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Will get to the bottom of the case: PM Modi

PM speaks to HM on phone from Bhutan; death toll stands at 13; Pulwama doc believed to be occupant in car.



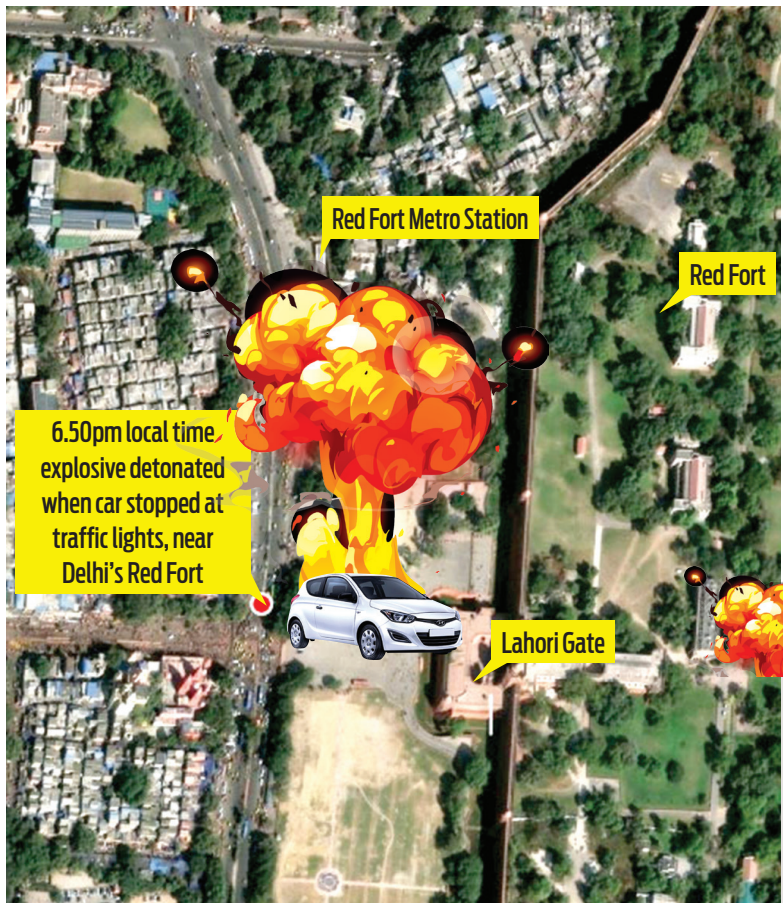
I came to Thimpu with a "heavy heart" in view of the incident in Delhi. Throughout last night, I was in touch with the probe agencies investigating the blast.

—Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



I wish to assure my fellow citizens that the country's leading investigative agencies are conducting a swift and thorough inquiry into the incident.

—Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister



Uncover conspiracy behind blast, bring culprits to book: Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the ongoing investigation into the Delhi blast and multi-state searches. Reaffirming Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to justice, Shah directed officials to uncover the full conspiracy behind the attack and bring all culprits to book without delay. The Home Minister issued strict instructions for coordinated action and rapid progress in the probe.

Bengaluru under security blanket

Bengaluru: The police have stepped up security across key public spaces in Bengaluru following Monday's bomb blast in Delhi. Anti-sabotage squads and bomb disposal units have been placed on standby to respond to any potential threat. Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said that all police personnel, including senior officers, have been deployed on patrolling duty. "We will sanitise abandoned vehicles across the city. Nakabandi has been enforced on major roads."



Helpline Numbers

LNJP Hospital (where most of the injured are admitted): 011-23233400, Emergency: 011-23239249

AIIMS Trauma Center: 011-26594405
Delhi Police Control Room: 011-22910010 or 011-22910011

PM: Came to Thimpu with a heavy heart

Bhutan: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, the conspirators behind the Delhi car blast will not be spared and the probe agencies investigating it will get to the bottom of the case and bring those responsible for it to justice. Addressing an event marking the 70th birth anniversary of Bhutan's former king Jigme Singye Wangchuck, Prime Minister Modi said, he came to Thimpu with a "heavy heart" in view of the incident in Delhi. The PM said, throughout last night, he was in touch with the probe agencies.

Every culprit will be hunted down: Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday chaired a series of high-level security review meetings in the wake of the car blast incident in Delhi, directing officials to ensure that every individual involved is identified and brought to justice. Following the meetings, sources confirmed that the investigation has been handed over to the National Investigation Agency. The Union Home Ministry confirmed that the Home Minister held two back-to-back meetings with top security officials.

₹10 lakh ex-gratia for kin of victims: CM

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday also announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh for those rendered permanently disabled and Rs 2 lakh for those who sustained serious injuries in the blast, which took place after a high-intensity explosion ripped through a slow-moving car at a traffic signal near Gate No. 1 of the Red Fort Metro station on Monday evening, officials said.

DELHI BLAST

BLAST IN DELHI SINCE 1996

1996 Lajpat Nagar blast 13 killed, 10 injured in a busy market explosion.	1997 Serial Blast Across City Explosions hit Sardar Bazar, Karol Bagh, Rani Bagh, Chandini Chowk and a bus in Punjabi Bagh.	2000 Red Fort Attack Terrorists opened fire inside the complex, killing two people.	2001 Parliament attack 9 security personnel and staff members killed in a suicide assault on Parliament.	2005 Diwali Eve Blast 67 killed & over 200 injured in Parganj, Sarojini Nagar and Govindpuri.	2008 Serial Blasts 20 killed in coordinated explosions at Connaught Place, Karol Bagh & Greater Kailash.	2011 Delhi High Court Blasts 15 killed and 79 injured by a briefcase bomb outside the High Court.	2025 Red Fort Metro Blast 13 killed and 24 injured in a powerful explosion near the metro station - the first major strike in 14 years.
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Suicide bombing in Islamabad kills 12, hurt 21

ISLAMABAD

At least 12 people were killed and 21 others sustained injuries in a powerful suicide blast outside a court building in Islamabad on Tuesday, local media reported, citing police sources.

The explosion occurred in a car parked near the court premises, causing chaos and panic in the area. According to officials, among the injured were petitioners and lawyers who were present for court proceedings. Following the blast, the court was immediately evacuated through the back exit, and all hearings were suspended for the day. Rescue teams and law enforcement officials rushed to the site, while Islamabad's Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Chief Commissioner, and a forensic team began an investigation.

The injured and deceased were shifted to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) hospital.

Phase-II polls: Bihar records 67% turnout

PATNA

Bihar on Tuesday witnessed a record-breaking turnout of nearly 67 per cent in the second and final phase of polling, wrapping up a nearly month-long exercise that saw the ruling NDA defend its "sushasan" pitch against the opposition's onslaught, promising "change".

The results, which will be declared on November 14, will decide whether Nitish Kumar, the JD(U) president and the longest serving Chief Minister, secures yet another tenure or his former deputy Tejashwi Yadav, who has likened the 20-year-old regime to a "rickety old car" (khataara), takes the wheel.

Briefing reporters, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Vinod Singh Gunjyal said the state recorded 68.79 per cent voter turnout, provisionally, in the second and final phase of the assembly polls.

In both phases, the state registered a voter turnout of 66.90 per cent, provisionally, which is 9.6 percentage points more than the last assembly polls, the CEO added.



In the 2020 assembly polls, the state recorded a voter turnout of 57.29 per cent.

The polling percentage across 122 constituencies comprising 3.70 crore voters, which was higher than the "record" 65.09 turnout registered in the first phase on November 6, was likely to go up, as queues of voters were seen at many booths, officials said.

Kishanganj, the lone Muslim-majority district in the state, recorded the highest polling percentage so far at 76.26, followed by adjoining



Katihar (75.23) and Purnea (73.79), Supaul (70.69) and Araria (67.79).

Most of the districts are situated along the border with Nepal, many of them falling in the state's north-eastern region of Kosi- Seemanchal, flood prone and with a high percentage of the minority community.

Turnout has also been high in south Bihar districts like Jamui (67.81 pc), Gaya (67.50 pc) and Kaimur (67.22 pc). The lowest turnout (57.31 pc) was recorded in Nawada, the only district that did not touch the 60 per cent mark till 5 pm.

9 exit polls predict NDA sweep in Bihar

PATNA: As voting for the Bihar Assembly polls concluded on Tuesday, exit polls have predicted a return for the NDA's alliance with a clear majority by securing 130 to 160 seats. Mahagathbandhan, despite all its promises to bring change to Bihar, may fall short with only 70 to 100 seats. People Pulse poll survey said that NDA may get 133-159 seats, Mahagathbandhan will secure around 75-101 seats, while Jan Suraj may win 0-5 seats, and others may get 2-8 seats. According to the Dainik Bhaskar poll, NDA may get 145-160 seats, Mahagathbandhan may secure 73-91 seats.

'India to build immigration checkpoint near Gelephu'

THIMPU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced that India will soon construct an integrated immigration checkpoint near the border town of Gelephu in Bhutan to further ease the movement of visitors and investors between the two countries.

Addressing a gathering at the Changlimithang Celebration Ground in Thimphu as part of his two-day state visit to the Himalayan nation, PM Modi said the move will strengthen connectivity and ease of movement between the two neighbouring nations.

"I'm making another important announcement from this platform today. In the near future, India will also be building an immigration checkpoint near Gelephu to further facilitate visitors and investors," the Prime Minister said. PM Modi also announced the connection of Gelephu and Samtse to In-

dia's vast railway network, noting that upon completion, this project will significantly improve access for Bhutanese industries and farmers to India's large market. He added that in addition to rail and road connectivity, both countries are rapidly advancing border infrastructure.

Emphasising the deep-rooted partnership between India and Bhutan, PM Modi



highlighted that the progress and prosperity of both countries are closely linked, noting India's previous commitment to providing Rs 10,000 crore for Bhutan's Five-Year Plan.

According to the Indian Embassy in Thimphu, Rs 7,000 crore of the announced Rs 10,000 crore has been earmarked for Project Tied Assistance (PTA) projects, Rs 1,000 crore for High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP), Rs 1,500 crore for RGOB's Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP) and Rs 500 crore for Programme Grant.

QUICK READ

₹100 cr for biomass-based hydrogen pilots'

NEW DELHI

Union Minister for New & Renewable Energy Shri Pralhad Joshi said that the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) is accelerating India's clean energy shift and creating jobs, attracting investments, and positioning India as a global hub for green hydrogen. He was addressing the inaugural session of the 3rd International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH 2025) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, reaffirming India's global leadership in clean-energy transition.

'Sudan relief opss on brink of collapse'

CAIRO

The U.N. migration agency warned on Tuesday that humanitarian efforts in Sudan's war-torn North Darfur region might come to a complete halt unless immediate funding and safe delivery of relief supplies are ensured. "Despite the rising need, humanitarian operations are now on the brink of collapse," the International Organization for Migration. It added: Warehouses are nearly empty, aid convoys face significant insecurity, and access restrictions continue to prevent the delivery of sufficient aid."

AHMEDABAD

In a major breakthrough, the Ahmedabad Cyber Crime Police have busted a six-member interstate cyber fraud gang that allegedly duped a city businessman of Rs 32.7 lakh through a fake export deal involving a "homeopathic medicine" and later funnelled the money to a Nigerian cyber syndicate.

The accused, operating from multiple cities including Jamnagar, Mumbai, and Bengaluru, were caught after a meticulous digital and human intelligence operation led by senior officers of the Cyber Crime Unit.

'The operation revealed a well-coordinated racket spread across Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Karnataka'

The Ahmedabad Cyber Crime Police have exposed a sophisticated international scam, arresting six members of a gang that channelled money from Indian victims to a Nigerian cyber network through fake pharmaceutical export deals. The operation revealed a well-coordinated racket spread across Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Karnataka. The case came to light when businessman Nihar Ver-



ma filed a complaint stating that he had been duped of Rs 32.72 lakh by fraudsters posing as representatives of an African pharmaceutical company.

The gang had contacted him online, claiming they sought an Indian supplier for Eupatorium Mercola, a ho-

meopathic liquid used in Africa for treating malaria and dengue.

The fraudsters lured Verma into believing he could earn huge profits by sourcing the product from a supposed Indian vendor, Sharma Enterprises Manufacturing, and reselling it to the African buyer.

Initially, to gain his trust, the complainant was asked to purchase a sample worth Rs 5.52 lakh, which was supposedly verified by an African "lab scientist" in Delhi named Moshin Murray.

Convinced that the deal was legitimate, Verma proceeded with the larger order, transferring Rs 27 lakh as an advance to a bank account shared by the accused.

However, when he personally visited the claimed address of Sharma Enterprises in Bhiwara, Rajasthan, he discovered that no such company existed, exposing the elaborate online conspiracy.

RERA to BDA: No exemption, register NPKL Project

The BDA had argued that it was a statutory authority, not a real estate promoter, and therefore should be exempt from RERA regulations

BENGALURU

Rejecting the Bangalore Development Authority's (BDA) plea to stay outside its jurisdiction, the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) has directed the BDA to register the Nadaprabhu Kemppegowda Layout (NPKL) Project under its purview.

The order came in response to a petition filed over the delay in developing the layout.

The BDA had argued that it was a statutory authority, not a real estate promoter, and therefore should be exempt from RERA regulations.

RERA, however, ruled that under Section 2(zk)(iii) of the RERA Act, any development authority or public body that constructs or develops land or



buildings for sale to the public qualifies as a "promoter". It further stated that the RERA Act has an overriding effect on other laws.

While the BDA Act, 1976, governs planning and land development, RERA is a later and special enactment meant to regulate real estate projects and protect homebuyers. It does not interfere with the planning powers, but regulates

transactions involving development and sale to allottees.

Therefore, the contention that RERA interferes with planning powers is misplaced. Thus, to the extent of development, sale and delivery of plots, RERA has an overriding effect, the order said.

Dismissing the BDA's claim that its projects were government welfare schemes rather than profit-oriented ventures, RERA said the purpose of the project, profit or not was irrelevant. Even non-profit promoters come under RERA if they sell real estate, the authority noted.

The BDA's reliance on being a 'Welfare Authority' is misleading. The fact that BDA undertakes welfare schemes or subsidised allot-

'Register and furnish all details'

Directing compliance, RERA instructed the BDA to register the NPKL Project and furnish details such as layout approvals, sanctioned plans, development status, financial disclosures, and other relevant project documents.

ments does not exempt it from statutory compliance when it sells plots. RERA ensures transparency, accountability, and time-bound development, the order stated.



Speed up sterilisation of street dogs: BWCC chief

BENGALURU

Bengaluru West City Corporation (BWCC) Commissioner Dr KV Rajendra has directed officials to expedite the sterilization of street dogs within their limits.

While reviewing a meeting on the progress of Animal Husbandry Department's programmes and their compliance with the Supreme Court directives on stray dog management, he stressed the need for effective implementation of such initiatives.

The chief veterinary officer informed the meeting that there are 63,340 community dogs in the BWCC limits. Two ABC-ARV (Animal Birth Control and

Anti-Rabies Vaccination) centers (one per zone) have a combined capacity of 171 kennels. These centers, operated by two service providers, have so far conducted 4,068 sterilization surgeries and administered 27,581 ARV and CV vaccines on strays.

In reply, Rajendra said the department is functioning commendably with the available infrastructure. However, measures need to be taken to enhance operational efficiency and ensure compliance with Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) standards and SC guidelines.

