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Bihar records highest-ever 65% turnout in first phase of polls

The Election Commission said the first phase of the assembly elections concluded peacefully "in a festive mood with the highest-ever voter turnout of 64.66 per cent in the history of Bihar".

In the "highest ever" voter turnout in Bihar, nearly 65 per cent of 3.75 crore electors exercised their franchise on Thursday across 12 constituencies in the first phase of the assembly elections...



leged "jungle raj" of the RJD-Congress combine, while the opposition bloc relies on anti-incumbency and the unprecedented "jobs-for-home" promise of its CM candidate, Tejashwi Yadav...

parties for alleged "rigging" and "manipulation" of voter lists. The second and the last phase will be held on November 11, and the counting will take place on November 14.

leaders, including RJD's Yadav, Deputy CMs Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha, besides a slew of ministers, being among the 1,314 candidates in fray in this phase.

Stray incidents of violence, including an alleged attack on Sinha's vehicle, were reported from some areas during the polling.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who addressed rallies in a couple of constituencies going to polls in the second and final phase, felt that the noticeably high number of women turning up to vote was a good sign for the NDA.

"Mothers, daughters, and sisters have been the worst sufferers of 'jungle raj'. Today, they seem to have put up a fortress around polling booths to prevent the return of 'jungle raj'," Modi remarked.

The NDA hopes that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's record, along with recent welfare measures such as 125 units of free...

Left Unity sweeps JNU student polls, wins all 4 seats



New Delhi The Left Unity on Thursday retained its stronghold in the Jawaharlal Nehru University here, effecting a clean sweep to win all four central panel posts in the students' union elections.

HIGHLIGHT

Aditi Mishra has been elected as the new president of JNUSU, while K Gopika won the post of vice-president

The alliance of the All India Students' Association (AISA), Students' Federation of India (SFI) and Democratic Students' Federation (DSF) swept the polls, reaffirming its dominance on the campus.

Aditi Mishra was elected president after defeating RSS-backed ABVP's Vikas Patel by 449 votes.

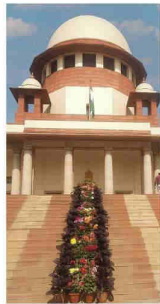
Kizhakoore Gopika Babu became the vice-president's post after trouncing Tanya Kumari, while Sunil Yadav and Danish Ali won the

posts of general secretary and joint secretary after defeating their right-wing rivals Rajeshwar Kant Dubey and Anuj, respectively.

This year, around 9,043 students were eligible to vote. The polls recorded a 67 per cent turnout, slightly lower than the previous election's 70 per cent. The campus saw vibrant participation with students queuing up outside hostels and schools amid chants, drums and campaign songs.

Informing grounds of arrest must, even for IPC and BNS offences: SC

New Delhi In a landmark verdict, the Supreme Court on Thursday held that every arrested person must be furnished with the grounds of arrest in writing and in a language they understand irrespective of the nature of the offence or statute involved.



In the verdict that strengthens constitutional protection for personal liberty, the top court held that non-supply of grounds of arrest in writing to the arrestee prior to or immediately after arrest would not vitiate such arrest if the same is "supplied in writing within a reasonable time and in any case two hours prior to the production of the arrestee before the magistrate for remand proceedings".

the judgment in the Mihir Rajesh Shah vs State of Maharashtra case that arose from the high-profile Mumbai BMW hit-and-run incident of July 2024.

the Constitution, which guarantees that an arrested person must be informed "as soon as may be" of the grounds of arrest, is not a procedural formality but a fundamental safeguard of personal liberty.

"This court is of the opinion that to achieve the intended objective of the constitutional mandate of Article 22(1) of the Constitution of India, the grounds of arrest must be informed to the arrested person in each and every case without exception and the mode of the communication of such grounds must be in writing in the language he understands," the verdict said.

"The constitutional mandate of informing the arrestee the grounds of arrest is mandatory in all offences under all statutes including offences under IPC 1860 (now BNS 2023)," it held. Agency

Fadnavis orders probe into deal linked to Ajit Pawar's son

Pune A Rs 300-crore land deal in Pune involving a firm linked to Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's son Parth was embroiled in charges of irregularities and set off a political row, prompting the state government to order a high-level probe and suspend a sub-registrar.



White Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis termed the land transaction "prima facie serious" and said he has sought information concerning the case from relevant departments, Ajit Pawar insisted he was in no way connected with the controversial deal.

Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis (left) has ordered a probe into the alleged undervalued sale of 40 acres of Pune land to Parth Pawar's firm, the son of Dy CM Ajit Pawar (centre).

The Opposition slammed the ruling Maharashtra BJP comprising the BHPJ, Ajit Pawar's NCP and Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena. The government has suspended a sub-registrar and set up a high-level committee under Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) Vikas Kharge to investigate alleged irregularities in the land deal, said officials. Parth Pawar is yet to respond to the allegations.

and Collector (Stamps), said the order. According to an official, 40 acres of Maharashtra land belonging to the government in Pune's upmarket Mundhwa area was sold to a private firm, Amadea Enterprises LLP, in which Parth Pawar is a partner, for Rs 300 crore, and the stamp duty on it was waived.

Being government land, the plot cannot be sold to a private firm, he explained.

Inspector General of Registration Ravindra Binwade said the high-level committee will find out how the government land was sold to a private firm and ascertain whether the exemption was given as per norms. "The documents submitted to claim the exemption will be checked.

You can't call others 'dhoka', remove it: HC on Ramdev's chyawanprash ad

New Delhi The Delhi high court on Thursday asked Patanjali Ayurved how it can call other chyawanprash products as dhoka, which means "fraud" and deception. The high court said yoga guru Ramdev's Patanjali needs to consider using any other word in its advertisements and while comparison between his product and that of others is allowed, disparaging other products is not permitted. The court reserved its order on a plea by Dabur



India seeking an interim injunction against Patanjali's "disparaging" advertisement. "You can claim that

you are the best but you cannot call others 'dhoka', which, in the English dictionary, means fraud and deception," Justice

Tejas Karia orally said. The counsel for Patanjali claimed that by the word dhoka, Ramdev means 'ordinary'.

"I am saying all others are sadharan - ordinary chyawanprash. The meaning it conveys is that I am saying all others are ineffective." "This is an extension of the last advertisement. When I say dhoka, I mean to say that I am special and others are ordinary," senior advocate Rajiv Nayyar, representing Patanjali Ayurved, said. The court was hearing a plea by Dabur India, which is aggrieved by the 25-second advertisement issued by Patanjali titled '51 herbs, 1 truth, Patanjali Chyawanprash!' Agency

India needs world-class banks; in talks with RBI, lenders: FM Sitharaman

Mumbai Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the country needs big and world-class banks, and discussions are on with the Reserve Bank and lenders in this regard. Addressing the 12th SBI Banking and Economics Conclave 2025, Sitharaman asked lenders to deepen and widen credit flow to the industry, exuding confidence that GST rate cut-driven demand would unleash a virtuous investment cycle. She advised that access to finance is absolutely critical and that a system-driven, trans-



parent lending process is essential. Stressing that India needs a lot of big and world-class banks, she said the government is looking at this and work has already commenced. We are discussing with

the RBI. We are discussing with banks". Before the government takes a call on this, she said, a lot of the work has to be done, including taking inputs from the RBI as to how they want to build larger banks. "It is not by creating from those which exist today...just by amalgamating that can also be one of the routes, but you need an ecosystem and an environment in which more banks can operate and operate to grow. So, that environment is actually well established in India, but I needed to be more dynamic. So, some work is happening on it," she said. Agency

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power, Rs 10,000 cash transfers to over 1 crore women, and an increase in social security pensions, will help counter anti-incumbency.

However, the opposition dismissed the boasts of the BJP-led coalition and hoped that people would vote for a change.

RJD president Lalu Prasad, who hopes that his younger son and heir apparent Yadav will form the next government, came out with an evocative social media post, drawing the analogy of a "roti".

"If a roti is not flipped on a tawa (pan), it gets burnt. Twenty years is a long time. A Tejaswi government is essential to build a new Bihar," Prasad wrote on X.

There have also been allegations and counter-allegations from both sides on the polling day.

Deputy CM Sinha, who is seeking a fourth consecutive term from Lakshisari, claimed that one of the cars in his convoy was attacked by RJD supporters trying to "intimidate" voters belonging to extremely backward classes.

On the other hand, the RJD alleged on X that voting had been "deliberately slowed down" in areas where the INDIA bloc was strongly placed, a charge promptly rejected by the EC.

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The committee will see what sort of documents were produced during registration. But as an immediate action, we have suspended a sub-registrar-rank official. If it is government land, the registration should not have taken place," he said.

Sources in the revenue department claimed that on the 7/12 extract, a key property document, the land is in the name of 'Mumbai Sarkar'.

Besides Parth Pawar, Digvijay Patil, in whose name the registration has taken place, has been shown as a co-partner in the private firm.

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# Three CMs, Two Deputies, Two Ex-CMs Storm Nuapada as Bypoll Battle Heats Up

Manoranjan Samal Nuapada:

The quiet district of Nuapada has turned into a political battlefield ahead of the November 11 by-election, with an unprecedented lineup of heavyweights descending on the region. For the first time in Odisha's electoral history, three sitting Chief Ministers, two Deputy Chief Ministers, and two former Chief Ministers are campaigning for their respective parties—transforming this by-poll into one of the most high-profile contests the state has ever seen.

The election results will be declared on November 14, but the excitement and tension are already palpable. Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and his Chhattisgarh counterpart Bishnu Dev Sai kicked off a flurry of rallies and roadshows on Sunday, signaling how crucial the seat has become for the BJP. At 11 a.m., Sai addressed a massive gathering at Panchmapur under



Kutbanbera Panchayat, Nuapada Block. Later, Majhi led a roadshow after addressing a packed meeting at the block headquarters, urging voters to back the BJP's candidate.

Adding to the intensity, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is set to campaign for the Congress on November 7. He is expected to hold a large rally at Salebhata in

support of Congress candidate Ghashiram Majhi, hoping to energize the party's base in western Odisha.

The Biju Janata Dal (BJD), determined to retain its influence in the region, is fielding senior leaders and mobilizing crowds under the leadership of its president and former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Naveen, who visited Nuapada earlier this week,

will return tomorrow to address two major public meetings—one in Nuapada and another at Khariar Road in support of the Congress candidate.

The BJP has deployed nearly its entire leadership machinery to Nuapada, with both Deputy Chief Ministers, the state president Manmohan Samal, and senior ministers camping in the area. The BJD, too, has dispatched former

Yadav will also join the campaign trail on November 9, addressing a rally at the Nuapada police line in support of the Congress candidate.

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ministers, MLAs, and local leaders to strengthen its ground presence. In contrast, the Congress has opted for a leaner campaign strategy led by PCC president Bhakta Das, relying on focused outreach rather than grand rallies.

Observers say this multi-party, multi-CM campaign is unlike anything Odisha—or even India—has witnessed in a by-election. With the top leadership of three major parties battling it out on the same turf, Nuapada's voters now hold the power to script a significant political moment in the state's history.

The final word will be out on November 14, when the results are announced, but for now, all three contenders—BJP, BJD, and Congress—claim confidence in their victory.

'Phansi Ghar' row: BJP-led Delhi govt weaponising Privileges Committee says AAP

New Delhi: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Thursday accused the BJP-led Delhi government of weaponising the Delhi Assembly's Privileges Committee after senior AAP leaders Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, Ram Niwas Goel and Rakesh Birla received notices over the Phansi Ghar issue.

The Delhi Assembly has summoned these leaders, asking them to appear in person on November 13 before the committee looking into the previous AAP government's 'Phansi Ghar' claims.

In a statement, the AAP said the move was a desperate attempt to deflect attention from the BJP government's complete governance collapse in Delhi over the past nine months.

The AAP pointed out that the BJP is misusing the committee for "political vendetta" and said "this misadventure" is a distraction strategy, which is "bound to fail not only in a court of law, but in the court of the people".

Commenting on the legality of the notice, the AAP asserted, "The incident mentioned in the Privilege Committee Communication (PCC) took place in August 2022, during the term of the 7th Legislative Assembly of Delhi. However, the 7th Legislative Assembly of Delhi was dissolved in February 2025. The Privilege Committee of the 8th Legislative Assembly of Delhi issued the PCC."

It underlined that after the dissolution of the seventh Legislative Assembly of Delhi, the eighth Legislative Assembly of Delhi cannot initiate a privilege action for actions of the members in the previous assembly.

In September, too, the committee issued notices to Kejriwal, Sisodia and Goel, seeking their responses.

BJP, EC trampling Constitution democracy: Haryana Congress chief Gurugram

Haryana State Congress president Rao Narendra Singh on Thursday alleged that the BJP and the Election Commission are together in "trampling the Constitution and democracy" and claimed that the saffron party was able to form the government in Haryana in 2024 only through "vote chori (theft)".

He made these remarks at a demonstration held by the state party unit at Vatika Chowk in the Badshahpur area here, against alleged vote theft.

According to a statement, Singh alleged that the EC, along with the BJP, is involved in the "killing" of democracy in the country.

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## Student run over by roadways bus 5 injured



Yamunanagar: A 21-year-old college student died while five others were injured after they fell on the road while boarding a Haryana Roadways bus and were run over by its rear wheels here on Thursday, police said.

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini approved an immediate relief amount of Rs 2.50 lakh for the family of the deceased student.

In addition, assistance of Rs 50,000 each, along with free treatment and reimbursement of medical expenses, has been approved for the five injured students.

The incident took place at the Partap Nagar bus stand when some student tried to board the bus which was on its way to Delhi from Paonta Sahib. The injured students were

rushed to nearby hospitals, where five are currently undergoing treatment.

The police said the bus driver has been arrested. In a statement, CM Saini described the bus accident as extremely unfortunate and expressed his deepest condolences to the family of the deceased student.

He said the government stands firmly with the affected family in this difficult time and will provide all possible assistance.

Saini further stated that all Haryana State Transport buses are insured, adding that passengers receive insurance coverage in the event of any unforeseen incident.

He directed officials to provide prompt assistance to the affected families and to ensure the insurance process is completed smoothly.

## UP CM reviews preparations ahead of PM Modi's visit to Varanasi

Varanasi (UP):

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday reviewed preparations at the railway station here ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day visit to his parliamentary constituency, during which he will flag off four new Vande Bharat Express trains.

Prime Minister Modi's visit will start on Friday evening, and he will inaugurate the Vande Bharat trains on the Banaras-Khajuraho, Lucknow-Saharanpur, Firozpur-Delhi, and Ernakulam-Bengaluru routes on Saturday.

Adityanath received a detailed briefing from senior railway and district officials regarding beautification works, security arrangements, passenger facilities, and the event venue setup, according to an official statement.

He directed officials to maintain cleanliness and tight security across the station premises, the statement said.

Later this evening, a UP government statement said PM Modi is also scheduled to address prominent citizens of the city at the Banaras (formerly Manduadih)



railway station during his visit.

He will on Friday evening reach the Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Bahatpur by a special aircraft, where Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Adityanath, and other dignitaries will receive him.

From the airport, Modi will proceed to BHEL, Varanasi. BJP workers will welcome him at various locations on Friday, including Sant Atulanand Bypass, the FCI godown in BHEL, and the BHEL gate, the statement said.

During his visit, the prime minister will also interact with around 3,200 prominent citizens of Varanasi, includ-

ing educationists, industrialists, social workers, and experts from various fields, it added.

Earlier, a statement issued by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) said the trains being inaugurated by PM Modi will significantly reduce travel time between major destinations and enhance regional mobility, promote tourism, and support economic activity across the country.

The Banaras-Khajuraho Vande Bharat train will establish direct connectivity on this route and save about two hours and 40 minutes compared to the special trains currently in operation, it said.

According to the PIB statement, the train will

connect "some of India's most revered religious and cultural destinations", including Varanasi, Prayagraj, Chitrakoot, and Khajuraho.

"This link will not only strengthen religious and cultural tourism but also provide pilgrims and travellers with a fast, modern, and comfortable journey to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Khajuraho," it said.

The Lucknow-Saharanpur Vande Bharat train will cover the journey in approximately seven hours and 45 minutes, saving nearly one hour of travel time. It will also improve access to the holy city of Haridwar via Roorkee, according to the statement.

## Hindu outfit moves SC to intervene in pleas relating to religious conversions

New Delhi: The Akhil Bharatiya Sant Samiti, a Hindu outfit, moved the Supreme Court on Thursday, seeking to intervene in pleas filed against the laws enacted to curb unlawful and forced conversions in several states.

The plea, filed through advocate Atulsh Kumar, challenges the petitions filed against enacted legislations in several states, including the Uttarakhand Freedom of Religion Act, 2018, the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021, the Himachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act, 2019 and the Madhya Pradesh Free-



dom of Religion Act, 2021. In September, the top court had transferred to itself the petitions pending before various high courts, challenging the controversial laws regulating religious conversion upon inter-faith marriages, which also contain stringent provisions for bail and procedural safeguards narrowly tailored to verify voluntariness and to deter coercion/fraud. They do not impose a prior restraint on bona fide conversion or compel disclosure of faith for any collateral purpose, the plea says.

"propagate" a religion does not confer a right to convert a person and the laws do not forbid voluntary conversion based on free and informed choice.

It has said that the laws only regulate the acts of conversion that are vitiated by force, fraud, allurement, undue influence or a sham marriage. The impugned enactments are procedural safeguards narrowly tailored to verify voluntariness and to deter coercion/fraud. They do not impose a prior restraint on bona fide conversion or compel disclosure of faith for any collateral purpose, the plea says.

