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WINDOWS

Three workers suffocate to death at Tata plant in TN

CHENNAI: Three contract workers suffocated to death while cleaning a wastewater treatment tank at the Tata Electronics Private Limited (TEPL) facility in Hosur in this district, police said on Tuesday. The deceased -- Kaveri (30) of Hosur, alongside B Akmal (28) and M Sarathi Kumar (28), both hailing from Dharmapuri district -- were exposed to lethal poisonous fumes and severe oxygen depletion while desilting an Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) storage tank on Monday evening. According to police, Akmal initially peered into the tank to inspect it, only to collapse immediately from gas exposure. Attempting a rescue, Kaveri directed Sarathi Kumar to check on their fallen colleague, but he fainted upon entry.

Fire engulfs hill in J-K's Kishtwar

JAMMU: A massive fire engulfed a mountain slope in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar, and was brought under control on Tuesday morning after an 11-hour-long joint operation, an official of the Fire and Emergency Services said. No casualties were reported in the fire that caused extensive damage to plants, with dry grass accelerating the spread of the flames. Nearly 1,000 kanals (125 acres) of state land were affected by the fire in Trigam, around 25 km from Kishtwar district headquarters, in-charge, Fire Station Headquarters, Kishtwar, Farooq Ahmad Mir said. The fire broke out in the foothills at around 6:54 PM on Monday and spread uphill, posing a threat to the villages of Palan and Pedal.

'Very poor' air quality in parts of Haryana

CHANDIGARH: The air quality in some parts of Haryana was recorded in the 'very poor' category on Tuesday, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data showed. At 9 am, the Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 350 in Kaithal, 321 in Gurugram, 307 in Faridabad and 304 in Bahadurgarh. Some other parts of the state recorded 'poor' air quality. The AQI was 261 in Rohtak, 296 in Charkhi Dadri, 217 in Jind, 269 in Ambala, 213 in Bhiwani, 299 in Hisar and 243 in Panipat, according to the CPCB.



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POLLUTION IN DELHI-NCR

Rising vehicular emissions demand urgent action: SC

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THE sharp increase in vehicular emissions warrant urgent intervention, the Supreme Court has said while directing the governments of Delhi and three neighbouring states to apprise it about the steps taken to prevent the entry and operation of over-age vehicles within the National Capital Region.

The apex court directed the governments of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the Delhi Police to file detailed responses indicating any further short-term and long-term measures proposed or contemplated to mitigate vehicular emissions and reduce their contribution to the deteriorating air quality in Delhi-NCR.

It also directed them to file responses on measures presently in place to identify, monitor and regulate vehicles that do not conform to the prescribed emission standards, including the enforcement



of Pollution Under Control (PUC) certification requirements.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana asked these authorities to apprise it about the existing regulatory framework and enforcement mechanisms governing the entry and plying of commercial and non-commercial vehicles within Delhi and the NCR, particularly those originating from neighbouring states.

The top court passed the order on November 6 while hearing a suo motu case on curbing air pollution in the NCR.

The bench noted that data presented before it indicated a substantial decline in incidents of stubble burning across Delhi and the states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan. "While this development is certainly laudable, the same data also brings to the fore a converse and equally pressing concern, namely, the sharp increase in issues attributable to vehicular emissions," it said.

PAK BLAMES INDIA AFTER DIWALI FEST

LAHORE: Pakistan blamed poor air quality this week on pollution drifting from neighbouring India, where firecrackers set off during the festival of Diwali over the weekend blanketed much of the north in toxic smog. The northern Pakistani city of Lahore topped Swiss group IQAir's ranking of the world's most polluted major cities for a second day on Tuesday, with an air quality index (AQI) of 263, categorised as "very unhealthy".

Sonowal inaugurates Yamuna cruise service

- **The cruise will operate between Sonia Vihar and Jagatpur, covering a stretch of around 4-5 km, Rs 500 per person**
- **The project is being developed to promote river-based tourism along the Yamuna stretch of the Wazirabad barrage**

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UNION Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal on Tuesday inaugurated a cruise service on the Yamuna at Sonia Vihar.



The project is being developed to promote river-based tourism along the Yamuna stretch upstream of the Wazirabad barrage.

The cruise will operate between Sonia Vihar and Jagatpur, covering a stretch of around 4-5 km, with each ride lasting approximately 40 minutes. The ticket has been priced at Rs 500 per person.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said the cruise would bring people closer to the Yamuna, giving Delhi residents an opportunity to enjoy experiences for which they often travel to other cities. Speaking at the event, she said recreational activities, along with light-and-sound shows and the cruise service, would provide people an opportunity to spend quality time with their families.

Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shantanu Thakur, Delhi BJP president Harsh Malhotra and other cabinet ministers were also present at the inauguration. Union minister Sonowal highlighted India's achievements over the past 12 years, particularly in the development of waterways, saying the country had made significant progress in the sector. He praised Delhi Chief Minister Gupta's leadership, saying the national capital was developing at a rapid pace despite the government being in office for a relatively short period.

CM distributes LPG aid to 15 lakh beneficiaries

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'This is the power of your vote. Direct money has been transferred to your bank accounts. This is a gift from your brother Narendra Modi for Bhai Dooj festival'



CHIEF Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday released the second annual installment under the Delhi Free LPG Cylinder Scheme to around 15 lakh ration card holders.

The Delhi government had announced earlier that an amount equal to one LPG gas cylinder would be given to eligible beneficiaries in the national capital every year on the occasions of Holi and Diwali. "This is the power of your vote. Direct money has been transferred to your bank accounts. This is a gift from your brother Narendra Modi for Bhai Dooj festival," Gupta said, addressing a crowd at Talkatora Stadium.

According to officials, the government released Rs 142 crore in total for the 15 lakh beneficiaries.

Gupta said that her government has been launching welfare schemes, particularly for women, such as the Delhi Lakshmi Yojna, Lakhpati Yojna and free LPG cylinder scheme.

"We are fulfilling all the promises made by us in our manifesto. Trust us, your government stands with you in your bad and good times," she added.

Bhagwat calls for eco-friendly Diwali

NAGPUR: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Tuesday noted that firecrackers used in earlier times were free of harmful chemicals and helped eliminate insects, while lighting ghee-fuelled lamps served to purify the air. Addressing a gathering in Nagpur, Bhagwat called for celebrating an environment-friendly Diwali, asserting that traditional festive practices were deeply rooted in science. The RSS chief's comments come at a time when the air quality in Delhi and several other metro cities has deteriorated to the "poor" and "severe" categories due to the bursting of firecrackers.



Oxford returns remains of 39 Nagas after a century

Dimapur
Texas

THE University of Oxford returned the remains of 39 members of the Naga community, which were held at its Pitt Rivers Museum for more than a century, in a historic repatriation initiative.

The remains were formally handed over to the Forum for Naga Reconciliation (FNR) and the Naga Tribe Hoho at a ceremony held at the museum.

The transfer of title document was signed by Pitt Rivers Museum director professor Laura Van Broekhoven and FNR representative Rev Dr Wati Aier. It was



witnessed by Visier Sanyu on behalf of the FNR and Thejao Vihienuo representing the Naga Tribe Hoho. Following the handover, the ancestral remains were moved from the University of Oxford to begin their journey to Nagaland, according to a statement issued by the FNR on Tuesday.



Trump casts doubts over voting machines after loss

TEXAS: United States President Donald Trump has once again raised doubts over the credibility of the US midterm elections, alleging irregularities in early voting and questioning the role of voting machines. Taking to his social media platform Truth Social, Trump questioned whether the election was conducted honestly and criticised the disparity between pre-election polling and the outcome. 'Does anybody really believe that this "Election" was honest.

SC seeks WhatsApp's action plan to curb digital arrest scams

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New Delhi



THE Supreme Court has asked WhatsApp and other intermediaries to apprise it about their proposed measures to prevent digital arrest scams and related cybercrimes in the country.

In an order uploaded on the website with regard to the hearing conducted on October 29 in a suo motu case titled In Re: Victims of Digital Arrest Related to Forged Documents, a bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant asked WhatsApp and like intermediaries to simultaneously submit their proposals to the I4C (Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre).

The bench, also comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana, has listed the plea for further consideration on November 23.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for WhatsApp, had told the bench the platform had taken preventive measures, including action against 9,400 accounts, and would file an affidavit detailing the steps undertaken.

He had said the platform was working on a software to identify suspicious accounts and warn users.

'Maneka would use expletives, even in the presence of Indira'

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TOWARDS the end of 1973, Sanjay Gandhi was introduced to Maneka Gandhi, "a pretty and vivacious girl, ten years younger than him and still a minor".

Within a year, they were married and Maneka, now 18, became part of the Gandhi family, recalls Sonia Gandhi in her memoir "Belonging: A Journey of Love". She narrates the oft discussed story of the "high-spirited and talkative girl" who became the "Choti Bahu" and the domestic and political fallout that would be termed a "reality show" today.

"Maneka was…full of zest. It was refreshing at first to have a younger sister-in-law in the house. But slowly, the atmosphere began to change, with irritations cropping up in the home," Gandhi writes in the book.

The 526-page book, published by HarperCollins India, covers the arc of Gandhi's remarkable life -- her childhood in post-war Italy, her marriage into the Nehru-Gandhi family, the assassination of her husband Rajiv Gandhi and her entry into politics.

Gandhi, who was addressed by the staff as "Bahurani", would think of Maneka and herself as "equal daughters of the house" with enough space to share between them.

"...but she probably saw it as a putdown. When she spoke rudely, by and large I'd remain silent to keep the peace, but when I felt it had gone too far, I wouldn't hold back and would respond curtly," the famously reticent Gandhi recalls in the book. Soon into the marriage, the differences between Sanjay and Maneka would come to the notice of other members of the family when "the exchange of words between them became noisier and more heated".

When she spoke rudely, by and large I'd remain silent to keep the peace, but when I felt it had gone too far, I wouldn't hold back and would respond curtly

"When annoyed, she would use expletives, even in the presence of my mother-in-law.

Maneka seemed to "settle down" when she began to accompany Sanjay to political functions and programmes, according to the book.

Gandhi writes that Maneka's influence on Sanjay started interfering with his relation with Rajiv. The relationship between the brothers, who were inseparable till a few months ago, turned bitter.



Akhilesh takes a dig at Yogi over SIR, 80:20 remarks



Yadav reacted to a recent interview of Yogi in which he said the CM claimed that 1.27 crore Hindu voters were missing from the electoral rolls following the SIRexercise and that the number of Muslim voters had increased by 1.65 per cent

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SP president Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday took a swipe at Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath over his remarks on the SIR and his '80:20' formulation for the upcoming Assembly polls, suggesting that the BJP-led NDA would be capable of contesting only 80 seats in the state.

In a post on X, Yadav reacted to a recent television interview of Adityanath in which he said the CM claimed that 1.27 crore Hindu voters were missing from the electoral rolls following the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise and that the number of Muslim voters had increased by 1.65 per cent.

Sharing a clip of the interview, Yadav challenged Adityanath to repost one of his earlier posts from his official social media account if he genuinely believed that 1.27 crore votes had been deleted.

"Only the wearer best knows when the shoe pinches," Yadav wrote, invoking a Hindi proverb to suggest that the CM was now experiencing the concerns that the opposition had been raising over the voter revision exercise.

Taking a further swipe at Adityanath, he said, "What is the difference between you and us now, neither in the complaints nor in the sorrows that you and we share."

In the interview, Adityanath had claimed that around 55 lakh Hindu beneficiaries of government welfare schemes and 4.5 lakh voters in the 18-19 age group were among those whose names were missing from the electoral rolls. He also said that the number of Muslim voters had increased by 1.65 per cent after the SIR.

In another post on X earlier in the day, Yadav responded to Adityanath's '80:20' remark, saying the CM's formulation meant that the BJP-led alliance would be capable of contesting only 80 seats, while the PDA (Pichhda, Dalit, Alpsankhyak) alliance would prove to be better than the NDA.

Jailed ex-Pb minister says he won't contest Assembly polls

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Chandigarh

JAILED former Punjab minister and AAP MLA Laljit Singh Bhullar's Facebook post on Tuesday claimed that he will not contest the upcoming assembly elections.

Bhullar, who is a legislator from the Patti assembly constituency, is currently lodged in jail in connection with the suicide of an official of the Punjab State Warehousing Corporation. The AAP is yet to announce a candidate from the Patti assembly seat.

Bhullar's Facebook post claimed that he would not fight the 2027 Punjab assembly elections.

"I have heard the sentiments expressed by the brothers and sisters of the Patti constituency regarding the party fielding me once again in the upcoming elections. However, I have decided not to contest the election," the post said.



"I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the people of Patti constituency. I bow my head in deep respect before your love, affection and sentiments. I shall remain indebted to the people of Patti constituency throughout my life. My sincere thanks to every brother and sister who has stood by me and supported me at every step," the post read.

Bhullar was arrested on March 23, two days after the suicide of Gagandeep Singh Randhawa, the district manager of Punjab State Warehousing Corporation in Amritsar.

PUNJAB RECORDS 198 FRESH FARM FIRES

The highest number of farm fires were reported in Tarn Taran at 659, followed by Ferozepur at 621, Sangrur 508, Bathinda 412, Patiala 299 and Amritsar 247

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Chandigarh

PUNJAB saw 198 fresh farm fire incidents on Monday, taking the cumulative count to 4,657, with Tarn Taran, Ferozepur, Sangrur districts accounting for the maximum number of such cases.

Many farmers continue to ignore government advisories to stop crop burning residue.

According to the official data, the highest number of farm fires were reported in Tarn Taran at 659, followed by Ferozepur at 621, Sangrur 508, Bathinda 412, Patiala 299 and Amritsar 247.



Fines amounting to Rs 72.85 lakh have been imposed as environmental compensation in 1,442 cases so far. Of the total fine, Rs 33.60 lakh has been recovered so far.

The data also showed that 938 FIRs were registered against farm fire incidents during this period under Section 223 (disobedience of order promulgated by public servant) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

State authorities have also marked 1,150 red entries, 310 in Tarn Taran and 192 in Ferozepur, in land records of farmers who burnt crop residues.