There is sufficient stock of ARV vaccines with the corporation to meet public requirements, he added.

Key directions

- Take steps to accelerate the progress of sterilization programmes.
- Recommend to the AWBI to simplify regulations in the ABC-ARV tender process to enable participation of more service providers.
- Encourage adoption drives for dogs housed in long-term care facilities.
- Identify and designate specific locations for dog feeding.
- Conduct public awareness programmes to bring all departmental initiatives to the notice of citizens. feeding.
- Ensure that pending payments related to ABC-ARV programmes are cleared promptly.

QUICK READ

Suspicious bag found in Bengaluru after Delhi incident

Bengaluru

A suspicious bag was found at KSRTC Bus Stand in Majestic Terminal-2 after a car blast near the Red Fort in Delhi.

The owner of the bag, which had been in the same place for the last two hours, had gone missing for some time. However, according to the officials, it was a bag that was left behind by a passenger and there was no need to panic. The police are currently searching for the owner of the bag.

Protest to save JP Nagar Park in Bengaluru

Bengaluru

Residents of JP Nagar on Monday staged a protest demanding the protection of a park at the 17th Cross Road. It is alleged that a borewell was dug in the middle of the road adjacent to the park. Jayanagar MLA C Ramamurthy's supporters dug a borewell in the middle of the road and pumped the water into the park. Residents alleged that they were trying to construct the plant and provide it to the locals. This is the only park where the elderly can walk and children can play. Locals are apprehensive that they will be in dire straits if it is converted into a unit. Locals are angry that this is being done to impress someone and have demanded that the attempt be stopped immediately.



Sub-registrar create fake son, loot property

Bengaluru

The CCB police have arrested Naveen and BTM Layout Sub-Registrar Roopa in connection with the fraudulent registration of land worth crores of rupees by forging documents. Naveen, the main accused in the multi-crore fraud in the name of Navayuga Property, has been arrested in another state. Roopa, a Sub-Registrar of BTM Layout, has been arrested by the CCB police for allegedly helping in illegal registration of land worth hundreds of crores. The massive fraud pertains to acres of land near Begur.

24% drop in MMR due to state govt's inflexible steps: Min

BENGALURU

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said that the stringent measures by the state government has brought down the maternal mortality ratio (MMR) by 24%.

He told reporters that while a total of 483 maternal deaths were recorded from January to October of last year, 366 maternal deaths were recorded from January to October this year. This represents a 24% decrease in maternal deaths.

Every taluk hospital and every well-functioning Community Health Centre (CHC) will provide Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (SEMC) services 24 hours a day. Our specialist doctors have been placed in hospitals and emergency care centres with high maternity burden in places where they are most needed, he said.

In the coming days, the taluk hospital will have two gynecologists, a pediatrician, and an anesthesiologist each, and a radiologist, and delivery facilities will be available 24 hours a day. In this context, he said, a specialist doctor and two staff nurses from the CHC, which handles less than 30 deliveries per month, will



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—Dinesh Gundu Rao, Health Minister

be transferred to the taluk hospital.

We will continue to have one gynecologist, anesthesiologist and pediatrician each in CHCs with more than 30 deliveries. Two MBBS doctors will be filled in the place of specialist doctors in the community health center. He explained that spontaneous abortions can be done in the community health center itself, and pediatricians will be continued.

Under the Compulsory Medical Services Scheme, 125 super specialty posts are being created to provide advanced healthcare facilities and manage complications. Out of these, cardiologists, neurologists, nephrologists, oncologists, gastroenterologists, pulmonologists, geriatricians and critical care specialists will be appointed to address the shortage of specialist doctors in district hospitals, he said.

Super-specialists will be posted in 15 district hospitals.



Additional posts of 104 radiologists and 23 doctors will be created. Specialists from 200 underperforming CHCs will be redeployed to more functional hospitals, he said.

By providing more doctor services in taluk hospitals, the number of people going to private hospitals or district hospitals will decrease. There is no need for stop nurses in PHCs with zero births. They will be shifted to PHCs with more births. There is a need to improve our efficiency. If we make proper use of our human resources, we can demand the appointment of additional doctors from the Finance Department, he said.

Many doctors are sitting without work. They are being paid lakhs of rupees in salary. 192 posts have been sanctioned but are vacant. We have made a new attendance system in government hospitals. Already about 95 percent of the staff have registered for the mobile biometric attendance system.

2 held for stealing 1,300 grams of gold

BENGALURU

Police have arrested two men who allegedly stole 1,300 grams of gold worth Rs 1.6 crore by selling it and promising to pay for it.

The arrested have been identified as Zeeran Sakaria and Rajendra Sakaria.

A few months ago, the accused were introduced to B Harshit. After that, they took 1300 grams of gold bars worth Rs 1.60 crore from the woman and said that they would sell them. After receiving the gold, they did not pay for it even after three months. Due to this, the woman filed a complaint at the Ulsoor Gate police station.

Pharma firm caught in ₹ 2.2-cr cyber fraud

BENGALURU

A corporate payment almost vanished into a cyber-criminals' maze when fraudsters hacked an email trail and diverted a whopping Rs 2.2 crore meant for a business transaction.

However, a swift and timely action by the victim on the national cybercrime helpline (1930) helped Bengaluru police foil the digital heist. Sleuths from Central Crime Branch (CCB) will head to Madhya Pradesh in search of the cybercriminals who allegedly siphoned off the funds from a Hyderabad-based pharmaceutical company. Police were able to trace the money to a bank account in Madhya Pradesh, which has since been frozen.

The complaint, filed by Ma-



hesh Babu K from Rajajinagar, north Bengaluru, said Group Pharmaceuticals, a city-based company, was engaged in business with Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Hyderabad.

"Group Pharmaceuticals had supplied goods to Dr Reddy's Laboratories and was expecting a payment of almost Rs 2.2 crore. However, on Nov 3, hackers allegedly gained unauthorised access to the email communication between the companies and sent fraudulent emails to Dr Reddy's finance team, impersonating Group Pharmaceuticals officials and providing fake bank account details.

Consequently, Dr Reddy's transferred the money on Nov 4 to the fraudulent account,

the complaint stated. In a statement, Dr Reddy's Laboratories clarified, the incident involved impersonation of a vendor's email address with the intent to redirect a legitimate payment. With timely detection and swift action by our teams and banking partners, the funds have been frozen, and there has been no financial loss to the company or the vendor.

As an example of how this fraud took place, the CCB has cited a land case belonging to one Mukunda. Mukunda's father Nagaraj Shetty had forged documents and illegally executed a sale deed. He had falsely claimed to be the son of Nagaraj Shetty. However, in reality, Nagaraj Shetty is the son of NY Ganesh. There was no son of that name.

DST wants deeptech startup funds raised

BENGALURU

Abhay Karandikar, Secretary at the Department of Science and Technology (DST), said that currently only about 10 percent of startup funding in India is directed towards deeptech ventures.

The Department of Science and Technology has recently set up a Rs 1 lakh crore R&D and Innovation (RDI) fund to provide patient capital to deep-tech startups working on frontier technologies such as quantum computing, advanced communications, AI, robotics, and drones. The RDI fund is intended to address this gap by providing support that could encourage private and venture capital investment, with the goal of raising the share of deepTech funding to 30-50 percent over the next five years. Private and venture capital investments in the last decade have been limited to deep tech because the payoff cycle is longer and risks are higher. The RDI fund will bridge that gap and help innovators build products of global standards, Karandikar told.

The fund is expected to become operational within the next two months. We believe that once the govt mitigates the initial risks, venture capital will follow. That's what happened in the broader startup ecosystem over the

last decade, Karandikar added.

India is positioning itself to take an early lead in setting global 6G standards and developing indigenous technologies, a shift from its late entry into the 5G ecosystem, according to a senior official at the Department of Telecommunications. Unlike 5G, where India joined the process after many standards were already frozen, the country is now contributing to 6G specifications right from the beginning, he said. We expect that in terms of standards-essential patents and IPRs, India has the potential to contribute in a very significant way. The government's Bharat 6G Alliance, which brings together academia, startups, and private sector players, is driving early-stage work on 6G technologies. India's 6G vision, aligned with the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) International Mobile Technology (IMT)-2030 framework, envisages an integrated communication ecosystem connecting terrestrial, satellite, and aerial networks with embedded AI and sensing capabilities. The 6G rollout will require a complete infrastructure upgrade, from base stations to devices, Karandikar said, adding that standards are expected to be finalised by 2030.

PATH CLEARED

Residents-GBA collab makes footpath better

BENGALURU

A major blackspot on Cooke Town's Davis Road has been transformed into a clean, walkable footpath following a cleanliness drive organised by Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) over the weekend.

Residents said the 100-metre stretch, located at the Davis Road-Hennur Main Road Junction in the Sarvagnanagar



Assembly constituency, had been used as a dumping site for garbage and construction debris for nearly two years.

The drive, conducted in collaboration with the Cooke Town Residents' Association

(CTRA), saw civic workers and Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) personnel clear waste, repaint compound walls, and restore the footpath for pedestrian use. The makeover has not only improved walkability but also removed a long-standing eyesore from the neighbourhood.

The Sarvagnanagar team earned the first prize of Rs 1 lakh announced by BNCC for the best-performing team as

part of the initiative. This is a proud moment for Cooke Town and a shining example of effective collaboration between residents and civic authorities, said Mathew Verghese, Secretary of CTRA. In a statement, the association said, CTRA is very happy and proud to be part of this exercise. We hope to see more such clean-up drives and continued collaboration going forward.

Koti Vruksha Abhiyana boosts green cover from 0.17% to 2.4%: Min

A special government grant was also secured in 2016 to support the programme

BENGALURU

Under the ‘Koti Vruksha Abhiyana’ in Vijayapura, over 1.5 crore saplings have been planted in the past nine years. By 2030, an additional 3.5 crore saplings will be planted, taking the total to five crore, said District In-charge Minister MB Patil, who spear-headed the initiative.

Addressing the media in Vidhana Soudha after releasing the poster, T-shirt, and medal for ‘Vrukshathon 2025’ on Tuesday, the Minister highlighted the remarkable progress achieved through the initiative.

Back in 2016, the district had a mere 0.17% forest cover. That year, the ‘Koti Vruksha Abhiyana’ was launched by the district administration, in collaboration with several or-ganisations and the BLDE Association, on a non-partisan basis. As a result, the green cover has now expanded to 2.4%. Vijayapura has also secured the third position in the country for air quality. The groundwater level has improved, soil fertility has increased, and re-forestation efforts have gained momentum. Additionally, the average tempera-ture has dropped by 0.5°C, while



annual rainfall has risen from 550 mm to about 650 mm, he explained.

‘Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam’

Through the ‘Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam’, 10 lakh saplings were distributed each year for the first five years under the CSR fund. Farmers received saplings of their choice free of cost, the Minister said.

A special government grant was also secured in 2016 to support the programme. The initiative will continue over the next 5–10 years, with the aim of achieving the five-crore planting target availing such facilities. The number of rainy days in the district has also in-

creased from 20–30 to nearly 40 days a year, he added.

The Koti Vruksha Abhiyana has played a major role in enhancing biodiversity in Vi-jayapura, with over 180 species of trees planted so far. These saplings are maintained using drip irrigation and so-lar-powered water systems. Around one lakh saplings have been planted around Bhuthanala lake, which sup-plies water to Vijayapura city, the minister said.

Green belt around Mamadapura lake area

Similarly, a green belt has been developed around the Mamadapura lake area, where 1.27 lakh saplings have been

planted across 1,600 acres, with another 20,000 to be added soon. Minister Patil noted that this initiative has become a model for other dis-tricts to emulate.

Several innovative practices have been introduced under the Koti Vruksha Abhiyana, including planting a sapling on one’s birthday, Vruksha Bandhan on Raksha Bandhan, the April Cool campaign, and presenting saplings as gifts at social func-tions.

Campaign coordinator Murugesh Pattana Shetty and office-bearers Veerendra Gu-chchatti, Dr Raju Yalagonde, Somu Math Guruji, and Nandeesh Hundekar were present on the occasion.

Vrukshathon 2025 in Vijayapura on Dec 7

The Vrukshathon 2025 run will be held at Vijayapura district headquar-ters on Decem-ber 7, with over 15,000 participants expected to take part in it, said the Minister. Stu-dents, police personnel, army staff, members of the Vijayapura Cycling Group, the For-est Depart-ment, and more than 50 organisations will actively participate. A total prize amount of Rs 10 lakh has been announced. The event features 5 km, 10 km, and 21 km runs, open to participants of all age groups. Interested individ-uals can register at www.vrukshathon.co.in, said Pa-til. This year’s Vrukshathon route has been designed to cover Vijayapura’s promi-nent heritage landmarks, including Gol Gumbaz, Gagan Ma-hal, Sundar-reshwara Temple, Sainik School, Narasimha Swamy Temple, Siddheshwara Temple, Ibrahim Roza, and Bara Kaman, he added.

Min to flag off new B’luru-Davanagere Flybus today

BENGALURU

Here is a good news for fre-quent travelers on Bengaluru-Davangere route. Trans-port and Muzrai Minister Ramalinga Reddy will flag off a new direct Flybus ser-vice between the Kempe-gowda International Airport (KIA), Bengaluru, and Da-vanagere on November 12.

The inaugural ceremony will be held at KIA Ter-minal-2 at 10:30 am. Food, Civil Supplies and Con-sumer Affairs Minister KH Mu-niyappa will preside over the function.

The initiative is part of the Karnataka State Road Trans-port Corporation’s (KSRTC) continued efforts to ensure enhanced and comfortable transport services to passen-gers. The KSRTC will pro-vide a complimentary light snack kit of state-owned Nandini products for those travel on these Flybuses.

KSRTC chairman and Gubbi MLA, Chikka-ballapur MP, KSRTC Vice-Chairman, Transport De-partment secretary, KS-RTC Managing Director, and other dignitaries will be present.

BMTC launches temple tour package from Majestic

BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has introduced a new tour package covering vari-ous temples in the city on weekends and public holidays.

The service starts at the Kempegowda Bus Station (Ma-jestic) at 8.30 am and ends at the same place at 7.45 pm. It covers Sri Nageshwara Temple, Begur; Sri Kote Thim-maraya Temple, Bettadasanapura; Sri Madduramma Temple, Huskur; Sri Varadara-jaswamy Chowdeshwari, Narayanaghatta; Sri Sushil Dham-Jain Temple, Guddatti Gate; Sri Bhoo Varaha Swamy Temple, Mugalur; Chikkir-upati; Sri Shaneshwara Swamy Temple, Gunjur; and Sri Jaganatha Temple, Agara.

The fare is Rs 550 per adult and Rs 400 per child. For details, visit www.mybmtc.com or www.ksrtc.in, said a press release.

QUICK READ

Get training for competitive exams

Bengaluru

State Brahmin Develop-ment Board has invited online applications from Brahmin com-munity can-didates to get training for administrative civil serv-ices such as IAS or KAS competitive examinations under the Chanakya Ad-ministrative Training Scheme for the year 2025-26. The candidate will be admitted to the competitive examinations in the year 2025-26 and the fee will be refunded directly to the students through Direct De-posi-t (DBT) up to a maximum of Rs 1.00 lakh. Interested candidates can submit their applications on the website <https://ksbdb.co.in/ias> or by scanning the QR code by 5.00 pm on December 15, the State Brahmin Development Board said in a statement.



