09:20 | Darbhanga Jn. | 11:45 | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn, Burhwal Jn, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Siswa Bazar, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Ghorasahan, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Janakpur Road & Kamtaul |
| 04406 | Shakur Basti | 19:10 | Mansi Jn. | 02:30 | Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Etawah Jn, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn, Gonda Jn, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur Jn, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai & Khagaria Jn |
| 04404 | Shakur Basti | 15:15 | Patna Jn. | 14:30 | Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Mirzapur, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur |
| 04410 | Shakur Basti | 13:00 | Jhanjharpur Jn. | 16:00 | Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Ghorasahan, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Janakpur Road, Kamtaul, Shisho Jn & Sakri Jn |
| 04022 | New Delhi | 14:30 | Gorakhpur Jn. | 04:10 | 1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly(NR), Shahjahanpur Jn, Hardoi, Lucknow Jn, Gonda Jn, Basti & Khalilabad |
| 04058 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 00:20 | Chhapra Jn. | 19:20 | 1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC | Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Gyanpur Road, Varanasi, Sarnath, Aunrihar Jn, Ghazipur City, Phephna Jn, Ballia, Reoti & Suraimanpur |
| 04214 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 09:00 | Ayodhya Cantt. | 22:00 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Hapur, Amroha, Moradabad, Bareilly(NR), Shahjahanpur Jn, Lucknow Jn & Barabanki Jn |

## EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 14.11.2026 (SATURDAY)

| Spl. Train No. | Station From | Dept. Time | Station to | Arr. Time | Accommodation | Stoppages |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 02252 | New Delhi (Vande Bharat Express) | 08:35 | Patna Jn. | 21:30 | Executive Chair Car & AC Chair Car | Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar & Ara |
| 04014 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 15:40 | Laukaha Bazar | 20:15 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly(NR), Shahjahanpur Jn, Sitapur Jn, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Siswa Bazar, Bagaha, Harinagar, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Shisho Jn, Sakri Jn, Jhanjharpur & Vachaspati Nagar |
| 04096 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 00:05 | Patliputra | 23:00 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Varanasi, Ghazipur City, Phephna Jn, Ballia, Sahatwar, Bakulha, Chhapra & Dighwara |
| 04072 | New Delhi | 21:35 | Supaul Jn. | 06:35 | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Etawah Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Gyanpur Road, Varanasi, Aunrihar Jn, Ghazipur City, Ballia, Suraimanpur, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai, Khagaria Jn, Mansi Jn, S Bhakhtiyarpur & Saharsa Jn |
| 04062 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 12:00 | Bhagalpur | 13:30 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Sone, Anugraha N Road, Gaya Jn, Tilaya, Nawadah, Waris Aleganj, Sheikpura, Kiul Jn, Abhaipur, Jamalpur Jn & Sultanganj |
| 04076 | Delhi Jn. | 00:30 | Kamakhya Jn. | 21:15 | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai, Khagaria Jn, Mansi Jn, Naugachia, Katihar Jn, Barsoi Jn, Kishanganj, New Jalpaiguri, New Cooch Behar, New Alipurduar, Kokrajhar, New Bongaigaon, Barpeta Road & Rangiya Jn |
| 04088 | New Delhi | 15:50 | Patna Jn. | 12:45 | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Dildar Nagar Jn, Buxar, Raghunathpur & Ara |
| 04098 | Shakur Basti | 09:20 | Darbhanga Jn. | 11:45 | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn, Burhwal Jn, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Siswa Bazar, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Ghorasahan, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Janakpur Road & Kamtaul |
| 04406 | Shakur Basti | 19:10 | Mansi Jn. | 02:30 | Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Etawah Jn, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn, Gonda Jn, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur Jn, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai & Khagaria Jn |
| 04404 | Shakur Basti | 15:15 | Patna Jn. | 14:30 | Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Mirzapur, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur |
| 04410 | Shakur Basti | 13:00 | Jhanjharpur Jn. | 16:00 | Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Ghorasahan, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Janakpur Road, Kamtaul, Shisho Jn & Sakri Jn |
| 04054 | New Delhi | 18:15 | Howrah Jn. | 23:40 | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Mirzapur, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn, Bakhtiyarpur Jn, Kiul Jn, Jhajha, Jasidih Jn, Madhupur Jn, Chittaranjan, Asansol Jn, Durgapur, Bardhaman & Bandel |
| 04210 | Delhi Jn. | 18:50 | Varanasi Jn. | 09:50 | 2 Tier AC , 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Hapur, Gajraula Jn, Moradabad, Rampur, Hardoi, Lucknow Jn, Rae Bareli Jn & Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh |
| 05220 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 12:00 | Muzaffarpur Jn. | 09:45 | 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC (Economy) | Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur & Hajipur Jn |

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## Spain's first general strike in 14 years brings clashing social and political desires to the fore

**BARCELONA.(Agency).**

Millions of Spain's workers are striking Wednesday to demand that the government remedy the nation's housing crisis less than three weeks before a national election that could catapult the far right to power.

Spain's first general strike in 14 years is expected to cause delays to the widely used public transport system and lead to the slowdown or shuttering of businesses, factories and shops across the eurozone's fourth largest economy.Between workers, activists, politicians and ordinary Spaniards, the groups have very different interests in Wednesday's walkout.Workers and activists want more government action on housingThe average rent for Spain has almost doubled in the last 10 years, eating into household budgets and angering voters.Public anger over housing reached a boiling point following the nationally televised eviction of an 87-year-old woman from her home in Madrid last month. The subsequent death of Maricarmen, as the woman became known, caused even more indignation and solidified her as a symbol of Spaniards who feel they pay too much on rent and can't even dream of homeownership.

## World leaders begin talks at UN climate conference amid concerns that actions are inadequate, slow

**world.(Agency).**

World leaders will begin formal discussions Wednesday at the United Nations climate change conference in Turkey, hoping to agree on concrete actions to curb global warming after a year of deadly floods, heat waves and other climate-related disasters. But what can and will be accomplished at the Conference of the Parties, called COP31, remains to be seen. Past talks have been criticized for making promises that later fell flat. While delegates at the 2023 conference in Dubai agreed to transition away from fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas — the leading contributor to climate change — subsequent conferences in Azerbaijan and Brazil ended with little agreement on reductions.

## Trump-backed Republicans defeat impeachment bid against US Defence Secretary Hegseth over Iran war

**WASHINGTON.(Agency)**

The House on Tuesday turned aside a resolution to impeach Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, halting an effort to remove the Pentagon chief for his conduct in ce and his handling of the war in Iran.The vote came as Republicans grapple with the fallout from sweeping midterm losses that some in the party have blamed on the war in Iran and the resulting surge in gas prices. But after President Donald Trump signaled strong support for Hegseth, GOP lawmakers largely stood by the secretary Tuesday, blocking the eort in a near party-line vote.The efort was led by Kentucky Republican Rep. Thomas Massie and backed by Democrats. The vote Tuesday may only delay an impeachment push against Hegseth, with Democrats set to take control of the House and Senate in January.House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries, who is expected to become the next speaker when Democrats take charge in January, stood firmly behind the push, saying Hegseth has "abused his power" and "undermined America's national security."

# Analysts weigh how Democrats' midterm wins could shift Trump's Latin America policy

**Some believe pressure on Cuba will not ease. Two days after the election, Rubio announced further sanctions against the island.**

**MEXICO CITY.(Agency).**

President Donald Trump's impact on Latin America in the last two years has been enormous, from immigration and deportations to boat strikes that have killed hundreds to the capture of Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro.Now analysts are trying to get a read on whether the sweeping wins by Democrats in the midterm elections will signal changes ahead for the region in Trump's final two years in office.Initial signals from the White House have been contradictory. Trump has given mixed signals on immigration policy, at one point describing his past policy as "too tough," but then suggesting a hard line on immigration would continue. He appointed Stephen Miller, the primary architect of his immigration agenda, as his new chief of staff.

A U.S. House effort to impeach Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth fell short Tuesday. The key figure shaping priorities for the hemisphere, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, remains a key member of Trump's Cabinet.

Here is a look at the key areas that might be impacted by the political shifts in the U.S.

Migration: Deportations with adjustments

The first postelection message on X from the Secretary of Homeland Security, Markwayne Mullin, was unequivocal: "Deportations will continue."But two Texas cities — Houston and Austin — already have announced plans to limit police cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, a trend that could extend to state-level law enforcement once Gov.-elect Gina Hinojosa, a vocal critic of ICE's practices, takes office in January 2027.Former Mexican Ambassador Martha Bárcena expressed hope that increased collaboration among mayors, members of Congress, governors and their Mexican counterparts will help to "limit and curb the cruelty of ICE and discrimination against the Hispanic population."



Security: More pressure on cartels

Mexico could be the place where pressure intensifies the most, as it offers the United States the best opportunity for tangible, short-term results, specifically more arrests and extraditions, while the Justice Department continues to investigate cartels, Mexican analyst David Saucedo said.On Monday, the heads of Mexico's security apparatus and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration posted messages about their meeting last week to strengthen collaboration against the cartels.Further south, the U.S. military, including the Army and the Navy, is expected to maintain its focus on joint operations under the "Shield of the Americas" initiative with Latin American partners to combat criminal gangs. Saucedo noted that this approach does not require significant Congressional funding. Additionally, crime remains a top priority for most Latin American countries, most of them led by Trump allies who won elections based on promises to crack down on criminals.Boat strikes in the Caribbean and the Pacific, which have killed at least 240 people, are likely to face increased scrutiny, as Democrats already have called for an investigation into the legality of these actions.Venezuela and Cuba remain Trump administration targetsSome analysts believe that Trump will maintain his aspirations to assert U.S. dominance in the region, although his capacity to act could be limited.

# Chinese woman accused of spying on Nvidia boss entered Taiwan on Hong Kong passport

**TAIPEI.(Agency)**

The woman accused of spying for China during an affair with Nvidia chief Jensen Huang used a Hong Kong passport to enter Taiwan, the island's immigration agency said Wednesday, as authorities investigate the incident.

Jensen Huang has admitted to having an affair, reportedly with Alice Huang, a Chinese former executive at Singapore-based Megaspeed who US officials believe was working for Chinese intelligence. Beijing has rejected the spying allegations.Nvidia's board announced Sunday that it had opened a probe into Jensen Huang, the company's chief executive and co-founder, who is no relation to Alice Huang."Our government's relevant agencies are fully informed of the relevant records and information," National Immigration Agency Director-General Lin Horng-en told reporters, confirming that Alice Huang used a Hong Kong passport to enter Taiwan."We were awar



of all her relevant entry and exit records."It is generally easier for Hong Kong passport holders to enter Taiwan than those with mainland Chinese passports, who must also apply for special permission to travel there.

The additional restrictions are partly due to the complex relations between China and Taiwan, which Beijing claims and has vowed to bring under its control.Taiwan's Interior Minister Liu Shyh-fang said Alice Huang "did indeed enter the country, but she is currently overseas"."If we had known she was a spy, we certainly would not have let her enter Taiwan," Liu told lawmakers in parliament.We will review our procedures, specifically our pre-screening, interim spot checks and interviews, and post-visit measures," she said."As far as we understand, this Ms Huang has had her permit revoked, meaning it is impossible for her to enter Taiwan again.On Tuesday, Liu said Taiwan's "national security units are actively investigating the matter".Alice Huang, also known as Huang Le, was seen at a dinner in May 2025 hosted by Jensen Huang at a Chinese restaurant in Taipei during Computex, the island's top tech expo.

## Pope says age, ill health cannot 'extinguish' his zeal

**BUENOS AIRES.(Agency)**

Pope Leo XIV vowed not to let illness or old age affect his zeal Tuesday, urging Argentines to "go forth and be saints!" and warning the young not to obsess over looks, money or popularity.The 71-year-old leader of the Catholic Church is on an ambitious 12-day Latin America tour less than a month after he underwent surgery for lung cancer.

"Neither age nor physical limitations can extinguish our zeal," he said in a rousing speech to Catholic clergy in the northern city of Cordoba."Our strength may run out, but God's power never will!" he said.The US-born pope had refused to reschedule the trip to Uruguay, Argentina and Peru, despite having the lower part of his right lung removed to extract a cancerous tumor.

With apparently boundless energy, he returned to Buenos Aires Tuesday for a candlelit youth vigil that drew 1.3 million people and featured a show with tango dancers and Argentine singers.

Leo warned against being obsessed with looks or lying on social media to win popularity or approval from others."Idols arise and demand our worship: success at any cost, money, an obsession with appearance, popularity or the unrestrained pursuit of pleasure," he said.They must "stand firm" in the face of pleasures "that ultimately enslave us, such as pornography" and drugs, he said.The message hit home with a crowd that has largely grown up with social media.Jose Morando, a 19-year-old architecture student, told AFP that there was a "great deal of obsession" with image, with people "criticized for their bodies."

**'Make noise!'**

The South America trip is being seen as a double homecoming of sorts -- taking Leo back to Peru, where he spent almost two decades as a missionary.

## Israel has detained dozens of Syrians. Families are desperate for answers

**AIN THAKAR, Syria.(Agency).**

Ali al-Abdullah spent more than five months in Israeli detention centers last year after being taken from a village in southwestern Syria. He said he was beaten and placed in solitary confinement, but that no charges were ever brought against him.

Kinan Baker was detained by Israeli forces last year from a nearby Syrian village in a middle-of-the-night raid of his home. His family has not heard from him since and does not know where he is or why he is being held.Al-Abdullah and Baker are among dozens of Syrians apprehended by Israel since its forces seized a U.N.-mandated bufer zone following the ouster of Bashar Assad nearly two years ago. Many were physically and verbally abused during raids and arrests and inside Israeli prisons, according to human rights groups, two former detainees and two relatives of current detainees.Israel's seizure of the buffer zone in December 2024 was met with resentment across Syria – especially among families living within or adjacent to the 235-square-kilometer (91-square-mile) area. The euphoria they felt following Assad's ouster quickly evaporated as Israel introduced checkpoints and patrols in their villages and embarked on a flurry of detentions.

Families of detainees say they feel hopeless and powerless, and that their pleas to the Syrian government and the U.N. for information about their loved ones have fallen on deaf ears."We can only hold on to hope in God, and pray that he reunites us with our son," said Huda Baker, the mother of Kinan.The Israeli military said its presence in and around the bufer zone is needed to defend its northern border from Hezbollah, a Lebanese militant group backed by Iran that fought closely alongside Assad during Syria's 13-year civil war.Israeli "troops question and detain individuals when there is reasonable suspicion of their involvement in terrorist activity," the military said. It rejected allegations of abusing detainees and refused to address specific cases because detainees and their families would not provide their Syrian government ID numbers.

