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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. P8

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WINDOWS

Mother Dairy raises milk prices by Rs 2-4 per litre

NEW DELHI: Mother Dairy has hiked milk prices by Rs 2-4 per litre, effective from Thursday, due to rising input costs, sources said. Mother Dairy, the largest milk supplier in Delhi-NCR, had last raised prices on May 14, 2026. Prior to that, the price revision was done in April, 2025. According to sources, Mother Dairy has revised the consumer prices of its liquid milk variants by Rs 2-4 per litre, effective November 12. Mother Dairy spokesperson declined to comment. Sources said the procurement prices of milk from farmers have increased, forcing the company to partly pass on the rise in input cost to consumers. Mother Dairy passes on 75-80 per cent of its milk sales realisation to farmers. It sells around 35 lakh litres of milk per day in the Delhi-NCR market through its own outlets, general trade and e-commerce platforms. Overall, it sells more than 50 lakh litre per day.

Hijack threat to Air India flight a hoax

KOLKATA: A hijack threat to a Mumbai-bound Air India flight before take-off on Wednesday morning that prompted security officials to park the aircraft in an isolation bay of the airport here and initiate statutory checks has turned out to be a hoax, an official said. Authorities at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport said flight AI 2772 will now depart around 5 pm following completion of necessary checks as per protocol. The flight was originally scheduled to depart around 10.30 am. The note threatening that the plane would be hijacked at 11.10 am was found in the washroom just before take-off, said Vikram Singh, the director of the Kolkata Airport. All 105 passengers in the aircraft were deboarded, and it was taken to the isolation bay, he said.

Ex- VP Dhankhar collapses during morning walk

NEW DELHI: Former vice president Jagdeep Dhankhar was admitted to AIIMS here after he fell unconscious during his morning walk on Wednesday, sources said. Details about his health condition were not immediately available. AIIMS authorities have not issued an official statement so far.





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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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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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 police, 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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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.

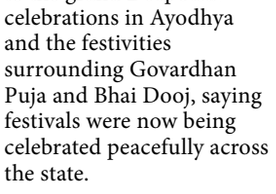
Several coaches of Kolkata-Sairang Express derail

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.

'Saifai syndicate' controlled UP recruitment before 2017

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also asked the current and previous generation to "never forgive them", alleging wrongdoings by the Samajwadi Party and the Congress in the past

UTTAR Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday said that a "Saifai syndicate" controlled recruitment processes in the state before 2017, accusing the Samajwadi Party and the Congress of promoting corruption, nepotism and irregularities that deprived deserving candidates of government jobs.

The CM also asked the current and previous generation to "never forgive them", alleging wrongdoings by the Samajwadi Party and the Congress in the past. He was speaking at a programme here for the distribution of appointment letters to 1,146 newly selected Junior Assistants in the Revenue Department and financial assistance of Rs 215 crore to 4,300 beneficiaries under the Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana.

"Before 2017, there was a kind of anarchy in Uttar Pradesh. All the recruitment commissions and boards had become paralysed. A syndicate operated in the state -- the 'Saifai syndicate' -- which had taken control of them," he alleged.

Saifai is the native place of SP founder Mulayam Singh Yadav. Without naming SP president Akhilesh Yadav, Adityanath targeted him while referring to a statement by the "chief of the recruitment syndicate" questioning the government's announcement on distributing appointment letters to one lakh young people. Taking a dig at the former chief minister, Adityanath said, "If he knows how to count, he should start counting. And if he does not know how to count, he should keep Shivpal Yadav with him as a tutor. He has old experience in counting.

He is an experienced leader and has spent his entire life counting." He further said the former CM appeared to be unaware of appointment-letter distribution programmes (being done in morning) because "he might be asleep when such events are held". "Also, this is Diwali festive time, thoda jua to ho jaata hai (he might have had some gambling sessions) with friends till late night, so he wakes up late in the day," Adityanath said without naming Yadav. He also made a reference to the hit Hindi film "Munna Bhai MBBS", drawing a parallel between its plot and alleged irregularities in recruitment under previous governments. "Before 2017, there were 'Munna Bhais' sitting in the government as well as in the recruitment process. Someone else would take the examination and someone else would walk away with the appointment letter," he alleged. Adityanath said such practices had harmed both candidates who paid money to secure jobs and those who prepared for examinations through hard work. "Those who bought jobs by paying money and those who prepared for examinations through hard work both were cheated. The person who took money would deposit it in foreign banks and accumulate properties in different countries, while the youth of Uttar Pradesh were left cheated at every level," he alleged. He said candidates who faced irregularities had to approach courts, resulting in stays on recruitment processes, while the state suffered from a shortage of personnel.



Cong launches Punjab Mangda Insaaf' campaign

The moment is aimed at connecting with the people of Punjab and raising issues concerning farmers, youths, drugs, law and order and other public concerns: Leader of Opposition in the State assembly Partap Singh Bajw

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THE Punjab Congress on Wednesday rolled out 'Punjab Mangda Insaaf' campaign to reach out to every section of society and raise their concerns effectively ahead of the state polls. Punjab Congress president Pargat Singh and Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the state assembly Partap Singh Bajwa launched the campaign at the party headquarters here.

'Punjab Mangda Insaaf' is aimed at connecting with the people of Punjab and raising issues concerning farmers, youths, drugs, law and order and other public concerns, according to the party. Speaking to reporters here, LoP Bajwa said that under this campaign, the Punjab Congress leadership will visit different parts of Punjab and raise issues concerning all sections of society.



"We will speak about the fraud with government employees and pensioners by the AAP government, the old pension scheme not being implemented, the law and order situation and the poor financial health of the state," he said.

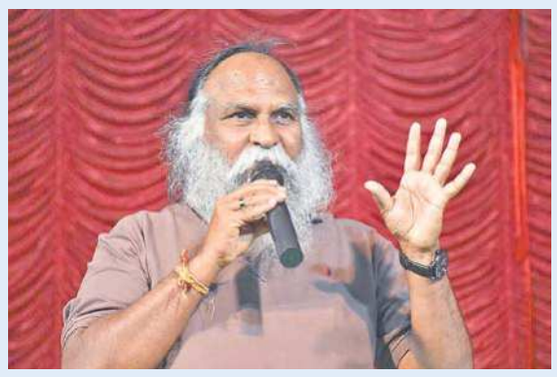
Bajwa claimed the AAP government has failed on all fronts. "AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal had promised Rs 54,000 crore funds per annum for setting up colleges, medical colleges, new infrastructure including roads, bridges. Not even a single penny was given. We will ask Kejriwal where that money has gone," he said.

"They did nothing for farmers, women or traders," he claimed. Asked about Congress MP Charanjit Singh Channi's cycle yatra, which will commence on November 12, Bajwa said it is also part of the party's programme.

"Channi saab is our brother. With his programme, the message of the Congress will reach Punjab. We will do it together. We all will go there (cycle yatra) tomorrow as well," he said. There will be different programmes in Majha, Malwa and Doaba regions. The effort is to reach out to maximum people, the LoP said. "The message has to be clear. Which party fights for 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan'? Which party can bring peace in Punjab and save the youth?" said Bajwa. Channi, the Congress' campaign committee chairman, has planned the 'Jawani Sambhal, Jatta' cycle rally, which will reach out to people across different assembly constituencies.

Will make film based on Sonia Gandhi's autobiography, says Jagga Reddy

- **Says Sangareddy constituency Cong leaders/ workers will be producers**
- **A 50-member committee will be formed for the film's production**
- **Shooting will be inaugurated by CM Revanth Reddy, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud**
- **Sonia studied deeply rooted political system of party**
- **She deserves credit for guiding Rahul and Priyanka to serve nation**



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TELANGANA PCC working president T Jagga Reddy announced that a Telugu film will be made on the life of party leader Sonia Gandhi, based on her autobiographical book "Belonging: A Journey of Love."

Speaking at a meeting of party activists here, he said that leaders and activists from the Sangareddy constituency should come forward as producers of the project. On the occasion, constituency convener Julakanti Anjaneyulu announced a contribution of Rs 2 crore for the film's production.

Reddy suggested forming a 50-member committee to initiate the production process. He said that Gandhi Bhavan PRO Hariprasad would oversee the committee and urged party leaders to mobilise funds.

"You spend money during elections. Consider this as a similar investment. Let us pool the budget and select a good director," he told the activists.

Once preparations are complete, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar Goud would be invited to formally launch the shooting. Copies of Sonia's book will also be distributed among partymen to help them better understand her life and contributions.

Reddy said the film would portray various phases of Sonia's life, including her role as Indira's daughter-in-law, Rajiv Gandhi's wife, and mother of Rahul and Priyanka. The movie will depict tragedies faced by the family following the assassinations of Indira and Rajiv, the challenges Sonia endured, her role in raising her children, and her subsequent political journey.

He noted that Sonia had earned a distinct place in a diverse country, comprising numerous religions, castes and languages. "The Congress political system is as deep as the ocean, and Sonia studied and understood that political structure," he remarked, describing her political career as highly successful.

Reddy stated that Sonia was never driven by an obsession with becoming PM.

Referring to the period after Rajiv's death, he said she had not aspired to the post when P V Narasimha Rao became Prime Minister.

He added that even after the UPA came to power and party leaders urged her to become PM, Sonia declined the post and instead gave the opportunity to Dr Manmohan Singh. According to him, her decision to forgo the chance to become PM remains a historic one.

Reddy said the Employment Guarantee Scheme emerged from the ideas and vision of Sonia, Manmohan and Rahul. Many people want another Prime Minister from the Gandhi family and that Sonia's own wish is to see Rahul as Prime Minister.

Ardh Kumbh 2027

Trash boom interceptor to be installed in Ganga



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A trash boom interceptor will be installed in the Ganga River in Haridwar ahead of the Ardh Kumbh 2027 to prevent solid waste from polluting the river, officials said. Over 100 metric tonnes of waste were removed from the Ganga during the 18-day closure of the Upper Ganga Canal this year, the Haridwar district administration said. The technology, currently being used in hydropower projects in Uttarakhand, will be deployed in the Ganga for the first time in the state. The interceptor will be a permanent installation and is proposed to be set up at Amrapur Ghat and Jatwara Ghat, officials added.

Nandan Kumar, commissioner for Haridwar Municipal Corporation, said a tender had been floated for the installation of the interceptor, which is expected to be operational before the Ardh Kumbh 2027. "The trash boom interceptor is a floating barrier which intercepts all kinds of waste disposed of in the river, like flowers, clothes, plastic waste and other solid items. The technology works in such a way that across the canal, a boom barrier is set up and the boom shifts the waste towards one of the banks. When the waste is accumulated near the bank, it is shifted to the conveyor belt," Kumar said.

Kedarnath, Yamunotri shrines closed for winter

Over 27.97 lakh pilgrims visited this year

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THE portals of the Kedarnath and Yamunotri shrines were closed for the winter season on Wednesday following prescribed rituals and the chanting of Vedic mantras. While the Kedarnath shrine was closed at 8.30 am, the portals of Yamunotri were shut at 10.28 am. More than 19.13 lakh pilgrims visited Kedarnath, and over 8.84 lakh visited Yamunotri during this year's pilgrimage season.

The process for closing the portals of Kedarnath temple began at 4 am with special prayers and religious ceremonies. All rituals were performed in accordance with traditional customs before the temple portals were closed at the auspicious time of 8.30 am.

After the closure, the ceremonial palanquin carrying the deity of Lord Kedarnath was taken around the temple complex before beginning its journey to the Omkareshwar Temple in Ukhimath, the deity's winter abode. According to the schedule, the palanquin will halt overnight at Rampur on Wednesday before proceeding to Guptkashi on November 12. It will reach the Omkareshwar Temple on November 13.



Pilgrims can offer prayers to Lord Kedarnath at the Omkareshwar Temple during the six-month winter period. The ceremonial palanquin of Goddess Yamuna, led by Shani Dev Maharaj, departed from Yamunotri for Kharsali, the deity's winter abode, amid traditional rituals and folk music.

HP cops trace 1,172 missing persons in 9 months

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THE Himachal Pradesh Police traced 1,172 of the 1,328 persons reported missing across the state between January 1 and September 30, 2026, achieving a tracing rate of 88.7 per cent, in compliance with Supreme Court directions, officials said on Wednesday.

A total of 893 missing-person cases involving 1,328 individuals were registered during the nine-month period.

Those traced included 722 adults and 470 children. Around 20 per cent of the missing persons were traced within 24 hours of their disappearance, while 20.9 per cent were located within 24 to 72 hours.

