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Don't need permission to hoist national flag: Bora
All India Students' Association (AISA) president Neha Bora on Thursday moved the Delhi High Court challenging a police notice directing her to execute a bond for maintaining peace before a special executive magistrate.

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Equal before law? Ask the convict and the undertrial
In the same week that an Indian prison system holds thousands of undertrials who have never been convicted of anything, the Allahabad High Court opened its doors wide for a man convicted of murder, so that he may contest an election, possibly on a ruling-party ticket.

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Govt proposes mandatory emergency braking systems for new cars by 2030
The Road Ministry has proposed mandating Advanced Emergency Braking Systems (AEBS) for all new car models starting October 2030 to curb road accidents. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), in a draft notification dated October 19, 2026

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Shruti Haasan charms in pearl-embroidered attire
Actress and singer Shruti Haasan stunned in a two-piece pearl-embroidered outfit in a desert background. The star flaunted a strappy top with scalloped edges and mirror embroidery. Shruti Haasan's long skirt had a slit at the side

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WINDOWS

Sonia Gandhi makes Insta debut

NEW DELHI: Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi made her Instagram debut on Thursday with a post on her upcoming book, which she said is a "story of love, duty, loss and finding a place to belong". This is Gandhi's first foray into social media as over the years she has maintained her distance from it with the Congress' X handle being the forum on which she released her video statements or other messages and letters that she wished to make public. Gandhi immediately followed the Instagram accounts of her son Rahul and daughter Priyanka, along with that of the party. All top Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, who are on Instagram started following the former Congress president's account.

13 women face death in Iran

TEHRAN: At least 13 young women are in prison, subjected to torture and facing execution for protesting against the Iranian regime. The Washington-based Abdorrahman Boroumand Center for Human Rights in Iran provided this information, as reported by The Times, UK. Eight of the women were sentenced for participating in protests against the Iranian regime in January, and one for allegedly sharing images of the war with foreign-based media, according to the Times. One of the girls facing execution is Taraneh Rahimi, a 21-year-old horse rider. Her twin Romina was given a 25 year prison sentence. The Rahimi girls have been convicted for waging war against God.

UP cop suspended for posting obscene video

BIJNOR: A police station house officer (SHO) in Uttar Pradesh's Bijnor was suspended for allegedly posting an obscene video in the official WhatsApp group, officials said. SHO Neeraj Kumar of Barhapur police station posted the video in the group, Circle Officer (Nagina) Rajesh Solanki said. The video was reportedly deleted shortly after it was posted. However, some police personnel had downloaded it and taken screenshots by then. After the matter came to light, Superintendent of Police K K Bishnoi ordered an inquiry. A team visited the police station on Monday and recorded statements of police personnel.

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Speaker to examine Oppn's CEC impeachment motion

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NEW DELHI

AMID protests against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Thursday that if the Opposition brings any fresh impeachment motion against the country's top poll officer, it will be examined according to rules and procedures.

The Opposition has twice attempted to remove Kumar.

In the first move, the notices were rejected by both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha while the notices submitted in the

● **According to the Constitution and the law on the appointment of the CEC and Election Commissioners, a CEC can only be removed by Parliament in the same way a sitting Supreme Court judge can be impeached**

● **CEC and ECs (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023, also states that the CEC or an Election Commissioner may resign at any time by submitting a written resignation to the President**

second attempt are still pending in the Upper House.

"If any fresh notice comes, we will examine it according

to the rules and procedures," Birla said, responding to a question on a possible impeachment motion against



Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar

the CEC. There have been protests in the last fortnight in different parts of India seek-

ing the resignation of Kumar for alleged irregularities while carrying out the special inten-

Shah targets AAP, Cong; vows to end Pb's drug trade by 2029

Home Minister responded to questions raised by AAP chief and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal about efforts to curb drug abuse in Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Goa

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NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a strong attack on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Congress during his visit to Delhi on Thursday, his birthday, asserting that the BJP would remain in power for the next 30 years and promising to eliminate the drug trade in Punjab by 2029. Addressing an event in Shyam Vihar linked to Yamuna rejuvenation projects worth ₹8,941 crore, Shah also responded to questions raised by AAP chief and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal about efforts to curb drug abuse in Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Goa.