**Israel has launched strikes and raids after seizing bufer zone**

Israel captured the Golan Heights from Syria during the 1967 Mideast war and later annexed it — a move not recognized by most of the international community.

# 3 dead after vehicle crashes into people in North Hollywood

**LOS ANGELES.(Agency)**

A minivan crashed into people outside a metro station in North Hollywood during rush hour Tuesday, killing three and critically injuring the driver and at least two others, authorities said.

The vehicle ended up under a food vendor's tent after crashing at a busy intersection just before 6 p.m.The driver, who is in his 60s, was taken out of the vehicle and was able to talk but appeared in shock, Los Angeles Police Captain Warner Castillo said. icials have not determined the cause or ruled out anything.



"We don't know if it was done intentionally, if it was done by accident," Castillo said at a news conference.The minivan was on the sidewalk Tuesday night with its driver's side door left were closed as she moaned in pain, he said.

"I told her, 'don't move, help is coming,'" he said.He also said he saw a woman's body nearby, while another woman was lying, unmoving on the stairs that lead to the station.

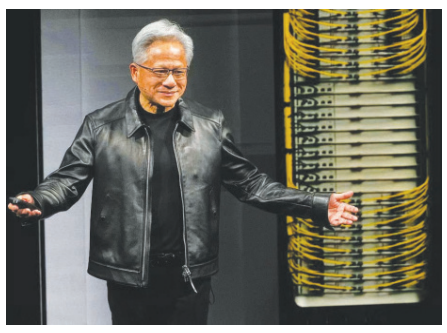
Mayor Karen Bass said the victims included street vendors and pedestrians.

"I'm heartbroken for the families of everyone impacted," she said in a post on X.

# How Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang's extramarital affair could cause collateral damage in Washington

**WASHINGTON.(Agency)**

Extramarital affairs are usually private matters. Jensen Huang's has global implications.The 63-year-old is the leading face of the artificial intelligence revolution with his black leather jackets and fluff of grey hair. He runs the company Nvidia, which produces highly coveted computer chips. That's landed him on a late-night-phone-call basis with President Donald Trump, a promoter of the industry.But Huang was also liaising with a Chinese businesswoman who has allegedly fed intelligence — as well as advanced chips — to China. The woman, Alice Huang, is a former executive at the Singapore-based cloud computing company Megaspeed.It's a saga of personal betrayal, corporate espionage and high-tech development, and the fallout is spreading across Washington. There are bipartisan calls for investigations on Capitol Hill. The U.S. Department of Justice has opened its own probe. Nvidia, one of the most valuable companies in the world, is conducting an internal review.Some expect the technology to reshape human civilization by imbuing computers with the vast powers of creation and analysis, and Trump has repeated that "whoever wins AI, wins." Nvidia is the backbone of America's plans for dominating the field.When asked about Huang's affair, Trump said this week that he had spoken to the tech executive as the scandal grew."I think he'll be ingood shape," Trump said, adding that "he said he had absolutely no idea that the person in question was a spy."As for when the president first learned about the concerns



involving Alice Huang, Trump brushed off the question."They could have been mentioned," he said. "Certainly it didn't make much of an impact on me."r poorer nations. from rich ones.

**Authorities are investigating Megaspeed and Alice Huang**

With the AI race between the U.S. and China often framed as a fierce and consequential rivalry, the Justice Department has persistently warned of the espionage threat posed by Beijing.

## Voters missing from electoral roll can apply via Form 6 'without fear of action': UP poll chief

**Lucknow.(Agency)**

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Voters in Uttar Pradesh whose names figured in the electoral roll before the Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026 but are missing from the current voter list can apply for inclusion through Form 6 without fear of legal action, Chief Electoral Officer Navdeep Rinwa said on Tuesday.The Election Commission of India (ECI) has clarified that such applicants will not face action under Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, for making a false declaration merely because they were registered as voters earlier.

The clarification comes amid concerns among previously registered voters over the declaration in Form 6, which is meant for first-time inclusion in the electoral rolls. The Commission has said the voters whose names were included in the electoral rolls before the 2026 SIR but are missing from the current list can submit the form through the prescribed procedure.Rinwa said the Commission's directions have been communicated to all district election officers (DEOs) in the state. They have been instructed to bring the guidelines to the notice of electoral registration officers.

## On Diwali in Gujarat, cases of hospitalisation after assault were more than double the daily average

**Ahmedabad.(Agency)**

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On Diwali night, two brothers in Rajkot battered a man with a wooden log and stabbed him to death because the man's son had objected to the brothers throwing a lighted firecracker at him a few hours ago. They also stabbed and seriously injured the son.Also on Diwali evening, a resident of a housing society in Ahmedabad fired a few rounds from a weapon, ostensibly to scare away a group of young men and minors who had allegedly attacked him and other society residents with sticks and cricket bats following a dispute over bursting firecrackers.These incidents are among more than 500 recorded across Gujarat on November 8, in which disputes or disagreements over Diwali firecrackers led to serious fights in which people ended up injured and, in some cases like the one in Rajkot, dead.

Things have been getting worse over the years.People seem to be on an increasingly shorter fuse, leading to more fights and serious physical assault on Diwali day, the numbers of injured individuals transported to hospital over the last three years suggest.According to data from GVK-EMRI emergency ambulance service (number 108), India's largest not-for-profit emergency medical service provider, the number of victims of physical assault who required medical transport to reach hospitals across the state went from 323 on Diwali 2024.

## An open-air theatre by the Saryu: Ayodhya gets new address for year-round cultural events

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A new open-air theatre at Ram Ki Paidi on the banks of the Saryu river in Ayodhya is set to become a permanent address for cultural performances, with the Uttar Pradesh government planning programmes through the year to draw visitors beyond the mega Deepotsav show which was held on November 7.Built as part of the state's tourism development initiative, the theatre is being positioned as a year-round cultural destination for programmes related to Ram Navami, 14 Kosi and Panchkosi Parikramas, and other periods of high pilgrim footfall.The plan is to involve local Ramlila troupes, bhajan groups, folk performers, students and cultural institutions. The government is also considering curated access for digital creators to document performances and local traditions."The infrastructure is ready. The next stage is to develop programming that is regular, locally rooted and suited to the character of Ram Ki Paidi. Local artists, students and cultural institutions will be important to this process," said Additional Chief Secretary, Tourism, Culture and Religious Affairs, Amrit Abhijat.

# Debrigarh's new tiger makes first kill, sighted by 40 safari tourists

**The sighting was followed by another significant development later in the evening when the tiger successfully hunted a sambar deer in the sanctuary's core zone.**

**SAMBALPUR.(Agency)**

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Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary's newest striped visitor appears to be settling into the forest landscape as the male tiger not only explored the tourism zone but also made its first confirmed kill in the protected area.

On Monday late afternoon, the tiger ventured into the tourism zone of Debrigarh while exploring the habitat. The big cat was sighted by tourists travelling in four safari vehicles with around 40 visitors getting an opportunity to witness the feline in the wild.The sighting was followed by another significant development later in the evening when the tiger successfully hunted a sambar deer in the sanctuary's core zone. The Forest department has confirmed the kill, an important natural hunting behaviour of the tiger in its new habitat.Experts are also of the view that this offers the right opportunity for introduction of female



tigers in the protected area so as to attempt a scientific breeding plan.The developments come a day after the tiger was first recorded by a camera trap and directly sighted by patrolling staff, having entered Debrigarh through the Dechuan-Lakhanpur forest stretch from neighbouring Chhattisgarh. Subsequent analysis of its photographs established that the tiger was a male with preliminary assessment suggesting it could be an adult.

With the tiger's presence now confirmed at multiple locations within the sanctuary, the Forest department has stepped up protection measures to ensure its safety. River patrolling and surveillance along the western boundaries of the sanctuary have been intensified.DFO (Wildlife) Anshu Pragyan Das said, "We have strengthened surveillance and alerted the police, local communities and our informer network to immediately report any suspicious activity, including the presence of poachers, traps or snares.A reward of Rs 1,000 has been announced for informers, and their identities will be kept strictly confidential. Police in Bargarh and Sambalpur districts will also extend necessary support and share intelligence to ensure the tiger's protection," she said.When asked about how the tiger could have reached.

# Crane lifting stone blocks overturns during temple revamp in Nemalo, 92-year-old among two critical

**Locals alleged that the crane operator was absent and the machine was being operated by a helper when the incident took place.**

**CUTTACK.(Agency)**

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Two elderly persons, including a 92-year-old priest, sustained critical injuries after a crane engaged in lifting stone blocks for the ongoing redevelopment work of Gopinath temple near Mahapurusha Achyutananda Pitha at Nemalo, lost balance and overturned on Tuesday.The injured were identified as Siba Prasad Panda, a priest of Gopinath temple, and 70-year-old Puspalata Goswami, a local. The incident occurred at around 10.45 am at the back side of the temple.

Both of them were initially taken to Nischintakoili community health centre (CHC) and then shifted to SCB Medical College and Hospital for advanced care.As per sources, the renovation of Gopinath temple was being undertaken as part of the redevelopment of Mahapurusha Achyutananda Pitha, popularly known as Padmabana Pitha. The work was being carried out by M/S Green Grow engaged by Odisha Bridge & Construction Corporation Limited (OBCC) at the cost of `24.96 crore.Locals alleged that the crane operator was absent and the machine was being operated by a helper when the incident took place. The crane was lifting stone blocks when it suddenly lost balance as a result of which the stone blocks fell from the hook from a height of 50 feet.Goswami, whose house is located at the back side of the temple, was struck by a falling stone block, causing severe fractures to her legs. Panda was engaged in cooking Anna Prasad when the crane toppled on the roof of the temple kitchen, causing its asbestos structure to come crashing down on him.Locals alleged all the workmen present at the construction site fled soon after the mishap. On being informed, police reached the spot, rescued the injured and rushed them to the hospital.OBCC executive engineer Satyam Panda said the crane overturned after losing balance due to damp soil present underneath. He, however, refuted the claims that the machine was being operated by a helper in the absence of its operator.

Cuttack district administration has provided `20,000 each to the injured from the Red Cross Fund. "The contractor has been instructed to bear all the expenses, including the medical and house damage costs. Necessary action will be initiated if any negligence is found in the report," collector Dattatraya Bhausaheb Shinde said.

## Vizag CII Summit: 3,800 delegates from 58 countries to attend

**VIJAYAWADA.(Agency)**

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Andhra Pradesh is set to host the prestigious 31st CII Partnership Summit on November 12 and 13 at the Andhra University Engineering College Grounds in Visakhapatnam, bringing together global political leaders, industry captains, investors, and technology experts to explore investment opportunities and strengthen international economic partnerships.The two-day summit is expected to attract over 3,800 delegates from nearly 58 countries, including 18 overseas Ministers and 40 international speakers.The event is projected to facilitate more than 160 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and Government Orders involving proposed investments exceeding Rs 11 lakh crore, with the potential to generate over 2.5 lakh jobs.Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah will attend the inaugural session on November 12, while Vice President CP Radhakrishnan will take part in the valedictory session on November 13. Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will chair the summit, with Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu serving as Co-Chair.Themed 'Navigating the New World Order: Trade, Technology, Trust and Thought Leadership,' the summit features discussions across six major tracks covering global trade and investment, geoeconomics, international cooperation, technology and innovation, talent and skills, clean energy, and agriculture and food security.Key highlights include a special plenary on 'Powering India's Energy Future' moderated by the World Economic Forum, dedicated country.Other prominent events feature the AP Women & Growth Summit 2026, a TIME Impact Dinner curated by TIME Magazine, a fireside chat with CMNaidu hosted by journalist Palki Sharma.




# Andhra Pradesh launches mobile app for paddy procurement

**VIJAYAWADA(Agency)**

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n a major move to make paddy procurement more convenient for farmers, the Agriculture Department has introduced a self-scheduling facility through the APAIMS Farmer App, allowing farmers to choose the date and time for selling their produce from anywhere using their mobile phones, without visiting Rythu Seva Kendras (RSKs) or depending on officials for booking procurement slots.The facility will be available to all farmers registered for the Kharif 2026-27 season.The government has set a target of procuring 37 lakh metric tonnes of paddy during the current Kharif marketing season, making arrangements for large-scale procurement across the State. A total of 2,619 RSKs and procurement centres will be utilised, with around 24,000 personnel engaged in procurement operations. The government has also arranged 31,000 GPS-enabled vehicles for transportation of paddy and kept more than six crore gunny bags ready to facilitate smooth procurement.Earlier, farmers had to visit Rythu Seva Kendras (RSKs) and depend on officials to book procurement slots after submitting cultivation and yield details. The new facility allows them to schedule sales through their mobile phones.

## 'Just 3% conviction': Madras HC seeks status report on TN caste cases

**MADURAI.(Agency)**

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The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on Tuesday directed the state government to file a comprehensive district-wise statistical report on the number of cases registered under the SC/ST Act in the last five years, their status, disposal and filing of appeals in cases that ended in acquittal, among others.A bench of justices P Velmurugan and K K Ramakrishnan gave the direction on a PIL petition filed by a human rights activist, A Vincent Raj of Madurai. The petitioner sought directions to the state to take action to file appeals against the acquittal of accused persons in SC/ST Act cases.Raj said that according to an RTI report he had obtained, out of the 11,117 cases booked under the Act across the state between 2015 and 2025, conviction was secured in only 3% of the cases. Of the 3,611 cases in which the accused persons were acquitted, the government filed appeals in only 13 cases, he added."The disparity between the number of acquittals and the number of appeals warrants an examination whether the judgments of acquittal are being systematically forwarded to the competent prosecution authorities, legally reviewed within the prescribed period and considered for appeal wherever sufficient grounds exist," Raj said.Such review must be completed within a reasonable time so that the statutory limitation period is not allowed to expire through administrative delay or failure to take a timely decision, he added.

# Cannot confiscate vehicle just over liquor seizure: Orissa HC

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The Orissa High Court has ruled that mere seizure of liquor from a vehicle cannot automatically justify its confiscation. The Excise authorities must independently establish the circumstances of its use in an alleged offence before depriving an owner of his property.Setting aside the order for confiscation of a car seized in an Excise case on November 6, Justice Sashikanta Mishra said the authorities cannot rely solely on seizure records and reports of the seizing officer without properly examining the vehicle owner's defence.Justice Mishra made the observations while considering a petition filed by Umesh Patra, challenging the confiscation of his Maruti Suzuki Celerio after Excise officials allegedly seized 68 bottles containing around 51 litre of non-duty-paid Indian-made foreign liquor (IMFL) from its rear dickey near Gohira Bridge under Jamda police station limits in Mayurbhanj district.Patra claimed that the bags belonged to a co-passenger who had sought a lift and told him they contained marriage articles. He maintained that he had no knowledge of the liquor allegedly carried in the vehicle.