## Nature wildlife conservation integral part of Uttarakhand's culture: CM Dhama

Dehradun: Describing nature and wildlife conservation as an integral part of Uttarakhand's culture, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama said on Thursday the ideology of coexistence between humans and nature, instilled by our ancestors, remains the foundation of our lifestyle even today.

Inaugurating the 'Jan Van Mahotsav' organised in Nainital's Ramnagar as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the establishment of Uttarakhand, Dhama said this festival symbolises the unbreakable bond between people and forests.

This relationship, Dhama said teaches us that development is meaningful only



there is harmony between ecology and economy. In the 25 years since the formation of the state, Uttarakhand has achieved remarkable achievements by maintaining a balance between nature, culture, and development.

The chief minister said

of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the state government is working on a balance between ecology, economy, and technology. He said that modern technologies such as GPS tracking, drone surveillance, and dog squads are being used in the state for wildlife conservation.

# Rekha Gupta rolls out housing upgrade and smart monitoring

■ Delhi Government's Initiative: 'Winter Action Plan' for the Homeless to Begin from 15 November. New Shelter Homes to Open Soon: The Homeless to Find Safe Refuge from the Winter Cold

Staff Reporter  
New Delhi

Delhi government led by CM Rekha Gupta has launched a significant initiative to provide shelter for the homeless during winter, called the Winter Action Plan, which will start on 15 November and run until 15 March.



The plan includes the opening of 250 new temporary shelters, in addition to the existing 197 permanent homes, aiming to ensure that no one must sleep outdoors in the cold.

The Chief Minister stressed the importance of using modern technology to enhance the comfort and efficiency of these shelters, emphasizing that providing shelter represents a commitment to dignity and respect for the homeless.

Currently, there are 197 operational shelters under the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB). These shelters cater to various groups, including men, women, families, and special

categories such as individuals affected by illnesses or addictions. Each shelter is equipped with essential amenities like beds, blankets, electricity, and security systems.

To monitor the newly prepared temporary shelters, a modern system will be put into place. The planned 250 temporary shelters will be located at 120 sites across Delhi, with the capacity to accommodate about 2,500 individuals and expand further if needed.

To assist in relocating homeless individuals, GPS-enabled rescue vans will operate nightly

from 10 p. m. to 4 a. m., ensuring safe transport to the shelters.

The government is using digital tools such as the Rain Basera mobile app for tracking homeless citizens and the Night Shelter Inspection App (NSIA) for overseeing shelter operations.

The Chief Minister also announced a new policy aimed at enhancing shelter quality. A selection system based on quality and cost will be implemented for choosing operational agencies responsible for the management and maintenance of shelters.

## Social Welfare Minister inspects Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences Building at Isapur



Staff Reporter  
New Delhi

The Minister for SC/ST/OBC Welfare in Delhi, Ravinder Indraj Singh, on Thursday visited the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences in Isapur on November 6, 2025.

He discussed educational and residential welfare schemes with officials and local residents. The school, built for SC, OBC, minority, and orphan students, was shut down in September 2024 due to its poor condition and neglect by the previous government.

At the time it closed, around 800 out of a possible 1200 students were enrolled, and they had to be moved to other schools.

The co-educational institute offered free housing, meals, uniforms, stationery, medical care, vocational

training, and sports facilities.

The Minister criticized the previous government for shutting down several student hostels and for issues related to corruption in coaching institutes meant to help students prepare for competitive exams.

He emphasized the current government's goal to offer quality education and a safe place for underprivileged children.

Ravinder Indraj mentioned that the government aims to reopen the closed hostels and build new ones.

During his visit, he highlighted that a new hostel for visually impaired college girls was recently inaugurated in Timarpur and that plans include reopening the Sanskar Ashram in Dilshad Garden and establishing one hostel in each district of Delhi.

## Protest held at Jantar Mantar over Delhi's worsening air quality

New Delhi

Student and activist groups on Thursday staged a protest at the Jantar Mantar here against what they called the central and Delhi governments' failure to address the worsening climate crisis and choking air pollution in the national capital.

Over 80 protesters holding posters and banners participated in the demonstration, organized by Scientists for Society and the Campaign for Right to Public Health.

The protest also saw participation from students, activists, journalists, artists and representatives of organisations such as Naujawan Bharat Sabha and Disha Students' Organisation and others.

Despite the Delhi Police denying permission for the demonstration, several citizens joined the protest, organisers said.

Chiranshu from Scientists for Society said Delhi's air quality has plunged to alarming levels, with the Air Quality Index crossing 500 in some areas.

He claimed that nearly 17,000 people die every year due to pollution-related causes, urging authorities to take concrete and long-term measures to address the crisis.

## Noida authority issues notice to 43 builders on non-recovery of dues

Noida

The Noida Authority has adopted a strict stance regarding the recovery of outstanding dues. The deadline for depositing the outstanding amount under the relief package has passed, but many builders have still not made the payment.

Consequently, the authority has issued notices to the owners of 43 builder projects, reminding them one last time. The authority may now initiate the process of cancelling allotments. The authority can begin the process of withdrawing the relief package as soon as it receives the minutes of the board meeting from the government.

Meanwhile, preparations are underway to issue RCs (Recovery Certificates) against developers who have not paid their dues within the stipulated timeframe.

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S. No.	JOB NO / WORK NAME	Amount (Rs. in Lacs)
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Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Accommodation	Stoppages
04022	New Delhi	14:00	Gorakhpur Jn.	05:00	1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Haridwar, Lucknow NR, Gonda Jn & Basti
04090	Anand Vihar (T)	14:25	Patna Jn.	11:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Varanasi Jn, Ghazipur City, Ballia, Sahawar, Sultanpur, Chhapra & Patliputra
04070	Anand Vihar (T)	10:20	Rajgir	19:50	1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC	Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patna Jn., Rajendranagar T., Bakhtiyarpur Jn., Bihar Sharif & Nalanda.
04450	New Delhi	15:10	Dharbhanga	16:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Kanpur Central, Umasa Jn., Aishbagh, Badshahnagar, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn.
04454	New Delhi	20:00	Mansi	23:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Kanpur Central, Umasa Jn., Aishbagh, Badshahnagar, Barabanki Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Shahpur Patore, Barauni Jn., Begu Sara & Khagaria Jn.
04456	New Delhi	22:40	Dhanbad	02:20	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Haridwar, Almagar, Utraula Jn., Rae Bareilly Jn., Amethi, Ma Beha Devi Dham Pratapgarh, Bhadohi, Varanasi Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Son, Anugrah Narayan Road, Gaya, Koderma, Hazratnagar Road, Parasnath & Gomoh
04458	Anand Vihar (T)	13:40	Bhagalpur	14:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn., Patna Sahib, Fatuha, Khusrupur, Bakhtiyarpur Jn., Barh, Mokarram Jn., Haridwar, Bahariya, Luckeesarai Jn., Kufil Jn., Kajra, Abhaipur, Dhamra, Jamalpur Jn., Baripur & Sultanang
04016	Anand Vihar (T)	15:30	Sitamarhi	15:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Haridwar, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Siwa Bazar, Bagaha, Harinagar, Narkatlagan Jn., Sikta, Raxaul Jn. & Bargaria
04452	New Delhi	18:15	Howrah Jn.	23:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Janghli Jn., Varanasi Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Son, Anugrah Narayan Road, Gaya, Koderma, Parasnath, Dhanbad Jn., Asansol Jn., Durgapur, Bardhaman & Bandel Jn.,
04094	Hazrat Nizamuddin	11:00	Patna Jn.	05:00	1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC	Ghaziabad, Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara & Danapur
04096	Anand Vihar (T)	00:05	Patliputra	21:30	1* AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & Gen	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Phepha Jn., Ballia, Sahawar, Bakulha, Chhapra & Dighwara
04098	New Delhi	09:30	Hasanpur Road	12:00	3 Tier AC Economy & General	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Umasa Jn., Aishbagh, Badshahnagar, Barabanki Jn., Burhwal Jn., Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Siwa Bazar, Bagaha, Narkatlagan Jn., Bettah, Sagauli Jn., Bapudim Moithari, Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn.
03256	Anand Vihar (T)	23:30	Patna Jn.	18:35	1* AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & Gen	Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara & Danapur
05580	Anand Vihar (T)	05:15	Purnia Court	13:45	3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Sitapur Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur Jn., Kaptanganj Jn., Bagaha, Narkatlagan Jn., Sikta, Raxaul Jn., Bargaria, Siamarhi, Janghli Road, Shisho, Sakri Jn., Jhansi, Prayagraj, Ghogaitha, Nirmali, Saraygah, Supaul, Garh Baruar, Saharsa Jn., Dauram Madhpora, Muriganj & Banmankhi Jn.
02276	Delhi Jn.	09:30	Subedarganj	19:35	1* AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & Gen	Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah Jn., Govindpur & Fatehpur
03640	Delhi Jn.	19:00	Gaya	11:30	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Son & Anugrah Narayan Road
05090	Anand Vihar (T)	18:00	Chhapra	14:00	General	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Sitapur Jn., Burhwal Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur Jn., Kaptanganj Jn., Ramkola, Padrauna, Thawe Jn., Digha Dubauli & Masrkh
<b>EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 08.11.2025 (SATURDAY)</b>						
02252	New Delhi (Vande Bharat)	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	AC Chair Car & Exec. Chair Car	Aligarh Jn., Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar & Ara
04090	Anand Vihar (T)	14:25	Patna Jn.	11:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Ballia, Sahawar, Sultanpur, Chhapra & Patliputra
04008	Anand Vihar (T)	08:30	Jogbani	17:00	1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Haridwar, Almagar, Utraula Jn., Rae Bareilly Jn., Ma Beha Devi Dham Pratapgarh, Varanasi Jn., Aunhar Jn., Ghazipur City, Ballia, Suramang, Chhapra, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Shahpur Patore, Barauni Jn., Begu Sara, Khagaria Jn., Mansi Jn., Nalgachha, Kather Jn., Purnea Jn., Aranya Court & Forbesganj
04450	New Delhi	15:10	Dharbhanga	16:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Kanpur Central, Umasa Jn., Aishbagh, Badshahnagar, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn.
04454	New Delhi	20:00	Mansi	23:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Kanpur Central, Umasa Jn., Aishbagh, Badshahnagar, Barabanki Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Shahpur Patore, Barauni Jn., Begu Sara & Khagaria Jn.
04456	New Delhi	22:40	Dhanbad	02:20	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Haridwar, Almagar, Utraula Jn., Rae Bareilly Jn., Amethi, Ma Beha Devi Dham Pratapgarh, Bhadohi, Varanasi Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Son, Anugrah Narayan Road, Gaya, Koderma, Hazratnagar Road, Parasnath & Gomoh
04458	Anand Vihar (T)	13:40	Bhagalpur	14:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn., Patna Sahib, Fatuha, Khusrupur, Bakhtiyarpur Jn., Barh, Mokarram Jn., Haridwar, Bahariya, Luckeesarai Jn., Kufil Jn., Kajra, Abhaipur, Dhamra, Jamalpur Jn., Baripur & Sultanang
04016	Anand Vihar (T)	15:30	Sitamarhi	15:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Haridwar, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Siwa Bazar, Bagaha, Harinagar, Narkatlagan Jn., Sikta, Raxaul Jn. & Bargaria
04452	New Delhi	18:15	Howrah Jn.	23:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Janghli Jn., Varanasi Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Son, Anugrah Narayan Road, Gaya, Koderma, Parasnath, Dhanbad Jn., Asansol Jn., Durgapur, Bardhaman & Bandel Jn.,
04094	Hazrat Nizamuddin	11:00	Patna Jn.	05:00	1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC	Ghaziabad, Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara & Danapur
04096	Anand Vihar (T)	00:05	Patliputra	21:30	1* AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & Gen	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Phepha Jn., Ballia, Sahawar, Bakulha, Chhapra & Dighwara
04098	New Delhi	09:30	Hasanpur Road	12:00	3 Tier AC Economy & General	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Umasa Jn., Aishbagh, Badshahnagar, Barabanki Jn., Burhwal Jn., Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Siwa Bazar, Bagaha, Narkatlagan Jn., Bettah, Sagauli Jn., Bapudim Moithari, Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn.
03698	Delhi Jn.	08:55	Gaya	00:30	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Son & Anugrah Narayan Road
02418	Delhi Jn.	09:30	Prayagraj Jn.	19:40	1* AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & Gen	Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah Jn., Govindpur & Fatehpur
02310	Anand Vihar (T)	19:30	Rajendranagar (T)	10:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC Economy	Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Danapur & Patna Jn.
05590	Anand Vihar (T)	13:00	Chhapra	09:00	General	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Sitapur Jn., Burhwal Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur Jn., Kaptanganj Jn., Ramkola, Padrauna, Thawe Jn., Digha Dubauli & Masrkh
05502	Anand Vihar (T)	06:30	Muzaffarpur Jn.	22:15	Sleeper & General	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra & Hajpur Jn.
05512	Anand Vihar (T)	12:00	Saharsa Jn.	17:15	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Kanpur Central, Aishbagh, Badshahnagar, Barabanki Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., Samastipur Jn., Dalighi Sara, Barauni Jn., Beguara, Khagaria Jn. & Mansi Jn.
<b>EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 09.11.2025 (SUNDAY)</b>						
02254	New Delhi (Vande Bharat)	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	AC Chair Car & Exec. Chair Car	Aligarh Jn., Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar & Ara
04090	Anand Vihar (T)	14:25	Patna Jn.	11:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Ballia, Sahawar, Sultanpur, Chhapra & Patliputra
04090	Anand Vihar (T)	14:25	Patna Jn.	11:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Ballia, Sahawar, Sultanpur, Chhapra & Patliputra
04450	New Delhi	15:10	Dharbhanga	16:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Kanpur Central, Umasa Jn., Aishbagh, Badshahnagar, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn.
04454	New Delhi	20:00	Mansi	23:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Kanpur Central, Umasa Jn., Aishbagh, Badshahnagar, Barabanki Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Shahpur Patore, Barauni Jn., Begu Sara & Khagaria Jn.
04456	New Delhi	22:40	Dhanbad	02:20	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Haridwar, Almagar, Utraula Jn., Rae Bareilly Jn., Amethi, Ma Beha Devi Dham Pratapgarh, Bhadohi, Varanasi Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Son, Anugrah Narayan Road, Gaya, Koderma, Hazratnagar Road, Parasnath & Gomoh
04458	Anand Vihar (T)	13:40	Bhagalpur	14:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn., Patna Sahib, Fatuha, Khusrupur, Bakhtiyarpur Jn., Barh, Mokarram Jn., Haridwar, Bahariya, Luckeesarai Jn., Kufil Jn., Kajra, Abhaipur, Dhamra, Jamalpur Jn., Baripur & Sultanang
04016	Anand Vihar (T)	15:30	Sitamarhi	15:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Haridwar, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Siwa Bazar, Bagaha, Harinagar, Narkatlagan Jn., Sikta, Raxaul Jn. & Bargaria
04452	New Delhi	18:15	Howrah Jn.	23:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Janghli Jn., Varanasi Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Son, Anugrah Narayan Road, Gaya, Koderma, Parasnath, Dhanbad Jn., Asansol Jn., Durgapur, Bardhaman & Bandel Jn.,
04094	Hazrat Nizamuddin	11:00	Patna Jn.	05:00	1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC	Ghaziabad, Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara & Danapur
04096	Anand Vihar (T)	00:05	Patliputra	21:30	1* AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & Gen	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Phepha Jn., Ballia, Sahawar, Bakulha, Chhapra & Dighwara
04098	New Delhi	09:30	Hasanpur Road	12:00	3 Tier AC Economy & General	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Umasa Jn., Aishbagh, Badshahnagar, Barabanki Jn., Burhwal Jn., Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Siwa Bazar, Bagaha, Narkatlagan Jn., Bettah, Sagauli Jn., Bapudim Moithari, Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn.
03698	Delhi Jn.	08:55	Gaya	00:30	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Son & Anugrah Narayan Road
05580	Anand Vihar (T)	05:15	Purnia Court	13:45	3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Sitapur Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur Jn., Kaptanganj Jn., Bagaha, Narkatlagan Jn., Sikta, Raxaul Jn., Bargaria, Siamarhi, Janghli Road, Shisho, Sakri Jn., Jhansi, Prayagraj, Ghogaitha, Nirmali, Saraygah, Supaul, Garh Baruar, Saharsa Jn., Dauram Madhpora, Muriganj & Banmankhi Jn.
05284	Anand Vihar (T)	07:00	Muzaffarpur Jn.	04:50	3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & General	Moradabad, Shahjahanpur, Haridwar, Lucknow NR, Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur Jn., Bagaha, Harinagar, Narkatlagan Jn., Bettah, Sagauli Jn., Bapudim Moithari, Piroa, Chakia, Mehsi & Motpur
02418	Delhi Jn.	09:30	Prayagraj Jn.	19:40	1* AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & Gen	Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah Jn., Govindpur & Fatehpur
02392	Anand Vihar (T)	23:20	Patna Jn.	17:20	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & Gen	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara & Danapur
05220	Anand Vihar (T)	12:00	Muzaffarpur Jn.	09:45	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & Gen	Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Up

# Bulldozers roll in Tugalpur as Greater Noida Authority clears 40,000 Sqm encroachment

Ajit Kumar  
Greater Noida

In a decisive move against illegal encroachments, the Greater Noida Authority on Thursday launched a major demolition drive in the flood zone area of Tugalpur, reclaiming nearly 40,000 square meters of government land. The operation was carried out under the directions of CEO N.G. Ravi Kumar, targeting colonizers who were allegedly trying to set up an unauthorized residential colony on the notified land.



