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25,910.05 ▲	84,562.78 ▲	8,558,264.93 ▼	27,491.85 ▲	58,517.55 ▲
+30.90 (+0.12%)	+84.11 (+0.10%)	-296,254.99 (-0.09%)	+95.70 (+0.35%)	+135.60 (+0.23%)

\$1 (USD)	€1 (EURO)	Gold (24k) 10gm	Silver (1 Kg)	Petrol/L	Diesel/L	LPG/14.2Kg
₹88.66 ▲	₹103.02 ▲	₹123,374.00 ▼	₹156,400.00 ▼	₹94.77	₹87.67	₹853.00
-0.15 (-0.17%)	-0.26 (-0.26%)	-3377.00 (-2.66%)	-6070.00 (-3.74%)			

CISF's operational strength set to rise by 8 percent with 11,729 new recruits

New Delhi, Nov 16 (FN Reporter)



In a significant capacity-building milestone, 11,729 newly-trained Constable / GD recruits are going to be part of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)'s operational fold, as they pass out from six Regional Training Centres (RTCs) across the country today. This large-scale induction will result in a 8 percent growth in the overall operational strength of the force, marking one of the most substantial expansions in recent years. The Passing out Parade (PoP) was held at six RTCs including Barwaha - Madhya Pradesh, Deoli - Rajasthan, Behror - Rajasthan, Thakkolam- Tamil Nadu, Bhilai - Chattisgarh and Mundali in Odisha. This comes soon after the Ministry of Home Affairs approved the enhanced ceiling limit of 2.2 lakh personnel for the CISF, enabling the security force to meet rising national security responsibilities. This development is expected to provide an operational boost to the force that secures more than 360 vital installations—including airports, seaports, nuclear plants, space facilities, and metro networks. The new addition will also play a crucial role in addressing manpower needs at several new and high-importance installations recently brought under CISF security cover, such as Jewar Airport, Navi Mumbai Airport, and other critical infrastructure projects. According to officials, the posting of new personnel has been carried out through a careful, data driven assessment of things like threat perception, volume of public

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India emerging as premium drinks hotspot: Portuguese Innovator

Bengaluru / New Delhi, Nov 16 (FN Representative)

India's advancing cocktail culture is drawing international attention, with premium beverage innovators increasingly viewing the country as a high-growth frontier. The latest to tap into this momentum is Vitor Hugo Lourenco, Beverage Director of Singapore-based Culinary Arts Group, who is in Bengaluru to introduce a curated collection

of six signature drinks aimed at India's expanding premium segment. With professional stints across London, Dubai and Singapore, Lourenco's portfolio blends creative technique with a sharp understanding of global beverage trends. His Bengaluru showcase includes both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks designed to appeal to an evolving consumer base that seeks quality, storytelling and sensory experience. Among his headline creations are the 50/50, a balanced Martini;

Velvet, a Campari-champagne blend served in a custom rose-shaped glass; and Unlighted,



presented with aromatic Palo Santo smoke. His non-alcoholic range aligns with a rising domestic

market for "zero-proof" luxury beverages, led by Cristali-No, crafted with milk oolong tea, honey vanilla and sparkling alternatives — and Bubbly, a mix of plum verju, Falernum and sparkling water. For Lourenco, originally from Portugal, mixology is a multisensory craft. "It's not just about taste. The aroma, the touch of the glass, even the visual presentation — it all matters. A cocktail should be unforgettable," he told UNI in an interaction, emphasising consumer

appetite for premiumisation and experience-led drinking. His own entry into the industry was unplanned. Aspiring to be a marine biologist, he stepped behind a bar at a hotel in Portugal and eventually rose through roles at the Rosewood Hotel in London and across South England, before moving to Dubai and subsequently Singapore, where he oversees beverage programmes at several high-end venues. Lourenco sees India as a major growth driver for the wider

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Market valuation of 8 of top 10 firms surges by over Rs. 2 lakh crore

New Delhi, Nov 16 (FN Bureau)

In the past week, the combined market valuation of eight of the top 10 most valued companies surged by Rs 2,05,185.08 crore, with Bharti Airtel and Reliance Industries emerging as the biggest gainers. Reliance Industries Ltd's market valuation jumped by Rs 54,941.84 crore to Rs 20,55,379.61 crore, while the market capitalisation of Bharti Airtel surged by Rs 55,652.54 crore to Rs 11,96,700.84 crore. The mcap of Tata Consultancy Services zoomed by Rs 40,757.75 crore to Rs 11,23,416.17 crore and that of Infosys

advanced by Rs 10,448.32 crore to Rs 6,24,198.80 crore.

