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4 killed as passanger train rams into goods train

BILASPUR: At least 4 persons were killed and many injured after a passenger train collided with a goods train near Bilaspur station in Chhattisgarh on Tuesday, railway officials said. Police officials said that several other passengers sustained injuries in the accident and some of them were still trapped under a coach of the passenger train. The incident took place around 4 pm when the MEMU (mainline electric multiple unit) passenger train was heading to Bilaspur from Gevra (in neighbouring Korba district), the railway officials said.

9 climbers dead in avalanches in Nepal

KATHMANDU: At least nine climbers, including two Nepalese guides, have been killed in two separate avalanches in Nepal, officials said on Tuesday. Seven climbers were buried in an avalanche near Mt. Yalung Ri (6,920m) under Gaurishanker Rural Municipality at around 10 am on Monday while attempting to scale the peak, said Deputy Superintendent of Police Gyan Kumar Mahato. A joint rescue mission have been mobilised to retrieve the bodies of the seven climbers, he said. The deceased climbers include two Nepali citizens, two Italians identified as Paolo Cocco and Marco Di Marcello, a Canadian, a French, and a German national.

Drone recovered from field in J-K's Poonch

MENDHAR/JAMMU: A drone was recovered from a field in a village in Mendhar sector of Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Tuesday, officials said. The drone was recovered by the Special Operations Group (SOG) of local police from village Sakhi Maidan, which is around six km aerial distance from the Line of Control (LoC), the officials said. The SOG team was rushed to the village following information about the presence of a drone-like object in an open field. The drone was subsequently seized, the officials said, adding police have launched an investigation into the origins of the drone.

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Delhi was 6th most polluted Indian city in Oct

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DELHI was ranked the sixth most polluted city in the country in October, behind neighbouring Ghaziabad and Noida, according to a study.

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the Monthly Air Quality Snapshot released by the Centre for Research on



Energy and Clean Air (CREA) on Tuesday. It provided a

comprehensive analysis of India's air quality based on continuous ambient air

quality monitoring station (CAAQMS) data.

The findings revealed a sharp deterioration in air quality across the country, with worsening conditions concentrated in the Indo-Gangetic Plain (IGP), particularly the National Capital Region (NCR), an official statement said.

Delhi ranked sixth with an average concentration of 107 µg/m³, three times higher than its September average

of 36 µg/m³.

Despite stubble burning contributing less than 6 per cent of Delhi's PM2.5 levels in October, the sharp rise highlights the impact of year-round emission sources and the need for long-term mitigation plans beyond short seasonal measures like the Graded Response Action Plan, it noted.

Dharuhera was ranked as the most polluted city in October, with a monthly

average PM2.5 concentration of 123 µg/m³, breaching the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) limit on 77 per cent of the days.

It recorded two 'Severe' and nine 'Very Poor' days during the month. Following Dharuhera, the next most polluted cities were Rohtak, Ghaziabad, Noida, Ballabgarh, Delhi, Bhiwadi, Greater Noida, Hapur, and Gurgaon.

FIR filed against Union Minister

Rajiv Ranjan Singh landed in a fresh controversy following of a video in which he can be purportedly heard asking NDA supporters to intimidate the opponents on polling day

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PATNA

AN FIR was registered against Union minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan' on Tuesday for making a controversial statement against opposition leaders during campaigning for arrested JD(U) candidate Anant Singh in Bihar's Mokama, the Patna district administration said.

The Minister landed in a fresh controversy with the surfacing of a video in which he can be purportedly heard asking NDA supporters to intimidate the opponents on polling day.

"The video footage was examined by the District Administration, Patna. Following the investigation, an FIR has been registered against Lalan Singh alias Rajiv Ranjan Singh under the sections of the BNSS and the Representation of the People Act," the Patna district administration said in a post on X. The video is said to be of Mokama, which falls under Lalan's Munger Lok Sabha seat, where the former JD(U) president's defence of party candidate Anant



NDA to win 142 seats

As per Polstrat survey findings NDA is expected to win 133-142 seats, while the grand alliance is likely to emerge victorious in 80-88 seats.

Singh in a murder case has already drawn flak from the Opposition.

In the video, Lalan could be heard saying, in Magahi, that "There are some people out here whom you must not allow to venture out on polling day. Lock them up inside their homes. If they cajole you, accompany them to polling booths and ensure that they go home after casting their vote."

