



Jasmine, Minakshi Clinch gold medals
Jasmine Lamboria and Minakshi Hooda cemented their place in Indian boxing history here, clinching World Championship titles with gritty wins as the country capped off its best-ever campaign in the women's section on foreign soil.

The way forward for Telangana's new education policy
Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had announced recently that the Telangana New Education Policy (TNEP), slated to be introduced soon will bring significant reforms and ensure quality education to all sections.

Market course hinges on Q2 earnings, global cues
Supported by news flow of easing India-US trade tensions, expectations of rate cut by the US Federal Reserve and reports that the EU may reject US tariff proposals on India's Russian oil imports;marketstraded with positive bias helping indices.

Faria Abdullah redefines elegance with fierce maroon saree look
Actress Faria Abdullah has once again set fashion goals with her latest photoshoot, where she transforms a timeless saree into a statement of raw power and grace. Draped in a maroon silk saree embellished with delicate golden motifs.



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WOMAN
gangraped in Bhubaneswar

BHUBANESWAR: A woman was allegedly raped by three persons at a lodge in Odisha's Bhubaneswar, police said on Sunday. The accused were arrested on Saturday, and they have confessed to the crime, a police officer said. The incident took place on September 10 after the accused took her to the lodge in Chandrasekhar-pur area in Bhubaneswar and offered her a sedative-laced drink, according to the police complaint. They had lured the woman, who is a singer, with the assurance of handing her a big musical project, the officer said. Further investigation is underway, the officer said.

Maoist killed in gunfight with security forces

PALAMU: A Maoist was killed in a gunfight with security forces in Jharkhand's Palamu district on Sunday morning, the police said. An encounter broke out in a forest area on the border of Manatu and Tarhasi police stations' jurisdiction this morning, and after the operation, the body of a red rebel and a rifle were recovered from there, Jharkhand police IG (operations) and spokesperson Michael Raj S said. The identity of the deceased is yet to be ascertained, the police officer said, adding that it appears to be the body of Mukhdev Yadav, a self-styled commander of Maoist splinter group Tritiya Sammelan Prastuti Committee (TSPC).

Two brothers shot dead in UP's Jaunpur

JAUNPUR: Two brothers were shot dead by unknown assailants in Ramnagar area Jaunpur, the police said on Sunday. Superintendent of police Dr Kaustubh said Shahjahan (60) and Jahangir (48), residents of Majhgawan village, were returning to their home on Saturday night when when some bike-borne assailants opened fire. While Shahjahan died on the spot, Jahangir succumbed to injuries while being taken to the hospital. The bodies have been sent for postmortem, the police said, adding the motive behind the crime is not known.

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'Cong backing Pak-groomed terrorists instead of supporting Army'

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MANGALDOI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday alleged that the Congress, instead of supporting the country's army, was backing terrorists groomed by Pakistan. Addressing a programme at Mangaldoi in Assam's Darrang district, he accused the grand old party of "protecting" infiltrators and anti-national forces. The prime minister also asserted that the BJP would "not allow infiltrators to grab land and conspire to change the demography". "The Congress, instead of supporting the In-

- BJP will not allow infiltrators to grab land and conspire to change the demography
- PM lays foundation stones for health, infra projects worth Rs 6,300 cr in Darrang
- PM inaugurates Rs 5,000 crore bamboo-based ethanol plant in Numaligarh



dian Army, backs terrorists groomed by Pakistan. During 'Operation Sindoor', the Congress, instead of supporting our armed forces, which destroyed the

terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan, was engaged in protecting infiltrators and anti-national forces," the PM alleged, while addressing the public meeting.

'Operation Sindoor' was successful due to Ma Kamakhya's blessings, Modi said, adding that he was honoured to be present on this sacred land.