President and Vice President elected

BENGALURU

The election of the president and vice-president of the Ramohalli Primary Agricul-tural Cooperative Society was held here on Tuesday. B Ja-yaram and KH Thimmegow-da were elected unopposed as the new president and vice-president respectively.

HB Lokesh, inspector of Cooperative Societies, who acted as the Returning Of-ficer in the election process of the Society, which consists of 13 directors, announced the elec-tion results.

B Jayaram, accepting the felicitation by the directors and the locals, assured of working hard for the all-

round development of the society and the farmers.

“Till now the cooperative society has provided good service to the farmers and provided crop loans to the farmers and loan facilities to the Women’s Self-Help As-sociation,” he said.

Thimmegowda said that the government will work hard to adequately provide the coop-erative society shareholders with the culti-vation land, facilities and projects.

Former president V Venu-gopal, Ramohalli Gram Pan-chayat president Mahesh. Che-than, G Ravikumar, Ashok Ramasandra, Manju-nath and others were present.

Royal hospitality to terrorists in jail a Cong-sponsored act: Ashoka

BENGALURU

Opposition Leader R Ashoka expressed outrage, alleging that the Congress gov-ern-ment, which is appeasing terrorists, is providing them with luxurious facil-ities in jail.

Speaking to media persons after a pro-test near Race Course Road, he said that royal hospitality is being extended to terrorists who aim to divide the country and kill Hindus. When the cooker bomb blast occurred, they called them ‘brother’. They even served bi-ryani to those who shouted ‘Pakistan Zindabad.’ The Congress is indirectly supporting terrorists. Despite spending 5

crore rupees to install hun-dreds of CCTV cameras in the jail, they have been turned off. He questioned how all the cameras could be switched off at the same time.

Bombs, meat, ganja, and mobiles are entering the jail without detec-tion. It goes un-noticed that prisoners are watching item songs on TV. The in-telligence team doesn’t get any infor-mation. Prisoners are using mobiles to blackmail and earn money from it. Po-lice are co-operating in this. The Con-gress government has set ter-rorists free. Just like guaran-tees, royal hospitality in jail is being provided for free, he said.



Foreigner held with 537 grams of MDMA crystals worth ₹ 1.07 crore

BENGALURU

The officers and staff of Ava-lahalli Police Station re-ceived credible information from an informant that a fore-ign national residing in a house near Kammasandra Circle, within the station lim-its, was selling banned nar-cotic substance MDMA crys-tals to his known associates and earning money through illegal means.

Acting on this information, the police team rushed to the location, con-ducted a raid,

and apprehended the foreign national.Upon interrogation, the accused confessed that he had been purchasing MDMA crystals at a lower price from unknown persons and selling them at a higher price for profit.

During the operation, the police seized 537 grams of MDMA crystals of various colors from the possession of the accused. The total value of the seized contraband is Rs 1,07,40,000. A case has been registered under the NDPS Act and the Foreigners

Act at Avalahalli Police Sta-tion. The accused was pro-duced before the Court, which has remanded him to judicial custody.

This successful operation was conducted under the guidance of K Pa-rashuram, Deputy Commissioner of Police and Reena Suvarna, Assis-tant Commissioner of Police, Whitefield Sub-Division, by Ramakrishnareddy, Police Inspector, Avalahalli Police Station, along with other of-ficers and staff members.



Who are those peace messengers who use RDX: Ravi asks CM

BENGALURU

“Who are the people who use RDX explosives and collect it. The Chief Minister should tell which religion of peace they belong to,” BJP former National General Secretary and MLC CT Ravi has challenged. He said that the Chief Minister had recently said that Islam means peace in a meeting. Let’s accept that. Dr Ahmed Mohiuddin Sayeed is not a doctor who saves lives. He was a person who was prepar-ing for mass genocide. He asked which religion of peace he belonged to. An-other Syed Mohammed Suhail and Azad questioned which religion of peace they be-longed to.

RDX has been found across the country. Which peace en-voy sent it. He demanded that the Chief Minister should get a report on this from the Intel-ligence Bureau. Didn’t you give a mobile phone to another terrorist in the jail here. Which peace envoy is he. He asked whether he gave a mo-bile phone in the Parappana Agrahara jail in Karna-taka to help him carry out bomb blasts across the country.

Prison mobile scandal: Another FIR if neces-sary, says top cop

BENGALURU

An FIR has been registered in the viral video case of special hospitality being shown to some prisoners in Parappana Agrahara Jail in Bengaluru. An actor has been sum-moned for questioning and another FIR will be registered if nec-essary, said City Police Com-missioner Seemant Kumar Singh.

Videos of Juhab Shakeel Manna, an ISIS terrorist re-cruiter; serial killer Umesh



Reddy, and gold smuggling accused Tarun Raj, were al-legedly found using mobile phones inside the jail in a re-

cent viral video.

On suspicion of making the videos viral, actor Dhanveer, a close friend of Darshan Thugudeppa, was questioned by the CCB police. No such videos were apparently found on Dhanveer’s mobile phone.

Two officers have been ar-rested in the Parappana Agra-hara Central Jail inmates’ special hospitality case. Jail Su-perintendent Mageri and As-sistant Superintendent Ashok Bhajantri have been suspend-ed, he added.

technical audit will be con-ducted and arrangements will be made to make all those CCTV footage available for viewing in the Prisons De-partment, the Home Minister has said.

Saying senior police offi-cers should visit prisons at least once a month, the Home Min-ister had instructed the officers that if such incidents recur, the prison superinten-dent himself would be held responsible.

pana Agrahara Central Jail.

A high-powered committee has been formed under the leadership of ADGP (Law and Order) R Hitendra to review the activities in all the jails in the state. IPS officers Sandeep Patil, Amarnath Reddy, and CB Rishyanth and SPs and DCs of the respec-tive dis-tricts will be part of the com-mittee.

CCTVs have already been installed in all the jails in the state, and within 15 days, a

BENGALURU

The Congress government in the state is giving greater em-phasis to the education of children belonging to minori-ty communities, said Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan.

Inaugurating the National Teachers’ Day celebrations at Devaraj Urs Bhavan, he said that 65 to 70% of the depart-ment’s budget is being uti-lized for education purposes.

He explained that the depart-ment is providing quality edu-cation, uniforms, shoes, and basic infrastructure in schools and hostels under its purview so that children can pur-sue their studies comfortably.

Today’s students are the fu-ture of our nation. The depart-ment has prepared an action



plan to provide them education, vocational training, and employ-ment opportunities, he added.

Recalling that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of in-dependent India, was a vision-ary, he said, as we celebrate his birth anniversary as Na-tional Edu-cation Day, we

must all strive to fulfill his dream. Providing quality edu-cation and effec-tive teach-ing is the true tribute we can offer him. Teachers have a major role to play in this.

He further stated that in 2023, around 1.20 lakh stu-dents were studying in schools and residential

schools under the depart-ment. That number has now in-creased to 2.30 lakh, and the target is to raise it to 3.55 lakh in the next two years.

Students pursuing MBBS are being given scholarships up to Rs 5 lakh, benefiting 1,605 students this year. Coaching for IAS, IPS, and KAS examinations is being pro-vided at Haj Bhavan, and among 400 candidates trained last year, 109 have secured jobs, he said.

Minister Madhu Bangarap-pa, Chief Minister’s Political Secretary Naseer Ahmed, Guar-antee Implementation Committee Vice-President Mehroze Khan, MLA Rizwan Arshad, and KMDC Chair-man Altaf Khan were present on the occasion.



QUICK READ

District Panchayat
AEE caught in
bribery case

Tipatur

The Lokayukta has caught an Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) of Tipatur District Panchayat while accepting a bribe for processing a construction bill. The operation followed a complaint from a first-class contractor named Sunil, who provided information about the corrupt practice. Acting on this tip-off, Lokayukta officials conducted a raid and apprehended the AEE, identified as Swamy, from the Engineer Division of Tipatur District Panchayat. The officer is currently under investigation, with a team led by Inspector Raju examining the case and collecting evidence.

Lokayukta to hold
public grievance
meeting on Nov 13

Mandya

A public grievance meeting will be held in K.R. Petet taluk on November 13 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., organised by the Mandya Lokayukta division. Citizens can submit complaints related to corruption, negligence, or delays in government and semi-government offices during the session. Deputy Superintendent of Police Sunil Kumar H.T., officers B.P. Byatarayagowda, In-spector Kumar M., and Leepaksha Murthy will participate. The Lokayukta has invited residents of K.R. Petete to personally attend the meeting at the taluk office premises and file their grievances directly with the officials. The initiative aims to strengthen transparency and accountability in public administration, ensuring timely resolution of citizen complaints.

CIPET invites
applications for free
professional training

Chitradurga

The Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood, in collaboration with the Directorate of Industries and Commerce and under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, has invited applications for free training in the polymer and plastic sectors. The Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology (CIPET), Mysuru, will offer 3 to 6-month training programs in polymer technology for unemployed youth from economically weaker sections. Candidates aged between 18 and 35 years, with a family income below ₹2.5 lakh and a minimum qualification of 10th standard, are eligible. Training will cover assistant machine operator, injection molding operator, and programming skills, followed by job placement assistance.

CM counters Bhagwat's
statement on 'Hindu Rashtra'

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah firmly rejected RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's claim, asserting that India can never become a Hindu nation

MYSURU

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has strongly responded to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's recent remark stating that India cannot be made a Hindu nation. Addressing a press conference at his Mysuru residence on Tuesday, Siddaramaiah said India is a diverse and pluralistic country that belongs to people of all castes, religions, and cultures. "India has always been a land of many faiths, languages, and traditions. The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and its political wing have for long been advocating for a Hindu Rashtra, but that is impossible. Our country's foundation is built on unity in diversity, not religious uniformity," the Chief Minister asserted. He further questioned why the RSS, which constantly talks about Hindu nationalism, remains silent on issues like untouchability and inequality. "If they truly care about the Hindu community, they should speak against discrimination and injustice within their own system," Siddaramaiah said.



The Chief Minister also announced that he would be travelling to Delhi on November 15 to attend a programme organized by former Union Minister and senior lawyer Kapil Sibal. "I plan to return the same day, but if I get time, I will also seek an appointment to meet the party high command," he added.

During the press conference, several Congress leaders were present, including Minister for Social Welfare and Mysuru district in-charge Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLAs K. Harish Gowda, Ganesh Prasad, and D. Ravishankar, MLCs Dr. D. Thimmaiah and Dr. K. Shivakumar, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, and Congress district presidents R. Murthy and Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar. Siddaramaiah's remarks came amid a broader national debate over secularism and religious identity, highlighting the Congress government's stance on preserving India's pluralistic values.

Workers urged to
avail govt welfare
benefits: Min Lad

MANDYA

Karnataka Labour Minister Santosh S. Lad urged workers across the state to take full advantage of the various welfare schemes implemented by the Labour Department for the unorganised sector. Speaking after inaugurating the "Smart Card Distribution and Awareness Programme for Unorganised Workers" at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan, organised jointly by the Labour Department, the Karnataka State Unorganised Workers' Social Security Board, the Transport Department, and the District Administration, Lad highlighted several new initiatives for worker welfare. He announced a new accident insurance scheme for delivery partners and other workers who risk their lives while working for long hours on the road. The scheme provides ₹5 lakh compensation in case of death, ₹2 lakh for partial disability, and up to ₹1 lakh for hospitalisation expenses. Emphasising road safety, he appealed to all two-wheeler riders to wear helmets and directed the district administration to organise awareness drives

Labour Minister Santosh S. Lad urged unorganised workers to benefit from government welfare schemes ensuring social security, safety, and employment opportunities

on helmet use. Lad further said that under the "Aasha Deepa" scheme, the Labour Department will provide 50% salary assistance to companies employing Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe youth in the private sector. He added that unorganised artisans and labourers are already receiving worker cards, and plans are underway to include agricultural workers under this category. Minister N. Cheluvarayawamy lauded the department's initiatives for reaching every district to create awareness about welfare schemes. Legislators P. Ravikumar, K.M. Uday, Darshan Puttannaiah, and officials including Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumar and SP Mallikarjun Baladandi were present. Smart cards were distributed to unorganised workers during the event.



DYFI appeals for
establishment of taluk-
level govt hospital

ULLAL

Despite five years having passed since the formation of Ullal Taluk, a government hospital at the taluk level has yet to be established, causing growing disappointment among local residents. One of the primary expectations of the people during the creation of the taluk was access to a government-run hospital. With the dominance of private medical colleges in the area, a public hospital has become a critical necessity for the local population, especially the economically disadvantaged. However, no significant progress has been made toward constructing the taluk hospital. Instead, the existing Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) have been handed over to private medical colleges under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. The Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI) has criticized this move, stating that it undermines the health rights of poor citizens and limits their access to affordable medical care. According to the State Medical Act, every taluk is entitled to a 100-bed government hospital, a provision currently being ignored in Ullal. DYFI has therefore demanded that the state government immediately sanction a taluk-level hospital in Ullal and approve a 40-bed community hospital in Mudipu Hobli. Additionally, they have urged that necessary doctors and basic facilities be provided at the existing primary health centres within the taluk. The appeal was submitted to the District Health and Family Welfare Officer by the Ullal Taluk committee of DYFI. Present during the submission were District Secretary Santosh Bajal, Taluk Secretary Rizwan Harekala, Vice President Razaq Mudipu, Mangalore City Secretary Tayyub Bengre, and leader Rafique Harekala.

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Firecracker blast in school
bathroom sparks panic

BENGALURU RURAL

A loud explosion inside a school bathroom in S. Bingipura near Bannerghatta, Anekal taluk, caused panic among students and residents who initially feared it was a bomb blast. The incident occurred at a private school on Monday morning around 10:30 a.m., when a sudden blast-like sound was heard from the restroom. Alarmed by the noise, students and locals rushed out of classrooms and nearby homes in fear. School staff quickly inspected the site and discovered that the sound had been caused by firecrackers set off inside the bathroom. On Tuesday morning, a parent of one of the students reported the incident to the police. Bannerghatta police soon visited the spot and conducted an investigation. The school management was summoned to the station for questioning. According to Assistant Administrator Jayaprakash, some students had brought firecrackers from home and ignited them inside the school premises. "The students involved have been suspended, and they now understand the seriousness of their actions," he said.

Activists urge immediate stop to
Sharavathi Pumped Storage Project

SHIVAMOGGA

Former minister and president of Parisarakke Naavu organization A.T. Ramaswamy has urged the government to immediately suspend the Sharavathi Pumped Storage Project, alleging it is being implemented without clearance from the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change. Speaking at a press conference organized by Sharavathi Valley Ulisi, Ramaswamy said the Western Ghats, one of the world's eight biodiversity hotspots, is home to over 40 rivers and rich rainforests. He warned that environmentally destructive projects like this would reduce forest cover and deplete river flow. Criticizing the government and KPCL for misleading the public, he said, "We are not against development, but not at the cost of nature. Violating forest and biodiversity laws to benefit mega corporations cannot be justified." Former Lokayukta Justice N. Santosh Hegde stated that the project clearly violates the Forest Conservation Act and is not in public interest. Digging 1,600 feet deep tunnels poses severe ecological risks, he warned, suggesting that alternative power sources like solar and wind should be prioritized instead. Former Supreme Court judge Justice V. Gopala Gowda alleged that KPCL is spreading false information and ignoring public safety while claiming no harm will occur to wildlife or biodiversity. He accused the state energy minister K.J. George of making misleading statements.