The remaining 47.9 per cent were traced after 72 hours, they said. In a press statement, Director General of Police Ashok Tewari said the state had strengthened its mechanism for registering, investigating and tracing missing-person cases following the Supreme Court's May 22, 2026, directions in the case of G Ganesh vs State of Tamil Nadu and Others.

"The court had emphasised that an FIR must be registered immediately upon receiving information about a missing person, without insisting on any mandatory waiting period," he said. Tewari said comprehensive instructions were issued to all field units on June 6, directing immediate registration of FIRs, prompt search operations, special attention to cases involving missing children and regular supervisory monitoring.

Demonetisation led to ocean of corruption, says Akhilesh

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Samajwadi Party president also challenged the ruling party to a debate on its claim of making India a developed nation by 2047, saying the impact of demonetisation had set the country back to its economic position at the time of Independence in 1947

SAMAJWADI Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday accused the BJP of turning demonetisation into an "ocean of corruption", claiming that the 2016 decision pushed India's economy backwards and acted like a "slow poison" over a decade.

He also challenged the ruling party to a debate on its claim of making India a developed nation by 2047, saying the impact of demonetisation had set the country back to its economic position at the time of Independence in 1947.

"Perhaps, such a big corruption in the name of demonetisation has never happened anywhere in the world as it happened in India under the BJP," Yadav said. He alleged that the decision was taken to sink banks and described it as one of the "most corrupt decisions in economic history". "The truth is that this decision of the BJP proved to be an ocean of corruption," he said.

Yadav said none of the stated objectives of demonetisation had been achieved and alleged that its impact had worked like a "slow poison" over the past decade. "Farmers, labourers, the middle class, salaried people, professionals, small shopkeepers, traders, street vendors and those running small businesses were all victims of demonetisation.

They have still not been able to recover fully," he said. The Samajwadi Party (SP) chief claimed that several factories had shut down following demonetisation and had failed to reopen despite subsequent government policies.

Recalling the introduction of the Rs 2,000 currency note, Yadav referred to the birth of a child named Khajanchi during the demonetisation period, saying the two had come into existence around the same time.

Khajanchi, who was also present at Wednesday's press conference, was born at a bank in November 2016 when his mother had gone there to exchange currency notes following the demonetisation announcement. Akhilesh Yadav named the child Khajanchi. The SP has since marked his birthdays and referred to his story while criticising the BJP over demonetisation.



Woman accused of luring minor into drug trade gets bail



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NEW DELHI

A child stated that Rukhsana and two co-accused, Aasha and Afsana, had lured him into selling contraband. The child's statement, recorded under BNSS Section 183, corroborated the allegations

A Delhi court has granted bail to a woman accused of luring a minor boy into selling narcotic substances, saying the quantity of drugs allegedly recovered in the case was "intermediate" and the bail conditions under the NDPS Act were not applicable.

Special Judge (NDPS) Dheeraj Mor granted regular bail to Rukhsana, who has been in custody since September 22, on a personal bond of Rs 25,000 and one surety of the like amount. In an order dated November 5, the court said, "The accused is in custody since September 22, 2026.

Recovery has already been effected and nothing more is required to be recovered from her. She is no more required for the investigation in this case. All the prosecution witnesses are either police officials or expert witnesses of state."

According to the prosecution, the case was registered after a child was produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in Lajpat Nagar for counselling. The child allegedly stated that Rukhsana and two co-accused, Aasha and Afsana, had lured him into selling contraband. The child's statement, recorded under BNSS Section 183, corroborated the allegation, the prosecution said.

A raid was subsequently conducted at a house in Nutt Colony, Chhatarpur Pahari, on September 22, during which 94.78 grams of smack and 6.84 grams of ganja were allegedly recovered.

Both substances fell in the intermediate quantity category, following which relevant provisions of the NDPS Act were invoked. Opposing the bail plea, the prosecution argued that the accused had lured minor children into transporting and selling illicit substances for profit. It also apprehended that she could influence witnesses, tamper with evidence or commit a similar offence if released.

The defence, however, argued that nothing had been recovered from Rukhsana's possession or at her instance and that she was no longer required for investigation. It also pointed out that the alleged recovery was of intermediate quantity and the twin conditions under Section 37 of the NDPS Act (offences to be cognizable and non-bailable) did not apply.

Diminishes image: Anna on Sonia's BJP-RSS claim

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SOCIAL activist Anna Hazare on Wednesday rejected Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's assertion that his 2011-12 India Against Corruption movement had received covert backing from the BJP and RSS to bring down the Congress-led UPA government.

Dismissing the claim made in Gandhi's memoir, Belonging: A Journey of Love, Hazare said he had no links with either the BJP or the RSS and had never taken part in their programmes.

"This is wrong. I don't have any connection with the BJP or RSS. I don't participate in their programmes. My country is my priority," he said.

Hazare maintained that his activism had always been driven by concerns for society and the country, rather than party politics. He also questioned the suggestion that his agitation was responsible for the Manmohan Singh-led government losing the 2014 Lok Sabha elections.

"What is the basis to claim that the Manmohan Singh-led government lost the elections in 2014 due to my agitation?" he asked. He also pointed out that he and Gandhi had never met, questioning how she could make such remarks about him without knowing him personally.

"Neither has she seen Anna Hazare, nor have I seen her so far. How appropriate is it to comment on someone without even having met each other?" he said.

Hazare added that public figures should exercise caution while making statements, saying vague remarks could damage their own credibility.

11-km Chhath Ghat along Munak Canal to open today

The project will be inaugurated by BJP National President Nitin Nabin, near Singalpur village in Shalimar Bagh area in North Delhi

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THE Delhi government will inaugurate the city's longest Chhath Ghat in the national capital on November 12, nearly 11 km along a stretch of the Munak Canal, officials said on Wednesday.

The project will be inaugurated by BJP National President Nitin Nabin, near Singalpur village in Shalimar Bagh area in North Delhi. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said arrangements will be made for the flow of clean water through the canal, and fountains will be installed at various locations. According to Delhi Jal Board (DJB) officials, water will be flushed from the Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant (WTP) into the Munak Canal, so that devotees have access to clean water and an uninterrupted flow during Chhath Puja.

"The most striking features of the ghat are its extensive 11-km stretch and planned development. Permanent steps and cemented roads are being constructed along both banks of the canal to ensure that Chhath devotees and visitors can reach the ghats and perform their prayers without difficulty," Gupta said.

Changing rooms, toilets, tent arrangements and adequate lighting are also being provided for the convenience of devotees. CCTV cameras are being installed to ensure security. The project also includes benches for visitors, greenery and beautification of the surrounding area.

"The government undertook an extensive cleaning drive to restore the canal, which was once surrounded by garbage, debris and overgrown vegetation. Around 1,400 truckloads of debris, waste and other accumulated filth were removed from this long-neglected stretch," Gupta added in a statement.

Boy falls into sewer in city, dismembered body found



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A 24-hour rescue operation to find a four-year-old boy who fell into an open sewer in the Baprola area here ended tragically on Wednesday when the team found the child's dismembered body at a water treatment plant in Nilothi, police said. Police suspect that the body was dismembered after passing through the sewage treatment plant, where large rotating machines filter and treat wastewater.

The child fell into the manhole near Kheri Baba Pul in Nangli Vihar Extension on Tuesday afternoon, triggering an extensive search operation involving the Delhi Police, fire brigade personnel, local divers and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

The rescue teams followed the sewer and drain route and eventually reached the Water Treatment Plant in Nilothi, Nihal Vihar, where the child's body was found in multiple parts, police said. They said the team retrieved the body and sent it to Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital for preservation and post-mortem. Authorities will conduct DNA profiling to establish the child's identity.

"DNA profiling will be conducted to establish the identity of the deceased child. Further investigation is underway," a senior police officer said, adding that an FIR under section 106(1) (causing death by negligence) has been registered against unidentified persons. The atmosphere remained tense on Tuesday as rescue personnel worked for hours, with locals standing alongside the family, offering support and hoping against hope that the child would be brought out alive.

E-rickshaw driver beaten to death

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A 65-year-old e-rickshaw driver was allegedly beaten to death with a wooden stick following an argument with a man after the two consumed alcohol together in northwest Delhi's Jahangirpuri area, police said on Wednesday. The body of the victim, Goverdhan, was found in a drain. The accused, Vikas (32), has been apprehended, police said.

The wooden stick allegedly used in the assault was also found near the body, they added. During the investigation, police found that Goverdhan and Vikas had consumed alcohol before an argument broke out between them around 4 am.

Following the altercation, Vikas allegedly assaulted Goverdhan with a wooden stick, commonly used by security guards, leading to his death, police said. Locals found the body in the drain in the morning and alerted police. A police team, accompanied by crime and forensic experts, reached the spot and recovered the body. Goverdhan's wife said he usually left home around 4 am for work. "He usually leaves by 4 am, as he did today. However, he did not come back today. He usually wakes me up when he leaves, but he did not do that today," she told reporters.

Teen crushed to death by garbage truck

Locals allege ambulance delay



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A 19-year-old man was killed after being hit by a truck near a CNG pump on Hedgewar Road in east Delhi's Ghazipur on Wednesday, police said. The deceased, identified as Rohit, was walking along the roadside when the truck hit him and fled the scene, police said. The incident sparked protests from the victim's family members and locals, who claimed that the police and ambulance arrived late despite repeated calls.

They blocked the road, disrupting traffic, and demanded action against the driver. Police received a PCR call regarding the accident at 10.37 am. Rohit was taken to Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital, where doctors pronounced him dead. Rohit's father, Kailashnath, told PTI that he received a call about the accident while Rohit was out.

"He had gone out and was walking on the side of the road when a truck crushed him to death. It was a garbage truck," he said. Rohit's brother Rakeshnath alleged that authorities began investigating only after the protest. He also claimed that CCTV cameras in the area were either not functioning properly or had failed to capture the truck. "The truck and the driver have not been found.

The CCTV did not capture the truck's image, and the cameras are not functioning properly," he told.

Congress claims spike in pollution-related ailments

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A Congress delegation led by Delhi unit president Devender Yadav on Wednesday visited Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan (LNJP) Hospital and alleged that the number of patients reporting pollution-related health problems had increased in recent days.

Yadav said the situation in the national capital had been worsening since Diwali, accusing the BJP government of failing to take adequate measures to control pollution.

"The situation in Delhi is worsening due to pollution, and it seems that the government has left people at the mercy of God. We visited LNJP Hospital and met some patients here. The situation has been extremely bad since Diwali, and even before that, there were no restrictions on pollution, which has continued to increase," he said.

He alleged that the government had made no efforts to bring pollution levels under control, forcing residents to live in extremely difficult conditions. Yadav said the delegation met several patients suffering from throat-related problems, adding that some were residents of Delhi while others had come from outside the national capital. He also spoke about a woman who travelled from Mumbai to attend a wedding in Delhi and allegedly lost consciousness due to pollution.

The woman was now unable to speak, he claimed. Delhi's air quality deteriorated to the 'very poor' category on Wednesday, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) settling at 303, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Four juvelines held for stabbing, killing man with bricks

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FOUR juveniles aged between 15 and 17 have been apprehended after a 24-year-old man was allegedly thrashed with bricks and stabbed to death. The incident happened due to an altercation in outer-north Delhi's Shahbad Dairy area. The police informed that the four minors have been apprehended and the murder weapon recovered.

The incident took place on November 9 when Roshan Shah was attacked by the four juveniles with bricks and a knife following a minor dispute. The police found Shah in a pool of blood and rushed him to the BSA Hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.

An eyewitness identified the assailants for the police. Further investigation is underway to establish the complete sequence of events.

Medicines worth Rs 14 lakh seized

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THE Delhi Drugs Control Department seized medicines worth around Rs 14 lakh from an unlicensed residential premises in Madipur village here and arrested one person, officials said on Wednesday.

In separate inspections, officials said they found violations at 37 of 62 drug establishments across the city. According to the official statement, the Delhi Drugs Control Department and the Delhi Police Crime Branch seized medicines suspected to be of doubtful quality, allegedly stocked for sale and distribution without a valid licence, during a joint operation on November 4 and 5.

A drugs inspector seized the stock under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and collected samples for laboratory testing. Officials said the department is initiating legal proceedings against those involved.

In a separate enforcement drive targeting the unauthorised sale of antibiotics and prescription medicines, officials inspected 62 retail and wholesale drug establishments, of which 37 were found violating statutory requirements. Of the 41 establishments officials inspected in Krishna Nagar, GTB Nagar (Kingsway Camp) and Rohini, they found violations at 25.