A red entry bars farmers from getting loans against their farmland or selling it.

The annual farm fire monitoring period begins on September 15, two weeks before paddy procurement starts on October 1.

Stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana is often blamed for the rise in air pollution in Delhi-NCR.

As the window for the Rabi crop, wheat, is very short after paddy harvest in October and November, some farmers set their fields on fire to quickly clear off the crop residue.

Punjab recorded 5,114 farm fire incidents during the 2025 paddy harvesting season. The state saw 10,909 farm fires in 2024 as compared to 36,663 in 2023.

2 youth acquitted in UAPA case over unreliable evidence

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Srinagar

A court in Jammu and Kashmir has acquitted two youths who were undergoing trial under anti-terror charges in Baramulla district, noting that the evidence against the accused was unreliable.

Special Judge (UAPA/NIA cases) Baramulla, Feroz Ahmad Khan, acquitted Huzaif Firdous Bhat and Aijaz Ahmad after finding contradictions in the prosecution case.

The two youths were arrested in September 2020 during a joint naka checking by police and the Army at Kanispora in Baramulla district. Police registered a case against the two youths under Sections 18, 23 and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and Section 7/25 of the Arms Act, claiming to have recovered two hand grenades, 100 rounds of ammunition and



posters of the terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba.

"On an overall assessment, the court finds that the prosecution evidence suffers from such material inconsistencies and infirmities that it would be unsafe to base a conviction upon it," the court said in its 71-page order.

The court held that the prosecution has not established "through cogent and dependable evidence" that the arms and ammunition produced in the court were recovered from the "conscious possession" of the accused in the manner alleged.

Ardh Kumbh 2027

Garhwal commissioner reviews preparations

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DehradunGarhwal

DIVISIONAL Commissioner Anand Swaroop warned officials of strict action over delays and negligence in construction and maintenance works being undertaken for the Ardh Kumbh Mela 2027, directing them to ensure timely completion of all projects while prioritising the safety and convenience of pilgrims.

Swaroop conducted an onsite inspection of various ongoing projects in Haridwar and held a meeting with officials to review the progress of construction schemes, infrastructure facilities and temporary arrangements for the religious event.

He directed officials to maintain high quality in all works and ensure accessibility and safety for pilgrims. He



also instructed them to submit daily progress reports accompanied by photographs and regularly update the status of ongoing projects on the online dashboard.

"In line with the state government's commitment, all departments must work in coordination to ensure that the event is organised in a grand and magnificent manner. Tasks related to temporary infrastructure across all sectors should be expedited, and necessary arrangements prioritising the convenience, accessibility and safety of pilgrims must be put in place well in advance," Swaroop said. The divisional commissioner began his inspection with the ongoing maintenance work at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee State Guest House in Haridwar.

3 bodies found at separate locations in Lucknow

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Lucknow

THREE bodies, including one suspected to be of a murdered man, were found at separate locations in Lucknow, prompting police investigations into the circumstances surrounding the deaths, officials said on Tuesday.

The body of an unidentified man, aged around 35, was found stuffed in a sack beneath a culvert in the Amavan forest area under Banthra police station limits in the morning, police said.

The body appeared to be around three days old. The man was tall and thin and was wearing a red shirt and blue lower, according to a police statement.

Police received information about a suspicious sack lying beneath the culvert through Dial-112 at around 9.15 am. A police team reached the spot and found the body inside the sack.

"Prima facie, it appears that the man was murdered and his body dumped at the spot," police said, adding that forensic experts have collected scientific and physical evidence from the scene.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Md Mustaque inspected the spot, according to officials.

Police are trying to establish the identity of the deceased and have sent the body for a postmortem examination. Further action will be taken based on the post-mortem report and investigation, the statement said. Apart from this, the body of a 45-year-old man, identified as Subhash Chandra, was found in a mango orchard in Sant Nagar village under Rahimabad police station limits.

EX-AAP MLAS PATHANMAJRA, JOURAMAJRA MEET BJP'S KAUR

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Patiala

FORMER Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) legislators Harmeet Singh Pathanmajra and Chetan Singh Jouramajra, who recently joined the Bharatiya Janata Party, met ex-Union minister Preneet Kaur here on Tuesday.

Talking to reporters after meeting BJP leader Kaur, they said discussions were held on various political and developmental issues concerning the Patiala parliamentary constituency, with particular emphasis on their respective assembly segments of Sanour and Samana.

They said issues relating to development works, public grievances and problems being faced by residents in their constituencies were



discussed in detail. The meeting also focused on strengthening the BJP's organisational structure in Punjab, expanding its grassroots activities and chalking out a future strategy to intensify the party's political activities in the state.

Pathanmajra said he held Kaur in high esteem and considered her a senior leader with extensive political and administrative experience. He further said Kaur had considerable influence and a longstanding association with the people across the Patiala parliamentary constituency.

"Given her vast experience and understanding of the region, we felt it important to meet her and seek her guidance. Her experience can prove valuable in understanding local issues and taking forward the party's activities in the constituency," he added.

Cong leader booked for killing lawyer in Kannauj

KANNAUJ : A 36-year-old lawyer was shot dead allegedly by a Congress district general secretary in Uttar Pradesh's Kannauj district on Diwali night following an argument, police said.

The accused, Amol Dixit, has been booked for the murder of advocate Anuj Kumar Chaturvedi, who was shot dead near the Chhibramau police station. Dixit is absconding, and six police teams have been formed to arrest him, officials said. Chhibramau Kotwali Station House Officer Kapil Dubey said the incident followed a dispute over Dixit allegedly slapping Chaturvedi's cousin, Basant, over political rivalry. Basant informed Chaturvedi about the incident, following which the lawyer accompanied his cousin to Dixit's residence. An argument broke out between the two sides, Dubey said. Dixit allegedly pulled out his pistol and fired four rounds at Chaturvedi, who collapsed on the spot.

UP BJP chief to Akhilesh

Visit Ram Temple on Dec 6, apologise to kar sevaks



Uttar Pradesh BJP president Pankaj Chaudhary

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Lucknow

UTTAR Pradesh BJP president Pankaj Chaudhary on Tuesday targeted Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav over his proposed December 12 visit to the Ram temple in Ayodhya, asking him to visit the shrine on December 6 instead and apologise for the killing of 'kar sevaks' during the Samajwadi Party's rule.

"If this is not a new political ploy in the name of Lord Ram but genuine repentance, then visit the Ram temple on December 6, not 12. Apologise for the grave sin of getting hundreds of Ram devotees killed. Do not think your past sins will be washed away; rather, this pretence of devotion to Lord Ram will cost you whatever little political existence you have left," Chaudhary, also a Union Minister, said in a post on X.

The BJP state president's mention of December 6 refers to the anniversary of the demolition of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya in 1992.

The attack came amid a series of barbs by BJP leaders questioning Yadav's religious credentials and accusing the SP of appeasement politics.

BJP MLC Subhash Yaduvansh also slammed the SP chief, alleging that his party's government had ordered firing on kar sevaks in Ayodhya and that those responsible for the incident were now talking about Sanatan Dharma.

He asked Yadav to take a dip in the Saryu river and apologise to the kar sevaks and their families before visiting the Ram temple.

Yaduvansh claimed that the BJP government had already developed world-class infrastructure in Ayodhya and established the temple town on the global map. He also challenged Yadav to clarify his stand on the demand for a grand temple at the Krishna Janmabhoomi site in Mathura.

PM gave U'khand new direction, fresh energy for its growth

Hans News Service
Dehradun

THE foundation laid by former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, under whom Uttarakhand became a separate state, now finds the strength of PM Narendra Modi's leadership, which drives the state toward prosperity and self-reliance, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said on Tuesday.

In a social media post on Tuesday, Dhami thanked Modi who had extended greetings on the occasion of Uttarakhand's foundation day a day before.

Today, Uttarakhand is establishing its identity as an excellent tourism destination, an industry-friendly state, and a rapidly growing economy: Dhami

Uttarakhand was carved out of Uttar Pradesh on November 9, 2000, as the 27th state of India.

"I am sharing the unprecedented work and achievements accomplished in the realms of development and public welfare in 'Devbhoomi' Uttarakhand, under the guidance and support of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Dhami said.



Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami

"Today, Uttarakhand is establishing its identity as an excellent tourism destination, an industry-friendly state, and a rapidly growing economy. This 'new' Uttarakhand is paving the path toward the welfare and progress of every section of society," he said. In the letter, Dhami wrote that reading the message from the PM, he sensed not merely "the greetings of a prime minister, but the sentiments of a deeply sensitive individual who shares a profound bond with the soil of Uttarakhand".

"The warmth expressed in your words has conveyed to every citizen of the state that, for you, Uttarakhand is not just another state in India, but a sacred land—one deeply intertwined with emotions, spiritual consciousness, and personal bonds. On behalf of all the people of the state, I express my deepest, heartfelt gratitude for this affectionate message," wrote Dhami.

The chief minister said that the creation of Uttarakhand was the culmination of a long-drawn-out public struggle, countless sacrifices, and the aspirations of the people.

First anniversary of blast

Intensive security checks conducted around Red Fort

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NEW DELHI

INTENSIVE security checks were carried out around the Red Fort on Tuesday, the first anniversary of the blast near the historic monument, with Delhi Police stepping up surveillance through CCTV cameras, AI-based facial recognition technology and regular anti-sabotage inspections.

A senior police officer said security arrangements in the area had been strengthened following the blast, with the number of CCTV cameras significantly increased to ensure round-the-clock monitoring.

"Since the blast near the Red Fort, we have considerably increased the number of CCTV cameras. We keep the area under constant surveillance," the officer said.

She also said that vehicles equipped with AI-based facial recognition software are also stationed around the Red Fort whenever there is a large gathering.

The officer said that anti-sabotage checks and inspections by dog squads were conducted regularly to ensure that the area remained sanitised and visitors could move around safely. Bomb disposal squads also visited the area as part of the enhanced security arrangements.

Police maintaining constant coordination with businessmen in the Chandni Chowk area, who have also installed additional CCTV cameras on their own to strengthen surveillance

The officer said the police were maintaining constant coordination with businessmen in the Chandni Chowk area, who have also installed additional CCTV cameras on their own to strengthen surveillance. She said Delhi Police were also coordinating with other security agencies to ensure effective security arrangements in and around the historic monument. The intensified measures are aimed at maintaining heightened vigilance, preventing any security threat and ensuring the safety of visitors and traders in the busy area, she added.

According to police, they are also keeping a close watch on parking areas, with private security guards deployed by parking managements to monitor vehicles. The guards remain in touch with police officers and flag any vehicle that has been parked for an unusually long period.



HC: Advocates can't be barred from using non-Delhi pre-BS-VI vehicles

Justice Amit Mahajan said that at this stage, the authorities have not been able to point out how vehicles which were thought not contributing to pollution until October were suddenly considered as major contributors

NEW DELHI

PRESENCE of advocates and judicial staff is of utmost importance for the smooth functioning of courts, and they cannot be directed not to ply their non-Delhi-registered pre-BS-VI vehicles, the Delhi High Court has said.

Justice Amit Mahajan, while exempting lawyers and court staff from the three-month travel restriction imposed on non-Delhi-registered pre-BS-VI vehicles by the city administration, observed that at this stage, the authorities have not been able to point out how vehicles which were thought not contributing to pollution until October were suddenly considered as major contributors.



The order was passed on a petition by the Delhi High Court Bar Association (DHCBA) seeking exemption for vehicles "lawfully used by advocates residing in the NCR and travelling to Delhi for bona fide professional duties".

"Considering the difficulty expressed by the petitioner, the cars of advocates and court staff, which are holding a valid parking sticker of any of the Bar Associations in Delhi, are permitted to travel to and from Delhi, during court working days, from 01.11.2026 to 31.01.2027 on producing a valid identity card," the court said in the order passed on November 6.

Justice Mahajan stated that the government's notification itself provided an exemption to those performing sovereign and essential duties and assisting the court in discharge of judicial work was prima facie an essential duty, which at times, could be emergent as well.

Married woman killed by friend after altercation

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GHAZIABAD

A married woman was allegedly killed by a man she had befriended on Facebook, following an altercation at her residence here, police said on Tuesday.

The incident took place late Monday night at her home in the Indrapuri area of Ghaziabad.

The accused, identified as Pintu, has been taken into custody and is being interrogated, police said.

The deceased, Pinky, hailed from Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh and had befriended Pintu on Facebook around five months ago. Pinky, who lived with her family in Indrapuri, had been in regular contact with him over the phone since then, police said.



According to police, Pintu visited Pinky's house on Monday evening, when the two had an altercation over some issue.

"During the altercation, Pintu allegedly hit Pinky on the head with a brick, causing her to collapse and die on the spot," Assistant Commissioner of Police Amardeep Maurya, who is posted in Ankur Vihar, told reporters.

During preliminary interrogation, Pintu told police that he had not intended to kill Pinky but struck her with a brick in the heat of the moment, Maurya said.

The body has been sent for post-mortem. The accused is being questioned, and further legal action is underway, the ACP added.

Air pollution-related grievances

'54 pc of SAMEER app complaints, 35 pc of social media remain unresolved'

NEW DELHI: More than half of the air pollution-related complaints received through the Centre's SAMEER mobile application in the NCR area remain unresolved, while 35 per cent of grievances registered through social media have also not been addressed, according to the CPCB data flagged by an environmental activist.

According to the complaint redressal data of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), a total of 7,512 complaints were received through the SAMEER app between January 1, 2025, and October 7, 2026. Of these, 3,492 (46 per cent) were marked as resolved, while 4,020 (54 per cent) remained unresolved.

The data, shared by activist Amit Gupta with PTI, showed that the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board had the highest number of unresolved complaints among the agencies listed, with 1,733 of the 2,185 grievances (79 per cent) pending.

