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Flamboyant all-rounder Hardik Pandya moved to Punjab Kings from Mumbai Indians at an increased fee of Rs 18 crore, while PBKS traded pacer Arshdeep Singh for him, completing the biggest and most high-profile exchange of players. P10

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Alia Bhatt's fashionable outfit is a modern version of traditional ethnic wear
Alia Bhatt turned heads lately in a fabulous outfit consisting of a beautiful pista green lehenga with elaborate gold floral embellishments on the flared skirt and wide gold metallic piping. P12

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WINDOWS

Modi to visit Karnataka on Nov 13-14

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Karnataka on November 13-14 during which he will flag off a new phase of the Bengaluru Metro and also lay the foundation stone, inaugurate and dedicate to the nation various development projects worth over Rs 15,600 crore in Bengaluru.

On November 13, Modi will participate in the golden jubilee celebrations of 'Prashanti Kutiram', will flag off and undertake a metro ride from Tavarekere to IIM Bangalore Metro station, an official statement said. The prime minister will then travel to Mysuru where he will participate in a tree plantation programme at Bharat Vann, will inaugurate COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium and address a gathering.

Modi will dedicate to the nation India's largest underground LPG storage cavern in Mangaluru, constructed at a cost of over Rs 850 crore. He will also inaugurate four redeveloped railway stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme - Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagaluru, Sakleshpur and Subrahmanya Road. The redeveloped stations will offer improved passenger amenities and serve as city centres, promoting local commercial activities and tourism in the region. Modi will flag off the Bengaluru-Mangaluru-Madgaon Vande Bharat Express, providing faster and modern rail connectivity between Bengaluru, coastal Karnataka and Goa.

Bank appraiser arrested for stealing 1.2 kg gold

BENGALURU: A bank appraiser was arrested for allegedly stealing gold ornaments pledged by customers with the bank and fraudulently opening gold loan accounts using fake ornaments, police said on Wednesday. The accused was identified as Pavan Kumar (30), a resident of Doddaballapura, they said. The case came to light after the bank's regional manager lodged a complaint at Rajanukunte police station on October 9. In her complaint, the regional manager alleged that the accused had fraudulently opened gold loan accounts in the names of other individuals and pledged fake gold ornaments in those accounts, thereby cheating the bank of Rs 35.40 lakh.

SLOW INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate crisis is outrunning us: UN chief

Antonio Guterres pointed to rising emissions, record temperatures and worsening disasters, urging governments to accelerate the shift away from fossil fuels



LONDON

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told world leaders at the COP31 summit in Turkey on Wednesday that the slow international response to climate change so far had placed the world on a path to destruction.

Governments must fight harder to preserve the planet for future generations, he said, in comments that set the tone for two days of rapid-fire speeches by world leaders at the UN conference on Turkey's Mediterranean coast."The brutal truth is that the climate crisis is outrunning us. This is the path to mutually assured destruction," Guterres said, pointing to rising emissions, global temperatures and worsening climate-driven disasters.

"But science is not telling us to surrender. It is telling us to fight harder."

Negotiators from nearly 200 countries are seeking agreement on a plan to increase the share of electricity in global energy use and revive stalled efforts to move away from fossil fuels.

A UN report last month found the world on course to break through the 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) warming limit that countries had agreed to pursue under the Paris Agreement to prevent the worst effects of climate change.

Meanwhile, 2026 has also stood out with a series of extreme heatwaves across Western Europe and a glacier collapse in Nepal that triggered a catastrophic flood killing more than 1,450 people, with thousands still missing. "The world's biggest economies should be leading the response to the climate crisis, not leaving it to others," said Mohamed Adow, director of climate and energy think tank, Power Shift Africa.

Delhi's air quality back in 'very poor' category

NEW DELHI: Delhi's air quality deteriorated back to the 'very poor' category on Wednesday, as the 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) settled at 313, merely a day after increased wind speed provided a slight improvement, lowering the pollution levels to the 'poor' category. The transport sector is expected to be the largest contributor to pollution on Wednesday, while the impact of stubble burning is anticipated to increase on Thursday, potentially worsening air quality further over the next few days, according to Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) models.

Cabinet clears Rs 2,390 cr Noida metro rail link

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NEW DELHI

As Noida and Greater Noida grow, why should daily commutes become longer? Here is some good news for the people of Noida and Greater Noida!



THE Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the extension of the Aqua Line Metro Rail Corridor from Noida Sector 51 to Greater Noida Sector 4 at an estimated cost of Rs 2,390 crore, with a length of 8.449 kilometres and five elevated stations.

The project, approved by the Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, represents a significant advancement in the city's infrastructure development, an official statement said.

The prime minister listed the advantages of the project, saying it would provide a major boost to connectivity and ease of living. "As Noida and Greater Noida grow, why should daily commutes become longer? Here is some good news for the people of Noida and Greater Noida!

The Cabinet has approved an extension of the Aqua Line Metro. "Key advantages: easier access to offices, schools, hospitals and commercial hubs. Less congestion. Shorter commutes.

A major boost to connectivity and ease of living indeed," Modi said in a post on X. The project would be completed over a period of four years, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw told reporters at a Cabinet briefing. Upon operationalisation of this corridor, Noida and Greater Noida will have 71.878 kilometres of active metro rail network, he said.

Vaishnaw said this project acts as a major expansion of the metro rail network in the city. The corridor will introduce approximately 8.449 kilometres of new metro lines, significantly improving public transportation in Noida and Greater Noida, which currently lack efficient connectivity. It will also provide direct connectivity with high-demand corridors, including an interchange at Noida Sector 61 on the Blue Line, the statement said.