Among banks, State Bank of India



(SBI) rallied by Rs10,522.90 crore to Rs 8,92,923.79 crore, HDFC Bank added Rs.9,149.13 crore to hit Rs15,20,524.34 crore, and ICICI Bank climbed Rs 20,834.35 crore to Rs 9,80,374.43

crore. HDFC Bank added Rs 9,149.13 crore, taking its market capitalisation to Rs 15,20,524.34 crore, and ICICI Bank climbed by Rs 20,834.35 crore to Rs 9,80,374.43 crore. However, the mcap of Bajaj Finance declined by Rs 30,147.94 crore to Rs 6,33,573.38 crore and Life Insurance Corporation of India's market valuation tanked Rs 9,266.12 crore to Rs 5,75,100.42 crore. Hindustan Unilever rose by Rs 2,878.25 crore to Rs 5,70,187.06 crore. The stock market settled flat on Friday as weak global cues and foreign fund outflows kept investor sentiment subdued. In a rank-wise analysis, Reliance Industries remained the

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PM Modi leads 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' celebrations, pays homage to tribal icon 'Birsa Munda'

New Delhi, Nov 16 (FN Representative)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took centerstage on Saturday in the spirited celebrations of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of the revered tribal leader, Birsa Munda. The day's events were highlighted by Modi's special visit to the Devmogra Temple in Gujarat, where he performed pooja and sought blessings for the health and prosperity of all Indians. Devmogra Mata is a revered deity for the indigenous tribal communities (including the Tadavi Bhil and Vasava tribes) residing in the Satpura

mountain range across Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan. The main and ancient temple is located in Devmogra village, Sagbara taluka, Narmada district, Gujarat, near the city of Rajpipla. The goddess is worshipped as Kani-Kansari, the eternal provider of grains and prosperity. Speaking at the temple, Modi shared, "On this sacred occasion of Tribal Pride Day and the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda ji, I had the good fortune to have darshan at the temple of Devmogra Mata. From Devi Mata, I prayed for the excellent health and prosperity of all fellow countrymen." He encouraged everyone to visit the temple and

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India's women never lagged behind in protecting the nation and its religion: Rajnath Singh

Lucknow, Nov 16 (Reporter)

Applauding the contribution of women in India Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Sunday, "India's women power has never lagged behind in protecting the nation and its religion". He said, "Today, the doors of military schools are open to girls. Indian women are strengthening the nation's security circle from the heights of Siachen to the depths of the ocean. More recently, during Operation Sindoor, women pilots and women soldiers played a crucial role in counter-terrorism operations in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. I can say that every daughter of India can become Uda Devi to protect India's honor and dignity." Singh made these remarks here on Sunday on the martyrdom day

of the brave woman Uda Devi Pasi. He, along with UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, unveiled a 12-foot-tall and 6-ton statue of Uda Devi holding a gun at Pasi Square in Vrindavan Colony. Defence Minister said, "Uda Devi's story illuminates the role of women in the freedom struggle. She reminds us that if women can use guns, fight in battle, and kill British soldiers, they are in no way inferior to men. Her sacrifice teaches us that true courage lies in standing firm against injustice, discrimination, and slavery." The brave woman Uda Devi Pasi was martyred during the 1857 War of Independence after killing 36 British soldiers in Lucknow's Sikandar Bagh. Singh said, "When Uda Devi was martyred, British officers took off their hats and saluted her. This was a testament to her bravery. The Pasi community played a key role in the