Haryana announces healthcare subsidies

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini appoints HERC chairman, prepares for Kapal Mochan Mela

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HARYANA Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Tuesday announced subsidised treatment for Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries and families with an annual income below Rs 5 lakh at Shri Sheetla Mata Devi Medical College and its 883-bed teaching hospital in Sector 102, Gurugram. The 150-seat medical college will provide affordable healthcare to economically weaker sections. At a meeting in Chandigarh to review the institution's operation and maintenance, Saini directed officials to open an AMRIT Pharmacy on the premises to ensure access to affordable medicines. Admissions, seat availability and fee structure were also discussed. Industries Minister Rao Narbir Singh and Cooperation Minister Arvind Kumar Sharma participated through video conferencing.

In another development, former Haryana cadre IAS officer Arun Kumar Gupta took oath as Chairman of the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (HERC). Energy Minister Anil Vij administered the oath at Haryana Niwas. The 1992-batch officer retired last month and previously served as Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Additional Chief Secretary (Finance), HERC Secretary and managing director of power utilities.



The commission regulates electricity tariffs, safeguards consumer interests, promotes renewable energy and works to improve power supply efficiency.Saini also reviewed preparations for the five-day State-Level Kapal Mochan Mela, scheduled at Bilaspur in Yamunanagar district from November 20 to 24 across 122 acres. He directed officials to ensure adequate accommodation, langars, drinking water, separate toilets, cleanliness, medical facilities, parking, lighting, CCTV surveillance and traffic management. Roads leading to the venue and the historic museum will be repaired. Sarovars at Kapal Mochan, Rin Mochan and Suraj Kund will be cleaned and supplied with fresh water. Drone and light-and-sound shows depicting Guru Nanak Dev Ji's life and teachings will be major attractions. An exhibition will showcase the ten Sikh Gurus, government welfare schemes and the 1857 Shaheedi Smarak. Guru Nanak's birth anniversary will be celebrated on November 24. Gurbani recitals, LED screenings and stalls featuring indigenous products by Self-Help Groups will add to the festivities.

Meanwhile, Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Shyam Singh Rana announced an increase in the subsidised solar power capacity for shrimp farmers from 10 KW to 30 KW. Under the 2025-26 Intensive Fisheries Development Programme, white shrimp farmers will receive 60 per cent subsidy on eligible project costs of Rs 50,000 per KW, subject to a maximum of Rs 15 lakh for a 30 KW system. Integrated Aqua Parks are being developed in Sirsa and Bhiwani as Centres of Excellence.blished under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.

Model Code restrictions extended to retired officials hired by states

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AMID complaints of misuse of official position by some, the Election Commission has extended restrictions and prohibitions applicable on serving government employees under the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) to retired officials and individuals engaged, employed or re-employed by state governments during this period.

A senior official said there have been complaints in the past that retired government employees engaged by states in various capacities have been convening meetings of officials involved in election work during the poll code period. In a letter addressed to the chief secretaries and chief electoral officers of poll-bound Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand on November 9, the commission said such individuals must maintain political neutrality and refrain from participating in election campaigns or canvassing.

The poll authority also directed that these individuals must not summon any election-related officer of a constituency or district where elections have been announced for official discussions or meetings.

They are also barred from holding video conferences or meetings with such officers.

The commission cautioned that any act or omission in violation of these directions would be viewed seriously and instructed the states to ensure strict compliance. In effect, such re-employed people cannot use their names, official positions or authority to favour any political party or individual. They also cannot participate in election campaigning or canvassing. Such individuals cannot summon election officials or hold official meetings/video conferences with them in constituencies or districts where elections have been announced. The EC also reiterated that MCC provisions apply to organisations, committees, corporations and commissions funded wholly or partly by the government.

Interstate pharmaceutical drug supply network busted

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THE Delhi Police has busted an interstate illegal pharmaceutical drug supply network with the arrest of four men and the recovery of over 21,000 tablets and capsules of Alprazolam and Tramadol weighing over 14 kilograms, an officer said on Tuesday.The accused were arrested during a multi-stage operation conducted by the crime branch across different locations in Delhi."A team of the crime branch initially intercepted Munesh Kumar Gupta (44) and Akhilesh Mishra (46) near Nigam Bodh Ghat on October 31 while they were transporting pharmaceutical drugs on a motorcycle. A search led to the recovery of 16,380 tablets and capsules weighing over 10 kg, following which an FIR was registered," a senior police officer said.Based on their interrogation, police arrested their alleged supplier, Virender Kumar alias Hero (48), from Madipur and recovered 4,320 Tramadol capsules weighing over 3 kg from his possession, according to the officer.

Back on four legs

Jaipur veterinarian's artificial limbs help disabled animals walk



Dr Tapesh Mathur, a veterinary officer in the Rajasthan government, has fitted artificial limbs to more than 700 animals across 23 states over the past 12 years through his initiative

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FROM a bull in Telangana to a cow injured during Operation Sindoor in Jammu and Kashmir, hundreds of disabled animals have been given a chance to walk again due to a Jaipur-based veterinarian who has developed artificial limbs for them.

Dr Tapesh Mathur, a veterinary officer in the Rajasthan government, has fitted artificial limbs to more than 700 animals across 23 states over the past 12 years through his initiative, 'Krishna Limb'.

The animals include cows, calves, horses, dogs, rabbits, goats and camels.The artificial limbs are provided free of cost to farmers and animal owners who cannot afford them, Mathur said.

Among the animals that have benefited from his initiative are Prabha, a cow from Mavli in Udaipur district, and Laxman, a bull from Karimnagar in Telangana. Both are now able to walk using artificial limbs, he said.

Mathur began the initiative in 2013 after being posted at a polyclinic in a cow rehabilitation centre in Jaipur, where animals injured in road accidents were regularly brought for treatment.He said he decided to experiment with an artificial limb on a three-year-old calf that had lost a leg."It took considerable effort, but eventually the calf started running. The calf was black in colour, and people began calling it Krishna when they saw it running with the artificial limb. That is how the name Krishna Limb came about," Mathur told PTI. What began as an experiment gradually became a mission. Mathur started travelling to remote villages and difficult terrain across the country to treat injured animals and fit them with artificial limbs.One such case emerged during Operation Sindoor, when shelling affected villages along the India-Pakistan border.A tea stall owner from Jammu and Kashmir, Rajesh, contacted Mathur after his cow, Gauri, was injured in firing that also left several bullet marks on the walls of his house.

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE HINDUPUR O.S. 6/2023

Between:1. K.P.Shakunthalamma, 2. K.P.Mallikarjuna, 3. K.P.Sasidhar, 4. Smt.K.P.Pushpalatha, 5. K.P.Nitin Sai Bhargav ...**Plaintiffs** And M/s Global Horticulture Pvt.Ltd. H.No.3230, Sector 35 (D) Chandigarh-160022. **..Defendant No.5**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT NO.5

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Onus on govt and people for a pollution-free Diwali

DIWALI pollution has become an annual grey rhino event—a looming, predictable threat that we all recognise but choose to ignore. Black swan occurrences are unforeseeable, and therefore very difficult to deal with. The Covid-19 crisis was a black swan about which no one knew. Hence the untold loss of life and incalculable damage to the economy. The inability to tackle grey rhinos, however, is symptomatic of sclerosis in Indian statecraft, the callousness of the political class, and the irresponsible behaviour of people in general. Like every post-Diwali, news headlines screamed of various parts of the country, especially north India, becoming gas chambers. Delhi and the surrounding National Capital Region (NCR) being the worst affected with PM2.5 readings, which capture levels of smoke, flying off the charts. Many of the capital's air monitoring stations went blank on Diwali night. The missing hours were partially filled the next day by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), showing the smoke level peaked at 3,744 µg/m³, more than 60 times the national 24-hour standard of 60.

Another news report said that in Delhi, which recorded its worst Diwali-day air quality in five years, pollution levels touched nearly 5,000 µg/m³ at some monitoring stations—that is, over 80 times the safe limit. Even the peninsular region was not spared, with Hyderabad's average air quality index (AQI) zooming to 509. Although, coastal Chennai and Mumbai were better, Kolkata was not spared, as AQI spiked above 600. Coastal centres in Gujarat too had very high AQI numbers. At the heart of the problem is the lack of concern in the quarters that matter. Our political elite, cutting across party lines, have almost zero regard for real issues like pollution. Despite harsh commentary in public discourse, media outcry, and severe reprimands by the higher judiciary, the powers that be are insouciant about the lives and health of millions of people who suffer because of debilitating pollution. Little, if anything, has been done to ameliorate the conditions; if there are any short, medium and long-term measures to address the issue, they are not perceptible.

It is time our political masters woke up and took effective steps to rectify the situation. This requires moving beyond the ritualistic responses that follow every Diwali, when governments issue advisories, announce restrictions, hold meetings, and promise action, only for the problem to resurface with renewed intensity the following year. What is needed is a comprehensive, coordinated, and time-bound strategy that addresses every significant source of pollution throughout the year, rather than treating it as a seasonal emergency. Governments must invest in public transport, strengthen last-mile connectivity, enforce emission standards, ensure scientific disposal of municipal and agricultural waste, and penalise industrial violators. Stubble burning, construction dust, vehicular emissions, and firecrackers all demand sustained attention, not selective outrage. Equally important is the creation of an institutional framework that assigns clear responsibility to specific authorities and holds officials accountable for measurable outcomes. Political leaders must also lead by example, instead of shifting blame or indulging in partisan point-scoring. At the same time, people too must do their bit. They must adhere to the norms specified by the authorities regarding bursting of crackers. They need to realise that every government intervention will fail without their support. Environmental protection is everyone's responsibility.

Cultivating resilience: Why crop diversification is Telangana's only scientifically sound climate adaptation

Dr Ramesh Chennamaneni

An unprecedented drought crisis across 365 mandals in Telangana, driven by a post-monsoon El Niño effect and a 17 per cent rainfall deficit, threatens agricultural collapse until July 2027. To initiate a transition of the state from a vulnerable monoculture to a drought-resistant, resilient agricultural economy ensuring the livelihoods of small and marginal farmers, a comprehensive climate adaptation framework is required. This strategy is anchored by the Mandal-Wise Decentralized Alternative Production Package (MDAPP), localised soil-moisture ecological mapping, and aggressively front-loaded financial assistance through a specialized Green Transition Bonus.

THE prevailing. The state government has officially declared 365 mandals across 31 districts as drought affected. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has warned that this unprecedented El Niño-related water and power crisis could persist until next July. This emergency exposes the deep structural vulnerabilities of our agricultural system and demands alternative strategies.

From an ecological perspective, crop diversification serves as a scientifically validated climate change adaptation strategy specifically engineered to combat acute hydrological stress. Replacing continuous paddy with low-water alternatives directly intercepts the drought cycle by altering the microclimate and soil physics of the farm. Deep-rooted alternative crops break up compacted subsoil layers, increasing capillary porosity and maximizing water infiltration when erratic rains do occur. By maintaining ground cover through diverse cropping architectures, farmers drastically lower soil surface evaporation and buffer the field against extreme thermal gradients. Crucially, integrating diverse root profiles optimises water extraction across varying soil depths rather than exhausting the topmost layer, significantly increasing regional water-use efficiency and preserving precious residual moisture within the root zone during extended dry spells. However, transitioning from predictable paddy fields to complex alternative crop systems introduces severe operational hurdles for small and marginal farmers.



For these smallholders, climate adaptation is not just an ecological goal—it is a high-stakes problem of daily farm management, labor allocation, and survival.

The smallholder farm management crisis

The 2026 monsoon concluded with a 17 per cent overall rainfall deficit, leaving 18 out of 33 districts severely deficient. The total kharif crop area dropped from 139.28 lakh acres to 126.06 lakh acres, leaving standing crops withering. While traditional paddy cultivation fell by 18 per cent, the remaining acreage faces disaster. Out of 30 lakh agricultural pump sets, almost 15 lakh have run dry due to the rapidly falling water table.

When the state government appeals to smallholders to avoid paddy and shift to alternative crops like pulses, millets, or oilseeds, it overlooks a critical farm management reality. Small and marginal farmers operate on razor-thin margins. Paddy is highly automated, easy to store, and insulated by guaranteed state procurement.

In contrast, alternative crops require intensive, localized agronomic management: precise sowing windows to catch brief moisture windows, entirely different seedbed preparation, specialized weeding, and delicate handling during harvest. Forcing a smallholder with less than two acres to learn and manage these volatile new crop dynamics without structural support creates a severe policy asymmetry. It expects the most vulnerable stakeholder to absorb 100% of the operational and financial risk.

Localized agroecological realities

Climate change impacts Telangana's distinct agro-ecological zones differently, meaning top-down, uniform advisories broadcasted via Rythu Vedikas fail to match localized realities:

The northern zone: Experiencing erratic rains and rising thermal stress that alter the growing period.

Central zone: Facing severe groundwater depletion that rapidly strips moisture from shallow root zones.

The southern zone: High evaporation rates on shallow soils lead to immediate crop wilting during short dry spells.

To address this, the state must implement a Mandal-Wise Decentralized Alternative Production Package (MDAPP). This framework maps soil taxonomy and aquifer health across all 621 mandals to deliver a tailor-made alternative crop grid specifically optimized for smallholder management.

In zone A (deep black cotton soil with over-exploited groundwater in specific mandals within Adilabad, Nalgonda, and parts of Khammam), high soil water-retention capacity dictates a total ban on Yasangi paddy. This is replaced by long-staple cotton intercropped with pigeon pea, Bengal gram, black gram, green gram, or soybean.

In sone B (red sandy loams with critically low water tables across Mahabubnagar, Medak, and Rangareddy), the low moisture profiles require drought-hardy options like groundnut, castor, pearl millet, finger millet, foxtail millet, sorghum, and sesame.

In zone C (alluvial and medium loamy soils under deficit canal networks in Nizamabad, Karimnagar, and Warangal), flood irrigation must be eliminated in favor of safflower, mustard, green gram, sunflower, and linseed.

To institutionalise this, physical soil health cards must become digital MDAPP Smart Passbooks. When a smallholder registers their land, the portal automatically tags their mandatory crop code, blocks restricted paddy entries, and unlocks tailored input-subsidy modules.