Earthquake of 5.8 magnitude hits parts of north-east region

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- Residents in Arunachal Pradesh's capital Itanagar ran out of their houses and shops in panic

GUWAHATI

AN earthquake of 5.8 magnitude struck parts of the north-east region of the country on Sunday, officials said. There was no immediate report of any loss of life or damage to property, they said. The epicentre of the earthquake that took place at 4.41 pm on Sunday, was



in Udalguri district, the officials said. The depth of the quake was 5 km. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, in a post on X, said, "The epicentre (of the earthquake) was

near Udalguri. So far, there has been no report of any major damage or loss of life. We are actively monitoring the situation." Residents of Udalguri, Sonitpur, Tamulpur, Nalbari and several other districts in

Assam felt the tremors. Panic-gripped people were seen rushing out of their residences in Guwahati. People of the western parts of Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh also felt the jolt. Residents in Arunachal Pradesh's capital Itanagar ran out of their houses and shops in panic. According to state disaster management secretary Dani Sulu, no reports of structural damage or casualties have been reported from the state so far. "The situation is being closely monitored, but there is no cause for alarm," he said. The northeastern states fall in the high seismic zone, and earthquakes frequently hit the region.

Eye helpline connects patients' across the country with doctors

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NEW DELHI

MAKING eye care accessible to citizens, a team of leading ophthalmologists in Delhi have launched a national eye helpline number to connect doctors with patients from all over the country. The initiative, spearheaded under the banner of Sight Sarthi India Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation, promises free telephonic and video consultations for anyone across the country struggling with eye problems. Headed by Dr Ikeda Lal, cornea, cataract and refractive surgeon and medical director at Delhi Eye Centre, the helpline is set to become a lifeline for millions - especially those in remote towns and villages who often struggle to access quality ophthalmic care. With a dedicated team of leading ophthalmologists from



Delhi, the project is designed to break barriers of geography, cost, and access. From cataract and refractive errors to preventable blindness, millions either delay or avoid treatment due to lack of access or high cost of travel, Dr Lal said. "The newly launched helpline bridges this gap by offering free consultations with some of Delhi's top specialists, the option of second opinions for patients wishing to reconfirm their diagnosis or treatment, and easily accessible care for people in rural and remote areas through free of cost telephonic and video consultations," she said.

This means that a villager in the hills of Uttarakhand, a student in Bihar, or a factory worker in Rajasthan can now directly connect with Delhi's finest eye doctors without leaving their home, Dr Lal said. "No one in India should lose vision just because they couldn't reach the right doctor at the right time. With the National Eye Helpline 9990-666-872, we are erasing the boundaries of geography and cost. A single phone call can now connect you with some of the finest ophthalmologists in Delhi. This helpline is not only for patients but also for families seeking clarity in treatment decisions. We are also focusing on offering second opinions through the helpline. People can call us, share their reports over video consultation, and get clarity," Dr Lal said.

GST reforms huge victory for every citizen: Nirmala

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CHENNAI

UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday said that the GST reforms are a huge victory for each and every citizen of the country. Taking into account that every state in India has its own festivals, it has been decided to implement the GST reforms much ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's instruction of launching them before Deepavali festival, Sitharaman said at an event in Chennai. In her address at the joint conclave of the trade and industries association on "Tax Reforms for Rising Bharat" organised by Chennai Citizens



Forum, she said the beneficial impact of Goods and Services Tax would be there for all products from the start of the day till people go to bed. Explaining some of the key initiatives, Sitharaman said 99 per cent of all the goods which were earlier taxed 12 per cent under GST have now been reduced to 5 per cent. The latest set of GST reforms are set to come into force from September 22.

Noting that the GST Council has reduced the tax rates for over 350 items, she pointed out that the Centre has introduced only 5 and 28 per cent slabs instead of the earlier practice of levying taxes under different slabs. "We have also simplified the procedure for the traders also. There is no 28 per cent GST tax on any product," she remarked. Referring to the increase in tax base from traders, she said before the GST was introduced in 2017, there were only 66 lakh traders who used to file their taxes. But today, 1.5 crore businesses have come under the GST fold in the last 8 years.