Lalan's latest video, the authenticity of which could not be independently verified by PTI, went viral on social

media.

Controversial former Bihar MLA, Anant Singh, who seeks to reclaim Mokama seat, along with his two other associates -- Manikant Thakur and Ranjeet Ram -- were arrested in the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday in connection with the murder of Jan Suraj Party supporter Dular Chand Yadav.

Yadav died while he was campaigning for Jan Suraj Party's candidate Piyush Priyadarshi in Mokama area last week.

PM wants youth to be addicted to reels: Rahul

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AURANGABAD

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants the youth to remain busy in making social media reels, so that they stay distracted from pressing problems about education, health and employment.

Addressing back-to-back rallies in Bihar's Aurangabad and Gayaji, Gandhi charged the PM with promoting "addiction" to social media.

"Modi wants you to become addicted to making reels, Instagram, Facebook... This is the new high ('nasha') of the 21st century. He wants such a scenario because this



would ensure that the youth remain distracted, and do not hold his government accountable for their problems about education, health and employment," he alleged.

Gandhi also claimed that Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah "were indulging in 'vote chori' (vote theft) in Bihar, as they know the

NDA would not win the assembly polls".

The former Congress president also rebutted repeated assertions by the BJP and other NDA leaders that his party, in alliance with the RJD, would bring back "jungle raj" if voted to power in Bihar, and alleged that the PM was promoting lawlessness through vote theft.

Meanwhile, Rahul kicked up a row after he said the Army is 'under the control of 10 per cent of the country's population (referring to the so-called upper castes)'.

"The remaining 90 per cent - backward classes, Dalits, scheduled tribes, and other minorities - are nowhere to be seen," he said.

103 ancient gold coins unearthed from TN temple

TIRUVANNAMALAI

OVER 100 ancient gold coins were unearthed from a temple which was under renovation near the Javvadu hills here, police said on Tuesday. As many as 103 antique gold coins were recovered from a mud pot that was discovered while the renovation work for the sanctum sanctorum of the main deity at the Sivan temple was underway on November 3 in neighbouring Kovilur. "Nearly 103 gold coins from a (mud) pot were discovered while the construction work was going on , " a senior police official of the Polur Police Station told PTI on Tuesday.

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Mamata tears into BJP, EC over SIR

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KOLKATA

SIR OF ELECTORAL ROLLS BEGINS IN BENGAL AMID TECH GLITCHES

MOUNTING a blistering attack on the BJP and the EC, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday accused them of turning the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter lists into a political tool for a 'silent, invisible rigging' ahead of the 2026 Assembly polls.

She warned that the fall of the Narendra Modi government would be "inevitable" if even a single eligible voter was deleted from West Bengal's rolls during the SIR conducted by the Election Commission (EC) in the state.

Leading a massive anti-SIR rally through the heart of Kolkata, from Dharmatala to Jorasanko - the ancestral home of Rabindranath Tagore, the CM, accompanied by her nephew and TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, alleged that the BJP and the EC were "colluding to erase voters from opposition-ruled states" while sparing the ones governed by the saffron party.

Will secure record win, 'jungle raj' will suffer worst defeat: PM

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asserted that the people of Bihar have made up their mind to ensure that the NDA breaks the record of its scale of victory in the last 20 years, while the "jungle raj people" would suffer their worst defeat at the hustings in the state.

Modi said he is addressing rallies in Bihar and every rally is breaking the record of the previous one, with women coming in very large numbers.

"The women workers of the Bihar BJP are doing splendid work with the resolve of 'Mera Booth, Sabse Mazboot'," Modi said, interacting with women BJP-NDA workers in Bihar via NaMo App.

"I have been observing the polls closely and it is confirmed that the NDA is winning and it is winning big. So I have no questions about the victory but (I want) there should be more and more polling," the prime minister said.

Interacting with a BJP worker who said there is tremendous enthusiasm among the



The PM has been using the "jungle raj" analogy to attack the Mahagathbandhan. 'Jungle raj' is an apparent reference to the time when Bihar was under the rule of RJD chief Lalu Prasad and his wife Rabri Devi

people for the NDA, Modi said her words echo the feeling prevailing among the poor, Dalits, Maha Dalits, backward and extremely backward.