Stress takes greater toll on people qualitys of life: Study

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'Living with several conditions can mean managing appointments, medication routines and information from different services. Findings suggest that stress deserves particular attention when considering quality of life among people facing these demands'

STRESS may have a stronger association with poorer health-related quality of life among adults living with two or more chronic conditions than among those without any such condition, according to a new study conducted in Finland.

The findings, published in the journal Health Promotion International, also showed that adults who found it easier to access, understand and use health information tended to report lower levels of stress.

The researchers said both the clarity of health information and sensitivity to stress should be considered when supporting people managing multiple long-term health conditions. "Living with several conditions can mean managing appointments, medication routines and information from different services. Our findings suggest that stress deserves particular attention when considering quality of life among people facing these demands," said study author Jing Zhou, a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Eastern Finland.



The researchers analysed data from a cross-sectional, quota-based online survey of 4,003 Finnish adults aged 19 to 79, conducted in 2024. Participants reported whether they had any of 21 long-term conditions, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, migraine and back problems. Nearly three in four respondents reported at least one condition, while almost half had two or more.

The researchers compared three groups: adults without chronic conditions, those with one condition and those with two or more conditions. "The relationship between stress and quality of life differed by chronic disease burden and was strongest among adults with multiple chronic diseases," the authors wrote.

Among people with two or more conditions, a given increase in perceived stress was associated with an approximately twofold greater decline in quality of life than among those without chronic conditions, the researchers said.

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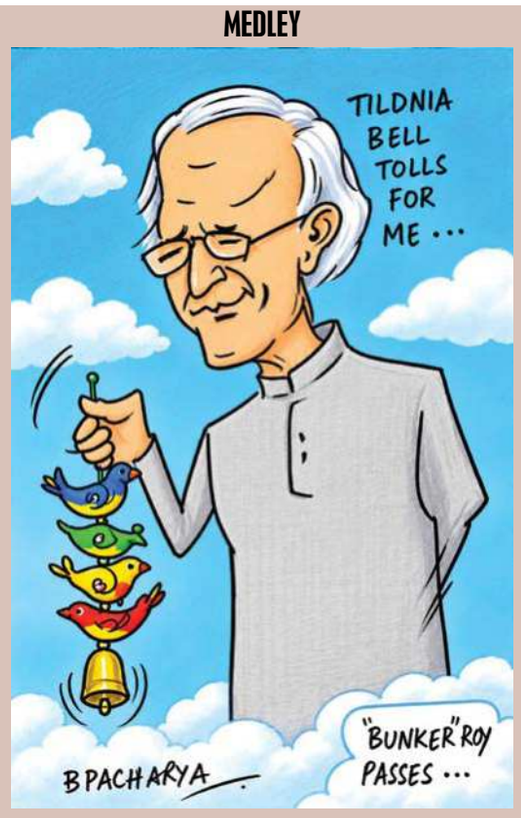
Yogi's comments on voter lists brings SIR back into spotlight

IT may not be appropriate to say that Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has added his voice to that of the Opposition's against the Election Commission of India's (ECI's) Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. His complaint about the alleged deletion of 1.27 crore Hindu names from the voters' list in his state is quite distinct. The Bharatiya Janata Party (NJP) prides itself on being disciplined; under the stewardship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, it was almost inconceivable till recently for an incumbent BJP Chief Minister to say anything at variance with the party's stated stand. And we have here a Chief Minister from a major state almost endorsing the allegations made by all Opposition leaders. Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav has sarcastically pointed out that now both are in the same boat. It is indisputable that Yogi's assertion has hugely embarrassed the saffron party. He claimed that the number of Muslim voters increased by 1.65 per cent in the state, even though the names of 1.27 crore Hindus have been excluded from the voters' list. After his complaint, the BJP has reportedly reached out to the poll panel. Countering the SP chief's taunt, Yogi said, "Ask Akhilesh Yadav to demand the rollback of SIR now. He will not do so because the number of Muslim voters has increased by 1.65 per cent in UP after SIR. And I have spoken about the situation of Hindu voters."

Whatever spin BJP leaders may try to give to Yogi's stand, they cannot dilute the import of his remarks. The important thing here is not that the ECI's SIR has been brought under a cloud of suspicion, but that it has been done by a leader who is saffron in every possible sense of the word. This pulls the rug from under the feet of the BJP high command over the issue of the ECI's credibility. This development also underlines the sour relationship between Delhi and Lucknow. It has been an open secret in the corridors of power that Yogi is not the favourite of the Modi-Shah duo; this seems to be coming to light in public view. This will have consequences not just for the Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh a few months down the line but also for the next general elections in 2029.

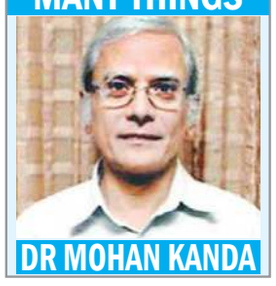
The Chief Minister's latest remarks may well be an indication that he is no longer willing to remain within the political straitjacket imposed by the party's central leadership. Whether this is a calculated attempt to assert his political autonomy or a reflection of genuine differences over the conduct of the SIR, it cannot be dismissed as an isolated episode. The BJP's central leadership faces a delicate predicament. Any attempt to rein in Yogi could deepen the perception that the party is uncomfortable with dissent within its own ranks, while allowing him a free hand could embolden other regional leaders to assert themselves. More importantly, the discord could expose fissures in the party's carefully cultivated image of organisational discipline and ideological cohesion. The party cannot allow the differences to persist. After all, a party that projects itself as a formidable electoral machine cannot afford to have its most politically consequential state become an arena for a power struggle between its central and regional leaderships.

MEDLEY



Eureka! Accidental discoveries shaping the world

TALKING OF MANY THINGS



DR MOHAN KANDA

FROM lifesaving medical breakthroughs to everyday conveniences, accidental discoveries and inventions have proved that unexpected discoveries can change the world. Stories of a failed experiment, a simple mistake, or pure curiosity remind one that innovation often comes from the most surprising places. In history, such things have generally fallen into three categories. One, to succeed in finding the objective of one's search, which is, almost always, a result of determination, patience, and systematic investigation. Another is one that was chanced upon, while looking for something else, a serendipitous discovery or invention. The third, and easily the most gratifying, is the sort of thing one had originally imagined would exist, and being able to prove that it does; what generally is called a successful 'thought experiment'.

Serendipitous discoveries happen when unexpected accidents or oversights are combined with a curious, prepared mind that recognizes their value. For example, the discovery of the principle of buoyancy in 287 BCE by Greek mathematician and inventor Archimedes. While wrestling with the problem of how to determine the purity of gold, Archimedes had the sudden realization that the buoyancy of an object placed in water is equal in magnitude to the weight of the water the object displaces. According to one popular version of the legend, he made his discovery at a public bathhouse, whereupon he leapt out of his bath, exclaiming in Greek "Heurēka! Heurēka!" or "I have found it!" and ran home naked through the streets. The expression 'Eureka' has since become an adjective describing moments of discovery or epiphany. Clearly, while physics is often viewed as a structured, deliberate march of logic, it is surprisingly full of serendipity.

A sensational event took place in 1492, when Italian explorer Christopher Columbus set sail westward from Spain with the explicit intent of establishing a direct spice trade route to Asia. Instead of reaching the East Indies, he accidentally made landfall in the Caribbean. This monumental navigation error opened a massive geographic reality, in the shape of the discovery of the Americas, which Europeans did not know existed, forever changing the global map.

In a somewhat similar manner, in 1895, German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen was experimenting with cathode ray tubes when he noticed a glowing fluorescent screen across the room. Even with the tube shielded by thick black paper, invisible rays passed through the room to light up the screen, revealing the bones inside his own hand. He realized that he had produced a ray of previously unknown 'invisible light', or that was being emitted from the tube, which could pass through the heavy paper covering the tube. Through



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further experiments, he also found that the new ray would pass through most substances casting shadows of solid objects on pieces of film. He named it X-ray, because in mathematics 'X' is used to indicate an unknown quantity. That discovery, as is well known, revolutionized medicine, physics, and science by making it possible to view the interiors of solid objects and living tissue for the first time, without surgery.

Another remarkable event in the history of scientific investigation took place in 1896, French physicist Henri Becquerel had stored uranium salts next to unexposed photographic plates inside a dark drawer. Even without sunlight exposure, the plates were fogged by penetrating radiation emitted directly by the uranium. Becquerel had discovered what would soon be called 'radioactivity', a term coined by the celebrated scientist couple Marie and Pierre Curie, who took up the work and found new radioactive elements. The discovery opened the way to nuclear physics, radiotherapy, carbon dating and nuclear energy, and to an understanding of the dangers of radiation.

Albert Einstein used the idea instead of physical laboratory equipment to reshape modern physics, unlocking the theories of special and general relativity. Einstein pictured a passenger on a moving train and an observer on a stationary platform watching two lightning bolts strike the front and back of the train simultaneously. Because the train moves toward one flash and away from the other, the two observers disagree on whether the strikes happened at the same time. Simultaneity, therefore, is a relative concept and time flows differently depending on one's motion.

Then there was the Scottish bacteriologist Alexander Fleming who, in 1928, had just returned from a vacation. While he was away, a stray mould spore had drifted into his laboratory, likely from a geology laboratory downstairs and landed on a petri dish planted with bacteria. The bacteria had grown normally everywhere on the plate except for a ring directly surrounding the blue-green mold. In that specific "zone of inhibition," the bacteria had been dissolved. Fleming realized that the mould was producing a powerful substance that actively killed the bacteria. He named this by product penicillin. The discovery of penicillin marked a profound turning point in history and paved the way for the development of additional antibiotics.

Swiss physicist Walter Jaeger, in the 1930s, was trying to invent a sensor that could detect poison gas. Instead, his device registered the smoke from his cigarette, a discovery that led to the invention of the modern smoke detector.

Another similar discovery was made in 1965, when radio astronomers Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson were troubleshooting an antenna at Bell Labs in New Jersey. They could not get rid of a persistent, low-level background 'noise' coming apparently from everywhere in the sky, which turned out to be the leftover thermal radiation from the 'Big Bang' or the Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation, a discovery dating to roughly 380,000 years after the Big Bang. The Big Bang theory is a fundamental concept in cosmology that explains the origin and evolution of the universe. It proposes that the universe began as an infinitely dense and hot point, known as a singularity, around 13.8 billion years ago, which underwent an explosive event called the Big Bang, which initiated the expansion of space, time, matter, and energy. Penzias and Wilson shared the 1978 Nobel in physics for the discovery.

The most sensational accidental discovery in the history of India is widely considered to be the Ajanta Caves. In April 1819, a British cavalry officer, John Smith, was out hunting tigers in the dense, horseshoe-shaped rocky gorges of the Waghora River near Aurangabad. Following a tiger's tracks up a steep, overgrown hillside, he cleared away thick jungle foliage and spotted the top arch of a massive, man-made cave, entering which with flaming torches, he discovered 30 rock-cut Buddhist cave temples carved directly into the basalt cliff face, the Ajanta caves.

The early 1990s saw another spectacular discovery in the shape of a drug which researchers of Pfizer were clinically testing as a potential treatment for angina or cardiovascular chest pain. While the drug failed to effectively treat angina, clinical trial participants reported a striking and consistent side effect that led to a revolution in treating erectile dysfunction. And thus, came into being the internationally popular 'wonder drug' Viagra.

Much earlier, in 1886, Dr John Pemberton, a pharmacist in Atlanta, was trying to create a remedy for headaches and exhaustion, and accidentally created a syrup, which when mixed with carbonated water, became the world-famous beverage Coca-Cola. While the formula was originally intended to be medicinal, it quickly became a popular soft drink, creating one of the most recognizable brands in the world. What had originally started off as a medicinal concoction had, in other words, finally ended up as a popular global refreshment!

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Debate rages over whether India's poor have become fewer

NOMULA SRINIVAS RAO

POVERTY is not just a lack of money; it is a lack of capability to realize one's full potential as a human being -Amartya Sen

India's recent poverty numbers are striking. According to the World Bank's October 2026 Poverty and Equity Brief, the share of people living below the extreme poverty line of $3 a day (2021 purchasing power parity) fell from 27.1 per cent in 2011 to 2.6 per cent in 2023. Over the same period, the proportion below the lower-middle-income threshold of $ per cent a day declined from 57.7 per cent to 16.1 per cent, lifting an estimated 496 million people above that line. NITI Aayog's multidimensional poverty estimates show that roughly 248 million Indians exited multidimensional poverty between 2013–14 and 2022–23, with the headcount ratio dropping from 29.17 per cent to 11.28 per cent.