Insulating the smallholder transition

The primary barrier to diversification is the immediate liquidity crunch faced by smallholders when changing cultivation patterns. MDAPP restructures direct benefit transfers by splitting investment support into a two-tier framework: the base Rythu Bharosa support plus a legally ring-fenced Green Transition Bonus (GTB) of ₹3,000 per acre per season, paid exclusively for alternative crops.

To prevent smallholders from falling back on high-interest private moneylenders for new tools and inputs, cash flows are front-loaded. During the pre-sowing phase, 60 per cent of the combined seasonal payout is deposited directly into the farmer's account. The remaining 40 per cent is released 30 days after sowing following automated remote-sensing crop verification. Furthermore, Telangana's 2,600+ Rythu Vedikas must be upgraded into local logistics hubs. Upon registration, smallholders will receive an SMS voucher redeemable at the Rythu Vedika for 100 per cent subsidized, high-yield, drought-resistant seeds developed by PJTSAU. To manage the technical shift in water utilization, alternative crops are paired with Micro-Irrigation Direct-Delivery (MIDD). Any smallholder registered under MDAPP automatically qualifies for a 90 per cent subsidy on drip or sprinkler kits, installed by technical teams within seven days.

Eliminating market volatility

The final anchor of MDAPP eliminates market price volatility. The state must establish a dedicated, legally backed statutory body: the Telangana Alternative Crop Procurement Board (TACPB). Operating under a 120 per cent MSP Procurement Accord, the TACPB will legally guarantee to buy 100 per cent of the alternative crop volume at a 20 per cent premium over Central MSP.

This bonus directly compensates smallholders for the lower physical yields characteristic of pulses and millets relative to paddy. By processing harvests at decentralized Rythu Vedika weighbridges and clearing payments via DBT within 72 hours, Telangana can effectively withstand the serious economic and social vagaries of one of the worst droughts it has been experiencing since decades.

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We need to deal with natural calamities more effectively



Ravulapati Seetaramarao

No matter how big the storm is, if N Chandrababu Naidu oversees it, it becomes possible to contain the ferocity. As a chief minister who keeps losses within bounds, he calmly restores what is lost, while the storms gradually cross the coast. When Arnav and Murasu cyclones occurred, those storms extended from afar, and with several precautionary measures in place, the two cyclones that followed quickly caused less loss of life.

When the two struck Andhra Pradesh, Arnav that arrived on October 28 was estimated to cause about ₹4,526 crore in damage. The Murasu cyclone arrived on November 3. However, this damaged copper crops across 52,500 hectares. Preliminary estimates indicate that only about eight people lost their lives due to these two cyclones. The first cyclone reportedly caused crop damage over 90,000 hectares in the southern Odisha region. As always, after the central government officials visited at the ground level, the initial loss estimates were used to decide on financial assistance and other forms of support. Reports indicate that states like Telangana, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu have extended necessary aid to Andhra Pradesh during this crisis.

With the help of the Real-Time Governance Society (RTGS) and technical experts, casualties and property losses were minimised.

When Hudhud struck in October 2014, Chandrababu Naidu stood ahead of the officials with remarkable initiative, guiding in many ways and fighting the storm to safeguard lives, property, and livelihood in the face of the cyclone. Governments strive to lend a hand during crises, sometimes without people noticing, but it is very rare for a leader at the level of the Chief Minister to personally drive aid efforts across the ground. For politicians who think power is to be enjoyed, helping in times of trouble is a duty and a goal; for Chandrababu, this brought immense adulation and admiration from ordinary people as well. The Hudhud cyclone claimed 63 lives and caused damages worth about Rs 22,000 crore. There has always been a worrying factor about what would happen if a cyclone hit a region. Now, in the two Telugu states and in Odisha, people perceive such calamities as a regular threat—though it is a tragedy when they occur. The handling of such disasters often becomes highly challenging, and corruption tends to harden. Yet for ordinary people, and for those who depend on fishing along the coast, daily life becomes a heavy burden. Those who muster the courage to go out to fish face grim conditions, and the hardships persist until they return safely. Therefore, there is a growing need for skilled professionals who can anticipate such disasters through technology, for enhanced cooperation between state and central government officials, and for proactive, strategic measures to be put in place well in advance.



Along with state authorities, agencies functioning at the central level must act with utmost precautions to protect crops from these calamities. Rapid, well-considered strategic decisions that minimise losses have become indispensable. Likewise, government agencies responsible for timely compensation and delivering relief at the field level must increasingly adopt decisive actions. The Prime Minister's Crop Insurance Scheme (Crop Insurance Scheme) was launched by the Centre a decade ago, but its utilisation at the field level remains limited. There are no records showing that the plan is being implemented in a manner intended to compensate farmers for losses caused by climate-induced natural adversities. If the government can bring all farmers under this scheme, it would provide some relief to those who suffered losses. It would be beneficial if states took responsibility for taking this scheme to the farmers and establish government machinery at the field level that provides relief to farmers.

Initially, there was no thought of reclaiming these compensation payments by the governments. However, with the 15th Finance Commission's recommendations, within two years prior, the national and state Disaster Response Funds were reclassified not as relief funds but as part of recovery and reconstruction under this scheme. Governments must consider how appropriate this is. When natural disasters disrupt states in such dreadful ways and push livelihoods into dire straits, the central government should be ready to provide urgent financial assistance and take all possible supportive measures. Only then will federalism and democracy have meaning and usefulness. Co-operative federalism should be actualised as a true federal arrangement in which the central government can function in a manner aligned with democratic values.

Presently, cyclones are occurring on a regular basis in one state or the other. To effectively deal with these natural calamities, and lessen the effect of losses of properties, crops and deaths, separate mechanisms at the state and national levels are urgently called for. Though disaster management machinery is now functioning at both levels, the inadequacy and technical assistance is evident. Hence, a specialised scheme is to be urgently thought of to give a credible helping hand in containing heavy losses. Best governance is then registered in the minds of affected people.

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LETTERS

Make preventive healthcare a national priority

WITH reference to "India should focus on its health promotion policies," it is alarming that 10–30 per cent of youngsters is reportedly suffering from health-impacting behavioural issues and conditions. While India has a predominantly young population, lifestyle disorders such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, stress and lack of physical activity are increasingly affecting them. Equally concerning is that only around 45–47 per cent of Indians are covered by some form of health insurance or healthcare financing scheme. Another common misconception among salaried employees is that the employer-provided health insurance of ₹3–5 lakh is sufficient. However, this may fall short in the event of critical illnesses, major surgeries or prolonged hospitalisation. Therefore, every individual should consider taking an independent personal health insurance policy to ensure continuous financial protection. The government should also prioritise preventive healthcare through regular health screenings, nutritional education, awareness campaigns and promotion of physical activity in schools, colleges and workplaces. A healthy younger generation is essential for India's productivity and economic growth, and prevention must become a national priority rather than merely a medical intervention.

Nittala Siva Prasad, Hyderabad-62

Every Indian must be health conscious

APROPOS your editorial 'India should focus on its health promotion'. It is very important that every Indian must be health conscious, in each situation – eating healthy food, indulging in regular physical activities; and not yielding to habits of smoking, tobacco use and excessive use of alcoholic beverages. Nutrition continues to be a big and vital contributor to healthy living; while the have-nots evolved a meaningful regimen when it comes to eating habits, without compromising on nutrition – it is the rich who fall prey to eating all kinds of junk foods that are unhealthy and having less nutritional content in them. The reality of growing atmospheric pollution, use of excessive pesticides in vegetable crops is being seen as a serious threat to health issues and long-term illnesses. The busy lifestyle, growing stress and untimely regimen about eating lunch and dinner are contributing to severe and unprecedented health issues. The irregular sleep pattern is also said to be the cause for growing cardiovascular ailments – heart attack and stroke. The problem of hypertension has become a regular thing for many. Yoga and meditation practices are beneficial while belly fat is said to be the main cause for heart attack and strokes.

S Lakshmi, Hyderabad

TG govt lacks application

The autocratic decision-making mechanism of Telangana contributes to reversing the existing trend of investments in various sectors. The involvement of stakeholders in decision making exercises of this nature is conspicuous and visible to economic analysts. To attract capital investments to a state in a highly competitive environment in our country needs scientific and professional studies with the invitation of suggestions from experts in various fields. In the absence of such exercise, policy reversals in the midstream only decelerates the momentum built over years. The present state government exhibits immaturity and lack of application of mind in its functioning. This in turn has resulted in the unfortunate stagnation of its economy. It requires introspection by the state cabinet to correct its policy making parameters immediately before the damage becomes irretrievable. With drought conditions already breaking the rural economy during this year, Telangana can ill-afford the luxury of stagnation in other economic spheres. Sooner we correct this, better for the state, it will be

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BENGALURU ONLINE

Prove Sangh links in murders or resign: Tejasvi challenges Kharge



BENGALURU: BJP MP Tejasvi Surya has challenged Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge to produce evidence within three days to substantiate his allegations linking Sangh Parivar members to the murders of journalist Gauri Lankesh and rationalist M M Kalaburgi, or resign from his post.

Reacting to Kharge's remarks at a Muslim League programme in Kerala, Surya said securing justice in the high-profile murder cases required seriousness and commitment rather than political speeches. In a social media post, he said the Home Minister's responsibility was to ensure justice under the rule of law and not pronounce prejudiced judgments from political platforms.

Surya questioned the delay in the trials, pointing out that the chargesheet in the Gauri Lankesh murder case was filed in 2018, while the trial began in 2022. The case is now before its seventh judge, and all the accused are out on bail, he said. . In the Kalburgi murder case, only 33 of the 139 witnesses had been examined by September 2026, highlighting the slow pace of the proceedings, he added.

He said Congress had been in power in Karnataka for most of the period since the murders and that the state government had constituted the SITs. The Home Department must explain its role in ensuring effective investigations and trials, he demanded.

Surya also questioned Kharge's assurance that the cases would be concluded within six months and those responsible would be sent to prison, saying such statements could raise concerns about judicial independence. He asked Kharge to disclose the names of those allegedly linked to the Sangh who had been chargesheeted and provide evidence within three days or resign.

Kharge had alleged that people associated with the Sangh Parivar were behind the murders and expressed confidence that the accused would be brought to justice within six months.

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Cyclones ravage crops in 4.61 lakh hectares

- 5.23 lakh farmers hit by Cyclone Arnab; 1.86 lakh by Murasu.
- Crop losses estimated at Rs 3,209 crore.
- Agriculture minister Atchannaidu orders faster damage assessment to ensure farmer coverage

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AGRICULTURAL crops over 4,61,194 hectares were damaged due to recent cyclones 'Arnab' and 'Murasu' in Andhra Pradesh.

The cyclone also damaged horticultural crops across 29,960 hectares.

Agriculture minister K Atchannaidu reviewed the damage caused to agricultural and horticultural crops by the recent cyclones during a teleconference with senior officials on Tuesday morning. Officials reported that, under the impact of Cyclone 'Arnab', crops over 3,27,843 hectares suffered damage in 15 districts, affecting 5,23,136 farmers. The damaged crop area was 30.05 per cent of the 10,90,933 hectares under cultivation in the affected districts. The officials estimated a production loss of 9,78,091 tonnes, resulting in a financial loss of Rs 2,392.84 crore.

In Dr B R Ambedkar Konaseema district alone, 99.19 per cent of the cultivated area was damaged, affecting 94,808 farmers and resulting in a financial loss of Rs 348.88 crore. The estimated requirements under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) are Rs 815.57 crore and Rs 714.96 crore, respectively.

Officials also reported that due to the impact of Cyclone 'Murasu', crops across 1,33,351 hectares were damaged across nine districts, affecting 186,269 farmers. The damaged crop area was 23.71 per cent of the total cultivated area of 5,62,445 hectares. The financial loss is estimated at Rs 816.53 crore, with a production loss of 3,38,302 tonnes. The estimated requirements under the SDRF and NDRF are Rs 321.64 crore and Rs 266.67 crore, respectively.

The officials also stated that due to Cyclone 'Arnab', 23,211.48 hectares of horticultural crops were damaged across 215 mandals and 1,310 villages in 15 districts, affecting 58,990 farmers.

Enumeration has been completed for 23,035.08 hectares (99.24 per cent) involving 58,630 farmers. The enumeration for the remaining 176.40 hectares, involving 360 farmers, is still pending. Out of the 15 districts, 14 have completed 100 per cent of the enumeration, while Krishna district has reached 86.67 per cent.

Officials reported that due to the impact of Cyclone Murasu, 6,748.52 hectares of horticultural crops across 106 mandals and 530 villages in eight districts were damaged, affecting 12,586 farmers. So far, enumeration has been completed for only 2,211.73 hectares (32.77 per cent) involving 3,392 farmers, while the registration of 9,194 farmers covering 4,536.79 hectares remains pending.

Minister Atchannaidu directed officials to conduct a comprehensive field-level assessment of the damages caused by the two cyclones and to identify, on a district-wise basis, the remaining crop area and the number of farmers yet to be registered. He emphasised that the enumeration process must be expedited to ensure that no eligible farmer is left out.

Abandoned by children, 80-yr-old's plea for justice, dignity goes unheard

Miryala Rajani
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80-year-old Raj Mallayya waiting for the official to hear him, at RDO office in Jagtial on Tuesday

IN a heartbreaking incident highlighting the plight of elderly people facing neglect within their own families, an 80-year-old man from Donkeshwaram village of Beerpur mandal has been running from pillar to post for the past four days, seeking justice and a dignified place to live.

Raj Mallayya, a resident of Donkeshwaram village, lost his wife and is now struggling to find support during the final stage of his life. Despite having four children, he alleges that none of them is willing to take responsibility for his care. While one of his children is settled in the United States, the other three live locally. He claims that he is not even being allowed into their houses and is being deprived of basic necessities such as food and shelter.

With no other option, Mallayya approached the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) and submitted a petition seeking intervention. Officials reportedly assured him that his children would be counselled to resolve the family dispute. However, no concrete action has been taken so far.

