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RSS has decided it knows truth of 1.5 bn people: Rahul
Launching a sharp ideological attack on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday accused the organisation of attempting to impose its version of the "truth" on 1.5 billion. **P10**

Mitigating adverse impacts of Artificial Intelligence
The AI for Good Global Commission is a high-level international commission established with the support of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), a specialized agency of the United Nations. It was officially launched during the AI for Good event. **P6**

Bulls storm back after 7-day rout
Benchmark equity indices bounced back on Thursday, with the Sensex climbing 628 points and the Nifty snapping its seven-day losing streak as easing global bond yields fueled a stock rally worldwide. **P11**

'Killer/KillR' release date creates buzz
The makers of the sci-fi thriller Killer/KillR have announced October 17 as the worldwide theatrical release date of the film which will witness the grand opening on the auspicious occasion of Vijayadashami. **P12**

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WINDOWS

Bapu's manuscript sold for record Rs 16.2 crore

NEW DELHI: A collection of 688 autographed reflections by Mahatma Gandhi on truth, ahimsa, and service among other subjects to his close associate and freedom fighter Anand T Hingorani was sold for Rs 16.20 crore at a Saffronart auction, setting the world record for an Indian historical document sold at an auction. Written over a span of two years after the death of Hingorani's wife Vidya, the daily handwritten messages of guidance, reflection, and encouragement were later compiled into a book titled "A Thought for the Day" and stand among the most intimate surviving records of correspondence between the two. The auction, "Gandhi: From the Collection of Anand T Hingorani", featured 86 lots of letters, manuscripts, photographs and personal objects associated with Gandhi.

PM's degree row: HC to hear case on September 29

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Thursday listed for hearing on September 29 appeals by RTI applicants against an order refusing disclosure of details of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bachelor's degree. "At request made on behalf of the appellant, list on September 29," a bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia said after a request was made to take up the case after a few other matters. The appeals challenge a single judge's August 2025 order that set aside a Central Information Commission (CIC) decision directing disclosure of Modi's degree. Counsel for the appellant on Thursday said on the earlier occasion, the court had granted time to the Delhi University to file objections to the delay in filing of the appeals.

Alamgir becomes Bangladesh's new President

DHAKA: Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, a longtime secretary general of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and a close ally of former premier Khaleda Zia, was on Thursday elected as the country's new President in the first contested poll for the post in 35 years.

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MASTER PLAN 2047: 40L more houses in Capital

PURNA SINGH
NEW DELHI

NEW Delhi: Delhi has unveiled its long-term development blueprint, the Master Plan for Delhi 2047 (MPD-2047), aimed at transforming the national capital into a more connected, sustainable and economically vibrant global city while preparing for a projected population of 3.2 crore by 2047. Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal Khattar unveiled the plan on Thursday in the presence of Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and Lieutenant Governor Taranjit

Singh Sandhu. The blueprint is aligned with the Centre's "Viksit Bharat @ 2047" vision.

Prepared by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), the plan adopts an infrastructure-led growth model, directing development towards areas with existing or planned roads, public transport, water supply and digital connectivity. Housing is a major focus, with Delhi expected to require nearly 40 lakh additional residential units by 2047. The DDA plans to address the demand through land pooling and redevelopment, including



Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around Metro stations and major transport corridors; a 138-hectare Education Hub in Narela to promote education, technology and entrepreneurship; AI-enabled planning and digital land management for greater transparency and efficiency

particularly around metro stations and major corridors. The plan also proposes economic corridors and industrial clusters to attract investment and generate employment. A 138-hectare Education Hub in Narela is envisaged as a centre for education, technology and entrepreneurship. The blueprint seeks to improve living conditions in slums and JJ clusters through in-situ redevelopment, allowing residents to remain close to their existing communities. Unauthorised colonies will also be integrated into the formal urban structure through regularisation and

improvements in roads, sewerage and civic amenities. Environmental sustainability is another major pillar. The plan promotes green-blue infrastructure, restoration of Yamuna floodplains, urban forests and ecological corridors. Delhi's green cover, currently around 22 per cent, is to be strengthened. Transport planning will prioritise public transport, pedestrians and cyclists over private vehicles. Expansion of the MRTS and RRTS is expected to improve connectivity with NCR cities such as Meerut, Panipat and Karnal.



Sajjan serving lifer in 1984 riots case dies

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NEW DELHI

FORMER Congress MP Sajjan Kumar, who was serving life sentence in connection with the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, died at Safdarjung Hospital here on Thursday. According to the hospital, Kumar, aged 84 years, was brought to the medical facility by police with altered sensorium. "Sajjan Kumar, aged 84 years, was brought to VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital by police with altered sensorium around 11 am. He was immediately admitted and resuscitation measures were initiated," the hospital said in a statement.

"Despite providing all necessary medical and life-support measures, he could not be saved and passed away at 12:30 pm," it said. "He was a known case of high blood pressure and Parkinson's disease and had a history of multiple hospital admissions in the past," the statement said. He was lodged in Tihar Jail. Kumar, a three-time Lok Sabha member, represented the Outer Delhi constituency and had been a prominent Congress leader. He resigned from the party after his 2018 conviction. He was serving multiple life sentences after his conviction in cases linked to the 1984 anti-Sikh riots in Delhi.

