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It's a murder by system: Dipke
Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Thursday termed the suicide of MPSC aspirant Prathamesh Deshmukh as a "murder done by the system", and said the government should ensure that incidents.

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The mental health of our society

There is a mental health crisis around us that we rarely acknowledge. When we speak of mental health, we usually think of depression, anxiety, addiction, loneliness or other clinically recognised conditions. These are undoubtedly serious concerns.

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Brent crosses \$105 on Iran war, Saudi output slump

Brent crude oil prices climbed above \$105 a barrel on Thursday, reaching their highest level since May 25, as renewed fighting between the US and Iran raised concerns over prolonged disruptions to global energy supplies.

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Fatima Sana Shaikh promotes regional cinema at J&K Film Festival

Actress Fatima Sana Shaikh speaks on the importance of regional cinema at the first International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir 2026, held in Srinagar. The actress said that regional films are all about portraying.

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Gehlot honours 2026 Padma recipients

BENGALURU: The Governor of Karnataka Thaaarchand Gehlot felicitated and congratulated the Padma Awardees of 2026 at Lok Bhavan. Congratulating the distinguished recipients of the Padma Awards, among the country's highest civilian honours, he said their exceptional service and achievements in various fields would continue to inspire society and future generations. From Karnataka, Shatavadhani Dr. R. Ganesh was conferred the Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri was conferred on Ankegowda M, Dr. S G Susheelamma, Dr. Prabhakar Kore, Shashi Shekhar Vempati, Dr. Shubha Venkatesha Iyengar, Dr. Suresh Hanagavadi and Late T T Jagannathan. The Governor felicitated the awardees who were present and Latha Jagannath, wife of Late T T Jagannathan, who received the honour on his behalf. Karnataka Legislative Assembly Speaker G S Patil, Legislative Council Chairman Salim Ahmed and other dignitaries were also present.

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INDIA will seek to put the concerns of the Global South at the heart of the two-day BRICS summit beginning Saturday, with food and energy security, resilient supply chains and inclusive



economic growth taking centre stage amid mounting global trade and geopolitical tensions.

The summit will bring together leaders of major emerging economies. Russian President Vladimir

Putin, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto are also among the leaders expected to attend. Officials said India views

BRICS as a complementary platform for economic growth and greater cooperation among developing economies at a time when the global economy is facing pressures from the Russia-Ukraine war, the West Asia crisis, disruption around the Strait of Hormuz and US trade and tariff policies.

India's BRICS chairship is built around four pillars — resilience, innovation, cooperation and sustainability — with a focus on health, agriculture, food, energy, disaster-risk reduction and supply chains. Trade, investment, connectivity and high technology will also figure

prominently.

However, uncertainty remains over a consensus-based joint statement amid differences between Iran and the UAE over the West Asia crisis. BRICS now comprises 11 emerging economies and accounts for about 49.5 per cent of the world's population, 40 per cent of global GDP and 26 per cent of global trade. Several other countries have joined as BRICS partners.

India assumed its fourth BRICS chairship on January 1, 2026. More than 350 meetings and high-level engagements have since been held across over 25 Indian cities.

Xi to visit India for BRICS summit

BEIJING: Chinese President Xi Jinping will visit India this week to attend the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, the foreign ministry announced on Thursday. This will be Xi's first visit to India in nearly seven years. During his visit, Xi is expected to meet Prime Minister Modi on the sidelines of the summit. The visit is expected to be a high-profile diplomatic engagement with implications for the ongoing efforts to stabilise bilateral ties between the two Asian powers as well as for BRICS cooperation amid a volatile global situation, particularly the West Asia conflict and the Russia-Ukraine war.



Magistrate suspended over Rs 5L notice to CJP protester

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NOIDA

THE Greater Noida executive magistrate who issued a notice requiring 20-year-old student Akshat Tripathi to furnish a personal bond of Rs 5 lakh over his participation in the Jantar Mantar paper leak protest has been suspended with immediate effect, Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta told the Supreme Court on Thursday.

Tripathi, a second-year BA LLB student and secretary of the Students' Federation of India (SFI) unit at Gautam Buddha University in Noida, had challenged the executive magistrate's notice.

The notice, based on a report by a police sub-inspector, accused Tripathi of spreading "anti-government misleading talks" among the students and encouraging them to join the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protest.

The writ petition, filed through advocate-on-record Subhash Chandran KR, said the notice invoked Section 126 of the BNSS, which allows an executive magistrate to seek security for maintaining peace when there is information that a person is likely to cause a breach of peace or disturb public tranquillity.

Tripathi's petition said the notice cited no specific date, statement or act of violence attributable to him, or disclosed material supporting the allegations.

Drug tests mandatory for pilots across all airlines

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AVIATION watchdog DGCA has ordered drug tests for pilots across all airlines and the exercise is to be completed by July 2027.

Separately, Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu on Thursday said the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is expected to finalise the draft on the new norms for drug tests of pilots by the end of this month.

The moves come against the backdrop of the pilot-in-command of an Air India Phuket-Delhi flight, which suddenly lost nearly 300 feet altitude leaving many passengers injured on August 4, testing positive for drug use.

On September 4, Air India terminated the services of the pilot-in-command, hours after probe agency AAI's preliminary report into the Phuket flight incident said the drug use by the pilot was a serious concern



and asked regulator DGCA to take appropriate action.