Teams from the Authority's Project and Land Records departments, supported by local police, moved into the area early in the morning and began razing structures built without approval. By the end of the two-hour operation, all illegal constructions had been demolished, and the reclaimed

land was taken under the Authority's control. Greater Noida Authority's ACEO Sumit Yadav said the administration will not tolerate any form of unauthorized construction in its jurisdiction. He warned that anyone building without prior approval

or a sanctioned plan will face strict action. "We appeal to citizens to verify all property details with the Authority before purchasing any land or flat in Greater Noida. Don't fall into the trap of colonizers or invest in illegal colonies," he said.

According to OSD (Land Records) Ramnayan Singh, colonizers had begun developing plots in Kharsa number 703 and adjoining areas of Tugalpur, despite clear restrictions under the National General Tribunal (NGT) guidelines that ban

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construction in flood-prone zones. Notices had been issued earlier, directing the violators to vacate the land, but they failed to comply, prompting Thursday's enforcement action. The demolition operation was led by OSD Ramnayan Singh and General Manager (Project Design) A.K. Singh, along

with Work Circle-4 officer Rajesh Kumar Nim and senior officials Nagendra Singh and Narottam Singh. The drive, which began around 9 a.m., employed seven JCB machines and three dumpers to clear the encroached land.

Following the operation, Singh reiterated that illegal development in flood zones or within the Authority's notified area will invite not just demolition but also legal proceedings. "Encroachments will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Those violating land and environmental norms will face strict consequences," he said.

With Thursday's action, the Greater Noida Authority has sent a strong message to land grabbers and colonizers that unauthorized construction on notified or environmentally sensitive land will face zero tolerance.

## Mizoram secretariat staff visits NDMC to exchange views on Smart City

Staff Reporter  
New Delhi

A 25-member delegation of Mizoram secretariat service officers visited the NDMC here on Thursday to engage in a knowledge-sharing interaction on the theme Smart City initiatives.

The visit was a part of a training programme organised by the NDMC in association with Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA). During the interaction, NDMC secretary Rakesh Kumar gave a presentation highlighting NDMC's integrated approach to sustainable urban development and modern civic governance under the Smart City initiatives. He showcased important initiatives that have made NDMC one of the Smart City which is most citizen-friendly capital of the country.

A presentation was also given by MOH Dr. Shakuntala Srivastava in which a wide range of initiatives which includes Integrated Command & Control Centre, Smart e-learning, green energy by solar power project implementation, smart parking, beautification with aesthetic sense, scientific solid waste management, segregation at source, and the RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) model. She also briefed the delegation on the development of Anupam Colonies based on community-driven best practices, extensive horticulture and green-cover expansion efforts, installation of mist sprayers with electric poles to combat air pollution and scientific disposal of e-waste.

While delegation visiting Integrated Command & Control Centre (ICCC), Gauri Shankar Aggarwal (in-charge ICC) explained about its functioning that it is a state-of-the-art facility located at Palika Kendra, serving as the digital brain of the city. Here, streams of real-time data from across the capital converge —

from CCTV surveillance and air quality sensors to smart streetlights, sanitation systems, and traffic monitoring networks.

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That my clients Sh. Ram Babu Chauhan S/O Lt. Ganesh Lal Chauhan and Smt. Saroj Chouhan W/o Sh. Ram Babu Chauhan both R/O: D-512, Gali No-62, Mahavir Enclave Part-III, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 have severed all their relations with his son Sh. Pankaj Chauhan S/O Sh. Ram Babu Chauhan, and his wife Priyanka W/o Sh. Pankaj Chauhan resident of G-8/1, Rama Enclave, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043 for all purposes and intends being disobedient and disrespectful towards him from all his movable and immovable properties and my clients are not liable to anybody for his acts and deeds."

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Tender Notice No. 222-S/1/W/4 Date: 03.11.2025. Following e-Tenders are invited online by Divisional Railway Manager Eastern Railway, Sec-2, 2nd Floor, DRM Building, Kaiser Street, Kolkata, Kolkata-700014 for the following work: "Tender No. TW/ES-25, Name of the Work: Urgent repairing of Bridge No. 31, 107 (UP), 33, 84 (UP), 266, 10 (DN) in Sec-2, Division and Provision for various bridge board at various bridges over Sec-2 Division. Tender Value: ₹ 53,19,77,711. EMD: ₹ 1,05,00,000. Completion Period for the Work: 08 (Eight) Months. Date and Time of Closing of Tender: 28.11.2025 at 15:00 hrs. 1. Tender Documents and details at www.ircp.gov.in. The bidding to be submitted through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers will be summarily rejected. 2. As per Indian Railway Standard General Conditions of Contract 2022, cost of e-Tender Form is Nil. 3. Date and Time of Opening of Tender: 28.11.2025 at 15:30 hrs. SDAA-248/2025-26 Tender Notice is also available at website: www.easternrailway.gov.in/website-gndb Follow us at: @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

## DPCC forms teams to check vote-theft for MCD polls

Staff Reporter  
New Delhi

Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee president Deven Yadav here on Thursday said that party's booth management committee was fully geared up to face the upcoming by-elections to the 12 MCD wards on November 30, forming five-member team for each of the 300 booths across the 12 wards.

He said that the Congress booth-level teams were making door-to-door visits to enlighten the voters about the anti-people governance by the Rekha Gupta government of the BJP over the past nine months and the election malpractices of the BJP. Yadav said that Congress' booth-level teams have been warning the voters to be vigilant about BJP's vote theft in collusion with the Election Commission.

Yadav said that the BJP and the Aam Aadmi Party have destroyed the MCD with corruption, incompetence and inaction over the past 18 years to make Delhi a city of pollution and accumulated pile of waste and there was a pronounced swing of votes towards the Congress to give out a clear indication that the Congress would sweep the by-elections.

Delhi Congress booth management committee chairman Rajesh Garg said that the five-member booth level teams selected by the party were trained in booth management, and they will keep a close vigil in the wards against tampering with the voters' list and vote theft.

He said that if elections were held in a transparent manner, Congress would emerge triumphant in the MCD by-elections.

## Sirsa opens new civic projects worth ₹10 crore in Rajouri Garden

Diksha  
New Delhi

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Cabinet Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa on Thursday inaugurated a series of civic infrastructure projects worth ₹10 crore in the Rajouri Garden constituency. The initiative covers new sewer and water lines, road repairs, footpath upgrades, and boundary wall constructions across several areas under the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), Public Works Department (PWD), and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD).

The Minister inaugurated new sewer and water lines at multiple sites, including J-Block, Z-Block, Aggarwal Sweets area, Rattan Dairy, Janta Market, and Raghubir Nagar. The day-long visit



also included inspections of new footpath and drainage works near Major Sudesh Marg and the flagging off of anti-smog guns to combat rising air pollution in the West District. Later, Sirsa chaired a high-level review meeting at the Delhi Secretariat with the Environment

Secretary, DPCC officials, and MCD commissioners. He directed enforcement teams to intensify anti-pollution efforts across the city's 13 identified hotspots, emphasizing actions such as road paving, pothole repairs, dust suppression through water sprinkling, and prevention of open burning.

"Under the strong leadership of Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, our government is working tirelessly to curb pollution and deliver visible results on the ground," Sirsa said. Highlighting the broader vision behind the initiative, he added, "A Viksit Bharat begins with a Viksit Delhi. From roads to sewer and water pipelines, every part of our civic infrastructure must match the aspirations of a modern city."

The ₹10-crore project package aims to modernize critical public infrastructure and provide long-term relief from sewage overflow, waterlogging, and pipeline leaks. Regular smoke gun operations and improved sanitation measures are also part of the ongoing drive to build a cleaner, more sustainable Delhi.

## Delhi police dismantled an immoral trafficking racket after alert received through 'Say Help' App

Rakesh Rawat  
New Delhi

The Special Staff of the Central District Police has successfully dismantled an immoral trafficking racket after receiving an alert through the 'Say Help' App. The app, designed for women's safety and security, prompted a swift police response to suspected illegal activities.

DCP Central District Nidhin Valsan said that On the night of October 30-31, an alert was sent from the Paharganj area. "A team from the Special Staff conducted a decoy operation to investigate Galaxy Spa, identified as being involved in trafficking. They sent a decoy customer with ₹2,000 pre-noted currency, who confirmed illegal activities," DCP said.



"The raiding team then entered the spa and found six women and one receptionist engaged in immoral activities. They seized the marked currency and three packets of condoms as ev-

idence. The accused, identified as Lady 'K', was arrested, and a case was registered under the Immoral Traffic Prevention Act of 1956, they said.

The 'Say Help' app serves as a voice-activated emergency tool on Android and iOS, allowing users to trigger alerts that send real-time video, audio, and GPS details to contacts and police. It aims to prevent gender violence and trafficking, particularly in high-risk areas like Delhi. The app also includes health check-ins and works with NGOs and authorities to enhance safety for users.

The Police Commissioner highlighted the significance of this operation in promoting women's safety through the use of advanced technology.

## Wagh Bakri revamps food menu at its tea lounges, blends tradition and hip vibes

Staff Reporter  
New Delhi

Wagh Bakri Tea Group, a well-known tea brand in India, has launched a new food menu called 'Rock & Roll' at its tea lounges.

This menu aims to introduce modern comfort foods that enhance the experience of drinking chai. The new offerings include a blend of traditional and fusion dishes, highlighting popular items like Aloo Pyaaz and Paneer Parathas, along with contemporary options like Chilly Cheese Paratha, Shawarma Rolls, Scherwan Rolls, and a unique Apple Pie Paratha served with ice cream, creating a visually appealing dessert.

"The 'Rock & Roll' menu reflects the tastes of today's café-loving generation. It combines Indian home fla-



vours with global influences, transforming everyday food like parathas and rolls into indulgent plates meant for sharing and enjoyment. The revamped look of Wagh Bakri Tea Lounge was revealed with the presence of famous chef Manjit Singh Gill, marking an important milestone in the brand's growth as it aims to attract younger customers interested in modern Indian dining.

CEO Sanjay Singal expressed that the 'Rock & Roll' menu merges the brand's legacy with youthful energy.

## All youth should live in the environment of Bhagwat Geeta: Manohar Lal

Staff Reporter  
New Delhi

Union Minister Manohar Lal on Thursday spoke at the Youth Gita Summit in New Delhi, highlighting the importance of the Bhagwat Gita in today's chaotic world.

He emphasized that the Gita teaches us to live in harmony and showed the way during troubling times. Manohar Lal encouraged



all youth to embrace the teachings of the Gita, noting the promise made by thou-

sands of young students at the event to uphold its values and help India become a global leader again. The summit gathered many notable figures, including Gita scholar Pujya Swami Gyannand Ji Maharaj, Delhi Education Minister Ashish Sood, and various other scholars and leaders, who interacted with youth about the Gita's significance in life. Arun Kumar, co-Sarkaryavah of the Rashtriya Swamasevak Sangh, pointed out that the

Gita is unique as its anniversary is celebrated globally and is available in the most languages. The discussion highlighted the challenges faced by young people today, such as despair and depression, and how the Gita can help them navigate these difficulties. Ashish Sood described the Gita as embodying equality and values and pledged support

from the Delhi government. Dr. Ved Tandon, an organizer of the summit, shared details about the event, which aimed to instill good values and energy in youth. Over 10,000 students participated in a Gita examination, and winners received cash prizes and honors. Spiritual literature kits were also distributed to attendees, marking a successful celebration of the Gita.

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UP court fixes Nov 13 as next date of hearing in Hathras stampede case

**Hathras:** A local court has postponed the hearing in the Hathras stampede case to November 13 as cross-examination of a police inspector could not take place, a lawyer said on Thursday.

A total of 121 people, mostly women and children, were killed, and several others were injured in a stampede that occurred on July 2, 2024, during the congregation of self-styled godman Surajpal alias Narayan Sakar Hari Baba, also known as Bhole Baba. The 'satsang' was taking place between Mugalga-dhi and Phulrai villages under Sikandra Rao police station limits in the Hathras district.

According to officials, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) had submitted a chargesheet in the case, and preliminary hearings at the district court have been completed. Police have named Bhole Baba's aide Devprakash Madhukar and 10 others as accused, holding them responsible for the tragedy. All 11 are currently out on bail.

Police had filed a 3,200-page chargesheet against the accused, and the evidence and trial proceedings are now underway.

Advocate Sanjay Bahadur Saxena, a junior to defence lawyer Munna Singh Pundeer, said, "The next date of hearing in the case is November 13. Today, the partial testimony of Inspector Kamlesh Kumar, who was then in charge of the monitoring cell, was recorded. Cross-examination could not take place due to the absence of Advocate Munna Singh and will be held on the next date."

**Lucknow:** The Lucknow Police on Thursday claimed to have busted a cyber fraud worth several crores and victims spread across India with the arrest of three men, including a deputy branch manager of a private bank.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Kamlesh Dixit said the arrests were made in a joint operation by the Cyber Crime Cell and the Cyber Crime Police Station.

The alleged frauds were identified as Uttam Kumar Biswas, a deputy branch manager at IndusInd Bank in Chhinhat, and Umakant and Rajeev Biswas, both natives of Basti district, Dixit told reporters.

According to police, the three created fake companies and opened multiple bank accounts to channel funds obtained through online gaming and cyber fraud.

"The arrested bank manager provided active support in opening fraudulent accounts and received 10 to 20 per cent commission from the proceeds," the DCP said.

Two of the accused were apprehended on Wednesday near the Mahanagar crossing on a tip-off.

During questioning, Umakant admitted to operating a fake firm, Aakash Real Estate and Developers Pvt Ltd, through which fraudulent bank accounts were opened to launder money.

# Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini congratulates Shafali Verma on historic World Cup win

**Shiv Kumar New Delhi:** Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Thursday congratulated India's star opener Shafali Verma for her 'Player of the Match' award in the ICC Women's World Cup Final and India's maiden Women's CWC title.

While speaking on a phone call with Shafali Verma, Nayab Singh Saini said, "The entire state is proud of your performance."

"The young Indian opener scored 87 runs off 78 balls and scalped two wickets in his spell (2/36 in 7 overs) against South Africa in the final. She was awarded the 'Player of the Match' for this all-round performance."

While the Chhattisgarh state government has decided to provide an honorarium of Rs 10 lakh to Akanksha Satyawanshi, a physiotherapist with the Indian women's cricket team, at the instruction of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai.

President Droupadi



Murmu congratulated the members of the Indian Women's Cricket team and said that they have created history by winning the Cricket World Cup. Millions of Indians in every corner of the country and abroad are celebrating this victory at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Thursday.

The President said that this team reflects India. They represent diverse regions, social backgrounds, and circumstances. But they are one Team - India. This team shows India at its best.

Official account of the President on X wrote, "Members of the Indian Women's Cricket team, winners of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, called on President Droupadi Murmu

at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The President congratulated the team and said that they have created history and have become role models for younger generation. She said that this team reflects India. They represent different regions, different social backgrounds, different circumstances, but they are one Team India."

On Wednesday, PM Modi hosted the champions of the Women's World Cup at his residence at Lok Kalyan Marg on Wednesday. PM Modi congratulated the team on their victory and praised their remarkable comeback in the tournament, following a string of three defeats and the trolling they had faced on social media.

# LG Kavinder Gupta urges Ladakhi youth to build skills

**Leh:** Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, stressed the need to strengthen and empower MSMEs in Ladakh, with special emphasis on women Self Help Groups (SHGs) to boost livelihoods and promote Ladakhi handloom and handicraft products, a release said.

"Unlocking the full potential of Ladakh's MSME sector will help create a thriving environment for sustainable economic growth," he stated.

Chairing a meeting to review the implementation of the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme in the Union Territory, the Lt Governor underscored the crucial role of the MSME sector in promoting local entrepreneurship, creating employment opportunities, and driving inclusive growth across Ladakh, it said.

He appreciated the efforts being made to align the RAMP scheme with Ladakh's unique socio-economic strengths and cultural heritage.

The Lt Governor lauded local entrepreneurs, artisans, and SHG mem-

bers for taking Ladakh's indigenous products, particularly pashmina, to national and international markets.

He reaffirmed the Administration's commitment to fostering skill development, innovation, and entrepreneurship among Ladakhi youth.

"Every achievement brings us closer to the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. I urge Ladakhi youth to actively engage in entrepreneurship programmes and build their skills through training and capacity-building initiatives," he added.

The meeting was attended by the Administrative Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Rudra Goud PT, who presented an overview of the RAMP scheme and its potential to enhance credit access, market linkages, technology adoption, and institutional capacity for MSMEs.

He also highlighted the Ladakh Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) as the guiding framework for RAMP implementation, aimed at ensuring innovation-driven and sustainable MSME growth in the UT.

# CM invites Tesla to set up manufacturing unit in Haryana

**Komal Ramola Chandigarh:** Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, while inviting the world-renowned electric vehicle manufacturer Tesla to establish a manufacturing plant in Haryana, stated that the state government is committed to providing full support to promote electric vehicles and attract industrial investment. He also presented a copy of the Haryana Electric Vehicle Policy to Tesla representatives and highlighted that Haryana is rapidly emerging as a leader in this sector.

The Chief Minister was chairing a meeting with Tesla representatives here today.

The Chief Minister said that setting up a Tesla manufacturing plant in Haryana would not only significantly boost the company's sales but also make Tesla electric vehicles more affordable and accessible to Indian consumers. He said that



Haryana's EV policy provides investors with attractive incentives, robust infrastructure and a business-friendly environment.

