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Sunrise 6:32 AM
Sunset 5:38 PM
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Moonset 12:42 AM

Today's Prediction
Maximum 27°C
Minimum 21°C
Tomorrow's Prediction
29°C | 20°C

MARKET

SENSEX	NIFTY
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368.97	117.70
GOLD	SILVER
120,788.00	146,650.00
1,142.00	2,308.00

India, China hold high level talks on LAC peace

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New Delhi
India and China held a fresh round of high-level military talks focusing on maintaining peace and security along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh using existing mechanisms.

The Corps Commander-level meeting was held on the Mol-Dochul border point on the Indian side of the frontier on October 25.

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The talks were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said. It said the two sides noted the progress since the 22nd round of Corps Commander level meeting in October 2024 and shared the view that peace and tranquility has been maintained in the India-China border areas.



"Both sides agreed to continue to use existing mechanisms to resolve any ground issues along the border to maintain stability," it said.

In the last few months, India and China have initiated a series of measures to normalise their relations after ending the over four-year military face-off along the LAC in eastern Ladakh October last year. The face-off effectively ended following completion of the disengagement

process from the last two friction points of Demchok and Depsang.

Following Wang's visit to New Delhi for the Special Representatives' talks in August 19, India and China unveiled a series of measures for a "stable, cooperative and forward-looking" relationship that included jointly maintaining peace along the frontier, reopening border trade and promoting investment flows.

Wangchuk's right to dissent stifled, wife tells SC



New Delhi
The Supreme Court on Wednesday took on record the amended plea of Sonam Wangchuk's wife Gitanjali J Angmo challenging the climate activist's detention and sought the response of the Centre and Union Territory of Ladakh in ten days.

A bench of Justices Arvind Kumar and NV Anjaria asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre and the UT of Ladakh, to file the response to the amended plea and posted the matter for hearing on November 24.

The bench also allowed senior advocate Kapil Sibal to file rejoinder, if any.

On October 15, the top court deferred the hearing on the plea of Angmo after she sought to file an amended petition with additional grounds for challenging the detention of Wangchuk, currently lodged in Central jail at Jodhpur of Rajasthan. Agency

Delhi govt puts cloud-seeding trial on hold

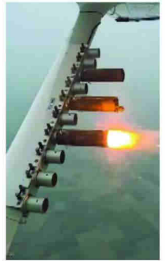
New Delhi
A cloud-seeding trial scheduled for Wednesday in Delhi has been put on hold due to insufficient moisture in the clouds, the Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur said in a statement.

According to the statement, the process is highly dependent on the right atmospheric conditions. The Delhi government conducted two cloud-seeding trials on Tuesday in collaboration with IIT-Kanpur but there was no precipitation in Delhi. Minimal rainfall was recorded in Noida and Greater Noida after the trials.

The trials were conducted in parts of Delhi, including Burari, north Karol Bagh, Mayur Vihar, and Badli.

In the statement, IIT-Kanpur noted that while rainfall could not be triggered on Tuesday as moisture levels were around 15 to 20 per cent, the trial delivered valuable insights.

"Monitoring stations set up across Delhi captured real-time changes in particulate matter and moisture levels. The data shows a measurable reduction of 6 to 10 per cent in PM2.5 and PM10 concentrations, indicating that even



under limited moisture conditions, cloud seeding can contribute to improved air quality," it said.

Asserting that the observations strengthen planning for future operations, the Institute said that such learnings form the foundation for more effective deployment ahead.

The cloud seeding trials conducted in Delhi on Tuesday helped in the reduction of particulate matter at locations where the exercise was carried out even as conditions were not ideal for it, an official report said.

"The PM2.5 was 221, 230 and 229 reported from Mayur Vihar, Karol Bagh and Burari respectively before cloud seeding, which reduced

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Early conclusion of India-EU FTA can make big difference: Jaishankar

New Delhi
An early conclusion of the proposed free trade agreement between India and the European Union can make a "big difference" in terms of stabilising the global economy and strengthening democratic forces, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Wednesday.

He said this after meeting a high-powered trade delegation from the 27-nation bloc.

The seven-member delegation is in India to push for finalisation of the long-awaited bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) between the two sides.

"Discussed how India and the European Union can maximize convergences and deepen cooperation. This can stabilize the global economy and strengthen democratic forces," Jaishankar said on X.



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar

"The early conclusion of the India-EU FTA can make a big difference to these objectives," he said. Jaishankar remarks came as the two sides looked to wrap up negotiations for the mega trade pact.

In September, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen reaffirmed their commitment to finalise the trade deal by December. The European Union

is India's biggest trade partner with bilateral trade in goods recording USD 135 billion in the financial year 2023-24. The FTA is expected to significantly enhance the two-way trade ties.

India and the EU concluded the 14th round of FTA negotiations in Brussels on October 10.

Following the negotiations, the EU said the talks focused on firming up an economically meaningful market access package. Agency

Doing a trade deal with India soon, says Donald Trump

Seoul
US President Donald Trump on Wednesday said that the US is "doing a trade deal with India" as the two sides continue to hold talks on the proposed trade pact.

While speaking at the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) CEO Summit in Gyeongju, South Korea, Trump added that he had great "respect and love" for Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"If you look at India and Pakistan ... so, I'm doing a trade deal with India and I have great respect and love, as you



US President Donald Trump

know, for Prime Minister Modi, we have a great relationship," Trump said. However, without

elaborating further on the subject of the trade deal, Trump once again shifted to his claims of resolving the conflict between India and Pakistan in early May.

Trump's comment came at a time when the relations between New Delhi and Washington have been reeling under severe strain after Trump imposed 50 per cent tariffs on India, including an additional 25 per cent levies for its procurement of Russian crude oil.

India described the US action as "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable". Agency

Days after ceasefire, Israeli airstrikes kill 104 in Gaza

DEIR AL-BALAH
Israel's military said Wednesday that the ceasefire was back on in Gaza after it carried out heavy airstrikes overnight across the Palestinian territory that killed 104 people, including 46 children, according to local health officials.

The strikes — the deadliest since the ceasefire was enacted on Oct. 10 — marked the most serious challenge to the tenuous truce to date. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he had ordered



the military to conduct "powerful strikes" over

HIGHLIGHT
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Gaza after accusing Hamas of violating the ceasefire when the militant group handed over body parts that Israel said were the partial remains of a hostage recovered earlier in the war.

Netanyahu called the return of these body parts a "clear violation" of the ceasefire agreement, which requires Hamas to return the remaining hostages in Gaza as soon as possible. Israeli officials also accused Hamas of staging the discovery of these remains on Monday, sharing a 14-minute edited video captured by a military drone in Gaza.

In response to the Israeli strikes, Hamas said that it would delay handing over the body of another hostage. Agency

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to 207, 206 and 203 respectively after the first seeding. Similarly, PM10 was 207, 206 and 209, which got reduced to 177, 163 and 177 at Mayapuri, Karol Bagh and Burari respectively," said the report.
IT-K said it remains committed to advancing this research with scientific discipline and a clear focus on improving environmental outcomes for the National Capital Region (NCR).
After conducting the trials on Tuesday, the Delhi government, later in the evening, in a report said that the cloud-seeding trials helped in reduction of particulate matter at locations where the exercise was carried out even as conditions were not ideal for it.

SC calls for uniform rules on Judicial promotions

New Delhi
The Supreme Court on Wednesday said that some kind of nationwide "uniformity" in criteria for determining seniority of entry-level judicial officers is needed to deal with the slow and uneven career progression of such judges across India.
A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice B R Gavai, however, made clear that even remotely, it does not intend to encroach into the powers of high courts in recommending names for judgeship.
The bench, also comprising justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, Y Vinod Chandran and Joydalya Bagchi, is mulling framing uniform, nationwide criteria for determining seniority in the Higher Judicial Service (HJS) cadre.
It took note of the situation that "in most of the states, judicial officers recruited as Civil Judge (CJ) often do not reach the level of Principal District Judge



(PDJ), leave aside reaching the position of a High Court Judge. This has resulted in many bright young lawyers being dissuaded from joining the service at the level of CJ".
At the outset of the second day's hearing, senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the Allahabad High Court, dissuaded the top court from imposing a uniform seniority

and promotions... It is the time to strengthen the high courts and not to weaken them," he said.
"Some uniformity has to be there amongst the high courts... we will not be taking away the discretion of high courts for recommending the names. But why should there be different policies for every high court? We do not even indirectly or remotely intend to take away the discretionary powers of the high courts," the CJ said.
Justice Surya Kant added that the Bench's directions, if any, would not address "inter se seniority" disputes but would rather lay down general principles for ensuring fairness and consistency across the country.
"There is no question of entertaining individual seniority disputes. It's going to be a broad, guiding framework," Justice Kant clarified.
The CJ said the exercise is undertaken as part of a "trial and error" method to improve the situation.

Swift action by Railway staff saves life at Erode Junction



Staff Reporter
New Delhi
Railways are much more than just trains and tracks — they are a lifeline connecting millions of people every single day. Ensuring that this vast system runs safely are the dedicated men and women of the Railway Protection Force (RPF), who stand as vigilant guardians of passenger safety across the Nation.
On the evening of 27th October 2025, at Erode Junction, one such act of courage and alertness came to light. As the Erode-Chennai Yercaud Express (Train No. 22650) was about to depart, a lady passenger attempted to board the moving train and lost her balance. In that critical moment, RPF Head Constable S. Jagadeesan, posted at Karur/Southern Railway, reacted instantly. With presence of mind and quick reflexes, he pulled her away from the moving train — preventing a serious accident and saving her life.
This incident highlights the grave dangers of attempting to board or disembark a moving train. Even a moment's lapse can lead to life-threatening injuries. The Railways urge all passengers to wait until the train comes to a complete halt before boarding or alighting.
Under Operation Jeevan Raksha, RPF personnel across the country continue to display exceptional bravery and compassion, saving lives through their timely intervention. Such acts remind us that behind the vast machinery of the Indian Railways lies a human heart — one that beats for the safety and well-being of every passenger, every single day.

Yamuna Authority to launch plot scheme for apparel sector in December

Noida
The Yamuna Authority is now preparing to give a new impetus to the apparel sector with the state government selecting Gautam Buddha Nagar for the garment sector under the "One District, One Product" (ODOP) plan.
Meanwhile, the Yamuna Authority has instructed the officials concerned to purchase the remaining land in the Apparel Park with the consent of farmers, to provide more space for industries. It is developing a state-of-the-art Apparel Park on 175 acre of land in sector 29. The park is being developed specifically for textile and garment manufacturing units.
As of now, 81 plots have been allotted, of which registration for 61 plots has been completed, and possession of 43 plots has been handed over. Construction work is underway for seven industrial units, while 16 have received approvals for their plans. Demand for plots in this area is steadily increasing from the apparel sector. Investors and entrepreneurs are interested in setting up their units in the Apparel Park.
Therefore, the authority has decided to launch a new plot scheme on the remaining land in the Apparel Park. The officials concerned said that the new scheme will be released in December once the land acquisition process is complete. According to officials concerned, once the Apparel Park is fully developed, it will become a major hub for employment generation. During the land allotment, the Noida Apparel Export Cluster claimed an investment of approximately ₹3,000 crore and employment for over 300,000 people. 75% of these jobs were promised to women.

NCB's Goa operation exposes the dark web of synthetic drug trade

Mitali Chandola
New Delhi
In a meticulously planned operation that underscores the scale and persistence of India's narcotics challenge, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Mumbai, has dismantled a well-organised drug syndicate operating across Maharashtra and Goa. The arrest of Danish Merchant — better known by his street alias "Danish Chikna" — and his wife Henna Bharat Shah marks a significant step in the Bureau's ongoing campaign against the expanding menace of synthetic drugs.
The case began with a precise tip-off that led NCB sleuths to intercept a courier in Pune, recovering 502 grams of Mephedrone, a dangerous synthetic stimulant known for its addictive properties.
The trail quickly extended to Mumbai, where another 839 grams were seized from an associate, leading investigators to the real masterminds. After days of surveillance and coordination across states, the couple were finally traced and arrested from a luxury resort in Goa on October 25, 2025.
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Raigad fisheries cluster emerges as model for Cooperative-Led blue economy growth

TSN/Mumbai
The cooperative-led model of fisheries development gained fresh momentum on Tuesday as Union Fisheries Secretary Dr. Abhilash Likhi visited the Raigad Fisheries Cooperative Cluster in Maharashtra to review its progress and engage with stakeholders. The cluster is being developed as a model for integrated fisheries value-chain development aimed at strengthening fisheries-based livelihoods through cooperative participation.
During his visit, Dr. Likhi interacted with 251 members representing 156 Primary Fisheries Cooperative Societies and nine Fish Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs) from across the district. The discussions focused on identifying challenges, scaling up infrastructure, and enhancing market linkages to promote sustainable growth in the sector.
Reaffirming the government's focus on cooperative-led development, Dr. Likhi said the activities of fisheries clusters must align with flagship national programmes such as the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and



the Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF). He noted that the Joint Task Force formed between the Department of Fisheries and the Ministry of Cooperation is working to strengthen fisheries cooperatives across India.
Citing the recent inauguration of a deep-sea fishing vessel by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, Dr. Likhi said fisheries cooperatives are central to the government's vision for a prosperous and self-reliant fishing community.
The Secretary directed the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) to organize awareness and training programmes, as well as grievance redressal programmes. He emphasized that the cluster-based approach would help achieve integrated growth across the fisheries value chain, with a focus on innovation, exports, financial access, and infrastructure improvement.
He also announced that the visit marked the start of a consultative planning process that will include multiple rounds of dialogue with cooperative representatives to identify gaps and design holistic, need-based interventions. Infrastructure proposals raised by stakeholders would be prioritized, he assured.
Joining the meeting virtually, Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) Shri Sagar Mehra highlighted the need for convergence between ministries and schemes for long-term sustainability. He advocated a technology-driven, integrated approach to fisheries development.
Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) Ms. Neetu Kumari spoke about the development of Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for harbour management aimed at empowering fisheries cooperatives to efficiently manage

harbours and landing centres. These initiatives, she said, are being carried out in coordination with the Ministry of Cooperation, the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), and other partner institutions.
NFDB Chief Executive Dr. B.K. Behera presented an overview of Raigad's fisheries landscape and outlined a five-year roadmap under PMMSY to enhance infrastructure, cold chain facilities, processing units, market linkages, and welfare schemes in alignment with Maharashtra's fisheries growth goals.
Stakeholders from marine, freshwater, and brackish water sectors shared success stories and concerns, calling for improved facilities such as fishing jetties, ice plants, cold storage, and drying. Women participants sought targeted initiatives, including health and sanitation facilities, while others suggested exposure visits to Andhra Pradesh to learn from best practices and strengthen credit linkages. Financial institutions present at the event assured continued support for cooperative initiatives.