For the past four days, the elderly man has been visiting the RDO office, waiting since morning until evening in the hope of receiving a solution. On Tuesday, he once again waited until late evening to meet the authorities. However, as there was no response from the officials, he was left disappointed.

In a particularly distressing scene, Mallayya, who is unable to walk without support, eventually left the office with the help of two walking sticks. Before leaving, he reportedly pleaded with the staff to at least arrange admission to an old-age home if his children were unwilling to provide him shelter. His helpless condition and repeated appeals moved several people present at the office. At an age when he should be spending his days in peace and comfort, the octogenarian is being forced to wander from office to office seeking something as basic as food and shelter. The incident has raised serious concerns over the protection and welfare of senior citizens facing neglect by their own families. Locals have urged the authorities to intervene immediately, counsel his children and ensure that Mallayya receives proper care and protection. They have also appealed to officials to arrange admission to an old-age home without further delay if family reconciliation is not possible. For an 80-year-old man, the demand is neither property nor luxury.

All he seeks is a few meals a day, a safe roof over his head and the dignity to spend the remaining years of his life in peace.

Parties rein in cadre as Pawan announces separation from wife

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THE announcement by Jana Sena Party chief and Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan that he and his wife Anna Lezhneva have decided to part ways has prompted the YSRCP and the TDP to move swiftly to prevent the personal matter from becoming a subject of political mudslinging on social media.

The YSRCP leadership has instructed its leaders, spokespersons, party cadre and social media activists not to comment on Pawan Kalyan's personal life or circulate content relating to his separation. The directive, issued from the party's central office following instructions from party president Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, calls for restraint in public discussions and on social media platforms.

The party has specifically cautioned its members against responding to posts, joining online discussions or sharing photographs, videos and other material concerning the personal lives of Pawan Kalyan and his family. Though the communication does not name him, its timing and contents make clear that it was issued in response to the announcement.

The TDP, an alliance partner of the Jana Sena Party, has also declared that it would not tolerate personal attacks or derogatory comments concerning the private lives of leaders belonging to either the alliance or the YSRCP.

Its IT wing, ITDP, warned that disciplinary action would be taken if such remarks were found to have been made through social media accounts affiliated with it. It also clarified that it would not be responsible for personal opinions expressed by individuals.

Pawan Kalyan and Anna Lezhneva announced their decision on Monday night through a joint statement, saying they had chosen to separate by mutual understanding and respect after sharing a significant part of their lives. They said that although their marriage had come to an end, they would remain good friends and devoted parents, with their children's happiness and well-being remaining their priority.

The couple did not disclose the reasons for their decision and appealed to the public and well-wishers to respect their privacy during this personal transition. The statement was circulated in their names, though the announcement was not carried on Pawan Kalyan's official social media handle or the Jana Sena Party's official account.

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender for the under noted work:

1.	Name of Work with its location	Replacement of G-Jumper & PG Clamps in GZB-SRE & SPR sections.
2.	Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 49,96,730.00/-
3.	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 99,900/-
4.	E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period	20.11.2026 (00.00 Hrs.) to 04.12.2026 (15.00 Hrs.)
5.	E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time	04.12.2026 (15.00 hrs.)
6.	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

E-Tender No.: 24B-TRD-NDLS-2026-27 Dated 10.11.2026

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TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. DME/Diesel, Northern Railway, Diesel Loco Shed, Tughlakabad for and on behalf of President of India invites e-Tenders for the following work .The tender will be accepted online only in the prescribed tender document.

Name of work	Provision for modification of 02 Nos. Lubricated compressor of 1750 LPM each on board mounting in WAP-4 type Electric Locomotives with modified cab fed by 180 KVA SIV at Diesel Shed, Tughlakabad.
Place of work	Diesel Shed, Tughlakabad, New Delhi-110044
Completion Period	1 Years
Approximate cost of work	Rs. 31,60,753.31/- Including GST (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Three and Thirty One Paisa only)
Amount of Bid Security	Rs. 63,200/- (Rs. Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred only)
Technical Eligibility Criteria	As per clause 10 of tender form (second sheet) of Tender Document.
Financial Eligibility Criteria	As per clause 10 of tender form (second sheet) of Tender Document.
Website to download and upload e-tender document	www.ireps.gov.in
Due date & time of uploading of Tender by tenderer	30.11.2026 upto 12:00 Hrs
Date & Time of Tender opening	30.11.2026 After 12:00 Hrs
Validity of offer	60 days from opening of tender

Tender Document can be downloaded from Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in For details of work experience, scope of work and terms & conditions please see Tender document. No. TKD-MOD-Compressor-RT-26 Dated 07.11.2026

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FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2026

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Chhath Puja Festival, Northern Railway, in association with other zonal railways, has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

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02251	Patna Jn. VANDE BHARAT FESTIVAL SPECIAL	10:00	New Delhi	23:30	Tri-weekly	Tue, Thu, Sun	Upto 26.11.26
02254	New Delhi VANDE BHARAT FESTIVAL SPECIAL	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	Tri-weekly	Sun, Tue, Thu	Upto 26.11.26
02253	Patna Jn. VANDE BHARAT FESTIVAL SPECIAL	10:00	New Delhi	23:30	Tri-weekly	Sat, Mon, Wed	Upto 28.11.26
02258	New Delhi VANDE BHARAT FESTIVAL SPECIAL	05:00	Patna Jn.	18:30	Date wise	Wednesday	11.11.2026
02257	Patna Jn. VANDE BHARAT FESTIVAL SPECIAL	08:00	New Delhi	21:30	Date wise	Thursday	12.11.2026
02436	New Delhi VANDE BHARAT FESTIVAL SPECIAL	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	Date wise	Friday	13.11.2026
02435	Patna Jn. VANDE BHARAT FESTIVAL SPECIAL	08:00	New Delhi	21:30	Date wise	Saturday	14.11.2026
06597	Yesvantpur Jn.	07:00	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	10:15	Date wise	Thursday	12.11.2026
06598	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	17:55	Yesvantpur Jn.	19:45	Date wise	Saturday	14.11.2026
04028	Anand Vihar(T.)	09:15	Muzaffarpur Jn.	04:30	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday	Upto 24.11.26
04027	Muzaffarpur Jn.	06:15	Anand Vihar(T.)	05:30	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Saturday	Upto 25.11.26
04010	Delhi Jn.	23:05	Sitamarhi Jn.	23:30	Weekly	Thursday	Upto 19.11.26
04009	Sitamarhi Jn.	00:45	Delhi Jn.	20:30	Weekly	Saturday	Upto 21.11.26
04014	Anand Vihar(T.) Via LUCKNOW (NR)	15:40	Laukaha Bazar	20:15	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed,	Upto 29.11.26
04013	Laukaha Bazar	22:30	Anand Vihar(T.)	03:40	Daily	Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
04314	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	15:20	Muzaffarpur Jn.	11:45	Bi-Weekly	Thursday, Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04313	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:15	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	11:15	Bi-Weekly	Friday, Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04096	Anand Vihar(T.)	00:05	Patliputra Jn.	23:00	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed,	Upto 29.11.26
04095	Patliputra Jn.	00:45	Anand Vihar(T.)	21:30	Daily	Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
04072	New Delhi	21:35	Supaul	06:35	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed,	Upto 28.11.26
04071	Supaul	07:45	New Delhi	15:00	Daily	Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
02309	Rajendra Nagar (T)	20:10	New Delhi	15:00	Tri-weekly	Wed, Fri & Sun	11 to 20.11.26
02310	New Delhi	19:00	Rajendra Nagar (T)	14:00	Tri-weekly	Thu, Sat & Mon	12 to 21.11.26
04062	Anand Vihar(T.)	12:00	Bhagalpur Jn.	13:30	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 27.11.26
04061	Bhagalpur Jn.	16:30	Anand Vihar(T.)	20:00	Daily		Upto 29.11.26
04312	Yog Nagari Rishikesh Via MORADABAD	22:20	Kolkata	08:00	Weekly	Friday	Upto 20.11.26
04311	Kolkata	13:55	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	23:30	Weekly	Sunday	Upto 22.11.26
04624	Amritsar Jn.	20:10	Kolkata	15:00	Weekly	Wednesday	Upto 25.11.26
04623	Kolkata	04:45	Amritsar Jn.	21:05	Weekly	Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
07083	Bidar	10:00	Hazrat Nizamuddin Jn.	20:40	Date wise	Thursday	19.11.2026
07084	Hazrat Nizamuddin Jn.	10:30	Bidar	04:00	Date wise	Sunday	22.11.2026
04090	New Delhi	23:30	Danapur Jn.	15:00	Bi-weekly	Friday, Wednesday	Upto 27.11.26
04089	Danapur Jn.	16:40	New Delhi	09:45	Bi-weekly	Saturday, Thursday	Upto 28.11.26
04098	Shakur Basti	09:20	Darbhanga Jn.	11:45	6 Days a week	Except - Tuesday	Upto 29.11.26
04097	Darbhanga Jn.	14:00	Shakur Basti	18:00	6 Days a week	Except - Wednesday	Upto 30.11.26
04076	Delhi Jn.	00:30	Kamakhya Jn.	21:15	Weekly	Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04075	Kamakhya Jn.	05:00	Delhi Jn.	20:40	Weekly	Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04064	Delhi Jn.	11:00	Gaya Jn.	07:15	6 Days a week	Except- Saturday	Upto 30.11.26
04537	Barauni Jn.	06:30	Chandigarh	13:20	Date wise	Thursday	12.11.2026
04088	New Delhi	15:50	Patna Jn.	12:45	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.26
04087	Patna Jn.	15:10	New Delhi	13:30	Daily		Upto 01.12.26
04634	Firozpur Cantt.	17:30	Purnea Jn.	03:00	Weekly	Thursday	Upto 26.11.26
04633	Purnea Jn.	06:00	Firozpur Cantt.	16:35	Weekly	Saturday	Upto 28.11.26
04652	Amritsar Jn. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	10:55	Jaynagar	20:00	Tri-weekly	Wed, Fri, Sun	Upto 29.11.26
04651	Jaynagar	04:15	Amritsar Jn.	15:00	Tri-weekly	Fri, Sun, Tue	Upto 01.12.26
04406	Shakur Basti	19:10	Mansi Jn.	02:30	Date wise	Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat	11, 12, 13 & 14.11.26
04405	Mansi Jn.	04:30	Shakur Basti	11:30	Date wise	Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun & Mon	12, 13, 14, 15 & 16.11.26
04638	Amritsar Jn.	19:40	Chhapra Jn.	20:45	Weekly	Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04637	Chhapra Jn.	22:15	Amritsar Jn.	00:20	Weekly	Tuesday	Upto 01.12.26
04640	Chheharta	08:35	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:10	Weekly	Monday	Upto 30.11.26
04639	Muzaffarpur Jn.	16:00	Chheharta	21:30	Weekly	Tuesday	Upto 01.12.26
04404	Shakur Basti	15:15	Patna Jn.	14:30	Date wise	Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat	11 12, 13 & 14.11.26
04403	Patna Jn.	15:40	Shakur Basti	15:00	Date wise	Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun	11, 12, 13, 14 & 15.11.26
04410	Shakur Basti	13:00	Jhanjharpur Jn.	16:00	Date wise	Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat	11, 12, 13 & 14.11.26
04409	Jhanjharpur Jn.	18:15	Shakur Basti	01:40	Date wise	Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun	11, 12, 13, 14 & 15.11.26
04536	Chandigarh Jn.	23:45	Barauni Jn.	00:30	Weekly	Friday	Upto 27.11.26
04535	Barauni Jn.	02:35	Chandigarh Jn.	03:35	Weekly	Sunday	Upto 29.11.26
04656	Ludhiana Jn.	17:35	Saharsa Jn.	23:50	Date Wise	Wednesday	11.11.2026
04655	Saharsa Jn.	03:50	Ludhiana Jn.	08:35	Date Wise	Wednesday & Friday	11 & 13.11.2026
04662	Ludhiana Jn.	06:30	Darbhanga	10:00	Date Wise	Wednesday	11.11.2026
04661	Darbhanga	13:00	Ludhiana Jn.	17:10	Date Wise	Wednesday & Thursday	11 & 12.11.2026
04664	Ludhiana Jn.	06:30	Gaya Jn.	08:00	Date Wise	Thursday	On 12.11.2026
04663	Gaya Jn.	11:00	Ludhiana Jn.	12:50	Date Wise	Friday	On 13.11.2026
02569	Darbhanga Jn.	06:30	New Delhi	04:00	Daily	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed,	Upto 30.11.2026
02570	New Delhi	12:15	Darbhanga Jn.	10:00	Daily	Thu, Fri, Sat	Upto 01.12.2026
04528	Sirhind	11:25	Saharsa Jn.	17:00	Date Wise	Thursday	12.11.2026
04527	Saharsa Jn.	19:15	Ambala Cantt.	22:20	Date Wise	Friday	13.11.2026
04022	New Delhi Via LUCKNOW (NR)	14:30	Gorakhpur Jn.	04:10	Weekly	Friday	13.11.2026
04021	Gorakhpur Jn.	07:00	New Delhi	23:10	Weekly	Saturday	14.11.2026
04058	Anand Vihar(T.)	00:20	Chhapra	19:20	Bi-Weekly	Friday & Tuesday	Upto 17.11.2026
04057	Chhapra	22:10	Anand Vihar(T.)	17:20	Bi-Weekly		
04066	Anand Vihar(T.)	05:00	Sabour	07:00	Date Wise	Wed & Thu	11 & 12.11.2026
04065	Sabour	11:00	Anand Vihar(T.)	13:45	Date Wise	Thu & Fri	12 & 13.11.2026
05579	Purnia Court	16:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	01:05	Bi-Weekly	Friday, Sunday	Upto 29.11.2026
05580	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:15	Purnia Court	13:45	Bi-Weekly	Sunday, Tuesday	Upto 01.12.2026
04054	New Delhi	18:15	Howrah	23:40	Date Wise	Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday	11, 12 & 14.11.2026
04053	Howrah	01:40	New Delhi	08:20	Date Wise	Friday, Saturday & Monday,	13, 14, & 16.11.2026
05575	Saharsa Jn.	20:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	01:05	Weekly	Tuesday	Upto 24.11.2026
05576	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:15	Saharsa Jn.	10:30	Weekly	Thursday	Upto 26.11.2026
05088	Anand Vihar T.	19:15	Mau	14:00	Date Wise	Wednesday	11.11.2026
04077	Darbhanga Jn.	21:00	Delhi Jn.	23:55	Date Wise	Wednesday	11.11.2026
02456	New Delhi	07:45	Kanpur Central	13:15	4 days a week	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat	Upto 30.11.2026
04657	Saharsa Jn.	03:50	Ludhiana Jn.	08:35	Date Wise	Thursday	12.11.2026
04209	Varanasi Jn. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	22:15	Delhi Jn.	13:45	Tri-Weekly	Mon, Wed, Fri	Upto 27.11.2026
04210	Delhi Jn.	18:50	Varanasi Jn.	09:50	Tri-Weekly	Tue, Thu, Sat	Upto 28.11.2026
04213	Ayodhya Cantt. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	18:20	Anand Vihar(T.)	06:10	Bi-Weekly	Sunday, Thursday	Upto 29.11.2026
04214	Anand Vihar (T.)	09:00	Ayodhya Cantt.	22:00	Bi-Weekly	Monday, Friday	Upto 30.11.2026
04227	Varanasi Jn. Via LUCKNOW (NR)	11:05	Chandigarh Jn.	04:20	Bi-Weekly	Thursday, Sunday	Upto 29.11.2026
04228	Chandigarh Jn.	06:00	Varanasi Jn.	00:55	Bi-Weekly	Friday, Monday	Upto 30.11.2026
04604	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	18:15	Varanasi Jn.	18:30	Weekly	Sunday	Upto 29.11.2026
04603	Varanasi Jn.	04:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	04:40	Weekly	Tuesday	Upto 01.12.2026
04610	Jammu Tawi Via LUCKNOW (NR)	05:15	Varanasi Jn.	05:10	Weekly	Thursday	Upto 26.11.2026
04609	Varanasi Jn.	09:00	Jammu Tawi	08:30	Weekly	Friday	Upto 27.11.2026

