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WINDOWS



Terror attack on CRPF checkpost in J&K's Kulgam

SRINAGAR: Two heavily armed terrorists emerged from a dense cluster of trees and opened fire at a Central Reserve Police Force post in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday, injuring three CRPF personnel, one of them critically, officials said. The two men disappeared into the forested area after the attack that took place around 2.15 pm near Mir Bazar, about 75 km from Srinagar and just a kilometre from the strategic Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, they said. Initial reports suggested that the terrorists came on a motorcycle. However, ground verification during joint search operations by the Army and security agencies established that no two-wheeler was involved.

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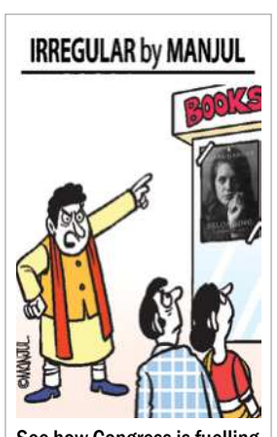
Mother Dairy, Amul hike milk prices by Rs 2-4 per litre

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. Full report P11

Dhankhar indisposed



NEW DELHI: Former vice president Jagdeep Dhankhar was admitted to AIIMS here on Wednesday after he fell unconscious during his morning walk, sources said. Details about his health condition were not immediately available. AIIMS authorities have not issued any statement so far. The 75-year-old former Rajya Sabha chairman has been admitted to the hospital's cardio-neuro centre and is currently under the care of the department of cardiology for medical evaluation and treatment, the sources said.



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CII PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT SET FOR TAKE-OFF IN VIZAG TODAY

AP eyes ₹12-lakh cr investments

- 141 MoUs and 30 G.Os. target 2.46 lakh jobs
- Corporate leaders, investors, ministers to converge on Vizag
- Naidu govt seeks to turn investment commitments into industries
- Agreement with Kia, 2 MoUs under P4 initiative likely



Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at a meeting with Ambassador of Japan to India ONO Keiichi, as part of the CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday

K Varaprasada Rao
Amaravati

ANDHRA Pradesh is embarking on a monumental 'Bhagiratha' effort to attract global investments, bring advanced technologies into the state and create lakhs of employment opportunities for its youth, as Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu seeks to accelerate the state's industrial transformation and position it as a major player in the global economy.

The ambitious drive gathers momentum with the 31st CII Partnership Summit scheduled for November 12 and 13 in Visakhapatnam. The event will bring together union ministers, foreign government ministers, global industry leaders and technology policymakers to explore investment and trade opportunities amid a rapidly changing global economic order.

Organised by the State government in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at the AU Engineering Grounds, the summit is backed by a proposed investment pipeline of Rs 12,13,853.23 crore. As many as 141 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and 30 Government Orders are lined up for exchange, with the potential to generate 2,46,373 jobs. These include a dedicated agreement with Kia and two MoUs under the government's P4 initiative.

Themed 'Navigating the New World Order: Trade, Technology, Trust and Thought Leadership', the summit comes as countries reposition supply chains and compete for strategic industries, advanced technologies and manufacturing investments. Andhra Pradesh is seeking to turn these global shifts into opportunities for capital inflows, technology partnerships and industrial expansion.

The political and international participation reflects the summit's significance. Union Ministers Piyush Goyal and Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu and Chief Minister Naidu will participate, while Vice-President C P Radhakrishnan will attend the valedictory session alongside Governor S. Abdul Nazeer and Union Minister Pralhad Joshi.

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CM Naidu with Singapore Minister Gan Siow Huang

CM holds talks with Singapore on Amaravati

Meets Singapore Minister Gan Siow Huang

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VISAKHAPATNAM: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu held a series of meetings with international representatives on the sidelines of the CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday, focusing on expanding investments and strengthening Andhra Pradesh's global economic partnerships.

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Cabinet nod for ₹62,370-cr Rabi fertiliser subsidy

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New Delhi

- Rs 5,000-crore credit guarantee fund cleared for MUDRA
- Rs 3,230-crore approved for Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum

THE Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a Rs 62,370-crore fertiliser subsidy for the rabi season, alongside a Rs 5,000-crore credit guarantee fund under the MUDRA Yojana and a Rs 3,230-crore project to develop the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum in New Delhi.

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the decisions following the Cabinet meeting, outlining measures covering agriculture, credit access and cultural infrastructure.

The Cabinet approved Rs 62,370 crore towards fertiliser subsidies for the rabi season, which runs from October to March.

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4 municipal corpns, 23 municipalities to go to polls on Nov 26

- SEC to issue election notification on Nov 13
- Srikakulam, Kakinada, Rajamahendravaram and Mangalagiri-Tadepalli corporations to go to polls



Anil Chandra Punetha

K Varaprasada Rao
Amaravati

WITH legal disputes over the local body elections resolved, the State Election Commission (SEC) has decided to conduct polling for four municipal corporations and 23 municipalities on November 26. The notification is expected to be issued on November 13. Since the first phase of gram panchayat elections is scheduled for November 26, the SEC has decided to conduct the municipal polls the same day.

Elections will be held in the municipal corporations of Srikakulam, Kakinada, Rajamahendravaram and Mangalagiri-Tadepalli. Cont'd on Page 7

Naidu sets June deadline for restoration of 789 LI schemes

₹632 cr required for repairs; schemes to benefit 7.49 lakh acres

- Jalaharati Corpn to monitor maintenance; 903.1 MW solar power potential identified
- CM assures funds for 36 priority irrigation projects, sets 2.5-year completion target



Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at a review meeting in his camp office on Wednesday

K Varaprasada Rao
Amaravati

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to restore all 789 defunct lift irrigation schemes across Andhra Pradesh by June next year, ensuring water availability ahead of the Kharif season. He instructed officials to assess their condition through field inspections, invite tenders immediately and commence repair works without delay.