Urdu most beautiful language Hindu-Muslim harmony vital for progress: Rijiju

New Delhi
Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Wednesday described Urdu as "the most beautiful language in the world" and said harmony between Hindus and Muslims is essential for the country's progress and unity.
He was speaking at the 105th Foundation Day celebrations of Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), which was inaugurated at the university in the presence of Vice Chancellor Prof Mazhar Asif, Registrar Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, and the Dean of Students Welfare, Neelofar Afzal.
The event began with a Guard of Honour and the recitation of verses from the Quran, followed by a rendition of

the university's 'Tarana' by school students.
It also marked the opening of JMI's six-day educational and cultural fair — the iconic Talimi Mela — returning in full scale after more than a decade, a statement from the university said.
Rijiju released a special issue of 'Jauhar', the university's newsletter revived after eight years, and Jamia's Annual Report.
Praising the institute as "the tallest example of India's composite culture", the minister said, "JMI should continue to send out the most powerful message of unity, nationalism and brotherhood to the entire nation."
He paid tributes to the university's founders



and recalled the support extended by Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore, Sarojini Naidu and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad during its early years.
"Jamia is unmatched in academic rigour and cultural richness; it holds a special place in my heart," Rijiju said.
Lauding the implementation of the National Education Policy, he said, adding that de-

spite disruptions, crucial legislation is eventually passed "in the interest of the nation".
The minister also underlined India's constitutional diversity. "Because of the Constitution, we will be safe, as it covers every aspect of a problem and provides a solution for it," he said.
Rijiju added that maintaining social harmony is a collective responsibility.
"Of the six recognised minorities, Muslims form about 80 per cent. It is the responsibility of the larger communities — Hindus and Muslims — to ensure harmony. If they live in peace, then all other smaller communities will also continue to contribute to

the growth of the country. Jamia Millia Islamia is the best symbol from where such a message can go out," he said.
The minister announced support from the Ministry of JMI's infrastructure, including a larger auditorium, new research facilities, and an air-conditioned library for the Residential Coaching Academy.
The ministry has also sanctioned Rs 181 crore for hostels and smart classrooms, university officials said.
Vice Chancellor Mazhar Asif expressed gratitude to Rijiju and reaffirmed JMI's commitment to "academic excellence rooted in national service and inclusive education".

NEWS IN BRIEF

Farmers protest against Noida Authority

Noida
Farmers from 81 villages here on Wednesday, staged a sit-in protest outside the Noida authority's office. They were staging protest for early disposal of their demands.

The farmers led by the Bharatiya Kisan Manch, said that the Noida Authority has ignored their problems for years, forcing them to take to the streets. The protesting farmers have clearly stated that the protest will continue indefinitely until all their demands are met.

A crowd of farmers began gathering at the Harola Banaatgarh in sector 5 since early morning. By noon, hundreds of farmers including women, marched toward the authority's office, shouting slogans. However, when the farmers tried to enter the office, the local police stopped them which led to minor scuffle between the two sides, creating a tense atmosphere.

In view of the protest, a heavy police force was deployed at the Noida Authority office and surrounding areas. Traffic diversions were implemented on several routes to maintain order. The administration appealed to the farmers to maintain peace.

Bharatiya Kisan Manch leader Sudhir Chauhan said, "We've been trying to present our demands to the authorities for years, but our demands seemed to have fallen on deaf ears. Now the farmers are in a do-or-die mood. The protest won't end until compensation and land-related issues are resolved."

Bus Bay network in GreNo to be ready by Jan-26

Noida
Bus bay, being built along the 130-meter-wide road connecting Greater Noida (GreNo) and Greater Noida West, is expected to be completed by January next year. So far, approximately 15 km of the bus bay has been completed.

Upon completion, the project will expand to 12 lanes, which is expected to significantly reduce traffic congestion in the area. According to Greater Noida Authority, the bus bay construction is underway along a total length of approximately 27 km. In Greater Noida West, work is underway on the Tilpata-to-Noida lane from Murli Chowk to Roza Roundabout. Roza to Milak Roundabout and Milak to Saini Roundabout.

Besides, bus bay construction is underway on both sides of the lane from Supertech Jar Society to Dadha and from the 105-meter road roundabout near the authority office to Sector P1 roundabout. According to Greater Noida Authority CEO Ravi Kumar NG, various plans are underway to ensure smooth and efficient traffic flow. As part of this, the construction of the bus bay on the 130-meter-wide road has been accelerated.

Delhi Govt. to hire 5,000 teachers for quality education

New Delhi
The Delhi government has announced the appointment of 5,346 trained graduate teachers (TGTs) in government and municipal schools to strengthen classroom learning and ensure individual attention for students in classes 6 to 10.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said in a post on X on Wednesday that the new appointments of 5,346 teachers aim to provide students with quality educa-

Cloud seeding shows promise as Delhi sees drop in pollution, AQI at 279

Delhi Environment Minister Says More Trials expected based on weather conditions

Staff Reporter
New Delhi
In a significant step toward tackling Delhi's persistent air pollution, recent cloud seeding trials conducted by the Delhi government in collaboration with IIT Kanpur have shown encouraging results. The experiments, aimed at inducing artificial rain to wash away pollutants, led to particulate matter (PM) reductions of up to 41.9 percent in certain areas, officials said. Delhi's average Air Quality Index (AQI) currently stands at 279.

Environment Minister Manoj Kumar Singh said the government's multi-pronged approach—combining science, technology, and civic enforcement—is



Delhi Environment Minister Manoj Kumar Singh speaking at a podium during a press conference.

Six African nationals arrested in drug case

New Delhi
Police here arrested six African nationals, including a 30-year-old man who was allegedly involved in supplying and selling MDMA in south and southeast Delhi, an official said on Wednesday.

The police seized drugs, with a street value of around Rs 10 lakh from Aboagye Kingsley Afom (30), a Nigerian national who came to India on a medical visa in 2024, which has since expired, he said.

Five other African nationals, identified as Juliet Abi Nganya (33), Magdalena Ngeti Ngeke (33), Rita Anyine Aka (26), Ezeko P Onyedika (33) and Ton Comfort Mayra (21), all residents of Cameroon, were also arrested from Delhi's Amar Colony for overstaying in India without valid visas, Deputy Commissioner of Police

beginning to show measurable improvements. "Even with limited moisture levels, we achieved notable reductions in particulate matter. This is just one part of our broader strategy for cleaner air," Sirsa said. He con-

Delhi Government plans new cow shelters says Indraj

(Southeast) Hemant Tiwari

New Delhi
On the occasion of Gopashthana, Delhi's Social Welfare Minister, Ravinder Indraj on Wednesday expressed the government's commitment to cow protection, emphasizing its importance to both Central and State Governments.

He announced that the government is working on establishing new cow shelters and managing current

facilities to keep cows off the streets and in safer environments. A new cow shelter is planned for Ghumanheda village, aiming to reduce stray cattle in Delhi. During a dialogue in Harewali village themed around making India self-reliant and a global leader, the Minister shared that the nation can progress by conserving nature and

While there was no rainfall in Delhi, light showers were reported in Noida and Greater Noida after the operation. According to officials, each trial costs between ₹20-25 lakh, and around nine to ten more will be required to determine the precise moisture levels needed to trigger rainfall in Delhi's conditions.

Sirsa also took a swipe at the opposition Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), accusing it of being "jealous" of the BJP-led government's success. "They couldn't make this happen in ten years. Now we're celebrating Ghatah by the Yamuna, which is cleaner than before, and pollution levels are under control. They can't stand that progress is visible in just

seven months," he said. AAP leaders, however, questioned the feasibility of the exercise, noting that no rainfall occurred in Delhi despite the trials. In response, Sirsa said that weather experimentation and data collection are essential before large-scale implementation. "Once IIT-Kanpur establishes the required moisture conditions, we'll be able to use artificial rain effectively whenever needed," he added.

Meanwhile, the Delhi government continued parallel efforts to improve air quality through on-ground civic actions. Over the past 24 hours, 12,000 metric tonnes of garbage were removed, nearly 3,000 km of roads were cleaned mechanically, and over 170 construction sites were inspected. Authorities also issued more than 10,000 fines for vehicular pollution violations. A cloud seeding trial planned for Wednesday was postponed due to low moisture content in the clouds, IIT Kanpur confirmed. The government hopes to resume trials once atmospheric conditions are favorable, reinforcing its commitment to combine innovation with consistent enforcement in the fight against pollution.

linking it to self-employment and health benefits through animal husbandry. In a separate event, Minister Indraj inaugurated a new Delhi Jal Board project in Bawana village, aimed at providing clean drinking water to 250 families. He instructed officials to ensure the project is completed on time and meets quality standards.

DMRC to run 40 extra trips to cut air pollution

New Delhi

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) will run 40 extra trips on weekdays in a bid to cut air pollution, an official said on Wednesday. The enhanced capacity is aimed at encouraging commuters to opt for the metro, ditching their vehicles.

According to a statement, DMRC Managing Director Dr Vikas Kumar, along with officials from civil and environment departments, inspected north Delhi's Ashok Vihar and Derawal Nagar areas, along the under-construction Krishna Park Extension—RK Ashram district corridor, to review the dust-minimising efforts. Kumar said the transporter may further extend the extra trips to 60, in case GRAP-III is enforced. The DMRC said it has been sprinkling water at construction and demolition sites and ensuring a safe disposal of waste material to curb air pollution. The washing of wheels before the vehicles leave these sites has been mandated, it added. Anti-smog guns have been deployed at all such active sites in line with the order. According to DMRC, it was among the first construction agencies in the National Capital Region to introduce anti-smog guns, even before their use became mandatory. Currently, around 82 such machines are operational across its project locations, with more to be added as needed, it said. The DMRC has also undertaken a series of long-

term environmental initiatives. During the construction of Phase IV underground stations at Ghanta Ghar and Pul Bangash, the dewatered water was channelled through a pipeline to Roshanara Bagh Lake, resulting in its rejuvenation, it said. It said that its Blue Line, connecting Yamuna Bank with Vaishali in Ghaziabad, and DMRC's corporate headquarters at Metro Bhawan, have both been declared carbon neutral. Using the Miyawaki method of dense urban plantation, over 12,500 saplings were planted on approximately 1.2 acres near the Najafgarh Metro Depot and the Metro Niketan residential colony, it said.

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NOTICE is hereby given that my client Mr. Hamant Kumar purchasing a Property Bearing No. L-9, area measuring 60 Sq. Yds. Out of Kh. No. 64/11/20 situated at Ph. - 1, New Palam Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana. The ownership of the said property is in the name of Mrs. Shanti Devi and the same was transferred by Mrs. Raj Kumari through SPA and Will. If anybody has any objection/s upon said property /It's ownership & Title /Its Sale and Mortgage / Litigation, kindly inform the undersigned in writing within 7 days of Publication of the Notice, falling which the property would be considered as unencumbered and no objection will be entertained thereafter. RASHID GOEL (Advocate) 311 B, B-4, Keshav Puram, New Delhi-110035

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NOTICE is hereby given that my client Mr. Afzar Abbas purchasing a Property Bearing No. 33, First Floor, area measuring 50 Sq Yds. Situated at Abadi of Rashid Market, in the area of Village Khajuri Khos, Illaga Shakhra, Delhi - 110051. The ownership of the said property is in the name of Mrs. Shahraz Abbas and the same was transferred by Sh. Raj Kumar through Sale Deed dated 14/03/2018. If anybody has any objection/s upon said property /It's ownership & Title /Its Sale and Mortgage / Litigation, kindly inform the undersigned in writing within 7 days of Publication of the Notice, falling which the property would be considered as unencumbered and no objection will be entertained thereafter. RASHID GOEL (Advocate) 311 B, B-4, Keshav Puram, New Delhi-110035

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Name of Work: 45-SRDEE-G-DU-2025-26-EC.
Its location: Electrical work in connection with Replacement of Rail pole/substation pole with octagonal pole, cabling and all LED lighting with other associated works at stations over SFR section.
Approximate cost of the work in Rs. 20543261.00
Address of the office: Sr. Divt. Elect. Engineer-General, New Delhi.
Earnest Money: Rs. 252700.00
Last Date & time of submission of tender: 20.11.2025, 16.00 Hrs.
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Swadeshi spirit gains momentum as Arun Singh calls for a collective drive toward self-reliant India

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Under the banner of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan (Self-Reliant India Campaign), the Bharatiya Janata Party's Sharda District unit organized a series of special seminars in East Azad Nagar, Gandhi Nagar Assembly. The program, centered on promoting Swadeshi and self-reliance, was inaugurated by BJP National General Secretary and Member of Parliament Arun Singh, who lit the ceremonial lamp to mark the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Arun Singh said that the pledge for Swadeshi—the use and promotion of indigenous goods—is resonating across the country. Responding to the Prime Minister's call, he urged every citizen to adopt Swadeshi as a way of life and contribute to building a self-reliant India. "Through this collective resolve, India will emerge as a developed nation," he



said, adding that people from all walks of life are now committed to using Indian-made products. Singh explained that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the Gandhi Nagar Assembly had organized a focused discussion on the theme "Adopt Swadeshi – Become Self-

Reliant." The event brought together eminent personalities, traders, industrialists, entrepreneurs, and consumers from Asia's largest market, who collectively pledged to prioritize Indian products and reduce dependence on foreign goods. He emphasized that the essence of Aatmanirbhar

Bharat lies not only in economic independence but also in strengthening national pride and self-respect. "When every citizen starts using Swadeshi products, it will empower small and cottage industries, MSMEs, and local artisans. This will create employment opportunities and position India as a

global economic force," Singh said.

Highlighting India's economic achievements, he noted that under Modi's leadership, the country has become the world's fourth-largest economy and is poised to become the third-largest within two years. Over the past five years, India has been the fastest-

growing major economy globally. Singh described the promotion of Swadeshi as both a national duty and a moral responsibility that will boost domestic employment and innovation.

Recalling India's success during the COVID-19 pandemic, Singh said the nation's indigenous vaccines were administered to 2.25 billion people and supplied to over 100 countries, saving countless lives. He also referenced Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's advocacy for Swadeshi, adding that the Modi government continues to advance this vision. "Whether it's the Tejas fighter jet or the Brahmos missile, the world now recognizes India's self-reliant defense capability," he said, noting that defense exports have increased 35 times.

Yamuna Par Vikas Board Chairman and Gandhi Nagar MLA Arvind Singh Lovely said that India's journey toward becoming a developed nation hinges on achieving self-reliance.

He stressed the importance of promoting Swadeshi products and urged traders to lead awareness efforts. Consumers, he said, should make "Made in India" goods their first choice, while entrepreneurs must focus on quality, innovation, and environmental responsibility as they move "from local to global."

BJP Sharda District In-charge Dr. Anil Gupta announced plans to launch a public awareness drive to spread the message of "Vocal for Local" to every household. Sharda District President Deepak Gaba led all attendees in taking an oath to boycott foreign goods and promote the use of Swadeshi products.

A local exhibition showcasing products made by youth and women entrepreneurs was also organized and received widespread appreciation. The event concluded with a collective pledge by all participants: "We will adopt Swadeshi and build a self-reliant India."

Gupta govt should stop misleading people in name of artificial rain: DPCC

Staff Reporter
New Delhi

Delhi Congress President Devendra Yadav here on Wednesday said that instead of misleading people with costly fog shows like cloud seeding the Rekha Gupta government should make earnest efforts to address root causes of capital's toxic air and polluted Yamuna river.

He said that it came as no surprise to experts when the much publicised cloud seeding attempts over Delhi skies to induce artificial rain thrice in the past one week turned out to be an utter failure. Yadav said that CM Gupta had made tall claims of cleaning the Yamuna for the Chhath Puja to enable the Poorvanchal districts to hold the festival in clean waters but the devotees were eventually forced to hold the Chhath Puja in the poisonous and polluted Yamuna waters.

Yadav wondered what was the Gupta government doing in the past nine months to tackle air pollution on a permanent basis except depending on ad hoc measures like cloud seeding, which brought no rain over Delhi.

Yadav said that despite concerns expressed by experts, environmentalists and the government departments, the Gupta government's decision to go ahead with the cloud seeding trials was to thwart criticism when the toxic air envelops the capital, though such short term measures will not bring a lasting solution to the air pollutants.

Yadav said that if the funds used for cloud seeding experiments were utilized to address root-cause like emission control and dust control, city air would have been much cleaner and safer. He said that the negatives of artificial cloud seeding outweighs the positives and the BJP government should take lasting measures to save city from the toxic air, which has been reducing the life span of the people.

ICY files police complaint alleging 'rain theft' after Delhi's cloud-seeding trial

New Delhi

The Congress youth wing filed a police complaint here on Wednesday, alleging "theft of rain" and claimed that the Delhi government's Rs 1.25-crore cloud-seeding experiment failed to produce showers over the city.

However, Delhi Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa claimed the cloud-seeding trials were successful and slammed the opposition, saying they are "jealous" of the success of the BJP-led government.