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I wanted to make a big score. I had promised someone to make a big score today and thankfully I made it. And that person is my dad (Virender Sehwag). I told my dad I will get a big hundred. I have a legacy to live up to as he only likes big hundreds. I started off and decided to play long and bat for 40 odd overs. There were challenges on the wicket. I didn't get bothered about the dot balls, as I knew I would catch up.

-- Aaryavir Sehwag, India U-19 cricket opener

Sports Nation

U19 Asia Cup

Sehwag junior's 160 carnage powers India to semifinals

70-run win over UAE sees India finish second in Group A behind Pakistan

AL AMERAT: Aaryavir Sehwag, son of India icon Virender Sehwag, scored a masterful 160 from 168 balls to help India U19 beat UAE U19 by 70 runs in the U19 Asia Cup at the Al Amerat Cricket Ground (Ministry Turf 2) here on Tuesday.

The victory also helped India U19 confirm their place in the U19 Asia Cup semifinal as they have finished their Group A in second place behind Pakistan U19, who had edged past the Indian side earlier in the league stage.

India have two wins in three matches as they had earlier defeated the Nepal U19 side too. In the semifinal, the eight-time U19 champions India will be up against 2017 winner Afghanistan U19 on Thursday.

Coming to the match, the Indian U19 side made a strong total of 309/7 in 50 overs. Opener Aaryavir scored 160 with 17 fours and seven sixes to hold the team's innings together. No.3 VK Vineeth was the only other player with a notable score as he made 67 from 69 balls. The junior Sehwag and Vineeth put up a 193-run partnership for the third wicket and put India U19 on the door of a strong total.



The Indian side lost its way a bit in the death overs as, from 255/1 in 44.1 overs, they slipped to 299/7 in 49.1 overs and ended up making 309/7. For UAE, medium-pace bowler Naseem Khan was the pick of the bowler for having taken 4-48 in his 10 overs.

Coming into the chase, India kept a lid on the UAE side with regular wickets. Right-arm fast bowler Ishan Sood stood out with 4-37 in his seven overs, while all of the other six bowlers also took a wicket each to bowl UAE for 239.

No.4 Ahmed Khudadad was the only saving grace for the UAE side as he made a run-a-ball 74 and did the damage control. Captain and opener Ayaan Misbah (27) and other opener Zainullah Rehmani (16) got starts but could not capitalise, as did Yayin Rai, who scored 29 but fell to Yashbardhan Chauhan.

While the wickets were falling, Khudadad held one end up to put up a lone fight, and despite Noorullah Ayobi coming with a 25-ball 39-run cameo, UAE were considerably short in the end.

While India U19 will meet Afghanistan U19 in the second semifinal, defending champions Pakistan U19 will lock horns against Bangladesh U19 in the first semifinal, which is also scheduled to take place on Thursday.

BRIEF SCORES:

India U19 309/7 in 50 overs (Aaryavir Sehwag 160, VK Vineeth 67; Naseem Khan 4-48, Noorullah Ayobi 1-59) beat UAE U19 239/10 (Ahmed Khudadad 74, Noorullah Ayobi 39; Ishan Sood 4-37, Aryan Savsani 1-21) by 70 runs.

India-NZ third ODI called off due to rain

HAMILTON: Rain played spoilsport as the third ODI between New Zealand and India at Seddon Park here on Tuesday was called off. India lead the five-match series 2-0 as the two teams head to Tauranga for the final two games, scheduled for November 13 and 15.

India skipper Shubman Gill won the toss for the third time in a row and opted to bowl, fielding an unchanged side from the previous two games. However, just as the covers were coming off for a 40-overs-a-side contest, the heavens opened up once again.

With at least 70 minutes remaining before the local cut-off time of 7:50 pm for a 20-overs-a-side game, the two umpires decided to call off the match.

The weather forecast for this game had always been gloomy, with a 90 per cent chance of rain predicted throughout the day.

This was supposed to be the last game of the series for skipper Shubman Gill and senior wicketkeeper KL Rahul before they link up with the Test squad in Wellington. They will be accompanied by Kuldeep Yadav, Anshul Kamboj and Mohammed Siraj.

Shreyas Iyer will lead the side in the last two matches in Gill's absence, with Ruturaj Gaikwad and Ishan Kishan set to earn places in the playing XI.

ISSF World C'ship 2026

India win women's 25m pistol team gold

Men's 50m rifle 3P team bags bronze

DOHA: Esha Singh, Manu Bhaker and Divya Thadigol Subbaraju won the women's 25m pistol team gold at the ISSF World Championship 2026 in Doha, giving India their second gold of the championship.

The Indian trio finished with a combined score of 1761-68x, ahead of the Republic of Korea (1748-66x) in silver and Vietnam (1745-54x) in bronze.

Esha top-scored for India with 590-25x, followed by Manu with 587-24x and Divya with 584-19x.

Esha and Manu also qualified for the individual final, where Manu finished fourth with 27 hits, just short of the podium, while Esha ended eighth with 11 hits.

Earlier in the day, the men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions team of Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Akhil Sheoran and Niraj Kumar claimed bronze with a combined score of 1751-91x. Czechia won gold with 1754-92x, while Norway took silver with 1752-81x. Aishwary led with 587-33x, followed by Niraj (582-31x) and Akhil (582-27x).

Earlier, Jaypal Malviya produced a composure-laden performance under pressure to clinch a silver medal in the men's 10m air pistol at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Rifle / Pistol / Shotgun on Thursday. The Indian women's



10m air pistol squad clinched the team silver medal.

The trio of double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker, Suruchi Inder Singh and Sainyam combined for an aggregate total of 1738 with 61 inner 10s. Manu led the Indian challenge with a qualification total of 583-21x, which included a perfect 100 in her fourth series.

Suruchi contributed a steady 580-24x, while junior world champion Sainyam added 575-16x to seal the second step of the podium. China took the women's team gold medal with 1745-65x, while the Republic of Korea claimed bronze with 1729-49x.

In the men's team competition, India finished seventh with a combined aggregate of 1730-58x. Jaypal led the team with his qualification mark of 585-23x (97, 99, 97, 99, 97, 96), which had earned him third place heading into the individual final.

India will be in action again on November 11, with the final of the men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions event.



Mohammad Rehman Ali



Mohd Rehan Khan

Karimnagar boys selected for international tournament in Malaysia

HYDERABAD: Bringing pride and recognition to Telangana State, two young hockey players from Karimnagar district, Mohammad Rehman Ali and Mohd Rehan Khan, have been selected to represent Telangana in the prestigious 49th Pesta USM International Indoor Hockey Invitational Tournament, scheduled to be held at Penang, Malaysia, from November 13 to 15, 2026.

The duo are the only two boys from Telangana selected for this international tournament, marking a significant achievement for Karimnagar district and the state.

Their selection comes following their impressive participation in the Senior Indoor Hockey Nationals held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, in June 2026. Based on their performance and talent at the national-level championship, both players earned the opportunity to participate in the international tournament in Malaysia.

The tournament will feature six-a-side indoor hockey, a fast-paced and exciting format of the game that demands exceptional speed, skill, coordination and teamwork.

Rainbow Children's Hospital hosts Hyd Cluster-Level Sports C'ship



Arun Kumar HR Manager presenting Carrom singles winner trophy with Rs 5,000 Amazon voucher to MD Faiyazuddin Ghazi of Rainbow Children's Heart Institute (RCHI) who defeated Khan of Rainbow Vikrampuri branch in the finals. The two-day championship featured eight hospitals across the Hyderabad cluster, with Bilal and Amer of RCHI winning Carrom Doubles and Guruprashanth of RCHI securing the Chess Championship title.



Phoenix Invitational 2026 in Vooty

Baisoya eyes revenge against Bhullar

HYDERABAD: Sachin Baisoya will get an immediate opportunity to avenge his recent play-off defeat to Gaganjeet Bhullar when the Phoenix Invitational 2026 begins at Vooty Golf County on Wednesday.

The two last clashed at the Green Fuels Maritime Invitational in Visakhapatnam, where Bhullar edged Baisoya in a play-off after the latter produced a stunning seven-under round on a rain-shortened final day to erase a six-shot deficit. Bhullar eventually clinched victory with a 40-foot putt on the extra hole.

The much-anticipated 'Rematch at Vooty' promises another exciting contest. Bhullar, an 11-time Asian Tour winner, has claimed six IGPL titles, including three this season. His recent victories at the Krishna Invitational in Hyderabad and the Vizag event make him a strong contender. Baisoya will lead Phoenix Hyderabad Firebirds alongside Ranjit Singh, Raghav Chugh and Arjun Bhati. The team will compete in the main event as well as the innovative X-Golf competition. Speaking at the media interaction, IGPL CEO Uttam Singh Mundy said 10 events, including six international stops, had been completed in an exciting 2026 season. He highlighted the league's commitment to equal prize money for men and women, grassroots development and plans for two centres of excellence in India.

Baisoya said his team was confident following its victory at HGA Hyderabad two weeks ago. He also welcomed X-Golf as an exciting format capable of making golf more engaging and accessible.

Shutdown in Kargil against holding LAHDC polls in winter

KARGIL/JAMMU: Kargil region in Ladakh on Tuesday observed a complete shutdown, demanding that the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) elections proposed during winter be deferred and the recently concluded delimitation exercise reviewed.



Shops and business establishments remained closed, while traffic remained thin on roads across Kargil. Security was strengthened with additional deployment of police personnel in various areas as a precautionary measure.

Representatives of various political and religious organisations, trade bodies and civil society groups under the banner of Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) on Monday announced the shutdown and a candlelight "Save Democracy" march against the proposed timing of the hill council elections, alleged delimitation irregularities and the "erosion of democratic rights" in the Union territory.

Ladakh Lok Sabha member Mohmad Haneefa on Saturday wrote a letter to Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on the matter.

Haneefa said Ladakh's unique geographical and weather conditions, particularly in Kargil and Leh districts, posed serious challenges to voters during winter.

He pointed out that heavy snowfall, sub-zero temperatures, closure of key roads and frequent disruptions in transport and communication could make it difficult for residents of remote and far-flung areas to reach polling stations.

The MP said thousands of residents, including senior citizens, traders, businesspersons and students, traditionally migrate to warmer regions during winter, while many students remain outside Ladakh for higher education and competitive examinations.

Holding elections during this period, without addressing these circumstances, could deprive a significant section of eligible voters of an opportunity to exercise their democratic rights, he said.

Haneefa also highlighted logistical challenges in remote areas such as Drass, Zanskar and Changthang, stressing that electoral planning must account for Ladakh's vast distances, scattered settlements and limited winter connectivity.

Expressing concern over the limited time available for revision of electoral rolls, he said sufficient opportunity must be provided to eligible citizens to register and verify their particulars.

The MP urged the LG to defer the elections until winter-related difficulties subside, ensure a comprehensive and transparent revision of electoral rolls and consult elected representatives, political parties and other stakeholders before finalising the election schedule.

The KDA also announced a candlelight march under the banner of 'Save Democracy' in the evening, alleging erosion of democratic rights and irregularities in the delimitation of constituencies.

Cop suspended over 'derogatory' remarks against WB CM

KOLKATA: A Kolkata Police inspector has been suspended for allegedly making derogatory remarks against West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari and the state government on social media, according to an order issued by the city police commissioner.



Inspector Ekhlaque Ahmed, who was in charge of the outpost at the Medical College, Kolkata, under the Central Division, was recently transferred to the first battalion of the city armed police.

He was placed under suspension with effect from November 9, the order said.

The suspension order, issued by Police Commissioner Ajay Kumar Nand, said his alleged remarks on a social media platform, indicating derogatory views about the West Bengal government, were "prejudicial in the interest of public service".

It also stated that his continuance in office pending an inquiry into his conduct was not considered appropriate. During the suspension, Ahmed will receive half of his basic pay along with other admissible benefits as subsistence allowance, the order stated.

He has also been directed to immediately deposit his government-issued kits with the reserve officer of the Central Division, it added.