These figures represent one of the fastest declines recorded globally. They are not statistical inventions. They reflect real expansions in access to food, housing, sanitation, cooking fuel, electricity, schooling, and bank accounts, supported by both faster consumption growth and large-scale public transfers. As India pursues the Viksit Bharat goal, the numbers offer a legitimate basis for satisfaction. They do not, however, settle the harder question of whether the gains are self-sustaining.

Welfare as consumption, not capability

A substantial share of the measured decline stems from the monetisation of public transfers. The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana supplies free food grains to approximately 79–81 crore beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act. When the value of these grains, together with other subsidies and direct benefit transfers, is added to household consumption, many families cross the monetary poverty thresholds. The World Bank itself attributes the fall to strong consumption growth, rising employment (particularly among rural women), and expanded social transfers, including food subsidies.

Households whose "non-poor" status depends heavily on continued fiscal support face an immediate reversion risk if those supports are scaled back or if fiscal space narrows. Crossing a consumption line through transfers is not the same as possessing the independent earning capacity that keeps a household above the line when transfers change. The distinction matters for policy durability.

This method is standard and transparent. It also creates a structural vulnerability. Households whose "non-poor" status depends heavily on continued fiscal support face an immediate reversion risk if those supports are scaled back or if fiscal space narrows. Crossing a consumption line through transfers is not the same as possessing the independent earning capacity that keeps a household above the line when transfers change. The distinction matters for policy durability.

Inclusion versus resilience

The same gap appears in living-standards indicators. Near-universal bank account ownership under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana is counted as progress in the multidimensional index. As of mid-2026, however, roughly 59 crore Jan Dhan accounts existed; about 5.72 crore held zero balances and approximately 15.37 crore (around 26 per cent) were classified as inoperative. Many function mainly as conduits for direct benefit transfers and wages from rural employment schemes rather than as vehicles for independent savings or credit.

Access has expanded. Depth of use and household buffers have not expanded at the same pace. High out-of-pocket health expenditure—still 43.4 per cent of total health expenditure in 2022–23 according to National Health Accounts—continues to erode whatever small surpluses form. A single medical episode can push a statistically non-poor household back into distress.

Nutrition and employment quality lag behind

If extreme monetary poverty has fallen below three per cent, persistent shortfalls in nutrition and job quality require explanation. The National Family Health Survey-6 (2023–24) shows child stunting under five declining to 29.3 per cent from 35.5 per cent in NFHS-5, a genuine improvement. Child wasting, however, remains stubbornly high at around 19 per cent. Maternal anemia continues to affect most women of reproductive age. The Global Hunger Index continues to place India in the "serious" category, driven largely by these child undernutrition indicators. Free calories prevent the worst forms of starvation; they do not automatically deliver diverse micronutrient intake or address the multiple determinants of stunting and wasting.

On the labour side, employment expanded by roughly 134 million between 2017 and 2023—nearly twice the growth in the working-age population—with rural women accounting for a large share of the increase. Yet the World Bank notes that real earnings remained broadly unchanged and that much of the growth occurred in relatively low-productivity activities. Continued high demand for low-wage work under the rural employment guarantee (and its successor frameworks) signals that large numbers of workers still lack better alternatives in manufacturing or higher-value services. Geographic concentration persists: a contiguous belt from Uttar Pradesh to West Bengal accounts for a majority of those still below the $4.20 line.

From Transfer-Dependent Reduction to Capability

Statistical poverty reduction is a necessary and measurable achievement. It is incomplete without economic resilience. Durable exits from poverty require households to generate stable incomes that do not depend primarily on the continuation of current transfer levels.

Policy attention therefore needs to shift emphasis toward

Expanding labour-intensive manufacturing and higher-productivity services that can absorb rural labour at better wages.

Strengthening primary healthcare and nutrition interventions that reduce catastrophic out-of-pocket spending and address stunting and wasting more effectively.

Improving the quality and relevance of vocational and foundational education so that young workers can enter better jobs rather than low-productivity or public-works employment.

Data correctly records the reach of state assistance and the resulting rise in measured consumption. They do not, by themselves, establish that every household now possesses the capability to maintain an independent, stable livelihood. Until that capability is widespread, the decline in poverty remains a significant but unfinished triumph—one that still rests, for many, on the continued presence of the very supports that produced the statistical improvement.

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LETTERS

Vested politicians will exploit Sonia's narratives

REFLECTIONS from Dr Manmohan to Pranab Mukherjee have been included in Sonia Gandhi's book 'Belonging--A journey of love '. By all accounts, it is an eye opener and should be taken in the right perspective. Her memoir narrates the truth and includes her own experiences and viewpoints. In the meanwhile, some politicians are bound to exploit her narrations to gain political mileage for themselves.

Dr Sunil Chopra, Ludhiana

Sonia and her PM aspirations

THIS refers to excerpts from Sonia Gandhi's memoir "Belonging: A Journey of Love". Sonia thought of taking Indian citizenship after the assassination of Indira Gandhi intending to enter politics. Her dislike for Hindus and Hinduism has been described by Pranab Mukherjee in his autobiography. Her justification that she was not keen on the Prime Minister's post is questionable. It is clear from A P J Abdul Kalam's account that despite Sonia demanding to become the prime minister, the request was declined on account of her being a foreign national, given that as per the Indian constitution a foreigner or her progeny is not entitled to the post.

Sakunthala KR, Hyderabad

Errors one too many

The national buzz over Sonia Gandhi's memoir has barely begun, yet critics are already pointing to errors, seemingly eager to discredit the author. The memoir reportedly mixes the dates and, while referring to the death of karsevaks in the Sabarmati Express, describes Ahmedabad as the capital of Gujarat. Such errors should surely have been caught before publication. Technology may have made publishing faster, but it cannot replace editorial judgement. When I was in the publishing industry, the editors went beyond language correction. HarperCollins and the author should have exercised greater care.

N Nagarajan, Hyderabad-103

The human story behind Sonia's book

SEEING the media reviews of Sonia Gandhi's book, the common man will perceive that it is the story of a young woman from Italy who arrived in India, adapted to a new culture, learned new customs, and embraced a different way of life. However, those seeking solutions to India's current challenges, new policy ideas, or a comprehensive and impartial history of modern India may find little of that in it. Ultimately, the book is less about politics and more about the human experiences that shape a person's life.

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BENGALURU ONLINE

Rs 38-crore makeover plan for Hampi's heritage monuments

HAMPI: The Centre has drawn up an ambitious Rs 38-crore plan to conserve and restore some of the most important monuments in Hampi, the historic capital of the Vijayanagara Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The initiative will cover several structures dating back to the 14th to 16th centuries, including the Jain temples on Hemakuta Hill and the Saraswati temple complex at Singanayakanahalli.

The project is being taken up under the National Culture Fund of the Union Ministry of Culture, with financial support mobilised through Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) corporate social responsibility funds and the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS). Of the total allocation of Rs 38 crore, around Rs 19 crore is expected to come through MPLADS. The funding will support a comprehensive conservation programme aimed at protecting the monuments and restoring damaged structures. The Ministry will appoint a heritage conservation architect to prepare a detailed project report. The architect will assess the present condition of the monuments, identify conservation requirements and prepare technical documentation before restoration work is taken up in phases.The proposed works include comprehensive protection of the northern and southern bazaars adjoining the Virupaksha Temple. The western portion of a collapsed mandapa near the Sri Bhashyakara shrine in the Vittala Temple complex will also be reconstructed. The Jain temples on Hemakuta Hill and the Saraswati temple complex at Singanayakanahalli are among the other structures identified for renovation.

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AP CM seeks UAE, Japanese investments in food processing, critical minerals, energy sectors

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ELABORATING on the vast investment opportunities available in Andhra Pradesh and the State's potential in food processing sector, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu invited several industrialists and company representatives from Dubai and UAE to invest in AP, particularly in food processing.

UAE Minister of Economy and Tourism Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri, who arrived in Visakhapatnam to participate in CII Partnership Summit, met Chief Minister Naidu on the eve of CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam.

During meeting, the CM explained that the State is developing Rayalaseema into a global horticulture hub with an investment of Rs 1 lakh crore. He called upon Silal, a leading UAE-based agri food company, to participate in the food cluster proposed to be established by the UAE.

Chandrababu Naidu highlighted that Andhra Pradesh offers immense opportunities for investment in agriculture, procurement of agricultural and food products, processing and exports.

The proposed grounding of Dubai-based Floormaster Industries in Chittoor district also came up for discussion.

The CM urged the UAE Minister to facilitate an early decision on the proposed food cluster. The CM also encouraged UAE companies to explore investment opportunities in various sectors, including maritime, aerospace and defence. He assured that Andhra Pradesh is ready to work closely with the UAE to strengthen bilateral economic cooperation.

UAE Minister of Economy and Tourism Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri responded that the UAE is keen to invest along India's eastern coast and that Andhra Pradesh would emerge as a key destination for investments from his country.

The UAE delegation also evinced interest in importing shrimp and other aquaculture products from Andhra Pradesh. Chief Minister Naidu was further informed that another 12 UAE-based companies were keen to invest in the proposed food cluster in the State.

In a separate meeting with Japanese Ambassador Keiichi Ono, Chief Minister Naidu explored cooperation in skill development, critical minerals, steel and green energy. Japanese representatives offered to support industry-oriented training for Andhra Pradesh's youth and sought cooperation in securing rare earth mineral supplies and uninterrupted imports of semi-finished steel for processing at the ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India plant.

The CM also met World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Director General Daren Tang to strengthen the State's innovation ecosystem. Discussions covered intellectual property protection, Geographical Indication (GI) recognition for local products, grassroots entrepreneurship and positioning Amaravati and Visakhapatnam as leading global science and technology clusters.

Vijaya Sai Reddy launches Parivartan Rajaniti Party

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FORMER Rajya Sabha member V Vijaya Sai Reddy on Wednesday formally announced the launch of a new political party, named Parivartan Rajaniti Party (PRP), declaring that its primary objective would be to provide an alternative to family-based politics in Andhra Pradesh.

The party's name, flag and agenda were unveiled at a programme held at A-1 Convention Centre in Vijayawada at 11.11 am. Party flag features white and saffron colours, with a Dharma Chakra at its centre. The party will be known by the acronym PRP. Announcing the party's vision, Vijaya Sai Reddy said it would work towards ending the dominance of family-based politics in the State and provide greater opportunities for young people. He promised that 60 per cent of opportunities in the party would be given to youth and that they would be encouraged to take up leadership responsibilities.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN-E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-I, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

1	Name of work	Cess Repair & Widening on UP & DN side of Delhi- Ambala (DUK) section in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-I/Delhi.
2	Approx cost of work	Rs. 9,81,45,171.19/- (Rupees Nine Crore Eighty One Lakh Forty Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy One and Nineteen Paise Only)
3	Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs 19,62,900.00/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Only)
4	Cost of tender document	Rs. 0.00/-
5	Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender	04.12.2026 @ 15:00 Hrs.
6	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

• The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** for participating in the e-tender system.
• For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. • No manual offers are acceptable. **No. 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/51/2026-27/W-1** **Dated :- 10.11.2026** **3944/2026**

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The below mentioned borrowers have failed to repay the loan and redeem the gold ornaments within the stipulated time in spite of several reminders. The Gold Jewellery/ornaments pledged under the said loan accounts by the below listed borrowers will be sold in public/ Online/ private auction at our Branch premises on **10.12.2026 at 10.30 AM.** Those willing to participate are requested to contact the branch. The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason whatsoever. Please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day, the same will follow the subsequent days on the same terms and conditions. If the customer is deceased all the conditions pertaining to auction will be applicable to nominee/legal heir. The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the pledged gold ornaments will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost. For any queries and terms and conditions contact branch. For details of branch address visit **www.janabank.com.**