Delhi conducted cloud seeding trials on Tuesday, after a gap of 53 years, to induce artificial rain in the national capital amid surging pollution levels, even as the weather department did not record any traces of rainfall in the city.

The Delhi government, in collaboration with IIT-Kanpur, conducted the trials in parts of Delhi, including Burari, North Karol Bagh, Mayapuri, and Badli. The government's report stated that two precipitation events were recorded — Noida at 4 pm (0.1 mm of rain) and Greater Noida at 4 pm (0.2 mm).

On World Stroke Day, ShardaCare Healthcity launches dedicated stroke clinic

Greater Noida

Marking World Stroke Day, ShardaCare Healthcity has launched a dedicated Stroke Clinic and Comprehensive Stroke Rehabilitation Programme aimed at improving recovery outcomes for stroke survivors through integrated, multidisciplinary care. The new initiative brings together neurologists, physiotherapists, psychologists, and rehabilitation experts to provide coordinated treatment and faster recovery. Led by Dr. Atampreet Singh, Senior Director and Head of Neurology, the clinic will operate from Monday to Friday between 2 PM and 5 PM, with 24x7 emergency stroke care support.

During the launch, the hospital also hosted an awareness seminar attended by over 25 doctors from across the city to discuss advances in stroke diagnosis, prevention, and long-term management.

Highlighting the urgency of early intervention, Dr. Singh said that India records a brain stroke every 20 seconds, making it a major public health concern. "A brain stroke can strike anyone, anytime. The first four and a half hours after onset are critical — treatment



within this window can dramatically improve outcomes," he said. He also emphasized the importance of recognizing early signs through the B.E.F.A.S.T. checklist: Balance loss, Eye trouble, Facial drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulty, and Time to act fast. Dr. Singh noted that strokes among younger adults are rising due to lifestyle factors such as poor diet, obesity, smoking, and alcohol use. While ischemic stroke is the most common type, only about one percent of eligible patients receive the clot-busting IV thrombolysis treatment in time.

He also pointed to new MRI and AI-based techniques that now allow faster brain imaging, along with mechanical thrombectomy procedures that have "revolutionized stroke outcomes." Focusing on recovery, Dr. Dharam Pandey, Director of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Sciences, said that stroke management continues long after emergency treatment. "Our rehabilitation programme blends conventional therapy with innovations like robotics-assisted training, virtual reality exercises, and sensor-based motion analysis to make recovery measurable

and engaging," he said. The centre also uses Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) and EMG biofeedback to aid neuromuscular and cognitive recovery.

Mr. Rishabh Gupta, Managing Director of ShardaCare Healthcity, said the initiative reflects the hospital's commitment to comprehensive, technology-driven care. "We view stroke recovery as a journey that extends beyond emergency response. With our multidisciplinary team and advanced neurorehabilitation systems, we aim to help patients regain mobility, independence, and quality of life," he said.

Shopkeeper held for obscene act with minor in Faridabad

Sandeep Chauhan
Faridabad

A swift response by the Dayalbagh police outpost team led to the arrest of a shopkeeper accused of committing an obscene act with a minor girl in Faridabad's Lakkadpur area.

Police said a woman resident of Lakkadpur lodged a complaint on October 28, alleging that her minor daughter had gone to a nearby shop on October 26 to buy household items when the shop owner behaved in an indecent manner with her. During interrogation, the accused reportedly admitted to the act. Police said that Pandey took advantage of the situation when he found the girl alone in the shop.



spokesperson, the Dayalbagh outpost team tracked down and arrested the accused, identified as Jiten-dera Pandey, 53, a resident of Lakkadpur, within 24 hours of receiving the complaint. During interrogation, the accused reportedly admitted to the act. Police said that Pandey took advantage of the situation when he found the girl alone in the shop.

ITBP Pays Tribute to Martyrs at the National Police Memorial, New Delhi

Staff Reporter
New Delhi

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) paid heartfelt tribute to its martyrs at a solemn ceremony held at the National Police Memorial in Chanakya-puri, New Delhi. The event, marked by floral tributes, a salute parade, and a stirring band performance, celebrated the indomitable spirit of the brave Himveers who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

Director General Praveen Kumar, along with Smt. Richa Jha, Chairperson of the Himveer Wives Welfare Association (HWWA), led the ceremony and felicitated the families of fifteen martyrs. They lauded the families' courage and resilience, calling them the true pillars of strength behind the Force's unwavering service to the nation.

Senior officers, dignitaries, and relatives of the



memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Earlier in the day, ITBP personnel participated in a blood donation camp organized as part of the commemoration, reinforcing the Force's commitment to humanitarian service and community welfare. The event concluded with a moving video presentation highlighting the valor, dedication, and sacrifices of ITBP personnel guarding India's frontiers in some of the most challenging terrains in the world.

Geeta Youth Summit to be held in Delhi on November 6

Staff Reporter
New Delhi

The Geeta Youth Summit will take place in Delhi on November 6, organized by Jee Geeta and inspired by Pujya Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj.

The event will host students in grades 11 and 12 from schools and universities in the Delhi-NCR region, along with various notable figures.

Dr. Ved Tandon, the Delhi State Head of Jee Geeta,



noted that the summit aims to address the challenges

faced by youth, which can lead to despair and depression.

Notable participants include Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Anand Kumar from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

Preparations for the summit have been extensive, featuring discussions on the Geeta at universities and a Geeta Knowledge Test for school students, with 3,483 participants from 62 schools in the area. Those who scored well will receive awards during the event.

Dr. Tandon encouraged the youth in Delhi and NCR to participate in the discussions. Other prominent speakers scheduled to interact with attendees include scholars, educators, and media personalities.

Dr. Ved Tandon expressed confidence that the summit will be a memorable event due to the efforts of the organization's team, including Vice President Dr. Markandey Ahuja and General Secretary Pradeep Mittal.

History-sheeter friend fired upon by unidentified men in Najafgarh

New Delhi

A man, who is a history-sheeter, and his friend were fired upon by unidentified men in an SUV car in Najafgarh area, a senior police officer said, adding that no one was injured in the incident.

Soon after the information was received, the police rushed to the spot. A search operation was launched, during which the police recovered four empty cartridges

from the area. A case under section 109 (Attempt to murder) of the BNS and relevant provisions of the Arms Act has been registered.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the caller who reported the firing is a self-proclaimed gangster with multiple criminal cases registered against him in the past.

Head of the Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences at AIIMS, called for a universal national policy on safe firecracker use, urging the government to regulate celebrations without compromising safety. "We need a framework that allows people to celebrate responsibly," she said during a media briefing on Wednesday.

According to Dr. Tandon, the RP Centre treated 110 firecracker-related eye injury cases on Diwali night alone, with another 80 arriving the following day. Out of 190 total cases, 60 patients sustained severe damage caused by carbide guns, chemicals, or high-intensity explosives, requiring immediate surgery. Victims ranged from seven-year-old children to adults in their early thirties.

While some regained partial vision after surgery, around ten people lost their eyesight permanently. Many others face long-term treatment stretching up to two years, and doctors fear that nearly half may never regain full vision.

Dr. Sudarshan Kumar Khokhar, Dr. Rajpal Vohra, Dr. Namrata Sharma, and Dr. Mandeej Bajaj joined Dr. Tandon at the briefing, expressing alarm at the rising number of such cases each year.

Sharing hospital data, Dr. Rajpal Vohra said the centre recorded a 19 percent rise in eye injuries compared to 2024, when 160 cases were reported. This year, 44 percent of patients were from Delhi, while 56 percent came from neighboring Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. Most victims were males between 13 and 20 years old, and one in six patients suffered injuries to both eyes.

Carbide crackers leave trail of blindness after Diwali blasts

New Delhi

Even with restrictions, pollution alerts, and repeated safety appeals, the Diwali night sky once again flared up with firecrackers—and with it came another grim toll of injuries. At least ten people have permanently lost their eyesight this year, and nearly two hundred others suffered serious eye damage due to firecracker blasts across Delhi-NCR.

Dr. Radhika Tandon,

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**Punjab
Second phase
of 'Mukh Mantri
Tirath Yatra'
launched**

Dhuri:
The second phase of 'Mukh Mantri Tirath Yatra Yojna', dedicated to the 350th martyrdom anniversary of the Guru Tegh Bahadur, was launched on Wednesday by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal.

In his address, Kejriwal termed the scheme a pathbreaking step by the Mann government to serve the masses. According to a press release, the beneficiaries for the scheme will be selected through an open draw.

Under the scheme, the chosen few will be taken to sacred places where they can pay their respects to their gurus or deities.

The AAP supremo said a medical team will accompany pilgrims on the journey.

He said Punjab is the land of gurus, saints, prophets, and martyrs who preached the message of brotherhood, unity, and communal harmony.

Mann said around 16,000 pilgrims will be selected for the yatra from every assembly segment. Sri Harmandir Sahib, Durgiana Temple, Bhagwal Valmiki Tirath Sahib, Jallianwala Bagh, the partition museum, and other religious places in Amritsar will be part of the pilgrimage.

Sri Anandpur Sahib and Mata Naina Devi in Himachal Pradesh, too, are under the purview of the scheme, he said.

The three-day and two-night pilgrimage is open to people of all castes, religions, and income groups, he said.

A person must have a voter card and must be at least 50 to be part of the group.

**Miscreants fire
multiple rounds
at music
company office
in Karnal**

Chandigarh:
Four unidentified motorcycle-borne miscreants opened multiple rounds of fire at a music company's office in Haryana's Karnal early Wednesday morning, police said.

The incident took place around 4 am when the miscreants, who were riding two motorcycles, allegedly fired multiple shots at the office from outside and fled the spot. However, no one was injured in the incident, the police said.

Police teams reached the site after receiving information about the incident. Karnal Superintendent of Police Ganga Ram Punia also visited the spot and took stock of the situation.

The police said the motive behind the firing is yet to be ascertained.

Speaking to reporters in Karnal, Punia said the police received information that some unidentified persons had opened fire at a company's office.

"Later, I also visited the site. The office where the incident took place is related to the music industry. The CBI seized cash worth over Rs 7.36 crore, cash worth over Rs 2.32 crore, 26 branded and expensive watches besides documents of immovable properties in the names of family members.

The investigation of agricultural land measuring around 150 acres in the districts of Mohali,

**India's economic rise reflects Modi's
visionary leadership: CM Saini**

**Komal Ramola
Chandigarh:**

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Wednesday said India is fast emerging as a major economic power under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Speaking at a programme organized by the Bihar Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Patna, Saini credited the Prime Minister's economic reforms and governance model for transforming India into a unified and self-reliant market.

He said that the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) had realized the long-envisioned concept of 'One Nation, One Tax,' freeing traders from the maze of multiple levies and barriers to interstate commerce. "The GST reforms have accelerated India's growth and simplified trade across states. Prime Minister Modi's guarantees have always translated into action, and these reforms will become a milestone in building an



Aatmanirbhar Bharat," Saini said.

Highlighting the impact of key national initiatives, the Chief Minister said that campaigns like Make in India and Swadeshi have given new direction to the manufacturing sector. "During my recent visit to Japan, I emphasized that Prime Minister Modi's vision will

be crucial in achieving a self-reliant India," he said.

Saini lauded the Digital India campaign, saying it had revolutionized financial transactions through innovations like UPI and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). "India's digital infrastructure is now an example for the world. These initiatives have not only promoted

emerged as a trusted economic partner for the world," he added.

He noted that in the last 11 years, India has seen record investment in roads, railways, airports, and ports, drastically cutting logistics costs and boosting industrial competitiveness. "Unnecessary laws have been removed, and processes simplified. The government has freed the system from the licence raj, creating an environment of trust and opportunity for entrepreneurs," Saini said. "This is why India is now the world's fifth-largest economy and well on its way to becoming the third-largest."

Calling for cooperative growth among states, Saini said the Prime Minister's goal of Viksit Bharat 2047 could only be achieved through the collective progress of every region. "Haryana and Bihar must work together to accelerate national development. I see in Bihar the same entrepreneurial spirit that drives Haryana's success," he said.

**Omar Abdullah betrayed the
poor by opposing land rights
bill: Mehbooba Mufti**

Srinagar:

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday accused Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah of betraying the poor by opposing the land rights bill brought by her party MLA Wazir Para in the assembly.

The former chief minister asserted that the bill was aimed at protecting poor families who had built small houses on grazing land decades ago, and not to legalise recent encroachments.

The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Tuesday rejected Para's bill on recognising proprietary rights for houses illegally built on government and community lands, with CM Abdullah saying its passage would "open floodgates for land grab".

"Omar did not betray the PDP, but all the poor people from whom he wants to snatch shelter from over their heads," Mehbooba Mufti told reporters when asked if the chief minister had "betrayed" her party after getting support for the Raja Sabha elections.

"The PDP president said Para's bill was not for legalising recent encroachments on state land, but for providing a roof over the heads of the poor.

"We were talking about the poor person who has no option and has constructed a house on four-five marlas of state land and has been living there for the last 20-25 years. We were not talking about those who occupied land now, but those who have already been there for the last 20-30 years," she added.

By rejecting the bill, Chief Minister Abdullah has rejected the efforts to provide shelter to the poor, Mehbooba Mufti said.

"The BJP called it land 'jehad', Omar said land grabbers, meaning the people of Kashmir and Jammu are land thieves. We wanted to save the roofs over the heads of poor people who have faced bulldozers since 2019. By rejecting that (bill), Omar has rejected our attempts to save those people," she said.

**Punjab launches faceless services related to
driving licences vehicle-registration certificates**

**Komal Ramola
Ludhiana:**

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal launched an initiative on Wednesday to provide 56 faceless services related to driving licences and vehicle-registration certificates.

Mann put a lock at a Regional Transport Office (RTO) here as a mark of symbolism, saying the lock has been put on the "inconvenience" caused to the common man and "corruption".

Interacting with the media, Kejriwal said the people of Punjab had become "slaves of the bureaucracy and their corrupt deeds" in the post-independence period.

However, the state has been freed from it today, he said, adding that people will now get their driving licences, vehicle-registration certificates and other services by a single phone call on helpline number 1076.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supremo said people are being freed



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from corruption, inconvenience and middlemen to get their work done.

"This is a historic day for the people of Punjab as for the first time, faceless RTO services are being launched in the state," he said.

Kejriwal said the initiative can truly be called a digital revolution in the transport department as people will now get the services at their doorsteps.

He said 56 major services related to driving licences and vehicle-registration certificates have now been made faceless.

These services can be

accessed through "seva kendras" set up across the state or by dialling 1076, he added.

Previously, Kejriwal said people had to either visit the RTOs personally or apply online for a driving licence or vehicle registration certificate.

After applying, they were required to visit the RTOs multiple times for tasks like document verification, which caused considerable inconvenience, especially to those living in remote areas, the elderly and differently-abled people, he said.

Now, they will no longer have to visit the RTOs as these services will be provided through

**Mann's push turns Punjab's Youth
toward Agri entrepreneurship**

TSN/Chandigarh:

Punjab's farmlands are witnessing a quiet revolution. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, more than 1,200 young men and women have taken up farming as a full-time profession, transforming agriculture into a modern, profitable enterprise.

The Punjab government's farmer-friendly policies and promotion of advanced techniques like polyhouse cultivation have helped redefine the state's agricultural landscape. The result: young engineers and professionals are leaving high-paying jobs to build careers in farming, with many earning between ₹1 and ₹4 lakh annually.

One such success story is that of Harbir Singh from Sarabha village in Ludhiana district. A qualified electrical engineer, Harbir chose the soil over the city, turning his academic skills into a tool for modern agriculture. With support from the Horticulture Department and a 50% sub-



sidy under the National Horticulture Mission, he set up a polyhouse and began cultivating seedless cucumber, coloured capsicum, muskmelon, potato, and fenugreek.