The court held that seizure and confiscation are two distinct legal processes under Section 71 of the Odisha Excise Act, 2008. While seizure can be made on the basis of a reasonable belief that an offence has been committed, confiscation requires independent satisfaction of the competent authority.Holding that the proceedings violated principles of natural justice and the requirement of a fair inquiry, Justice Mishra declined to send the matter back for another reconsideration.Justice Mishra quashed the confiscation orders passed by the authorised officer on July 16, 2025, and the commissioner of Excise on August 13, 2026. It quashed the entire proceedings and directed the competent authority to take necessary steps to release the vehicle to Patra.Referring to Article 300-A of the Constitution, Justice Mishra observed that deprivation of property must be strictly in accordance with law. "Mere seizure of a vehicle in connection with an alleged excise offence cannot, by itself, justify its confiscation," the court said.



## A New Chapter in India's Museum Story

The Bihar Museum is in the news once again, and for all the right reasons. Ranked ninth in the 2026 edition of the World's 100 Best Museums by Worth a Journey, a Munich-based travel guide and digital magazine founded by Jakob Schwichtenberg, it has secured a place among the world's top 10 museums, bringing international visibility to Bihar's cultural ambitions.

Conceived under the leadership of the then Chief Minister, Nitish Kumar, the Bihar Museum opened to the public in 2017. Designed by celebrated Japanese architect Fumihiko Maki, selected through an international design competition, it is an architectural landmark along Nehru Path. Built in concrete and stone, the structure reflects Maki's philosophy of Oku, which explores spatial depth and layering. The interplay of buildings and open spaces creates a sense of anticipation, discovery and serenity.Unlike the archaeological museums established by the British in India, the Bihar Museum was conceived as an interactive, contemporary cultural space. Its distinction lies as much in its vision as in its architecture.

Nitish Kumar's vision deserves particular recognition. At a time when Bihar was routinely dismissed as a Bimaru state, the decision to invest substantially in a museum attracted criticism. Yet Bihar is among India's most culturally rich regions. As Rajendra Prasad famously observed, the history of Bihar is, in many ways, the history of India.The museum's development owes much to Anjani Kumar Singh, the then Chief Secretary of Bihar, now its Director General. His administrative acumen and passion for the arts helped bring together professionals such as Anthony Lopez of Lopez Design, whose work gave the institution its distinctive graphic identity.The Bihar Museum Biennale, conceived in 2021, has strengthened the museum's international cultural engagement. Its three editions explored themes ranging from 'Bihar, India and the World' and 'Together We Art', a G20 project inspired by Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, to 'Global South: Sharing Histories' in 2025. The museum's collections are equally compelling, from the celebrated Didarganj Yakshi, renowned for its exquisite proportions and Mauryan-era polish, to the Nalanda Gallery and the remarkable Kurkihar bronzes.India's museum landscape is also expanding. The Kiran Nadar Museum of Art (KNMA), with spaces in Saket and Noida, is developing an ambitious new museum near Aerocity, New Delhi, designed by Sir David Adjaye. Envisioned as a major centre for modern and contemporary art, it will bring together visual and performing arts, research and education. Therefore, as a curator, art historian and author, I have found it particularly interesting to witness the expanding role of museums in India in shaping new intellectual and cultural trajectories. They are increasingly becoming spaces for dialogue, research and exchange, moving beyond their traditional role as repositories of art and heritage. International collaborations are opening up new possibilities in this regard Under the leadership of Director General Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) has built an impressive network of partnerships with institutions and scholars across the world.

## What the ILO can teach a divided world

**The International Labour Organisation remains an impressive example of what multilateralism can achieve through good-faith dialogue and compromise**




Multilateralism gets a bad rap nowadays for being weak and incapable of addressing the major challenges of our time. But this view conveniently ignores the extent to which multilateral institutions, and therefore international cooperation, continue to underpin almost every aspect of our daily lives, wherever in the world we may live.Air travel, the Internet, access to goods and services of all kinds and even the very survival of many species of flora and fauna all depend on international regulation and monitoring. This is seldom recognised, but none of it would be possible without some degree of global cooperation on rules and enforcement.

One such institution is the International Labour Organisation (ILO). Despite being hugely underestimated and actively undermined, it remains an impressive example of what multilateralism can achieve through good-faith dialogue and compromise.

The ILO predates the United Nations, having been established in 1919 under the now-defunct League of Nations and brought under the UN umbrella in 1946. Formally, it is the UN agency that is concerned with advancing social justice through the promotion of decent work. But since the conditions and consequences of work are inextricably linked to social, economic, cultural, technological and legal forces, this necessarily means dealing with much more than employment.

The ILO's 1944 Philadelphia Declaration, which broadened its aims and purposes, remains inspiring, even visionary: It stated labour is not a commodity and that freedom of expression and association are essential to any real human progress. Recognising that poverty anywhere is a danger to prosperity everywhere,The Declaration emphasised the importance of what we now call "policy coherence," with "all national and international policies and measures, in particular those of an economic and financial character," to be judged and accepted "only in so far as they may be held to promote and not to hinder" the attainment of its central aim. That aim was to ensure conditions in which "all human beings, irrespective of race, creed or sex, have the right to pursue both their material well-being and their spiritual development in conditions of freedom and dignity, of economic security and equal opportunity.

In today's world, it is much harder to put these ideals into practice. For decades, economic policymakers worldwide have relied on the perceived benefits of profit-oriented investment in liberalised markets. Social justice and improved living standards were treated as trickle-down byproducts of economic growth.

Instead, economic inequality and material insecurity have soared, and social division and extreme polarisation have deepened both within and between countries, fuelling distrust and making collective action increasingly difficult. It is not just multilateralism that is being jeopardised. Even once-stable democracies are under threat.Recovering the ability to cooperate and coordinate internationally requires a reinvigorated social contract, and the ILO — which is preparing to pick a new director-general—is well placed to lead the charge. It has already expanded its mandate well beyond formal employment to recognise and address the conditions of informal workers, who now account for a majority of workers globally, as well as unpaid workers. But much more needs to be done.How is such a social contract to be developed and implemented? One answer lies in the way the ILO is organised: a tripartite system in which workers, employers, and governments are all represented. The ILO's ability to reach agreements and compromises among parties with potentially conflicting interests, and to do so regularly over decades, is truly remarkable. Its worker base must be expanded beyond formal employment to include informal and unpaid workers, just as the employer base must encompass smaller enterprises and not just large corporations. But the principle of ongoing dialogue among competing interests must not be lost.Nowhere is the importance of this principle more evident than at the ILO's annual labour conferences. Even in years when they do not seem to have accomplished very much, the ability to bring disparate people and organisations together to hash out complex and potentially inflammatory issues is exceptional in a world where too many powerful people and interests hold compromise in contempt.As the ILO chooses its leader for the next five years, it is vital for people and organisations around the world to recognise it for what it is: a global public good whose achievements demonstrate the necessity and the potential of international cooperation.The writer is Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, a member of the Club of Rome's Transformational Economics Commission and Co-Chair of the Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation. the Declaration called for an unrelenting war on want.

## Make political will meet court orders to fight pollution

**Delhi's toxic air, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) routinely touching the hazardous 500 mark during winter, is a reminder of the failure to tackle the crisis.**



I hope you all are enjoying the weather in Delhi." Chief Justice of India Surya Kant's pointed remark during Friday's hearing on Delhi-NCR pollution carried a sting of sarcasm that should not be lost in the Diwali din. The frustration behind it was unmistakable. The three-judge Supreme Court Bench he headed also acknowledged the limits of judicial intervention, observing that restrictions and orders alone are no solution. "The more orders we pass, the more violations will multiply," the bench remarked.The court's exasperation is understandable. Its repeated directives to curb pollution continue to be flouted with impunity. Delhi's toxic air, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) routinely touching the hazardous 500 mark during winter, is a reminder of the failure to tackle the crisis. Worse, pollution is no longer confined to the national capital region. Air quality is deteriorating even in smaller cities and supposedly cleaner hill stations. Mussoorie has recorded AQI levels of around 96 to 104, while Dehradun's have hovered between 120 and 130.

The concern is serious, but the real obstacle to enforcing court orders and rules against unchecked pollution of air, water and land is the failure of administrative action, which, in a country like India, depends on political support and will. Over the years, the Supreme Court has issued orders restricting the use of firecrackers and polluting vehicles and invoked the 'polluter pays' principle against industrial offenders, underlining that economic interests cannot take precedence over ecological health. Yet, such disregard for the environment could not have continued without political indifference, if not patronage.The problem is that politics is driven by short-term gains, while ecological health is a long-term agenda whose political appeal is limited. No political party appears willing to risk a backlash by wholeheartedly supporting restrictions on firecrackers or polluting industries. The result is predictable: blame games, cosmetic measures and temporary restrictions, with little effort to address the structural causes. Pollution is treated as a seasonal emergency rather than a systemic failure.

As the Supreme Court observed, the poor suffer most from pollution. Politics should be about easing the hardships of ordinary people, not adding to them. The fight against pollution must move beyond courtrooms and judicial reprimands into effective governance. It requires a sustained, science-driven approach backed by political commitment, administrative accountability and strict enforcement.

## Bharat Ratna L K Advani Ji at 100!

**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**

Shri Lal Krishna Advani Ji enters the hundredth year of his life today, 8th November. This year, his birthday fittingly coincides with Diwali, a festival associated with Prabhu Shri Ram and the Diya at a time when we are marking 75 years since the inception of the Jana Sangh, 125th Jayanti of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and recently celebrated a hundred years of the RSS.

There are very few people whose lives have touched so many different chapters of modern India. Advani Ji was born on 8th November 1927, on Dev Deepawali. As a youngster in 1947, he experienced the pain of leaving behind his familiar world in Sindh. He rebuilt his life from scratch without bitterness.

This trait of being able to build from scratch, against all odds, has stayed with him throughout. It was seen while he was strengthening the Jana Sangh and later building the BJP. His tenures as BJP President saw the Congress falling sharply from 400 to below 200 in 1989 and the BJP becoming the single largest party for the first time in 1996. Advani Ji nurtured generations of Karyakartas and gave the Party a clear foundation rooted in the principle of Nation First.Two qualities always set Advani Ji apart as a leader. First, his ideological clarity and intellectual sharpness. This was reflected in his speeches and writings. The Jana Sangh and BJP resolutions he authored remain worth reading even today, while his interviews were consistently incisive and precise. Second, the manner in which he exposed the pseudo-secularism propounded by a large section of the Indian polity for many years.Advani Ji took up every responsibility with immense diligence. As an RSS Pracharak, Advani Ji first worked in different parts of Rajasthan. From there, he went to the national capital, where he started working closely with Atal Ji. History shows that it is rare for two towering political leaders to work together for several decades, cooperating with each other without becoming competitors. Advani Ji and Atal Ji set a remarkable example. Together, they changed the course of Indian politics.The Delhi that Advani Ji came to was coming to terms with the horrors of Partition. He immersed himself in making the Jana Sangh stronger. In 1967, Advani Ji became the Chairman of the Delhi Metropolitan Council, where he worked alongside the late Vijay Kumar Malhotra Ji (who became Chief Executive Councillor).

In 1970, Advani Ji's Parliamentary innings began. His interventions have won appreciation across the political spectrum. He made a mark as an MP and later, as Leader of Opposition in both houses and from the treasury benches too. Despite parliamentary commitments, he frequently travelled across India meeting people.I vividly recall the 1991 Lok Sabha elections. It was decided that Advani Ji would contest the Lok Sabha elections from two seats, one of which was Gandhinagar. He had an old link with Gujarat. His father had settled in Kutch after Partition. Advani Ji had also served as a Rajya Sabha MP from Gujarat. So, it was a homecoming of sorts.

Being involved in the BJP organisation, I had the honour of helping prepare his papers and assisting him throughout the campaign. The people of Gandhinagar sent him to Parliament time and again. As a voter of Gandhinagar, I also had the honour of voting for Advani Ji on numerous occasions. The care and attention he devoted to his constituency is something to learn from.The Emergency was a watershed moment in Advani Ji's life. He was at the forefront of saving democracy and protecting the Constitution. His experiences found their way into his book, 'A Prisoner's Scrap-Book.' One part of that book, titled 'A Tale of Two Emergencies', beautifully explained the striking similarities between the events in India starting June 1975 and those in Nazi Germany in 1933.



Advani Ji was a fiery Opposition leader but an equally excellent administrator. When the Janata Government came to office in 1977, Advani Ji became Minister for Information and Broadcasting. It is widely accepted that his work in this department was extremely impactful. As Deputy Prime Minister and one of India's longest-serving Home Ministers, he was instrumental in strengthening India's security apparatus. His work in improving the lives of our security forces is remembered with great fondness. His unequivocal stand against terrorism ensured India got a tough anti-terror law.Of course, an iconic moment in Advani Ji's life was the Somnath to Ayodhya Rath Yatra. It changed the course of Indian society for the better. I consider it a privilege that I got the opportunity to be involved in this Yatra from the ideation stage to execution. Being present at Somnath when the Yatra began was particularly special. A Yatra can be very demanding, requiring long hours, constant travel, physical endurance and an ability to remain focused despite fatigue. Advani Ji embodied this endurance.I also have memories of the saddening moments of Advani Ji's arrest in Bihar. Then, in Gujarat, the BJP withdrew support from the Chimanbhai Patel Government. With this, a simple message was given, that when it comes to our ideology and the Ram Temple, there will never be any compromise. Many of our senior leaders and Karyakartas took an oath that, come what may, a Ram Temple will be built. And, years later, with the blessings of the people of India, a grand Mandir for Prabhu Shri Ram became a reality in Ayodhya.There is so much more of Advani Ji that is outstanding. His simplicity, for example. After the Navnirman Movement, Advani Ji had come to Junagadh and stayed for a month as an ordinary Karyakarta, preparing the Party for the Assembly elections in which Congress was rejected. He has always shown what probity in public life is about. He is a voracious reader. Those who have spent time with him know how carefully he goes through newspapers. He is a big fan of cinema and theatre.

