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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. P8

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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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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.

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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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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".

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"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.