"After receiving training at the Centre of Excellence (Vegetables) in Kartarpur, I shifted from traditional vegetable farming to high-tech cultivation," Harbir shared. "The guidance and consistent support from the Horticulture Department helped me overcome every challenge."

Horticulture Minister Mohinder Bhagat said the government is committed to crop diversification and improving farmers' income through innovation and education. Director of Horticulture, Smt. Shalender Kaur, added that Harbir's story symbolizes a new chapter in Punjab's farming sector, where modern techniques meet traditional dedication.

The Mann government's push toward sustainable and profitable farming has not only increased incomes but also rekindled the pride of Punjab's youth in agriculture. The success of farmers like Harbir Singh stands as proof that with the right training, technology, and policy support, the dream of a truly green Punjab—a vibrant, prosperous Punjab—is turning into reality.

**CBI books Punjab DIG HS Bhullar in fresh
case for amassing disproportionate assets**

New Delhi:

The CBI filed a fresh FIR on Wednesday against Punjab Police DIG Harcharan Singh Bhullar, already arrested in connection with a bribery case, for amassing disproportionate assets after seizure of documents and cash from his residence indicated huge wealth beyond his known sources of income.

The CBI had arrested Bhullar on October 16 along with a middleman for allegedly accepting Rs 5 lakh in a bribe from a scrap dealer as "sewa pani".

During searches at his residence at House No. 1489, Sector 40B, Chandigarh, the CBI seized cash worth over Rs 7.36 crore, cash worth over Rs 2.32 crore, 26 branded and expensive watches besides documents of immovable properties in the names of family members.

The investigation of agricultural land measuring around 150 acres in the districts of Mohali,



Hoshiarpur and Ludhiana and commercial properties in the name of HS Bhullar, his family members (comprising wife Tejinder Kaur Bhullar, son Gurpartap Singh Bhullar and daughter Tejkanir Kaur Bhullar) and others," the FIR alleged.

The CBI also found that Bhullar and his family members were in possession of five vehicles, including high-end vehicles such as Mercedes, Audi, Innova

and Fortuner.

"There is a balance of Rs. 2.95 crore (approximately) in five bank accounts and two Fixed Deposits (FDs) in the name of Harcharan Singh Bhullar and his family members," it said.

The CBI found that according to the Income Tax return filed by Bhullar for the assessment year 2025-26, his total declared annual income from all known sources is to the tune of Rs 45.95 lakh.

**Duped by travel agent Punjab
woman recalls ordeal in Iraq**

Chandigarh:

"One day, they beat me until the stick broke," recalls a 29-year-old woman from Punjab, describing the horrifying abuse she allegedly faced in Iraq where she was forced to work as a domestic servant after a travel agent lured her with a promise of a tailoring job.

The woman, who hails from Moga district, was able to return to India last month after she approached Raja Sabha member Balbir Singh Seechawal for help. She claimed that around 20 to 25 Punjabi women are still trapped in Iraq.

The woman claimed she was duped by a travel agent from Jagraon who had promised a tailoring job abroad. "The travel agent had promised a tailoring job, weekly holidays and permission to use a mobile phone to contact her family, but the reality was complete-



ly opposite," she said. "Narrating her ordeal, the woman said she left for Iraq on January 8, 2024. After she reached Iraq, she was 'forced' to work as a domestic servant.

She claimed that the employer tried to assault her, but when she resisted and recorded a video as evidence, she was brutally beaten at the "behest" of the travel agent and his wife. "One day, they beat me until the stick broke," she said.

The continuous abuse and violence took a toll on her mental health, leaving her in deep de-

pression for months. Finally, on August 10, 2025, she reached out to Seechawal, who is also a noted environmentalist, through social media for help. He intervened in the matter and, as a result, she returned safely to Punjab on September 28.

Even after returning, she "remained in shock for an entire month". She said she could never forget the horrific days she spent in Iraq.

She claimed the travel agent has created a web of deceit in rural areas, luring poor girls abroad with false promises of "good jobs".

The woman visited Sulttanpur Lodhi on Tuesday to thank Seechawal for his help in bringing her back safely. Seechawal called the woman a symbol of courage who fought for her rights, as he also urged other trapped girls to gather courage and raise their voices.

He warned that such human trafficking networks have dangerously expanded across rural areas, pushing poor girls into a living hell abroad.

The Raja Sabha member also appealed to the government to take immediate action against such rackets operating under the guise of foreign employment.

He said that every girl who has returned so far has confirmed that many others are still trapped there, a clear indication of how widespread and organised this racket has become.

Sensations Dying Among the Files: Bureaucracy, Power and Insensitivity

The greatest tragedy of our time is not that society is filled with injustice, but that empathy is being lost. In a country where governance should have been a symbol of "service," the very word "bureaucracy" has now become synonymous with "arrogance" and "lack of foresight." When this nexus of power and bureaucracy combines with insensitivity, the system takes on a ruthless appearance.

For the average citizen, the government today is no longer a living institution, but a machine—one burdened with rules, not emotions. To resolve even a small problem, one wanders through a jungle of files. From picking up the phone to answering it, every step is a wall—the name of that wall is bureaucratic insensitivity.

Faces buried in files and lost humanity

The bureaucracy's original purpose was to facilitate citizens, provide transparency in administration, and ensure uniformity in policies. But gradually, this class became confined within its own confines. By remaining close to power, it transformed "service" into "power-sharing." Today, officials have become representatives of power, not representatives of the public. Decisions on files are now made not with compassion, but with a mindset of "who to please and who to avoid." This mindset has robbed governance of its vitality.

The bureaucracy has now cultivated an "administrative arrogance" that treats any criticism as hostility. Files are held up for months, appointments are delayed for years, and when asked for answers, the statement is "in process." This "process" has become synonymous with excuses. The public's questions are answered on paper, but the answer to justice is lost in the void.

The glare of power and the darkness of responsibility

Power is inherently attractive. It empowers individuals, but it also tests their character. Unfortunately, the politics of our time has mistaken this power for a "privilege," not a "responsibility." Those in power remain active as long as they receive praise.

But in moments of criticism or disagreement, their tolerance crumbles. This is the horrific manifestation of insensitive power—where public suffering is reduced to statistics, and empathy dies in the language of statistics.

Every time a tragedy strikes—an accident, a riot, or corruption—the ruling class issues a few tweets and statements, dismissing their "duty." Meanwhile, the administration on the ground produces only reports, filled with data and not empathy. This situation undermines the very spirit of democracy, which begins



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and ends with the "people."

The roots of insensitivity are also in society

Insensitivity has become a disease not only of the administration but also of society. Today, videos of accidents are made, but few have the courage to pick them up. It's easy to applaud the suffering of the poor, but difficult to help. This is the same mentality that has created a deep divide between the government and the public.

While those at the top talk about "policies," those at the bottom talk about "bread." In between is the bureaucracy—a wall, not a bridge. This is the tragedy that is eroding democracy from within. This communication gap between the public and the government could one day shake the very foundations of democracy.

The journey from a public servant to becoming a "government"

There was a time when government officials were called "public servants." This term now sounds like a joke. Today's administration has become so procedural that it has forgotten humanity. In a world of files and laws, "sensitivity" has become an exception.

It's a disturbing truth that the very system created

to serve the public now views citizens with suspicion. Officials are increasingly suspicious of public intentions rather than providing them with services. This suspicion is against the very spirit of democracy.

This psychological disconnect between bureaucracy and power is now deepening social inequality. Roads reach villages only when votes are needed. Teachers are hired in schools only when the media clamors, and medicines arrive in hospitals only when a ministerial visit is scheduled.

This insensitive system turns the life of the common citizen into a "torture of waiting" that never ends.

Not a failure of governance, but a collapse of sensibility

This culture of insensitivity has become a permanent companion of power. Power only seeks "control," it doesn't know how to "listen." This is why governance has become about "ruling," not "understanding."

Democracy survives as long as dialogue and empathy prevail. But when both power and bureaucracy become disconnected from the people, democracy becomes a mere formality—a celebration held every five years.

We have forgotten that the essence of governance

lies in humanity. Laws are useful only if they protect humanity, and administration is legitimate only if it accepts the suffering of its citizens as its responsibility.

Today, every department in our country has plans, but implementation lacks sensitivity. This is why plans have become mere "report cards," not a means of relief.

The challenge of neo-democracy and the path to reform

There is a need to make power synonymous with service again.

Both officers and leaders should understand that their positions are not privileges, but responsibilities. Behind every decision lies life, not just rules. Files are meaningless unless they reflect human stories.

The time has come to make emotional intelligence a policy imperative in governance. Training bureaucrats should not only teach protocol but also empathy.

If the pride of position is not combined with the spirit of service, then every policy will remain incomplete.

The need today is not for "inefficient administrative machinery," but for "humane administration"—where the suffering, dignity and life of the citizen are at the centre of every decision.

Call to revive democracy

The true reform of our time would be to restore compassion to bureaucracy and power. The severity of the law must be accompanied by the tenderness of humanity. For history bears witness—wherever the government ignored human suffering, revolution responded.

The beauty of democracy lies in its compassion, not in its harshness.

If today we are not able to revive humanity amidst bureaucracy and power, then the next generations will remember us as an "insensitive era."

And then perhaps this question will resonate –

"Have we made governance more important than humans?"

Therefore the call of the time is –

The administration must learn to see the person before the process.

and listening to power before governing.

India-Canada Relations: New Initiatives and Emerging Possibilities



By MUNISH BHATIA



The relationship between India and Canada has historically been cordial and friendly. Both nations share democratic values, multicultural societies, and a common vision of global cooperation. However, in recent years, this relationship has gone through a tense phase due to political disagreements and certain controversial incidents. The most affected by this strain have been ordinary Indian citizens, students, and professionals building their lives in Canada through education and employment. Now, as both nations take new initiatives toward improving ties, a renewed sense of optimism has begun to emerge.

The primary reason for the decline in India-Canada relations has been the issue of anti-India activities operating from Canadian soil. India has repeatedly expressed concern that its sovereignty and internal peace were being threatened by extremist elements based in Canada. Several diplomatic exchanges and public statements between the two countries deepened the disagreement, which eventually slowed down bilateral dialogues. The situation worsened when certain political groups organized pro-secessionist protests and violent demonstrations in Canada. From India's perspective, these incidents were not only interference in its internal security matters but also a serious breach of mutual trust. Consequently, high-level talks came to a halt, trade and investment discussions slowed, and even sectors like education and visa processing were indirectly affected. Thousands of Indian students seeking education and employment in Canada faced difficulties in obtaining visas and other permits.

Now, however, the scenario appears to be changing gradually. In recent months, both governments have taken concrete steps to revive dialogue. The resumption of bilateral talks signals that India and Canada are willing to move beyond their differences and rebuild cooperation on new grounds. A significant positive shift has been Canada's acknowledgment of India's security concerns. Indications of closer monitoring and control over extremist organizations have emerged. This move is not only in India's interest but also vital for the stability of Canada's own social fabric. Terrorism is a threat to every democracy, and if Canada takes decisive action in this direction, it could mark the beginning of a new chapter of trust between the two nations.

Trade relations between India and Canada have long been mutually beneficial. There is immense potential for collaboration in sectors such as agriculture, technology, education, energy, and mining. Indian IT companies and startups are expanding their footprint in Canada, while Canadian firms are exploring investment opportunities in India's vast and growing market. The political tensions of 2023-24, however, slowed down this momentum. Many companies paused their investment plans, and bilateral trade witnessed a decline. Yet, the steps now being taken toward normalization have the potential to reverse these setbacks. With political stability and renewed confidence, trade and investment flows are expected to rise again, paving the way for new economic partnerships.

The human connection between India and Canada runs deep. Over 1.4 million people of Indian origin reside in Canada, playing an active role in its social and economic development. This vibrant diaspora serves as a bridge between the two nations. When the political climate is stable, the opportunities for this community grow, and cultural bonds between the two countries strengthen further. The improvement of India-Canada relations is not merely a diplomatic necessity—it represents the shared aspirations of the people of both nations. Stable and cooperative ties enhance opportunities in education, employment, and trade, whereas extremism and mistrust bring only setbacks.

If both countries move forward with mutual respect and prioritize each other's security concerns, their partnership could become a model for others at the global level. In the coming years, it is expected that India and Canada will adopt a joint strategy against terrorism, accelerate trade negotiations, and achieve new milestones in education and technological cooperation.

The ongoing improvement in India-Canada relations is a positive sign—not limited to political gains but extending to real benefits for students, workers, investors, and ordinary citizens. If Canada takes decisive action against extremist elements and addresses India's concerns sincerely, it will not only ease political tensions but also usher in a new era of trust, cooperation, and partnership between the two great democracies.

What Is Lost in a Smart Classroom



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In the age of digital transformation, classrooms have evolved into "smart classrooms," filled with screens, projectors, tablets, and AI-powered tools. These spaces promise to make learning more efficient, interactive, and modern. Yet, amid all this innovation, something subtle but profound is being lost—the human touch of education.

The classroom today looks very different from what it once was. Chalkboards have turned into touchscreens, notebooks into tablets, and teachers into digital facilitators. Learning has become smarter, faster, and more connected. Yet, somewhere between the glowing screens and silent clicks, a quiet question lingers—what have we lost in our smart classrooms?

In the rush to modernize education, the classroom's heartbeat—the human connection—has grown faint. Once, a teacher's voice carried warmth, stories, and emotion. A look of encouragement could lift a struggling student; a small conversation could spark confidence. Now, lessons flow through slides and software, polished but impersonal. The laughter, the pauses, and the shared sense of wonder often fade behind the glass of a screen.

Technology has indeed opened doors to endless knowledge, but it has also built invisible walls. Students, surrounded by gadgets, are more connected than ever—and yet, they often feel more alone. Group discussions give way to chat boxes; curiosity is measured in clicks; learning feels efficient but not always alive.

In smart classrooms, everything is programmed to run smoothly—except the messy, beautiful part of learning that comes from mistakes, emotions, and human exchange. A teacher can inspire in ways that no AI ever will, not through perfection, but through presence.

Perhaps progress is not just about how smart our classrooms become, but how human they remain. Education was never only about feeding the mind; it was always about touching the soul.

A smart classroom undoubtedly enhances access to information. Lessons can be replayed, quizzes are auto-graded, and virtual simulations bring abstract ideas to life. However, education is not just about data delivery; it's about connection—between teacher and student, between curiosity and discovery. When learning becomes too automated, the warmth of personal mentorship often fades.



Earlier, a teacher could sense confusion on a student's face, pause, and explain again with a story or example. Now, the screen doesn't frown or raise a hand; it just keeps going. The rhythm of real conversation—the small jokes, the shared silences, the spark of understanding—is often replaced by pre-programmed interactions.

Moreover, students may become passive consumers rather than active participants. When technology dictates the pace, creativity and critical thinking can take a backseat. In chasing digital efficiency, we risk producing learners who can click quickly but think slowly.

Another quiet loss is social learning. Group discussions, handwritten notes, and face-to-face debates build empathy and teamwork—qualities that no algorithm can replicate. The screen may connect us virtually, but it can also isolate us emotionally.

Smart classrooms are a powerful tool, but they should remain just that—a tool. The heart of education still beats in human relationships, curiosity, and shared discovery. As we design the classrooms of the future, we must ensure we don't trade wisdom for convenience or presence for pixels.

So as we celebrate the brilliance of technology, let us also pause to protect the fragile, irreplaceable warmth of the old classroom—where learning was not just downloaded, but felt.

Because in making our classrooms smarter, we must not make our learning less human.

Modi pitches India as 'steady lighthouse' amid global tensions trade disruptions

Mumbai
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday pitched India as a "steady lighthouse" for the world amid global tensions, trade disruptions and shifting supply chains.

"India stands as a symbol of strategic autonomy, peace and inclusive growth," Modi said, addressing the Maritime Leaders Conclave at the India Maritime Week 2025 event in Mumbai.