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Delhi logs 9° C minimum as AQI stays 'very poor'; NCR cities slip into 'severe' zone

New Delhi, Nov 16 (Representative)

As the mercury dipped in the national capital, toxic haze choked the city, keeping the air quality deep in the 'very poor' category for the third consecutive day. On Sunday, the city's minimum temperature plunged to 9°C, the lowest recorded in the season so far, according to data from the India Meteorological Department(IMD). Northwesterly winds prevailed over Delhi during the past 24 hours, with wind speeds gusting up to 19 kmph, which brought with pollutants from

the northwest region. At 4 p.m. on Sunday, Delhi's 24-hour rolling average AQI inched down to 377 from 386 the previous day, yet remained in the 'very poor' category for the third consecutive day, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

For nearly a month, residents of Delhi-NCR have been waking up to bad air days. A week before Diwali, the city's air quality began to slide, with the first 'poor' day recorded on October 14, prompting authorities

to enforce GRAP Stage-I measures. As conditions worsened in the run-up to the festival, driven by



tailpipe emissions from traffic congestion and cracker bursting, Stage-II restrictions were imposed on October 19. With the air turning

increasingly toxic, the Commission for Air Quality Management's (CAQM) Sub-Committee ordered the immediate implementation of Stage-III measures across the NCR on November 11. These curbs, meant for 'severe' air quality levels when the AQI ranges between 401 and 450, come in addition to those already enforced under Stages I and II. Stage-III restrictions include a ban on non-essential construction, the closure of stone crushers and brick kilns, and curbs on diesel generator use, among other emergency steps to halt further deterioration. ► Cont. to Page-7

Portal launched for renewal of fire safety certificates in Delhi

New Delhi, Nov 16 (Agency) Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday said that a new digital portal has been launched for the renewal of fire safety certificates, which will enable the people to get the required formalities done in a transparent and convenient manner. She said that earlier the process of renewal was manual and people faced several issues, which they will no longer encounter, as the fire department is now going digital for this work. Gupta said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's digital India vision has shown the way of digital empowerment to the entire country, and the national capital is now on the path with a greater speed. She further said that several positive reforms are underway in Delhi's fire department, and this initiative is one of the steps in the series. She appreciated this initiative of the fire

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Red Fort Blast: Police probe cartridge link; NIA detains doctor, taxi operator

New Delhi, Nov 16 (FN Reporter) The Delhi Police today confirmed that three 9mm-caliber cartridges were recovered from the Red Fort blast site—two live and one empty shell. "These cartridges are prohibited for civilian use and are typically restricted to security forces or individuals with special authorization. Investigations are ongoing to determine how the cartridges ended up at the blast scene," a police official said. Separately, sources in the National Investigation Agency (NIA) stated that Dr. Janisar Alam, a resident of the Dalkola area in Uttar Dinajpur district, West Bengal, has been detained. A taxi operator from Haryana was also detained in connection with the case. According to investigative sources, the primary suspect, Doctor Umar, had stayed in a rented house in Nuh's Hidayat Colony

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SBI chairman CS Setty visits Global Trade Finance Centre (GTFC) - Kolkata

Kolkata, Nov 16 (FN Representative) PSU lender State Bank of India's chairman C S Setty, who today visited Global Trade Finance Centre in the city, said that the establishment of GTFC for centralization of processing of Trade Finance and International Banking transactions is aimed at enabling faster turnaround, stronger compliance and significant improved customer experience. GTFC, Kolkata, caters to SBI branches in the entire Eastern and Northern part of India. With the strength of 300 plus skilled professionals at Kolkata centre, SBI is reinforcing its Trade Finance operations through digitization, process standardization with uniformity across the branches. Transition of Trade Finance from paper based to digital processes using AI/ML, Blockchain and document digitization is a testament to the

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India's wholesale inflation bottomed out, may still remain negative through 2025-26: Report

New Delhi (Agency): India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) or wholesale inflation has "bottomed out" and will probably gain slight momentum from November onwards, even as it may still remain in negative territory for most of the remaining months of 2025-26, Union Bank of India said in a report.