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ONAKE OBAVVA IS SYMBOL OF
COURAGE: DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

CHITRADURGA

Deputy Commissioner B.T. Kumaraswamy described Onake Obavva as a symbol of courage, loyalty, and sacrifice, calling her an inspiring role model for today's women. He was speaking at the Onake Obavva Jayanti celebration organized at Valmiki Bhavan by the district administration, Zilla Panchayat, Kannada and Culture Department, and City Municipality. Kumaraswamy said that though Obavva had no formal military training, her presence of mind and bravery in defending the Chitradurga Fort against Hyder Ali's soldiers set an immortal example of patriotism and devotion. He urged the younger generation, especially women, to draw strength from Obavva's courage and focus on education and civic responsibility instead of excessive social media use. State Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman P. Raghu recalled that late actress Jayanthi had powerfully portrayed Obavva's bravery in the film Nagarahavu, introducing her legacy to the nation. Other speakers, including District Guarantee Scheme Chairman R. Shivanna Ganjigatte, highlighted how Obavva's valor continues to inspire generations. A grand procession featuring traditional folk troupes was taken out from the historic fort to Valmiki Bhavan. Several officials, community leaders, and devotees participated in the event honoring Karnataka's fearless heroine.



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Shreeram Women's Food Security SHG receives state award

CHITRADURGA

The Shreeram Women's Food Security Self Help Group (SHG), operating under the Jhansirani Sanjeevini Women's Gram Panchayat Union in V.V. Pura village of Hiriya Taluk, has been honored with a state-level award for outstanding performance in women's empowerment, entrepreneurship, and livelihood development. The recognition was presented by the Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, and Livelihood, during the Bengaluru Skill Summit 2025, a three-day event held at Lalit Ashok Hotel, Bengaluru. The award was conferred in the presence of Sharana Prakash Patil, Minister of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Livelihood, and Medical Education, along with other dignitaries. Under the National Rural



Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM), members of self-help groups from eight districts of Karnataka were selected for exceptional achievements in skill development and entrepreneurship. Shreeram Self-Help Group was recognized for its exemplary work in empowering women and improving livelihoods, earning the state's top honor for self-help groups. At the district level, the award-winning group members were felicitated by Dr. S. Akash, Chief Executive Officer of the District Panchayat, who congratulated them and encouraged further achievements. The ceremony was also attended by Dr. R. Ranganath, Deputy Secretary of the District Panchayat; Project Director Jayalakshmi; Chief Project Officer Gayatri; NRLM district staff; and members of various self-help

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Delhi blast unfortunate, says
Minister Krishna Byregowda

CHANNARAYAPATNA

Terming the recent Delhi blast as deeply unfortunate, Minister Krishna Byregowda expressed grief over the loss of lives in the tragic incident. Speaking to reporters in Channarayapattana, he said that the investigation must uncover the real cause behind the blast and ensure a fair and transparent outcome. Byregowda mentioned that he was traveling since yesterday and had not been following the news or television updates, so he was unaware of detailed developments. He added that such incidents should never occur and urged authorities to determine whether negligence or a security lapse was responsible. "The investigation should be completed at the earliest, and justice must be ensured for the victims. The Central Government should take full responsibility and see that the truth comes out," he stated.



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schools to help students of Classes X, XI, and XII prepare for competitive examinations. The civic body has also rolled out a parallel support programme for slow learners through subject-wise study booklets and dedicated counselling sessions handled by experienced teachers. The initiative, announced during the 2025-2026 civic budget session, aims to equip students with focused preparation in Mathematics, Science, History, and Geography -- subjects crucial for both board exams and competitive tests such as NEET, JEE, and civil service entrance exams.

The inauguration was attended by Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications, Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemasani, and district in-charge minister Kandula Durgesh. Speaking to the media, Chouhan

In a deeply symbolic and emotional gesture, Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Vijay Sharma recently visited the native villages of Hidma and fellow commander Barse Deva, where he met and paid respects to

Hidma, the commander of the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army in South Bastar, is accused of masterminding some of India's deadliest Mao-

Sharma's outreach forms part of the gov-

The heartfelt interactions with the commanders' mothers have now ignited fresh speculation across Bastar on whether Hidma; long seen as the face of violent rebellion, will finally surrender and bring an end to an era of bloodshed.

The SIR initiative is aimed at ensuring that the electoral rolls remain accurate and up to date by conducting door-to-door verification of voter details along with digital validation. Kelkar clarified that preparations for the upcoming local

The Chief Electoral Office has directed all district officials to maintain the momentum of the enumeration drive while prioritising accuracy, inclusivity, and transparency throughout the process.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, accompanied by Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, on Tuesday paid tribute to the soldiers who laid down their lives during the Second World War, describing the Kohima War Cemetery as a sacred ground of courage, sacrifice, and inspiration. The solemn event marked the second Remembrance Day of World War II, organised by the Nagaland government in partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) Deputy Head of Mission, British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata, Bhaarat Dave, also joined the tributes at the historic site. Addressing the gathering, Birla said the courage and sacrifice of the soldiers who fought in the Battle of Kohima continue to inspire generations. The Second World War was not only a historic conflict but also a testament to the bravery and determination of those who defended their nation, he remarked. Birla also expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Rio, whose late father served in World War II, acknowledging the Naga people's significant contribution to the war effort. He lauded Nagaland's leadership and security personnel for their commitment to peace and stability, stating that India has always been a land of bravery, and the legacy of its soldiers will forever remain a source of national pride.

The party is fully prepared to contest in all constituencies across

Vijay has also appealed to his supporters and cadres to conduct all political activities in a disciplined and peaceful manner, ensuring that no harm comes to the public under any circumstance.

The inauguration was attended by Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications, Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemasani, and district in-charge minister Kandula Durgesh. Speaking to the media, Chouhan

commended the local administration for reviving the waterbody and developing a plantation on a five-acre area with 250 coconut trees. The revenue generated from this plantation will be used for the tank's maintenance, he noted, describing it as

The revived tank now includes a walking track, open-air theatre, and open gym to encourage cultural and recreational activities for local residents. This project shows how a waterbody can serve multiple purposes, Chouhan

Highlighting the success of the watershed mission and the 'Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana', the minister said that such programmes have helped recharge groundwater and improve agricultural productivity. He further urged states to adopt this model across India to restore old water structures and secure the country's water future. The event was part of the National Watershed Conference, organised by the Department of Land Resources under the Ministry of Rural Development, in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh government. However, the larger conference was cancelled due to Monday's blast in New Delhi.

50-bed girls' hostel of the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) located on the college premises. During his address, Saha criticised the former Left regime, claiming that communist ideologues had created chaos in educational institutions under the guise of Naxalism.

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S.No.	Name Of The Borrower / Co-Borrower / Loan Branch	Description Of Secured Asset In Respect Of Which Interest Has Been Created	No Due Date	Date Of Notice Sent / Outstanding Amount
1	Rajmuthi M. Shankar Karla Suresh R MLAP0540009764/ Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 12/50 Nanjundawannayyanna, P.I.D. No. 150803030800121241, Situated At Madhavahalli Gramapanchayat, Kollegala Block, Chamrajnagar District, Karnataka - 571102, East-West House of Kalashetty, West-House of Masanashetty, South-Road, North-House of Kumar	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.268755/-
2	Gangadevi M. Ramaiah D. Ramya DG MLAP0530012163/ Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Residential Building Bearing Grama Panchayathi Katha No. 118/1 And E-Katha No. 125/200403416 2005 Measuring East - West 12.95 Meters And North To South: 6.096 1 Mtrs Is Situated At Averagere Village, Yadyuri Hobe, Kunigali Taluk, Tumkur District, Karnataka - 571230, East-Road, West-Property of Lakshamma, North-Property Of Vokkalash, North-Property Of Venkatesh	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.284616/-
3	Anjanappa M. Manappa K. Uchchangava Gudikotti, MLAP051004766/ Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of Site Along With Structure Standing There On Being Bearing A Property No. 5/1, E-Property No. 151200503900420084, Measuring Total 94.76 Sq. Meter, Including 94.76 Sq. Meter Building, Situated At Hanumansagara Village, At Hanumansagara Village Panchayath, Channarayana Taluk Davangere District, Karnataka - 577139, East-Road, Basavarsargur, West-House of Solle Thimmappa, South-House of Kariyanna, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.285914/-
4	Shobha C. Kuma Kumbar S. Sheela K. MLAP0520012569/ Hassan	All That Piece And Parcel of The House Property Bearing No. 15160060010060149, Gram Panchayathproperty No. 160/137, In Survey No. 19, Situated Abhommehalli village, Yealgandurga Gram Panchayath, Hassan District, Karnataka - 577139, East-Road, Measuring 129.32 Square Meters. East-Road, West-West Own Property, South-West Property, North-House Property Of Sri. Silwappanaya.	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.307526/-
5	Vishnu Bai, Nanjappa Nalk, Yashini N. MLAP0510010636/ Shimoga	All That Piece And Parcel of the Property Along With Structure Standing There On Being Bearing Site/Katcha Property No. 13/30, P.I.D. No. 15200501900500162, Measuring Total 21.81 Sq. Meter, Including 105.90 Sq. Meter Building, Situated At Kinnage Village, Odeyarathuruvillage Panchayath, Channarayana Taluk, Davangere District, Karnataka - 577230, East-Road, West-House of R. Manja Nalka, South-Land of Siddappa, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.334112/-
6	Dandyamma P. P.C Parashuramappa, MLAP0510016737/ Davangere	AllThatPieceAndParcelofVillagePanchayathPropertyNo.383E-Swathno.151200601200300395, Measuring 6.4024 X 6.7073 Meters = 42.94 Sq. Mtrs. Situated At Gurusiddapura Village, Gadagur Taluk, Davangere District, Karnataka - 577135, East-East-House of Chenamma W/O Shivamurthappa, West-House of Kadamma, South-House of Maddannamma, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.333442/-
7	Nanjima M., Kumar N. Usha Kumar, Ramesha R, MLAP0540015500/ Tumkur	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No.64/1, P.I.D. No.152006200404200453, Situated At Hunasavadi Village, Hunasavadi Grampanchayath, Periyapatla Taluk, Mysuru District, Karnataka - 571102, Measuring East - West 12.95 Meters And North To South: 12.95 Meters, West-House Belongs To Siddalingappa, South-House of Manjula, North-House Belongs To Siddalingappa	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.336027/-
8	Riya B. Ramesh B. Thiruchidjun J. MLAP0540009592/ Davangere	All That Piece And Parcel of the Property Bearing No. 189/9 E Swathno. 1512001030100200546, Measuring 60 X 33 X 16 Le 2178 Sq. Meters Situated At Doddaghatta Village, Mosthalabail Village Panchayath, Channarayana, Karnataka - 577544, East-Remaining Property of Near, West-House of Fazun Bi, South-Conservancy In Between Perusar And Parven Shukshi, North-Panchayath Sewage	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.346281/-
9	Jannamma T. Ragu SR MLAP0510010217/ Channarayana	All That Part And Parcel of The Property Bearing Rdnr Khatr No.1509005205200600392, As Per Gram Panchayat Record Property No. 30/1I, Measuring In Total 76.65 Sq Meter Situated At Sarayapuriga, Channarayana Taluk, Davangere District, Karnataka - 577230, East-Road, District, Karnataka - 577548, East-House of Ramachandrapur, West-House of Devendrapura, South-House of Chandramma, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.358309/-
10	Anitha B.G. Srinivas Reddy, MLAP0540010012/ Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of Property Bearing Karadhalli Grampanchayathi Property No. 3/6 P.I.D. No. As Per Form No. 18/1, East-West 12.95 Meters And North To South: 12.95 Meters, East-House, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka - 571432 Measuring East To West: 10.670 Meters And North To South: 11.585 Meters, East-Vacant Site, West-Public Kitchen Way, South-Road, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.366759/-
11	Santhosh N. Rakshittha A. Rajamma K. Ningaijah J. MLAP0540013721/ Tumkur	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 59/47/3, P.I.D. No.15200700804900315, Situated At Vaddarakoppalu Village, Malyuru Gram Panchayath, North-Narasipura Taluk And Mysore District, Karnataka - 571101 Total Measuring 51.28 Square Meters, East-Conservancy And House Belongs To Thayamma, West-House Venkatesh To Jayavare, South-House Belongs To Puttliahalli, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.390631/-
12	Prem T. Ravi K. MLAP0509010032/ Hassan	All That Piece And Parcel of The Site And House Bearing Property ID No. 151600720410500270, Gram Panchayath Property No. 224, Situated At Jakkanahalli village, Kyvanahalli Gram Panchayath, Holenarasipur Taluk, Tumkur District, Karnataka - 577139, East-Road, Measuring 312.15 Square Meters. East-Road, West-West Vacant Property, South-Site Property Belongs To Siv deogevalla, North-Government Officers' Quarters	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.380075/-
13	Imdad Faraz Khan, Dilshad Unisa, Habib Khan, MLAP0540011908/ Shimoga	All That The Piece and Parcel of Site Along With Structure Standing There On Being Bearing Under Municipal Katha No. 17772-/7972/71 P.D. No. 25392, Measuring, Total 546 Sq. Feet, Situated At Ward No. 25, Hale Maidan, Shivmogga City, Shivmogga District, Karnataka - 577202, East-Property of Tanvir Khan S/O Azhar Hussain, West-House of Sharadamma, West-Property of Mohammed Nasir, North-Kaman Onni And Property of Mohiddin Khan	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.383546/-
14	Mahadevamma M. Veerasethu S. Venkatasandra Circle MLAP0540000335/ Mysore	All That Piece & Parcel of The Property No. 1173 Unique No. 150800200100121132 Suited At Beguru Village And Beguru Grampanchayathi Gundlupete Taluk, Chamranaganagara District, Measuring East-West 12.95 Meters And North To South: 12.95 Meters, East-House, West- Vacant Site of Sharadamma, South-Vacant Site of Sharadamma, North- Road Village Beguru Grama Panchayath Gundlupete Taluk, Ch. Nagar-571109 , Main Road Gundlupete Chamranaganara Karnataka P.I. 571109 RD Beguru Grama Panchayath, Karnataka - 571109	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.394115/-
15	Mahadevamma M. Malanna M. Rajanna N. MLAP0540000336/ Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 5/6, P.I.D. No. 150800300600220006, Situated At Kamalgurra Grama, Palya Grampanchayath, Kollegala Block, Chamranaganagara District, Karnataka - 571102, Measuring East - West 12.95 Meters And North To South: 12.95 Meters, West-House of Mahadevamma, South-Road, North-House of Rathnamma	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.416124/-
16	Lakshamma V. Subramanyam D. Ravindrannath V. MLAP0530012373/ Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The House Bearing Property No. 426/09 And E-Katha, No.152001020200		

QUICK READ

Delhi primary schools to switch to hybrid mode classes

New Delhi
Following a dip in air quality in Delhi, Stage III (Severe) measures under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) kicked in on Tuesday, and the government told schools to switch to hybrid mode for primary students up to Class V from Wednesday. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced that safety measures are being taken at speed in light of GRAP stage III. Till Class V, online classes will be conducted from Wednesday. Hybrid mode will be in force in schools, she said. Citing the decision of Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) to involve GRAP Stage III, the Delhi government's Education government said in circular.