India's vibrant democracy and reliability are something which makes India special, Modi said.

"When the global seas are rough, the world looks for a steady lighthouse. India can play the role of such a lighthouse with a lot of strength," he said.

"Amid global tensions, trade disruptions and shifting supply chains, India is a symbol of strategic autonomy, peace and inclusive growth," Modi said.



He said the country's maritime and trade initiatives are a part of a broader vision and cited the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor as an example of redefining trade routes in the future.

India's maritime sector is advancing with great speed and energy, Modi said, adding that the country's ports are now counted among the most efficient in the developing world.

"We have replaced over a century-old colonial shipping laws with modern and futuristic laws suited for the 21st century," Modi said.

"Today, India's ports are counted among the most efficient in the developing world. In many aspects, they are performing even better than those in the developed world," Modi said.

The new shipping laws

strengthen the role of state maritime boards and promote integration of digital technologies into port management, he added.

Under the Maritime India Vision, over 150 initiatives have been launched, resulting in significant improvements across the maritime sector, he said. The capacity of India's major ports has doubled, and turnaround times have been significant-

ly reduced, Modi said.

Cruise tourism has gained substantial momentum and inland waterways have experienced remarkable growth, with cargo movement increasing by more than 700 per cent, he said.

The maritime sector is driving India's growth, the PM said. Over the last decade, it has transformed significantly, boosting trade and port infrastructure, he added.

"A quarter of the 21st century has passed. The next 25 years of this century are even more crucial, so our focus is on Blue Economy and Sustainable Coastal Development," Modi said.

"We are placing great emphasis on green logistics,

port connectivity and coastal industrial clusters," he said, adding that significant strides have been made to drive next-generation reforms in the maritime sector.

"The year 2025 has been a landmark year for the country's maritime sector, marked by several significant achievements. India's first deep-water international transshipment hub, Vizhinjam Port, became operational this year.

"Adding to the nation's pride, the world's largest container vessel recently docked at the port, showcasing its global capability," Modi said.

During the fiscal year 2024-2025, India's major ports achieved a record-breaking cargo throughput, setting new benchmarks in efficiency, he said.

Kandla Port made history by launching the nation's first megawatt-scale indigenous green hydrogen facility, Modi said.

Polling stations to increase in 12 states UTs after SIR exercise

New Delhi
In a bid to shorten voting queues, the 12 states and union territories that will undergo special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls next week will see more polling stations once the exercise is completed.

Bihar, where the voters' list clean-up exercise has already concluded, has become the first state in the country where every polling station has a maximum of 1,200 electors against 1,500 earlier.

The rationalisation exercise will mean that the 12 states and UTs will have more polling stations, on the lines of Bihar, where the number has gone up to 90,712 from 77,895 earlier.

The rationalisation would mean voters will have to spend less time in queues while waiting for their turn to exercise their franchise.

According to his instructions to the chief electoral officers of the states and UTs where the SIR exercise

will commence on November 4, new polling stations are to be set up in high-rise buildings, colonies with resident welfare associations and slum clusters.

District election officers will consult political parties on setting up new polling stations.

EC has directed that special care be taken to keep all members of one family in one polling station. The states and Union Territories where SIR will be undertaken are: the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

The EC had been working to ensure voters do not have to travel beyond 2 km to reach polling stations wherever possible.

Polling stations were set up in high-rise buildings and societies in recent elections to ensure greater voter participation.

Shah mocks Lalu and Sonia over ambitions for their sons

Darbhanga/ Samastipur/Begusarai
Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday attacked the INDIA bloc, alleging that RJD supremo Lalu Prasad wants to make his son Tejashwi the chief minister of Bihar and Congress leader Sonia Gandhi her son Rahul the PM, while asserting that "both posts were not vacant".

Addressing a public rally in Darbhanga, Shah also questioned whether the members of radical outfit Popular Front of India (PFI), who were arrested after the Centre banned the organisation, would remain behind bars if the Congress-RJD combine came to power in Bihar.

"The BJP has given tickets to many youngsters for the Bihar assembly polls, but the RJD and Congress have not, as Lalu ji wants to make his son Tejashwi the chief minister and Sonia ji wants her son Rahul to be the PM... but I want to let them know that both posts are not vacant," he said.

Shah termed the Mahagathbandhan as 'thug bandhan', alleging that Lalu Prasad is involved in fodder, bitumen and land-forfeits scams, while Congress was involved in corruption cases worth Rs 12 lakh crore.

"The home minister asserted that it was the NDA government that banned PFI.

"PFI operatives were active in Patna's Phulwari Sharif. Searches were conducted across the country and members of the organisation were put behind bars. Do you think that the PFI members will remain in prison if the RJD-Congress combine comes to power in Bihar?" he questioned. Addressing a rally in Begusarai district, Shah attacked the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, saying that the latter came to Bihar a few months ago and launched 'save infiltrators yatra', while referring to Voter Adhikar Yatra.

"Rahul Gandhi and Lalu Prasad want to ensure that names of infiltrators remain in voter list... Tejashwi and Rahul want to bring back 'jungle raj' in Bihar," he alleged.

At another rally in Samastipur, Shah said, "The Bihar polls are an election to prevent the return of 'jungle raj' to the state.

Congress standing by intruders breaking India for votes: BJP

New Delhi
The BJP on Wednesday accused the Congress of "openly" standing by "intruders" and carrying forward "its agenda of breaking India for votes", after a video surfaced on social media purportedly showing one of its leaders singing Bangladesh's national anthem at an official meeting of the Seva Dal in Assam.

In Assam, a senior official of the Sribhumi district administration said they have "received oral instructions from state Fisheries Minister Krishnendu Paul to enquire into the matter, and we are looking into the issue now".

"The Congress' Assam unit sought to play down the issue, saying the ruling party is creating 'unnecessary controversy' to divert people's attention. This came after an unedited video surfaced on social media showing Congress functionary Bidhu Bhushan Das allegedly singing Bangladesh's national anthem 'Amar Sonar Bangla', penned by Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, at a Congress Seva Dal meeting in Sribhumi district of southern Assam's Barak valley.

"The BJP on the other hand, grabbed the chance with both hands to slam the Congress ahead of next year's election.

The ruling party's national spokesperson, Shelzad Poonawalla, said, "The Congress has been standing by Bangladeshi intruders for years. It helped these intruders settle down during its rule. And now, the Congress is officially supporting them from the party's platform with its leader singing Bangladesh's national anthem."

"This is not a coincidence. This is a well thought-out experiment and industry for vote bank," he told a press conference at the BJP headquarters here, demanding a response from Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. Poonawalla charged that a "big leader" of the Congress sang the national anthem of Bangladesh, "which recently came up with a provocative gesture for the separation of India's north-east region, especially Assam."

"The Congress has officially come out to carry forward 'Bharat ke tukde tukde' (breaking India)' agenda," he alleged. Reacting to the controversy, Assam Congress president Gaurav Gogoi hit back at the BJP, alleging that the ruling party was creating "unnecessary controversy" as it has no other issue to divert people's attention.

Sribhumi district Congress president Tapas Purkayastha said, "Don't indulge in politics with Ra-

bindranath Tagore. Our pride, 85-year-old poet Vidya Bhushan Das, sang only two lines of the song. Criticising this song means insulting Rabindranath Tagore."

BJP spokesperson also took on other opposition INDIA bloc constituents and slammed the TMC, alleging that the Mamata Banerjee government was hatching a conspiracy to instigate riots in West Bengal after the Election Commission announced the launch of the second phase of the electoral roll revision in the state, along with 11 others.

He cited recent remarks of some of the TMC leaders in this connection, alleging that they have threatened violence and attack on the poll panel officials as well as BJP workers if the SIR is conducted in West Bengal.

"Mamata Banerjee herself has said that there will be riots in Bengal if SIR is carried out in the state," the BJP spokesperson claimed. "Will the Congress and the INDI Alliance say something on the Bengal government's conspiracy to instigate riots, attack on Election Commission officials on implementation of the SIR in the state," he added.

The BJP spokesperson also accused the opposition parties of adopting "double standards" on the implementation of the SIR.

He pointed out that the EU, as a bloc, was India's largest bilateral trading partner in goods in the last financial year. According to the state-

Rahul's words reflect his contempt for Hindu dharma and Bihar's culture: BJP

New Delhi
The BJP on Wednesday lashed out at Rahul Gandhi over his remarks about Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a poll rally in Bihar, saying the Congress leader's words reflected the "contempt and hatred" that he has for Hindu dharma, Chhathi Puja and Bihar's culture.

Denouncing Gandhi for terming Modi's reverence for Chhathi puja a "drum", BJP national spokesperson and Rajya Sabha MP Sudhanshu Trivedi said the people of Bihar will ensure a massive defeat of the Mahagathbandhan in the upcoming assembly polls for such "insult of Chhathi mahaparva, a symbol of Bihar's culture and faith".

The kind of words he has used in his remarks for Congress leader wearing a 'janeu' (sacred thread) over 'kurta' is shown by his party leaders, and then he comes from a temple and tells about his

BJP and all the constituents of the NDA strongly condemn Gandhi's remarks, he said.

Hitting back at Gandhi, Trivedi said it is a drama when a picture of the Congress leader wearing a 'janeu' (sacred thread) over 'kurta' is shown by his party leaders, and then he comes from a temple and tells about his

connectivity, mobility and global governance.

Expressing satisfaction that there has been good momentum in parliamentary exchanges, he recalled the visit of an all-party parliamentary delegation to Brussels in June following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

He noted that the delegation had meaningful interactions with members of the European Parliament (MEPs). Such regular parliamentary exchanges, he emphasised, symbolise the strengthening of the India-EU partnership.

The meeting took place at a significant time, as Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal was in Brussels for talks with his European counterparts, underlining the shared commitment of both sides for advancing the India-EU partnership.

He slammed the Congress and the RJD for attacking the Election Commission, and wondered "how will



"gotra, not caste".

"Demanding a 'public apology' from Gandhi, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the Congress leader's remarks were a 'big insult' to the public faith in Chhathi Puja and have deeply hurt the sentiments of crores of devotees.

"Rahul Gandhi's remarks reflect his hatred for Sanatan culture and also expose the Congress party's deep-seated hatred and frustration against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the senior BJP leader, who is also the BJP's in-charge for the Bihar polls, said in a post on X.

"Rahul Gandhi made such remarks out of his feudal thinking, political frustration and fear of defeat," he said, adding, "This is the same mentality that has previously led to indecent statements against the Prime Minister and his revered mother."

Trivedi also took on RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, asking how much more "insult of Biharis" he will bear.

"Certainly in these elections, the people of Bihar will avenge the insult to the symbol of Bihar's culture and faith by setting the sun of the Mahagathbandhan and paving the way for a new India by supporting the NDA and the rising sun of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Nitish Kumar," the BJP leader asserted.

This came after Gandhi unleashed a no-holds-barred attack on Prime Minister Modi, alleging that he would do anything, even dance, for votes if asked by electors. Addressing the poll rally in Bihar, the Congress leader also remarked, "If Modi ji wants to do drama, wants to do drama of Chhathi Puja, then water will come, video cameras will come."

This reflects the "feeling of contempt and hatred" that the Congress leader has for Hindu dharma and culture, as well as Chhathi puja which is Bihar's biggest festival and

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Balanced mutually-beneficial FTA win-win situation for both India, EU: RS Dy chairman Harivansh

Our Bureau New Delhi

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh expressed confidence on Wednesday that the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) will be completed soon and a balanced, mutually-beneficial deal would be a win-win situation for both sides.

Harivansh said this during a meeting with a parliamentary delegation from the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade Affairs (INTA), led by Cristina Maestre, INTA Standing Rapporteur for India.

At the meeting, Harivansh said India and the European Union (EU) are two of the largest and most vibrant democracies, open market economies and pluralistic societies.

He observed that the trajectory of the India-EU relations continues to be on the



scored that the conclusion of a balanced, mutually-beneficial FTA would be a win-win situation for both India and the EU.

Highlighting the strong economic ties, Harivansh noted that the EU is India's leading trade and investment partner as well as a major source of technology.

He pointed out that the EU, as a bloc, was India's largest bilateral trading partner in goods in the last financial year.

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Two-thirds win in Bihar will Honour Nehru's legacy says Rajnath

Darbhanga/Patna

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday said a two-thirds majority for the NDA in the 243-member Bihar assembly will be a fitting tribute to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on his birthday on November 14, the day poll results will be announced.

Bihar does not need "goonda raj", he claimed while alluding to the RJD's rule in the state.

"Bihar CM Nitish Kumar has largely been successful in undoing damage inflicted by RJD's 'jungle raj'," Singh said during a poll rally at Barh in Patna district.

"Opposition parties want to secure votes of Bangladeshis infiltrators," he claimed.

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UP Poll chief stresses booth agents' role in smooth SIR rollout

Lucknow: A complete understanding of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll is a must to address all queries raised by stakeholders, Uttar Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Navdeep Rinwa said on Wednesday.

Rinwa was speaking at a meeting with representatives of political parties to discuss the rollout of the SIR.

"The first step is to sit together at all three levels — state, district, and assembly — to understand the entire process. If there are any questions, we will clarify and answer the queries," he said.

Rinwa underscored the importance of appointing booth-level agents (BLAs) by all recognised political parties to ensure the accuracy and smooth execution of the massive electoral exercise.

"It is a very important task for every recognised political party to appoint its booth-level agent at every booth across the state," he stated.

He said that the process for appointing BLAs had already been shared with parties.

"From the state level, each district is authorised to designate its office bearer, who will appoint booth-level agents in the district," he said.

The meeting was aimed at briefing political parties on procedural details of the SIR.

The Election Commission of India recently announced phase two of the SIR of electoral rolls in 12 states and union territories, including Uttar Pradesh, from October 28.

16 dengue cases reported in last 15 days in Bilaspur's Raura

Bilaspur (HP): The Raura area of the Bilaspur district has witnessed the emergence of dengue with 16 cases reported in the past 15 days, officials said on Wednesday.

The cases were reported in wards 1 and 2 of Raura in the district headquarters.

Chief Medical Officer Dr Shashi Dutt Sharma informed that dengue cases were on the rise in the past few days, but only one new case has been reported in the last two days.

He added that the health department, in collaboration with the municipal council, is conducting regular fogging and source control in the affected areas.

Dengue is a viral infection (fever) transmitted by the Aedes mosquito.

Common symptoms of dengue include sudden high fever, severe headache, pain behind the eyes, severe muscle and joint pain, nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, extreme fatigue, restlessness and a rash which may appear two to five days after the fever, the CMO cautioned.

He urged people to immediately seek medical attention at the nearest health centre or regional hospital if they experience any of these symptoms.

Deputy Commissioner Bilaspur Rahul Kumar also visited the primary health centre in Raura on Wednesday, along with the chief medical officer.

In poll-bound Bihar Yogi recalls Lalu's 'sin' of stopping Advani's Ram Rath Yatra

Siwan/Bhojpur/Buxar: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday charged RJD president Lalu Prasad with having committed a "sin" by arresting BJP patriarch Lal Krishna Advani, who had taken out the Ram Rath Yatra decades ago.

The BJP leader made the remark on the campaign trail in Bihar, where he addressed three back-to-back rallies in the districts of Siwan, Bhojpur and Buxar.

Without mentioning Prasad by name, the then chief minister of Bihar, Adityanath recalled the incident of 1990 in Samastipur, which the RJD supremo proudly claims while asserting his "secular" credentials.

"The construction of the Ram temple at Ayodhya wiped off the blot (kalank) that had mortified the nation for 500 years. But the RJD's men had committed the sin of stopping the Rath of Lord



Yogi slams Lalu over stopping Advani's Ram Rath Yatra in Bihar

Ram", the UP chief minister claimed.

He also alleged, "The Congress, which is the RJD's ally, has been claiming that Lord Ram did not exist".