Nayab Singh Saini further stated that Haryana has become an ideal destination for investment and innovation, offering world-class facilities

and a conducive environment for industries. He added that Tesla's presence in the state will further accelerate industrial and technological development.

On this occasion, Tesla Senior Director Ms. Isabelle Fan invited the Chief Minister to be the inauguration of India's first integrated Tesla Center, scheduled for November 27 in Gurugram. The center will house an experience center, delivery center, service center, office space and supercharging station within a single campus.

The Chief Minister also presented Ms. Isabelle Fan with a copy of the Bhagavad Gita.

Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi, Additional Chief Secretary of the Transport Department Dr. Raja Shekhar Vundru, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Arun Kumar Gupta, Commissioner & Secretary of the Industries and Commerce Department Dr. Amit Kumar Agrawal, Director General of the Information, Public Relations & Languages Department K.M. Panurang, Managing Director of HSIDDC Yash Garg and other senior officials were also present in the meeting.

# Mann takes a dig at Akalis in crackdown on drug trade

**TSN/Chandigarh:** Firm on his promise to make Punjab a 'Rangla Punjab' (prosperous Punjab), Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government has given a decisive turn to the 'War Against Drugs' campaign against drug addiction and corruption in the state. The government's action is sending a clear message that political power will no longer be able to save those involved in the drug trade.

During a massive road show in Tarn Taran, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann made sharp allegations against the previous Akali and Congress governments. He mocked Akali Dal leader Harsimrat Kaur Badal's claim that during their rule, no one had heard the word 'Chitta' (drugs).

The Chief Minister alleged that "she is right, because people didn't know the name 'Chitta' back then. In that era, it was called 'Majithia Puri and Majithia Tikka'." He



said that these parties together looted Punjab, spread drugs, and destroyed the future of the youth. The Chief Minister expressed his resolve that those responsible for this threat should not try to give speeches about saving Punjab now, but should be ready for the strictest punishment.

The government has sent a clear message through action taken against Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Bikram Singh Majithia that no politically strong or influential person is above the law.

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau has arrested

Bikram Singh Majithia on charges of laundering 'drug money' worth over ₹540 crores. Additionally, a case of assets beyond income has been registered against him, which is allegedly 1200% more than his declared income and is connected to a ₹700 crore drug network. On the recommendation of the Punjab Cabinet, the Governor has also granted permission to prosecute in this case. Chief Minister Mann clearly stated, "I will show no mercy to anyone in drug matters. I am accountable to Punjabis and am indebted to them."

# Suspended Punjab DIG Bhullar sent to 5-day CBI remand in DA case

**Chandigarh:** A CBI court here on Thursday granted a five-day remand of suspended Deputy Inspector General of Punjab Police Harcharan Singh Bhullar in a disproportionate assets case.

Bhullar was produced before the court here after his five-day remand in a bribery case ended. His counsel H S Dhanoo said the court granted a five-day remand of Bhullar to the CBI.

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".

Bhullar was held from his Mohali office following a complaint lodged by a scrap dealer from Mandi Gobindgarh in Fatehgarh Sahib, who accused the senior IPS officer of demanding recurring monthly payment over Rs 2.32 crore, 26 branded and expensive watches besides documents of immovable



properties in the names of family members.

Bhullar was booked under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

But on October 29, the CBI filed a fresh FIR against Bhullar for amassing disproportionate assets after seizure of documents and cash from his residence indicated huge wealth beyond his known sources of income.

# AAP win in Tarn Taran bypoll to boost development in border region: Kejriwal

**Tarn Taran:** Aam Aadmi Party national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday campaigned in favour of party candidate Harmeet Singh Sandhu for the November 11 bypoll for the Tarn Taran assembly seat in Punjab.

Addressing a gathering, Kejriwal said Sandhu's victory will give a boost to development in the border region and strengthen the hands of the Bhagwant Mann government.

Punjab government is making exemplary efforts to ensure welfare of every section of a society, and a victory for the Tarn Taran seat is important for continuation of the ongoing pace of development in the state, the AAP leader said.

Pointing out that no chief minister had visited the border town earlier, due to which it lagged behind in development, Kejriwal said that it was Mann, after assuming

electing AAP candidate Sandhu.

In his address, Chief Minister Mann said the state government has taken several "historic" initiatives, and expressed confidence that people will vote for AAP in the upcoming bypoll.

Coming down heavily on opposition leaders, Mann said they had "plundered" the state's resources for their vested political interests.

These leaders had "built their own palaces and business empires at the cost of the people and the state," said Mann, adding that any person who looted even a single penny of public money will be made accountable.

The chief minister reiterated his government's commitment to bring to book corrupt leaders and officers, however affluent they may be.

He also slammed the Congress and the Akalis, accusing them of patronising gangsters.

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# Darbhanga Votes with Pride and Purpose: Mithila's Cultural Heartbeat Echoes at the Ballot Box

**D**arbhanga, the proud capital of Mithila's heritage and Bihar's intellectual conscience, came alive today as democracy unfolded across its ten Assembly constituencies — Kusheshwar Asthan (SC), Gaura Bauram, Benipur, Alinagar, Darbhanga Rural, Darbhanga Sadar, Hayaghat, Bahadurpur, Keofi and Jale. From sunrise, the air carried both excitement and reflection — an echo of the city's dual identity as a seat of culture and a crucible of politics. By evening, the district had recorded an impressive 65 per cent turnout, with polling remaining largely peaceful and orderly across all constituencies.

On the ground, the day belonged to the people — men and women of Mithila who walked miles, some barefoot through mud and fields, to exercise their right to vote. At village squares and town booths, democracy felt personal. It wasn't merely about choosing a candidate; it was about asserting a voice long tempered by history, culture and endurance.

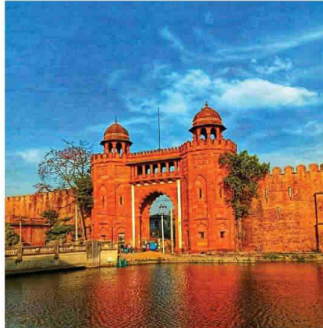
The rhythm of the day began early in Kusheshwar Asthan, where the first lines of voters appeared before 7 a.m. This reserved constituency, dominated by agricultural workers and Scheduled Caste families, saw disciplined polling. People spoke quietly about land disputes, irrigation canals and employment — daily struggles woven into their ballots. Moving towards Gaura Bauram, the atmosphere thickened with political tension. Here, rebel candidates had complicated traditional party equations, making the contest unpredictable. Yet, voters seemed unfazed, casting their votes with a quiet determination that reflected both awareness and fatigue with old promises.

In Benipur, where the old and the new Darbhanga meet, young voters dominated the queues. Many were first-time participants, students and migrant returnees who spoke passionately about education, job creation and better infrastructure. Their enthusiasm turned the local school polling centre into a hub of youthful optimism. Alinagar, by contrast, was subdued but steady. The constituency's farmers, many affected by floods and irregular power supply, spoke of the need for government attention to agriculture, compensation and rural healthcare. Women turned up in large numbers, voicing hope for better schools and security.

Across Darbhanga Rural, the spirit of participation was palpable. Close to the city yet facing rural neglect, the constituency saw voters demanding improved roads, electricity and fair implementation of welfare schemes. Families came together to vote — grand-



Ground Zero Reportage from Darbhanga by **Dr. Anil Singh**, Editor — STAR Views & Editorial Advisor, Top Story



mothers guiding grandchildren, neighbours helping the elderly to booths. The sight recalled an old Maithil saying, "Jaha samaj utha hai, wahan raj badalta hai" — when society rises, power shifts.

The mood in Darbhanga Sadar, the urban heart of the district, was brisk and assertive. The city's voters — traders, professionals, teachers and students — turned out early. Conversations outside polling centres revolved around urban decay, drainage, traffic and civic amenities. Many said Darbhanga deserved the kind of modern infrastructure that matches its glorious past. For a city once graced by the Darbhanga Raj, known for its patronage of Maithili music, Sanskrit learning and art, the demand for a 21st-century makeover carried the weight of both heritage and hope.

In Hayaghat, the story was different yet deeply familiar. Flood-ravaged almost every monsoon, the constituency once again voted under the shadow of

embankments and river politics. People here want more than promises — they want durable solutions. Still, turnout was strong. Women carrying children, farmers resting on bicycles near booths and youth monitoring voter lines painted a picture of resilience that has come to define this region.

At Bahadurpur, the community mobilized itself like clockwork. Women's self-help groups played a major role in encouraging turnout. The local booths saw colourful queues and calm voting. Healthcare, schools and the condition of local markets were dominant issues. Residents repeatedly said they were tired of "temporary repairs" and wanted long-term development.

Keoti, politically high-profile and often seen as a prestige battle for major parties, was abuzz with speculation. The turnout was among the highest in the district. Traditional caste lines were visible but not rigid; performance and accountability seemed to weigh more heavily this time. "Kam dekha ke vote dena hai," said an elderly voter — we must vote by the work done. The phrase summed up the quiet shift in Darbhanga's political consciousness.

The final constituency, Jale, bordering Madhubani, presented a scene of controlled energy and discipline. Voters lined up early in the day, dressed in traditional Maithili attire. The talk was of jobs, flood control and law and order. A group of teachers near one polling station discussed how education and employment had become inseparable issues.

Everywhere in Darbhanga, the election felt like a cultural festival. Booths were decorated with Madhubani motifs; folk songs in Maithili played softly from nearby homes; volunteers greeted voters with folded hands and a smile. The aroma of litchi-chokha and tea mingled with the murmur of EVM buttons being pressed — democracy in its most authentic, earthy form. Elderly men in dhotis and women in vibrant saris walked out proudly, showing their inked fingers. For them, this was not just a right but a renewal of belonging.

By afternoon, the sun was strong and queues lengthened. Yet, there was no sign of impatience. The people of Darbhanga, grounded in centuries of scholarship and spirituality, carried the patience of a civilization that has seen kingdoms rise and fall, but never lost faith in its collective wisdom. For them, democracy is not new; it is a continuation of samvad — dialogue — the essence of Maithil culture.

The day ended peacefully. The district administration ensured smooth logistics, with security forces maintaining strict watch. Minor glitches in EVMs or delays at some booths were resolved promptly. Officials praised the cooperation of voters, who showed maturity and restraint throughout the day.

As dusk settled over the ghats and the ancient walls of Raj Darbhanga Palace glowed in the fading light, the city exhaled a sense of quiet accomplishment. From the poets of Vidyapati's era to the thinkers of modern Bihar, Darbhanga has always been a beacon of intellect and identity. Today, it reaffirmed that legacy — not with words or verse, but through the collective act of voting.

The 65 per cent turnout was more than a statistic; it was a statement. It spoke of Mithila's faith in democracy, its pride in culture and its demand for progress. The ballot box became the bridge between the past and the future — between tradition and transformation. In Darbhanga, politics is never divorced from poetry; development is never distant from dignity.

As results await counting, one truth already stands clear: Darbhanga voted not just for representation, but for recognition — for its language, culture and rightful place in Bihar's development story. On this day, the people of Mithila proved once again that their voice, when raised together, carries both the weight of history and the promise of tomorrow.

A special acknowledgment must go to Mr. Manu Choudhary, noted political activist and corporate entrepreneur, whose insights and local engagement helped illuminate the intellectual and civic soul of Darbhanga for this correspondent. His perspective on the city's evolving political awareness and the need to blend heritage with modern governance provided a unique introduction to Darbhanga's living spirit — a city where culture breathes through every conversation, and politics walks hand in hand with intellect.

## Introduction of AI education from the primary level: A transformative initiative

**T**his Government of India initiative embodies the spirit of the National Educational Policy (NEP) 2020, which envisions education not just as a means to employment but as a means to build citizens equipped with life skills, technical understanding, and human values. AI education, starting from the primary level, will provide children with the opportunity to develop logical thinking, analytical skills, and a responsible technological approach.

India's education system has long been based on traditional methods, where memorization of knowledge and scoring marks in examinations were considered the yardstick of success. But in the changing global economy, the digital age, and the Fourth Industrial Revolution, this approach is no longer sufficient. Today, the goal of education is not just literacy, but the creation of "smart citizens"—those who can not only understand information but also use it creatively and ethically. In this context, the government's decision to provide children with a basic understanding of artificial intelligence from the primary level is a visionary and policy-minded step.

The primary objective of the National Education Policy 2020 is to transform the education system to meet the needs of the twenty-first century. The policy states that education should foster curiosity, experimentation, and creativity. The primary focus of the NEP 2020 is to develop the "joy of learning" in children and to transform education into a process of reflection, understanding, and discovery rather than rote memorization. From this perspective, the introduction of AI education is an extension of this idea.

Artificial intelligence isn't just a technical subject, but rather a tool for developing the art of thinking, analyzing, and problem-solving. When children learn reasoning, pattern recognition, and the ability to understand data from an early age, they can make more informed decisions in every aspect of life. This is precisely the aim of the NEP 2020: an education that empowers children not just with knowledge, but with wisdom.

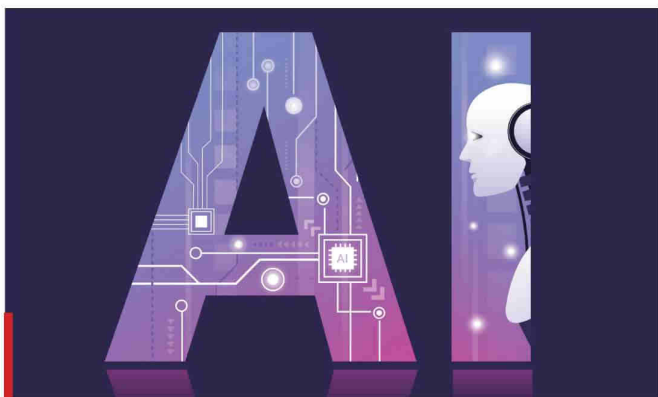
Another major benefit of incorporating AI at the primary level is that it makes education multidisciplinary. For example, if children in a classroom are told stories with the help of a robot, they simultaneously learn language, mathematics, science, and ethics. Thus, the use of artificial intelligence transforms education from being "subject-centered" to "experience-centered." The NEP 2020 aims to ensure that education is based on children's experiences and interests, making learning a natural process.

The National Education Policy 2020 identifies "fundamental literacy and numeracy"—the ability to read, write, and count—as the highest priority for the primary stage. If children are taught basic AI concepts, such as reasoning, data processing, pattern recognition, and decision-making, at this stage, their thinking and analytical abilities can be enhanced exponentially. This not only equips them for the digital



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The Indian government's plan to introduce artificial intelligence (AI) education from the primary level is being seen as a turning point in the history of the Indian education system. This initiative not only aims to prepare children for the technological world of the future, but is also deeply aligned with the core objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 — holistic, multidisciplinary, skill-based, and innovation-oriented education. This move is poised to transform India's education ecosystem from traditional rote learning to one that embraces curiosity, creativity, and reasoning.

age but also prepares them for future employment and innovation.

However, the implementation of this plan faces some challenges. The biggest challenge is digital inequality. Many rural and underserved areas of India still lack adequate access to the internet, computers, and trained teachers. If AI education is not implemented equitably, it could create a new "digital divide" between rich and poor children. The National Education Policy emphasizes inclusivity and equal opportunity, so the government must pay special attention to ensuring that every child, regardless of background, can benefit from AI education.

Teacher training is another major requirement of this initiative. Successful AI education requires not only textbooks, but also competent and trained

teachers. The NEP 2020 envisions teachers as "learning facilitators" who inspire, guide, and nurture children's curiosity. This requires developing specialized training programs for teachers, providing them with a basic understanding of AI, ethical considerations, and methods for using technology in teaching.

Another important aspect of AI education is ethics. If children are taught only technology without inculcating human sensibilities, responsibility, and a sense of coexistence, this education will be incomplete. The NEP 2020 has declared "moral and human values" as an integral part of education. Therefore, it should be mandatory to teach the concept of "ethical AI" along with AI, so that children understand how technology can be used for the welfare of society and humanity.

To make this plan successful, innovation in curricu-

lum is also needed. AI education should be integrated into children's daily lives, rather than making it a burden. For example, by explaining machine thinking through games, teaching data analysis through pictures, or explaining the meaning of mechanisms through stories—such approaches will help children absorb it naturally. AI can be integrated into children's experiential and discovery-based learning.

This initiative also presents a strategic opportunity for India in an era of global competition. Today, developed countries around the world are teaching children coding, data literacy, and AI-based problem-solving at the primary level. If India also prepares its children in this direction from an early age, it can move towards becoming a "hub of artificial intelligence" in the coming decade. This will not only open up new employment opportunities, but India can also become a leader in innovation and technological leadership.

However, critically speaking, mere policy pronouncements are not enough. Three key reforms are necessary to make AI education truly effective.

First, equitable expansion of digital infrastructure, so that every school has access to internet, computers and smart devices.

Second, teaching materials in local languages, so that language does not become a barrier to a child's learning and the principle of multilingualism of NEP 2020 is followed.

Third, increase technology investment in education through public-private partnerships to address resource and training gaps.

If implemented effectively with these reforms, this plan could bring about a fundamental transformation in India's education system. It will shape not only technical knowledge but also future lifestyles, work cultures, and human attitudes.

Ultimately, introducing AI education from the primary level is not just a technical initiative, but an ideological revolution. It prepares children for an era where machines and humans will work together, but the center of decision and discretion will still remain human. AI education can become a means to realize the vision of the "21st century citizen" envisioned by the NEP 2020—one who is curious, creative, sensitive, and responsible.