## Andhra High Court orders preservation of amputated leg in Raptadu case

**VIJAYAWADA.**
**(Agency)**

The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Tuesday directed the police and the Superintendent of the Government General Hospital, Anantapur, to preserve the leg amputated from Hemanth, the accused in the attack on a Class X student at Raptadu Zilla Parishad High School.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Lisa Gill and Justice Challa Gunaranjan issued the directions while hearing a PIL seeking a CBI investigation. Hemanth was injured in police firing following his alleged attack on Class X student Gopika with an electric saw.The PIL was filed by Mangalagiri-based




advocate Gunda Gopi Krishna. During the hearing, the petitioner sought directions to preserve the amputated leg for further examination. He also sought to implead Education Department officials in the case.The Bench declined to allow the impleadment, questioning the relevance of officials to the PIL. Special Government Pleader S. Pranathi informed the court that Hemanth had been remanded to judicial custody and was undergoing treatment. She said the amputated leg was being subjected to forensic examination as per procedure.

## TN police arrest 443 rowdies in two-day statewide crackdown after Deepavali murders

**CHENNAI.(Agency)**

Following a series of murders across the state during Deepavali, the state police conducted a two-day statewide drive against anti-social elements on November 9 and 10, arresting 443 listed rowdies.During the drive, the police personnel checked 8,626 listed rowdies and initiated Legal Action Reports



(LAR) against 796 habitual offenders to place them under preventive surveillance.As part of the crackdown on drug-related offences, 1,624 drug offenders were tracked and checked, leading to the arrest of 77 persons allegedly involved in drug peddling.

The police also monitored 2,924 persons previously involved in murder and hurt cases, including those recently released from prison.

# Madras HC cracks down on fake book purchases; orders FIR, freezing of accounts

**The Madras High Court ordered an FIR and disciplinary action over fraudulent library book procurement. The intervention exposes alleged repackaging of old works and demands transparent public spending.**

**Madurai(Agency)**

The Madras High Court has directed the Tamil Nadu government to identify officials responsible for fraudulent procurement of books for public libraries and take disciplinary action against them, including suspension, news agency Press Trust of India reported.The court also ordered the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) to immediately register an FIR, freeze the bank accounts of Agal Vilakku Publication, its proprietor Mohan and others involved, and determine the amount spent on the books.

A Division Bench of Justices GR Swaminathan and MD Sumathi said the facts had emerged the previous week, but no FIR had been registered. The Madurai Bench directed the Director of Public Libraries to provide the names and details of officials responsible for fraudulent procurement of so-called books over the past two years and more."We also direct the DVAC to forthwith register an FIR. The bank account of Agal Vilakku Publication as well as Mohan, Proprietor and others involved shall be frozen immediately.



The government shall immediately take disciplinary action, including suspension of the officials involved," the court said.The bench directed librarians to prepare an inventory of the suspect books immediately and keep them away from readers. It also asked the authorities to inform the court of the exact amount spent on procuring them, PTI reported.All the relevant records shall be made available (photocopies). In particular, a report shall be filed before us in the form of an affidavit by the Director of Public Libraries setting out the entire sequence and trajectory of events. The persons involved from top to bottom shall be identified and named," the court said.

The bench warned that Tamil Nadu's public libraries could meet the fate of the destroyed Library of Alexandria if books were not procured in the public interest. It directed that procurement for public libraries must comply with the government order dated March 7, 2024."Time has come to put in place a proper mechanism for such procurement. Tamil Nadu today boasts of a number of very good publishers who are bringing out excellent books. They must be encouraged.

Their books must be bought. Procurement cannot be linked to payment of commission. The public must be encouraged to spend time in libraries and the habit of reading must be inculcated," the court said.

# Muslim sisters face threats after wedding card with Hindu groom names go viral

**Two Muslim sisters have sought police protection after their wedding invitation cards, featuring Hindu names of the grooms, went viral on social media. The family said the venue owner was reluctant to host the ceremonies after being threatened with disruption by members of a Hindu organisation if the weddings went ahead.**

**Saharanpur.(Agency)**

The wedding celebrations of two Muslim sisters in Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur have been marred by threats after their invitation cards featuring Hindu groom names went viral on social media, days ahead of their weddings.The sisters, who are scheduled to get married on November 12, have said that an unidentified person threatened the owner of the garden booked for the ceremonies, warning him against hosting the weddings.According to the bride's family, the caller threatened to bring members of a Hindu organisation to the venue and create a ruckus if the ceremonies went ahead.The family said the wedding cards began circulating on social media because of the names of the two grooms. However, they maintained that both men and their families are Muslim and that the names are part of a tradition followed by their families for several generations.

We are Muslims, and they are Muslims too. But the boys have Hindu names. Their families have been following this tradition for a long time," said Mohammad Shakeel, the brides' brother. The two brides have approached the police with a written complaint, seeking action against the person issuing threats and security to ensure that their weddings take place peacefully.

The bride's family said that their parents had fixed both marriages for November 12, 2026, and booked a garden for the



ceremonies. However, the threat has now cast a shadow over the preparations, with the family claiming that the venue owner is reluctant to host the weddings.The bride's elder sister, Salma, said her sisters had chosen to marry with their parents' consent, adding that the grooms were related to the family through her in-laws."The wedding cards are going viral only because the boys have Hindu names. We have booked a party hall, but someone is calling the garden owner and threatening him, saying that if he hosts the weddings, they will bring members of a Hindu organisation and create a ruckus," she said.Their mother, Sultan, also defended the marriages, saying both families were Muslim and that her elder daughter was already married into the same family."They are Muslims, and we are Muslims too. The marriages are taking place with our consent. My elder daughter is also married into this family. They have traditionally kept names like these," she said.The family has urged the police to identify the caller and take action, saying the threats have affected preparations for the weddings. They have also sought police protection so that both ceremonies can be held without disruption.Circle Officer Shailendra Pratap Gautam said the police had received a complaint and directed officers to investigate the matter and take necessary action.He added that the allegations regarding the phone call and threats would also be examined, and further action would be taken based on the findings of the investigation.

## DTPC to engage private players to revive Kovalam Sunbath Park

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.(Agency)**

After lying abandoned for over a decade, the Silent Valley Sunbath Park is finally set for a revival with the District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC) gearing up to rope in private players to run the facility.Developed by the tourism department in 2014 as a dedicated sea-view relaxation zone for tourists, the facility has remained unused. "It was an ambitious project set up in the land owned by the department as a new attraction. After the completion the department couldn't tender the property because of intervention by a private hotelier," said a senior official with the tourism department."The DTPC did not proceed with the tender process following discussions at higher levels and the facility turned into a dead asset. We couldn't open it up for the tourists. The facility is in dire straits now and has reportedly turned into a hub of anti-social activities," the official added.In an effort to revive the dead asset and make it useful, the DTPC has approached the tourism department seeking permission to invite private players through a tender to renovate and develop the facility."The objective is to generate revenue. Whoever takes up the facility should ensure that it is properly developed and maintained," said the official.According to the official, the plan is to invite tenders, and the bidder is expected to undertake the necessary renovation and make the existing structures functional."The buildings could be converted into a restaurant or similar commercial establishments, alongside the possibility of restoring the bathing facilities. There is a huge pond and heritage structures in the premises," the official added.Meanwhile, the proposed KIIFB funded comprehensive development

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# IMD issues thunderstorm, hail alert for parts of Delhi as dark clouds obscure capital sky

New Delhi: Dark clouds hung over the capital since Thursday morning, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issuing 'red' and 'orange' alerts for thunderstorms and hail for several parts of the city over the next few hours. IMD, in its district-level nowcast for the period until 6 pm, said thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and hail, with wind speeds of 40-60 kmph, are likely over parts of central Delhi, New Delhi, south-west Delhi, west Delhi and north Delhi. Thunderstorms accompanied by moderate rain and lightning, with wind speeds of 30-40 kmph, are likely in parts of south-east and east Delhi, Shahdara, north-east Delhi, south Delhi and other areas. Additionally, light rain accompanied by lightning is likely in other parts of south-east, east and south Delhi. Many city residents took to social media to report rainfall in areas including Preet Vihar, Dwarka, Laxmi Nagar, Nirman Vihar and Yamuna Bank during the day as clouds obscured the sky over most parts of the capital. The city recorded trace rainfall in the 24 hours ending 8.30 am Thursday, while the relative humidity stood at 91 per cent at 8.30 am, according to IMD. The weather department has forecast generally cloudy skies with rainfall for Thursday, with thunderstorms and rain also likely on Friday. As per IMD's colour-coded weather warning system, an "orange" alert indicates imminent severe weather, and cautions of significant disruptions to transport and power. A "red" alert indicates severe weather conditions that may pose threat to life and property.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is Publicly informed that my client Mr. Anoop Kumar Pandey S/o Vidyadhar Pandey R/o. Plot no. 581 Sai Enclave Block A Dadri Dhoom Manikpur Gautam Buddh Nagar Uttar Pradesh 203207* is the owner of Kumar Pandey in respect of A Part of Residential Plot No. 24, Total Area Measuring 50 Sq. Yds., i.e. 41.8 Sq. Mtrs., pertaining to Khasra No. 581, situated at Village Dhummanikpur, (inside Sai Enclave Phase-02), Pargana and Tehsil Dadri, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. (Regd. Vide Document No. 63068, in Book No. 1, Volume No. 23452, on Pages No. 87 to 106, SRO: Dadri, Gautam Budh Nagar). (hereinafter called the said property), vide Sale Deed Dated 08.10.2021. That Title Documents Prior to Sale Deed dated 18.12.2025 has been lost/misplaced and not traceable. That my client intends to mortgage said property with AU Small Finance Bank Ltd. That my client have clear titles and have no third-party interest.All the persons, if any, including bank, financial institutions, having interest in respect of or against the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing within 07 days with the documentary evidence from the date of publication, failing which the said claim of the person/s, if any will be considered waived and Settled.

**NAME CHANGE**

I hitherto known as Vijay Pal S/O Shiv Charan R/O V P O, Nandrampur Bass, Rewari, Haryana 123106, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vijay Singh.

**NAME CHANGE**

It is for the general information of the public that I, Zahid S/O Summan R/O 30-B, Nayay Khand-2, Indrapuram Shipra Sun City, Ghaziabad, UP - 201014, hereby declare that the name of my father has been incorrectly recorded as " Mohd Kamaludin", respectively, in my educational records. the actual name of my father is Summan which may be amended accordingly.

**NAME CHANGE**

I hitherto known as Anu alias Anu Paliwal D/O Lalit Parshad W/O Vipin Bhandari R/O B-1201, Supertech Eco Village 1, Sec 1 Greater Noida West Gautam Budha Nagar, UP 201306, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Anu Bhandari.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is for general information that I, ANSHIKA D/o GIRDHAR RAM ARYA R/o H NO-5, 2nd FLOOR, H-BLOCK, SIDDHART PROPERTY, BHAGWATI GARDEN EXTN, D.K. MOHAN GARDEN, UTTAM NAGAR, DELHI-110059, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as GIRDHAR RAM in my Educational Documents. The actual name of my father is GIRDHAR RAM ARYA which may be amended accordingly.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is a public notice that 1. Anil Tyagi S/o Shri S.S. Tyagi Rio S-531. School Block, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, (Phone No.:9811075820) intend to purchase a Property i.e. Built up First Floor without roof rights, upto ceiling level, area measuring 50 sq. yds. i.e. 41.8 sq. metes, consisting of two rooms set, a part of Property bearing No.S-553-554, out of Khasra No.118, situated at the abadi of School Block, Shakarpur, in the area of Late Shyam Sunder R/o S-553-554, School Block. Shakarpur, Delhi-110092 Village Shakarur Khas, illaqa Shahdara, Delhi-110092 from its owner Mr. Vishal S/o That Mr. Vishal S/o Late Shyam Sunder became the owner of the said property after the death of his father Shri Shyam Sunder (who expired on 21.02.2026) as a single legal heir and also obtain a Surviving Member Certificate, Certificate No.90660000358398, dated 12.10.2026, issued by Office of The District Magistrate, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi. That all original title documents of the aforesaid property has been lost/misplaced and Mr. Vishal has already lodged a Complaint in respect of article/document lost in Delhi, vide LR No.702108/2026, dated 07.10.2026. If any person or firm including Bank, Private Financier, Finance Institution have any objection in this regard or original documents in his/her/its possession may contact to me within a period of 15 days from the publication of this notice.

**Anil Tyagi**
**(Phone No.:9811075820)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Information is given to general public at large that our client Mrs. Supriya Kujur W/o Mr. Niranjan Ekka H no 57 z block chetan viharg new gopal nagar najafgarh west delhi is urchasing property from Mrs. Milyani Kerketta she is the owner of Plot No. 138, land area measuring 223.24 Sq. meter (Vacant Plot), out of Khasra no. 62/25/1, Situated in Unauthorized Colony Shyam Enclave (Z-Block), Gopal Nagar Extn,..by Authorization Slip dated 01.10.2021 executed by DDA in favor of Mrs. Milyani Kerketta in respect of Plot No. 138, land area measuring 223.24 Sq. meter (Vacant Plot), out of Khasra no. 62/25/1, Situated in Unauthorized Colony Shyam Enclave (Z-Block). Gopal Nagar Extn,, Regn. No. 689 DDA/GIS/160820211111336/33075 7, IN Gopal Nagar, Z-Block Najafgarh, in the area of Village Revenue Estate Mitraon, Delhi-110043, as vide reg. in Doc. No. 901, Book No. 1, Vol No. 90, Pg. No. 126 to 129, dated 12.10.2021, SRO-IX-A (".-now Mrs. Milyani Kerketta is declaring that that any other person does not have any right & undisputed on said property, and same property sold to be Mrs. Supriya Kujur W/o Mr. Niranjan Ekka and same has been financed by Bajaj Housing Finance Company Limited Branch: Gurgaon haryana If any person have any objection or claim with respect to the' right, title or interest in the Said Property then contact us with in 007 days from the date of Publication of this notice and or the same to the undersigned if found by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained

**(Mr. Niranjan Ekka)**
H no 57 z block chetan Viharg
newGopal Nagar
Najafgarh West Delhi, Delhi
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**NAME CHANGE**

I, DHANEERAM S/O BABULAL SONI R/O MUHARA, MUHARA KHAS, TIKAMGARH, MADHYA PRADESH-472118 AND PRESENTLY RESIDING AT D-1, 3RD FLOOR, PLOT NO. 1-2, KH. NO. 110/1, RAJPUR KHURD EXTN. RAJPUR KHURD, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110068 declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Dhaneeram Babulal Soni in my Aadhar Card No-518329671951. The actual name of mine and my father are Dhani Ram and Babulal which may be amended accordinglyIt is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

**NAME CHANGE**

I, EJAZUDDIN S/O SIRAJ UDDIN residing at 2721, CHURIWALAN, SITA RAM BAZAR, DELHI-110006 have changed my name to AJAZ UDDIN for all future purposes.