The allusion was to an affidavit submitted before the Supreme Court in 2007, when the Centre was ruled by the Congress-ruled

UPA.

Raking up an incident of 1989, when Mulayam Singh Yadav was the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, Adityanath said "the Samajwadi Party, which is the partner of the Congress-RJD in UP, had ordered firing on devotees of Lord Ram".

At one of his rallies, in

Raghnathpur assembly segment of Siwan district, Adityanath referred to local RJD candidate Osama Shahab, whose late father Mohammed Shahabuddin was a dreaded gangster-turned-politician and several-term MP.

Referring to one of the infamous cases in which Shahabuddin

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was named, the Uttar Pradesh CM said, "This district of Bihar has been witness to the horrific instance of people being doused with acid, leading to their death. Now the RJD wants to bring back the 'jungle raj' by fielding a member of the family which had gained notoriety not just across the country but around the world".

In line with the BJP's charge that the INDIA bloc pursued a politics of minority appeasement, Adityanath also alleged, "The Congress and the RJD are known to offer 'sajda' (prostration) before the tomb of Aurangzeb...Do not allow such forces to come to power."

India's global standing growing stronger, says Ghulam Nabi Azad

Former J&K Chief Minister Visits Bulandshahr to Offer Condolences, Refrains from Political Commentary



Avnish Tyagi Bulandshahr:

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and veteran leader Ghulam Nabi Azad said that India has earned a distinct identity on the world stage, thanks to its rapid progress and development across multiple sectors.

Azad was in Bulandshahr on Wednesday to offer condolences to former Chairman Arif Saeed Khan and his family in Bugrasi following the demise of Khan's mother. Expressing deep sorrow, he said he shared a personal relationship

with the family and had come to console them in their time of grief. He also noted that the family had suffered two personal losses within the past six months.

Speaking briefly to the media, Azad praised the current pace of India's development, saying the country is on the right track and its growing recognition worldwide reflects that progress. "India is progressing rapidly and has earned a distinct identity across the world," he said.

When asked about the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections, Azad

observed that both alliances are engaged in a strong contest. On political strategist Prashant Kishor, he commented that individuals like him should participate in active politics, adding that Kishor had his good wishes and sympathies.

However, the former Chief Minister chose not to answer further political questions, focusing instead on the personal nature of his visit.

Among those present during Azad's visit were Shoaib Khan, Suhail Khan, and Kedarnath Tyagi.

New Zealand tourists moved by Taj security police's heartfelt welcome

Akash Jain
Agra:

The timeless charm of the Taj Mahal continues to draw visitors from every corner of the world. But for a group of tourists from New Zealand, their recent visit to the monument became even more memorable—thanks to the warmth and hospitality of the Taj Security Police.

Under the ongoing initiative "Operation Tourist Delight," Agra Police are striving to ensure that visitors not only feel safe but also experience India's tradition of gracious hospitality. Acting under the direction of the Agra Police Commissioner, with leadership from the ACP Taj Security and supervision by the Station House Officer, the Quick Response Team (QRT) of Taj Security Police extended a warm welcome to the New Zealand tourists at the Taj Mahal complex on Wednesday.

The police personnel, while maintaining a strong security presence, engaged the visitors in friendly conversations and accompanied them during their tour of the monument. The officers shared insights into the



Taj Mahal's history and significance, giving the tourists a deeper connection to India's culture and heritage.

Impressed by the professionalism and warmth of the police, the visitors expressed heartfelt gratitude. They said that the experience reflected the best of India's spirit of hospitality and the respect shown by its law enforcement officers. "The warmth and friendliness we received here are unforgettable," one of the tourists remarked.

The team that led the interaction included Sub-Inspector Pankaj Singh Patel, Constable Ashu, and Woman Constable Preeti. Their initiative was part of a broader effort to reassure international visitors that Agra is not only about architectural brilliance but also about the genuine human connection it offers.

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Himachal CM urges centre to allow extra 2% borrowing room

New Delhi:

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Wednesday met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and urged her to increase the additional borrowing limit of the state by two per cent for the remaining period of fiscal 2025-26.

The chief minister highlighted that despite the state government's efforts to increase revenues, the state's financial health has been severely impacted due to regular reductions in revenue deficit grants and losses incurred due to natural disasters over the past three years.

Stressing the need for financial support, Sukhu pointed out that the state's revenue deficit grant has decreased significantly from Rs 10,249 crore in 2020-21 to Rs 3,257 crore in 2025-26 under the 15th Finance Commission's period.

He also mentioned the



loss of around Rs 18,000 crore due to natural disasters during the past three years, resulting in the death of 1,321 precious lives and damage to resources.

The chief minister said that the recent rationalisation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates has adversely affected the financial position of the state due to a reduction in the tax base. Adequate liberal assistance should be provided in view of the difficult circumstances the state is facing, he reiterated.

Sukhu also apprised the finance minister of the measures being taken by the state government to improve its financial situation through its minimal resources.

The finance minister assured the chief minister that the state's demands would be considered sympathetically, a statement from the state government said, adding that she also assured that additional assistance would be provided under Special Central Assistance.

Earlier on Tuesday evening, the chief minister called on Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh and urged him to provide 150 automated weather stations across the state and bio-manufacturing hubs.

He requested him to provide Doppler weather radar and automatic weather stations in adequate numbers to ensure early and quick warning related to natural disasters in the state.

The chief minister said that due to the geologi-

Uttarakhand Chardham Yatra sees 50 lakh pilgrims despite natural disasters

Dehradun:

Despite multiple natural disasters in the state this monsoon, the number of pilgrims arriving for Uttarakhand's Chardham Yatra surpassed 50 lakh, officials said on Wednesday.

Sukhu requested to provide one Doppler weather radar and 150 automated weather stations before the next monsoon season so that the state could benefit from the early weather updates.

The chief minister also thanked the Union minister for approving Doppler radar for Lahaul Spiti. He said that the weather-related data should be integrated with the central recognised national early warning agencies so that the state could receive accurate and timely alerts pertaining to adverse weather conditions.

Officials expect this figure to reach 52 lakh pilgrims by the end of the Chardham Yatra.

A tourism department official said, "The Badrinath Yatra still has 28 more days to go and considering the average daily arrival of 5,000-6,000 pilgrims, the figure is expected to reach 52 lakh."

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, authorities recorded 34.80 lakh pilgrims in 2019. The number shrank to 2.39 lakh in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions, and 5.48 lakh in 2021.

In 2022, the Yatra recorded with the number of pilgrims reaching 46.27 lakh and in 2023, this figure reached a record 56.18 lakh.

The official said that if so many disasters had not struck this year, the Yatra might have set a new record.

According to the latest data from the Uttarakhand Tourism Department, 50,12,970 pilgrims had arrived for darshan at the Chardham — Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath — and Hemkund Sahib.

Last year, during the entire pilgrimage season, more than 48 lakh pilgrims visited the Chardham and Hemkund Sahib. Although the doors of Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath, and Hemkund Sahib have closed for the winter, Badrinath's doors are scheduled to shut on November 25.

North Korea touts missile tests as Trump visits South Korea

Gyeongju: North Korea said Wednesday that it has conducted successful cruise missile tests, the latest display of its growing military capabilities and one that comes while US President Donald Trump visits South Korea. Trump has repeatedly expressed a desire to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during his trip but acknowledged difficulties in arranging a meeting with Kim. "I know Kim Jong Un very well. We get along very well," Trump said at the beginning of his meeting with South Korean President Lee Jae Myung in the South Korean city of Gyeongju. "We really weren't able to work out timing." Speaking with reporters earlier aboard Air Force One en route from Japan to South Korea, Trump appeared to downplay the significance of the latest North Korean missile test activities. "He's been launching missiles for decades, right?" Trump said.

Israeli foreign minister to visit India next week discuss bilateral regional issues

Jerusalem: Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar will visit India next week to meet with the country's top leadership and discuss bilateral initiatives and regional developments. Sa'ar will be on a two-day visit to New Delhi, November 4 and 5, and will be meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Indian counterpart S Jaishankar, among others, a source in Israel said. Despite the turmoil in the region, there have been several high-profile visits from Israel to India over the past two years, with recent ones including those of Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, Minister of Economy Nir Barkat, Agriculture Minister Avi Dichter, and Tourism Minister Haim Katz. India and Israel signed a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) during the visit of Finance Minister Smotrich in September to deepen economic and financial ties, and to assure investors from both sides of appropriate safeguards in light of relevant international precedents and practices. The agreement increases the comfort level and boosts the confidence of investors by assuring a minimum standard of treatment and non-discrimination, while providing for an independent forum for dispute settlement through arbitration. The BIT also provides for protection to investments from expropriation, transparency, transfers and compensation for losses. Israel has signed BITs with over 15 countries since 2000, including the UAE, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, South Africa, etc. Barkat visited India in February with a large economic delegation. Israel has also been seeking India's help in overcoming an acute



Israel FM to visit India for key talks next week

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shortage of workers in various sectors. The number of Indians now working in Israel is estimated at close to 40,000. Several thousand more are expected to join the Israeli workforce in the coming months. Jaishankar and Sa'ar earlier met in February on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference and discussed Trump's vision of connecting Asia, Europe, and the United States through Israel.

his career by drawing closer to Trump, said he discussed the issue with the president, and he thinks Trump understands the situation. "He and I have talked about the constrictions of the Constitution," he said. The speaker described how the Constitution's 22nd Amendment does not allow for a third

Deadly floods batter central Vietnam killing at least 10

Hanoi: Floodwaters swept through central Vietnam this week after record-breaking rains, leaving at least 10 people dead and five missing, officials said, as cities, farmland and transport networks were battered by the onslaught. Six deaths and four missing people were reported in the coastal city of Danang, where 19 others were injured and homes, crops and thousands of livestock were washed away, according to local authorities. The city is seen as a future growth engine for Vietnam, heightening concern over the damage. In Hue, the former imperial capital, one person drowned and a 6-year-old girl was reported missing after falling into floodwaters, state media said. Much of the city remains underwater, with rivers overflowing after rainfall reached 42 inches in 24 hours by late Monday, the highest amount ever recorded in Vietnam, according to the national weather agency. At least three people

died in Quang Ngai province, which recorded more than 120 landslides along major highways, state media said. Some routes remain blocked, trapping 60 people in 37 vehicles for three days. A breached river embankment, rising floodwaters and landslides in hilly areas have isolated dozens of neighborhoods in rural parts of the province. Vietnam's meteorological agency said a surge of cool air from the north collided with warm, moisture-rich winds from the sea, setting off a chain of storms that have pounded central provinces for days. The winds forced rain-laden clouds up against the mountains, causing even heavier downpours. Forecasters warn the same pattern will continue through Thursday night, keeping the ground saturated and the risk of further floods and landslides high. Police and military forces have been deployed across affected areas, and authorities in Quang Ngai are testing drone deliveries of food and supplies to isolated residents.

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Trump says 'it's too bad' he can't run for third term

Gyeongju: Donald Trump said Wednesday that "it's too bad" he's not allowed to run for a third term, conceding the constitutional reality even as he expressed interest in continuing to serve. "If you read it, it's pretty clear," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One enroute from Japan



to South Korea. "I'm not allowed to run. It's too bad," The president's com-

ments, which continue his on-again, off-again musings about a third term, came a day after House Speaker Mike Johnson said it would be impossible for Trump to stay in the White House. "I don't see the path for that," he told reporters at the US Capitol on Tuesday. Johnson, the Republican leader who has built

presidential term and changing that, with a new amendment, would be a cumbersome, decade-long process winning over states and votes in Congress. "But I can tell you that we are not going to take our foot off the gas pedal," he said. "We're going to deliver for the American people, and we've got a great run ahead of us — hell have four strong years." Trump stopped short of characterizing his conversation with Johnson, and his description of the prohibition on third terms was somewhat less definitive. "Based on what I read, I think I'm not allowed to run," he said Wednesday. "So well see what happens."

BUSINESS

India to emerge as developed Market: RBI Dy Gov

Mumbai: Sustained reforms and economic resilience have put India on a path to graduate from an emerging to an emerged market status in the coming decades, possibly within the next few years, Reserve Bank Deputy Governor Poonam Gupta said on Wednesday. Addressing the Business Standard BFSI Insight Summit here, Gupta said India's policy frameworks have continued to evolve and are currently among the best globally. Its exchange rate, which was regulated until 1991, is increasingly market-driven, she said, adding that its external account has been managed well. "There are inherent strengths in its diversified balance of payments. On the current account, the merchandise trade deficit has been balanced by strong services exports and remittances receipts. Oil price is not a dampener as it used to be. All in all, the current account shows resilience and is

eminently in a sustainable zone," the deputy governor said. India has largely adhered to the path of fiscal consolidation, barring periods of significant shocks such as the pandemic, she added. Gupta said the flexible inflation targeting framework for monetary policy, introduced in 2016, was a major structural reform in India. Evidence points towards improved outcomes post adoption of flexible inflation targeting; inflation has become lower and less volatile; inflationary expectations are better anchored; and the transmission of monetary policy has become more effective," she added. As a result of the full matrix of policy reforms, Gupta said India's GDP and per capita income growth rates have accelerated over time; growth has been among the highest globally; and its variability has declined. "India's near-term growth outlook is promising too," she said.

Resilient Supply Chains & India's Growth: Goyal

New Delhi: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday said it is important for the country to have resilient supply chains, control over key technologies and reducing overdependence on certain geographies. He said the clarion call to promote swadeshi products is not just about making in India, designing or developing in India as it is key for the country's long-term growth and sovereignty. He added that reducing dependence on foreign technologies, foreign weapons, foreign energy sources and foreign critical technologies is important for the country's growth. "This decade in fact has given us several wake up calls, starting from Covid, how important is to have resilient supply chains, to have your own technologies, control over essential supplies in critical areas. "How important it is



to decouple in certain sectors and certain very important subjects, from overdependence on certain geographies. And therefore India today has resolved to move away from just being the back office of

the world, or software provider of the world to become global engine of innovation," he said here at TIEcon event. He said Indian tech startups are getting huge valuations worldwide. Goyal also said the second edition of fund of funds may be dedicated entirely for deep tech investment, particularly early stage investments. "... so that our friends from deep tech ecosystem do not end up selling large part of their equity at very early stage to funds or VCs, to foreign funds and are able to maintain large part of their ownership for future rounds and for maturing their technology going forward," he added.

ITR Filing Deadline Extended to Dec 10

New Delhi: The income tax department on Wednesday extended the deadline for filing I-T returns for AY 2025-26 by corporates and those assesses who need to get their accounts audited to December 10. Under the Income Tax law, such taxpayers are required to file their returns of income by October 31. The department further said these taxpayers can file the audited report till November 10. "The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has decided to extend the due date of furnishing of Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2025-26, which is 31st October 2025, to 10th December 2025," the CBDT said in a statement. According to the tax law, October 31 is the deadline for ITR filing for those who have to get their books of accounts audited, like companies, proprietorship and partnership firms, while for individuals and HUFs the deadline is July 31. Following industry representation, the income tax department had on September 25 extended the deadline for submission of audit reports for the 2024-25 fiscal by one month till October 31. This has now been further extended till November 10. The reasons cited in these representations include disruptions caused by floods and natural calamities in certain parts of the country, which have impeded normal business and professional activity.