If the government moves forward with an inclusive approach, teacher empowerment, and ethical consciousness, this initiative could write a new chapter not only in education, but also in India's social and economic development. This is a step that will propel India from "knowledge to power"—and lay a solid foundation for realizing the dream of a "Developed India 2047."

# SC makes written communication of arrest grounds mandatory for all offences

New Delhi

In a landmark verdict, the Supreme Court on Thursday held that every arrested person must be furnished with the grounds of arrest in writing and in a language they understand irrespective of the nature of the offence or state involved.

In the verdict that strengthens constitutional protection for personal liberty, the top court held that non supply of grounds of arrest in writing to the arrestee prior to or immediately after arrest would not vitiate such arrest if the same is supplied in writing within a reasonable time and in any case two hours prior to the production of the arrestee before the magistrate for remand proceedings.

A bench comprising Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih delivered the judgment in the *Mihir Rajesh Shah vs State of Maharashtra* case that arose from the high-profile Mumbai BMW hit-and-run incident of July 2024.



Justice Masih, writing a 52-page judgment for the bench, ruled that the constitutional mandate under Article 22(1) of the Constitution, which guarantees that an arrested person must be informed "as soon as may be" of the grounds of arrest, is not a procedural formality but a fundamental safeguard of personal liberty.

"This court is of the opinion that to achieve the intended objective of the constitutional mandate of Article 22(1) of the Constitution

of India, the grounds of arrest must be informed to the arrested person in each and every case without exception and the mode of the communication of such grounds must be in writing in the language he understands," the verdict said.

"The constitutional mandate of informing the arrestee the grounds of arrest is mandatory in all offences under all statutes including offences under IPC 1860 (now BNS 2023)," it held.

"The grounds of arrest must be communicated in

writing to the arrestee in the language he/she understands and in case(s) where, the arresting officer/person is unable to communicate the grounds of arrest in writing or soon after arrest, it be so done orally. The said grounds be communicated in writing within a reasonable time and in any case at least two hours prior to production of the arrestee for remand proceedings before the magistrate," it directed.

In case of non-compliance, the arrest and subse-

quent remand would be rendered illegal and the person will be at liberty to be set free, it said.

The top court directed its registry to send a copy of the judgment to all the registrars general of the high courts and the chief secretaries of all the states and Union territories.

The verdict dealt with two issues and the first one was "whether in each and every case, even arising out of an offence under IPC now Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 would it be necessary to furnish grounds of arrest to an accused either before arrest or forthwith after arrest".

The second issue was whether, even in exceptional cases, where on account of certain exigencies it will not be possible to furnish the grounds of arrest either before arrest or immediately after, the arrest would be vitiated.

Referring to earlier verdicts, it said, "Merely communication of the grounds in a language not understood by the person arrested does not nullify the constitutional mandate under Article 22 of the Constitution of India. The failure to supply such grounds in a language understood by the arrestee renders the constitutional safeguards illusory and infringes the personal liberty of the person as guaranteed under Article 21 and 22 of the Constitution."

The objective of the constitutional mandate is to place the person in a position to comprehend the basis of the allegations levelled against him and it can only be realised when the grounds are furnished in a language understood by the person, it added.

The ruling stems from appeals filed by Mihir Rajesh Shah, the accused in the 2024 Mumbai BMW hit-and-run case, who challenged the legality of his arrest on the ground that he was not furnished written reasons for arrest as required by law.

Although the Bombay High Court had acknowledged a procedural lapse, it upheld the arrest citing the gravity of the offence.

# Interpol alert ends US stay of SRS promoter Praveen Kapoor

Mitali Chandola  
New Delhi

In a significant development in a high-profile financial investigation, Praveen Kumar Kapoor, co-founder and promoter of the real estate firm SRS Group, has been deported from the United States to India. The action followed a Red Corner Notice issued by Interpol at the request of the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) Gurugram Zonal Office.

Kapoor was reportedly denied entry at Newark International Airport after US authorities flagged him under the Red Corner Notice. Consequently, his B1/B2 visa was cancelled, and he was deported to India on 2 November 2025. Upon arrival in New Delhi, Kapoor was immediately intercepted by Indian law enforcement agencies based on a Look-out Circular (LOC) issued by the ED and HMO, ensuring that he could not evade legal proceedings.

The deportation marks a crucial step in ongoing investigations by the ED into alleged financial irregu-

larities and money laundering activities linked to the SRS Group. Over the past years, the firm and its promoters have been under scrutiny for allegedly misappropriating investor funds, attracting multiple cases under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Officials have highlighted that international cooperation through Interpol played a key role in ensuring Kapoor could not use his US travel privileges to avoid the Indian authorities. "The issuance of the Red Corner Notice and close coordination with US immigration authorities facilitated timely action," said a senior ED official.

Kapoor's deportation underscores the growing global coordination in tackling financial crimes and signals a strong message to business executives involved in similar alleged malpractices. The ED has stated that further legal action, including interrogation and asset tracing, will be undertaken in line with Indian law.

# NHRC notice to CRB DG-RPF over 'killing' of jawan in moving train

New Delhi

The NHRC has issued a notice to the Chairman of the Railway Board (CRB) and the director general of the Railway Protection Force following a complaint of an army personnel alleged killing in a moving train in Rajasthan, according to the proceedings of the case.

The National Human Rights Commission has directed authorities to get the allegations, levelled in the complaint, inquired into, and has sought an action taken report from the authorities within two weeks.

The complainant, convener of Sahyadri Rights Forum, submitted a complaint regarding the alleged incident, in a moving train in Rajasthan by, "a coach attendant", reads the proceedings of the case, dated November 6.

The forum sought the intervention of the Commission and requested to ensure an impartial investigation, punishment of the accused and complicit staff, and protection of defence personnel's rights, and to provide justice and compensation to the soldier's family, it says.

The allegations made in the complaint "prima facie seem to be serious violations" of the human rights of the victim, the proceedings reads.

A bench of the NHRC, presided by its member, Priyank Kanoongo, has taken cognisance under Section 12 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, in this case.

"The registry is directed to issue a notice to the Chairman, Railway Board, New Delhi, and DG, RPF, New Delhi, with directions to get the allegations made in the complaint inquired into and to submit an action taken report within two weeks for perusal of the Commission," it says.

The authorities are also directed to submit a report on the prescribed procedure for engagement of persons as attendants; and whether any established mechanism exists for conducting police verification of such persons prior to their engagement, it adds.

# VP urges Pondicherry University to Focus on Innovation, clean campuses, & student welfare

TSN/New Delhi

Vice-President of India and Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, C. P. Radhakrishnan, who also serves as the ex-officio Chancellor of Pondicherry University, reviewed the functioning of the University during a meeting with Vice-Chancellor Prof P. Prakash Babu at the Parliament House today.

During the interaction, Prof. Babu made a detailed presentation on the University's academic programmes, research activities, infrastructure, student welfare measures, alumni engagement, and sustainability initiatives, including the use of solar power on campus.

The Vice-President commended the University's progress but called for renewed focus on academic excellence, innovation, and holistic student development. He urged the institution to align its courses with emerging technologies and industry demands, ensuring students are equipped for future job markets.

Emphasising the need for clean and inclusive campuses under the Swachh Bharat Mission, Shri Rad-



hakrishnan said universities must serve as models of hygiene and sustainability. He also directed that all reservation seats for SC/ST students be properly filled and that local communities receive adequate representation.

Expressing concern over student welfare, the Vice-President underscored the importance of creating a secure environment for girl students and raising awareness about the harmful effects of drug use. He suggested the introduction of counselling and motivational sessions to help students maintain a positive and focused outlook.

Shri Radhakrishnan further called for effective grievance redressal mechanisms, stronger monitoring of affiliated colleges, and research initiatives that contribute meaningfully to so-

ciety. He also urged the University to work towards improving its national and global rankings through sustained efforts in academic and research excellence.

Established in 1985 by an Act of Parliament, Pondicherry University has emerged as a key centre for higher education and research in southern India.

Located in Kalapet, Puducherry, the University offers more than 100 undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes across various disciplines, serving over 10,000 students.

The Vice-President's review highlighted the central government's vision for universities to become not only centres of learning but also hubs of innovation, social responsibility, and character building.

# PM to flag off four new Vande Bharat trains from Varanasi on November 8

■ New high-speed services to boost regional connectivity, tourism, and trade across India

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In another push toward modernizing India's railway network, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Varanasi on November 8 to flag off four new Vande Bharat Express trains at around 8:15 a.m. The launch marks another major milestone in India's pursuit of faster, more efficient, and passenger-friendly train travel.

The new semi-high-speed trains will operate on four key routes—Banaras-Khajuraho, Lucknow-Saharanpur, Firozpur-Delhi, and Ernakulam-Bengaluru—strengthening intercity links across multiple states and cutting travel time significantly. Designed to enhance passenger comfort and operational efficiency, these trains are expected to play a major role in promoting regional mobility, tourism, and economic integration.

The Banaras-Khajuraho Vande Bharat will connect some of the country's most revered religious and cul-



tural destinations, including Varanasi, Prayagraj, Shahjahanpur, Bareilly, Moradabad, and Bijnor, the train will also improve access to Haridwar via Roorkee. By connecting central and western Uttar Pradesh more effectively, it is set to promote regional connectivity and stimulate local development.

The Firozpur-Delhi Vande Bharat will become the fastest train on this route, covering the distance in six hours and forty minutes. Linking the national capital with key cities in Punjab such as Firozpur, Bathinda, and Patiala, the

new service is expected to facilitate smoother movement of passengers and goods. It is also poised to spur trade and tourism while boosting employment opportunities across the border regions.

In the south, the Ernakulam-Bengaluru Vande Bharat will cover the journey in just eight hours and forty minutes, reducing travel time by more than two hours. The train will connect major IT, industrial, and educational hubs, providing a faster and more convenient option for professionals, students, and tourists. By improving rail connectivity between Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka, the route is expected to strengthen regional cooperation and promote economic growth.

With these additions, the Vande Bharat network continues to expand across India, symbolizing the government's focus on modern, efficient, and passenger-oriented railway services that support both mobility and development.

# Co-op Kumbh 2025 to chart digital future for India's Cooperative credit sector

TSN/New Delhi

India's cooperative credit movement is set to take a digital leap forward as the National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies (NAFCUB) hosts the International Conference on Urban Cooperative Credit Sector—popularly known as Co-op Kumbh 2025—on November 10 and 11 in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Held under the theme "Digitalising Dreams - Empowering Communities," the two-day global conference comes at a defining moment as the world celebrates the International Year of Cooperatives 2025. The event aims to showcase how India's 1,500 Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) and nearly 60,000 Credit Societies, serving more than eight crore customers, can transform into digitally empowered, transparent, and future-ready financial institutions.

Organised by NAFCUB with the guidance of the Ministry of Co-operation,

Co-op Kumbh 2025 will bring together policymakers, regulators, cooperative leaders, technology experts, and global partners to discuss innovation, governance, and inclusion in the cooperative credit ecosystem. The conference seeks to build a collective vision for sustainable and digitally advanced cooperative finance through the adoption of professionalism, technology, and sound governance practices.

The sessions on the first day will delve into corporate governance, transparency, and ethical leadership in cooperative banks, alongside discussions on cooperation among cooperatives and the evolving role of the National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation (NUCFDC). Experts from international organizations such as the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU) and GreenStone Farm Credit Services (USA) will share insights on financial inclusion, sustainability, and dig-

ital tools. Senior officials from the Reserve Bank of India and the Ministry of Co-operation will outline the policy framework guiding the sector's growth toward 2030.

Day two will focus on technology-driven transformation and industry. Participants will explore artificial intelligence, fintech collaboration, and cybersecurity in cooperative banking, followed by discussions on the relevance and challenges faced by credit societies and unions in India and neighboring countries like Nepal. Dedicated sessions on Women in Credit Cooperatives and Youth in Cooperatives will spotlight emerging leaders and innovation in the sector. The event will conclude with a presentation by ICMAI, NAFCUB's knowledge partner, and the formal adoption of the Delhi Declaration 2025 - Roadmap to 2030, a policy document setting priorities for governance, technology adoption, and inclusive growth.

The expected outcomes include recommendations for policy reforms and capacity building, new partnerships between domestic and global cooperatives, and the creation of a knowledge repository on digital innovation and best practices. A strong emphasis will be placed on nurturing women and youth leadership, ensuring continuity of cooperative values across generations. With participation from over 1,500 UCBs, 60,000 Credit Societies, and international organizations such as WOCCU, ICA, ICBA, and ACCU, Co-op Kumbh 2025 promises to be a landmark in India's cooperative history. NAFCUB has planned extensive media outreach, including live coverage, interviews, and post-conference publications to ensure the event's discussions and outcomes reach stakeholders nationwide.

More than a conference, Co-op Kumbh 2025 represents a movement to blend India's cooperative legacy with its digital ambitions.

# President Murmu begins historic Africa tour to boost Global South unity

Mitali Chandola  
New Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu is set to undertake a historic visit to Angola and Botswana from November 8 to 13, marking the first time an Indian head of state will visit these nations. The trip underscores India's growing focus on the Global South and its commitment to strengthening political, economic, and cultural ties with Africa.

During her visit to Angola (8-11 November), President Murmu will hold bilateral talks with Angolan President João Lourenço, address the Angolan Parliament, and participate in celebrations marking Angola's 50th Independence Day on 11 November. She is also expected to engage with the Indian diaspora in Angola, reinforcing people-to-people connections.

The second leg of the trip, in Botswana (11-13 November), will see the President engage in high-level discussions with Botswana leadership, including President Duma Gideon Boko. The



talks are expected to cover a wide range of areas, from trade, investment, and technology to energy, agriculture, health, pharmaceuticals, and defence. President Murmu will also address the Botswana National Assembly and visit cultural and historical sites, reflecting India's holistic approach to strengthening bilateral ties.

A key highlight of the visit is the focus on Project Cheeta, India's ambitious initiative to reintroduce cheetahs into its historical habitats. Discussions with Botswana will explore the next phase of cheetah translocation, following the successful relocation of the species from Africa to India. This effort underscores India's commitment to wildlife conservation while also fostering collaboration with African nations in environmental and ecological initiatives.

The visit is part of India's broader strategy to deepen engagement with Africa, especially through development cooperation, trade partnerships, and cultural exchanges. It signals India's intent to enhance collaboration with Global South nations on issues ranging from climate change and wildlife conservation to sustainable development and technology transfer.

**Beware of those who loot animal fodder and grab land: CM Yogi**

West Champaran Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday addressed a massive public meeting in Bagaha during his campaign for the Bihar Assembly elections, seeking support for NDA candidates Ram Singh (Bagaha) and Nand Kishore Ram (Rammagar). Launching a sharp attack on the opposition, he said the Grand Alliance was a "bundle of lies" comprising those who grabbed land from the poor, embezzled animal fodder, and deprived the youth of jobs.

Highlighting Bihar's rich cultural and spiritual heritage, CM Yogi said the state is the sacred land that once sheltered Maa Sita and where the Gandaki River flows as a symbol of progress. For the people of Bagaha and Rammagar, he added, Gorakhpur and Ayodhya hold as much emotional significance as Patna.

Paying tribute to Bihar's illustrious legacy, the CM said this land gave birth to Lord Mahavira, enlightened the world through Mahatma Buddha, and ushered in India's golden age with the wisdom of Chanakya and Chandragupta. He recalled that Bihar's youth had always risen against injustice — whether during the 1975 Emergency imposed by Congress or the movement led by Jayaprakash Narayan.

CM Yogi also remembered stalwarts like Karpuri Thakur, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, and Sharda Sinha, lamenting that misrule by Congress and RJD had eroded Bihar's glory and led the state struggling for recognition. He said that under RJD's rule, Bihar had plunged into "jungle raj", where robbery, murder, and kidnapping had become industry, with over 30,000 kidnappings reported in 15 years. Law and order, he noted, collapsed completely during that period.

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# CEO reviews voter list revision, warns of strict action for lapsesa

Uttar Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Navdeep Rinwa on Thursday held a virtual review meeting with all district election officers to assess the progress of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls being carried out across the state. He issued detailed directions to ensure that the revision process remains transparent, error-free, and in strict adherence to the guidelines of the Election Commission of India (ECI).

Rinwa underlined that no complaints of irregularities should arise during the ongoing exercise. He said that the process of adding or deleting names in the voter list must be fully transparent and conducted with due diligence so that no ineligible person is included and every eligible citizen's name is properly enrolled.



During the meeting, it was noted that all district election officers have already held meetings with political parties to apprise them of the SIR process and the ECI's instructions. Political parties have also been urged

to appoint Booth Level Agents (BLAs) who will assist Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in carrying out the revision work efficiently.

The CEO reviewed the status of enumeration form printing and

distribution, observing that while the printing has been completed in all districts, some areas showed slower progress in distribution. These districts were instructed to expedite the process. Officers were also directed

to ensure that BLOs download the latest version (8.7) of the BLO App from the Play Store and regularly mark progress updates on the app so that real-time distribution data can be tracked online.

Rinwa further instructed that the mapping of voters from the 2003 electoral roll to the current list must be completed within the next three days. For the convenience of voters, he highlighted the ECI's new initiative, "Book a Call with BLO," available on the voters.eci.gov.in

# PM ended Congress-RJD's brokerage, that's why they abuse Modi: Yogi

West Champaran Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's aggressive campaign for the Bihar Assembly elections continues at full pace. On Thursday, in his first rally, he sought votes for BJP candidate Gayatri Devi from Parihar and JD(U) candidate Nagendra Raut from Sursand. In his second rally, he appealed to make the lotus bloom for former Deputy Chief Minister and BJP candidate from Bettiah, Renu Devi, while in his third rally, he urged voters to elect Ram Singh from Bagaha and Nand Kishore Ramji from Rammagar.