Sr. No.	Loan Account No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower	Gross Weight of Pledged Gold Ornaments
1	32058730021318	Pardeep	3.1
2	32058730021229	Nisha	5.6
3	32058740000991	Dinesh Kumar	36.5
4	32058730021166	Rishi	3.9
	Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., SCF 197, HUDA Complex, Rohtak.		
5	31288730034925	Arun	2.88
6	31288730035088	Yoshoda Sukhdev	21.68
7	31288730034365	Yatinder So Mukesh Sharma	2.68
	Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., FCA-57, 1st Floor, Chawla Colony, 100ft Road, Ballabhgarh, Faridabad-121004.		
8	47918730029157	Sangeeta	2.79
9	47918730029170	Usha Rani	4.62
10	47918730029131	Neeru Bala	4.59
11	47918740002810	Poonam Devi	11.26
12	47918740002454	Komal Pawan	6.72
13	47918730028730	Sanjeev Kumar	10.3
14	47918730028588	Tasleem	4.69
15	47918730028740	Sanjeev Kumar	10.15
16	47918730028701	Zakriya Sharafat	4.4
	Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., G.Floor, SCO. 188-189, Sector 17, HUDA, Tehsil Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana.		
17	45238730027601	Sunita Devi	5.2
18	45238730027985	Nikhil Garg	47.1
	Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Ground & 1st Floor, No.3123C, Mohalla Rambas Rewari.		
19	33688730034789	Reena Rani	4.97
	Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Ground Floor, Situated at Taramani Parisar, Viyapar Vihar Road, Bilaspur-495001.		
20	48288730013122	Rooma	8.33
21	48288730013221	Vikram	7.36
22	48288730013069	Naresh N	4.09
23	48288730013184	Bimla Devi	12.95
	Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Ground Floor, 1369 C /11, Ambala Road, C/O Deep Palace, Ward No.15, Model Town, Kaithal, Haryana-136027.		
24	34038740003122	Sumitra Devi	15.2
25	34038740003132	Dilshad Mohammad	12.5
26	34038740003197	Subhash Panchal	7.44
27	34038740002793	Pappu Singh	6.3
28	34038740002079	Pinki .	18.7
29	30418730016676	Priya	2.73
	Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Ground Floor, SCO No.97, Sector-16, Faridabad-121002, Haryana.		
30	40598740000106	Rahul Dureja	20.8
31	40590670000042	Dinesh Dureja	374.71
	Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Ground Floor, Property No.68/10/2, Kapal Muchan Road, Chota Bus Stand, Bilaspur, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135102.		
32	30208730020205	Sumitra Ashok Kumar	5.84
	Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., 54/9, New Railway Road, Bheem Nagar Chowk, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001.		
33	40558740000087	Sanjeev Kumar Gupta	52.7
	Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., O-19, Ground Floor, Lajpat Nagar-2, New Delhi-110024.		
34	48298160004106	Sanjiv Kumar	41.38
35	48298160004122	Ravi Ravi	48.07
36	48290660001010	Anjali Anjali	48.8
37	48298730008568	Umesh Mehra	12
38	48298160004072	Ramandeep Kaur	40.4
	Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Plot No.206, SEC DSC, Urban Estate, Jind, Haryana-126101.		
39	32038730009488	Gourav Gourav	3.98
40	32038160000304	Manish Kumar	29.38
41	32038160000317	Surender Pal	23.74
42	32038730009525	Pawan Kumar	12.9
43	32038730009360	Pardeep Pardeep	11.83
44	32038730009512	Sanjeev Kumar	10.65
45	45288730014817	Mohd Shuaib	20.24
46	32068730010239	Suman Suman	6.4
47	32068730010226	Harish Harish	4.2
48	32068730010213	Poonam	4.9
49	32038740001062	Vijay Kumar	3.87
50	45288740001236	Mohit X	102.53
51	45288740001252	Sahil Sahil	7.41
	Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Lajpat Nagar, On Main G.T Road, Near UCO Bank, Panipat, Haryana-132103.		
52	31268730015031	Priya Yadav	5.35
53	31268160000392	Dharmender	57.3
54	31268730015104	Sajjan Kumar Jha	7.6
55	33698730021511	Rajwanti Dasharath	3.56
56	33698730021754	Mamtadevi Bhoga Ram	15.37
57	33698730021932	Sarmila Shri Chand	6.63
58	33698730021895	Rakesh Kumar	25.45
59	33698730021770	Sunil Kumar	3.84
60	33698730009863	Dheeraj D	55.9
61	31268160000379	Hansraj Om Parkash	40.6
	Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Shop No.GF-03, Upper Ground Floor, MGF Megacity Mall, MG Road, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002.		

Place: Haryana
Date: 12.11.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

EAST BOUND FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2026

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Chhath Puja Festivals, Northern Railway in association with other zonal railways has planned to run the following East Bound Festival Special Trains on 12.11.26, 13.11.26 & 14.11.26 in addition to normal regular trains as per schedule given below:-

EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 12.11.2026 (THURSDAY)

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Accommodation	Stoppages
02254	New Delhi (Vande Bharat Express)	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	Executive Chair Car & AC Chair Car	Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar & Ara
04010	Delhi Jn.	23:05	Sitamarhi Jn.	23:30	1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier Economy & Sleeper	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur Jn, Sitapur Jn, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn & Bairagnia
04068	New Delhi	19:00	Patna Jn.	15:00	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Junction, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur
04014	Anand Vihar (T.)	15:40	Laukaha Bazar	20:15	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly(NR), Shahjahanpur Jn, Sitapur Jn, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Siswa Bazar, Bagaha, Harinagar, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Ghorasahan, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Shisho Jn, Sakri Jn, Jhanjharpur & Vachaspati Nagar
04096	Anand Vihar (T.)	00:05	Patliputra	23:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Varanasi, Ghazipur City, Phephna Jn, Ballia, Sahatwar, Bakulha, Chhapra & Dighwara
04072	New Delhi	21:35	Supaul Jn.	06:35	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Etawah Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Gyanpur Road, Varanasi, Aunrihar Jn, Ghazipur City, Ballia, Suraimanpur, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai, Khagaria Jn, Mansi Jn, S Bhakhtiyarpur & Saharsa Jn
04062	Anand Vihar (T.)	12:00	Bhagalpur	13:30	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Sone, Anugraha N Road, Gaya Jn,Tilaiya, Nawadah, Warisale ganj, Sheikpura, Kiul Jn, Abhaipur, Jamalpur Jn & Sultanganj
04064	Delhi Jn.	11:00	Gaya Jn.	07:15	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Sone & Anugraha N Road
04088	New Delhi	15:50	Patna Jn.	12:45	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Dildar Nagar Jn, Buxar, Raghunathpur & Ara
04098	Shakur Basti	09:20	Darbhanga Jn.	11:45	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn, Burhwal Jn, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Siswa Bazar, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Ghorasahan, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Janakpur Road & Kamtaul
04406	Shakur Basti	19:10	Mansi Jn.	02:30	Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Etawah Jn, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn, Gonda Jn, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur Jn, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai & Khagaria Jn
04404	Shakur Basti	15:15	Patna Jn.	14:30	Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Mirzapur, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur
04410	Shakur Basti	13:00	Jhanjharpur Jn.	16:00	Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Ghorasahan, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Janakpur Road, Kamtaul, Shisho Jn & Sakri Jn
04210	Delhi Jn.	18:50	Varanasi Jn.	09:50	2 Tier AC , 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Hapur, Gajraula Jn, Moradabad, Rampur, Hardoi, Lucknow Jn, Rae Bareli Jn & Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh
04080	New Delhi	22:30	Darbhanga Jn	01:00	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Gyanpur Road, Varanasi, Aunrihar Jn, Ghazipur City, Ballia, Suraimanpur, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Samastipur Jn & Laheria Sarai

EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 13.11.2026 (FRIDAY)

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Accommodation	Stoppages
02436	New Delhi (Vande Bharat Express)	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	Executive Chair Car & AC Chair Car	Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar & Ara
04028	Anand Vihar (T.)	09:15	Muzaffarpur Jn.	04:30	1st AC. 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Amroha, Moradabad, Bareilly(NR), Shahjahanpur Jn, Sitapur Jn, Gonda Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur Jn, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Sonpur & Hajipur Jn
04014	Anand Vihar (T.)	15:40	Laukaha Bazar	20:15	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly(NR), Shahjahanpur Jn, Sitapur Jn, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Siswa Bazar, Bagaha, Harinagar, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Shisho Jn, Sakri Jn, Jhanjharpur & Vachaspati Nagar
04096	Anand Vihar (T.)	00:05	Patliputra	23:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Varanasi, Ghazipur City, Phephna Jn, Ballia, Sahatwar, Bakulha, Chhapra & Dighwara
04072	New Delhi	21:35	Supaul Jn.	06:35	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Etawah Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Gyanpur Road, Varanasi, Aunrihar Jn, Ghazipur City, Ballia, Suraimanpur, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai, Khagaria Jn, Mansi Jn, S Bhakhtiyarpur & Saharsa Jn
04052	New Delhi	18:15	Howrah	23:40	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Mirzapur, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn, Bakhtiyarpur Jn, Kiul Jn, Jhajha, Jasidih Jn, Madhupur Jn, Chittaranjan, Asansol Jn, Durgapur, Bardhaman & Bandel
04062	Anand Vihar (T.)	12:00	Bhagalpur	13:30	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Sone, Anugraha N Road, Gaya Jn, Tilaya, Nawadah, Waris Aleganj, Sheikpura, Kiul Jn, Abhaipur, Jamalpur Jn & Sultanganj
04090	New Delhi	23:30	Danapur	15:00	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar & Ara
04064	Delhi Jn.	11:00	Gaya Jn.	07:15	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Sone & Anugraha N Road
04088	New Delhi	15:50	Patna Jn.	12:45	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Dildar Nagar Jn, Buxar, Raghunathpur & Ara
04098	Shakur Basti	09:20	Darbhanga Jn.	11:45	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn, Burhwal Jn, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Siswa Bazar, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Ghorasahan, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Janakpur Road & Kamtaul
04406	Shakur Basti	19:10	Mansi Jn.	02:30	Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Etawah Jn, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn, Gonda Jn, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur Jn, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai & Khagaria Jn
04404	Shakur Basti	15:15	Patna Jn.	14:30	Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Mirzapur, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur
04410	Shakur Basti	13:00	Jhanjharpur Jn.	16:00	Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Ghorasahan, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Janakpur Road, Kamtaul, Shisho Jn & Sakri Jn
04022	New Delhi	14:30	Gorakhpur Jn.	04:10	1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly(NR), Shahjahanpur Jn, Hardoi, Lucknow Jn, Gonda Jn, Basti & Khalilabad
04058	Anand Vihar (T.)	00:20	Chhapra Jn.	19:20	1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC	Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Gyanpur Road, Varanasi, Sarnath, Aunrihar Jn, Ghazipur City, Phephna Jn, Ballia, Reoti & Suraimanpur
04214	Anand Vihar (T.)	09:00	Ayodhya Cantt.	22:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Amroha, Moradabad, Bareilly(NR), Shahjahanpur Jn, Lucknow Jn & Barabanki Jn

EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 14.11.2026 (SATURDAY)

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Accommodation	Stoppages
02252	New Delhi (Vande Bharat Express)	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	Executive Chair Car & AC Chair Car	Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar & Ara
04014	Anand Vihar (T.)	15:40	Laukaha Bazar	20:15	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly(NR), Shahjahanpur Jn, Sitapur Jn, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Siswa Bazar, Bagaha, Harinagar, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Shisho Jn, Sakri Jn, Jhanjharpur & Vachaspati Nagar
04096	Anand Vihar (T.)	00:05	Patliputra	23:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Varanasi, Ghazipur City, Phephna Jn, Ballia, Sahatwar, Bakulha, Chhapra & Dighwara
04072	New Delhi	21:35	Supaul Jn.	06:35	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Etawah Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Gyanpur Road, Varanasi, Aunrihar Jn, Ghazipur City, Ballia, Suraimanpur, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai, Khagaria Jn, Mansi Jn, S Bhakhtiyarpur & Saharsa Jn
04062	Anand Vihar (T.)	12:00	Bhagalpur	13:30	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Sone, Anugraha N Road, Gaya Jn, Tilaya, Nawadah, Waris Aleganj, Sheikpura, Kiul Jn, Abhaipur, Jamalpur Jn & Sultanganj
04076	Delhi Jn.	00:30	Kamakhya Jn.	21:15	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai, Khagaria Jn, Mansi Jn, Naugachia, Katihar Jn, Barsoi Jn, Kishanganj, New Jalpaiguri, New Cooch Behar, New Alipurduar, Kokrajhar, New Bongaigaon, Barpeta Road & Rangiya Jn
04088	New Delhi	15:50	Patna Jn.	12:45	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Dildar Nagar Jn, Buxar, Raghunathpur & Ara
04098	Shakur Basti	09:20	Darbhanga Jn.	11:45	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn, Burhwal Jn, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Siswa Bazar, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Ghorasahan, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Janakpur Road & Kamtaul
04406	Shakur Basti	19:10	Mansi Jn.	02:30	Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Etawah Jn, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn, Gonda Jn, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur Jn, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai & Khagaria Jn
04404	Shakur Basti	15:15	Patna Jn.	14:30	Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Mirzapur, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur
04410	Shakur Basti	13:00	Jhanjharpur Jn.	16:00	Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Gonda Jn, Gorakhpur Jn, Kaptanganj Jn, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn, Sikta, Raxaul Jn, Ghorasahan, Bairgania, Sitamarhi Jn, Janakpur Road, Kamtaul, Shisho Jn & Sakri Jn
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04210	Delhi Jn.	18:50	Varanasi Jn.	09:50	2 Tier AC , 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Hapur, Gajraula Jn, Moradabad, Rampur, Hardoi, Lucknow Jn, Rae Bareli Jn & Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh
05220	Anand Vihar (T.)	12:00	Muzaffarpur Jn.	09:45	2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC (Economy)	Tundla Jn, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur & Hajipur Jn

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Sandpapergate controversy

Khawaja pulls out of interviews, ACA urges end to online abuse



MELBOURNE

UNDER-FIRE Usman Khawaja has withdrawn from interviews promoting his autobiography after facing criticism, while the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) has urged an end to the furore that has been reignited following his claims that the entire team was involved in the 2018 ball-tampering scandal.