IRF urges strict enforcement of Bus Body Code amid rise in fatal sleeper coach fires

TSN/New Delhi: International Road Federation (IRF) global road safety body working for better and safer roads world wide has expressed deep concern at recent sleeper bus fires claiming more than 40 lives, once again exposing the grim reality of safety in a mode of transport that lakhs of Indians depend on every day. The latest bus fire incidents highlight the same persistent dangers: flammable interiors, blocked or narrow exits, missing or faulty emergency windows, no



fire safety gear, precious little time to escape, and inadequately trained staff. The existing code of practice for bus body design has strict norms including mandatory fire extinguishers which are mostly empty or non-functional, man-

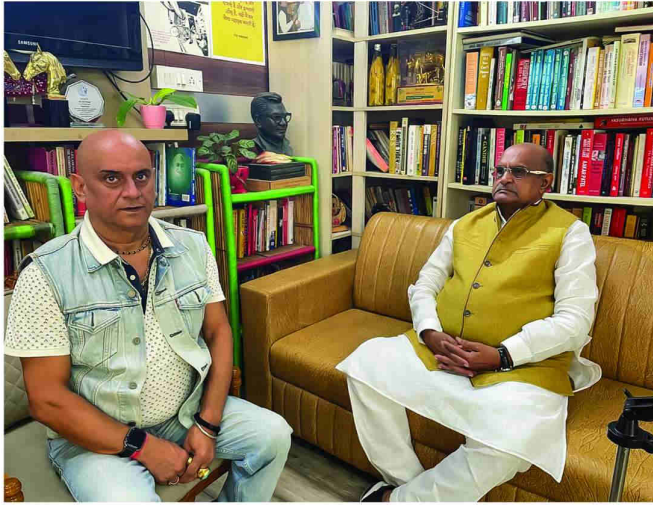
adatory speed governors, fixed time of drivers to avoid fatigue, fitness certificates are managed. "During recent bus accidents the number of deaths could have been avoided with timely help and delay caused in cutting the bus body to bring out the injured and the other passengers. Most developed countries have glass roofs which can be easily broken and the passengers can be rescued. The bus designs especially of sleeper coaches is such it takes hours and special cutting tools to cut the vehicle and rescue the passengers" said Mr K K Kapila, President Emeritus, International Road Federation who was recently conferred the Louis Prangey award by International Federation of Consulting Engineers (IFDIC). "Apart from strict adherence to bus making code, the government should make it mandatory to equip ambulances and fire brigades with cutting tools and train the drivers and attendants to use them. Most of the time it is difficult to find or source cutting

tools. Most of the ambulances and cranes parked at various toll plazas are ornamental and non-functional most of the time," Mr Kapila said. The bus body code of India is AIS-052, a mandatory standard that specifies safety, structural, and design requirements for all bus bodies built in the country. The standard was introduced to regulate the previously unorganized bus body-building sector, improve passenger and driver safety, and ensure uniformity in construction.

“Bihar will choose Governance over gimmicks: K.C. Tyagi on why Nitish still defines credibility”



By **Dr. Anil Singh**
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A. Dr. Anil Singh: Mr. Tyagi, the Bihar Assembly elections have entered their decisive phase. Candidate withdrawals are over, campaigns are in full swing, and the Mahagathbandhan has finally declared Tejashwi Yadav as its Chief Ministerial face. You have witnessed Bihar's political evolution from the socialist era to the present day. How significant is this 'CM face' in determining electoral outcomes? Has the Mahagathbandhan truly strengthened its position with Tejashwi's projection, or has it only exposed its internal contradictions?

Q. K.C. Tyagi: Dr. Anil, the announcement is more symbolic than strategic. Since 2004-05, both Lalu Prasad Yadav and the RJD have lost their political magnetism. Every election since then—whether led by Lalu himself or Tejashwi—has only deepened their decline. There was a time when we all—Lalu Ji, Sharad Ji, Nitish Ji, Ram Vilas Ji, and I—stood together under one banner, and RJD commanded unmatched influence. But that glory faded with misrule, lawlessness, and what people began calling 'Jungle Raj'.

The Congress was wary of projecting Tejashwi because Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra had created a larger resonance nationally. Congress leaders genuinely believed that Rahul's

appeal transcended Tejashwi's limited regional pull. Hence, they preferred to defer the leadership question until after the polls. What has emerged instead is an uneasy, opportunistic alliance—243 seats, yet 256 candidates. It's not a coalition of conviction but a marriage of compulsion. The Congress lacks the grassroots strength, and the RJD, despite dominating seat distribution, has lost the moral edge to lead.

A. Dr. Anil Singh: You've seen Bihar's caste arithmetic from the grassroots level. The RJD's current equation—Muslims, Yadavs, and sections of the Mahal community—seems to be its traditional base. How do you see this arithmetic evolving, and what is the NDA's counter-balance to this social coalition?

Q. K.C. Tyagi: Dr. Anil, the NDA represents a genuinely inclusive and multi-layered social al-

liance. The RJD's caste formula belongs to another era. Today's Bihar is far more aspirational. The so-called 'Mallah factor' or Extremely Backward Class (EBC) segment is no longer confined to one political bloc. These communities were first empowered under Karpoori Thakur and later strengthened by Nitish Kumar through policies that institutionalized representation and dignity.

After the caste-based census, Nitish Ji extended 36% reservation to the most deprived and marginalized groups—an unprecedented move in Indian political history. These sections no longer vote along traditional caste lines; they vote for governance, empowerment, and respect. And in Bihar, those values have a single synonym—Nitish Kumar.

A. Dr. Anil Singh: The Mahagathbandhan has tried to pro-

ject Mukesh Sahani as a future Deputy Chief Minister, clearly hoping to attract the Nishad and Mallah communities. On the other hand, women voters have consistently been a decisive force in Nitish Kumar's victories. Do you believe the gender vote will again turn the tide in NDA's favor?

Q. K.C. Tyagi: Absolutely, Dr. Anil. What Tejashwi Yadav is promising today, Nitish Kumar delivered nearly two decades ago. Women's reservation in panchayats, municipalities, and urban bodies was implemented by Nitish in 2006—not as a slogan but as a revolution. The 'Jeevika Didi' movement has transformed over one crore women into self-reliant entrepreneurs and community leaders.

Nitish Ji's approach has always been empowerment, not entitlement. When each woman received 10,000 to revive her tra-

ditional trade—be it weaving, pottery, oil pressing, or tailoring—it wasn't a handout; it was capital to reclaim dignity. Our politics has been about long-term transformation. There's just about short-term publicity. That's the defining difference—between governance and gimmickry.

A. Dr. Anil Singh: Tejashwi Yadav's recent promise of providing one government job per household has caught public attention. But is this economically viable, or is it merely an emotional lure aimed at unemployed youth?

Q. K.C. Tyagi: It's pure illusion, Dr. Anil. Bihar's economy simply cannot sustain such populist fantasies. The state's annual budget would need to multiply several times over to fulfill such a promise. The real challenge lies in structural economic reform—and that begins with industrialization.

Post the bifurcation of Bihar, most mineral-rich regions and industrial hubs went to Jharkhand. What remained were poverty and unemployment. Unless Bihar is granted special category status, large-scale development will remain aspirational. Nitish Kumar has been demanding this for years—not for political benefit, but to ensure a fair fiscal foundation for growth. Job creation must come through skill, investment, and infrastructure, not mere rhetoric.

A. Dr. Anil Singh: Some political observers suggest that the BJP is hesitant to publicly declare Nitish Kumar as the NDA's Chief Ministerial face, perhaps to retain flexibility post-election. Is the Maharashtra-style political experiment a possibility in Bihar too?

Q. K.C. Tyagi: Dr. Anil, let me be absolutely clear—Nitish Kumar is not Eknath Shinde. He is a product of ideology, not convenience. The JD(U) stands solidly united behind him. There's not a shred of rebellion or ambiguity in our ranks. Nitish Ji

represents the finest legacy of the socialist movement post-independence—integrity without compromise.

In war, the commander who leads to victory remains the commander. The BJP has tried tactical manoeuvres elsewhere, but Bihar is different. This state values loyalty, stability, and governance memory. The NDA in Bihar is not built on intrigue; it's built on trust and shared governance.

A. Dr. Anil Singh: As the campaign nears its final leg, how will the JD(U) and NDA connect with voters? What central message do you intend to carry to the people of Bihar?

Q. K.C. Tyagi: Dr. Anil, our campaign is rooted in performance, not propaganda. We are asking for votes on Nitish Ji's 20 years of governance—a record defined by roads, electricity, education, healthcare, and women's empowerment. For upper-caste voters, we established the Swarn Commission, for the economically weaker sections, we implemented the 10% EWS quota. Our governance has transcended caste; it has become an instrument of equality.

The Mahagathbandhan, on the other hand, remains trapped in the old politics of appeasement. Their vision stops where ours begins. We are a coalition of progress—a partnership that reflects the aspirations of every Bihari, from the farmer in Gopalganj to the student in Darbhanga. That's our strength—inclusiveness, credibility, and continuity.

A. Dr. Anil Singh: Mr. Tyagi, thank you for sharing such a deep and candid perspective. We look forward to speaking with you again after the first phase of polling.

Q. K.C. Tyagi: Thank you, Dr. Anil. Your voice connects India's democracy to the global stage. It's always a pleasure to engage in meaningful dialogue with you.

SPORTS

Mitchell, Santner guides NZ to series-clinching win over England

Hamilton
 New Zealand all-rounder Daryl Mitchell guided his side to a thrilling five-wicket win over England in a low-scoring contest at Hamilton on Wednesday. With this victory, the hosts sealed the three-match ODI series 2-0, with one game still remaining in Wellington.

Chasing a target of 176, New Zealand found themselves in early trouble but Mitchell's composure stood out. The all-rounder remained unbeaten on 56 off 59 balls, laced with six fours and two sixes, anchoring the innings brilliantly. He was well supported by skipper Mitchell Santner, who played a blistering cameo of 34 not out off just 17 deliveries, striking two fours and three sixes to finish the chase in style.

Earlier in the innings, New Zealand had a shaky start as Will Young departed for a duck, dismissed by Jofra Archer, who bowled a fiery opening spell. Kane Williamson tried to steady the ship with a promising 21 before being castled by Jamie Overton.

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Rohit Sharma becomes No. 1 ODI Batter in ICC Rankings

Dubai
 Former India skipper Rohit Sharma created history on Wednesday as he became the No. 1-ranked player in the ICC Men's ODI Batter Rankings for the first time in his career.

Rohit rose two spots and to the top on the back of his superb unbeaten century in the third and final ODI between India and Australia in Sydney, where he led his side to an emphatic nine-wicket triumph in style, as reported by the ICC.

The experienced right-hander was in a damaging mood alongside fellow India legend Virat Kohli (74*) as he smashed 13 fours and three massive sixes on his way to scoring his 33rd ODI century for his country.

Rohit's efforts saw him overtake Afghanistan dasher Ibrahim Zadran and India team-



mate Shubman Gill as he claimed the top ranking for batters in ODI cricket for the very first time,

with the 38-year-old having held a spot inside the top 10 for the majority of the last decade.

The former skipper wasn't the only India player to make some ground on the updat-

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ed rankings this week. Spinner Axar Patel was also rewarded for a strong game in Sydney as he moved up in both the bowling and all-rounder categories. Axar jumped six places to 31st behind No. 1-ranked Rashid Khan on the list for ODI bowlers and improved four spots to eighth overall behind Azmatullah Omarzai on the rankings for ODI all-rounders.

Suryakumar becomes second Indian after Rohit to join 150 T20I sixes club

Canberra
 India captain Suryakumar Yadav added another feather to his cap by becoming the fifth player to hammer 150 sixes in T20Is, following his explosive outing in the first T20I against Australia in Canberra on Wednesday.

The Indian skipper tonked two towering maximums to become the second Indian to wallop 150 T20I sixes and joined a special club, featuring Rohit Sharma (205) at the top, followed by Muhammad Waseem (187), Martin Guppill (173) and Jos Buttler (172). The seasoned swashbuckler achieved the feat in his 91st T20I.

Suryakumar, a crafty T20I batter, flaunted his six-hitting muscle in a rain-affected contest at Manuka Oval. He arrived at the crease after the number one T20I batter, Abhishek Sharma, holed out to Tim David off Nathan Ellis



on the final ball of the fourth over.

He initially was troubled by Australia pace-bowling mainstay Josh Hazlewood, who beat his outside edge in the fifth over, almost inducing a nick on its way to the wicketkeeper. In reply, Suryakumar flicked the ball to send it sailing over the boundary rope for his first six of the night.

Rain washes out 1st T20I between India and Australia at Manuka Oval

Canberra
 The first T20I of the five-match series between Australia and India, which is being played at Manuka Oval in Canberra, was called off due to persistent rain on Wednesday.

Ahead of the series opener, all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy was ruled out for the first three T20Is. He is recovering from his left quadriceps injury sustained during the second ODI in Adelaide. The 22-year-old complained of neck spasms, which have impacted his recovery and mobility. The BCCI Medical Team is monitoring his progress.



Earlier in the game, Australia skipper Mitchell Marsh won the toss and opted to field first.

Batters Abhishek Sharma and Shubman Gill came out in the middle to open the innings for the Men in Blue. Both batters started off their innings carefully and later accelerated. Gill and Abhishek (19 runs off 14 balls) put on a 35-run partnership before the latter was sent

back to the pavilion in the fourth over of the innings by right-arm seamer Nathan Ellis. Following Abhishek's dismissal, Team India skipper Suryakumar Yadav came out in the middle to bat. After completing five overs, the match was stopped as rain poured in Aus-

tralia. When the game stopped, the visitors were 43/1 in five overs with Gill (16*) and Suryakumar (8*) unbeaten on the crease. The game was resumed after a 45-minute break, with the match being reduced to 18 overs per side.

Aman, Kartik renew rivalry at IGPL Kolkata

Kolkata: Aman Raj and Kartik Singh will resume their battle in the fifth event of the IGPL Tour, as the experienced Patna golfer takes on the young Delhi boy at the IGPL Invitational Kolkata hosted at the Tollygunge Club in the eastern metropolis of Kolkata.

Aman held his nerve in the closing stages to win in Jaipur, as Kartik finished a close second. As Aman looks to emulate Gaganraj Bhullar's feat of back-to-back wins, Kartik continues his search for a maiden pro title as he bides up in his fifth start at the IGPL Tour.

Getting ready for the first day of the IGPL Invitational Kolkata, Kartik Singh has been grouped with the experienced Harman Singh and Saarthak Chatterjee in the first round at the Tollygunge Club.

Last week's winner, Aman Raj, is grouped with Rudhina Dilwari and Kapil Kumar. B Kartik has finished in the Top-10 in four previous starts in Chandigarh, Jaypee Greens, Pune, and Jaipur and is now second in the IGPL Rankings behind the leader, Gaganraj Bhullar, who won in both his starts in the first two events. Kartik has finished with Rs. 47,775 against Rs. 45 lakhs by Bhullar, who is now busy with engagements on the International Series and Asian Tour.

Aman Raj, who, like Kartik, has been in the Top-10 all four times before this week, is going third with Rs. 35,84,958 and last week's Brit recovered to take the next two, 6-3, 6-4, turning the match around and closing out the best player in the world, putting an end to the Spaniard's 17-match Masters 1000 winning streak.

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Alcaraz tallied 54 unforced errors as he was seen struggling with his timing and footwork. He was also seen discussing the court conditions with his coach, Juan Carlos Ferrero, after dropping the second set.

A jubilant Norrie said of this win, as quoted by Olympics.com, "Massive. So big for me. To get a win like this, it's the biggest win of my career, my first win over the world No. 1 and probably the most confident player in the world

Hooda reflects as Telugu Titans break nine-year playoff drought

New Delhi: Telugu Titans booked their spot in the Qualifier 2 of Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) 12 after completing a commanding 46-39 win to end Patna Pirates' eight-match winning streak at the Thyagaraj Indoor Stadium on Tuesday, as per a release from PKL.

The Titans will face season 10 champions Puneri Paltan on Wednesday, with the two teams battling it out for a place in the finals against Dabang Delhi KC on Friday.

Reflecting on the team's crucial win, head coach Krishan Kumar Hooda said, "It was a do-or-die game for us, and the message for the team always was to play in that manner. I had said at the start of the season that we won't disappoint our audience this year. Time will tell who wins, but we will give it our



Hooda proud as Telugu Titans end 9-year playoff drought

best shot," as quoted from a release by PKL.