CM Yogi launched a sharp attack on the RJD and Congress, saying Prime Minister Modi has transformed India. What Congress couldn't accomplish in 65-70 years, Modi achieved in just 11. He noted that 46 crore bank accounts have been opened, ensuring direct transfers to the poor, women, and beneficiaries. The Prime

Minister has ended the brokerage of Congress and RJD, which is why they hurl abuses at him. Yogi added that the current voting trends suggest that on November 14, the slogan for another NDA government will rise once again.

CM Yogi said in Sita-marhi that those who questioned Lord Shri Ram and Mata Janaki must be taught a lesson because anyone who isn't with Ram is of no use to the country. He said there is a deep bond of faith and culture between Parihar and Gorakhpur. People from here come to offer khichdi to Baba Gorakhnath, and they are well known in Gorakhpur's markets. He said that under PM Modi and CM Nitish Kumar's leadership, the image and destiny of India and Bihar have changed, whereas RJD-Congress pushed Bihar into corruption and chaos. "The people of Bihar will no longer fall into their trap of deception," he remarked.

# Rs 7.21 crore sanctioned for Dharli-Serikothri road paving, long-pending demand fulfilled

Rajian Punchedhi Mandi

A long-pending demand of the Sundernagar Assembly constituency has finally been met, with the state government approving ₹7.21 crore for the paving of the Dharli-Serikothri road. The project, sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-II), will cover a stretch of five kilometers, providing long-awaited relief to the residents of the area.

Former Chief Parliamentary Secretary Sohan Lal Thakur welcomed the approval, calling it a major step toward improving connectivity and easing travel for locals. He said the first phase of the Serikothri road had been paved during the previous Congress regime, and now the present Congress government has extended that work by sanctioning funds for the second phase.

"For years, people of Serikothri and nearby villages have been demanding the paving of this road," Thakur said, adding that he had made it a personal priority to



get the project cleared in view of the villagers' daily inconvenience.

He emphasized that the new paved road will enhance transportation facilities and bring significant relief to farmers, students, and commuters, who have long struggled with poor road conditions. The improved connectivity is also expected to support local agricultural activities and overall development in the region.

Expressing his gratitude, Thakur thanked Chief Minister Sukhvir Singh Sukhu and Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh for their support and approval of the project, which he described as "a valuable gift to the people of Serikothri and surrounding areas."

# HP-CM Sukhu directs HPPCL to expedite awarded power projects

Top Story News Shimla

Chief Minister Sukhvir Singh Sukhu directed to expedite the execution of all ongoing hydro electric power projects, while reviewing the functioning of Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL) here on Thursday. He reviewed the 450 MW Shong Tong Power Project and directed to ensure its completion by December 2026. He said that more than 60 percent of the project had already been completed and emphasised the need to accelerate the remaining work. He also directed that the transmission line be established in parallel to ensure timely evacuation of the power from this project.

Sh. Sukhu also discussed the progress of 130 MW Kashang-II and III, 48 MW Chanji-III, 40 MW Renuka Dam and 191 MW Thana Ploun hydro electric power projects and instructed that the timelines for the completion be strictly adhered to.



He stressed on setting up pump storage projects and asked the Corporation to initiate the work on the proposed 1630 MW Renukaji pump storage project and 270 MW Thana Ploun pump storage project at the earliest. He said that pump storage projects are useful in supplying electricity during peak hour demand and reducing the load on the grid.

Sh. Sukhu said that harnessing green energy remains a key priority

for the State Government and HPPCL should expedite the work of ongoing solar power projects. He also instructed the Corporation to identify new land parcels for setting up new solar power projects across the State.

The Chief Minister also reviewed one MW green hydrogen plant coming up at Nalagarh and directed to complete the project by the end of June, 2026. He directed the Corporation to adopt professionalism in their

functioning and said that the present State Government has set the target of making Himachal Pradesh a Green Energy of the country by the next year.

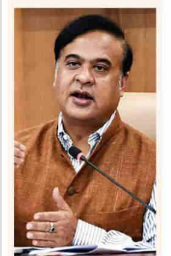
Chief Secretary Sanjay Gupta, Secretary Power Rakesh Kanwar, Managing Director HPPCL Abid Hussain Sadiq and other senior officers were present at Shimla while Principal Advisor to the Chief Minister Ram Subbag Singh joined the meeting virtually.

# Assam 19 illegal migrants from Bangladesh pushed back

Guwahati

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday said 19 Bangladeshi nationals were nabbed and pushed back from Sribhumi and Cachar districts.

"Mission 'Return Ticket' completed before sunrise! At 2:15 AM, 19 Bangladeshi nationals (14-Sribhumi, 5-Cachar) were escorted back home via Mahishasan BOP courtesy of @assampolice & BSF's teamwork," Sarma said in a post on X on Thursday night.



Lauding the efforts of police in the two districts, he said every such illegal immigrant was caught and deported from Assam in a swift action.

Assam's Sribhumi, Cachar, Dhubri and South Salmara-Manikchar districts share 267.5 km of international border with Bangladesh.

There is an Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Sutarkandi in Sribhumi. Northeast has a total of three ICPs along India-Bangladesh border and the other two are at Dawki in Meghalaya and Akhaura in Tripura.

There is another ICP in the region at Darrang in Assam along India-Bhutan border.

Assam Police had earlier said that the state force and BSF would do everything possible to prevent any attempt by non-Indians to enter the country from Bangladesh as per the law after a political turmoil hit the neighbouring nation last year.

However, all Indian passport holders would be allowed to return from a trouble-hit Bangladesh through the entry point in the state.

# Agra gears up for 17th 'meet at Agra' as global footwear industry converges

Aakash Jain Agra

Agra is once again set to become the epicenter of the global footwear trade as the 17th edition of the Footwear Industry International Trade Fair, Meet at Agra, kicks off on November 7. Organized by the Agra Footwear Manufacturers and Exporters Chamber (AFMEC), the three-day event will run until November 9 at the Agra Trade Centre in Singra.

With over 250 exhibitors, more than 8,000 trade visitors, and an expected footfall exceeding 25,000, the fair promises to be one of the largest gatherings of footwear professionals in the country. AFMEC President Gopal Gupta, addressing a press conference ahead of the event, said the exhibition—spread across 7,200 square meters—will showcase the latest machinery, components, and cutting-edge technologies from around the world.

Gupta said the fair aims to foster creativity,



innovation, and design thinking within Agra's leather industry. He added that India's footwear sector, currently valued at ₹95,000 crore domestically, recorded exports worth USD 5.7 billion in FY 2024-25, growing nearly 25% year-on-year. "The industry now employs over 1.5 million people, and events like Meet at Agra are giving this growth even more momentum," he said.

Alongside footwear components, the exhibition will also feature displays on fire-fighting systems for industrial

safety and solar plant solutions for sustainable energy. A series of seminars and technical sessions will cover key subjects such as finance and HR management. Gupta encouraged factory owners to attend the event with their senior teams to take full advantage of the learning opportunities.

Highlighting the educational and networking potential of the fair, Purnan Dawar, Chairman of the Footwear and Leather Development Council (Ministry of Commerce & Industry), said the

event not only boosts trade but also serves as a vital learning platform for students and young professionals in the industry. Founder President Daljit Singh described Meet at Agra as more than just a trade event, calling it "an integrated platform that connects every part of the footwear ecosystem." AFMEC General Secretary Pradeep Vasan added that participation from international exhibitors further enhances the fair's reputation as a global business platform, offering Indian manufacturers exposure to new technologies and market trends.

# Cervical cancer among top health threats, says Mayor as 200 girls receive free vaccination in Agra

Aakash Jain Agra

To raise awareness about women's health and prevent one of the most common cancers affecting women, the Ek Pahal B.R. Memorial Welfare Society organized a free cervical cancer vaccination camp at I.C.P. Institute of Medical Science in Bag Muzaffar Khan, Agra. The initiative aimed to protect young girls from the Human Papillomavirus (HPV), a major cause of cervical cancer, and to spread awareness about early prevention.

The event was inaugurated by Mayor Hemlata Diwakar, who was joined by Deputy CMO Dr. Rishi Gopal Sharma, social worker Kamta Prasad Agrawal, Deputy Municipal Commissioner Sarita Singh, J. Hemchandra, M. Senthinathan, Karthikeyan N., and the city's secretary Manish Rai. The dignitaries formally opened the camp by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Addressing the gathering, Mayor Hemlata Diwakar said that cervical cancer ranks third among the most



fatal diseases impacting women's health worldwide. She emphasized that the disease is preventable through timely vaccination and awareness. "With proper vaccination, we can protect our young girls and eliminate this disease from the country," she said, urging parents to ensure that girls between the ages of 9 and 26 receive the vaccine.

Deputy CMO Dr. Rishi Gopal Sharma explained that cervical cancer is primarily caused by infection with the Human Papillomavirus (HPV), which is often transmitted silently and may not show visible symptoms in its early stages. He highlighted the impor-

tance of early detection and preventive vaccination, noting that both significantly improve treatment outcomes and survival rates.

Society president Dr. Eebha Garg shared that around 200 students from municipal schools and Ek Pahal Pathshala received the HPV vaccine during the camp. She added that the initiative was designed not only to vaccinate but also to educate, as many families remain unaware of how early prevention can save lives. Alongside the vaccinations, an awareness session was conducted, focusing on the causes, symptoms, and preventive measures of cervical cancer.

Pakistan, Afghan, Taliban to resume peace talks in Istanbul

**Islamabad:** Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban were set to resume peace talks in Istanbul on Thursday, aiming to tackle the issue of cross-border terrorism and avoid further escalation between the two sides.

Clashes broke out between the border troops on October 11, resulting in casualties on both sides. Pakistan claimed that at least 206 Afghan Taliban and 110 Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan operatives were killed, while Pakistan suffered the loss of 23 soldiers. A ceasefire was agreed between the two sides on October 15, which had been extended during the two rounds of talks held on October 19 in Doha and October 25 in Istanbul.

The temporary truce is still holding, but mutual acrimony is evident on social media and in the statements of officials from both sides.

The Istanbul talks were heading towards failure, but the situation was saved by Turkey, and another round was agreed for which officials of the two countries have reached Istanbul.

For the third round, being facilitated jointly by Turkey and Qatar, Pakistan's delegation is being led by Lt Gen Asim Malik, director general of the Inter-Services Intelligence and national security advisor, and includes senior officials from the military, intelligence agencies, and the Foreign Office.

**BUSINESS**

**AWS Expands AWS Marketplace in India**

**New Delhi:** Amazon Web Services (AWS) today announced the expansion of AWS Marketplace in India. With this expansion, AWS Marketplace customers based in India can now buy offerings from India-based software and services companies in INR. This launch will allow customers to benefit from local invoicing and local payment options for their AWS Marketplace purchases. India-based sellers including Independent Software Vendors (ISVs) and Consulting Partners can now list and sell their software, services in Indian Rupees (INR) with Simplified tax compliance.

AWS Marketplace features more than 30,000 transactable listings globally across 70+ software categories including Security, Agentic AI and Tools, DevOps, Data & Analytics, and more. Customers can now purchase software from sellers such as Cisco, CrowdStrike, Deloitte, eMudhra, Freshworks, Gupshupai, IBM, Kore.ai, Palo Alto Networks, Red-

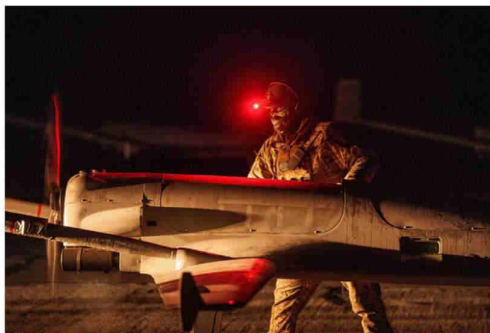
**Ukraine says it has hit major Russian oil refinery with long-range drones**

**Kyiv:** Ukrainian drones struck a major oil refinery in Russia's Volgograd region for the second time in almost three months, Ukraine's general staff said Thursday. Russian officials did not confirm the attack, although the local governor said drones started a fire at an unspecified industrial facility in the region.

Ukraine's general staff said in a statement that the attack took place the previous day. The refinery is the largest producer of fuel and lubricants in Russia's Southern Federal District, processing more than 15 million tons of crude annually—about 5.6 per cent of the country's total refining capacity, according to Ukrainian officials.

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy



drone strikes on Russian refineries aim to deprive Moscow of the oil export revenue it needs to pursue its full-scale invasion. Russia wants to cripple the Ukrainian power grid, seeking to deny civilians access to heat, light and running water in what Kyiv officials say is an attempt to "weaponise winter."

said foreign countries are helping Kyiv in its efforts to keep the power grid operating amid Russia's onslaught. "Practically every day, our power engineers, repair brigades, and the State Emergency Service of Ukraine are carrying out restorations on-site after attacks: hits keep occurring across various points, especially in our communities, and espe-

cially near the Russian border and close to the front," Zelenskyy said late Wednesday. Ukraine, meanwhile, has attempted to strike targets on Russian soil with domestically developed long-range drones. Ukrainian forces also struck three fuel lubricants facilities in the Russian-occupied Crimean peninsula and a storage and assembly

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**Israeli jets strike southern Lebanon towns escalating near-daily attacks**

**Beirut:** Israeli jets struck three towns in southern Lebanon on Thursday after urging residents to leave, marking an escalation in their near-daily strikes on the country.

The airstrikes came hours after Hezbollah urged the Lebanese government not to enter negotiations with Israel. Israeli Arabic spokesperson Avichay Adraee warned residents in Tayba near the border, Tayr Debba located just east of the coastal city of Tyre and Aita al-Jabal, to flee 500 metres away from residential buildings they are targeting, which they say has been used by Hezbollah.

The Israeli military says it targeted military infrastructure for Hezbollah in those areas. It accuses the group of re-building its capabilities almost a year after a US-brokered ceasefire went into effect that ended a monthslong war.

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun has been critical of Israel's strikes and military presence

on five hill-top points on Lebanese territory but has said he is open to negotiations with Israel to end the tensions. Israel says its near-daily strikes have targeted Hezbollah officials and military infrastructure, while the Lebanese government that has backed disarming Hezbollah say the strikes have targeted civilians and infrastructure unrelated to the Iran-backed group.

The powerful group's military capabilities were severely damaged in Israel's intense air campaign over the tiny country in 2024, but Hezbollah have yet to disarm and its leader Sheikh Naim Kassis has said that the group will be ready to fight no matter how limited their capabilities might be.

Both sides have accused each other of violating the ceasefire, which nominally ended the latest Israel-Hezbollah war last November. The conflict started after the October 7, 2023, Hamas-led attack on Israel that triggered the war in Gaza.

**Pak minister visits office of political wing of Hafiz Saeed's banned JUD**

**Lahore:** A Pakistani minister and chief aide to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday visited the office of the Pakistan Markazi Muslim League (PMML), a political face of Hafiz Saeed's banned Jamaat-ud-Dawah, in Punjab and met its leaders.

Minister of State for Interior Senator Talal Chaudhry visited the



PMML House, Faisalabad, some 130 km from Lahore, where he was received by PMML leaders. His visit is seen as an "official patronage" of the Shehbaz regime to Saeed's political outfit.

Saeed, the Mumbai attack mastermind, has been in Lahore's Kot Lakhpat jail since 2019 after he was convicted in multiple terror financing cases.

In a statement, the PMML said that during the visit, Chaudhry held a detailed meeting with the party leadership.

"The discussions focused on the prevailing political situation and key national issues. Both sides emphasised the importance of national unity, political stability, and the continuity of democratic

processes in the country," it said.

It further said the participants agreed that in the current circumstances, all political forces must adopt a collective and constructive approach to promote harmony and strengthen democratic institutions.

This is the first visit of any federal minister to the PMML offices

in recent times. Earlier, Punjab Assembly Speaker Malik Ahmad Khan attended a rally of the PMML in Kasur district of Punjab and praised Saeed.

Since the Pakistan-India conflict in May, following the Pahalgam terror attack, the PMML has become fully active under the government umbrella in the country.

**Govt cannot restrain retail investors from trading in F&O: FM**

**Mumbai:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the government cannot restrain retailers from trading in Futures and Options (F&O) but will definitely create awareness regarding the risks involved in putting money in such instruments.

The statement comes days after Sebi chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey ruled out shuttering the weekly derivatives contracts in Nifty and Sensex.

Responding to a question on the government's stance on the F&O segment, wherein retailers lose significant amount of money, Sitharaman said that the government "is not here to shut the door on F&O trading but it can make aware people about the risks involved in the derivatives."

At the same time, investors have the responsibility to understand the risks involved, she said while speaking at the SBI Banking and Economics Conclave 2025.



She also sought suggestions for dealing with

the issue of the retailers trading in F&O segment. A recent SBI study that 91 per cent of individual traders in futures and options (F&O) incurred net losses

in FY25—collectively losing over Rs 1 lakh crore—funds that could otherwise contribute to responsible investing and capital formation. The Securities and Ex-

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change Board of India (Sebi) had introduced measures in November last year in a bid to curb excess speculation in derivatives trading.

Futures contracts obligate the buyer and seller to transact at a predetermined future date and price, while options give the holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell the asset at a set price within a specific period.

These financial instruments are used for hedging risks, speculating on price movements, and arbitrage pricing differences. However, they come with significant risks, including leverage risk and market volatility, which can lead to substantial losses.