Bihar logs record 67.14% polling till 5 pm

New Delhi
Bihar registered an estimated voter turnout of record 67.14 per cent by 5 p.m. on Tuesday in the second and final phase of the Assembly elections. This round has not only recorded the highest-ever turnout achieved in the state in any Assembly or Lok Sabha elections, but the final number after the completion of the entire process will further spike the total percentage. The first phase witnessed the highest-ever percentage of electors in any Assembly polling, 2.09 per cent more than the earlier high of 62.57 per cent achieved in 2020.

Ind candidate stages sit-in protest amid peaceful voting

Jaipur
Amid largely peaceful polling in the Anta assembly constituency on Tuesday, a new controversy unfolded when independent candidate Naresh Meena staged a sit-in protest on a muddy road in Sankali village, where villagers boycotted voting over local development issues. According to officials, voters were not allowed to carry mobile phones inside polling stations as per Election Commission guidelines. In Sankali village, locals boycotted voting, demanding the construction of a road and a cremation ground.

Red Fort Blast: How everyday tools became weapons of terror

The recent car blast near Delhi's Red Fort has exposed a chilling reality about modern terrorism. Officials are investigating possible links between the attack's perpetrators and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), a Pakistan-based terror group, according to NDTV. What makes this incident particularly disturbing is how ordinary items and popular apps were weaponized to create chaos in the heart of India's capital.

The explosive that hides in plain sight

The blast was caused by an ANFO bomb, made from ammonium nitrate and fuel oil. Now, ammonium nitrate might sound like a complex chemical, but it's actually a common fertilizer that farmers use in their fields every day. When mixed with fuel oil, however, it transforms into a deadly explosive.

During a raid in Faridabad, Haryana, police discovered approximately 3,000 kg of explosives at two houses, including 350 kg of ammonium nitrate—the same material used in the

2 more associated with gangster-terror module arrested in Punjab

Punjab police arrested two more members of a gangster-terror module linked to UK handlers, recovering arms and ammunition

CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Police's Special Operation Cell (SOC) in Amritsar, in a coordinated operation with the Counter Intelligence (CI) unit of Pathankot, arrested two more individuals connected to a gangster-terror module operating across several districts. The arrests mark another breakthrough in the ongoing crackdown against transnational criminal networks attempting to disturb peace in the state, Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said on Tuesday.

HM reviews Delhi blast probe; multi-state searches, tightened security across NCR



NEW DELHI

Stressing on the seamless coordination among agencies, Union Home Minister Amit Shah directed the NIA, IB, and Delhi Police Special Cell to work closely, asserting, "No stone will be left unturned."

Chairing a high-level review meeting to assess the ongoing investigation into the Delhi blast and multi-state searches at his residence here on Tuesday, he said high alerts have been issued in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Mumbai, with security tightened around crowded markets, transport hubs, and religious sites as the probe continues at full pace.

Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Kumar Deka, Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golcha, and National Investigation Agency (NIA) Director General Sadanand Vasant Date were present.

SHIMLA

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Tuesday met with senior officers of the Army's Central Command and reviewed a proposal to install wind turbines at 20 locations with a combined generation capacity of nearly 80,000 kWh annually along the international border. The Chief Minister as-



Red Fort attack. That's enough explosive material to cause multiple devastating attacks. The sheer quantity found raises serious questions about how such large amounts were accumulated without detection.

The human element behind the horror

Intelligence sources believe four terrorists were involved in the Red Fort blast—three men and one woman who disguised themselves as doctors. This detail is particularly unsettling. Doctors are symbols of healing and trust in our society. Using this profession as a cover shows how terror groups exploit our basic human tendency

Those arrested have been identified as Harpreet Singh of Baupur Afgana in Gurdaspur and Navpreet Singh of Machhiwal village in Amritsar. Police recovered a sophisticated 9mm Glock pistol, three magazines, and five live cartridges from their possession.

DGP Yadav said preliminary investigations revealed that the duo was acting on instructions from their UK-based handler, who had supplied the weapon and assigned

them to conduct reconnaissance of specific targets in Gurdaspur, Batala, and Amritsar. The accused were planning targeted killings intended to create panic and communal unrest in the state, he said.

Earlier, two other members of the same module were arrested, leading to the recovery of a hand grenade and a pistol. The latest arrests were made following sustained investigations into that case.

Assistant Inspector General

Why such incidents keep happening, asks Akhilesh Yadav on Delhi blast

LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday criticised the Union government over Monday's deadly blast in Delhi, questioning repeated security lapses and calling for strong action against those responsible. Addressing a press conference here, Akhilesh Yadav said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assured an investigation into the incident, and the nation now expects the truth to come out soon.

A strong crackdown on terrorism is necessary, he said, adding, but it's equally important to understand why such incidents keep recurring and where the lapses occur. Referring to the Prime Minister's statement, Akhilesh Yadav said: We have full faith that the Prime Minister and the government will reveal who was behind such a major incident -- that too in the national capital, at a site that symbolises our independence. Such an act at a place repre-

(AIG) Sukhminder Singh Mann stated that acting on intelligence gathered during earlier operations, teams from the Special Operation Cell and Counter Intelligence carried out a detailed probe to trace the module's network. Their efforts led to the identification and capture of the two suspects. Further investigations are underway to identify the network's backward and forward linkages, dismantle its infrastructure, and trace foreign handlers. Officials said more arrests and recoveries are expected in the coming days.

senting the country's freedom is deeply condemnable.

We must trust the investigating agencies, but we must also introspect -- where are we failing, and why do such incidents continue to happen? he asked.

Turning to the Bihar Assembly elections, Akhilesh Yadav claimed that the first phase of polling has clearly indicated a setback for the BJP.

The first phase has made it clear that the BJP is losing the Bihar elections. Half the

votes have already been cast, and the people have given their verdict. The Grand Alliance will secure a clear majority, he said, adding that the SP firmly stands against divisive politics.

The SP chief said his party is training its cadre to help eligible citizens get their names added to the voters' list and to strengthen the organisation at the grassroots level. This is not just a political battle; it is a battle of ideas and vision, he remarked.

he said. The Chief Minister directed officials to ensure hassle-free facilities for tourists visiting the border areas to enhance their overall experience.

Chief Minister Sukhu also informed that the state government has written to the Union Government regarding the resumption of trade activities through Shipki La and that positive indications have been received.

charge, and she along with her sister Samaira Azhar has been conducting 40-minute online sessions to influence and recruit women.

This represents a dangerous evolution in terror tactics. By specifically targeting women for recruitment, these groups are expanding their reach into demographics that traditionally received less scrutiny from security agencies.

The takeaway

The Red Fort blast demonstrates how terrorists are adapting to modern times. They're using common chemicals, trusted professions as disguises, and popular apps for coordination. The most effective counter-terrorism strategy isn't just about physical security—it's about awareness. Understanding how everyday tools can be misused is the first step in preventing future attacks. As citizens, staying alert and reporting suspicious activities remains our collective responsibility in keeping our nation safe.

GIRISH LINGANNA

DEFENCE & SPACE ANALYST

Jilted lover slits woman's throat at bus stand in Balaghat

BALAGHAT

In a chilling act of violence and apathy that has sent shockwaves through Madhya Pradesh, a 23-year-old woman was brutally murdered in broad daylight at a busy bus stop, her throat slit by a jilted lover while onlookers filmed the incident

instead of intervening and helping the victim. The gruesome attack that was captured on multiple mobile phones, occurred around 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Amsan Fata in the Baihar tehsil of Balaghat district, turning a routine morning commute into a scene of unimaginable horror.

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India receives global support after deadly Delhi blast

Dublin
Condolences pour in from several world leaders and foreign envoys to India following the deadly car blast near the Red Fort Metro Station in Delhi, which claimed eight lives and left several injured. The blast occurred on Monday evening when a Haryana-registered car parked near Gate No.1 of the Red Fort Metro Station exploded, killing at least eight people and injuring dozens. Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister Simon Harris took to his social media to extend solidarity with the people and the Indian government.



Thousands join Bhutan King in praying for Delhi blast victims

Thimphu
Bhutanese King Druk Gyalo on Tuesday led a prayer for the victims of the Delhi blast, during a ceremony at Changlimethang Stadium in Thimphu. He was joined by thousands of Bhutanese people who expressed solidarity with India. The Bhutanese leadership conveyed their heartfelt condolences on the tragic loss of lives in the car blast near Delhi's Red Fort Metro Station. The blast occurred in New Delhi on Monday evening when a Haryana-registered car parked near Gate No. 1 of the Red Fort Metro Station exploded, killing at least eight people and injuring dozens.

Asim Munir's military coup in Pak, without the military

LAHORE
In Pakistan, a fourth coup is seemingly underway. It's the quietest one, and unlike most coups—takeovers at midnight, or with guns. This time, it's constitutional with the help of a puppet regime. This soft coup would hollow out Pakistan further from within.

The proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment, which was passed by the Senate, legalises military supremacy, placing the chain of command, nuclear authority, and even the judiciary under Field Marshal Asim Munir's control. Munir's power grab is significant for New Delhi because it creates a dangerous asym-

metry with India, where the civilian leadership has the operational control of the defence forces. Pakistan has been scarred by three military coups since its formation, by Generals Ayub Khan (1958), Zia-ul-Haq (1977) and Pervez Musharraf (1999). But a fourth coup, being staged by

Asim Munir, might be the boldest consolidation of power by any military leader in Pakistan—something which both Zia and Musharraf couldn't pull off. The Constitutional Amendment seeks to restructure the military hierarchy under Munir and eliminate rival positions. It reportedly also grants

five-star generals like himself immunity from all kinds of legal proceedings, according to Pakistani journalist Imran Riaz Khan. A distinguished Pakistani lawyer, Makhdoom Ali Khan, described the amendment as a parallel authority insulated from the very rule of law it is sworn to defend.

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Brain-Bender: Can You Solve It?

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Solutions to Yesterday's Puzzle

Fill a 9x9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3x3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.

NCP warns of 'ballot or bullet revolution' in B'desh

DHAKA
As Bangladesh braces for its general elections in February 2026, political tensions have escalated sharply with the National Citizens Party (NCP) issuing a stark warning that it is prepared for either a ballot revolution or a bullet revolution. The provocative statement came from NCP Chief Coordinator Nasiruddin Patwary during a discussion held at the party's headquarters in Dhaka, according to local media reports. If Bangladesh continues on the democratic path, NCP is ready for a ballot revolution. But if blood must be shed, we are ready for a bullet revolution too, Patwary declared, as quoted by The Daily Star. The remark comes amid intensifying clashes between political factions and growing uncertainty over the country's electoral roadmap. Patwary directly attacked the Bangladesh Nationalist

Party (BNP), warning that if it resisted political reform, it would face the same fate as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's regime. He also criticised leftist groups, accusing them of betraying the working class and aligning with BNP under the Consensus Commission for political convenience. They have sold their ideals for a few seats, he alleged. Taking a veiled swipe at Jamaat-e-Islami, Patwary asserted that NCP rejects religiously motivated politics, saying, We do not believe in politics that exploit religion for votes. Meanwhile, NCP Joint Convener Sharwar Tushar accused BNP and Jamaat of obstructing institutional reforms and prioritising personal gain over national development. He also criticised the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government for becoming inactive after drafting the July Charter, a proposed reform roadmap.

Amid tensions with US, high inflation back on Venezuela streets

CARACAS
As Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro faces growing US military pressure and calls for his resignation, an old foe is returning to haunt him in his own backyard: Inflation, one of Venezuela's chronic economic maladies, is on the rise again. Prices are growing every day, said Yon Michael Hernandez, 25, a motorcycle taxi driver in the slum of Petare, east of Caracas. Corn flour is 220 bolivars today, it may be 240 tomorrow and 260 the day after, and the same package that might have cost you one dollar 15 days ago is worth three now, Hernandez told CNN. He referred to the Venezuelan currency and to the pre-cooked flour used to make arepas, the ubiquitous corn pancakes that are a daily staple.

On the black market, a dollar is worth roughly a third more. The Venezuelan government prohibits publishing black market exchange rates. The surge in inflation is linked – although only partially – with the growing tensions between the Trump administration and the Maduro government, which has been under US Treasury Department sanctions for almost a decade. In the three months since the Pentagon deployed warships and aircraft in a campaign that the White House said was aimed at drug traffickers from Venezuela, the bolivar has depreciated around 70% against the US dollar, according to data from the central bank, hemorrhaging one point every day. In the illegal but widely used currency black market, the drop has been just as steep. At the official rate, the US dollar is

CHRONIC ECONOMIC MALADIES



Hindu group takes CJI's Lord Vishnu remarks to Times Square

NEW YORK
Members of the Hindu diaspora gathered in New York City's Times Square for a digital billboard campaign and public rally organised to voice concerns over recent remarks made by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai during a Supreme Court of India hearing. The voiced opposition was organised by Stop Hindu Genocide. The community on November 8, wrote an open letter addressed to CJI Gavai, circulated by organisers and available on the website StopHinduGenocide.org. The letter referred to a September 16 hearing involving a petition to restore a historic idol of lord Vishnu at the Khajuraho temple site, overseen by the Archaeological Survey of India. During the proceedings, the CJI reportedly suggested the petitioner seek divine intervention through prayer, a comment that some interpreted as

dismissive of Hindu beliefs. The event, which commenced in Duffy Square in New York City (Times Square) on November 8 and will reportedly go on till November 12, drew attention to what organisers described as a perceived insensitivity toward Hindu religious sentiments, urging a formal apology from the CJI. The Hindu group also targeted other Supreme Court judges, including former Chief Justices DY Chandrachud and UU Lalit, retired judge Abhay S Oka, and CJI-designate Justice Surya Kant, over past judgments and remarks they had made. The campaign featured digital billboards displaying messages calling for accountability and respect for Hindus. The participants were mainly Hindu NRIs and Hindu Americans, who carried banners highlighting a series of judicial rulings they believe warranted greater consideration of cultural and religious contexts.

CHINA REMOVES TWO POPULAR LGBT APPS

HONG KONG
Two of China's most popular gay-dating apps have disappeared from app stores in the country, reinforcing fears of a widening crackdown on LGBTQ+ groups and online content. 'Blued' and 'Finka' were not available on Apple's App Store as of Tuesday and the apps had been erased from locally adapted platforms that serve Android devices. The Google Play Store app is blocked in China as part of the government's vast censorship apparatus known as the 'Great Firewall'. China operates one of the world's most extensive online censorship and surveillance regimes that scrubs political dissent and criticism of the ruling Communist Party's leadership and ideologies, including a drive against feminine portrayals of men in pop culture. China's LGBTQ+ community has faced an intensifying crackdown since Xi Jinping came to power more than a decade ago. Authorities have ramped up control over what they consider the undue influence of Western values, with Pride parades canceled, films and TV shows featuring same-sex themes banned, and China's most popular messaging app WeChat shutting down



dozens of LGBTQ accounts. There has been no official announcement about the apps' removal from the app stores in China, where regulators routinely remove content without explanation. But a source familiar with the matter told CNN that it appeared to be related to compliance issues. CNN has reached out to Apple, Blued, Finka and the Cyberspace Administration of China for comment. Apple said it removed the apps from its China store after a request from the country's internet regulator, tech website Wired reported. Based on an order from the Cyberspace Administration of China, we have removed these two apps from the China storefront only, the phone maker said in a statement to Wired, adding: We follow the laws in the countries where we operate.