**ENGINEERING WORKS IN KATIHAR DIVISION**

**Tender Notice No. :** KIR/Engg./58 of 2026; **Dated:** 02-11-2026; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work; **Tender No. 1; Brief Description of Work :** Development of ECO Park in GSD Complex, New Jalpaiguri. **Tender Value:** ₹2,25,41,202.56/-; **Bid Security**: ₹4,50,800/-; **Tender No. 2; Brief Description of Work :** Raninagar Jalpaiguri-Haldibari & Raninagar Jalpaiguri - Kishanganj Standardization of Turnouts-53 Sets (1:8:5) & 77 Sets (1:12). **Tender Value:** ₹3,24,79,994.88/-; **Bid Security**: ₹6,49,600/-; Date & time of **closing** of both tenders at **15:00** hrs. and **opening** at **15:30** hrs. on **30-11-2026**. For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender are available upto **15:00** hrs. on **30-11-2026** in website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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**NAME CHANGE**

I ARTI W/O ROHIT GOEL R/O 20 U.G.F JAGRITI ENCLAVE PHASE-3 VTC ANAND VIHAR DELHI 110092 have changed my name to ARTI ARYA Permanently for all future purposes

**Date of Birth Change**

I RAMESH GANPAT SIRSAT legally father of Army no -2809117N, Rank - Nk, Name - SIRSAT RAJU RAMESH, Presently Residing At - Bhadola, Post- Bhadola, Teh - Buldana, Dist - Buldana, State - Maharashtra, Pin - 443001, in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 23/10/1962 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1962 vide Affidavit dated 10/11/2026 before Notary Public, Delhi.

**ENGINEERING WORKS IN ALIPURDUAR JUNCTION**

**E-Tender Notice No.: 88/W-2/APDJ**, **Dated: 09-11-2026**; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following works; **Tender No.: 31-AP-I-2026; Name of Work:** Improvement of riding quality of track using measuring trolley for pre and post tamping measurement under the jurisdiction of Alipurduar Division. **Tender Value:**₹1,45,47,411.13/-; **Earnest Money :** ₹2,91,000/-; Date & time of **closing** of tender at **15:00** hrs. and **opening** of tender at **15:30** hrs. on **01-12-2026**. Complete information alongwith the tender document of above e-tender are available upto **15:00** hrs. on **01-12-2026** in the website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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**EXTENSIVE CLEANING INCLUDING BUFFING OF STAINLESS-STEEL COMPONENTS OF ALL COACHES**

**Tender No.: IMF-MP-PLG-NBQS-626.** E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **Name of work:** Extensive cleaning including buffing of Stainless-steel components of all Coaches (LHB, ICF, DEMU) Under POH at C&W Workshop, N. F. Railway, New Bongaigaon. **Advertised Value:** ₹1,72,78,027.08; **Earnest Money:** ₹3,45,600.00. **E-tenders will be closed** at 15.00 hrs. on 01-12-2026. The complete information with the tender documents of above e-tender will be available in **www.ireps.gov.in**.

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**NAME CHANGE**

I, Nurul Haq Hashmi S/o Gulam Mustafa R/o - O - 1 - 93, Madangir, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, South Delhi, Delhi 110062 have changed my Name from Noorul Haque Hashmi to Nurul Haq Hashmi for all future purposes.

**NAME CHANGE**

I, hitherto known as AMIT PRASAD S/O BRAHMA PRASAD R/O 5/115 CARIAPPA VIHAR DELHI CANTT NEW DELHI, have changed the name of my minor daughter AADYA PRASAD aged about 15 yrs and she shall hereafter be known as AADYA AMIT PRASAD

**NAME CHANGE**

I, Mohammad Sabir S/O: Shekh Bhikari, R/O 11, gali no-3. Mamura Village, Sector-58, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh - 201301, have changed the name of my minor daughter Khushbu aged 14 years and she shall hereafter be known as Sahin Parveen.

**NAME CHANGE**

I, PRAVEEN KUMAR S/O ASHOK KUMAR R/O Z-51 STREET NO-6 DEEPAK VIHAR NEAR RAGHUBIR SINGH MODEL SCHOOL VIKAS NAGAR UTTAM NAGAR DELHI-110059 have changed my name to PRAVEEN SHUKLA for all future purpose.

**NAME CHANGE**

I MADHURI W/O AMIT R/O G-15 GALI NO 1 MOLARBAND EXTENSION BADARPUR SOUTH EAST DELHI-110044 DELHI, DECLARE THAT MY HUSBAND'S NAME EARLIER MENTIONED AS AMIT SHOULD HENCEFORTH BE READ AS AMIT KANOJIA.

**Public Notice**

I suman maurya D/o Ram singh , resident of G-3 ,nand apartment,Nai basti devli , South Delhi, Delhi - 110062 do hereby undertake that I suman maurya want to change my name to Samarth Maurya and my gender as Male.I suman maurya henceforth shall be known as samarth maurya S/o Ram singh The above statement made by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If any legal issue arises in this regard at any stage, I shall be personally responsible for the same and The Department of Publication shall not be liable for any consequences arising therefrom.

## AI-powered facial recognition cameras, 5,000 personnel to secure Delhi trade fair

**Delhi.(Agency)**

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At Bharat Mandapam, an AI-eyed security network awaits thousands of visitors when the India International Trade Fair (IITF) opens on November 13. Delhi Police will deploy AI-powered cameras with facial recognition technology to scan the crowds and flag suspicious individuals, adding a high-tech layer to an elaborate security blanket around the venue.Around 5,000 police personnel and paramilitary forces will be deployed, while nearly 1,000 CCTV cameras will monitor activities across the premises. Special teams comprising plainclothes personnel will move around the venue to keep a close watch on the crowd. Traffic personnel will be stationed outside Bharat Mandapam to regulate vehicular movement.Additional DCP (New Delhi) Manjeet Sheoran said that the safety and security of visitors remained the foremost concern. The arrangements, he said, would allow people to enjoy the fair and shop without apprehension, with security personnel deployed throughout the event to respond swiftly to any emergency.As in previous editions, a dedicated police station will be set up inside the venue to ensure prompt action on complaints and any untoward incidents. Visitors will also have six help desks at their disposal to assist with directions and address grievances.Backing the cameras, five control rooms will monitor the fairgrounds and adjoining areas, with reports of disturbances or suspicious activity immediately relayed to the concerned teams for a quick response.The fairgrounds can accommodate around 1.25 lakh visitors at a time, and these measures will help police closely track visitors' movements to prevent overcrowding.Entry to each hall will be regulated according to its capacity, with fresh entry temporarily stopped as it nears the limit and resumed only after the crowd thins out, police said.

## Delhi traders ride the Diwali wave amid shadow of stir

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Despite widespread apprehension about the impact of the recent series of protests in the national capital on local businesses, markets around the city are projected to register a whooping `1.5 lakh crore worth of business by the end of the ongoing festive season.A traders' body has claimed that business reached `35,000 crore by the afternoon on Diwali in the city, with total sales likely to hit `1.5 lakh crore across three upcoming festivals, including Guru Nanak Jayanti, which falls on November 24 this year.Praveen Khandelwal, Secretary General of the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) and Member of Parliament from Chandni Chowk, stated that festive business across the city is expected to touch around `1.5 lakh crore this year, representing an estimated growth of approximately 15–18% over the last year's record turnover.The preliminary estimate is based on feedback from leading trade associations and markets across various states. It also factors in consumer demand, festive shopping trends, rural & semi-urban growth, rising demand for local products and the wide-ranging economic activity generated across different sectors.

A string of major festivals—from Dussehra and Diwali to Chhath Puja and Guru Nanak Jayanti—sparks massive commercial activity across the country. Dhanteras this year also brought a surge in business, with India's total festive trade estimated to have crossed `1.25 lakh crore, reflecting robust consumer confidence, growing purchasing power and renewed momentum in the domestic retail economy.

According to an estimate, the All India Jewellers and Goldsmith Federation (AIJGF), jewellery markets across the country have witnessed an exceptional rush of customers over the past several days.

Gold and silver sales alone are estimated to have exceeded Rs 66,000 crore nationwide, while Delhi's bullion markets recorded business worth more than `10,000 crore. Despite the elevated prices of precious metals, consumers have continued to demonstrate a strong interest in gold and silver purchases.

# Delhi imposes Rs 11 crore in fines, most for pollution under control certificate violations

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At around 8 crore, penalties for Pollution Under Control Certificates (PUCCs) violations accounted for a majority of fines imposed in Delhi in the first nine days since the Winter Action Plan came into effect in the Capital on November 1. While fines amounting to at least Rs 11 crore have been imposed during this period, violations related to the entry of vehicles below BS-VI emission standards and construction sites accounted for more than Rs 1.5 crore each, according to the data accessed from government sources. Private cars accounted for the highest number of challans among vehicles violating the non-BS-VI emission-related curbs.



**Most PUCC violations by two-wheelers**

For PUCC violations, the consolidated data shows that the Delhi Transport department and the Delhi Police issued 8,288 challans, amounting to Rs 8,28,80,000, as of November 9. Two-wheelers accounted for a majority of these vehicles followed by cars and heavy goods vehicles (HGVs), according to the government sources.Sources said many two-wheeler owners were found operating vehicles with expired pollution certificates.

Under Section 190(2) of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rule 115(7) of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, driving a vehicle without a valid PUCC draws a fine of Rs 1,000 for the first offence, which can go up to Rs 10,000 for subsequent offences.Repeat offenders may also face additional penalties, including the suspension of their driving licences and cancellation of vehicle registrations, officials said.

**Most challans to private cars for non-BS-VI curbs**

As part of the restrictions on vehicles below BS-VI emission standards, 18,304 vehicles were turned back at Delhi's borders, while 1,451 were challaned and 119 impounded.The penalties imposed in these cases amounted to Rs 1,16,28,000. Private cars accounted for the highest number of challans among vehicles violating the BS-VI entry restrictions, with 724 challans amounting to Rs 66.14 lakh. Trucks accounted for 179 challans, while buses were issued just six challans.Around 80 teams from the Transport department and the Delhi Traffic Police have been deployed at the Capital's borders and 37 pollution hotspots have been identified to keep a check on vehicles violating the norms.

**Over 4,000 construction sites inspected**

Meanwhile, teams with officials from the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) inspected 4,004 construction sites and found 392 violating pollution-control norms.Of these, 81 sites were ordered to shut down, while 312 were served show-cause notices.As part of the Delhi government's Winter Action Plan, outdoor construction activities and dust-generating demolition work have been prohibited until January 31, except for essential public infrastructure projects.

## Dubai-bound oil tanker carrying 6 Indians hit in Persian Gulf, 4 crew injured

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A Liberia-flagged oil tanker carrying six Indian seafarers was hit by a projectile while sailing through the Persian Gulf towards Dubai, leaving four crew members injured, including one Indian national, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said on Wednesday.The incident involving the very large crude carrier (VLCC) MT Fujairah Energy took place on Tuesday, while the vessel was travelling from Al Ruwais to Dubai.In a post on X, Sonowal said four crew members sustained injuries in the attack. One of them was an Indian national who suffered minor injuries and was safely taken ashore for further medical examination.The remaining 18 crew members, including the five other Indian




seafarers aboard the tanker, were safe and accounted for, the minister said.Sonowal added that the government was closely monitoring the situation and maintaining contact with the ship management company to ensure the safety of the crew, along with necessary medical assistance and other support.The latest attack adds to growing concerns over the safety of commercial vessels and their crews navigating the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, amid the ongoing Iran-US conflict.Last month, another vessel carrying Indian sailors came under attack when the Panama-flagged tanker MT Louise 1 was struck by limpet mines.

# India's Oldest Industry Body FICCI Warns Air Pollution Costs $95 Billion Annually

### 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.

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India's oldest and largest industry body, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), has issued one of its strongest warnings yet on the country's worsening air pollution crisis, painting a grim picture of a public health emergency that is costing millions of lives, shortening lifespans and imposing a massive burden on the economy. In its report, 'Clean Air, Healthy India', FICCI argues that the country can no longer treat air pollution as merely an environmental issue and must instead place it at the heart of India's healthcare agenda. Experts say India is grappling air pollution-related emergency, and the government seems to be in policy paralysis. The Air Quality Index is breaking records, and out of the 100 most polluted cities of the world, 99 are from India. Nearly a billion Indians are breathing toxic air.The report's findings are stark. More than two million deaths in India in 2023 were attributable to air pollution. Exposure to



polluted air is estimated to cut the average Indian's life expectancy by about 3.5 years. More than 660 million Indians live in areas where fine particulate pollution exceeds national safety standards. It is alarming that an industry body is throwing up these numbers while many of New Delhi's air pollution monitors went silent on Diwali night. Rarely does FICCI, which represents more than 2.5 lakh companies across India, issue such alarming assessments. The report amounts to an unmistakable warning that the country's struggle with dirty air has reached a level that demands urgent action from governments at every level.The industry body argues that existing responses remain fragmented and largely reactive. While measures such as the National Clean Air Programme, Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), Bharat Stage emission norms and clean cooking initiatives have yielded some benefits, FICCI says these alone are insufficient to deal with a challenge that crosses city and state boundaries. The report calls for a comprehensive "air shed" approach, recognising that pollution moves across regions and cannot be tackled city by city.According to the study, Delhi itself contributes only a fraction of the particulate pollution that residents breathe. Local sources account for approximately 36 per cent of Delhi's PM2.5 pollution during winter and about 26 per cent during summer. The rest comes from sources outside city limits, underscoring the futility of limiting solutions to municipal boundaries.

The report describes air pollution as a whole-body health risk rather than merely a respiratory problem. Fine particulate matter known as PM2.5 can penetrate deep into the lungs, enter the bloodstream and affect nearly every organ system. Long-term exposure is linked not only to asthma and chronic lung disease but also to heart .