Under-fire Usman claimed that then captain Steve Smith, vice-captain David Warner and opener Cameron Bancroft were made scapegoats by cricket administrators despite the alleged wider knowledge within the team

Khawaja's book, 'Sabr', has reignited the controversy surrounding the Cape Town Test against South Africa in 2018, with the former batter alleging that the entire team knew about the plan to use sandpaper to alter the condition of the ball.

He claimed that then captain Steve Smith, vice-captain David Warner and opener Cameron Bancroft were made scapegoats by cricket administrators despite the alleged wider knowledge within the team.

However, former teammate Mitchell Starc, who was part of the side, rejected Khawaja's assertions and reiterated the position he had taken in 2021 that the bowlers were not aware of the conspiracy.

The controversy escalated after Khawaja struggled to address questions about the allegations during an interview with ABC . He was pointedly asked whether the four frontline bowlers, Pat Cummins, Starc, Josh Hazlewood and Nathan Lyon, had been part of discussions around ball-tampering. Khawaja was also asked directly whether current Test captain Cummins knew in advance about the use of sandpaper. he refused to answer them, insisting that he had merely told his "truth" in the book, drawing criticism.

His publisher, Penguin, subsequently confirmed changes to his promotional schedule, though it stopped short of specifying which appearances had been cancelled or altered.

Pandya moves to Pb for Rs 18 crore

Arshdeep heads to MI in high-profile IPL trade

NEW DELHI

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 in the history of IPL.

Pandya's existing fee was Rs 16.35 crore. Arshdeep, on the other hand, moved to Mumbai at an unchanged price tag of Rs 18 crore, read a statement from the IPL.

Before this, Chennai Super Kings had acquired Sanju Samson this year for Rs 18 crore from Rajasthan Royals, who got Ravindra Jadeja for Rs 14 crore and Sam Curran for Rs 2.4 crore from CSK. Transfer Fee is a bipartite agreement between two franchises and it is independent of retention fee (the salary paid to a player by the franchise).



It was mutually decided by the two teams that Pandya's trade fee will go up by Rs 1.65 crore and as per existing rules, he would get 50 per cent of the hike. The rest would go to Mumbai Indians. Pandya's trade brings the curtain down on his second stint with MI, a franchise with which he won four IPL titles. Having first joined MI in 2015, the 33-year-old had starring roles with both bat and ball during the team's title-winning campaigns in 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2020.

After seven seasons with Mumbai, Pandya moved to Gujarat Titans (GT) at a fee of Rs 15 crore in 2022 and led the franchise to the title in its debut season. GT also reached the final in 2023. Pandya returned to MI in 2024, taking over captaincy from stalwart Rohit Sharma but the franchise's performance nose-dived and it was speculated that the injury-ravaged maverick was unhappy with how things panned out. He struggled to win over fans after taking over leadership and was incessantly booed in the first season after his return.

Shooter Niraj secures LA Olympics quota

DOHA: India's Niraj Kumar secured a quota place for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics after winning bronze in the men's 50m rifle 3-positions event at the ISSF World Championships here on Wednesday. It was India's second Olympic quota at the championships, following Jaypal Malviya's silver in the men's 10m air pistol event a few days ago.



Niraj shot 346.5 in the final and was in contention for silver before a costly 9.4 on his 34th shot pushed him down to third. Individual Neutral Athlete (AIN) Dmitrii Pimenov clinched gold with a world junior record score of 362.8, while Slovakia's Patrik Jany took silver.

Both also secured Olympic quota places. The other Indian in the final, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, finished fifth with 323.7. India also won bronze in the team event, with Niraj, Aishwary and Akhil Sheoran combining for 1,751 in the elimination round.

They missed silver by a solitary point as Norway finished second with 1,752, while the Czech Republic took gold with 1,754.

'No discussion yet on increasing IPL teams'

KUSHAN SARKAR
NEW DELHI

BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia has ruled out an immediate expansion of the IPL from 10 to 12 teams, insisting that the idea has not even been "informally" discussed within the Board. While there is a lot of interest around IPL in the global cricket market, Saikia said that there is "no scope" for an expansion as of now.



"We have neither discussed formally or informally the possibility of the IPL becoming a 12-team affair in 2028. It is not in our scope at this stage," Saikia told PTI during an interaction. "We are concerned about the IPL of 2027, which is going to be the 20th edition of the IPL. So it will be a big affair. We are concerned about that and we are not considering anything beyond that," Saikia told PTI.

"Whatever news is circulating in the media, I think these are all speculative reports from some fertile minds. I have no comments to offer regarding those. There is no sanctity to those reports," he clarified.

He also said that no call has been taken on the increase of team purse from Rs 125 crore to Rs 150 crore before the 2027 mega auction.

"There is nothing of that sort regarding an increase in the salary purse.



Newly-elected FIDE president Timur Turlov

FIDE: India will continue to host major events

APARAJITA UPADHYAY
BUDAPEST

Newly-elected FIDE president Timur Turlov said India is a trusted partner of the world body of chess and will continue to host major international championships over the next four years. He also called for greater Indian influence in the Asian Chess Federation.

India has established itself as a major force in international chess, with a crop of young players, led by reigning world champion D Gukesh, alongside R Praggnanandhaa, Arjun Erigaisi and R Vaishali, making their presence felt at the highest level.

Asked whether India could expect to host more international events under his administration, Turlov responded in the affirmative. "Absolutely," Turlov said on the sidelines of the Total Chess World Championship Tour Pilot here.

Pant, Gill in top 10 of ICC Test rankings

DUBAI: Wicket-keeper Rishabh Pant and captain Shubman Gill are the only Indians in the top 10 of the latest ICC Test batting rankings, occupying eighth and 10th positions respectively. Both Pant (713 rating points) and Gill (697) have dropped a rung in the list.



Another Indian Yashasvi Jaiswal finds himself in the 13th spot. The Test batters chart is being headed by England's Harry Brook and Joe Root, followed by Australia's Travis Head, South Africa's Temba Bavuma and Steve Smith.

Afghanistan captain Rahmat Shah has created history by becoming the first player from his country to enter the top 10 in any category of the ICC Test Player Rankings. Rahmat climbed six spots to career-best seventh on the rankings for Test batters following his innings of 173 in the opening match of Afghanistan's two-game series against Zimbabwe in Sharjah.

It was the fifth Test century of Rahmat's career and his second this year, lifting the 33-year-old above India captain Shubman Gill, South Africa opener Aiden Markram and Sri Lanka's Kamindu Mendis into the top 10 for the first time.

Purchase of 40 villas and cottages

Demand for ACB to register case, ED probe against IAS officer

JAIPUR

Nearly two weeks after the Rajasthan Anti-Corruption Bureau launched a preliminary enquiry into the controversial purchase of 40 villas and cottages by senior IAS officer Shikhar Agrawal and his family, activists have alleged "delay" in registering an FIR and sought a wider investigation into the transactions.

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He threatened to approach the High Court or the Supreme Court if the ACB fails to conclude the enquiry and take action in accordance with the law. "The chief minister was proactive in handing over the matter to the ACB, but the bureau has been unusually slow. Why has it not concluded the preliminary enquiry and registered an FIR?" Pathak told PTI.



Advocates Poonam Chand Bhandari and T N Sharma have also approached the Enforcement Directorate (ED), seeking an investigation into the transactions under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The advocates, associated with Public Against Corruption, alleged that the purchase of properties at prices substantially below their market value and their subsequent leaseback to the seller raised serious questions about the transactions.

The ACB registered the preliminary enquiry on October 30 after allegations surfaced that Shikhar Agrawal, his wife and IPS officer Prashakha Mathur and their family members purchased 40 villas and cottages for approximately Rs 6.17 crore and subsequently leased them back to the seller for an annual rent of around Rs 1.80 crore.

The controversy began following a media report about the property transactions involving Agrawal, his wife and other family members. Official sources said that the Prime Minister's Office had sought a factual report from the Rajasthan government after the allegations surfaced. The Centre also called the chief secretary to Delhi regarding the matter.



Gang-rape survivor thrown off roof in Bihar

PATNA: A 30-year-old gang-rape survivor was allegedly thrown off the roof of a building by a neighbour in Bihar's Begusarai district, prompting police to arrest the accused on Wednesday.

The injured woman was taken to Sadar Hospital in Begusarai. Police said they arrested her neighbour, Bhongal Kumar, based on her statement. A case has been registered under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and an investigation is underway.

The woman's family alleged that they had been facing pressure to withdraw the gang-rape case filed in June. They claimed Tuesday's attack was part of an attempt to intimidate them into dropping the case. The woman was allegedly raped by five men on June 11 when she stepped out of her house to relieve herself. During her treatment, doctors reportedly recovered a cartridge-like object, a stone and a piece of wood from her private parts, police said. All five accused in the gang-rape case have been arrested.

Chefs set 10 pm deadline for wedding feast in J&K

Kashmir Waza Association president Ghulam Nabi Waza said his community has suffered in silence for too long. It takes several hours to prepare the dishes, and usually we work late into the night

SRINAGAR: Tired of endless wait for the groom's arrival, Kashmir's traditional chefs, known as 'waza', have set a 10 pm deadline on serving wazwan at weddings. At a conference at a marriage hall in Rajouri Kadal area of the city, wazas discussed the "inhuman conditions" they are made to work under while serving the multi-dish 'wazwan' to guests at weddings and other functions. The chefs unanimously decided they will not serve food after 10 pm. Kashmir Waza Association president Ghulam Nabi Waza said his community has suffered in silence for too long. "It takes several hours to prepare the dishes, and usually we work late into the night.

Then we are expected to start serving lunch from around 1 pm till 6 pm, which is followed by dinner, which starts well into the night," Waza said. And if the chefs are cooking at the bride's home, they must wait for the groom and his entourage to arrive, which usually happens past midnight, he complained.



"There have been incidents where the maulvi left without solemnising the nikah because the groom did not turn up till 1 am. We are also humans. So we now set the 10 pm deadline," Waza said. He said going late to wedding feasts has become fashionable and appealed to the people to get rid of this bad habit.

"There are so many people attached with the wazwan, and they too have the right to dignified working hours," he added. Several chefs complained of maltreatment by their clients. "For example, we are not provided a proper place to sleep. We work long hours and need some time to rest before we prepare ourselves for the next day's gruelling routine. The hosts should take care of that aspect," said one of the chefs.

'Deeply aggrieved by way Nitish is mentioned in Sonia's book'

NEW DELHI/PATNA: The Janata Dal (United) on Wednesday expressed resentment over the portrayal of its president and former Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar in Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's memoir, asserting that he was the main architect of the opposition INDIA bloc.



While JD(U) national spokesperson Rajeev Ranjan Prasad alleged that Gandhi has presented the entire episode in her book as part of a strategy to mislead people, the party's working president Sanjay Kumar Jha alleged the former Congress chief made "petty and frivolous" remarks against Kumar, which was "unexpected".

"The JD(U) is deeply aggrieved by the way Nitish Kumar has been mentioned in Sonia Gandhi's book in the context of the INDIA bloc. We believe that Nitish Kumar is the architect and driving force behind the INDIA bloc, which is currently being led by Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi," he said in a video statement.

Gandhi has written that Kumar was looking for an opportunity to exit the INDIA bloc and was under the BJP's influence. She also refers to his return to the NDA in early 2024. Prasad claimed that most regional parties were initially reluctant to include the Congress in the opposition alliance and Kumar had persuaded them to come together with the grand old party.

2,450 kg chicken destroyed over safety violations

PANAJI: Over 2,450 kg of chicken was destroyed by the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) in South Goa during two inspections.