"The matter is being examined, and an inquiry into his conduct is underway," a senior Kolkata Police officer said.

Muslim siblings light funeral pyre of Hindu woman



CHITHRAGIRI (KERALAM): Transcending religious boundaries, two Muslim siblings have performed the last rites of an 85-year-old Hindu woman they had cared for and loved as their mother for nearly five decades in this hill district of Keralam. Razak and Sulaiman stepped forward to perform the funeral rituals in accordance with Hindu customs when Kalyani Amma, who had no children or other relatives, passed away at Chithragiri in Muppainad panchayat, family sources said on Tuesday.

The two siblings and their family had shared a close bond with Kalyani Amma, who had been their neighbour for nearly 50 years. They looked after her, taking care of her daily needs, arranging medicines and accompanying her to hospitals whenever necessary. She was also part of their family celebrations, and the affection between them grew over the years.

Kalyani Amma had expressed her wish that Razak and Sulaiman, whom she considered her own sons, should perform her last rites after her death, they said.



CISF jawan alleges assault, court orders FIR against 4

BHADOHI (UP): A Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) jawan was allegedly assaulted, stripped and filmed by four people here, and was subsequently arrested in a molestation case after being kept at a police station for nearly 24 hours, according to a court petition.

The court has now ordered the registration of an FIR against the four accused, following which police registered a case against them under various provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the IT Act, officials said on Tuesday.

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Shubham Agrawal said the incident allegedly took place on August 12 in Sardar Bahuta village under the Suriyawan police station area.

CISF Constable Ajay Yadav (34), in a petition filed before the Civil Judge (Senior Division) court on August 19, alleged that he was returning home from the market on his motorcycle when Dhirendra Yadav (26), Virendra Yadav (23), Aman Yadav (20) and Sarita Yadav (37), all residents of the same village, intercepted him and vandalised his motorcycle.

The petition alleged that the accused abused and brutally assaulted him. He was left bleeding from the nose and due to the blood entering his respiratory tract, he had difficulty breathing. He also sustained a serious head injury and continued to experience dizziness, it said.

HHRC flags security lapses over Faridabad arms theft

CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Human Rights Commission (HHRC) has taken serious note of the theft of 32 licensed firearms from the storeroom of Sector 8 Police Station, Faridabad, and directed a review of security arrangements in the storerooms of all police stations across the state. In an order dated November 2, HHRC member Deep Bhatia directed the Haryana director general of police to review the safe custody of firearms, access to police storerooms and supervisory mechanisms in the wake of the theft. The matter was brought before the commission through a complaint filed on July 16 by an advocate and resident of Panchkula. The complaint stated that the owners of 32 licensed firearms had



deposited their weapons at the police station in compliance with the law, entrusting them to the police for safe custody. However, the theft of the firearms from the storeroom indicated a serious failure in security arrangements on the part of the police. Highlighting the human rights implications of the incident, the complainant submitted that if the stolen firearms were used in criminal activities, their legitimate owners could face fear, mental distress and unnecessary legal complications, despite having complied with the law.

UP cop attempts suicide over seized firecrackers

WhatsApp status note accuses SHO, BJP MLA of harassment

MAHARAJGANJ (UP): A 33-year-old Uttar Pradesh Police head constable allegedly attempted suicide by consuming a poisonous substance following a dispute with his seniors over seized firecrackers on Diwali night, police said.

Head constable Vishal Singh, posted at the Nichlaul police station, was found unconscious on the police station premises late on Sunday night.

He was initially taken to a government hospital and later shifted to a private hospital here. His condition is said to be improving.

Before the incident, Singh had shared a note as his WhatsApp status, accusing Station House Officer (SHO) Yogendra Rai and other personnel of harassing him over the seized firecrackers, police said on Monday.

In the note, Singh alleged that around 40 per cent of the seized firecrackers had been taken away and some of the remaining stock was handed over to an accused, identified as Kausman Ali, allegedly under pressure from the SHO.

He further claimed that



he was humiliated by being accused of stealing the firecrackers.

In his note, the head constable named Rai, constables Manish Singh and Anand Singh, BJP MLA Premsagar Patel, Vishal Yadav, Bholu Yadav and Alok Sharma, accusing them of harassment.

Singh also claimed that a policeman, Vishal Sharma, had recorded a video of the alleged distribution of firecrackers on his mobile phone, police said.



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Business

"The earnings profile of sugar mills is undergoing a structural shift. Higher sugar prices will not fully compensate for the loss of higher-margin ethanol volumes and rising cane costs. As dependence on sugar and extra neutral alcohol (ENA) sales increases, operating margins are expected to decline by 140-160 basis points to around 6 per cent this fiscal."

-Anuj Sethi, Senior Director, Crisil Ratings

BIZ BRIEFS

Shyam Metalics' festive celebrations

Shyam Metalics hosted 'Alokmoy Kolkata', a four-day festive celebration at Acropolis Mall from November 6-9, featuring cultural activities, creative installations showcasing its products and community competitions. Actor Mithun Chakraborty attended the finale, felicitating competition winners. Nirmal Uday, COO, ShyamMetalics, said: " Through Alokmoy Kolkata, we wanted to celebrate this very spirit and create an experience where people were not merely spectators but an integral part of the festivities."

Ujjivan introduces banking on WhatsApp

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (Ujjivan SFB) launched an industry-first facility enabling eligible customers to open savings accounts directly through WhatsApp Banking at 900 208 2121, without downloading a separate banking application. Carol Furtado, Interim CEO, Ujjivan SFB, said: "Innovation is most meaningful when it makes banking simpler and more accessible for customers. Ujjivan's WhatsApp Banking journey gives the customers the ability to access the bank on a platform that already is part of their daily lives."

Travel deals on Amazon Pay

Amazon Pay is bringing back its 'Impossible Travel Deals' sale from November 12 to 26, offering discounts of up to 30% on domestic and international flights and 65% on hotel bookings.

Girish Krishnan, Director-Payments Experience, Amazon Pay, said: "Indian families are travelling more than ever, and with Impossible Travel Deals 2026, we want to make those trips more affordable. Whether it's a weekend in Goa or a flight to Dubai, customers can book with significant savings on flights and hotels."

TCS clocks milestone

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has completed 50 Tech Days across 50 academic institutions in 27 cities, engaging over 23,000 students and 912 faculty members through masterclasses, hackathons and practical AI projects to strengthen industry-academia collaboration. Sudeep Kunnumal, Chief Human Resources Officer, TCS, said: "The skills that will define the future are evolving rapidly, and preparing young talent for this change requires industry and academia to work more closely than ever."

L&T bags Noida Metro order

Larsen & Toubro's (L&T) Heavy Civil Infrastructure business has secured a significant order from Noida Metro Rail Corporation for the Aqua Line Extension Project. The contract involves part design and construction of a 15.1-km elevated viaduct connecting Botanical Garden to Noida Sector-142 and Depot Station to Boraki. The project also includes 10 elevated metro stations, along with architectural finishes.

AI sell-off abroad sends FPIs rushing back to Indian equities

FEARS OVER US DATA CENTRE SPENDING TRIGGER AI SELL-OFF IN THE US, SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN AND JAPAN, MAKING INDIA AN ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION

New Delhi

FOREIGN investors turned net buyers of Indian equities in November, infusing Rs 53,739 crore in the first nine days after two consecutive months of outflows, driven by the AI-led sell-off in global markets, strong domestic earnings growth and attractive large-cap valuations.

The latest investment follows net outflows of Rs 34,843 crore in October and Rs 35,861 crore in September, according to data available with the depositories.

"The sudden change in FPI stance was triggered by the AI sell-off in the US and other AI markets like South Korea, Taiwan and Japan.

"This sell-off, in turn, was triggered by fears surrounding data centre spending in the US. The Democrats, who won both chambers of Congress, are opposed to indiscriminate data centre spending. They will demand guardrails for AI," said V K



Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investments. The AI-led sell-off has made India, widely regarded as a non-AI trade, an attractive destination for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs). Besides, the country's impressive earnings growth and attractive valuations of large-cap stocks have further strengthened its appeal, he added.

According to depository data, FPIs made a net investment of Rs 53,739 crore in Indian equities during November 2-9. This includes a total of six trading days. With this, cumulative FPI outflows from Indian equities in 2026 stood at Rs 2.41 lakh crore. Sector-wise, FPIs turned major buyers in index heavyweights, especially in financial services, information technology, automobiles and telecom. In the debt segment, foreign investors invested Rs 7,759 crore through the Fully Accessible Route (FAR), while withdrawing Rs 591 crore through the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR) and Rs 270 crore through the general route.

Mahindra sees staying power in renewed FPI interest in India

NEW DELHI: Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra on Tuesday said India is not just a refuge from the AI hype but rather has "a compelling AI opportunity of its own".

In a post on X, Mahindra cited the nation's software talent, systems integration expertise and enormous domestic market for AI use cases, to make his point: "surely India has a promising hand to play?" "Perhaps India isn't just a refuge from the AI hype. It may have a compelling AI opportunity of its own," he wrote. And if so, he argued, the renewed interest in Indian equities "may have more staying power than we think". In his post, Mahindra said he had earlier flagged the irony of India returning to favour with global investors partly because it was seen as being outside the supposedly overheated AI trade. "But perhaps there's another way to look at it," he said. He pointed out that Stanford now ranks India third in global AI vibrancy. Mahindra acknowledged that India does not make the most advanced chips or lead the race in foundational large language models. He recalled an analogy he had used in the annual report of Tech Mahindra, the IT services company of the Mahindra Group.



Olectra's Q2 EBITDA rises 18% to ₹110 cr; deliveries cross 4,750

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Hyderabad

Olectra Greentech Limited reported an 18 per cent increase in earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) to Rs109.89 crore for the second quarter of FY27, supported by higher revenue and improved operating performance.

The company's revenue rose 5 per cent to Rs687.01 crore in the quarter ended September 2026, compared with Rs656.62 crore in the corresponding period last year. Profit after tax increased 5 per cent to Rs52.12 crore from Rs49.43 crore, while profit before tax grew 6 per cent to Rs72.74 crore.

The company delivered 401 electric vehicles during the quarter, against 375 in Q2 FY26, registering a growth of 7 per cent. Deliveries during the first half of FY27 stood at 759 vehicles. The company's cumulative electric vehicle deliveries have crossed 4,750, with its buses operating across 55 cities and covering more than 750 million green kilometres. Its order book stands at over 8,000 electric buses.

Managing Director Mahesh Babu said the quarterly performance reflected growth in revenue, vehicle deliveries and profitability, with the increase in EBITDA highlighting the company's focus on operational efficiency.

The company is preparing to introduce its next-generation electric buses in the fourth quarter of the current financial year. The new models are being developed with an emphasis on localisation and are intended for domestic and international markets, he said. Olectra's earnings per share increased to Rs6.45 in Q2 FY27 from Rs6.04 in the year-earlier period. The company said it would focus on executing its existing orders, improving operational efficiency and expanding its capabilities as demand for electric public transportation grows.

Cognizant puts 25,000 people on Claude to take AI from pilot to production

New Delhi

COGNIZANT on Tuesday announced the formation of the 'Claude Frontier Capability Group', with more than 25,000 professionals focused on delivering Claude for clients. The group is focused on execution excellence, transformation and client success, with the scale to take AI from pilot to production across enterprises' core operations, the Nasdaq-listed IT company said. Enterprises have access to frontier AI capability, but continue to face challenges in delivering value to business.

Cognizant has built Claude skills throughout its workforce, with more than 44,000 associates in business units and corporate functions already trained or certified on Claude, referring to the AI assistant built by Anthropic.

"Cognizant's new Claude Frontier Capability Group



brings more than 25,000 professionals together in a dedicated global Claude delivery organisation," the release said, adding that it will drive Claude-powered systems inside client businesses.

The company is also introducing a managed services model for Claude. Under the model, Cognizant manages the operation of Claude-powered systems in production on clients' behalf, so they can focus on the business results it makes possible.

The managed services model supports the operation of Claude in production for clients, combining dedicated talent, licensed access to Claude and Cognizant's own IP, including its AI Delivery Operating System. The model gives clients more predictable AI spend and runs every engagement within enterprise-grade security and governance controls, customised to each client's connectivity, architecture and risk requirements.

Both initiatives draw on Cognizant's Frontier workforce model, through which it is developing Frontier Certified Engineers and Frontier Business Operators credentialed directly by frontier-model companies.

Ravi Kumar S, CEO of Cognizant, said clients want a partner who will take responsibility for delivery once AI is running inside their business. "We are putting more than 25,000 of our people on Claude and taking on the job of running it for clients through managed services. That is a significant bet on Claude, and on what enterprises can achieve with it in their core operations," he said. Every enterprise is racing to bring AI into its organisation, but the people with the skills to make it work inside a real business have become the hardest talent to find, Paul Smith, Chief Commercial Officer, Anthropic said.

"Cognizant is working to address that gap, committing more than 25,000 people to help their customers put Claude to work across their businesses," Smith noted.

Anthropic eyes $1.3 trn valuation as IPO nears

NEW YORK: Artificial intelligence giant Anthropic is looking for an approximately USD 1.3 trillion valuation in an initial public offering despite new questions about the massive amounts of money flowing into the sector. The company behind the Claude chatbot said in a regulatory filing on Tuesday that it will sell 825 million shares priced between USD 70 and USD 78 a share. That would give Anthropic the ability to raise more than USD 61 billion, if the IPO is priced at the midpoint. The San Francisco company is anticipated to make its Wall Street debut this month. Anthropic could wind up being the biggest initial public offering of stock ever, possibly eclipsing the record USD 86 billion raised by SpaceX in its IPO in June. An Anthropic IPO would also put the company ahead of OpenAI in going public, setting the stage for a pair of blockbuster stock debuts by rival AI developers.