## Half-an-hour ride for Rs 500: In a first, an electric cruise launched on Yamuna

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For Rs 500, residents of Delhi can now take a 45-minute electric cruise ride on the Yamuna. This comes after the Delhi government on Tuesday launched a river safari service at Sonia Vihar in a bid to promote tourism and reconnect people with the river, officials said.Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta inaugurated the 'Namo Yamuna River Cruise Service', developed jointly by the government and the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI). According to officials, the pilot project will offer recreational boating and short-distance ferry services along a stretch of the river between Sonia Vihar and Jagatpur.Officials said that the government has introduced an electric cruise with a seating capacity of 30 passengers. A second vessel of the same capacity is expected to be launched by February-March 2027. The proposed entry fee to the premises is Rs 50, while a complete cruise journey will cost Rs 500. The ride will take approximately 35 to 45 minutes, with passengers returning to their starting point after completing the trip, officials said.Calling the launch a significant moment for the Capital, Gupta said the initiative was not merely a cruise or boat service but an effort to reconnect people with the Yamuna, which she described as an integral part of Delhi's identity, culture and religious traditions."Namo Yamuna River Safari reflects our faith, love and devotion towards Maa Yamuna," she said, adding that residents would now be able to experience the river's natural surroundings without travelling to cities such as Prayagraj for boat and cruise rides.Gupta also urged people to visit the destination with their families and bring their children to experience the river and its surroundings. She said the project would give a new identity to Delhi's tourism sector and strengthen the Capital's image.Taking a swipe at previous governments, Gupta said politics in the past had revolved around allegations, counter-allegations and excuses rather than development. Her government, she said, was



working to address long-pending problems and improve public facilities.Referring to the Chhath festival, she said the government had organised celebrations on the banks of the Yamuna in its first year in office, and expressed confidence that the festivities would be organised on a larger scale this year.

**Musical fountain, food court among facilities**

Tourism Minister Kapil Mishra said the project would offer visitors a new recreational experience, with facilities including a musical fountain, food court, gaming activities, a creative zone, ecological and walking trails as well as a children's play area.

## Shut out of PG syllabus review, says Delhi University history faculty, writes to Vice-Chancellor

### Also objects to changes recommended by an Expert Committee. Row follows wider concerns over changes to syllabi of various courses at DU under NEP 2020.

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The Department of History of Delhi University has questioned the functioning of an Expert Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to review its Post Graduate third-semester syllabus, claiming that the head of the department, who is a member of the panel, was being kept out of final decisions. It has also disputed some of the changes recommended by the Expert Committee, including that a paper taught for over a decade be dropped as it was "ideologically loaded".According to the minutes of a Department Council meeting held on September 10 and accessed by The Indian Express, HoD Anirudh Deshpande told the faculty of the History Department that he was "not being made a party to final decisions" regarding the syllabus review. The council subsequently "expressed dismay at the composition of the Expert Committee" and asked Deshpande to convey its concerns to Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh.On October 9, Deshpande wrote to the V-C on behalf of the department, placing on record concerns raised by the faculty over the composition, functioning and recommendations of the Expert Committee.The History Department's objections come against the backdrop of wider concerns over changes to syllabi of various courses at DU under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The Indian Express reported in August that several history papers taught at the university for decades, including 'The Delhi Sultanate: Structures of Authority in Medieval North India (13th-14th Centuries)', did not feature in the revised PG syllabus.



The October 9 letter pointed to the number of PG papers still awaiting notification. "Almost half of our DSE (Discipline Specific Elective) papers in the Semester III syllabus are yet to be notified," the letter said. These include papers on the history of caste, gender, labour and the Northeast.The letter sought an early meeting with the V-C for discussion on issues "affecting the working of the department". The Indian Express reached out to V-C Singh over calls and messages but did not receive a response.

# Hardik Pandya to Punjab Kings, Arshdeep to Mumbai Indians in blockbuster IPL trade deal

**Hardik Pandya and Arshdeep Singh have completed a blockbuster IPL trade, swapping Mumbai Indians and Punjab Kings ahead of the new season. What are the other big trade deals in IPL history**

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Hardik Pandya and Arshdeep Singh have swapped teams in what is being described as the biggest trade deal in Indian Premier League history. Hardik, the captain of Mumbai Indians, is shifting base to Punjab Kings, while Arshdeep Singh, Punjab Kings' main fast bowler, is moving to Mumbai Indians.The Indian cricket board oficially announced the blockbuster trade early on November 11, confirming that Hardik and Arshdeep had swapped franchises. Both players were valued at Rs 18 crore, making it a direct swap between Mumbai Indians and Punjab Kings, with no additional cash component involved.The valuation marks a change for both players from the previous season. While Arshdeep was retained by Punjab Kings for Rs 18 crore, Hardik was retained by Mumbai Indians for Rs 16.35 crore. The deal completely changes the dynamics of the two sides, with Mumbai now boasting one of the most potent frontline pace attacks in the IPL, while Punjab add to their destructive middle order, led by Shreyas Iyer.The trade deal ends Hardik Pandya's second stint at Mumbai Indians, where he spent three seasons. Hardik's fairytale comeback from Gujarat Titans turned into an absolute disaster, as he simply could not win over the fans.MI supporters did not take the news of Rohit Sharma stepping down from the captaincy well, and it reflected in their performances on the field. MI finished in the bottom two in two of the three seasons under Hardik.The player was linked to Chennai Super Kings, Kolkata Knight Riders and Gujarat Titans during this trade window. It was reported that Hardik wanted to return to GT as captain, but the franchise turned the move down. Although they were allegedly happy to have him back as a player, they wanted him to play under the leadership of Shubman Gill.



**ARSHDEEP SINGH'S FATHER SPILLS THE BEANS**

A day before the trade deal was officially confirmed by the Indian cricket board, Arshdeep Singh's father spilled the beans in an interview with journalist Vimal Kumar.

He said that when he first heard about the possibility of the move, it came as a shock to him as well, given that Punjab Kings was Arshdeep's home. However, he added that he was more than happy with his son moving to Mumbai Indians, where he would get to play alongside his international teammate Jasprit Bumrah.

**HARDIK-ARSHDEEP'S IPL NUMBERS**

Both Hardik Pandya and Arshdeep Singh are proven performers in the IPL. Hardik has won five IPL titles, four with MI during his first stint and one as captain of Gujarat Titans.

## WTC match-ups, ICC event calendar for 2028-35 on agenda in next board meeting

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The World Test Championship match-ups for the 2027-29 and 2029-31 cycles will be proposed while major men's events for 2028-35 are set to be submitted for approval during the International Cricket Council's board meetings which began here on Wednesday.In all, eight ICC Committees will meet across the four-day programme.

Running from Wednesday till November 15, the final set of meetings of 2026 will bring together ICC Board and Committee representatives from around the world.."ICC World Test Championship match-ups will be proposed for the 2027-29 and 2029-31 cycles, while windows for all established ICC major men's events for 2028-35 will be submitted for approval," stated a press release from the world body.Discussions will also include the first feedback from the Franchise League Review Group and Governance Review Committee, which were both established at the ICC Annual Conference in July this year.

"The Franchise League Review Group has set out to consider ways to enhance the current ICC sanctioning framework of regulations that further protect and strengthen the ecosystem to address new challenges arising from the increasing number of franchise leagues," the ICC said.

## India snub hit hard, but Suryakumar Yadav is rediscovering love, passion for cricket

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Being dropped from the team you once led is never easy. Finding the motivation to pick yourself up and fight your way back can be even harder. For Suryakumar Yadav, the blow was particularly painful. He had captained India to a successful T20 World Cup title defence, only to find himself out of the



national setup a few months later.A prolonged lean patch with the bat eventually cost him his place in the side. The BCCI decided to move on from the former skipper ahead of the England tour, with Shreyas Iyer taking over the leadership responsibilities.The fall from being at the helm of a World Cup-winning side to watching from the sidelines took its toll. But Suryakumar is now beginning to find his feet again, rediscovering the love and passion that first drew him towards the game.

Speaking to the media at a T20 Mumbai League Celebrating the Champions event, as quoted by PTI, the former India captain admitted that the period following India's World Cup triumph had been particularly challenging."Post the T20 World Cup win it has been a little difficult. I don't want to run away from that fact. If you are not honest with yourself, it is very difficult to lead a happy life," Suryakumar said during a T20 Mumbai League Celebrating the Champions event here.

However, life away from the cricket field brought him a new source of happiness.

## Father used to hum songs, son Aaryavir Sehwag chants Sita Ram on his way to hundred

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Virender Sehwag's son Aaryavir has revealed that he chanted the names of Sita and Ram on his way to his first hundred for India in Youth ODIs. Aaryavir, who is opening the batting for India in the U19 Asia Cup 2026, played a sensational knock of 160 runs to guide India to a convincing win against the UAE.It was an important victory for India, who had suffered a big setback against Pakistan earlier in the tournament and needed to return to winning ways in the tricky conditions of Al Amerat.Sent in to bat after losing the toss, Aaryavir had to dig in at the crease and see off the new ball. He gradually picked up the pace, turning a patient start into a commanding innings of 160 runs, the highest individual score in the tournament this season.Speaking after his match-winning knock, Aaryavir revealed how conversations with his father have shaped his approach to batting. He said that while Virender Sehwag used to hum songs at the crease, he has developed his own way of shutting out distractions by chanting 'Sita Ram' while batting.



**SEHWAG INSPIRED BATTING ROUTINE**

Aaryavir said his father often speaks to him about the mental side of batting and the importance of staying in the present rather than worrying about the outcome of an innings.

Virender, one of India's most destructive opening batters, had his own way of dealing with pressure. Aaryavir, meanwhile, has found comfort in repeating the names of Sita and Ram in his mind whenever he is at the crease.When I talk to my father about the mental aspect of batting, he tells me something that helps me stay in the present moment. He often sings, so there should be some kind of reset button that keeps you focused on the present," Aaryavir said."So, when I'm batting, I keep repeating 'Sita Ram' in my mind so that no other thoughts come in. I focus only on the ball. Then, depending on where the ball lands, I play my shot. I just try to react to the ball rather than think about what I should do in a particular situation, or whether I should score a fifty or a hundred."The approach appeared to work wonderfully against the UAE. Aaryavir was initially happy to spend time at the crease and allow himself to settle before accelerating as the innings progressed.He revealed that he had also spoken to his father the previous night and promised him a big score in the tournament. His first hundred for India in Youth ODIs made that promise even more special.

## Meet Ishan Sood: India's U19 pacer taught by his dad, YouTube and ChatGPT

**New Delhi.(Agency)**

For six to nine months, Ishan Sood bowled one delivery. A good length, aimed at the top of of-stump, the same ball again and again, with a single cricket ball for company. He and his father, Dheeraj, practised nothing else.That patience is now on show at the Under-19 Asia Cup, where the 17-year-old from Morinda, Punjab, has become one of the more interesting young quicks to watch. At 6 feet 4 inches, Ishan has the sort of frame that makes a fast bowler stand out before he has delivered a ball. Eight wickets in three matches tell part of the story. The manner in which he has taken them tells the rest.Against Nepal, he bowled 10 overs, four of them maidens, and conceded just 18 runs for three wickets. Against Pakistan came a disciplined 1 for 36 in nine overs. Against the UAE he produced the best figures of the three: four wickets for 37 runs in seven overs.What catches the eye is the control, more than the height or the bounce. He keeps returning to the corridor of uncertainty, targeting the top of off-stump and making batters play. He can swing the ball both ways. Bowling from a wide angle to a right-hander, he can also straighten it after pitching, which beats most batters at will. There is a useful yorker too. For a young fast bowler, there is already a fair bit to work with.Social media has begun comparing him with Ishant Sharma: the height, the lanky frame, the ball that straightens after pitching. It is an early comparison, and Ishan has a long way to go. But how he got here is the more unusual story.

There is no elaborate coaching set-up and no permanent specialist overseeing every aspect of his bowling. For years it has largely been a two-man operation, Ishan and his father. Their classroom has been the cricket ground, but also YouTube, Google, social media and, more recently, ChatGPT.They watch, research, swap videos and talk it through. A particular



delivery catches their attention, and they work out how it is bowled, when it can be used and whether it might suit Ishan. Sometimes it is a bowling variation. At other times it could be a gym exercise, a nutritional requirement or a technical adjustment.“We rely a lot on social media, YouTube, Google and ChatGPT. We research things and discuss them with each other. We share videos, point out what a particular bowler is doing and work out what we need to learn or practise,” Dheeraj tells IndiaToday.in.

## No need for backup plan: F1 finale to go ahead in Qatar and Abu Dhabi

**Formula 1 is increasingly confident that its 2026 season will conclude in Qatar and Abu Dhabi despite tensions in the Middle East. The championship has dropped Imola as a backup venue after informing the Italian circuit that it will not host the season finale.**

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Formula 1 is preparing to bring its 2026 season to a close in the Middle East, with the governing body confident that the Qatar and Abu Dhabi Grands Prix will go ahead despite the ongoing tensions in the region.The status of the two races had been uncertain since the Iran war forced changes to the F1 calendar, with the Bahrain Grand Prix moved to Malaysia and the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix cancelled. With security concerns continuing to cast a shadow over the Middle East races, F1 had also explored the possibility of using Italy's Imola circuit as a backup venue for the season finale.However, those contingency plans have now been dropped, with F1 informing Imola and the teams that there will be no race at the Italian circuit, according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The latest development suggests that F1 is increasingly confident about completing its season as originally planned, with the championship set to conclude with back-to-back races in Qatar and Abu Dhabi.FIA president Mohammed Ben Sulayem also struck a confident note, saying that preparations for the two races were progressing as planned."The countdown is on," Ben



Sulayem said in a post on Instagram.

"We are ready for Qatar and Abu Dhabi. We are fully prepared and committed to delivering two outstanding Grand Prix weekends and a spectacular conclusion to the FIA Formula One World Championship."He added that the FIA was working closely with its partners to ensure everything was in place for the drivers, teams and fans. However, he did not provide specific details about the security arrangements.

**F1 DROPS IMOLA BACKUP PLAN**

Imola had emerged as a potential alternative after uncertainty surrounding the Middle East races forced F1 to explore contingency options. The Italian circuit hosted the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix until 2025 but was not part of the 2026 calendar.

F1 had begun preliminary preparations with local authorities at Imola, keeping the circuit available in case the situation in the Middle East deteriorated. However, with the decision deadline approaching, the championship has now informed the circuit that its services will not be required.The decision does not mean F1 will proceed with the Middle East races regardless of the security situation. Safety concerns remain a priority, and the possibility of a late change cannot be entirely ruled out if conditions worsen. All 11 teams have supported the decision to stick with the planned schedule, according to Reuters.

**THREE RACES LEFT IN THE 2026 F1 SEASON**

The 2026 Formula 1 season has three races remaining, beginning with the Las Vegas Grand Prix on November 21. The championship will then head to Qatar on November 29 before concluding at the Yas Marina Circuit in Abu Dhabi on December 6.

## Manchester United and Mauricio Pochettino: Has the moment finally arrived

**New Delhi.(Agency)**

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"Football is timing. It's the moments for it to coincide and for that marriage to happen."Sometimes it's just a



matter of timing. I don't believe that trains pass just once."These were the words of Mauricio Pochettino back in 2022, when he was asked about the possibility of taking charge of Manchester United. Four years later, it seems that the train has pulled into his station once again.United are in turmoil on the pitch, having managed just one win in their last 10 Premier League matches. They find themselves 18th in the standings and inside the relegation zone, with Michael Carrick increasingly coming under scrutiny. The pressure is mounting, and it appears that the club could be preparing to make another change in the dugout.

