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Golden glory for India as women lead charge
Undaunted by a heavy downpour and chilly conditions, Neeru Dhandu gave India its first ever women's trap gold in the Asian Games before the women's 4x400m relay team added another gold in the evening as the country breached the 50 mark.

Centre must pay heed to mineral-rich states
With Biju Janata Dal (BJD) president and former Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik himself leading the agitation against the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2026, politics is expected to heat up not just in the eastern state but also.

Essar to build \$18-bn mine-to-steel chain in US
India's Essar Group, through its US subsidiary Mesabi Metalics, will invest about USD 18 billion to build a fully integrated steel business in the United States, including a USD 15 billion steel complex in Iowa and about USD 3 billion in an iron ore mine and pelletising.

Ayesha Khan stuns in black off-shoulder gown
Actress Ayesha Khan stunned with the latest photos of hers as she posed in a beautiful black off-shoulder gown, flaunting her red-carpet style. The black dress featured a sweetheart neckline, body-hugging silhouette along.

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2 MHA officials arrested for seeking bribe

NEW DELHI: Delhi Police's Special Cell, in coordination with central agencies, apprehended two MHA officials for allegedly seeking gratification from an association to facilitate its registration under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), officials said on Tuesday. The two officials, a senior accountant and an accountant, were apprehended in New Delhi on September 28, according to the Ministry of Home Affairs. One of them is presently posted in the Foreigners Division of the MHA, while the other is currently posted in a Pay and Accounts Office and had earlier served in the Foreigners Division, the ministry said. Preliminary questioning has revealed that the two officials were allegedly in contact with certain associations and sought gratification for facilitating their registration and renewal under the FCRA, it said.

Three arrested with 2 AK-47, 10 kg heroin

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Police dismantled an illegal arms and narcotics supply network in Amritsar, arresting three individuals with 10 kg of heroin, two AK-47 assault rifles, four magazines and 10 live cartridges, a top police officer said on Tuesday. The accused were allegedly linked to foreign-based smugglers and were procuring illegal weapons and narcotics for further supply in the state, police investigation revealed, said Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav. An FIR has been registered at Police Station Gharinda in.

11-year-old boy killed by leopard

JAIPUR: An 11-year-old boy was killed in a leopard attack in Rajasthan's Banswara district, forest officials said on Tuesday. Deputy Conservator of Forests Shaitan Singh Deora said that the incident took place at Tibudi village near the Jagmer Jogimal forest area on Monday evening. The deceased was identified as Rohit, son of Vimal Prasad Damor. Deora said Rohit's house is located close to the forest. On Monday evening, he had gone to bring back goats from the forest, as he did routinely, when a leopard hiding in the bushes suddenly attacked him.

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LOOT: SC raps 10-time markup on cancer drugs

Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta questioned why huge price disparities exist across non-scheduled formulations and advocated for a standardized 16% margin under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order (DPCO) on all medicines.

The court condemned corporate hospitals for compelling patients to purchase drugs exclusively from their in-house pharmacies, noting that refusal often leads to hospitals denying guaranteed treatment to vulnerable families

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THE Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed strong concern over hospitals and pharmacies charging exorbitant markups on cancer medicines, questioning why a drug supplied to retailers for ₹2,700 carries an MRP of ₹27,000.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said, "This is carnage. Plain and simple," while hearing petitions concerning drug pricing, generic prescriptions and medical devices under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order (DPCO), 2013.

The bench questioned the

distinction between essential and non-essential medicines and suggested a uniform 16 per cent margin on MRP for all medicines. It asked the Centre to examine why such a huge gap exists between the price to retailers and the MRP. The court also asked the government to examine complaints that some corporate hospitals require patients to purchase medicines from their own chemists or specified pharmacies, with treatment assurances allegedly linked to such purchases. The bench noted that government schemes ultimately involve taxpayer-funded reimbursements.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the

Centre, said the issue required attention and sought two weeks to consult officials and find a balance between competing interests. The court posted the matter for further hearing on October 12. The bench also questioned the economics of commonly prescribed medicines, citing the example of a statin costing around ₹40 and a combination with aspirin costing ₹70.

The petitions before the court highlight concerns over medicine pricing, particularly non-scheduled formulations, which constitute a substantial market portion and have greater pricing flexibility subject to regulatory limits.



Rahul steps up CEC attack, Cong plans wider mobilisation

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CONGRESS leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi



intensified his criticism of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar at the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting on Tuesday, with the party deciding to keep the Election Commission and Special Intensive Revision (SIR) at the centre of its campaign.

Gandhi told the CWC that the Congress should continue pressing for Gyanesh

Kumar's resignation. The party's resolution also sought suspension of the SIR exercise and restoration of 13.3 crore names that Congress claims have been removed from electoral rolls.

Gandhi reiterated allegations concerning electoral irregularities in Haryana, Maharashtra and Karnataka, including what he has described as manipulation

of voter lists and EVM-related concerns. The Election Commission has rejected allegations of wrongdoing and maintained that differences in institutional deliberations are normal and that its orders have legal sanction.

The Congress is expected to discuss its next steps with INDIA bloc parties at their proposed meeting on September 30. Gandhi indicated that the party could propose a major rally at Delhi's Ramlila Maidan, along with mobilisation programmes in states. Opposition parties are separately considering further parliamentary action seeking Kumar's removal.