Militants open fire on CRPF checkpost, three injured

One personnel is critical with abdominal injuries, while two others sustained bullet wounds; attackers fled on a motorcycle

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JAMMU



THREE Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were injured, one of them critically, after motorcycle-borne militants opened fire at a CRPF checkpost in Akhran near Mir Bazar in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday afternoon. The attackers fled after the firing, prompting security forces to launch a massive search operation.

The incident took place around 2.15 pm when unidentified motorcycle-borne assailants targeted CRPF personnel deployed at a naka (checkpoint), officials said.

The injured personnel were shifted to a hospital in Anantnag district for treatment. One of them sustained abdominal injuries and is in critical condition, while the other two suffered relatively minor injuries. One sustained a grazing bullet wound on his arm, while the other was hit on his foot. Visuals from the hospital showed the injured personnel being brought in on stretchers as medical staff rushed to provide assistance. This is the first reported terror attack in Kulgam since July 31, when two migrant labourers were killed in the district. Earlier, on July 22, a policeman was killed in neighbouring Anantnag town.

Student held for impersonating as cop, sending fake notices to X

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police has detained a 17-year-old Class 12 student from Srinagar for allegedly impersonating them and forging a senior officer's signature to send fake notices to social media platform X, seeking the blocking of two organisations' accounts, officials said on Wednesday. The juvenile allegedly circulated the fabricated notices to popularise his own X account, they said. A senior police officer said they produced him before the Juvenile Justice Board. The case came to light during a hearing before the Delhi High Court on November 6, when X informed the court that its internal investigation had found the notices purportedly issued in the name of Delhi Police to be forged.

Centre extends Stand-Up India Scheme till 2031

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NEW DELHI

THE government on Wednesday approved the continuation of Stand-Up India Scheme for next 5 years to promote entrepreneurship among Women, Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs).

The Union Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the extension of Stand-Up India Scheme up to March 31, 2031.

The scheme aims to promote entrepreneurship among Women, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and provide financial assistance to additional 2.5 lakh entrepreneurs in a span of five years, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said while briefing on the decisions taken by the government at the Cabinet meeting.

Since its launch in April 2016, the scheme has facilitated loans to more than 2.75 lakh Women/SC/ST entrepreneurs. The objective of the Stand-Up India Scheme was to provide loans ranging between Rs 10 lakh and Rs 1 crore from Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) to at least one Scheduled Caste (SC) or Scheduled Tribe (ST) borrower and one woman borrower per bank branch to set up a greenfield enterprise in manufacturing, services or trading sector and also for activities allied to agriculture.

The scheme provided loans of value between Rs 10 lakh and Rs 1 crore at the lowest applicable rate of the bank for that category (rating), not exceeding base rate MCLR+3%+ Tenor premium, with a repayment period of 7 years and a maximum moratorium of up to 18 months.

Several coaches of Kolkata-Sairang Express derail

GUWAHATI: Four persons suffered minor injuries after five coaches and the engine of the Kolkata-Sairang Express derailed at Digaru near Assam's Guwahati on Wednesday, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. Sarma, in a social media post, said that all the passengers were safe.

"Four sustained minor injuries and are receiving care. We're working closely with @RailMinIndia on this situation," he said. "All stranded passengers have been provided with basic necessities, and an alternative travel train has been arranged for the journey," the CM said. The four injured have been taken to the Sonapur Primary Health Centre.

Somaya thanks cops for recovering stolen Oly gold

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FORMER India hockey captain M M Somaya on Wednesday thanked the Bengaluru Police for recovering his stolen valuables, including the 1980 Olympic gold medal, saying the recovery made him feel as though he had won the medals all over again.

All the stolen articles, including eight medals, a camera, a Kodagu dagger and an Olympic kit bag, along with the two-wheeler allegedly used in the crime, have been recovered, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said .

Two persons have been arrested in connection with the burglary. "I am extremely happy and grateful to the Bengaluru Police for working really hard and recovering all the valuables stolen from my residence," Somaya said. He said the medals held immense sentimental value as they were won during a time when hockey was an amateur sport and offered little financial reward.





So what if pollution has increased?: Yogi on Diwali crackers

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Taking an apparent dig at those questioning the celebrations, he said people did not object when corruption allegedly damaged the system but raised concerns when citizens celebrated festivals



UTTAR Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday played down concerns over post-Diwali pollution, saying it would subside, and questioned why those raising the issue remained silent about people who had allegedly polluted the system through corruption.

Adityanath said people had celebrated Diwali with enthusiasm, and there was no need to be overly concerned about the pollution. "Some people are saying that pollution has increased because of Diwali.

So what if it has increased? It will subside as well. Why are you worried?" he said. "Those who have polluted the entire system through their corrupt deeds are not questioned. But if the public bursts firecrackers and celebrates with fireworks for one day, suddenly pollution becomes an issue," he added. Defending the celebrations, the chief minister said people had done the right thing by celebrating Diwali with fireworks and enthusiasm. "People celebrated Diwali with great enthusiasm and burst plenty of firecrackers. We had said that we would not impose any restrictions. Let people burst firecrackers and celebrate," the chief minister said.

Referring to his participation in the fireworks celebrations in Ayodhya, Adityanath said he had also been present there. "I was also there in Ayodhya during the fireworks celebrations," he said.

Adityanath also referred to the grand Deepotsav celebrations in Ayodhya and the festivities surrounding Govardhan Puja and Bhai Dooj, saying festivals were now being celebrated peacefully across the state.