Referring to Kejriwal's reported remark Shah had ended drug abuse in Bihar and was now being asked



to do the same in Punjab, the Home Minister said the AAP and Congress had earlier relied on excuses over the issue. "Kejriwal ji, we have answers to your questions. But we will respond when we uproot your government in Punjab," Shah said, signalling a direct political challenge to the ruling AAP ahead of the next Assembly election in the state.

Shah also dismissed allegations surrounding the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Delhi, claiming that the opposition was using the issue to create a narrative of vote theft. He alleged that the opposition wanted to protect the votes of infiltrators and said Rahul Gandhi and his associates had already understood the

political implications. The Home Minister maintained that allegations of electoral irregularities were being used as an excuse to challenge political outcomes.

Taking aim at the Congress and other opposition parties, Shah expressed confidence that the BJP would continue to hold power for at least three decades. Citing the party's electoral history across several states, he referred to periods of 41 years in Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh, 56 years in West Bengal, 64 years in Tamil Nadu, 12 years in Arunachal Pradesh, 13 years in Mizoram, 14 years in Manipur and 12 years in Assam, arguing that the BJP had not been in power in these states during those respective periods.

RS 500 CR ROW ERUPTS IN MAHA: JARANGE TARGETS SHINDE

JALNA/MUMBAI: Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange on Thursday released an audio clip, which purportedly claims that Rs 500 crore had been delivered to him through Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde, and alleged that a conspiracy had been hatched to silence him and weaken his agitation.

He made the audio clip public, a day after Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde dared him to prove the allegation that the latter had secured Rs 500 crore from the BJP and funnelled it via his son and



MP Shrikant Shinde. Reacting to the audio clip row, state minister and BJP leader Chandrashekhar Bawankule said if Jarange has concrete evidence regarding the Rs 500 crore claim, he should lodge a complaint with the police or the district collector, while his party colleague and minister Ashish Shelar questioned the veracity of the audio.

Indian killed in Saudi airport attack, 2 others injured

DUBAI: An Indian national was killed and two others were injured in an attack on Dammam airport in Saudi Arabia, officials said on Thursday, a day after another compatriot was injured in a drone attack targeting the kingdom's Shaybah oilfield, amid a spate of strikes by Yemen's Houthi rebels on key infrastructure in the country. The Indian Embassy in Riyadh said Saudi authorities have informed it about the casualties in the attack on King Fahd International Airport in Dammam on Wednesday night.

Netanyahu invites Modi to light torch with Smit on I-Day

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday said he spoke with his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi and invited him to light a torch together with Indian pilot Smit Machchhar on the Jewish state's Independence Day.

In a post on X, the Israeli Prime Minister also said that PM Modi appreciated the "strong, long-standing ties" between the two countries.

"I spoke with my friend, the Prime Minister of India,



Narendra Modi, and invited him to light a torch - together with a brave Indian pilot - on Israel's Independence Day," Netanyahu said. "Modi thanked me for the invitation and said that, on

the cockpit of flydubai flight FZ1073, travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv, on Sept 30. The flight was carrying 174 passengers, including 27 children. Machchhar managed to open the cockpit door, allowing passengers and crew members to intervene and restrain the attacker.

The plane later made an emergency landing in Saudi Arabia. Machchhar, who has been hailed as a "hero" by Modi and Netanyahu for his courage, is undergoing treatment at a hospital in the United Arab Emirates.

RAIHAN VADRA'S PHOTOS REMOVED FROM EXHIBITION

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JAIPUR

THE Bikaner House Management Society on Thursday said it had asked for certain photographs to be removed from Raihan Vadra's exhibition after finding them inconsistent with its policy. It added that the remaining photographs were still on display. In a statement, the society said Bikaner House is a public cultural institution dedicated to promoting art and culture, and that all exhibitions and related activities must adhere to the policies laid down by its management.