Reports suggest United are ready to part ways with Carrick and use the ongoing international break to assess potential replacements. Eddie Howe, Julian Nagelsmann and Antonio Conte are among the names being linked with the job, but Pochettino has emerged as a leading contender.The Argentine is currently in charge of the United States national team, but reports suggest he could be open to a return to club football, particularly if the opportunity to take over at Old Traford presents itself. United could also have a route to securing his services, with an escape clause reportedly included in his contract, which runs until 2030.But this is about more than contractual convenience or the availability of a manager.

# Mother Dairy raises milk prices by up to Rs 4 per litre. Check rates in Delhi-NCR

**New Delhi. (Agency)**

Mother Dairy has increased milk prices by Rs 2-4 per litre across several variants, with the revised rates coming into effect from Thursday, November 12.

In Delhi-NCR, the price of toned milk sold in bulk has been raised by Rs 2 to Rs 60 per litre, while pouched toned milk will now cost Rs 62 per litre, up from Rs 60.The price of full cream milk in pouches has been increased to Rs 76 per litre from Rs 72. Double toned milk will cost Rs 56 per litre, compared with Rs 54 earlier. Cow milk prices have also been raised to Rs 65 per litre from Rs 62.

The latest revision comes amid rising input costs, particularly higher procurement prices paid to farmers. Sources told PTI that the company has decided to pass on part of the increase in procurement costs to consumers. Mother Dairy's spokesperson declined to comment.MOTHER DAIRY LAST HIKED PRICES IN MAY




Mother Dairy, the largest milk supplier in Delhi-NCR, had last increased milk prices on May 14, 2026. Before that, the company had revised rates in April 2025.

The latest hike is expected to add to household expenses, particularly for families that buy milk regularly. Sources said the increase in procurement prices has put pressure on the company's costs.

Mother Dairy passes on around 75-80% of its milk sales realisation to farmers, according to .The company sells around 35 lakh litres of milk every day in the Delhi-NCR market through its own outlets, general trade and e-commerce platforms. Its total daily milk sales exceed 50 lakh litres.

**FOOD INFLATION REMAINS A CONCERN**

The milk price increase comes at a time when food inflation has been rising. According to the National Statistics Office (NSO), food inflation increased to 7.74% in September from 5.97% in August.Retail inflation also rose to 5.54% in September, driven by higher onion and other food prices. The Consumer Price Index-based headline inflation had stood at 4.83% in August.Higher milk prices could add to the pressure on household food budgets, although the overall impact on food inflation will depend on price movements across other food categories as well.Mother Dairy reported a 17% increase in turnover to Rs 20,300 crore in the last fiscal year, supported by improved demand for its milk products and cooking oils.Commissioned in 1974, the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). It sells milk and dairy products under the Mother Dairy brand, edible oils under Dhara and fresh fruits and vegetables.

## Anthropic IPO details out: How much will one share cost? Check price band

**New Delhi. (Agency)**

Anthropic has finally revealed the key details of its much-awaited initial public offering (IPO), with the maker of the Claude chatbot seeking to raise as much as $64.4 billion in what could become the world's second-largest stock market listing, behind SpaceX. The latest draft prospectus, reported by Reuters on November 10, shows that Anthropic and some of its existing shareholders plan to sell 825 million shares at an indicative price range of $70 to $78 apiece. The shares are expected to begin trading on the Nasdaq on November 19 under the ticker symbol 'ANT'. At the upper end of the price range, Anthropic could command a valuation of around $1.4 trillion on a fully diluted basis, which includes stock options and restricted stock. Excluding these securities, its valuation would be around $1 trillion. The proposed IPO proceeds are lower than the $69.3 billion indicated in preliminary terms that were briefly circulated to investment banks before being withdrawn. The updated prospectus contains a lower price range and a revised fundraising target.

The listing is being closely watched as a test of investor appetite for artificial intelligence companies, particularly at a time when concerns are mounting over the scale of spending required to develop and run advanced AI models.

ANTHROPIC IPO: KEY DETAILS

Anthropic is aiming to raise up to $64.4 billion through the public share sale. Separately, it plans to raise another $26 billion through a private placement involving cornerstone investors.

## Nomura assigns Buy rating to three major stocks: Check the target price & upside potential

**Kolkata. (Agency)**

Japanese brokerage firm Nomura has assigned buy rating to some stocks in the metals and energy sectors. The brokerage has indicated a potential upside of 14% to 43% for these three stocks. Let's explore which of Tata Steel, Hindalco Industries, and Gujarat Energy stocks are expected to see the biggest gains, according to the brokerage. The recommendations have come against the backdrop of a quick stock market revival following the prospects of easing tension in West Asia after the Democrat sweep in the US midterm elections.

**Tata Steel target price**

Nomura has a buy rating on Tata Steel and a target price of 210. This implies an upside expectation of 14% from Monday's closing price of 184.85. The brokerage lowered the target price from 240 due to lower EBITDA expectations for the European business in FY28 and FY29, as well as lower utilization and higher costs due to project delays and the West Asia crisis."We have cut FY28/FY29 EBITDA by 7% to INR408bn/INR461bn ( 40,800 crore/ 46,100 crore)," Nomura said. India estimates remain unchanged. However, as we approach FY30, we are reducing our India one-year-forward EV/EBITDA multiple from 8x to 7x to factor in losses from iron ore mines by FY30F. Near-term EBITDA also includes higher iron ore sales, which are less margin-enhancing than steel volumes.

## Fall in gold prices much sharper globally than in India: Know how investors were protected

**New Delhi. (Agency)**

The sharp decline in gold prices in 2026 has shocked investors worldwide. In the global market gold prices have dropped 21.4% from their January record highs. However, Indian investors haven't faced such a significant decline. Gold prices in India fell by only 14.9% during the same period. This is primarily due to the weakening of the Indian rupee against the dollar and the government's increase in gold import duties. According to a report by Axis Mutual Fund, between January 30 and October 30, 2026, the price of gold in the international market fell by 21.4% in dollar terms. But in India, the decline was 14.9% in rupee terms. This means that Indian investors lost approximately 6.5 percentage points less than global investors.

**How did the rupee's weakness help investors?**

India imports a large portion of its gold needs from abroad. The price of gold in the international market is determined in dollars. Therefore, when the rupee weakens against the dollar, purchasing gold becomes more expensive for India. During 2026, the rupee weakened from around 89 to 96 against the dollar. This meant that despite the fall in the price of gold in the international market, its price in the Indian market did not fall as significantly. For example, if gold becomes cheaper in the international market, but at the same time the dollar becomes expensive, then Indian buyers do not get the full benefit of the fall in the price of gold..

Higher import duty also supported domestic prices

Another major factor limiting the decline in gold prices was the government's decision to increase import duties. In March 2026, the government increased the import duty on gold from 6 percent to 15 percent. Following this decision, importing gold from abroad became more expensive. The increased import costs supported gold prices in the domestic market. Thus, despite the decline in international gold prices, the Indian market did not experience a significant decline.

# Stock markets surge in early trade; Sensex jumps 1,097 points

**MUMBAI. (Agency)**

Stock market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty rallied in early trade on Wednesday helped by foreign fund inflows, better-than-expected Q2 results and a sustained moderation in crude oil prices.The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 1,097.33 points to 82,186.92 in early trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty rallied 274.30 points to 25,317.55.In the 30 Sensex firms, InterGlobe Aviation, Mahindra & Mahindra, Eternal, HDFC Bank, Power Grid and Bharti Airtel were among the major winners.

Titan was the only laggard from the pack.Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 7,212.22 crore on Monday, according to exchange data.Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, traded at USD 92.44 per barrel level."The Nifty-50 has surged by 8.6 per cent in just seven trading days of this month. This surge was triggered mainly by the aggressive FII buying of Rs 53,170 crore, so far, this month. The dramatic change in the market environment was triggered by positive global clues for India from the weakening of the AI trade. But it is important to note that the real fundamental support to the rally has come from the better-than-expected Q2 results," V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Ltd, said.Given the new favourable environment for the Indian market, FIIs are likely to continue buying, imparting resilience to the frontline stocks in banking/financials, telecom, capital goods, select auto and pharmaceutical majors, he said.




"The drop in Brent crude to USD 92 is an additional macro relief for India," Vijayakumar added.

# Rupee rises 7 paise to 93.70 against US dollar on foreign fund inflows, softer crude

**New Delhi. (Agency)**

The rupee appreciated 7 paise to 93.70 against the US dollar in early trade on Wednesday, backed by a steady return of foreign capital, softer crude oil prices and improving geopolitical sentiment.Forex traders said foreign investors are gradually finding their way back into the domestic market, after months of cautious participation and substantial outflows.The rupee has emerged as one of Asia's best-performing currencies in FY27. If foreign fund inflows continue, it could provide an important cushion against external uncertainties, they said.In the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at around 93.71, then touched 93.70, up 7 paise from its closing level on Monday.On Tuesday, domestic equity, currency and debt markets were closed on account of 'Diwali Balipratipada'. On Monday, the rupee appreciated 21 paise to 93.77 against the US dollar."The rupee's underlying momentum remains positive, backed by a steady return of foreign capital, softer crude prices and improving geopolitical sentiment. If these supportive factors continue, USD/INR could extend its decline towards 93.50, with 93.00 emerging as the next important level to watch," CR Forex Advisors MD Amit Pabari said.Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 102.26, higher by 0.03 per cent.Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 1.01 per cent higher at USD 92.41 per barrel in futures trade.

"For the rupee, cheper oil offers support through a lower import bill, while higher US yields and the stronger dollar create an opposing pressure," said Anindya Banerjee, Head of Commodity and Currency Research, Kotak NEO.India's inflation data, to be released on Thursday, will be the next domestic policy signal, Banerjee said.Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) purchased equities worth Rs 7,2Driven by the AI-led sell-off in global markets, strong domestic earnings growth and attractive large-cap valuations, foreign investors turned net buyers of Indian equities in November, infusing Rs 53,739 crore in the first nine days after two consecutive months of outflows.12.22 crore on Monday, according to exchang data.

## AI in Indian agriculture: Can technology make farming smarter and easier

**HONG KONG. (Agency)**

Artificial intelligence, data and automation could change the way India farms, but making these technologies affordable and accessible to ordinary farmers will be key to their adoption, Veejay Nakra, President of Farm Equipment Business and Member of the Group Executive Board at Mahindra & Mahindra, said.Speaking at the Bharat Agriculture Conclave 2026, Nakra said agriculture was at a turning point, with semiconductors, computing, AI and data coming together to create new possibilities for the sector.Because for the first time, semiconductors, computing, AI, and data are coming together in a way that will change the foundation of farming in the future," he said.

He said farmers could increasingly use data and information to make decisions, instead of relying only on traditional methods. AI-powered advisory systems, computer vision technology and autonomous tractors could help farmers improve productivity and make agricultural operations easier.Nakra also pointed to the potential of real-time information on soil health and crop diseases. If farmers can identify problems before they spread and use water more efficiently, technology could help address some of the challenges facing Indian agriculture.

**AFFORDABILITY WILL BE KEY**

However, the adoption of these technologies will depend on whether farmers can afford them. Nakra said companies had a responsibility to bring solutions to the market that were cost-effective, easy to use and supported by suitable financial options."As we bring these technologies to the market for our farmers, it is our responsibility to provide them with cost-affordable, easy, and financial solutions so that their adoption increases," he said.The challenge is significant, given the pressure on farmers from climate uncertainty, labour shortages and limited natural resources. Nakra said agricultural companies were developing solutions across areas such as precision farming, micro-irrigation, alternate fuels and next-generation farm machinery.He also highlighted the role of technologies such as zero-till multi-crop seeding and balers, which can improve efficiency and help protect soil health.

INDIA NEEDS A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

Nakra said technology alone would not be enough to transform Indian agriculture. Governments, companies, startups, research institutions, universities and farmer organisations would need to work together.

# Centre likely to ease e-commerce regulations to scale up MSME exports

**New Delhi. (Agency)**

Purchasing pure handcrafted brass kitchenware from a small firm in Jaipur or authentic black earthenware from a local entrepreneur in Manipur, while being abroad, is a long arduous process. If the government's recent efforts take firm root, Indian MSMEs may soon be able to sell such goods through e-commerce platforms directly to foreign buyers without much hassle.The government is likely to ease several regulatory requirements for e-commerce platforms and make it easier for the small and medium enterprises to scale up their exports, sources aware of the matter said.

The centre is pushing both the global and domestic e-commerce players to handhold small businesses into the export markets by getting them integrated closely with the existing export promotion council framework.

India has set a target of $200-300 bn in in e-commerce exports by 2030. The commerce ministry already signed an MoU with Amazon last year asking the e-commerce giant to integrate its export navigator tool within DGFT's Trade Connect portal to help small and medium-sized businesses and entrepreneurs understand export compliance requirements.

"E-commerce remained one of our priorities alongside district level exports and if both these can be enhanced simultaneously, it will benefit the overall Indian exports. We are pushing the e-commerce platforms to reach out to the exporters and build more awareness especially among the district exporters to help them get on-boarded. We have asked the states to invite the e-commerce platforms, be it the domestic players or the global players to help the exporters scale up and transit a domestic business to an exporter," said an official.



A few months ago, the govt had relaxed some provisions. For instance, in July, it allowed foreign-funded e-commerce companies to operate an inventory-based model exclusively for exports purposes, which was previously restricted under the foreign direct investment (FDI) policy. In the last Budget, the government also removed the Rs 10-lakh per-consignment value cap on courier exports so that small businesses, artisans and startups can access global markets through e-commerce channels."Ease of doing business remains a continuous process. E-commerce expansion remains a priority, alongside greater utilisation of free trade agreements (FTAs). Awareness building is also in focus to ensure better utilisation of these agreements," the official said. The government does acknowledge that regulatory complexity, warehousing requirements, logistics costs and limited awareness of export procedures have often been major hurdles for smaller businesses to tap export markets.

The centre is monitoring the progress of these initiatives at the district level, the source said. The focus in not only on the bigger global players such as Amazon and Flipkart, but also on the states. The government has taken measures and policy decisions that could aid smaller businesses leverage the network of the e-commerce players. For instance, in the latest GST Council meeting, a simplified registration mechanism has been approved that will allow eligible small sellers to use an e-commerce operator's warehouse as their principal place of business in states where they do not have a physical presence.