A vehicle carrying 700 kg of chicken valued at Rs 1,36,500 was intercepted by the FDA at Margao Railway Station. The chicken was transported in thermocol boxes from Delhi without the required temperature control, and remained in transit for nearly 36 hours.

A separate inspection at a cold storage unit in Verna revealed a lack of proper labelling and purchase records, leading to another 1,750 kg of chicken being destroyed.

State health minister Vishwajit Rane informed on November 11, Wednesday, that the drive was launched to prevent unsafe meat products from reaching consumers.

8 held after Tiger found dead in Maha reserve

GONDIA: A tiger has been found dead in Maharashtra's Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve (NNTR) in a suspected case of electrocution.

Forest authorities have detained a farmer, whose farm is adjacent to the reserve's core boundary, and seven other persons.

The tiger, identified as T-39 and aged around 4, was found dead with burn marks, adjacent to a farm near Bodunda village in the reserve's Thadezari beat in Gondia district.

NNTR deputy field director Pritamsingh Kodape informed that the tiger is suspected to have died of electrocution.

It is suspected that the farmer laid a live wire near his field, resulting in the tiger getting caught in it.

Officials suspect that the farmer along with others moved the carcass and dumped it in the core forest area of the reserve.

Maharashtra has several tiger reserves, including Tadoba-Andhari, Melghat, Sahyadri and Nawegaon-Nagzira.



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HCLTech, PTC launches PLM

HCLTech and PTC have launched a pre-configured semiconductor Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solution based on PTC's Windchill platform to streamline product development, improve quality and compliance, and reduce operational complexity. The solution connects people, processes and data across the semiconductor lifecycle, covering IP management, product introduction, supplier collaboration and regulatory compliance. It also integrates with existing business, manufacturing and design systems, providing end-to-end visibility and traceability to accelerate innovation and product development.

ICICI Life's rebranding

ICICI Life Insurance Limited, has unveiled a new brand identity and tagline, 'Har Kal Aasaan'. The initiative aims to make life insurance simpler, more transparent, flexible and accessible for Indian customers. Srinivas Balasubramanian, Chief-Marketing, Digital & Bancassurance, ICICI Life, said: "The ICICI name holds an enduring place in the lives of millions of Indians, serving as a symbol of trust, strength, and financial accessibility."

HDFC MF in pact with Network18

HDFC Mutual Fund has partnered with Network18 to launch 'Mission Wealthwise', a nationwide initiative promoting financial literacy among school students and advocating its inclusion in formal education. The programme will engage policymakers, educators, parents and industry experts. It will also conduct Investor Awareness Programmes across educational institutions. The National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) and Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) have joined as knowledge partners.

William Grant & Sons enters into AP

William Grant & Sons has entered Andhra Pradesh, expanding its Indian distribution footprint. The company will initially target key urban centres through retail and hospitality channels, partnering with distributors, retailers, hotels and restaurants before expanding across the state. Kartik Mohindra, MD, William Grant & Sons India, said: "Andhra Pradesh is an important addition to our India footprint and represents the next step in the continued development of our business in the country."

New CEO at Bondbazaar

Bondbazaar, a technology-led fixed-income investment platform, announced the appointment of S. Sambath Kumar as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Sambath brings over 25 years of experience across financial services, business development, product strategy and distribution. S. Sambath Kumar, said: "I am delighted to join Bondbazaar at an exciting stage in its growth journey."

Sensex, Nifty at near nine-month highs

Sensex at level last seen on February 26; investors richer by ₹4.30 lakh crore in two days

Mumbai

STOCK markets rose for the second straight day on Wednesday, with the benchmark Sensex rallying 772 points to hit a near nine-month high and Nifty closing above 25,250, aided by foreign fund inflows, better-than-expected Q2 results and a sustained moderation in crude oil prices. The 30-share BSE Sensex rallied 772.75 points, or 0.95 per cent, to settle at 81,879.40, a level not seen since February 26. During the day, it jumped 1,413.75 points, or 1.74 per cent, to 82,520.40.

The 50-share NSE Nifty closed 210.40 points, or 0.84 per cent, higher at 25,255.05, the highest in nearly nine months.

Among the 30 Sensex firms, Mahindra & Mahindra



jumped 5.25 per cent, InterGlobe Aviation 4.37 per cent, Trent 3.02 per cent, Tata Steel 2.22 per cent, ITC 2.15 per cent and Axis Bank 2.14 per cent. Adani Ports, Tech Mahindra, HCL Tech and ICICI Bank were among the laggards. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 7,212.22 crore on Monday, according to exchange data. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was up 1.58 per cent to USD 92.94 per barrel.

The broader market uptrend remains underpinned by a favourable mix of sustained FII inflows, lower crude oil prices, a resilient rupee and encouraging corporate earnings, he said. Broader markets rallied as the BSE SmallCap Select index jumped 1.29 per cent and MidCap Select index was up 1.02 per cent. Among BSE sectoral indices, MidSmall Private Banks Quality Tilt surged 3.44 per cent, PSU PSU Bank 3.03 per cent, Telecommunication 2.41 per cent, Auto 2.05 per cent, Bankex 1.94 per cent, Private Banks index 1.43 per cent and Commodities 1.24 per cent. IT, Healthcare and Realty were the laggards. Investors' wealth climbed Rs 4.30 lakh crore to Rs 5,10,72,090.95 crore (USD 5.44 trillion) in two days. So far this month, the Sensex has surged 7,419.87 points, or 9.96 per cent, and the Nifty zoomed 2,201.95 points, or 9.55 per cent. Foreign investors turned net buyers of Indian equities in November, infusing Rs 53,739 crore so far 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.

Qualcomm begins India job cuts, 1,000 roles at risk

Layoffs set to hit Hyderabad, other tech centres

New Delhi

US chipmaker Qualcomm has started laying off employees in India as part of a global workforce restructuring exercise that could affect around 1,000 employees, or nearly 5-6 per cent of its workforce in the country, according to reports.

The layoffs reportedly began at its Bengaluru operations, primarily affecting senior engineers and employees with several years of experience. The exercise is expected to extend to its engineering and research centres in Hyderabad, Delhi-NCR and Chennai.

Affected employees have reportedly been offered severance equivalent to three months' salary, with additional compensation linked to their tenure. Those signing exit documents within three days have also reportedly been offered an additional month's salary. Qualcomm



has not publicly confirmed these arrangements.

Chief executive Cristiano Amon announced a global workforce restructuring on October 20, following the company's annual performance review. Qualcomm described the exercise as performance-focused and aimed at strengthening accountability and aligning its workforce with changing business priorities.

However, the reported cuts among experienced Indian engineers have raised questions about whether the exercise also involves organisational rationalisation and cost reduction.

Employees could be assessed on individual performance ratings, team-level evaluations and senior management feedback. Radio frequency, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and global navigation satellite system engineering teams may also face reductions, reports said.

Qualcomm's traditional smartphone business is facing pressure as the company expands into AI, automotive technologies, connected devices and data-centre semiconductors.

Amul, Mother Dairy hike milk prices by ₹2-4 per litre

New Delhi

LEADING dairy companies Amul and Mother Dairy have hiked milk prices by Rs 2-4 per litre, effective Thursday, due to higher input costs, including higher farmer procurement rates and increased fuel expenses.

Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) and Mother Dairy, leading milk suppliers, last increased retail milk prices in May this year. Last month, Karnataka's popular dairy brand Nandini raised prices of its products.

The increase in milk prices will affect household budgets and may also result in higher food inflation. In a statement on Wednesday, the GCMMF, which sells milk under the Amul brand, said it has in-



creased the milk prices by Rs 2-4 per litre effective Thursday. The cooperative has increased prices of fresh pouch milk by 4-5 per cent in major milk-selling variants/packs across India, effective November 12, 2026.

"The price of our largest-selling Amul Taaza toned milk with 3 per cent milk fat has been increased by only Rs 2 per litre (3.3 per cent increase) and Amul Gold Milk with 6 per cent milk fat by Rs 4 per litre (5.5 per cent rise)," GCMMF said.

Mother Dairy, the largest milk supplier in Delhi-NCR, did not issue any statement, but sources said it has revised prices of its liquid milk variants by Rs 2-4 per litre, effective November 12.

The price is being hiked due to a steep rise in input costs of milk production and processing, GCMMF said.

It pointed out that there has been a significant increase in the cost of fodder (green and dry), cattle feed ingredients, milk packaging film and fuel during the year.

"In the current challenging environmental circumstances due to low and uneven rainfall in Gujarat as well as many parts of India, we are constrained to increase the consumer price of milk to pay better prices to our producers and support them in these difficult times," the cooperative said.

GCMMF said its member unions have increased farmers' procurement price by 4-5 per cent in the last one year, and a similar revision will further support farmers. For Mother Dairy, procurement prices of milk from farmers have increased, forcing the company to partly pass on the rise in input costs to consumers.

In NCR, the price of Mother Dairy's toned milk (bulk vended) increased to Rs 60 from Rs 58 per litre. Full cream milk (pouched) will now cost Rs 76 per litre compared to Rs 72. The price of toned milk (pouched) has increased to Rs 62 per litre from Rs 60 per litre. Double toned milk will cost Rs 56 per litre, up from Rs 54 per litre. Cow milk prices have been increased to Rs 65 per litre from Rs 62 per litre. Mother Dairy sells around 35 lakh litres of milk per day in the Delhi-NCR market through its own outlets, general trade and e-commerce platforms. Overall, it sells more than 50 lakh litres per day. According to the National Statistics Office (NSO), food inflation rose to 7.74 per cent in September from 5.97 per cent the previous month. Established in 1973, the GCMMF is the apex body marketing dairy products from 18 cooperatives under the Amul and Sagar brands. Amul is the world's largest farmer-owned dairy cooperative with 36 lakhs members.

SNVA Traveltech files updated IPO papers

Hans Business
Hyderabad

SNVA Traveltech Ltd, operator of online travel platform Travomint, has filed its Updated Draft Red Herring Prospectus-I (UDRHP-I) for a proposed initial public offering comprising an offer for sale (OFS) of up to 12.75 crore equity shares.

Promoters Alok Kumar Singh and Vivek Kumar Singh will each offload up to 6.38 crore shares. The company confidentially filed its draft papers with Sebi on March 29 and received regulatory approval on August 6. Equirus Capital and Anand Rathi Advisors are the book-running lead managers.

Established in 2017, SNVA Traveltech operates an asset-light online travel agency offering flight, hotel and ancillary travel bookings through its Travomint website and mobile application. Its services include airport transfers, travel insurance, car rentals and holiday packages across domestic and international routes. As of August 31, 2026, it served customers in more than 50 countries.

The company follows a hybrid model combining digital bookings with multilingual customer support teams. Its technology platform integrates global distribution systems and travel partners through APIs, alongside internally developed customer relationship management and AI-enabled tools.

IOB, PSB, Central Bank eye QIPs to meet Sebi norm

NEW DELHI: INDIAN Overseas Bank (IOB), Punjab & Sind Bank and Central Bank of India are working on share sales to reduce government ownership in line with Sebi's mandate, officials said. IOB has indicated a tentative timeline for its qualified institutional placement (QIP), while the other two lenders are yet to finalise theirs. IOB has approval to raise up to Rs 5,000 crore through a QIP in the current financial year and has secured almost all necessary clearances, managing director and CEO Ajay Kumar Srivastava said. The bank plans to launch the issue towards the end of the current quarter or at the start of the fourth quarter, depending on market conditions. If the full amount is raised, equity dilution would be around 6 per cent, bringing the government's stake in the Chennai-headquartered bank down to about 86 per cent from the existing 92.44 per cent, Srivastava said.

Moody's lifts India FY27 growth forecast to 7%

New Delhi

MOODY'S Ratings on Wednesday said the Indian economy is expected to grow at 7 per cent in the current fiscal compared to 6.5 per cent pegged earlier, aided by robust consumption, improving investment dynamics and strong macroeconomic fundamentals.

In its Global Macro Out-



look 2027-28, Moody's, however, said that near-term risks to growth persist as household consumption remains vulnerable to "intensifying and broadening price pressures", with headline inflation close to the upper end of the RBI's inflation target range, while a deficient monsoon and El Nino conditions weigh on agricultural output and rural demand. Retail inflation rose to 5.54 per cent in September 2026.

"India's broad-based economic momentum and demonstrated resilience to the energy supply shock warrant upward revisions to our 2026-27 growth forecasts to 7 per cent from 6.5 per cent," it said. RBI estimates GDP growth of 7.1 per cent in the current fiscal, in line with OECD projection. The International Monetary Fund (IMF), ADB and S&P Global Ratings have projected a 7 per cent growth, while Fitch Ratings expects India's GDP to grow 6.9 per cent.

