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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.

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.

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.

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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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. A photo released by Xinhua news agency identified the ship as the Ocean Melody, which sails under a Liberian flag, according to the public vessel-tracking website VesselFinder. A total of 42 people had been on the vessel, and 12 of them were safely evacuated, Xinhua reported.

Lalu, Tejashwi to face PMLA charges

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Thursday ordered framing of money laundering charges against former railway minister Lalu Prasad Yadav, his wife Rabri Devi, son Tejashwi Prasad Yadav and four others in the Enforcement Directorate's case regarding the alleged IRCTC scam. The court has already framed charges of corruption against the RJD patriarch and 11 others last October year in the CBI case in the alleged scam. On Thursday, Special Judge Vishal Gogne said there was a "strong suspicion" against seven persons for the offence of money laundering and that the nature, timing and course of investigation did not appear inspired by political vendetta as argued by the counsel for the accused persons.

CISF jawan killed in accidental firing from rifle

DANTEWADA: A head constable of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) was killed after his service rifle allegedly accidentally went off while he was cleaning it at a camp in an iron ore mines area in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district, police said on Thursday. The incident took place around 2.30 pm on Wednesday at a portacabin post under the CISF's Bacheli camp area on Bailadila hills, a police official said. CISF personnel are deployed to guard the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) iron ore mining areas in Kirandul and Bacheli. The deceased, identified as head constable Dattatraya (50), was a resident of Ahilyanagar in Maharashtra, he said.

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I use vulgar language, roast everyone and abuse frequently. I don't know why Gen Z still can't connect with me

BRICS Summit: India puts Global South at centre stage

- India puts food, energy and supply-chain security high on the agenda
- 11-member BRICS represents nearly half the world's population

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NEW DELHI

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.



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-

- DRUG TESTS**
Mandatory for pilots across all airlines
- ALL PILOTS COVERED**
Applicable to pilots of domestic and international flights
- SAFETY FIRST**
Aim is to prevent substance-related risks to flight operations
- STRICT ACTION**
A positive test can trigger action under applicable aviation regulations
- REGULATORY OVERSIGHT**
Airlines must comply with mandatory testing norms set by aviation authorities

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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.

56 Chandni Chowk jewellery shops sealed

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AT least 56 jewellery and bullion-related shops in Chandni Chowk's Kucha Mahajani were sealed by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on Thursday, traders claimed, adding that jewellery and bullion worth crores remain locked inside the premises.

The action comes amid an intensified enforcement drive by the MCD against dangerous and illegal buildings across the city following the Satya Ni-



ketan building collapse, in which seven people were killed.

Yogesh Singhal, president of the All India Bullion and Jewellers Association, stated that notices were posted on the shops, and the sealing occurred around 11.30 am on Thursday.

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.

India's nuclear arsenal estimated at 190 warheads: US report

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WASHINGTON

INDIA'S nuclear arsenal is estimated at 190 warheads, which includes 30 additional warheads for new missiles under production, according to a US nonprofit policy think tank.

The Federation of American Scientists (FAS) derived the estimates from analyses of a combination of open sources, state-originating data and

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commercial satellite imagery.

"Based on available public information about its nuclear-capable delivery

force structure and strategy, we estimate that India may have produced around 190 nuclear warheads," according to the article



titled 'India's Nuclear Weapons - 2026' penned by FAS Nuclear Information Project Director Hans Kristensen.

India's nuclear arsenal includes over 160 warheads for operational launchers as well as additional warheads for new missiles

in production, it said. The article noted that India continued to modernise its nuclear arsenal, with several new weapon systems fielded in recent years and several more under development to complement or replace existing nuclear-capable aircraft, land-based delivery systems, and sea-based systems.

"We estimate that India may have produced enough military plutonium for 140 to 225 nuclear warheads and might have

assembled up to 190. With more weapon systems in development, the country's warhead stockpile will likely increase further," it said. India adopted the no-first-use doctrine after the Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998 and continues to adhere to the policy. "India is committed to maintaining credible minimum deterrence and a posture of 'no first use' of nuclear weapons," the government told Parliament recently.