QUICK READ



India's pvt hospital sector to almost double to \$202 bn

New Delhi

India's private hospital sector is projected to reach \$202.5 billion by 2030 from an estimated \$122.3 billion in 2025, driven by rising demand, private investment, government initiatives and technology adoption such as AI and telemedicine, a report said on Tuesday. India needs 2.4 million additional hospital beds, necessitating 2 billion square feet of space to build the healthcare infrastructure, the report from credit rating agency Brickwork Ratings said. The sector recorded 72 deals worth \$3.5 billion in Q3 2025, up 166 per cent quarter on quarter in total deal value.



India's job market shows steady revival with 11 pc hiring intent

New Delhi

The overall hiring intent in India for 2026 stands at 11 per cent, up from 9.75 per cent in 2025, signalling a discernible improvement in employment sentiment, a report said on Tuesday. This uptick reflects India Inc's transition from a phase of cautious replacement hiring to active workforce expansion. The optimism is led by the banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) sector. The sector leads hiring sentiment at 20 per cent, followed by core industries such as metal and mining, power, utilities, steel, and cement at 12 per cent, a report by Taggd in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) stated.

US firm Federal Card Services enters India with \$250 mn investment

Mumbai

US-based Federal Card Services (FCS) on Tuesday announced its entry in India with an investment of \$250 million across its three core business pillars -- technology, real estate, and services. As part of this expansion, the global leader in premium metal and sustainable payment cards is developing its first manufacturing facility in Pune. The new plant will produce 100 per cent metal cards and biodegradable cards, marking a major milestone in India's growing fintech manufacturing ecosystem.

IndiGo begins daily flights between Delhi & Guangzhou

NEW DELHI

Low-cost airline IndiGo on Tuesday said it has commenced daily, non-stop flights between Delhi and Guangzhou, China. This new route will further strengthen direct connectivity between the two nations by connecting the national capital and a key aviation hub with Guangzhou – a major business and manufacturing centre in Southern China.

The flights on this route will be operated using IndiGo's A320neo aircraft, offering

Rajnath stresses innovation to make India a global tech leader

Defence Minister Highlights Expanding Defence Industrial Base at Defence Dialogue

NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday underscored India's growing technological prowess, stating that the country's defence industrial base is rapidly expanding through synergy between the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the Armed Forces, industry, and academia. He said this collaboration has created a virtuous cycle of research, testing, field feedback, and innovation that is propelling India toward self-reliance in defence technologies.

Addressing the inaugural session of the Delhi Defence Dialogue, organised by the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA) on the theme 'Harnessing New Age Technology for Defence Capabili-



ty Development', Singh said India must transition from being a consumer to a creator of technology. This, he stressed, requires not only acquiring cutting-edge innovations but also creating an ecosystem where niche products can thrive through agile institutions, streamlined processes, and strong collaboration between soldiers, scientists, startups, and strategists.

India can no longer be content with merely catching up to global innovation, the minister asserted, calling for a cultural shift that prioritises collaboration over silos and agility over bureaucratic delay.

Highlighting key government initiatives such as Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) and the Technology Development Fund

(TDF), Singh said these platforms are fostering a new generation of innovators and entrepreneurs contributing to national security. They are the architects of a future where cutting-edge technologies — from autonomous systems and quantum sensors to advanced materials and space-based surveillance — will bear the imprint of Indian ingenuity, he said.



India poised to become 3rd largest consumer market

NEW DELHI

India, at its current rate of growth, is likely to emerge as the world's third-largest consumer market in 2026 and third-largest economy by 2028, next only to the US and China, according to a UBS report. India's household consumption nearly doubled in the past decade to \$2.4 trillion in 2024, recording a 7.9 per cent CAGR, stronger than China, the US and Germany. Our estimates indicate India's consumer market is on track to become the world's third largest in 2026, well before its GDP does by 2028, according to the UBS report.

India's real GDP growth is likely to stabilise at 6.4 per cent year-on-year in FY27 and 6.5 per cent in FY28, on supportive policy and strong domestic demand, making it the fastest growing economy in the Asia Pacific (APAC) region in 2027, followed by Philippines (GDP growth at 6.1 per cent) and Indonesia at 5.1 per cent, the report states.

The report further says that GDP growth in the case of the US is expected to slow from 1.9 per cent in 2025 to 1.7 per cent in 2026 and recover to 1.9 per cent in 2027. Real GDP growth in China, is likely to slow to 4.5 per cent in 2026 (from 4.9 per cent in 2025), as the Asian giant's exports are expected to take a hit. UBS' growth forecast for India is, however, subject to a downside risk due to uncertainty related to US trade policy and India's policy response.

Firstly, in case the Donald Trump administration's 50 per cent trade tariff persists, it could pull down growth by around 50 basis points in FY27 and there would be a knock-on impact on employment, consumption and business confidence, with a further drag on investment.

: India's mutual fund AUM hits record ₹79.87 lakh crore in October, rises 5.6% month-on-month

Indian mutual fund industry's AUM hits all-time high of 79.87 lakh crore

MUMBAI

The total assets under management (AUM) of India's mutual fund industry rose by Rs 4.26 lakh crore, or 5.63 per cent month-on-month (MoM), to reach an all-time high at Rs 79.87 lakh crore in October, according to data released by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) on Tuesday. The mutual fund industry had an AUM of Rs 75.61 lakh crore in September.

The AUM of equity funds increased to Rs 35.16 lakh crore in the month under review, up from Rs 33.7 lakh crore in the previous month. Additionally, according to AMFI data, the number of mutual fund folios also saw a decent uptick to 256 million in the month, up from 251.9 mil-



lion in September.

During the period, a total of 18 new schemes were launched across open-ended and all categories, raising a total of Rs 6,062 crore.

According to AMFI data, net equity inflows stood at Rs 24,690 crore. The inflow in gold ETF during the month tallied Rs 7,743 crore, down from a record Rs 8,363 crore in September.

Meanwhile, small-cap funds saw investments of Rs 3,476 crore, mid-cap funds attracted

Rs 3,807 crore, mutual fund houses infused Rs 8,929 crore in flexi-cap funds, and large-cap funds saw an investment of Rs 972 crore.

Total inflows into debt funds stood at Rs 1.59 lakh crore for the month, compared to Rs 1.01 lakh crore in September.

At the same time, liquid funds saw the highest inflows of Rs 89,375 crore, followed by overnight funds with Rs 24,050 crore, and money market funds with Rs 17,916 crore.

According to the data, the investment in the overall hybrid mutual funds was Rs 14,156 crore, compared to Rs 9,397 crore in September. Multi-asset allocation funds saw inflows of Rs 5,344 crore, compared to Rs 4,982 crore in the previous month.

MapmyIndia Mappls to digitally power Survey of India

NEW DELHI

Homegrown digital maps and platforms company MapmyIndia Mappls on Tuesday announced that it has entered into key agreements with government-run Survey of India and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. MapmyIndia Mappls will power Survey of India's National Geo Platform, while IOCL will leverage its IoT-based location tech solutions with the company.

These deals, according to the company, will bolster its platforms and IoT suite of solutions and increase its footprint in government business and related sectors. These, along with the DMRC partnership and the expected contract with the Indian Railways, will significantly expand the company's footprint in these sectors, the statement said.



Rakesh Verma, Co-founder and Chairman and Managing Director, MapmyIndia Mappls, expressed his satisfaction in offering solutions and tech to two of India's leading organisations that are of immense national importance - Survey of India, India's premier topographic mapping agency for over two centuries and the Indian Oil Corporation, India's leading Oil manufacturing and marketing, Maharatna company.

The company will power the Survey of India's National Geo-Platform by standardising, sharing, and managing foundational geospatial datasets such as administrative boundaries, digital elevation

models, geodetic reference frames and geographical names.

It will facilitate seamless access to accurate and authoritative spatial data through web services, APIs, and mobile applications, promoting data interoperability and collaboration among government departments, academia, and industry. For IOCL, the mapping company will develop and deploy an integrated and enterprise-level vehicle tracking and management system for its entire fleet of LPG Truck Vehicles on a pan-India basis.

To enhance cost optimisation, driver safety and asset security, the Internet of Things-based suite comprises geofencing, route generation and optimisation, journey risk management, fleet visibility, and emergency response features.



Rajmargyatra app surges to top of charts

NEW DELHI

The government on Tuesday announced that the Rajmargyatra mobile application for FASTag services has become one of the most popular apps in India, climbing to 23rd overall and second in the travel category on Google Play, with over 15 lakh downloads. The app achieved this milestone just days after the launch of the FASTag Annual Pass feature, earning an impressive 4.5-star user rating.

According to an official statement, India's road infrastructure continues to witness unprecedented growth. The country's total road network has surpassed 63 lakh kilometres, while the National Highway network has expanded to 1,46,204 kilometres as of March 2025 — marking a 60 per cent increase since 2013-14. Between 2014 and 2025, India added 54,917 kilometres of new national highways, reflecting the government's sustained focus on connectivity and infrastructure development.

FASTag penetration across India has reached 98 per cent, with over 8 crore users nationwide. The recently introduced FASTag Annual Pass has already attracted 25 lakh users, facilitating around 5.67 crore transactions within two months of its August launch.

Government Highlights Digital Transformation, Sustainability in India's Expanding Highway Network.

The government credited the success of Rajmargyatra and FASTag for enhancing commuter convenience, digital transparency, and toll efficiency across the national highway network.

In line with the push for sustainable infrastructure, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways highlighted initiatives like the Green Highways Mission and Mission Amrit Sarovar. Under these programs, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) planted 56 lakh saplings in 2023-24 and 67.47 lakh in 2024-25, taking the cumulative total to over 4.69 crore trees. Additionally, 467 water bodies have been developed under Mission Amrit Sarovar, contributing 2.4 crore cubic metres of soil for highway construction and saving approximately ₹16,690 crore. The government also reported the use of over 631 lakh metric tonnes of recycled materials — including fly ash, plastic waste, and reused asphalt — in 2023-24, underscoring India's growing commitment to digitalisation and green infrastructure.

SIP inflows hit all-time high of ₹29,529 cr in Oct

MUMBAI

The systematic investment plan (SIP) inflow in October registered a month-on-month (MoM) growth to reach an all-time high of Rs 29,529 crore compared to Rs 29,361 crore in September, data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed on Tuesday. Despite volatility in the domestic equity market during the month, the steady growth in SIP in the month reflects the strong retail participation, which led the mutual fund industry's total assets under management (AUM) to increase to Rs 79.87 lakh crore from Rs 75.61 lakh crore a month earlier.

Continued SIP inflow remains the most encouraging strength, holding steady at around Rs 29,500 crore. This underlines the maturity and resilience of retail investors, who are staying disciplined with their long-term wealth creation goals despite short-term market fluctuations, said Suranjana Borthakur, Head of Distribution and Strategic Alliances, Mirae Asset Investment Managers (India). We believe investors should continue their SIPs, as staying invested through market cycles remains the best way to build wealth over time,



she added.

The general reading from the fund flows data shows that overall, investors remain confident of equities and continue allocating large amounts to equities, however, some investors feel less confident and are allocating to debt-oriented schemes like arbitrage, multi asset, and corporate bond funds and also to gold, said Dr. Vikas Gupta, CEO and Chief Investment Strategist at OmniScience Capital. Meanwhile, gold exchange-traded funds (ETFs) continued to attract steady investor interest with net inflows of Rs 7,743 crore, the data showed.

With cumulative net inflows of Rs 27,573 crore in 2025, gold ETFs remain among the most resilient segments in the passive space, reaffirming their growing role in portfolio stability and risk mitigation, said Nehal Meshram, Senior Analyst – Manager Research, Morningstar Investment Research India.

SMARTPHONE SURGE INDIA

India's smartphone market hits 5 yr high in Q3 2025

MUMBAI

India's smartphone market surged to a five-year high in the third quarter of 2025 (Q3), growing 4.3 per cent year-over-year (YoY) to reach 48 million units, according to data released by the International Data Corporation (IDC) on Tuesday. The festive season and aggressive online promotions played a key role in boosting shipments across major brands.

Apple achieved its highest-ever quarterly shipments in India, crossing 5 million



units for the first time and capturing the fourth spot in the market. The iPhone maker recorded a robust 25.6 per cent YoY growth, fueled by

strong demand for both existing and newly launched models. The iPhone 16 emerged as the most-shipped smartphone in India during Q3,

contributing 5 per cent of total market shipments. Meanwhile, the debut of the iPhone 17 series and the new iPhone Air accounted for 16 per cent of Apple's total Q3 shipments — marking its strongest launch-quarter performance since 2021.

IDC data showed that the mid-premium segment (₹30,000-₹45,000 range) grew 10.7 per cent YoY, expanding its market share from 3 per cent to 4 per cent. Samsung reclaimed the top spot, followed by OPPO and OnePlus. The Galaxy S24 model

alone contributed nearly one-quarter of total shipments in this price range, supported by aggressive discounting on major e-commerce platforms.

Strong festive promotions and flexible financing options drove Q3 shipment volumes. However, consumer demand remained concentrated in the premium segment, leaving the mass market under pressure and creating inventory challenges heading into Q4 2025, said Upasana Joshi, Senior Research Manager, Devices Research, IDC Asia Pacific.

Priyanka Upendra Shines in Emotional Drama ‘September 21’

Actress Priyanka Upendra, known for her strong and diverse performances, is set to appear in a completely new role in her upcoming bilingual film September 21. The movie, shot in both Hindi and Kannada, has finished post-production and is expected to release in 2026.

The film marks the directorial debut of 21-year-old Karen Krishiti Suvarna and will be screened at the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), to be held in Goa from November 20 to 24. To celebrate Priyanka Upendra’s birthday, the makers plan to unveil the first poster of the movie.

Speaking about her role, Priyanka said, This is one of the most challenging characters I have ever played. For the first time, I portray a middle-class woman, and the young director has brought it to life beautifully.



The film features noted Bollywood actors including Praveen Singh Sisodiya, Zarina Wahab, Amit Behl, Ajit Shidaye, and Sachin Patekar in important roles.

September 21 deals with Alzheimer’s disease, focusing on the emotional journey of patients and the struggles of their caregivers. It highlights the pain and choices faced by families when memory fades but love remains.

The story is written by Rajshekhar, with music composed by Vinay Chandra and cinematography by Anil Kumar. The film is jointly produced by FMD Visic Films and Film Max Productions, in collaboration with Hamara Movie, founded by filmmaker Imtiaz Ali’s wife, Preeti Ali.

Rajamouli, Mahesh Babu, and Priyanka Chopra gear up for ‘Globetrotter’

Director S.S. Rajamouli is set to unveil his much-anticipated project SSMB29—starring Mahesh Babu,



Priyanka Chopra, and Prithviraj Sukumaran—with a spectacular title-reveal event on November 15, 2025, at Ramoji Film City.

The event, reportedly titled the Globetrotter Celebration, is expected to be one of the biggest film gatherings ever, with nearly 50,000 fans anticipated to attend. The set-up will include a massive 100-foot-tall, 130-foot-wide stage and screen, promising a visual spectacle befitting Rajamouli’s reputation for grandeur.

A recent teaser video featuring Priyanka Chopra has already set the internet abuzz. In it, she quips, Why am I always in Hyderabad? It’s the world’s worst-kept secret. And it’s fi-

nally time to tell you. Join us on November 15 for the big reveal at Ramoji Film City. The clip has fueled excitement about her long-awaited return to Indian cinema after six years.