The sources on Thursday said DGCA ordered drug testing for pilots across all airlines last month and that the carriers have been asked to complete the exercise by July next year.

Naidu, on the sidelines of a conference in the na-

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tional capital on Thursday, said draft of the revised Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) regarding testing of pilots for psychoactive substances is expected to be finalised by the end of this month after stakeholders' discussions.

Currently, drug tests for pilots are done on a random

basis. Under DGCA's present Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR), random tests for psychoactive substances have to be done for 10 per cent of pilots and air traffic controllers, among others, annually.

There are more than 12,000 pilots with various commercial airlines.

US racist 'Mr Singh' ad draws fire

Texas: A US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advertisement asking "Mr Singh" to self-deport has sparked a controversy, with advocacy groups condemning it as "racist", "anti-American" and discriminatory. As part of its campaign against unlicensed commercial drivers, the DHS posted AI-generated imagery on X showing a brown-bearded man with the message: "Get off our roads, you don't know how to drive Mr Singh." A related video used characters from the Transformers franchise. Megatron is shown negotiating the release of "aliens" — a term used by the US administration for foreign nationals — including truck drivers linked to road accidents and other offences.

Modi: India for safe, sustainable space

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said India supports a safe, secure, and sustainable space domain anchored in international law, underlining that scientific data must serve the common good with openness and integrity.

Modi also said that ISRO's technologies and partnerships serve not only India, but the wider world.

The prime minister said for centuries, space inspired people's imagination and now, it shapes life on earth, from climate and crops to oceans and communities. "The promise of space is



infinite. Our responsibility is collective. As orbits become more crowded, technologies more powerful, and actors more numerous, our choices must be clear: cooperation over confrontation; sustainability over short-term gain; and inclusion over exclusion," he said. Modi said India's approach is rooted in

'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' -- 'One Earth, One Family, One Future', and this spirit must now travel beyond the planet.

"We support a safe, secure, peaceful and sustainable space domain anchored in international law, dialogue and multilateral cooperation. Scientific data must serve the common good, with openness and integrity," he said.

The prime minister said India's space journey reflects this philosophy and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), which stands at the heart of this journey, has earned global admiration for its excellence and cost-effective missions.

Wildlife Board member pays Rs 3 L under animal adoption scheme

MYSURU: Sri Chamara-jendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru, announced on that Vaishali Vinay Kulkarni, Member of Wild Life Board, Bengaluru, has adopted an Asiatic Elephant at Mysuru Zoo under the "Adoption of Animals" scheme after paying the adoption fee of Rs. 3,00,000. The adoption covers the period from 8 September 8 to 7 September 7, 2027. Mysuru Zoo appreciated her gesture and involvement for the cause of wildlife conservation. The details were shared by the Executive Director, Sri Chamara-jendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru.

20 dead after cargo ship catches fire in China

BEIJING: At least 20 people were killed and five were missing after a cargo ship caught fire while docked in a Chinese port, Chinese state media reported Thursday.



Nilekani, Kamath brothers also flagged in SIR notice list

BENGALURU

INFOSYS co-founder Nandan Nilekani and his family, along with Zerodha founders Nithin Kamath and Nikhil Kamath, are among the prominent names on the notice list for the ongoing SIR of electoral rolls in Karnataka, official sources said.

While Nilekani's family, including his wife and children, has been flagged as "unmapped with last Special

Intensive Revision (2002 rolls)", Nithin Kamath, Nikhil Kamath and their mother Revathi Kamath have reportedly been flagged for a "parents' name mismatch" in the Bengaluru South Assembly constituency.

Authorities said prominent persons and VIPs would not be inconvenienced by the verification process and that officials would visit them to complete the required formalities. Although notices

were generated in several such cases, authorities have not served them on the individuals concerned.

Similarly, notices generated for Bharat Ratna recipient Professor C N R Rao over a name-related mismatch and Kannada actor Shivarajkumar because his name was not mapped with the 2002 rolls were not served, sources said, adding that officials were resolving the issues at their level.

Shivakumar launches slew of schemes to mark 100 days in office

BENGALURU

THE government on Thursday launched a slew of initiatives, including the Seva One digital citizen services platform, Chief Minister Raitha Chaitanya scheme, BMTC 2.0 mobile application and a scheme to distribute five lakh housing sites, marking Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's completion of 100 days in office.

The government also launched the One Karnataka Mobility App — KSRTC Avatara 2.0 — besides introducing a Retrofit Emission Control Device (RECD) initiative for diesel vehicles and announcing the Sainik Samman scheme.

Seva One was launched as the state's "One Government, One Digital" platform, aimed at enabling citizens to access government services and

communicate their requirements through a unified digital interface. The Chief Minister Raitha Chaitanya scheme, aimed at making agriculture more profitable through timely and location-specific farm advice, was launched initially in Mandya, Belagavi, Vijayapura, Hassan and Shivamogga. It is proposed to be expanded to all districts. The BMTC 2.0 mobile application will enable commuters to

track buses live, check arrival times and routes, purchase tickets digitally and use a wallet facility. It will also offer a multimodal journey planner, integrated ticketing for BMTC and Namma Metro, and daily, weekly and monthly passes. The government also announced a scheme to distribute five lakh sites to people without houses or sites, particularly in rural areas.