**IRB InvIT Fund Acquires Highway Assets for Rs 8,436 Cr**

**New Delhi:** IRB InvIT Fund (Public InvIT) has completed the acquisition of three highway assets with an enterprise value of Rs 8,436 crore from IRB Infrastructure Trust.

Marquee global and domestic investors supported the acquisition by infusing approximately Rs 4,250 crore in the IRB InvIT Fund, IRB Infrastructure Private Limited, in a statement, said on Thursday.

"With transfer of the assets, IRB InvIT Fund extends its footprints to two more states, i.e., Uttar Pradesh and Haryana," it added.

IRB InvIT Fund's project portfolio will now have 9 revenue-generating Highway Projects with an enterprise value of about Rs 16,000 crore. Rushabh Gandhi, Director and CFO, IRB Infrastructure Private Limited, said, "The success of the acquisition marks a significant milestone in our journey."

The weighted average life of the concession was enhanced from 14 years to 17 years.

Virendra D Mhaikar, Chairman and Managing Director of the Sponsor, said, "The successful conclusion of the acquisition deal between the two InvITs will be a very good value enhancement to the shareholders of all three entities, i.e., IRB Infra as well as both the InvITs."

To reiterate, IRB InvIT Fund had undertaken the fundraise exercise, the first one since its launch and listing in 2017, for the acquisition of the assets of IRB Infrastructure Trust with an enterprise value of Rs 8,436 crore.

**CAG announces 2 centralised cadres for revenue expenditure audits**

**New Delhi:** The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) on Thursday announced the creation of two centralised cadres to build deeper professional expertise and further improve the quality of audit of central government finances.

The CAG has accorded in-principle approval for the creation of specialised cadres — Central Revenue Audit (CRA) Cadre and Central Expenditure Audit (CEA) Cadre — within the Indian Audit and Accounts



Department, DAI (IR, IR, CDN) K Subramanian said at a media brief-

ing here. The scheme will be operationalised from January 1, 2026.

At present, the audit of central receipts and

expenditure is undertaken by 9 Director General (Audit)/Principal Director (Audit) offices and exclusive offices with cadre control dispersed across multiple state civil audit offices and independent CCAs.

Subramanian said the centralisation will unify cadre management, consolidating multiple fragmented cadres into two specialised streams.

The new cadres will consolidate over 4,000 audit professionals at the senior audit officer

and assistant audit officer levels.

He further said the CRA cadre will promote specialisation in auditing government revenue collections, and the CEA cadre will focus on audit in government expenditure.

Explaining the benefits of centralisation, Subramanian said specialisation in the cadre of CRA and CEA will lead to deeper domain expertise in revenue and expenditure audits. It will also reduce the number of cadre-con-

trolling authorities from 16 for CRA and 19 for CEA to a single central authority for each vertical.

He said all-India transfer liability within larger, unified cadres enables transparent rotation and improves the likelihood of periodic postings near homes, while meeting organisational needs.

"Everybody would have 2-3 opportunities in life to be closer home or in a place which is proximate," Subramanian said.

Women's cricket in India is just about to boom: Steve Waugh

**Queensland:**  
Former Australian legend Steve Waugh praised India's women's cricket team for their World Cup win, saying it's a significant boost for women's sports globally.

He believes the team's victory will inspire young girls in India and create a pathway for them to pursue professional cricket careers.

India's years-long dream of capturing the ICC Women's World Cup finally became a reality after two heartbreaks in 2005 and 2017 finals, as they defeated South Africa by 52 runs in a clinical performance at the finals, which saw Shafali Verma (87 and 2/36) and Deepti Sharma (58 and 5/39) delivering all-round performances that would stay imprinted in the minds of millions and serve as a tale of inspiration for the cricketers of the future.

"I think women's sport in general is taking off all around the world. It's great to see. Cricket for sure. India is winning the World Cup. The women's team's victory was a fantastic achievement, especially after losing a couple of games and playing so well in the big matches. I'm sure they have enormous support. They're now role models for the young girls in India. You can see a pathway to playing professional sport, representing your country and being a professional cricketer. I think women's cricket in India is just about to boom and take off," Steve Waugh told the reporters.

If I'm someone like Bumrah, I'd play as much as I can: Steve Waugh

**Queensland:**  
Former Australia captain Steve Waugh heaped praise on India's premier fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah, calling him a match-winner and one of the most influential bowlers in modern cricket.

Speaking about Bumrah's workload and approach to the game, Waugh said that the pacer knows his body well and should continue to play as much as he can.

"I think as a captain you'd be selfish and say I want you to play every game because he's such a great bowler and he's capable of winning matches," Waugh said.

"I think at his age, and he's played a lot of cricket, he would know his body better than anyone else. He's a good judge of that," he noted.

The legendary Australian further added that representing the country is an honour that players like Bumrah cherish deeply.

"I think players like Bumrah want to play as much as they can. It's a real privilege to play for your country. It's an honour. You never know when your last game is," Waugh stated.

Waugh emphasised the importance of playing whenever one feels ready.

"If I were someone like him, I'd play as much as I can. Do not think about resting, conserving energy, or taking care of the body. I think if you're ready to play, then you go out and represent your country," he added.

# Washington Sundar shines as India crush Australia by 48 Runs in 4th T20



**Queensland:**  
Washington Sundar shines with a three-wicket haul as India squared off against Australia for 119 to post a commanding victory of 48 runs in the fourth T20 in Carrara on Thursday.

With this win, India leads the five-match T20 series 2-1. Australia fell well short of the target on a pitch that wasn't the easiest to play shots on. The spin trio of Sundar, Axar Patel and Varun Chakaravarty combined to grab six wickets.

While chasing 168 runs, Mitchell Marsh and Matthew Short opened the innings for Australia. After a quiet first two overs, Short

was dropped by Abhishek Sharma. Flighted delivery and Marsh's mistimed towards long-off, and Abhishek charges in, dived forward and hangs on with both hands, but the ball pops out as he hits the ground.

However, in the next over, Patel removed Inglis for almost a run a ball 12, and Tim David joined Marsh in the middle. In the following, Shivam

Dube got the better of Marsh as he was removed for 30 off 24.

Dube also removed Tim David for 14, and Marcus Stoinis came to the crease. After 12 overs, Australia were 95-4 with Marcus Stoinis 4\* (3) and Josh Philippe 8\* (6) on the crease.

In the 14th over, Arshdeep got the better of Philippe for 10 off ten balls, and Glenn Max-

well joined Stoinis at the crease. India took wickets at regular intervals, as in the following over, Varun Chakaravarty cleaned up for two, and Ben Dwarshu is joined Stoinis at the crease.

Washington Sundar then struck with two back-to-back wickets, removing Stoinis and Xavier Bartlett in the 17th over. Sundar, in the 19th over, removed

Adam Zampa to square off Australia's innings for 119.

Earlier in the first innings, India's batting order struggled to gain momentum as they posted 107/8 against Australia in Carrara on Thursday. A late flourish from all-rounder Axar Patel helped India reach a competitive total after a middle-order collapse.

India managed 46 runs in the final six overs and lost six wickets in the process.

After winning the toss, Australia opted to bowl first. India did not have the fiery start they were used to as the opening pair of Shubman Gill and Abhishek Sharma managed 49 in their first six overs. Sharma scored 28 off 21 balls, including three fours and a six, before being dismissed by Adam Zampa.

Promoted to number three, Shivam Dube contributed 22 off 18 balls with a boundary and a six but was bowled by Nathan Ellis. Vice-captain Shubman Gill anchored the innings with 46 off 39 deliveries before Ellis struck again to remove him.

We decided we wouldn't let the trophy leave our country: Harmanpreet Kaur

**New Delhi:**  
Indian Women's skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, while interacting with President Droupadi Murmu, expressed her team's determination to win the ICC Women's World Cup.

Kaur stated that India had a strong self-belief and was committed to bringing the trophy home, saying, "We decided we wouldn't let the trophy leave the country."

India's years-long dream of capturing the ICC Women's World Cup was finally fulfilled after two heartbreaks in the 2005 and 2017 finals, as they defeated South Africa by 52 runs in a clinical performance at the finals, which saw Shafali Sharma (87 and 2/36) and Deepti Sharma (58 and 5/39) delivering all-round performances that would stay imprinted in the minds of millions and serve as a tale of inspiration for the cricketers of the future.

During interaction with President Droupadi Murmu, Harmanpreet Kaur said, "This tournament (ICC Women's World Cup) was very special for us. When we found out this tournament was being held in India, we decided we wouldn't let the trophy leave the country. We had the self-belief to win this tournament. We feel very happy to share this moment with you."

Murmu congratulated the members of the Indian Women's Cricket team and said that they have created history by winning the Cricket World Cup. Millions of Indians in every corner of the country and abroad are celebrating this victory at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Thursday.

Indian Women's team head coach Amol Muzumdar believed India's victory is not just for the team but for every Indian citizen.

"I believe this is a victory not just of the Indian Women's Cricket Team but every Indian," Amol Muzumdar said.

India's star performer in the Women's CWC, Jemimah Rodrigues, credited the BCCI for changes like pay parity and the Women's Premier League (WPL), and promised that the current team will carry forward the legacy and leave the sport in a better place for future generations.

DC releases captain Meg Lanning; retains India's two World Cup-winning stars

**New Delhi:**  
Delhi Capitals on Thursday announced the retention of key players as the team gears up for the new cycle of the Women's Premier League (WPL). In a surprise decision, the franchise has decided to release the experienced Australian batter Meg Lanning, who captained the Delhi Capitals to three consecutive finals but returned empty-handed.

After comprehensive assessments, the three-time finalists have decided to retain Jemimah Rodrigues, Shafali Verma, Marizanne Kapp, Annabel Sutherland and Niki Prasad ahead of this year's mega auction. Apart from Lanning, notable faces such as Alice Caspey, Arundhati Reddy, Jess Jonassen, and Radha Yadav have also been released before the auction. Jemimah and Shafali were part of India's triumphant World Cup-winning squad a few days ago, making go of players from such consistent, high-performing squad is never easy, but that's the challenge that comes with a mega auction. Every player has played a pivotal role in our journey so far. Although we nar-



rowly missed lifting the trophy, we're immensely proud of what this group has achieved in the first three seasons." "We're very satisfied with our retentions. Jemi, Shafali, Marizanne, Annabel and Niki form a strong core for us to build around. My best wishes to all the players, both retained and released, for the next phase of their careers. We're eagerly looking forward to the first-ever WPL mega auction. It promises to be exciting, and we hope this is the year we go one step further," he added. Kiran Kumar Grandhi, Chairman and Co-Owner of Delhi Capitals, added, "The WPL has been an incredible journey of growth, both for the sport and for women's cricket in India.

Marsh decodes factor behind Australia's 48-run defeat against "world-class"

**Queensland:**  
Captain Mitchell Marsh pinpointed the lack of partnerships as the key reason behind Australia's 48-run defeat against "world-class" India in the fourth T20 at Carrara Oval on Thursday.

Australia, bereft of its mainstays, including Josh Hazlewood, Pat Cummins and Travis Head, attempted to gain down India's sub-par target of 168. After the 37-run opening stand between Marsh and Matthew Short concluded, Australia's innings unravelled after the rest of the team failed to conjure another significant partnership.

Axar Patel pinned Short (25 off 10), who was the aggressor, in front of the stumps. Marsh and Josh Inglis forged a 30-run stand for the second wicket. Axar came back to haunt Australia and rattled Inglis's (12) stumps to open the floodgates. The hosts attempted to stitch a comeback but kept losing wickets at regular intervals as the required run rate climbed out of their reach.



Shivam Dube's length and pace outfoxed power-hitter Tim David (4), while Josh Philippe (10) went for a couple of hits but perished. Glenn Maxwell, who returned to Australia's T20 fold after an injury, tried to cut the ball, but Varun Chakaravarty's ball slipped past his bat and struck the timber. Marcus Stoinis went for a late surge, but Washington Sundar got the better of him as India raced to a 2-1 lead.

"Walking off, I thought around 167 was par on

that wicket. The wicket provided a few challenges with the bat. In those situations, you just need a couple of partnerships, and we weren't able to build that. So, fair play to India, they're a world-class team, especially in these conditions," Marsh said in the post-match presentation.

Marsh addressed the scarcity of the first-choice players but remained positive about giving opportunities to new faces leading into next year's World Cup in India and Sri Lanka. According to Marsh, players facing high-pressure situations before the following year's showpiece event will benefit from it.

"In an ideal world, you'd have your full-strength side every game, but some of the boys have a big series coming up. We also like giving guys opportunities leading into a World Cup. More opportunities, guys get in games like this with high pressure, I think it's great," Marsh concluded.

"Batting at No. 7 gave me chance to assess wicket": Axar Patel

**Queensland:**  
India's star all-rounder Axar Patel, on his brilliant performance against Australia in the fourth T20, believed batting at number 7 allowed him to assess the pitch, which had unexpected bounce and was slower than anticipated.

Patel stayed unbeaten on the crease in India's innings, scoring 21 off 11 balls to power his side to 167; he took only two wickets, removing Matthew Short and Josh Inglis. India squared off against Australia on 119 to post a commanding victory of 48 runs in the fourth T20 in Carrara on Thursday.

With this win, India leads the five-match T20 series 2-1. Australia fell well short of the target on a pitch that wasn't the easiest to play shots on. The spin trio of



Washington Sundar, Patel and Varun Chakaravarty combined to grab six wickets.

"I got a chance because I went into bat at number 7, so I think I had a chance to get to know the wicket. After I spoke with the batters, they were saying that the wicket is not coming on... There was

unexpected bounce and the wicket was a little bit slower, so I just held my position and hit. I think whenever the team needs me, that's my preferred (batting) position. If I have an impact for my team, I think that's the best game for me. I don't think that number 6 or 7 is my preferred position. I just go there

and think what my team needs now, I'll do that. I was thinking that was the batters' strength, so I was bowling according to my plan. If the batters are going to hit me down the line, then I can bowl in the middle-stump. Good length, 5-6m length and then if things are slipping from me, then I'll just bowl an odd full one. So that's my plan in these conditions, I think wicket to wicket is the most important thing," Patel said after the match.

Apart from the spinners, Shivam Dube returned figures of 2/20 from his two overs, while Washington Sundar was exceptional, taking 3/3 runs in 1.2 overs. Their efforts helped India bundle Australia to 119, sealing a comprehensive 48-run victory.

It's Harmanpreet's catch, which is actually bit less spoken about: Dinesh Karthik

**New Delhi:**  
Former Team India wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik hailed India's historic Women's World Cup triumph over South Africa, describing the atmosphere during the final as electric and unforgettable.

Reflecting on the iconic moment, Karthik said, "There is always a memory that will be in our mind when you think of a final. I think the Women's World Cup will have that Harmanpreet's catch, which is actually a bit less spoken about, but it's a big moment in Indian women's cricket. Girls have been waiting for close to 20-30 years for that moment."

He further added that the victory united players across generations, taking 3/3 runs in 1.2 overs. Their efforts helped India bundle Australia to 119, sealing a comprehensive 48-run victory.



"I was very happy and proud to be there and to be in that moment in whatever way possible. Most importantly, I was able to watch these young women do something so special."

Karthik drew parallels between the 1983 Men's World Cup win and India's 2025 Women's World Cup triumph, saying the victory will accelerate the growth of women's cricket in the country.

"I believe it's already growing and growing quickly. If you speak to anyone who is associated with the Women's Premier League (WPL), they can say exactly what the year-on-year growth has been and it's been quite good. They are pleased with the direction of women's cricket. This moment is only going to quicken the process," he noted.

AFC Champions League Two: Al Nassr thrash FC Goa 4-0 in Group D clash

**Riyadh:** FC Goa endured a challenging evening in Riyadh as they fell 0-4 to Saudi Arabian giants Al Nassr in their AFC Champions League Two Group D clash on Wednesday.

The hosts took an early grip on proceedings, moving the ball with assurance and forcing Goa onto the back foot. Their breakthrough arrived in the 35th minute when Abdulrahman Ghareeb curled home a superb free-kick, setting the tone for the night, as reported by the ISL official website.

Despite the setback, Goa did not retreat into their shell. The Gaurs looked to build back when possible, showing intent in transition and composure in possession under pressure. After the restart, Al Nassr's individual quality was once again on display as Ghareeb struck for his second before Mohammed Maran and Joo Felix added to the tally.

FC Goa's Head coach Manolo Marquez introduced a series of young Indian players in the second half, including Rabeeh and Ayush Chhetri, to inject fresh energy and intent. While Al Nassr's super sub Joo Felix hit the mark at the other end with a late goal, FC Goa's own super sub Rabeeh nearly made his impact felt too, pressing high to chase down a loose ball and almost capitalising before the goalkeeper intervened at the last moment.

Though the scoreline reflected the hosts' superiority, Goa's endeavour never waned. The team continued to push forward in spells and remained committed to their attacking principles against a world-class opponent. In the end, Al Nassr's experience and finishing quality proved decisive.

With their continental campaign nearing its close, FC Goa will now turn their attention back home to domestic duties preparing for the semi-finals of the AIFC Super Cup 2025-26, where they will look to channel the lessons from this outing into another spirited performance on Indian soil.

## Ahead of season 4, UP Warriorz look to make fresh start at WPL mega auction

**Mumbai:** One of the founding franchises in the Women's Premier League (WPL), UP Warriorz are looking to hit a reboot for Season 4 of the tournament.