The clarification came a day after artist and photographer Raihan Vadra, son of Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and businessman Robert Vadra, alleged that several photographs depicting recent protests in Delhi had been taken down ahead of his solo exhibition, triggering a controversy. Raihan said he was informed at 3.30 pm that the exhibition would be cancelled unless the photographs were removed by 5 pm. He also said he had shared the detailed proposal and layout of the show with the Bikaner House management well in advance. Priyanka Gandhi criticised the decision, calling it "ridiculous" and accusing the authorities of trying to "muzzle" the voices of young people across the country. "Today it's him, tomorrow it'll be another artist," she told PTI.



Police denies permission for Diljit Dosanjh's Oct 30 concert

NEW DELHI: Delhi Police has denied permission for Punjabi singer Diljit Dosanjh's scheduled concert at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on October 30, citing specific threat-related inputs, security concerns and law and order commitments amid the ongoing festive season, an official said on Thursday. In a letter dated October 21, Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Anant Mittal informed BookMyShow Live Private Limited Director Anil Makhija that the request to organise the "Diljit Dosanjh's Aura India Tour Delhi" concert had been examined but could not be approved.



Modi extends support to bring peace to Ukraine

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NEW DELHI

INDIA and Poland on Thursday agreed to deepen ties in defence, space, and nuclear energy domains, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Polish counterpart Donald Tusk pledging to boost bilateral strategic partnership amid growing global instability. Following the talks, Modi said both sides believe in democratic values and the rule of law and that India will continue to support every meaningful effort in bringing peace to Ukraine and West Asia. Tusk is on a three-day visit to India amid renewed global push to end the conflict in Ukraine.

"Today we have agreed to deepen ties in defence, space, and nuclear energy. We invite Polish companies to engage in co-development and co-production with India in all these strategic areas," Modi said. "In critical minerals and coal gasification too, we will develop new partnerships with Polish expertise," he added.

Modi said the friendship between India and Poland is based not only on diplomatic relations but also on a shared heritage of humanity and compassion. "During World War II, the royal families of Jamnagar and Kolhapur sheltered thousands of Polish children and families in India."

Sewage, drains, water supply: Rs 8,941 cr Yamuna cleanup push unveiled

PURNA SINGH
NEW DELHI

DELHI has launched a major infrastructure drive to tackle Yamuna pollution, strengthen water supply and overhaul its ageing sewerage network, with Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurating and laying the foundation stones for 43 projects worth ₹8,941.22 crore on Thursday. The projects, announced at a Delhi government event in Shyam Vihar, comprise 10 completed projects worth ₹2,827.11 crore and 33 projects worth ₹6,114.11 crore that will

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now move into the implementation phase.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said the initiatives would improve sewage management across the capital and reduce the flow of untreated wastewater into the Yamuna. The programme covers new water

treatment facilities, upgrades to existing sewage treatment plants (STPs), decentralised wastewater treatment units, household sewer connections, pumping stations, rehabilitation of old pipelines and improvements to drainage infrastructure. The broader



objective is to ensure that more wastewater is collected and treated before it reaches the river.

The projects inaugurated include a 477-million-litre-per-day (MLD) water treatment plant at Chandrawal,

a two-million-gallon-per-day (MGD) water recycling plant at Bawana and a new 124-MGD sewage treatment

plant at Okhla. Existing STPs at Rithala and Kondli have also been upgraded.

The projects receiving foundation stones include the modernisation of eight existing STPs, construction of 29 new smaller treatment plants, expansion of sewer networks, new sewage pumping stations and a 4.5-kilometre trunk drain connecting Mundka Halt Station to the Najafgarh Supplementary Drain.

A new water treatment plant with a capacity of 477 MLD has been completed at Chandrawal at a cost of ₹598.60 crore.