# Uorfi Javed

## Says Firecracker Users 'Should Be Jailed' After Diwali: 'Kya Halat Kar Di Gawaar Logo Ne?'

Uorfi Javed has called for people bursting firecrackers to be jailed after post-Diwali pollution pushed air quality levels into the poor and severe categories in parts of the country. The reality show star and content creator took to Instagram Stories to express her anger, questioning how people could continue bursting crackers despite the impact on air quality.Uorfi Javed has demanded strict action against people bursting firecrackers after Diwali, as pollution levels rose across cities. The reality show star and content creator took to Instagram on Monday, November 9, to express her anger over the situation, especiallyy in Delhi, where air quality deteriorated sharply after the celebrations.

Sharing her reaction on Instagram Stories, Uorfi wrote, "Everyone bursting crackers should be jailed! Period! Kya halat kar di hai gawaar logo ne?" She referred to the continued use of firecrackers despite restrictions and the worsening air quality in the national capital.Delhi's overall Air Quality Index (AQI) remained in the 'very poor' category on Monday morning, while many other monitoring stations recorded readings above 400, placing them in the 'severe' category. Mumbai, meanwhile, recorded an overall AQI of 171, which falls in the moderate category.



The pollution levels in Delhi have once again brought the use of firecrackers during Diwali under scrutiny. Despite restrictions on their use, fireworks continued well past midnight on Sunday, even though the permitted time window had ended.On the work front, Uorfi was recently seen in the premiere episode of Lock Upp, where she spoke about the relationship between Splitsvilla contestants Yogesh Rawat and Akanksha Choudhary. She had earlier hosted Splitsvilla X6 alongside Sunny Leone, Karan Kundrra and Nia Sharma, gracing the show as the Mischief Maker.

**Are firecrackers banned in Delhi-NCR?**

Yes. The Supreme Court had temporarily allowed the use of certified green firecrackers in Delhi-NCR on November 7 and 8, ahead of Diwali. They could be burst only between 6 am and 7 am, and 8 pm and 10 pm on those two days. The court restored the complete ban on firecrackers from November 9, 2026. The restrictions also prohibited fireworks within 300 metres of hospitals, nursing homes, health centres, old-age homes, educational institutions and notified silence zones. Only approved green crackers were permitted during the temporary relaxation, while crackers containing barium and those joined in series, such as laris, remained prohibited.

# Karan Johar

## Calls Trolling Of Ranveer-Deepika And Vijay-Rashmika 'Downright Regressive'

Karan Johar has had enough of people policing celebrity relationships. The filmmaker, who is currently hosting the ninth and final season of his popular chat show Koffee With Karan, has spoken about the online backlash faced by couples such as Ranveer Singh-Deepika Padukone and Vijay Deverakonda-Rashmika Mandanna after their appearances on KWK. He feels that while everyone is entitled to an opinion, telling couples how they should behave in their relationships is crossing a line.In an interview with The Hollywood Reporter India, Karan called the criticism directed at Ranveer and Deepika 'downright regressive'. He also came out in support of Vijay and Rashmika, questioning why viewers feel the need to interfere in a couple's personal decisions.



**Karan Johar Calls Ranveer-Deepika Backlash 'Downright Regressive'**

Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone appeared together on the opening episode of Koffee With Karan Season 8. While the episode gave viewers a glimpse into their relationship, some of their revelations about dating other people before committing to each other soon became a talking point online.The couple faced considerable scrutiny, with several social media users questioning their relationship. Reacting to the backlash, Karan said, "They are beautifully in love. Such good actors in love with each other."He further pointed out that the couple had simply been honest about their lives and questioned why they were being judged for it. "They were just being honest about their lives. Since when should honesty be judged? You should be appreciative of someone's honesty," he said.

**'Are You A Counsellor?': Karan Johar On Comments About Vijay-Rashmika Relationship**

Karan also addressed the online discussions surrounding Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna after their joint appearance on Koffee With Karan Season 9.Their conversation sparked reactions online, with viewers closely analysing their comments about their relationship. Some also began offering unsolicited advice.Karan made it clear that he had no problem with people having opinions about celebrities. However, he drew a line when those opinions turned into instructions about how couples should conduct their relationships."Everyone's entitled to an opinion. But when you start telling them what to do in that relationship, I have a very big problem," he said.He went on to question why viewers felt entitled to advise the couple. "Who are you? Are you a counsellor? Are you a lawyer? Are you a member of their family?"

## Arbaaz Khan's Wife Sshura Lauds Stepson Arhaan For Setting High Standards For Sipaara: 'One In A Million'



Sshura Khan, the wife of Bollywood actor Arbaaz Khan, has shared a heartfelt post for the actor's son, Arhaan Khan, on his 24th birthday. On Monday, she took to her Instagram and shared a series of pictures of her stepson, as she praised his humility, ethics, and high standards as a sibling.She wrote in the caption, "In the years that I've known you, I've admired the wonderful son and incredible friend you are, but watching you as a big brother has been a whole new discovery…!! You've set the bar so high that Sipaara might never settle for anything less. She's one lucky little sister, and you're one in a million. All our love, always. Happy Birthday, Arhaan @iamarhaankhan."Arhaan is Arbaaz Khan's only child from his first marriage with Malaika Arora. He studied filmmaking in the United States and assisted Karan Johar on 'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani'. He also launched a podcast, 'Dumb Biryani', featuring conversations with celebrities and family members.

Arbaaz Khan and Malaika announced their separation in March 2016 after nearly 19 years of marriage. Their divorce was finalised by the Bandra Family Court on May 11, 2017. Malaika subsequently spoke about how the decision to end the marriage attracted criticism, with some people calling her selfish, but maintained that she needed to prioritise her happiness.While Malaika dated actor Arjun Kapoor, Arbaaz subsequently dated Giorgia Andriani before marrying celebrity make-up artiste Sshura Khan in an intimate nikah ceremony on December 24, 2023, at his sister Arpita Khan's Mumbai residence. The couple welcomed a daughter in October 2025.

## Ramayana: Indira Krishnan Defends Sai Pallavi's Warrior Sita, Says 'I Couldn't Connect But...



Sai Pallavi's portrayal of Sita in Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana: Part 1 has sparked a discussion in light of her character participating in combat. For the unversed, though not in the primary classical versions of Ramayana,she's depicted as a warrior in alternative and secondary texts such as Adbhuta Ramayana and Chitra Divakaruni's 2019 novel, The Forest Of Enchantments.Indira Krishnan, who plays Kaushalya, in the recently released magnum opus, reacts to the chatter surrounding the sequence where Sai's seen wielding a sword during the forest encounter with the demon army led by Khara and Dushana. Speaking exclusively to News18, she says, "I would also go with the audience. As a child when I watched Ramayan, I never saw Sita as a warrior.""I couldn't connect this bit with what I had watched in the old television show," she adds. But defending the sequence, she remarks, "The makers wanted to portray that Sita isn't weak. She belonged to a family of warriors where they made sure that the girl child learns the art of wielding a sword. Through the sequence, they've depicted the valour of Sita, who was otherwise soft-minded."

One of the more interesting aspects of the film is its attempt to give the women of the epic greater agency, allowing them to exist beyond their conventional identities as wives, mothers or antagonists. That, in turn, has opened up a larger conversation – the possibility to retain the emotional and cultural essence of an epic while allowing its women greater autonomy over the narrative.Talking about it, Indira says, "In our film, every woman has her own strength. For instance, when they cast me as Kaushalya, they didn't want a mother with a sad face. She's emotional but strong and confident at the same time. Even for Kaikasi, they didn't show her so much in the old Ramayan. People weren't aware that Ravana's mother was a warrior herself. This bit suprised everyone.""People are loving Shobana as Kaikasi. She has done a brilliant job. The same can be said for Surpanakha. She was very proud of being Ravana's sister. She fell weak only when she saw Rama. But no woman depicted in our film is weak.



# How Ayurveda can treat your Hair loss



## Treat hair loss with Ayurveda

For thousands of years, men and women of all countries and races have shared the tragedy of pre-mature hair loss. According to Ayurveda, the hair is derived either as a by-product or produced as a breakdown product of Asthi (bone tissue). Any disturbance in this tissue metabolism, which very much depends on the digestive fire, can affect the health of the hair. To a certain extent, the quality of hair depends on the body constitution.

## Ayurveda and hair loss

The reason for hair loss is a subject that no two doctors, seem to agree on and everyone seems to have their own opinion on the subject. The major causes for hairfall are hormonal, nutritional deficiencies and complications to other diseases and medications. Hormone related hair fall may also result from an increased sensitivity of hair follicles to male hormones or due to greater number of male hormone receptors attached to hair follicles. This is the component that is inherited through the genes — termed as Pitta constitution.

## What leads to hair loss

According to Ayurveda, excess of Pitta dosha in the body is increased by hot climatic conditions, excessive intake of spicy, salty and sour food, hot and sharp food, tea, coffee, alcohol, meats and excessive smoking. Eating too much fried, oily, greasy, and acidic foods also aggravates Pitta. Pitta balancing herbs (Eg: Shatavari —Asparagus) and vegetables which improves the quality of Asthi dhathu (Eg: bitter vegetables) are effective in treating hair fall.



## The main reasons

There are a number of other causes for hair fall like acute illness, high stress, and thyroid imbalance, certain drugs, sudden weight loss and high fever.

The first step is to locate the root cause in your diet or lifestyle that may be increasing the Pitta dosha. Once you locate it, try to give up or at least reduce the diet, habit, or activity responsible for increasing Pitta. Internal use of Ayurvedic medicines like Thikthakam kashayam, Thikthakam ghritham as per medical advice are effective to correct the metabolism. Ayurvedic general tonics like Narasimha rasayanam, Chyavana prasam are effective for improving hair growth. In alopecia, due to systemic diseases, treatment of the same is also required.

## Here are some tips

General recommendations and tips t maintain the results are some of the following:

- The person should maintain a regular bowel movement everyday. In case of constipation, a mild natural laxative can be taken. Triphala is very useful. - Regular physical exercise is very beneficial as it helps in balancing the aggravated doshas. - Rub your scalp after washing the hair. It increases the blood circulation, and activates the sebaceous glands. - A mixture of lettuce and spinach juice is good to drink to induce hair growth. The juice of carrot, and lettuce juice is also good to take. - Applying juice of green coriander leaves on the head is also good. - Washing the hair with a paste of cooked green gram and fenugreek (methi) two to three times a week, is also good. - A paste of licorice made by grinding it in milk can be applied in the bald patches. - The seeds of fenugreek is soaked in coconut oil and kept under direct sunrays for seven days and applied to the scalp, which prevents hair loss. - Traditional therapies like Dhara, Abhyangam, Thala pothichil, Nasya shows excellent effects.

## Here's what you can do

- A high protein and an iron rich diet is recommended for hair loss. An adequate intake of raw vegetables, fresh fruits, salads, green leafy vegetables should be included in the diet on a regular basis. - Use a natural shampoo to clean the hair. Amla (embilica officinalis), Shikakai (Acacia concinna) are very good for washing the hair. - Oiling and massaging of scalp is very beneficial for stopping the hair loss. Use coconut oil at least three times in a week. Certain medicated oils like Neelibhringadi oil, Kunthala kanthi oil, Kanjunnyadi oil are very useful. Put oil on the scalp, and massage gently in the roots of the hair.

Here's how to trim your own

# Fringe

Having a fringe gives your hairstyle that edge and takes years off your face.

But one inconvenience that comes with having a fringe is the need to get it trimmed every now and then, especially if your hairdresser charges a bomb to do it. However, with the right equipment and a little practice, you can trim your own fringe. Here's how...

1. Get the right equipment: Don't make the mistake of using nail or kitchen scissors to trim your fringe. You'll need haircutting shears, along with a comb.

2. Style your hair first: Style your hair and your fringe as you normally would so that you trim your fringe to suit your hairstyle.

3. Separate your fringe from the rest of your hair: Do this by clipping up all your hair, except for your fringe. This way, you won't cut into the rest of your hair by accident.



4. Start the actual trim: Pull your fringe down in front of your face and make sure it's even. Insert the comb under your fringe and pull it down till where you want to cut your fringe. Then, position your scissors in such a way that they're pointing upwards, perpendicular to the line of your fringe. Cut into your fringe, starting in the centre, and working your way outwards till you reach the middle of your eyebrows. Work on the outer sides of your fringe by inserting your comb under those areas and holding your scissors at a 45-degree angle and then start to trim.

5. Check to see if your fringe is even: Move your fringe around with your fingertips to check whether it's even and is the way you want it to be.

TIPS

- Do not wet your fringe when you're trimming it. This is because wet hair is longer than dry hair, which means you could end up cutting your fringe too short when it's wet.

- Do not cut straight across your fringe as this will give it a more severe and less natural look.



# 6 genius ways to use coconut oil on your face

**Amazing beauty benefits of coconut oil**

The natural multi-tasker coconut oil is known for many benefits. This wonder oil can replace many of your beauty products. In fact, this oil is used in many beauty products courtesy its antibacterial and antifungal properties. It's an excellent moisturiser for your skin and it smells divine. Here are six ways you can use coconut oil for your face:

**Skin moisturiser**

This wonder oil is high in fatty acids and vitamin E, which makes it a good recipe for a moisturiser. If you have really dry skin, coconut oil can be your saviour. It speeds the healing process of the skin, reduces water retention and boosts hydration.

**Remover stubborn make-up**

We know removing a waterproof mascara, long-lasting lipstick can be a pain. That's why you should turn to coconut oil for its magic. Pour some on the cotton pad and gently sweep along the lips, eyes and wherever needed. Bonus: The oil is gentle for the delicate skin around the eyes.

**Natural Highlighter**

Do you know a lot of highlighting products have coconut oil as a base? This oil works like magic on your skin. It glides perfectly on the skin and reflects pigment. To get that natural glow, you can sweep some coconut oil on your cheeks. You can also add a little bit of pigment or broken shadow to get your sparkle on!

**Fight acne**

Coconut oil is known for its antibacterial properties and can help to control acne. The fatty acids kill the bacteria causing acne and even balances the sebum production.

**Natural Sunscreen**

Coconut oil has a natural SPF of 4-5, which can protect your skin from the sun rays. However, the SPF isn't sufficient for a long day in the sun. So, if you're sun exposure is around 30 minutes or so, coconut oil can be your perfect moisturiser and sunblock.

**Anti-ageing benefits**

With coconut oil, you don't have to splurge on expensive anti-ageing products. The genius oil helps to boost collagen production which keeps your skin looking youthful. The oil penetrates deep into the skin, giving your skin the healthy glow back.