Volatility dents equity fund inflows in October

Mumbai

EQUITY mutual fund inflows declined nearly 14 per cent to Rs 32,994 crore in October from Rs 38,306 crore in September, reflecting the impact of market volatility and correction, according to data released by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) on Wednesday.

Despite the decline, October marked the 60th consecutive month of net inflows into equity mutual fund schemes. Their total assets under management stood at Rs 37.14 lakh crore as on October 31.

Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) contributions also eased marginally to Rs 32,160 crore from Rs 32,490 crore in September. The number of contributing SIP accounts declined to 10 crore from 10.06 crore.

Amfi chief executive Venkat Chalasani said market volatility might have affected inflows, but factors such as the improved assessment of Indian equities by foreign brokerages, lower crude oil prices and strong corporate earnings were positive for the market. He also pointed to strong bank credit growth as an indication of underlying economic strength.

Despite volatility, SIP investments in October were about 10 per cent higher than the over Rs 29,000 crore recorded in the same month last year.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) sold a net Rs 34,843 crore worth of Indian equities in October. However, domestic retail investors largely continued their SIP investments, reflecting confidence in India's long-term growth prospects. Meanwhile, gold and silver exchange-traded funds attracted inflows of over Rs 3,000 crore each. A total of 28 new fund offerings across categories mobilised Rs 3,829 crore during the month.

EVs now default for government staff cars

New Delhi

THE Finance Ministry has asked all ministries and departments to make electric vehicles (EVs) their "default and preferred choice" for staff car procurement, setting a price ceiling of Rs 20 lakh per vehicle.

In an office memorandum dated November 10, the Department of Expenditure said the revised Net Dealer Price (NDP) ceiling takes into account prevailing market prices, vehicle lifecycle costs and the government's efforts to promote electric mobility and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

The NDP ceiling for EVs has been fixed at Rs 20 lakh, double the Rs 10 lakh limit prescribed for internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, including petrol, diesel and hybrid cars. The earlier guidelines issued in 2022 had fixed the ceiling at Rs 6 lakh.



Going forward, ministries and departments shall ordinarily procure EVs whenever their existing ICE staff cars are condemned or replaced.

Where a department considers EV procurement or deployment impractical and proposes buying an ICE vehicle, it will have to seek relaxation from the Department of Expenditure on a case-by-case basis. Such proposals require the approval of the administrative ministry's Secretary and concurrence of the Financial Adviser.

The ministry has also reiterated the 2022 instructions mandating the hiring of EVs by government departments. Any proposal to hire ICE vehicles will similarly require specific relaxation.

The move is part of the government's broader push to accelerate electric mobility, strengthen energy security, reduce fossil fuel dependence and cut carbon emissions. It also seeks to increase institutional demand for EVs through government procurement and hiring.

Kunal Shah charts new course for WhatsApp with AI, payments

New Delhi

WhatsApp will focus on making conversations richer, enabling users to complete everyday tasks within chats and using artificial intelligence (AI) to improve efficiency, while maintaining end-to-end encryption for personal messages and calls, its CEO Kunal Shah said on Wednesday.

Shah, who took charge of the Meta-owned messaging platform in June, said he had spent the past few months listening to users and understanding their expectations.

"What I heard is simple: help people stay close to those who matter to them, and get more done on WhatsApp. So that's what we'll build," he said in a post on X.

He said users send more than 10 billion voice messages and four billion stickers on WhatsApp every day. The platform plans to make voice notes, groups, stickers and video simpler and more expressive to strengthen personal connections.

The second priority is enabling users to complete tasks without leaving conversations. These include paying bills, borrowing money and staying connected while travelling. WhatsApp is working with financial services and telecom partners to make such transactions and services easier to access.

The third focus area is AI. Shah said the technology should help users find information, complete tasks and keep track of bookings and appointments.

WhatsApp handles more than 100 billion messages and two billion calls daily. Shah said simplicity, reliability and privacy would remain central to the platform.

Entertainment



'Siddhu10' IS A LOVE STORY; gets a grand launch

Star Boy Sidhu Jonnalagadda will be seen donning a new look in his forthcoming movie 'Siddhu10'. Presented by Tabitha Sukumar the movie is a joint venture between Sukumar Writings & Bunny Vas Works. It is jointly produced by Anmol Sharma, Bunny Vas and Ashok Bandreddy. The movie is directed by Mohan B who is making his directorial debut. Nayan Sarika plays the female lead.

The movie was launched in Hyderabad with various pooja rituals. The camera was switched on by famed filmmaker Sukumar while producer Allu Aravind gave the first clap. The screenplay was handed over to them by producers Vishwaprasad, Bapineedu, directors Buchi Babu and Chandoo Mondeti. The movie was directed by Harish Shankar and Nandini Reddy for the first day.

As part of Sukumar's writing team, Mohan B has crafted a new love story which will show off a different side of Sidhu. Known for his unique presence and versatile acting skills, the actor will add a new dimension to the romantic entertainer.

The makers have also released a mysterious theme poster with a huge waterfall, tree, hanging umbrella and flowing clothes in red, yellow and black. The picturesque poster gives an indication that it will be a nostalgic and touching love story.

The movie will have its music composed by National Award winning G. V. Prakash Kumar. It is being cinematographed by Chandru Selvaraj and will have production design by Sahi Suresh. Regular shoot will commence soon.

This is the second time Sukumar Writings will be working with Bunny Vas Works after Idupu Kaityam, currently in pre-production. ***- S Suhas***

Roshan Meka's pan-India superhero film launched under Ashoka Creations

Young actor Roshan Meka will be seen in the superhero genre with his ambitious pan India action adventure film which has been officially launched with a grand ceremony. This is the third film under Ashoka Creations.

Produced by Ashok Vardhan Muppa and Sunil Balusu and presented by Muppa Venkaiah Chowdhury. The camera was switched on by Venkaiah Chowdhury and the first clap was done by actor Srikanth.

The film has been made on a grand scale. The director has spent almost 18 months on pre-production and script writing. The makers want to blend technology, visuals and an interesting story to make it stand out.

Bollywood actress Rekha Pandey is debuting in Telugu with this film. Vinay Roy will also play an important role.

The technical team comprises of Cinematographer P.G. Vinda, Music composer Gaura Hari, Production Designer Ramakrishna Sabbani and Monica Nigotre, Editor Marthand K. Venkatesh. The action sequences are being designed by Ramakrishna & international Stunt Choreographer Lee Whitaker. The shoot will begin in the first week of December. The film will have a grand pan India release.

- P Ravi Teja



Tanikella Bharani, MLC Sripal Reddy applaud 'Jayannth & The Jingo Pen'



The forthcoming Telugu film Jayannth & The Jingo Pen received positive responses from prominent personalities at its grand pre-release event on the occasion of its release date on November 14 (Children's day).

Actor Tanikella Bharani said he is optimistic about the film's success. "It is a meaningful movie made for children so we should support it," he said. MLC Sripal Reddy praised the film. "It is a great initiative. We need movies that inspire children. It will help us bring out the talents in them. I request parents, teachers and students to watch this movie," he added.

Directed by Naveen Desaboyina who has won a National Award, the film is produced by Divya Praveen Bolisetty under Namo Jayam Productions.

The movie stars Master Jayannth Bolisetty along with Uha Reddy, Satyam Rajesh, Ashish Gandhi, Manasa Radhakrishnan and others. Director praised the young hero's performance.

The actors have said the film has emotional elements and a meaningful message.

"This film was made after we bought the rights for the Malayalam remake," said producer Praveen Bolisetty. The film has music by Mohith and cinematography by Andrew. It aims to provide an entertaining and inspiring movie.

- S Suhas



'Maya Lady' pre-release event: Rakesh Varre confident of entertaining audiences

Actor and producer Rakesh Varre is confident about his upcoming film Maya Lady providing an entertaining cinematic experience to audiences. Speaking during the pre-release event for Maya Lady in Hyderabad, Varre assured that audiences will leave theatres with a smile on their faces after watching the film with family and friends.

Produced by Rakesh under his Crazy Ants Productions banner, Maya Lady directed by Prasankar and starring Madhumita Sarcar in the leading lady role will be released globally in theatres on November 13.

Varre said that he was convinced to take on the project due to the great script and passion from the director. After producing content driven films like 'Evvarikee Cheppoddhu' and 'Peka Medalu,' the team decided to go ahead with the release despite there being a lot of competition on the same day.

Madhumita who is debuting in Telugu said that she has a versatile character to play with some intense action scenes. Prasankar said that it is a unique love story with a mix of commercial elements, whilst composer Vishal Chandrashekhar has provided some great music.

The film also sees appearances from Suresh, Madhurima and Lavanya in key roles, whilst filmmakers Sashi Kiran Tikka and Mahesh Babu P. showed their support for the team. *- S Suhas*

'Rangu Rangu Rangullo Pillaro' from 'Tortoise' is a high-spirited folk song



Tortoise team has released their second song 'Rangu Rangu Rangullo Pillaro', which is a vibrant folk song. The composition was done by Anup Rubens and the lyrics and vocals are done by renowned folk singer Penchal Das. The song has an upbeat tempo and great lyrics which talk about how pretty and playful the village girl is. The song mentions how pretty her bangles, nose ring, earrings, ankle bells are and the expressions on her face. Anup Rubens can be seen dancing along with Penchal Das.

Previously, the first track of the movie 'Nee Parichayam' got a positive response from music lovers.

Tortoise is an action thriller suspense and drama directed by Ritwik Kumar. Raj Tarun plays the lead role. While Amrutha Chowdary, Avasarala Srinivas and Dhanya Balakrishna play crucial roles.

The film is produced by Vijay Chowdary, Shashidhar Nalla and Ramisetti Rambabu under the banners SK Golden Arts, Prashwitha Entertainment and NVL Creations. Manasa Kumar is the co-producer. The latest folk song will add more excitement to the music and theatrical aspect of the movie. *- P Ravi Teja*

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. This was paired with an ivory embroidered choli and translucent cape-styled jacket. Alia completed her look with a matching net dupatta.

The actress kept her makeup simple by opting for a traditional maang tikka and round gold earrings. She also did her hair into a neat bun to complete her graceful look. Alia's fashionable outfit is a modern version of traditional ethnic wear. Currently, Alia is working professionally on Love & War and will also be seen in Tumbbad 2.

- S Suhas



Vamsi Nandipati swears by entertainment value of 'Inka Em Anukoledhu!'

Producer Vamsi Nandipati feels that the upcoming Telugu movie 'Inka Em Anukoledhu!' will have wide appeal. During the song launch of Meghalu Sandramlo, he spoke highly about the story and feels the film will be entertaining. Produced jointly by Vamsi Nandipati Entertainments and ETV Win, the film will hit the theatres on December 11. The film features Akshay Lagusani and Keyuri in lead roles. Jayakrishna, Rao Ramesh, Harshavardhan, Anita Chowdary and Subbaraju are playing key roles.

The film is the directorial debut of Pranay Valluripalli and Giri Pemmasani. They have worked together for the same. Vamsi said that they have a great story to tell and the film will help them gain recognition. Sinjith who has worked with both directors for the first time as music director has scored the film.

The latest track launched has been appreciated by the team and the makers feel confident about the music. The team from ETV Win also said that the project is very special as it is the debut of two new directors and Vamsi Nandipati as a producer. The team thanked everyone who has supported the film and said they will give more updates regarding promotion. - P Ravi Teja

Vishwadev Rachakonda excited about positive response for 'Dark Chocolate'



Actor Vishwadev Rachakonda is thrilled with positive response from the US premieres of his upcoming film 'Dark Chocolate' which he describes as a unique genre-blending cinematic experience. The film will be theatrically released globally on November 13. Vishwadev opened up during a media interaction saying that audiences and critics have loved the interesting story and acting. The film was directed by Shashank Srivastava and stars Bindu Madhavi in a leading role. It was produced by Rana Daggubati along with Spirit Media and Voltaire Productions. The film sees Vishwadev playing the role of Yagya, a filmmaker who has faced continuous hits before downfall. He decides to take charge of everything in making a film, whether it be directing, dialogues, songs or even choreography. His journey includes some strange dreams.

Vishwadev explained "It is a mix of thriller, survival story, dark comedy, musical and psycho-thriller. It is also social commentary and is divided into chapters," He added "Bindu Madhavi has done an awesome job. The early viewers are saying it is one of her best performances. Rana Daggubati has also supported this experimental narrative and new talent." Vishwadev is confident the film will provide audiences with something new and encourage filmmakers to experiment with their stories.

- P Ravi Teja