SSMB29 is described as a globe-trotting jungle adventure blending action, drama, and fantasy elements—marking a bold new storytelling direction for Rajamouli. The first look of Prithviraj Sukumaran as Kumbha was released earlier, adding to the buzz surrounding the film.

While the official title remains undisclosed, speculation is rife that it may be called Varanasi. The November 15 event is expected to include character reveals, a teaser screening, and a glimpse into the film’s expansive visual universe. With Mahesh Babu leading the adventure and Rajamouli at the helm, SSMB29 promises to be one of India’s most ambitious cinematic experiences yet.

Allu Arjun expresses grief over Delhi Red Fort blast



South Indian superstar Allu Arjun has expressed deep grief over the tragic blast that occurred near Delhi’s Red Fort on Monday evening, killing eight people and injuring several others. Taking to Instagram, the actor shared, Deeply saddened by the tragic incident near Delhi’s Red Fort. My heartfelt prayers are with the victims and their families, and I wish for peace to prevail once again. Several Bollywood celebrities also conveyed their condolences. Actor Raveena Tandon described it as horrible news, writing on X, Condolences to all those bereaved families who lost their loved ones in the Delhi blast. Sonu Sood too expressed solidarity, posting, My heart reaches out to everyone impacted by today’s tragic blast. Let’s support the victims, look out for each other, and commit to peace. According to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the explosion occurred at around 7 p.m. when a Hyundai i20 car blew up at the Subhash Marg traffic signal near the Red Fort. The blast injured several pedestrians and damaged nearby vehicles.

Delhi Police have registered a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the Explosives Act, and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita at Kotwali Police Station. Multiple agencies are investigating the cause and motive of the explosion.

Sources said the car had entered Delhi from Haryana via Badarpur and was allegedly purchased by a Pulwama resident. The key suspect has been identified as Dr. Umar.

Dharmendra recovering well, family denies death rumours



Veteran Bollywood actor Dharmendra, 89, is recovering well after being hospitalised for a few days, his family confirmed on Monday, dismissing widespread false reports of his death circulating on social media. The actor’s wife, Hema Malini, and daughter, Esha Deol, both issued strong statements urging people not to believe the rumours.

Hema Malini took to social media to condemn the false claims, writing, What is happening is unforgivable! How can responsible channels spread false news about a person who is responding to treatment and recovering? This is extremely disrespectful and irresponsible. Please give due respect to the family’s need for privacy.

Esha Deol also reassured fans, saying, My father is stable and recovering. We request everyone to give our family privacy. Thank you for the prayers for papa’s speedy recovery.

Amid growing concern among fans, actor Sunny Deol’s team released an official statement confirming Dharmendra’s improving condition. Sir is recovering and responding to treatment. Let’s all pray for his good health and long life, the statement read.

Family members, including Sunny and Bobby Deol, were seen visiting the hospital, while Hema Malini and Esha Deol left after spending time with the actor.

Veteran actor Prem Chopra recovering after hospitalisation

Veteran Bollywood actor Prem Chopra, aged 92, has been admitted to Lilavati Hospital in Mumbai following a viral infection and age-related health issues. Doctors have confirmed that the actor is stable and recovering well. He is a known cardiac patient and also developed a viral infection that affected his lungs. He is not in the ICU; he is being treated in the ward, said Dr. Jalil Parkar of Lilavati Hospital. At his age, recovery takes longer, but he should be fine in three to four days and likely return home soon. Chopra was admitted two days



ago under the supervision of cardiologist Dr. Nitin Gokhale. Actor Sharman Joshi, who is married to Prem Chopra’s daughter Prerana Chopra, also shared a brief update on his father-in-law’s condition, saying, All good, thank you, just some tests, back tomorrow. Known for his commanding

screen presence and iconic villainous roles, Prem Chopra has acted in more than 380 films over six decades. His performances in Bobby, Do Raaste, and Kati Patang remain timeless examples of his talent and versatility.

Despite his advanced age, the actor continues to inspire generations of performers with his professionalism and enduring legacy in Hindi cinema. Fans and colleagues have expressed relief at the news of his improving health and wished him a speedy recovery.

Michael Jackson’s ‘Thriller’ returns to Billboard Top 100

Michael Jackson has once again proved why he remains the undisputed King of Pop. His legendary hit Thriller has re-entered the Billboard Hot 100, soaring to No. 10 after the 2025 Halloween season. With this, Jackson becomes the first artist in history to achieve Top 10 hits in six different decades — the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010s, and now the 2020s.

The iconic track climbed from No. 32 to No. 10, earning Jackson yet another

record for chart longevity. He surpasses Andy Williams, who had achieved Top 10 placements in five decades before his passing.

Jackson first entered the Billboard Top 10 as a solo artist in 1971 with Got to Be There. Over his extraordinary career, he scored 30 Top 10 hits, including 13 that reached No. 1. His last Top 10 entry was a posthumous feature on Drake’s Don’t Matter to Me in 2018.

The renewed interest in Thriller comes as anticipation builds for Michael, the

upcoming biopic directed by Antoine Fuqua. The film, starring Jaafar Jackson — Michael’s nephew — is set to release in theatres on April 24, 2026, after being moved from its original October 2025 date.

Featuring Miles Teller, Larenz Tate, and Laura Harrier, the movie promises to give fans a deeper look into Jackson’s rise to superstardom. Produced by Graham King, John Branca, and John McClain, Michael is expected to be a heartfelt tribute to the global icon’s enduring legacy.



‘Aan Paavam Polladhathu’ emerges as a blockbuster, crosses ₹14 crore



The Tamil film Aan Paavam Polladhathu, starring Rio Raj and Malaika Manoj, has become a surprise blockbuster at the box office. Directed by debutant Kalaivasan Thangavel, the movie also features Vigneshkanth, Sheela, and Jensen in pivotal roles.

Following its release, the film has received rave reviews for its realistic narrative, engaging screenplay, and heartfelt performances. Notably, this marks Rio and Malaika’s second collaboration after Joe, and audiences have

praised their on-screen chemistry. With strong word-of-mouth and steady occupancy in theatres, Aan Paavam Polladhathu has grossed over ₹14 crore worldwide, an impressive feat for a small-budget film.

Critics and fans alike have lauded Kalaivasan’s fresh storytelling and the film’s relatable treatment of contemporary themes. The movie’s success has solidified its place among 2025’s biggest sleeper hits, proving that good content continues to triumph at the box office.

The trailer and music of the upcoming Tamil film Mask were launched in a grand ceremony attended by film stars, technicians, and the media. The film, produced by Andrea Jeremiah and S.P. Sockalingam under The Show Must Go On and Black Madras Films, marks the directorial debut of Vikarnan Ashok, who worked under the mentorship of acclaimed filmmaker Vetrimaaran.

Mask features Kavin, Andrea Jeremiah, and Ruhani Sharma in lead roles and is slated for a theatrical release on November 21,

2025. Speaking at the event, producer-actor Andrea Jeremiah said, This day is very special to me — I’ve waited two years for it. I thank Vetrimaaran sir for his guidance and my co-star Kavin for his support. Producing this film has been a fulfilling journey, and I look forward to making many more.

Actor Kavin shared that he enjoyed his role as a politician, adding, The director and producer worked hard to make this possible.

The climax will definitely leave an impact.

Director Vikarnan Ashok expressed gratitude to his mentor and the team, calling Mask a collective labor of passion.

Special guests Vijay Sethupathi, G.V. Prakash Kumar, and R.D. Rajasekhar attended the event, praising the film’s team. Vetrimaaran lauded Andrea for stepping into production and wished the film great success.

With its strong performances, vibrant music, and striking visuals, Mask promises to bring a fresh cinematic experience to Tamil audiences this month.



‘Mask’ trailer and music launched in grand event

Security Tightened in Kolkata after Delhi Blast

Police have implemented a multi-layered security plan around Eden Gardens

KOLKATA

The first Test between India and South Africa, scheduled to begin on November 14 at the Eden Gardens, will be held under heightened security measures following the deadly blast in Delhi near the Red Fort on November 10. The Kolkata Police have initiated comprehensive safety protocols to ensure the protection of players, officials, and spectators.

In response, the Kolkata Police have implemented a multi-layered security plan around Eden Gardens. The measures include strict checking at all entry and exit points, increased surveillance, and deployment of additional



personnel near hotels housing the Indian and South African teams. Police Commissioner Manoj Verma is expected to visit the stadium on Tuesday to review arrangements.

Sources said both teams' travel routes between their hotels and the venue will be closely monitored. Security personnel will accompany

team buses, and rehearsals will be conducted to assess response readiness. The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) is coordinating with local law enforcement to ensure smooth and safe operations throughout the Test match.

Senior police officials and CAB representatives held a

late-night meeting to finalize operational details. In light of the Delhi incident, both teams will begin their practice sessions on November 11 under strict security supervision.

Despite growing concerns, authorities have assured fans that the match will proceed as planned, with "no compromise on security."

Pak Pacer Naseem Shah's House Attacked by Gunmen

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan fast bowler Naseem Shah's residence in Lower Dir came under attack, as five unidentified gunmen opened fire at his family home. Despite the shocking incident, the 22-year-old pacer has chosen to remain with the Pakistan squad ahead of their ODI series against Sri Lanka in Rawalpindi.

According to reports, the assailants fired multiple rounds at the main gate of Naseem's house before fleeing. Police confirmed that no family members were injured, though bullet marks were found on the property's front gate. Naseem's father subsequently lodged a formal complaint, and authorities have launched an investigation, assuring that the perpetrators will be apprehended soon.



Pakistani pacer's family home targeted by gunfire, but he continues national duties

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has been informed of the situation, but Naseem reportedly declined the option of returning home, expressing his commitment to continue training with the national

team. "He wants to stay focused on the series and not let this distract him," a PCB source said.

Pakistan are set to play three ODIs against Sri Lanka from November 11 to 15 at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium. Naseem will spearhead the pace attack alongside Shaheen Afridi, Haris Rauf, and Mohammad Wasim Jr.

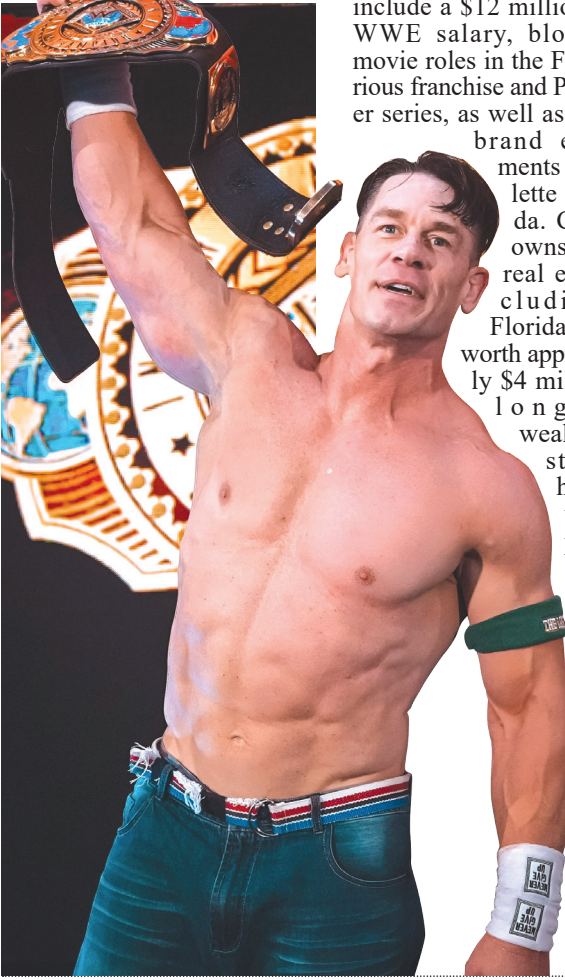
Following the ODI series, Pakistan will host Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe in a T20I Tri-Series, where Naseem is again expected to feature.

In his recent outing against South Africa, Naseem picked up three wickets in two ODIs, continuing his steady return after an injury layoff earlier this year. Police investigations in Lower Dir are ongoing, with local security heightened around the cricketer's family residence.

John Cena Becomes Grand Slam Champion after Winning Intercontinental Title

BOSTON

WWE legend John Cena has achieved one of professional wrestling's most prestigious milestones, becoming a Grand Slam champion after clinching the Intercontinental Championship — the final title missing from his illustrious career. The 48-year-old star won the belt during this week's episode of Monday Night Raw in his hometown of Boston. WWE's COO Triple H announced the surprise match early in the show, setting up a showdown between Cena and Rey Mysterio. After a fierce back-and-forth encounter, Cena triumphed with his signature Attitude Adjustment and STF



submission, earning the pin and completing his collection of major WWE titles — world, tag team, United States, and now Intercontinental.

Only a select few WWE superstars have achieved Grand Slam status, making Cena's win a defining career moment. The victory also comes at a time when Cena is reportedly nearing the end of his in-ring career, with ESPN earlier reporting that his final WWE appearance is expected later this year at Madison Square Garden.

Beyond wrestling, Cena's accomplishments extend into Hollywood and business. According to Celebrity Net Worth, his estimated 2025 net worth stands at around \$80 million. His income sources include a \$12 million annual WWE salary, blockbuster movie roles in the Fast & Furious franchise and Peacemaker series, as well as lucrative brand endorsements with Gillette and Honda. Cena also owns valuable real estate, including his Florida mansion worth approximately \$4 million. His long-term wealth is bolstered by his charity work, particularly through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, where he holds the record for the most wishes granted.



Ivan Toney Linked With Premier League Return

LONDON

Several Premier League clubs are reportedly exploring the possibility of bringing English striker Ivan Toney back from Saudi Arabia after his prolific spell with Al Ahli. The 29-year-old has scored 41 goals in 59 appearances since his £40 million move from Brentford in 2024, making him one of the Saudi Pro League's standout players. However, his lucrative contract with Al Ahli, which runs until 2028, and high wages pose major hurdles. Clubs seeking a proven scorer view Toney's Premier League record and England experience as valuable assets, though any return may depend on a loan or wage-sharing deal.

Eric Garcia Strengthens Case for Barcelona Renewal Amid PSG Interest

BARCELONA

FC Barcelona defender Eric Garcia continues to make a strong case for a contract renewal, impressing manager Hansi Flick with consistent and composed performances this season. Despite speculation linking him with a move to Paris Saint-Germain and several Premier League clubs, the 24-year-old Spaniard remains an integral part of Barça's starting lineup. According to reports, Garcia's current contract expires at the end of the season, which means he will be free to negotiate with other clubs from January 2026. PSG boss Luis Enrique is reportedly keen to reunite with the player, while English clubs are closely monitoring his situation.

Garcia's versatility —

performing effectively at both right-back and centre-back — has been crucial during Barcelona's inconsistent campaign. His ability to adapt to different roles has made him "untouchable" in Flick's system.

During the clash against Celta Vigo, Garcia once again demonstrated his reliability. Playing with a protective mask after a nasal fracture, he was deployed at right-back due to Jules Kounde's fitness issues and delivered an excellent performance. He completed 63 of 66 passes in the opposition half, won four of seven duels, and recovered three balls, underlining his calm presence under pressure.



Sourav Ganguly Backs 'Fit' Mohammed Shami for India Comeback

KOLKATA

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly has voiced strong support for Mohammed Shami's return to the national team across formats, saying the seasoned pacer remains "fit and is bowling exceptionally well."