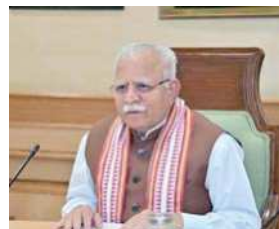
The CWC meeting, chaired by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, was attended by senior leaders including Sonia Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, KC Venugopal and Jairam Ramesh.

Centre to develop 50 cities for 'Swachhata'

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THE Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has identified 50 model cities under the PRAGATI-50 initiative for demonstrating a higher benchmark of 'Swachhata' through targeted action and leveraging intensive technology-enabled monitoring within the framework of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.

Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Khattar said, "These 50 cities across 24 states will emerge as clean role model cities for the rest of the country, by



going beyond their routine sanitation work to demonstrate sustained, high-performance parameters of visible cleanliness. We have ensured inclusion of major cities, cities of cultural importance, high tourism destinations and economic centres."

"The initiative aims to drive visible improvements

in urban cleanliness, solid waste management, used water management, sanitation, and citizen participation through a structured framework of monitoring and review within a defined timeframe," he added.

The other initiatives rolled out on Tuesday include the launch of the Swachh Bharat Test Bed by CSIR-CMERI, the onboarding of the 3rd cohort of Swachhata Start-ups in collaboration with IIT Kanpur, inauguration of the Reduce Reuse and Recycle Centre of Sankalp Bhawan, New Delhi and the launch of Swachhata Behaviour Change Digital Kosh.

DMK says it will back Parl move to oust CEC

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THE DMK said on Tuesday that it would support in Parliament the Opposition's move seeking the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, though it is not part of the INDIA bloc. DMK spokesperson T K S Elangovan, speaking to reporters, said that whenever Opposition parties oppose the BJP on any issue, his party

would also stand by them. "Ideologically, we (Opposition) all stand together. We are not part of the INDIA bloc. That is different. But in Parliament, we will support whoever brings a removal motion against Gyanesh Kumar, because our leader (DMK chief M K Stalin) had issued a statement," Elangovan said, answering a question on the status of the INDIA bloc and ties between the Congress and Samajwadi parties.

Goldy Brar in FBI's 10 most wanted list

NEW DELHI: The Federal Bureau of Investigation on Monday added gangster Satinderjeet Singh alias Goldy Brar to its list of Ten Most Wanted Fugitives and announced a reward of \$1 million for information leading to his arrest. "Satinderjeet Singh is wanted for his alleged involvement in the Lawrence Bishnoi Organized Crime Group which is allegedly engaged in a variety of violent acts in Southern California, and across the United States and Canada," the FBI said. The probe agency warned that Singh should be considered armed, dangerous and an escape risk. The FBI said Singh is allegedly involved in assassinations of political and religious figures, shootings, murders, kidnappings, extortions, assaults, and the trafficking of narcotics and weapons.

Where we do not sell oil, no one will sell oil: Iran

TEHRAN : Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf on Tuesday warned the US and other countries over the Strait of Hormuz, saying that if Iran's security is not ensured, "no infrastructure will be safe". Ghalibaf made the remarks during a public video conference on Tuesday, referring to recent statements by US President Donald Trump regarding the Strait of Hormuz and the passage of ships through it. Reacting to the US President's remarks, Ghalibaf said they were a repetition of previous claims and that their nature was known to everyone.

SC quashes NSA detention, UP govt fined Rs 10 lakh

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THE Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that the confession statement of an accused cannot be the basis for detaining him under the National Security Act. A bench of Justices A Dipankar Datta and Sheel Nagu delivered the judgment while quashing the preventive detention of Mulla Afroz. Uttar Pradesh Police invoked the strict National Security Act (NSA) against Mulla Afroz in October 2025 for his alleged role in the 2024 communal violence in Sambhal. The top court imposed a cost of Rs 10 lakh on the government for passing the illegal preventive



detention order. The NSA empowers the Centre and states to detain individuals to prevent them from acting in a manner "prejudicial to the defence of India". The maximum detention period is 12 months, though it can be revoked earlier. Tension brewed in Sambhal in November 2024, when a court-ordered survey of the Shahi Jama Masjid there was being carried out following claims that a Harihar temple previously existed at the site.

Anthropic warns of AI's 'existential risks to humanity'

TEXAS

DARIO AMODEI'S \$1 trillion AI startup Anthropic, known for Claude, in its long-awaited initial public offering prospectus, has formally warned that its technology may pose 'existential risks to humanity,' reports the Financial Times.

The prospectus, circulated with a select group of partners, used up almost

one-third of its S-1 filing to detail the 'risk factors,' including the potential of advanced AI models to 'manipulate, blackmail and exhibit other unpredictable behaviour,' the report stated.

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partners in recent days.

The development comes

ahead of the leading US group launching what the

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markets expect to be the most highly valued IPO

of all time, the FT report stated. However, these warnings in its prospectus add to the challenges public market investors face in valuing Anthropic.

Claude's maker also provided investors with a clearer picture of the challenging economics of building state of the art AI models ahead of the listing, expected on the Nasdaq this autumn.

Anthropic's backers are

hopeful it can list at a valuation of more than \$2tn, twice its May valuation. Claude's maker plans to spend \$518bn on cloud, computing and infra to support fast-paced growth in the coming years, the report stated.

The dark lining to the silver cloud comes from public warnings issued by ex-employees that unbridled AI could end humanity in a decade.