Ahead of the WPL Mega Auction, the franchise, under the new coach Abhishek Nayyar, has retained only the dynamic young Shweta Sehrawat from the uncapped Indian category, as per a release from UP Warriorz.

Amongst released players from UP, there are several big names: Skipper Alyssa Healy, Deepti Sharma, Kranthi Goud, Sophie Ecclestone, Grace Harris, Tahliha McGrath, and Alana King.

The UP Warriorz, who have always been one of the more entertaining teams in the competition, have also produced some scintillating performances over the last three years. However, with the results not al-



UP Warriorz aim for a fresh start at WPL Season 4 mega auction

ways going UP Warriorz's way, the team changed tracks and appointed Abhishek Nayyar as the head coach, the first Indian head coach in the WPL at that point, with an eye on shaping a new era for the franchise.

The UP Warriorz, who qualified for the playoffs of the WPL in the inaugural season, will enter the mega auction with 4 RTMs available, which can be exercised for the players from their 2025

player roster. The UP Warriorz are poised to approach the auction with a clear vision to build a balanced and competitive team that reflects the franchise's values and ambitions for the upcoming season.

Speaking on the development, head coach Abhishek Nayyar said, "The UP Warriorz have had some tremendous players in the past seasons, but as we enter a new cycle in the WPL, it is essential to make a fresh start. This does not in any way close the doors for our players to come back to the set-up, and we are working on this with a new plan, and we are confident that the WPL Mega Auction will help us restructure our squad in a way that benefits the UP Warriorz."

Kshemal Waingankar, COO, UP Warriorz, said, "This decision marks a fresh beginning for us as we prepare for the new season. The size of our purse and the Right to Match mechanism allows us to plan strategically and also gives our Head Coach, Abhishek Nayyar, the flexibility of building the most appropriate combination that would allow us to compete for the title."

## Rajasthan United chase semi-final berth, face Sporting Club Delhi in must-win clash

**Bambolim:** Rajasthan United FC will look horns with Sporting Club Delhi on Thursday in a crucial AIFC Super Cup Group D encounter, with the former needing a big win to keep their semi-final hopes alive.

The newly formed Delhi-based club are out of the semi-final race after suffering back-to-back defeats against Mumbai City FC and Kerala Blasters FC in their opening two games, but would be keen to depart the AIFC Super Cup with a first-ever win for the club.

Sporting Club Delhi will rely on their promising young players, such as Ramhunchunga and Sourav, and experienced players like Andrei Albu and Riberio to reborn Rajasthan United's defence.

Rajasthan United FC currently sits in second place in Group D with three points, having won their match against Mumbai City FC thanks to a late first-half strike from Robinson Blanton, and anything less than a win will see them eliminated from the

tournament. As for the Qualification Scenario, Rajasthan United must defeat the Sporting Club Delhi by a margin of at least four goals and hope that Mumbai City FC defeats Kerala Blasters by a score of 1-0.

In the second game of the day, Mumbai City FC will face off against Kerala Blasters FC in a highly anticipated final group stage game of the AIFC Super Cup 2025-26 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Fatorada.

The match promises to be an intense encounter, with both teams vying for a spot in the semi-finals. Kerala Blasters FC currently lead Group D with six points, while Mumbai City FC are third with three points, trailing Rajasthan United on head-to-head after a surprise 0-1 defeat against them in the last game.

Given the intense nature of the match, MCFC will rely on the combinatorial play of Jorge Ortiz, Chhangee, Pereyra Diaz and Vikram Paripat Singh to come out top against the Blasters.

## Hockey India announces Trophy Tour across 20 cities

**New Delhi:** With just weeks to go for the start of the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2025 in Tamil Nadu, Hockey India today announced a nationwide Trophy Tour, during which the prestigious World Cup trophy will travel across 20 cities in India, as per a release from Hockey India.

The Trophy Tour will officially kick off on November 7 during the Hockey India Centenary Celebrations at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi, in the presence of Union Minister for youth affairs and sports, Mansukh Mandaviya, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development of Tamil Nadu, Edhayandhi Stalin, FIH President Dato Tayyab Ikram, Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey, Secretary General, Bhola Nath Singh and Treasurer Sekar J Manoharan.

The tour aims to build excitement and connect hockey fans across the nation in the lead-up to



the global event, which will be held from November 28 to December 10 in Chennai and Madurai. The trophy will travel through 20 cities before returning to Tamil Nadu, giving fans across the country a chance to witness the trophy up close.

Speaking about the announcement, Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey said, "The idea behind the Trophy Tour is to take the excitement of the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup to every corner of India. This is a historic moment for Indian hockey as we

host the largest-ever edition of the Junior World Cup with 24 teams. We want hockey fans across the country to feel a part of this celebration and to send their best wishes to the Indian team before they begin their campaign in Chennai," as quoted from a release by Hockey India.

Hockey India Secretary General Bhola Nath Singh added, "Right from Jammu and Kashmir in the North to Kerala in the south, the Trophy Tour is a unique initiative that unites the hockey fraternity ahead of this prestigious event."

### Breaking Time

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## People's ArmWrestling Federation of India announces hosting of 2026 World Championships

**Mumbai:** In what is a landmark development for the sport of armwrestling, the People's ArmWrestling Federation of India (PAFI) has announced that India will host the upcoming World ArmWrestling Championships next year in October.

The championship is expected to feature approximately 1,500-2,000 athletes from 75 countries, competing across multiple categories. PAFI said in a statement. This announcement also marks another major opportunity for India to establish itself as a powerhouse in armwrestling, following the successful Asian ArmWrestling Cup in Mumbai in October 2024 and the Asian ArmWrestling Championship 2025 in New Delhi.

Hosting such a prestigious tournament not only underlines the ever-increasing popularity of armwrestling in the country but also showcases India as a global hub for the sport at the



India to host 2026 World ArmWrestling Championships

highest level. Alongside international tournaments, India is also home to the world's biggest professional arm-wrestling competition, the Pro Panja League. The league is also home to the world's biggest professional arm-wrestling competition, the Pro Panja League. The league is also home to the world's biggest professional arm-wrestling competition, the Pro Panja League.

championships to India is a moment of immense pride for PAFI and for the nation. The federation looks forward to working closely with government authorities and stakeholders to ensure the tournament's resounding success. Assen Hadjitodorov, President, World ArmWrestling Federation stated, "India's rise in the global armwrestling community over the past five years has been nothing short of remarkable. Under the visionary leadership of

Ms. Preeti Jhangiani, the People's Armwrestling Federation of India (PAFI) has transformed the sport into a cultural and competitive force. Their commitment to excellence, authenticity, and athlete welfare was on full display during the Asian Armwrestling Championship, which left a lasting impression on all of us. It is with great pride and confidence that I announce India as the host of the 2026 World Armwrestling Championship. The World will witness not only elite competition, but also the spirit and hospitality that make India a true powerhouse in our sport," as quoted from a release by PAFI.

Speaking on the occasion, Preeti Jhangiani, President of PAFI and Vice President of Asian ArmWrestling Federation (AAF) shared, "To have the honour of being the host for the World ArmWrestling Championship is a matter of great pride, not only for our federation but also our country. This is the

moment for India to shine in the armwrestling world and another chance to showcase itself as an emerging sporting nation. We look forward to this huge opportunity, and I am sure we will rise together to face any challenges that come our way."

Parvinn Dabass, Co-Founder of Pro Panja League said, "We have been growing from strength to strength every year and we have seen a huge explosion of armwrestling events in India, which is reflected in the upward trend of participation numbers as well. We're delighted with how the Pro Panja League has played its part in promoting the league in every corner of the country, and the rights of the World ArmWrestling Championship is going to further fuel the rise of the sport. This is also a huge opportunity for our athletes to gain international exposure on the world stage, while rubbing shoulders with the best athletes in the world."

## Harsh Malhotra launches Sansad Khel Mahotsav 2025 at East Vinod Nagar Sports Complex

**New Delhi:** The Sansad Khel Mahotsav 2025 East Delhi, a flagship initiative to promote local sporting talent and physical fitness, was inaugurated on Thursday at the East Vinod Nagar Sports Complex, according to an official press release.

Harsh Malhotra, Union Minister of State for Corporate Affairs and Road, Transport & Highways, graced the occasion as the chief guest, alongside Vjender Dharma Ji, District President, BJP Mayur Vihar Zila, Ravinder Singh Negi, MLA of Patparganj and other officials.

In his address, Minister Malhotra emphasised the importance of building a robust sporting culture at the grassroots level, echoing Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji's vision for a 'Viksit Bharat'. The minister highlighted the significance of physical fitness for all age groups, lauding the phenomenal participation of youth which testifies to their boundless energy and spirit. Malhotra underscored



Harsh Malhotra inaugurates Sansad Khel Mahotsav 2025 in East Vinod Nagar

that the Sansad Khel Mahotsav aims not only to promote sports and fitness but also to identify and nurture genuine talent, guiding the youth towards building a stronger nation.

Quoting the 5 S's of Sports - Speed, Stamina, Skill, Strength, and Spirit - the minister Malhotra emphasised that spirit is the greatest of all. He also mentioned the landmark Khelo Bharat Niti 2025, which aims to reshape the country's sporting landscape and empower citizens through sports. The minister stressed that sports should be given equal importance as education and culture, highlighting the role of such initiatives in nurturing India's future sports champions. The Sansad Khel Mahotsav will feature 11 competitions across various disciplines, including athletics, kabaddi, kho-kho, volleyball, wrestling, football, and other sports, ensuring participation for boys and girls across different age categories. Malhotra stated that exceptional performers will be provided support and pathways to district, state, and national-level competitions.



# Kiran Rao Joins BAFTA Winner Ben Crichton at WAVES 2025

Mumbai India's premier film market, WAVES Film Bazaar, organised by National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), has unveiled selections across categories for its 19th edition which is set to run from November 20-24 in Goa alongside the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), reported Variety.

According to the outlet, this year's edition brings together a mix of renowned filmmakers across the Co-Production Market, Work-in-Progress Lab and Viewing Room categories.

Among the renowned names, Kiran Rao returns with 'Shadow Hill: Of Spirits and Men' produced under her Kindling Pictures banner, reported Variety.

Filmmaker Vikramaditya Motwane is attached as producer on 'Teacher's Pet,' while BAFTA-winning director Ben Crichton will present the U.K.-India documentary 'The Maharaja and Me,' at the event.

Shakun Batra's Jouska Films production 'Kanda (No Onions),' and Oscar-nominated director Shaunak Sen's production 'Tyres Will Be Deflated,' are some

of the other notable names in Waves Bazaar Film Bazaar selections this year.

The Co-Production Market this year features 22 narrative projects and five documentaries spanning 19 languages and eight countries.

The three NFDC Hand-picked Focused Projects, 'Shamed,' 'Smash' and 'Tiger in the Lion Den' - spotlight bold cross-border collaborations, while a partnership with Singapore's Asia TV Forum & Market (ATF) introduces the Philippines-Singapore co-production 'Gloria,' reported Variety.



## 'Call My Agent' star Camille Cottin to host 51st Cesar Awards 2026

Washington The French show 'Call My Agent' star Camille Cottin has been tapped to host the 51st Cesar Awards ceremony, France's equivalent to the Oscars, reported Variety.

The ceremony will take place on February 27 at the Olympia theatre in Paris, and is being organised by the Academie des Arts et Techniques du Cinema and Canal+, its main sponsor.

According to the outlet, Cottin broke out internationally playing Andrea, a fearless and funny talent agent in Fanny Herrero's 'Call My Agent' and went on to star in the BBC series 'Killing Eve.'

Cottin has since established herself as one of the most versatile talents in French cinema. Her big-screen breakout came with 'Connasse, princesse des coeurs,' the feature adaptation of her Canal+ series by the same name, which earned her a Cesar nomination for most promising actress in 2016.

She's worked with a roster of top French filmmakers, including Cedric Klapisch ('Deux Moi'), Christophe Honore ('Chambre 212'), Emmanuel Mouret ('Trois amies'), and Bruno Dumont ('L'Empire').

Cottin has also made her mark internationally, starring opposite Matt Damon in Tom McCarthy's 'Stillwater,' and starring in Ridley Scott's 'House of Gucci' alongside Lady Gaga and Adam Driver.

She also joined Kenneth Branagh's ensemble in 'Murder on the Orient Express.'

According to Variety, Cottin's recent credits include Pierre Schoeller's 'Rembrandt,' Nathan Ambrosioni's 'Les Enfants vont bien,' and Tamara Stepanyan's 'Le Pays d'Arto.'

## Soha Ali Khan Recounts Shocking Break-In at Her Flat

Mumbai Bollywood actress Soha Ali Khan recalled the burglary attempt at her house and revealed how her husband and actor Kunal Kemmu dealt with the intruder.

While discussing the burglary incident that happened at her brother Saif Ali Khan's residence earlier this year, Soha Ali Khan, in an exclusive interview with ANI, recalled a burglary attempt that took place at her Mumbai home 10 years ago.

"My own flat was burgled, was broken into 10 years ago, and Kunal caught the thief. So for my mother, both her children's flats in Mumbai have been broken into. So then we feel like, oh, it's quite close to home, literally. We don't live in that house anymore, but when I lived there, it was on the first floor," said Soha Ali Khan.

The incident occurred in 2011, when Kunal Kemmu and Soha Ali Khan were dating each other. A burglary attempt was carried out at Soha Ali Khan's flat.

When the couple heard an unusual voice, Kunal went in and saw the robber attempting to break into the residence.

As the robber tried to flee and lost his balance, Kunal rushed downstairs, overpowered him and handed him to the police.

While sharing her observations from the incident, the 'Tum Mile' actor said that her home was easily "accessible" from the road, which made the burglary attempt easier. She also believes that such incidents usually take place in the early mornings when everyone is "deep asleep".

She continued, "It was so easily accessible from the road. And now, of course, grills and things have been put into place, even in that building. Mumbai is quite a populated city. You know, I also lived on a road where there's a hospital and people are constantly working. These things tend to happen around 3 or 4 in the morning when you're probably deep asleep."

## Money is very important... : Soha Ali Khan advocates financial independence

Mumbai Actor Soha Ali Khan shared that her definition of success extends beyond fame, highlighting that she has always prioritised financial independence.

Acknowledging her privileges, Soha, daughter of veteran actress Sharmila Tagore and late legendary cricketer Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi, said "I have never chased success. I'm assuming success equals to fame and fortune. And that has never, you know, it's privileged to say, but it's never been a driving force."

"Also because I have the security of a certain amount of money, certain amount of family security. So I'm able



to say that. And I understand that that comes from privilege. But also having seen fame and fortune very

closely in the people that I love around me, I've understood that it's very fleeting. It comes and goes. And it should not define your sense of self. Money is very, very... Important," she added.

Soha shared that being able to earn her own money and use it to buy the things she wants gives her a genuine sense of joy.

She also said real happiness comes from spending quality time with "people I am very close to."

"We all should be able to earn a certain amount of money to be able to afford certain things that make us happy. And that can range from here to there, but a certain basic standard of living for me, the things that are important I want to earn

## Jennifer Lawrence joins forces with Emma Stone to produce 'Miss Piggy'

Los Angeles The Muppet diva 'Miss Piggy' is finally getting her own movie, and Hollywood stars Jennifer Lawrence, Emma Stone and Cole Escola have teamed up to bring it to life.

After more than 50 years of stealing the spotlight from Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy will be the main star of her own film for the first time. The project is being developed by Jennifer Lawrence and Emma Stone, with comedian and writer Cole Escola handling the script.

According to Deadline, Lawrence shared the news during her appearance on Bowen Yang and Matt Rogers' Las Culturistas podcast.

"I don't know if I can announce this, but I'm just going to," she prefaced on Bowen Yang and Matt Rogers' Las Culturistas podcast, as per Deadline. "Emma Stone and I are producing a Miss Piggy movie and Cole is writing it."

When asked if she and Stone will also appear in the film, Lawrence replied, "I think so, we have to."

She didn't reveal any details about the story, and



there's been no official word yet from Disney or The Jim Henson Company. Miss Piggy, who first appeared on The Muppet Show in 1976, began as a background character before becoming one

## Riddhima Kapoor Sahni's cute birthday wish for niece Raha Kapoor



Mumbai Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt's daughter Raha Kapoor turned three on Thursday, November 6, and love poured in from all corners. Among the first to wish the little one was her doting aunt, Riddhima Kapoor Sahni, who called Raha the "cutest little star" in a post that won hearts online.

Taking to her Instagram Stories, Riddhima shared an adorable message that read, "Three years of sweetness, snuggles & smiles. Happy Birthday my Raru Paru. You are the cutest little star in our sky. I love you!" The touching note gave fans a glimpse of the adorable bond she shares with her niece.

Alia and Ranbir tied the



knot in April 2022, after dating for several years. Their daughter, Raha, was born in November 2022. On Christmas 2023, Ranbir and Alia surprised their fans by making their first public appearance with Raha.

In March, Alia and Ranbir met with paps in Mumbai and requested them to stop using Raha's pictures without their consent. Ranbir said, "Mein Mumbai mein pala bada hua hu. Hum industry mein born hue hai. All of you guys are family. Aise koi legal route lene ki humko jarurat nahi hai. Hum aap log ko bulaate hai aap se vinti karte hai aap log sunte ho. We all give words to each other aisa nahi ki hum use case kar denge, hum use case kar denge. (I have been born and bought up in Mumbai and all of you are like family. So, it's not like we will take the legal route. We call all of you here and request you'll as you'll listen and respect our decision)"

He added, "Aap logo ko bula kar hum bas vinti kar rahi for the betterment of our child. It might sound like a privileged problem, I understand that."