NEET protest: Top court forms panel to probe police excesses

SC asks the Committee to undertake a continuous and periodic assessment of the issues and submit its interim findings periodically

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NEW DELHI

THE Supreme Court has formed a five-member high-powered committee headed by former top court judge Justice R Subhash Reddy to examine allegations of police excesses against student



protesters in Delhi recently and violence against police personnel. A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana said the committee would also comprise former Punjab and Haryana high court Chief Justice Ravi Shankar Jha, former Delhi high court Judge Justice

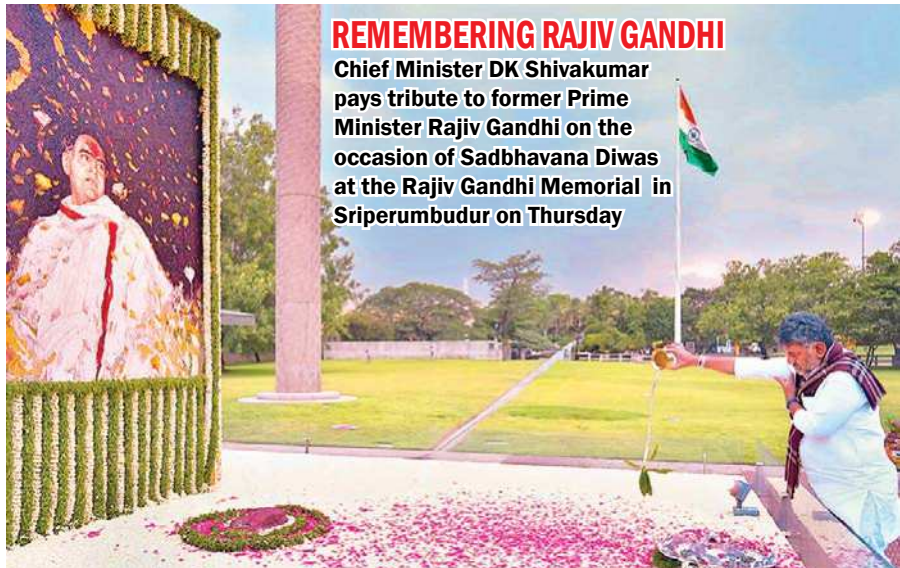
its members, as well as the diversity of the Committee, among other factors. It asked the Committee to undertake a continuous and periodic assessment of the issues and shall submit its interim findings periodically. "We are confident that the recommendations of the HPEC will be of invaluable assistance to this Court, and the Committee will be able to undertake a comprehensive assessment of all such issues as merit due contemplation," the bench said. The top court clarified that as a matter of abundant caution, the enquiry undertaken by the HPEC shall not be a one-time exercise.

Structures at Pakistan mission demolished

NEW DELHI: In a tit-for-tat action, some unauthorised structures outside the Pakistan high commission in the national capital were demolished by authorities, a move that came after Pakistan removed parking poles outside the Indian mission in Islamabad this week. The demolition was carried as the construction of the structures were found to be beyond the high commission's approved boundary, official sources said on Thursday. The action was carried out by the agencies concerned using a JCB machine, which removed the structures and barricades erected along the lane outside the compound, including queue-management installations near the visa section, the sources said. Visuals showed that the demolition left a trail of rubble outside the mission, with



broken metal railings and gates, twisted metal frames, roofing sheets, bricks and chunks of concrete and plaster strewn across the paved area. Additionally, visuals from the site showed sections of the outer structures completely pulled down, including corrugated roofing and white metal fencing. The facade around the service windows appeared damaged, with portions of plaster and masonry broken away. The visa section remained visible amid the debris, with service windows marked "Window 1", "Pakistani Passport Only" and "Window-5 / Collection of Visa Applications".



REMEMBERING RAJIV GANDHI
Chief Minister DK Shivakumar pays tribute to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on the occasion of Sadbhavana Diwas at the Rajiv Gandhi Memorial in Sriperumbudur on Thursday

Shivakumar seeks 543 LS seats, 1971 Census

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CHENNAI

KARNATAKA Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Thursday urged the Southern Zonal Council to adopt a resolution asking the Union government to honour the 1971 census for delimitation, retain 543 Lok Sabha seats for 25 years and fit women's reservation within the existing seats, while also touching upon inter-state river disputes where he stated "water must not divide us." The meeting was chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and attended by CMs of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh, C Joseph Vijay, VD Satheesan and N Chandrababu Naidu, among others. His remarks on water comes at a time when Karnataka and neighbouring Tamil Nadu are locked in a bitter dispute over the sharing



CM DK Shivakumar, Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu, Tamil Nadu CM C Joseph Vijay, Kerala Chief Minister VD Satheesan and Kerala Minister for Industries and IT PK Kunhalikutty during the 31st Southern Regional Council meeting in Mahabalipuram on Thursday

of the inter-state Cauvery river. Further, he also made a strong pitch for greater fiscal and political equity for the southern states, calling for "fairness in funds, fairness in voice and fairness in the respect owed to the states that power this economy." Shivakumar noted that south was the "engine of the Indian economy", with the five southern states accounting for nearly 33 per cent of the country's GDP despite having about 20 per cent of its population.

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