Despite Shami's impressive domestic performances, the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee has overlooked the 35-year-old for the upcoming two-Test series against South Africa. Shami last represented India in the Champions Trophy in March, and questions about his future have since intensified.

"Shami is bowling exceptionally well. He is fit, and we saw that in the three Ranji

Trophy matches where he won games for Bengal on his own," Ganguly said after being unveiled as the global brand ambassador of Kabuni, a UK-based AI-driven sports coaching platform.

Having taken 15 wickets in Bengal's first two Ranji Trophy matches this season, Shami demonstrated his sharpness before going wicketless against Tripura. His re-turn to full fitness follows ankle surgery after the 2023 World Cup, where he was the tournament's leading wicket-taker with 24 scalps at an average of 10.70.

"I'm sure the selectors are watching him closely. In terms of fitness and skill, this is the Shami we all know," Ganguly said.

India Announce Squad for Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 in Dhaka

NEW DELHI

The Indian Women's Kabaddi Team has been officially announced for the upcoming Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025, to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, from November 17 to 24. The event marks the second edition of the tournament, re-turning after 13 years since its 2012 debut, when India defeated Iran 25-19 to lift the inaugural trophy.

This will also be the first-ever Women's Kabaddi World Cup held outside India. Initially planned for Rajgir, the venue was shifted to



Hyderabad and later relocated to Dhaka due to logistical reasons.

Asian Games gold-winning captain Ritu Negi will once again lead the Indian side,

with Pushpa Rana serving as vice-captain. Sonali Shingate, captain of India's Asian Kabaddi Championship-winning team, will also feature in the squad.

The rest of the 14-member squad includes Pooja Narwal, Bhavna Thakur, Sakshi Sharma, Pooja Kajla, Champa Thakur, Mini Narwal, Ritu Sheoran, Ritu Mitharwal, Sanju Devi, Dhanalakshmi, and Anu Kumari. The team will be guided by experienced coaches Tejaswini Bai and Kavita Selvaraj, who bring tactical insight and leadership experience to the bench.

The 2025 Women's Kabaddi World Cup will feature 12 teams, including defending champions India, runners-up Iran, and host nation Bangladesh. Other participating nations are Chinese Taipei, Nepal, Thailand, Kenya, Uganda, Zanzibar, Argentina, Poland, and Germany.

As the tournament returns after more than a decade, fans can expect a high-intensity battle for global supremacy in women's kabaddi. India, the traditional powerhouse, will aim to retain their dominance and secure their second consecutive world title on foreign soil.

SAO PAULO

Norris Silences Critics with Commanding Sao Paulo GP Victory



McLaren star Lando Norris hit back at critics in style after a dominant weekend at the Sao Paulo Grand Prix, where he swept both the Sprint and main race to seize a 24-point lead in the Drivers' Championship. Now the frontrunner to become Britain's next Formula One world champion, Norris said he's learned to block out negativity.

"Just ignore everyone that talks rubbish about you. Focus on yourself," he told reporters. Earlier this season, Norris faced scrutiny for errors and comparisons to teammate Oscar Piastri. His composed performances in Brazil, however, underscored his maturity and growing stature, marking him as the clear title favourite with three rounds remaining.

LONDON

McIlroy Honoured With New DP World Tour Trophy after Grand Slam Triumph



The DP World Tour has unveiled the Rory McIlroy Award, a new honour introduced from the 2026 season to celebrate excellence across golf's four majors. Named after McIlroy—Europe's first male golfer to complete a career Grand Slam—the award will recognise the player who earns the most Race to Dubai points from The Masters,

PGA Championship, US Open, and The Open. McIlroy, who joined legends like Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus by winning all four majors, will be ineligible for the award himself. Calling it a "huge honour," McIlroy said he hoped the accolade would inspire future generations to pursue their own Grand Slam dreams.

MUMBAI

Shreyas Iyer Doubtful for S Africa ODIs amid Ongoing Injury Recovery



Indian vice-captain Shreyas Iyer remains doubtful for the upcoming three-match ODI series against South Africa, starting November 30. According to medical reports, the 30-year-old requires over a month to regain full match fitness following a freak injury sustained during the recent Australia tour. The selection committee has been informed of Iyer's condition, and he is

unlikely to feature in the series, which follows two Test matches beginning November 14. India are scheduled to play the ODIs in Ranchi, Raipur, and Visakhapatnam. Iyer, who has been undergoing rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy, is expected to resume light training soon but will not be rushed back into competitive action, officials confirmed.



Siraj Eyes Strong Show as India Take on SA in WTC Tests

Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj confident ahead of critical WTC clash with SA

KOLKATA

Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj has expressed confidence ahead of India's Test series against defending World Test Championship (WTC) winners South Africa, describing the upcoming matches as "crucial" for the new WTC cycle. The five-day series kicks off here on Friday, with India aiming to build on their recent performances.

Currently third in the WTC

points table, India drew their challenging away series in England before securing a comprehensive home series win against the West Indies earlier in the cycle. South Africa, meanwhile, started their WTC defence with a 1-1 draw in an away series against Pakistan.

"This series is crucial for the new WTC cycle, especially since South Africa is the defending champion. While they drew 1-1 with Pakistan, we're

confident from our own good form. We created a positive environment, performed well in England, and won against the West Indies," Siraj said in a conversation on JioStar.

Siraj emerged as India's standout performer during the demanding five-match series in England, finishing as the leading wicket-taker with 23 scalps. He carried his momentum into the home series against the West Indies, claiming 10 wickets across

two matches.

"Personally, I'm bowling with good rhythm and looking to make the most of it. Facing strong teams helps identify areas to improve, and I'm really excited for this challenge," he added.

With India eager to close the gap on table-toppers, Siraj's form and confidence could prove pivotal in challenging South Africa and setting the tone for the remainder of the WTC cycle.

KBFC Temporarily Suspend Operations amid ISL Uncertainty

CHENNAI

Kerala Blasters FC has suspended operations amid ongoing uncertainty surrounding the Indian Super League, becoming the third club after Odisha FC and Mohun Bagan Super Giant to do so. With no clarity on the league's future or new commercial partners, players and staff now face mounting financial and professional uncertainty.



Sumit Nagal's Visa Rejection Puts Wildcard Playoff Plans in Jeopardy

MUMBAI

Indian tennis star Sumit Nagal's preparation for the 2026 season has hit an unexpected roadblock after his visa application for China was rejected without explanation. The 28-year-old India No.1 had received a direct entry into the Australian Open Asia-Pacific Wildcard Playoff, scheduled to begin in Chengdu on November 24.

The winner of the playoff event earns a coveted spot in the main draw of next year's Australian Open, the season's first Grand Slam. However, the rejection of Nagal's visa application has placed his participation in serious doubt.

"I applied last week, on Monday. I'm supposed to fly to Dubai on Friday to practice for a few days, and then travel to China on November 21," Nagal said. "I applied Express, and I just got a rejection — nothing written, nothing said. And this for someone who has applied for a Chinese visa so many times. I've played in Shanghai, Beijing, and the Asian Games in Hangzhou. This is the first time ever that I've been rejected for a visa anywhere."

The setback also threatens to disrupt his training plans in Dubai, where he was sched-

uled to practice with France's world No.42 Alexandre Muller. Nagal has reapplied for the visa and sought assistance from India's sports ministry, but any delay could shorten his crucial training window.

"The whole preparation goes," he admitted.

Currently ranked world No.275, Nagal is determined to climb back into the top 100 after injuries derailed his 2025 season. Following the Chengdu event, he plans to begin off-season training in Goa before competing in the ATP Challenger in Bengaluru to open the 2026 campaign.



World-Class Sports City to Come Up in Delhi

NEW DELHI

The iconic Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi may soon be replaced by a state-of-the-art Sports City, if a proposal from the Sports Ministry gets approval. The ambitious plan envisions a fully integrated 102-acre complex with world-class sporting infrastructure, residential facilities, and entertainment avenues.

Currently, less than 30% of the stadium's area is actively utilised, sources said. The project aims to optimise space by creating a self-sufficient sports hub inspired by

Dubai Sports City and similar international models. "The concept is to have hosting and training facilities for all major sports, residential blocks, entertainment zones, and sports clubs," the ministry added.

All offices housed within the stadium, including the headquarters of the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Khelo India project office, National Anti-Doping Agency, National Dope Testing Laboratory, and Income Tax department, will be relocated as the project progresses. Newly-laid

Mondo tracks at the stadium are expected to be moved to other facilities nationwide.

The stadium, originally built in 1982 for the Asian Games and upgraded in 2010, has long served as India's premier sporting venue. Its transformation into a Sports City is seen as part of a broader vision to elevate the country's sports ecosystem.

In a parallel move, the Sports Ministry has launched its largest-ever recruitment drive for assistant coaches with the SAI, appointing 320

in the first phase across 25 disciplines. "This initiative is crucial to strengthen sports development and provide structured, high-quality coaching support to athletes. We aim for 50% representation of women to ensure gender inclusivity," Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said. Phase two is expected to bring in an equal number of appointments.

If implemented, the new Sports City could redefine Delhi's sporting landscape, combining training, residential, and entertainment facilities under one global-standard hub.



NEW DELHI

Gurpreet Singh Urges AIFF to Rescue Indian Football from 'Dark Tunnel'



Goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu has urged the All India Football Federation (AIFF) to resolve the ongoing deadlock surrounding the Indian Super League (ISL), which remains suspended amid uncertainty over future investors. With Football Sports Development Limited's (FSDL) contract set to expire in December 2025, several players, including Rahul Bheke

and Lallianzuala Chhangte, joined Gurpreet in appealing for action. "We, professional footballers, stand united in our plea to restart the ISL. We want to play now," Gurpreet wrote on X, expressing frustration over the prolonged impasse. The 33-year-old Bengaluru FC goalkeeper said players were ready to "walk out of the dark tunnel" if authorities matched their commitment.

SAO PAULO

Hamilton Backs Ferrari after Chairman's Rebuke: 'I Will Not Give Up'



Lewis Hamilton has expressed support for Ferrari after executive chairman John Elkann publicly criticised the team's drivers for "talking too much" and lacking focus following a disastrous Brazilian Grand Prix. Both Hamilton and Charles Leclerc failed to finish — Leclerc retiring early after a collision, and Hamilton withdrawing mid-race due to car damage —

dropping Ferrari to fourth in the constructors' standings. Elkann, speaking at a sponsorship event in Italy, said, "Brazil was a big disappointment... our drivers must focus on driving and talk less." Hours later, Hamilton softened his tone, posting on Instagram: "It wasn't the race we wanted, but we will move on. I back my team. I back myself. I will not give up. Not now, not ever."

MADRID

Rodrygo Open to January Exit Amid Frustration under Xabi Alonso



Real Madrid forward Rodrygo is reportedly open to leaving the club in the January 2026 transfer window amid growing frustration over limited playing time under new manager Xabi Alonso, according to reports. The 24-year-old Brazilian, once a regular starter under Carlo Ancelotti, has seen his minutes significantly reduced

this season, often coming off the bench late in matches. The latest instance came during Real's goalless draw against Rayo Vallecano, where he was introduced only in the 79th minute. Rodrygo's camp and Real Madrid are said to be open to a transfer if a suitable offer — estimated between €80-100 million — arrives.

Rana Clinches Gold in Men's 10m Air Pistol at ISSF Worlds

CAIRO

Young Indian shooter Samrat Rana delivered a stunning display of precision and composure to claim the men's 10m air pistol gold at the ISSF World Championships. The 23-year-old from Karnal edged past fierce competition to etch his name on the world stage.

In a nail-biting final, Rana shot 243.7 to narrowly defeat China's Hu Kai, who secured silver with 243.3. The contest kept spectators on the edge of their seats, as lead positions shifted multiple times between the top contenders.

India's Varun Tomar, hailing from Baghpat in Uttar Pradesh, showcased remarkable skill to clinch the bronze with a score of 221.7. The podium finish highlighted In-



Indian shooter Samrat Rana triumphs in thrilling final at ISSF World Championships

dia's growing dominance in the sport, with both shooters demonstrating remarkable focus under immense pressure.

Rana's victory marks a significant milestone in his career, reflecting years of dedi-

cation, discipline, and consistent performance in international competitions. His poise during the tense final underlined his potential to become a mainstay in India's shooting lineup for years to come.

Speaking after the win, Rana expressed gratitude to his coaches and support staff, acknowledging the rigorous training and preparation that went into achieving the gold. "It's an incredible feeling to stand on top of the podium for India. Every shot counts, and I'm thrilled my efforts paid off," he said.

With this triumph, India continues to make its presence felt in global shooting events, and Rana's performance will inspire a new generation of shooters aspiring to reach the pinnacle of the sport.

Sinner Begins ATP Finals Title Defence with Straight-Sets Win

TURIN

Defending champion Jannik Sinner began his ATP Finals campaign with a commanding 7-5, 6-1 win over Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime before an ecstatic home crowd in Turin. The victory keeps Sinner's hopes alive of finishing the year as world No. 1, though he must win the tournament and rely on Carlos Alcaraz not reaching the final. Auger-Aliassime, hampered by a left calf issue, struggled in the second set, allowing Sinner to dominate with 89% first-serve points won. The Italian, unbeaten against the Canadian in four meetings this year, including the U.S. Open semifinal and Paris Masters final, thrilled fans chanting his name. Earlier, American Taylor Fritz defeated late replacement Lorenzo Musetti 6-3, 6-4 after Novak Djokovic's withdrawal. Sinner and Alexander Zverev now lead the Bjorn Borg group, while Fritz and Alcaraz top the Jimmy Connors group. The top two from each group will progress to the semifinals.



Jannik Sinner starts ATP Finals defence strongly, beating Felix Auger-Aliassime in Turin

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Chess World Cup: India's Hopes Rest on Arjun Erigaisi and Praggnanandhaa

GOA

After a nerve-racking series of tie-breakers, the Chess World Cup has reached the last 32, promising high-stakes action on the black-and-white squares. The fourth round begins on Tuesday at Resort Rio, Goa, with India's medal hopes resting squarely on Arjun Erigaisi and R. Praggnanandhaa.

Top seed D. Gukesh suffered a third-round exit at the hands of Germany's Frederik Svane, extending a difficult year for the 19-year-old Chennai prodigy. Other top 10 seeds including Anish Giri, Wesley So, Nodirbek Abdusattorov, and a n d Shakhriyar Mamedyarov have also bowed out early. India's second and third seeds, however, remain in contention. Arjun has

been solid throughout, winning his first three classical games and drawing the fourth. Praggnanandhaa has survived some tense moments but continues to fight on. A top-three finish is essential for Arjun to maintain realistic hopes of qualifying for the Candidates Tournament, which will decide Gukesh's challenger for the next World Championship.

In the fourth round, Arjun faces Hungarian veteran Peter Leko, while Praggnanandhaa squares off against Russia's Daniil Dubov. Other Indians advancing include V. Pranav, P. Harikrishna, and Karthik Venkataraman. Meanwhile, Vidit Gujrathi, Nihal Sarin, and Aravinth Chithambaram, who were expected to progress further, have already been eliminated. The knockout format has proved unforgiving, with several big names already eliminated. Remaining top seeds, including Vincent Keymer, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, Richard Rapport, and Levon Aronian, will need to stay cautious if they hope to avoid joining the growing list of early exits.

With the tournament entering its decisive stages, all eyes are on India's young stars as they attempt to carry the nation's hopes forward.