At a review meeting at his camp office on Wednesday, officials informed the Chief Minister that Rs 632.07 crore would be required to restore the schemes, which would provide irrigation facilities to 7.49 lakh acres.

Naidu directed that the Jalaharati Corporation be entrusted with monitoring and maintaining the schemes and asked officials to establish a dedicated division within the corporation.

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Hijack threat grounds Kolkata-Mumbai flight

Kolkata



A Mumbai-bound Air India flight was grounded in Kolkata on Wednesday before it could take off, after the pilot informed the Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower about a hijack threat received on a paper slip. Subsequently, all passengers were de-boarded, and the aircraft was taken to an isolation bay, the sources added.

A thorough inspection of the aircraft was being carried out by the security authorities. The threat note was found in the lavatory. Following the discovery, the flight crew alerted the ATC about it. The flight was scheduled to depart at 10.20 am, an airport official said, confirming the incident.

The note said that the plane would be hijacked at 11.10 am, Vikram Singh, the director of Kolkata's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, said.

Earlier, on October 23, an IndiGo flight scheduled to operate from Delhi to Chennai received a bomb threat before take-off, prompting the aircraft to return to the bay at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) in the national capital.

The threat was later declared a hoax by authorities after the airline completed the required Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

Stolen Olympic gold of hockey star recovered



New Delhi

EIGHT sporting medals, including a 1980 Moscow Olympic gold medal, stolen last month from the residence of former hockey player MM Somaya in east Bengaluru's New Thippasandra, have been recovered, the city police said on Wednesday, announcing the arrest of two suspects. Police have identified the two suspects as Manikya alias Manikanta, 31, and Bharat, 25. Police arrested them near Hagalahalli Cross in Ramanagara on Monday and produced them before a court on Tuesday. They have been remanded in police custody for eight days. Somaya thanked the police for recovering the medals and other belongings. "I feel like I have won the medals all over again," he said. A third person, their accomplice, is still on the run, police said. Investigators have also retrieved a traditional Kodava dagger, a camera, an Olympic kit bag and seized the two-wheeler allegedly used in the burglary. Continued on Page 7

Rahul Gandhi to visit US for fireside chats at Columbia varsity



NEW DELHI: Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, will travel to the US next week for two fireside chats, or informal conversations featuring a moderator and a guest in front of an audience, at Columbia University on November 17 and in Chicago on November 18. Continued on Page 7

Murmu's bodyguard shot over firecracker dispute



Saurabh Tomar

NEW DELHI: A dispute over bursting firecrackers on Diwali night turned violent in Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat district, leaving a 26-year-old Army jawan serving with the elite President's Bodyguard critically injured after being shot in the head. The soldier, identified as Saurabh Tomar, is currently undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Meerut. Baghpat police said they received information about the firing around 10 pm on Sunday.

During the preliminary inquiry, police learnt that Saurabh was bursting firecrackers on the road along with his family when two neighbours, brothers Dheeraj and Monu, objected to it and got into an argument with Saurabh's brother, Vineet, 28. Continued on Page 7



No flights will shift from Mumbai to NMIA: Fadnavis

MUMBAI: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has opposed the plan to move international flights from Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) to Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), saying no flights should be shifted out of Mumbai. Reports on Wednesday, November 11, said he has written to the Union Civil Aviation Minister and suggested a different way to rebuild the Mumbai airport's ageing Terminal 1. His stand comes less than a week after the Mumbai airport operator left 12 foreign airlines without slots for the summer 2027 season, a decision that would push their flights to Navi Mumbai. Terminal 1 opened in 1964 and handles about 15 million passengers a year. Under the current plan, demolition is set to begin in April 2027, with the whole terminal brought down by March 2028 and a new terminal for 20 million passengers a year built in its place.

AI TO ACHIEVE MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGH?

Anthropic CEO claims cancer will be history in 10 years

Medical experts dismiss these timelines as complete bullshit



Washington

"CANCER, Alzheimer's, heart disease, mental illness, these will be relics of the past in, I think, less than a decade," Claude maker Anthropic's CEO Dario Amodei said.

These are not obscure medical conditions, they affect millions of families, and some of them remain among medicine's toughest challenges till date.

"I think if we do this right, we can create an age of miracles where humanity is able to solve problems that have eluded us for millennia," Amodei said.

Amodei sees AI as a technology capable of dramatically accelerating biological research, drug discovery and medical breakthroughs.

Amodei isn't alone. His promise is echoed by other AI leaders including Elon Musk and Google's AI boss Demis Hassabis. Hassabis has suggested AI could compress a decade of drug discovery into weeks, potentially bringing about the "end of disease" or curing all diseases within a decade.

Hassabis has pointed to breakthroughs like AlphaFold-which mapped over 200 million protein structures-as proof that AI can radically accelerate biological research. While AlphaFold is a genuine scientific achievement, it is not proof that AI can produce cures for cancer, Alzheimer's or other complex diseases within a decade. Musk has claimed that all of humanity will have access to the best medical care at the same level that the President of The United States gets thanks to AI advancements. But there's a catch. The people who actually develop medicines aren't necessarily buying this timeline. Jeff Leiden, executive chairman of Vertex Pharmaceuticals has dismissed these timelines as "complete BS," noting that Vertex tested roughly 50 AI companies to comb through 10,000 drug compounds and not a single one generated a working drug on its own.

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