Karki says her name came from the streets

KATHMANDU: Nepal's interim Prime Minister Sushila Karki on Sunday said she will govern by the demands of the very generation that brought her to power. "We have to work according to the thinking of the Gen Z generation. ... What this group is demanding is end of corruption, good governance and economic equality," said Karki, in her first public comments since assuming office on Friday. The 73-year-old Karmi, a former chief justice of the Supreme Court, took office after a week of youth-led demonstrations forced out her predecessor K.P. Sharma Oli. Karki, appointed after two days of negotiations between President Ram Chandra

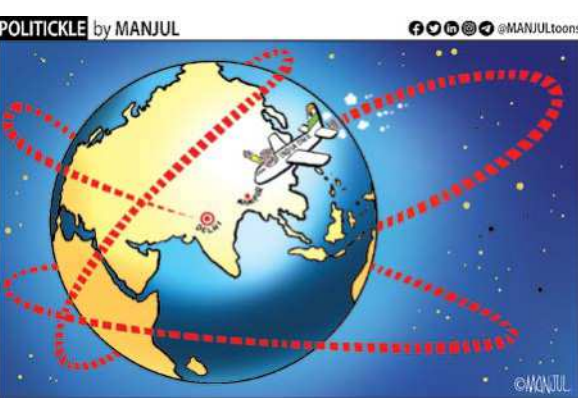


Paudel, army chief General Ashok Raj Sigdel, and representatives of the youth protest movement, said she would not extend her tenure beyond six months. "We will not stay here more than six months in any situation, we will complete our responsibilities and pledge to hand over to the next Parliament and ministers," she said. Parliament has been dissolved, with fresh elections scheduled for March 5, 2026.

TRUMP'S 100% TARIFFS THREAT 'We don't take part in wars': China

BEIJING: China has hit back at the US over President Donald Trump's proposal that NATO impose 50-100% tariffs on Beijing over its purchase of Russian oil. Reiterating that Beijing is committed to promoting peace talks for resolving hot-spot issues, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang

Yi has said wars cannot solve problems and highlighted that sanctions would only complicate them. He made the remarks at a press conference in Ljubljana on Saturday, after meeting Slovenia's Deputy PM and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Tanja Fajon, China Daily reported.



Beggars' homes maintained by State not discretionary charity: SC

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A beggars' home maintained by the state is not a discretionary charity and its administration must reflect the values of constitutional morality, the Supreme Court said while issuing a slew of directions to ensure that dignified living conditions are maintained continuously at such centres. A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan said all the states and Union Territories are required to institutionalise reforms in beggars' homes and analogous institutions under their

'Failure to ensure humane conditions in such homes does not merely amount to maladministration; it constitutes a constitutional breach of the fundamental right to life with dignity'

control, so that the constitutional guarantee of life with dignity is meaningfully secured for this most vulner-



able section of society. The top court said the failure to ensure humane conditions in such homes does not merely amount to maladministration; it constitutes a constitutional breach of the fundamental right to

life with dignity. "This judicial articulation leaves no doubt that the state's responsibility towards indigent persons is affirmative and non-derogable. A beggars' home, maintained by the state, is thus a

constitutional trust, not a discretionary charity. Its administration must reflect the values of constitutional morality - ensuring liberty, privacy, bodily autonomy, and dignified living conditions," the bench said. The apex court said every individual admitted to a beggars' home shall mandatorily undergo a medical screening by a qualified medical officer within 24 hours of admission. "Monthly health check-ups shall be conducted for all inmates by a designated medical team. A disease surveillance and early warning system shall be established

at all beggars' homes, with special protocols for prevention, detection, and containment of communicable and waterborne diseases. "All the state governments/UTs shall frame, notify, and strictly enforce minimum hygiene and sanitation standards at beggars' homes, which shall mandatorily include continuous access to potable drinking water, functional toilets with proper drainage system, and regular pest control and vector management measures," the bench said. The directions came in a case arising out of an incident at a beggars' home

in Lampur in North Delhi district, where contamination of drinking and cooking water with coliform bacteria resulted in an outbreak of cholera and gastroenteritis among the inmates. The top court directed that all the state governments/UTs shall conduct an independent third-party infrastructure audit of every beggars' home within their jurisdiction at least once every two years. Occupancy in each beggars' home shall not exceed its sanctioned capacity, so as to prevent overcrowding and the spread of communicable diseases, it said.