ICICI Life unveils new index fund

Hans Business
Hyderabad

ICICI Life Insurance has launched the ICICI Life BSE 500 Momentum Quality 50 Index Fund, a new equity investment option available with most of their unit-linked insurance plans (ULIPs). The fund is designed to help investors generate superior long-term returns by investing in a diversified portfolio of 50 stocks from the BSE 500 that score well on a combination of two factors - Momentum and Quality. It offers investors an opportunity to invest in companies with strong financials and positive share price trends. Manish Kumar, Chief Investment Officer, ICICI Life Insurance, said: "ICICI Life BSE 500 Momentum Quality 50 Index Fund offers investors an effective way to build long-term wealth by tracking companies with high-quality businesses, strong earnings visibility and steady share-price momentum. Importantly, investors will get exposure to a portfolio of companies with healthy financials which is determined based on metrics/ratios such as Return on Equity, Debt to Equity and Earnings per Share and whose stock price has seen a good growth over the past 12 months."

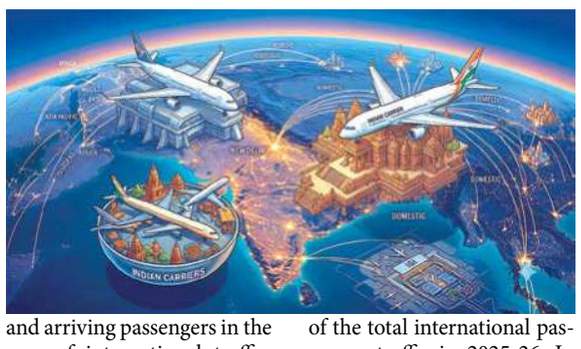
Overseas travel outpaces domestic flying as Indian airlines lose share

New Delhi

INDIA'S international air passenger traffic rose a little over 6 per cent to 78.7 million even as the share of Indian carriers in the overseas traffic declined to 44.4 per cent in the year ended March 2026, according to official data.

As per the Handbook on Civil Aviation Statistics for 2025-26 released by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), a total of 2,218 aircraft were registered with the regulator as on March 31 this year. While scheduled airlines had 985 planes, the non-scheduled operators had 425 aircraft during the given period. The rest were with governments, private entities and training schools.

In 2025-26, the total air passenger traffic increased 2.7 per cent to 246.1 million compared to the year-ago period when it stood at 239.7 million. Out of the total, domestic air traffic climbed 1.1 per cent to 167.4 million, while international air traffic rose 6.1 per cent to 78.7 million on an annual basis. The figures include departing



and arriving passengers in the case of international traffic. "The domestic passenger traffic registered a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.0 per cent during the period 2015-16 to 2025-26 while the international passenger traffic grew at 4.6 per cent (CAGR) during the same period," the report said. On the international traffic front, the market share of Indian carriers was 44.4 per cent while that of foreign airlines stood at 55.6 per cent in 2025-26. Indian airlines' market share of international traffic declined from 45.7 per cent in 2024-25. Out of a total 90 scheduled international operators in India, the top 10 operators accounted for nearly 65 per cent and the top 15 operators accounted for 73.1 per cent of the total international passenger traffic in 2025-26. In terms of outbound international passenger traffic in the last financial year, the report said 51.5 per cent was to Africa and Middle East, 30.4 per cent to Asia Pacific and 13.6 per cent to Europe, the report said. The report showed that demand was higher than the available capacity in the last financial year. "In the year 2025-26, ASK and RPK in the domestic market registered a positive growth compared to the previous year. "During the year from 2015-16 to 2025-26, the capacity (ASK) in the domestic market grew at a rate of 7.0 per cent (CAGR) while the demand (RPK) grew at 7.3 per cent (CAGR) during the same period," it said.

SoftBank posts $7.1-bn loss amid valuation concerns

NEW DELHI: Japanese investment giant SoftBank Group has reported its first quarterly net loss in nearly two years as falling valuations of key technology holdings and growing concerns over artificial intelligence (AI) investments weighed on its financial performance.

The company posted a net loss of 1.12 trillion yen ($7.1 billion) in the second quarter of its financial year, reversing a profit recorded in the corresponding period a year earlier. The performance was significantly below market expectations with analysts polled by the company estimating an average profit of 129 billion yen. Declines in the share prices of semiconductor companies Arm Holdings and Intel, along with South Korean e-commerce major Coupang, contributed to the deterioration in SoftBank's financial performance. Its Vision Fund division -- which manages investments in hundreds of technology startups -- also reported a loss of 81.6 billion yen. SoftBank has increasingly emerged as an indicator of investor sentiment towards OpenAI and the broader AI industry, given its substantial exposure to the sector.

Nvidia slips into bear market, wipes out $1.57 trillion in value

New Delhi

US chipmaker Nvidia has lost around $1.57 trillion in market capitalisation after its shares plunged more than 26 per cent from their 52-week high with entering bear-market territory amid investor concerns over artificial intelligence (AI) spending and growing scrutiny surrounding its Chief Executive Officer Jensen Huang.

The company's market capitalisation stood at $4.31 trillion at the close of trading on November 9, down from approximately $5.88 trillion when its shares touched a 52-week high of $243.37, according to a report.

Moreover, the estimated erosion in market value is larger than the entire market capitalisation of electric vehicle manufacturer Tesla, which stands at around $1.49 trillion.

Nvidia shares closed at $178.67 on November 9, a decline of around 26.6 per



cent from their 52-week peak. The stock has also witnessed sustained selling pressure, falling 14 per cent over the past week and 22 per cent over the last 30 days.

It has declined 18 per cent over three months and 17 per cent over six months.

The sharp correction comes ahead of the company's quarterly earnings announcement scheduled for November 17 with investors closely monitoring the sustainability of global AI infrastructure spending and demand for advanced semiconductor chips.

Adding to the company's challenges, recent developments involving Huang have brought the chipmaker's leadership under increased scrutiny. As per reports, Huang had engaged crisis communications firm Heller Inc. as early as October 2025, months before publicly acknowledging an extramarital relationship with a former executive of Singapore-based data centre company Megaspeed.

The communications firm was also brought into Nvidia's media response process following questions raised over the company's chip sales and possible diversion of advanced semiconductors to Chinese entities in violation of US export restrictions, they added.

Moreover, Megaspeed had reportedly acquired nearly $2 billion worth of Nvidia chips, the report said.

In a statement released on Sunday, Jensen Huang acknowledged having an affair with a former Megaspeed executive, without naming the woman. He also apologised to his family and Nvidia employees.



Entertainment

Ram Charan, Nagarjuna predict blockbuster for Aneesh with 'Itlu Arjuna'

Mega Power Star Ram Charan and King Nagarjuna are confident and happy about the film 'Itlu Arjuna' which is being presented by Nagarjuna. They applauded the work done by newbie Aneesh in the grand music concert of the film which will be released globally on November 13.

Ram Charan was impressed by the sincerity and acting done by Aneesh. He compared his debut challenging role with his performance in Rangasthalam. He wished that the film has more success. He also complimented the director Mahesh Uppala, producer Venky Kudumula and music composer S. Thaman. Nagarjuna said he got surprised with Aneesh's performance. He appreciated the expressions and his silent strength. He also highlighted the great chemistry between Aneesh and Anaswara Rajan.



Akhil Akkineni too complimented the film for its marketability, acting and music.

The film produced under What Next Entertainment is the debut direction and production of Mahesh Uppala. The film has some chart buster songs and positive response in the promotions. It has created lot of expectations.

-S Suhas

Mouli promises a fun-filled entertainer with 'DNK'

Actor Mouli Tanuj Prashanth assures that the upcoming film DNK directed by debutant Sreenu Kambala and produced under Mythri Movie Makers will be a wholesome entertainer with crimes, comedy, twists and music. The film is set for a theatrical release on November 13.

"It's a pure entertainer. People can watch this film with their families. The promo material is getting a good response and the promos tour in Andhra Pradesh is going well. The trailer has been released by Ravi Teja," Mouli said at the media interaction.



The film revolves around a young man who gets tempted towards easy money by gambling and faces debt due to his decisions. The film tells us about the unexpected circumstances and troubles he faces after committing a theft to get out of the debt.

"We have veteran comedian Ali playing an important role in the film. The scenes I have with him are amazing and it was a fun experience." The film has music by Sinjith. The songs and BGM add more value to the film. The lead actor says he had danced in a song even though he has no experience. He thanks the choreographer Sandeep Master.

"I was involved in the production only to know how it is done and the real aspects. But I am interested in directing films in the future. It is a big responsibility and you need experience."

Entertaining, surprising twists and family friendly, DNK is all set for its theatrical run.

-P Ravi Teja

Arjun Sarja's powerful look as Viraavi in 'Polimera 3' raises expectations



The makers of Polimera 3 have released some interesting poster of Viraavi where Action King Arjun Sarja has been seen as a powerful warrior. The poster has been released on Diwali and has raised more anticipation about the upcoming supernatural thriller film.

Directed by Dr. Anil Vishwanath, it takes the franchise to a bigger cinematic universe involving elements of spirituality, black magic and supernatural. Starting with some mysterious visuals of temples, Lord Vishnu, Lord Shiva the poster moves to the divine look of Anantha Padmanabha Swamy. Later in the poster Satyam Rajesh is seen as Komaraiah doing black magic. Finally Arjun Sarja makes a stunning entrance.His strong screen presence, wielding of sword and intense look are the main highlights of the poster. The cinematography, background music and production values are also strong. Produced by Vamsi Nandipati and Bharath Narang, the film stars Kamakshi Bhaskarla, Getup Srinu, Baladitya and Rakendu Mouli. After the success of the first two parts, Polimera 3 is set to hit the theatres in a big way in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam.

-S Suhas



Sumaya Reddy comes with second production; title to be out soon

Sumaya Reddy announces her second production under her Production House Suma Chitra Arts. The makers have released a special Diwali poster announcing the release of the movie title shortly.

The pre look poster has actress Sumaya Reddy in a regal look with money and gold bundles in her hands. She looks gorgeous in this poster which has made people curious. The visuals suggest this could be a period drama. She will also play the role of producer and heroine.

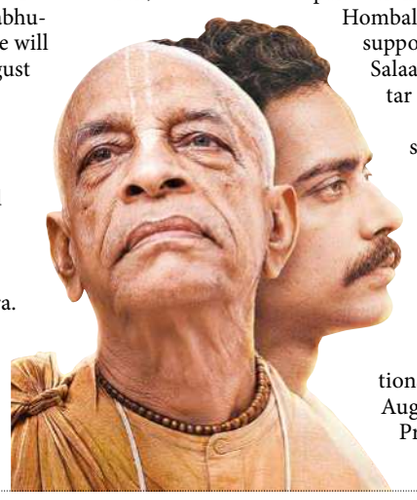
Sumaya made her acting debut with Dear Uma and has received attention for her work as an actress, producer and writer. She is looking forward to continue her journey in Telugu cinema with this project. The makers are expected to announce the title and other details shortly. The poster has created some anticipation.

-P Ravi Teja

Hombale Films announces AI-based animated film 'Sharanagathi'

Hombale Films is taking cinematic storytelling to new heights with Sharanagathi – The Life of a Surrendered Soul, the inspiring story of ISKCON Founder-Acharya Srila Prabhupada. This AI driven movie will be released globally in August 2027. This movie has been made in association with Transcendental Films and Dive Deep AI Studio. It's directed, written and produced by Gaura Shakti Das. It is produced by Rajesh Singh and Lohith Rao. The Visual Director of the movie is Sridhar Shikaripura.

This motion capture uses a combination of AI and computer vision technology to take real-life motions, expressions and gestures and create lifelike 3D animations. This will give more realism and emotion to the characters in this movie. The film follows Srila Prabhupada's journey to the United States of America in 1965 aged 69 to spread Krishna Consciousness and the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita. Srila Prabhupada's life is one of devotion, perseverance and selfless service.



Hombale Films are known for supporting films like KGF, Salaar, Kantara and Mahavatar Narasimha.

They continue to tell stories grounded in culture through innovative filmmaking.

This film will be presented and distributed globally by Hombale Films and will be blessed by several spiritual institutions. It will be released in August 2027 which is Srila Prabhupada's Vyasa Puja.

-P Ravi Teja



RV Film House debut venture 'Kokkoroko' gets wrapped

The team behind the debut venture of RV Film House, 'Kokkoroko' has successfully wrapped up the shoot of the film. They have also shared a special wrap poster. Along with this, they have also shared a cute love teaser of the lead pair, Seenu and Parvathi.

In the teaser, Parvathi can be seen waiting for Seenu to gift her flowers picked from a pond. With natural acting, amazing chemistry and beautiful visuals the teaser makes one curious to know more about the love story of this film. The film is a 5 character anthology directed by debutante Srinivas Vasanthala. The story and screenplay of the film has been written by filmmaker Ramesh Varma.

The film has been produced by Rekha Varma and Kurapati Sireesha along with Neelladri Production as a co-producer. The dialogues of the film have been written by playback singer GV Sagar. The cinematography has been done by Akash R. Joshi. The music of the film has been composed by London based musician Sankeerthan. The film has been edited by Prawin Pudi.

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Vishwadev Rachakonda calls 'Dark Chocolate' a memorable big-screen experience



Actor Vishwadev Rachakonda is confident that his upcoming film "Dark Chocolate" will provide the audience with a unique and memorable experience.

The film promises a unique approach as the cast and crew have worked hard to ensure that it stands out from the rest. He spoke about this at the curtain raiser for the film. The film, presented by Rana Daggubati, Spirit Media and Waltair Productions, stars Vishwadev Rachakonda and Bindu Madhavi. It was also directed by first-time director Shashank Srivastava and will hit theatres globally on the 13th of November. The film will get its US launch thee days prior. "We did something special. We put in a lot of effort and believe in this film. I'm confident that the story has everything. People who have seen it so far have said it was a memorable experience and they want to watch it again," Vishwadev said.

"It's a unique idea. We want people to give US honest feedback. We hope that the film gets a great reception from Telugu audiences," Bindu Madhavi added.

Shashank thanked the cast and crew, especially praising the lead actors. He also thanked music composer Vivek Sagar for providing a great soundtrack.

A few filmmakers in attendance loved how the film was told in an unorthodox way and felt the cast and crew were confident. The film has received positive reactions from the teaser and is now ready for its theatrical run.

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