Echoing the coaches' sentiments, Telugu Titans captain Vijay Malik added, "We wanted to play our game. We've performed well in the tournament since the

start, so the aim was to keep building on that and keep winning."

Further sharing his thoughts on a successful season so far, an emotional Krishan Kumar Hooda mentioned, "Telugu Titans have

performed well on both ends of the mat. We have four NYPs playing with three senior players - Vijay, Bharat and Shubham. This experienced trio has led us to the playoffs. Especially Vijay, as captain, he leads from the front."

qualified for the playoffs after nine years. Teams used to think they'd bag five points against us in the previous seasons. However, this season, the players have turned things around in such a man-

ner that it was tough for me not to be emotional." "As a team, we were determined to change our record. Last season, we missed out on the playoffs by a narrow margin. We've managed to turn that around this season and that's down to the hard work done by the players. It's brilliant to witness, and I want to thank every single one of them," he added.

The head coach also credited the senior players in the team for shouldering the responsibility alongside the younger players. He stated, "The team has

right now."

Alcaraz spoke to reporters following the match, sharing his frustration with his performance. "It's one of the worst matches of the year in terms of feelings," the player said as quoted by Olympics.com.

Alcaraz referenced his 2025 Miami defeat to David Goffin, which he said was a "physical issue," but here, "it was different. I didn't feel the ball well at any moment," he said.

"My ideas were obvious, as were my goals. But today, even in the first set, although I won it, I felt like I could do much better than I had. I tried to improve in the second set. It was the opposite: I played even worse," the 22-year-old added.

The Olympic silver medalist came into the Paris Masters with 11,340 points, but following today's exit, he stands at 11,240 points in the live ranking, while No. 2 Jannik Sinner follows him with 10,510.

Pune Grand Tour 2026, India's first-ever Pro Stage Elite Races for Men, a Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) 2.2 international cycling event, on Wednesday unveiled its official emblem and mascot with much fanfare, thus presenting India with its very own high-profile global cycling event.

Pune Grand Tour 2026 is linked to qualification for the LA 2028 Summer Olympics, allowing international participants to garner critical race-points through a multi-stage, multi-day road race scheduled from January 19 to 23, 2026. As a show of strength behind the Pune Grand Tour, Devendra Fadnis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Ajit Pawar, Deputy Chief Minister and Guardian Minister of Pune, led the event partners including Cycling Federation of India (CFI), Ministry of Sports and Youth Welfare, Maharashtra, and Pune District Administration, to a commitment in bring-

ing a cycling revolution in Maharashtra and in India. Classified as an elite event in UCI's annual calendar, the Pune Grand Tour is pegged as India's groundbreaking move into the global stage, combining with athletes' grit, glory and passion for a world-class competition. Racing through the vast topography of 487 kms, Pune Grand Tour will be Maharashtra's showcase event - displaying a dynamic mix of Pune District's urban stretches, hilly terrain and rural landscapes, as per a press release. Speaking at the occasion, Devendra Fadnis said, "It is



a momentous occasion for all of us as we set out to bring India's first-ever UCI 2.2 global cycling event to Pune. The Pune Grand Tour represents a defining moment for Maharashtra's sporting vision, demonstrating our commitment to developing sports infrastructure. Pune Grand Tour hopes to act as a foundation in creating an ecosystem to nurture talent and make our own national cycling heroes." Commenting on the launch, Ajit Pawar, Deputy Chief Minister and Guardian Minister of Pune, said, "Cycling is much more than a sport.

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Solution, Sudoku

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Salesforce Run 2025 Kicks Off in Gurgaon

TSN/Gurgaon: Salesforce, the world's #1 AI CRM, today flagged off the Gurgaon edition of the Salesforce Run, Salesforce India's flagship annual community run. The event, now in its third year, will be held across all the six locations in India and for the first time in Singapore. The run will bring together Trailblazers - including employees, Futureforce interns, customers, and partners - to promote physical and mental wellbeing while raising funds to support child education and greenification initiatives.

This year, Salesforce has pledged INR 4 crore, doubling last year's contribution, to create meaningful impact in collaboration with four NGO partners, Meghshala Trust and Wadhvani AI will help bring digital classrooms to 12,000 students across India, while WRI India and Climate Collective Foundation will support climate tech entrepreneurs in South Asia and contribute to planting 50,000 trees. As part of Salesforce Run 2025, employees from all cities were en-



couraged to participate in fitness challenges and log their daily runs ahead of the main events. Till date, employees have logged over 4.1-lakh kilometers of pre-run activities.

Speaking about the event, Anuradhi Bhatnagar, President and CEO, Salesforce - South Asia, remarked, "The Salesforce Run is our culture in motion. It's where community, collaboration, and a shared ambition to give back come alive, proving our

core belief that business is the greatest platform for change. Seeing that incredible energy is a powerful reminder that our collective steps create real, tangible impact. This event perfectly embodies the Salesforce spirit, defining the difference we can make together in the communities we serve."

Jyoti Thyagarajan, Founder and Managing Trustee, Meghshala Trust, commented, "At Meghshala, we bring learning to life with

teachers, who then enthusiastically apply our lessons in their classrooms. To ensure even the most remote teachers can access our lessons, we use engaging, app-based technology that empowers them to deliver better learning experiences in their schools. Through our partnership with Salesforce, we are delighted to bring digital classrooms to students across India, helping them access quality education. Participating in this initiative and celebrating the

Salesforce pledges INR 4 crore to support Child Education and Greenification through partnerships with Meghshala Trust, Wadhvani AI, WRI India, and Climate Collective Foundation.

collaboration that transforms education for underserved communities is our way of giving back to the bright-eyed children we serve."

Machav Pai, CEO, WRI India, commented, "Our work focuses on improving people's lives, protecting and restoring nature, and addressing climate change. The engagement and enthusiasm from the Salesforce community is truly encouraging. Collaborations like this empower innovative solutions and sustainable practices, and it's inspiring to see such collective energy directed toward building a greener future. We are delighted to be part of this initiative and the tangible impact it creates for communities and the planet."

Oman replaces Pakistan at Men's Junior Hockey World Cup

Loussanne: After the Pakistan Hockey Federation had notified the International Hockey Federation (FIH) that they had not accepted the invitation to participate in the upcoming FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Tamil Nadu 2025, after their team had qualified for this event at the Asia Junior Cup last year.

The Men's Junior team of Oman will now join the list of participating teams for this event that will take place from 28 November to 10 December 2025 in the cities of Chennai and Madurai, India, according to a press release from FIH.

Oman joined as the next-highest placed team in the continental championship (Junior Asia Cup 2024), qualifying for this Junior World Cup.

For the very first time, the FIH Hockey Junior World Cup 2025, women and men, will be held in two cities, Chennai and Madurai, enabling greater accessibility to FIH events, which is



one of the fundamental principles of the FIH Empowerment and Engagement strategy. Germany won the last edition in 2023, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the FIH press release added.

Earlier this year, Pakistan's Men's Hockey Team didn't travel to India for the ongoing ICC Women's World Cup 2025 and played all the games of the competition at Colombo's R. Premadasa Stadium as Sri Lanka was a co-host of the mega event.

Darsheel Safary, Rajeshwari Sachdev join 'Maharani 4'

Mumbai
Actors Rajeshwari Sachdev and Darsheel Safary are the new additions to the cast of 'Maharani 4', which is headlined by Huma Qureshi.

Sharing her experience working on the show, Rajeshwari Sachdev, in a press note, said, "Maharani isn't just a show, it's a powerful narrative that reflects the pulse of politics and power. Joining this world, especially with a character that plays such a crucial role in the unfolding drama, is incredibly thrilling. The writing is bold, the stakes are high, and I can't wait for the audience to



witness the storm my character brings to Rani Bharti's world."

Darsheel Safary added,

"Joining Maharani 4 is more than just a role; it's a turning point. This season dives deeper into the chaos of power,

and my character walks straight into the eye of that storm. Expect the unexpected, because nothing stays the

same." On Wednesday, the makers even unveiled the show's trailer.

The trailer showcases an explosive storyline that will reshape the future of Rani Bharti's empire. But this time, the fight is with one of the most powerful entities.

Directed by Puneet Prakash, produced by Kangra Talkies Pvt. Ltd., and created by Subhash Kapoor, Maharani 4, which also features Shweta Basu Prasad, Vineet Sharma, Amit Sial, Vineet Kumar, Sharul Bhardwaj, Kani Kusruti, and Pramod Pathak, will start streaming from 7th November on Sony LIV.

Renee Rapp postpones third tour date due to health issues

Los Angeles
Renee Rapp, who is recovering from her illness, has had to postpone another tour date.

Although The Sex Lives of College Girls alum initially assured fans that her Charlotte stop on the Bite Me Tour would go ahead as planned, Rapp later announced that the show has been rescheduled to November 7, as per Deadline.

"As of right now, I still don't have a voice. I'm recovering slowly but still not in a place where I am able to perform safely tomorrow night at my hometown show. I am so sorry and heartbroken that I have to postpone," read a statement from Rapp posted on her Instagram Stories.

Rapp assured her fans that

"all original tickets will be valid for the new date," adding, "Again I want to stress that I know the time and preparation attending a show takes. I promise you it doesn't go unnoticed or unseen."

"I'm taking this time to recover and then next week for these rescheduled shows I will give you the best version of me," she said. "The best version of this show that I love so much. The show you deserve to see. I love you all and I'm gonna see you, ATL and Tampa next week. Thank you for all of your thoughts and well-wishes."

Earlier this week, Rapp announced she was postponing her shows in Atlanta and Tampa for November 4 and 5, respectively, due to illness.



Calum Scott to perform in Gurugram in January 2026

New Delhi

English singer Calum Scott is all set to pay a visit to India for a gig in Gurugram on January 23, 2026, at Huda Gymkhana.

Excited about the forthcoming show, Calum Scott in a press note said, "India has always held a truly special place in my heart. The love, warmth and incredible energy I felt from fans during my last visit was unforgettable and I'm beyond excited to be returning with The Avenoir Tour. This show promises to be an evening filled with music, emotion and genuine connection. I cannot wait to share those moments with all of you once again."

Naman Pugalia, Chief Business Officer - Live Events, BookMyShow, added, "Calum's performance as the opening act for Ed Sheeran's Mumbai concert in 2024 was mesmerising, leaving the audience completely enthralled. Watching Calum Scott's evolution into one of the defining voices of our generation has been truly inspiring. With this India leg, we are excited to continue being part of his journey and proud to create an even bigger stage for his music, offering fans across the country the chance to experience his artistry firsthand."

Produced and promoted by BookMyShow Live, the tickets for Calum Scott's "The Avenoir Tour" in Gurugram will go live at 12 pm on October 30.



Mukesh Rishi attends J&K Legislative Assembly session

Srinagar
Actor Mukesh Rishi on Wednesday marked a guest appearance in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly session, observing from the Speaker's gallery.

Rishi said, "I have come here to attend a few programs organised by the Army. I will also meet local MLAs and MPs with the Dogra community. I am very happy to visit the Assembly here... Kashmir remains dear to the film industry. I have shot at many locations in Kashmir... I appeal to the public to visit Kashmir."

Mukesh Rishi, best known for his acclaimed performances in Bollywood films like Sarfarosh, hails originally from Jammu.

He is primarily associated with his role in Kundan Shah's 'Gunda'. He essayed the role of the iconic villain Bulla in the film, which has, over the years, become extremely popular on social media among Gen Z.

Meghan Markle, Prince Harry step out to watch Dodgers' World Series game

Los Angeles
Superstar couple Prince Harry and Meghan Markle recently stepped out for a date night at Game 4 of the World Series between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Toronto Blue Jays.

The superstar couple, who was regularly seen on TV as they enjoyed the action from the front-row of Dodger stadium on Tuesday, wore Dodgers merch for the big game, as per Page Six.

Markle and Harry were seen dressed in casual outfits, consisting of blue Dodgers caps, white shirts and blue over-layers. Before the game, MLB shared a clip showing the duo smiling and greeting fans as they arrived at the stadium.

Prince Harry and Meghan tied the knot on May 19, 2018, at St George's Chapel



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of marriage. A lifetime of stories. Thanks to all of you (whether by our side, or from afar) who have loved and supported us throughout our love story - we appreciate you. Happy anniversary," she posted.

Meghan also uploaded a photo of a bulletin board filled with adorable moments - a visual timeline of her and Harry's love story, from their early courtship to

their life in California today, including a never-before-seen Christmas snapshot of Prince Archie, 6, and Princess Lilibet, 3.

One of the images captured Prince Archie planting a kiss on Princess Lilibet's forehead as the siblings stood in front of a festively decorated Christmas tree, surrounded by wrapped presents and stockings hung on the mantle behind them.

Paul Rudd, Nick Jonas' 'Power Ballad' to be released in June 2026

Los Angeles
Paul Rudd and Nick Jonas-starrer 'Power Ballad' is all set to be released next year in June.

Lionsgate has dated the John Carney directorial for June 5, 2026, as per Deadline.

In the movie, co-written by Carney and Peter McDonakk, Rick (Rudd), a past-his-prime wedding singer, meets fading boy-band star Danny (Jonas) during a gig. The two bond over music and a



late-night jam session. But when Danny turns one of Rick's songs into the hit that

reignites his career, Rick sets out to reclaim the recognition he believes he deserves -

even if it means risking everything he cares about. 'Power Ballad' is touted as

being a feel-good story about music, self-respect, friendship, and the price of ambition.

Anthony Bregman, John Carney, Peter Cron, Rebecca O'Flanagan and Robert Walpole serve the roles of producers.

Power Ballad will open up against Amazon MGM Studios' Masters of the Universe from filmmaker Travis Knight, as well as Warner Bros and Legendary's hybrid live-action animated title, Animal Friends.

Ajay Devgn, Yo Yo Honey Singh reunite for 'Jhoom Sharaabi'



Mumbai
The makers of Ajay Devgn and Rakul Preet Singh starrer 'De De Pyaar De 2' have dropped the second song from the film, and it promises a "wedding anthem for uncles".

With a perfect blend of desi swing and retro cool groove, 'Jhoom Sharaabi' brings Yo Yo Honey Singh's signature rap that has cranked up the energy level, further setting a mood that will instantly pull everyone to the floor.

Ajay Devgn and Honey Singh's infectious chemistry has been rekindled, bringing

a full-blown celebration twist. Rakul Preet Singh also makes a stunning appearance in the music video.

With Honey Singh taking over the song's music and rap credits, it has been choreographed by Ganesh Acharya. Talking about the song, Honey Singh shared,

"Jhoom Sharaabi sets the mood the moment it drops! I wanted a track that pulls everyone to the floor, from the cool uncles to the crazy cousins. Working with Ajay sir again was pure fun, packed with energy and masti. This one's made for every shaadi where the OGs lead the party!"



Pulkit Samrat sends romantic birthday wishes to wife Kriti Kharbanda

Mumbai
Actor Pulkit Samrat has shared a love-filled birthday post for his wife, actress Kriti Kharbanda.

Taking to his Instagram handle, Pulkit dropped a carousel of pictures featuring romantic candid snaps with Kriti from what

appeared to be a beachy vacation. "Somewhere between the salt on our skin and the sunset in your eyes, I found my forever! Happy birthday, favourite view!" the actor wrote in the post.

In the pictures, the couple could be seen relaxing on the sand, adorably glancing at each other with

a radiant smile on their faces. While Kriti looked beautiful in a red beachwear, Pulkit also chose a casual white vest-look for the outing.

Fans quickly took to the comment section and extended birthday wishes to Kriti.

It is worth mentioning that Pulkit Samrat and

Kriti Kharbanda celebrated their first wedding anniversary this year in March. In a heartwarming post, Kriti shared a video featuring unseen glimpses from their wedding festivities and wrote, "Our wedding was emo, but life since then has been nothing short of a party! Happy 1 to Us!"