The Bank's 2025-26 WPI forecast is currently tracking below 0.35 per cent amid what are being stated as subdued global commodity prices and a seasonal decline in food prices (with the impact of floods on food inflation seen to be capped). "Food WPI remains depressed - spatial flooding and supply-chain disruptions did not materialise as expected, keeping food prices contained," the report read.

With 2025-26 Consumer Price Index (CPI) or retail inflation projections of the Union Bank of India also running sharply below the RBI's latest estimates, it expects a 25 basis points repo rate cut in the upcoming December monetary policy review meeting.

While real GDP growth momentum remains robust, the report asserts that nominal GDP growth is expected to come



under pressure due to subdued 2025-26 CPI and WPI projections.

India's wholesale inflation turned negative in October, with the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) recording a decline of

(-) 1.21 per cent in October 2025 compared to the same month last year, according to official data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Friday.

Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal holds talks on India-Eurasian FTA in Moscow

New Delhi (Agency): Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal held discussions in Moscow with Russian leaders on the proposed India-Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) Free Trade Agreement, according to a statement issued by the Commerce Ministry on Sunday. The Commerce Secretary met the Minister in charge of Trade of the Eurasian Economic Commission, Andrey Slepnev, and the Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation, Mikhail Yurin, and also addressed a business networking plenary with members of Indian and Russian industry, the statement said. The discussions built upon the outcomes of the India-Russia Working Group on Trade and Economic Cooperation, with a continued focus on diversification,



strengthening resilient supply chains, ensuring regulatory predictability and promoting balanced growth in the partnership. These efforts reflect the Leaders' direction to reach USD 100 billion in bilateral trade by 2030 and to expand Indian exports through industrial and technological collaboration. In the meeting with Minister Slepnev, the Commerce Secretary reviewed the next steps for the India-EAEU FTA in goods. The terms of reference signed on August 20,

2025 outline an 18-month work plan aimed at diversifying markets for Indian businesses, including MSMEs, farmers and fishermen. In line with the leaders' guidance, the services and investment tracks will also be examined as the process advances, the statement explained. In his discussions with Deputy Minister Yurin, the Commerce Secretary explored ways to enhance trade diversification, supply-chain resilience and cooperation in critical minerals.

India's youthful energy and Korea's technology a win-win combination: Hardeep Puri



New Delhi (Agency): Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri, said on Sunday that India's youthful energy and South Korea's technology advantage can be a win-win combination for both countries. The minister, who is on a visit to Seoul, said he was "delighted to connect with a group of young Indian professionals and students seeking career and educational avenues in Korea." "They spoke passionately about their dreams and fervour to serve India's growth and

development under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," the minister wrote in a post on X. Puri also met the top executives of several South Korean companies, to explore avenues for strategic India-Korea collaboration, especially in the field of shipbuilding. Korean shipping companies have the knowledge and capacity and India has the demand, the skilled manpower and the right policies to turn this into a winning partnership aligned with the 'Make in India' initiative, the minister added. "Visited the sprawling shipbuilding facility of Hanwha Ocean in South Korea's Geoje. With robust growth across sectors, the Indian economy, which is among the fastest growing economies in the world, along with our energy sector offer massive partnership and investment opportunities in our journey towards being Viksit Bharat under PM Modi," Puri said in an earlier post on X.

Eight of India's top 10 firms add over Rs 2 lakh crore in value last week



Mumbai (Agency): India's equity markets staged a forceful comeback this week, lifting the cumulative market capitalisation of eight of the country's ten most-valued companies by Rs 2,05,185.08 crore. Even though two major players ended the day on a lower note, the rebound was driven by a general increase in investor sentiment, which was aided by firm global cues, renewed institutional buying, and easing volatility. The enhanced risk appetite was

reflected in the benchmark indices. The recent corrective phase came to an end, and the week concluded on a solid note as the NSE Nifty rose 417.75 points (1.64 per cent) and the BSE Sensex advanced 1,346.50 points (1.62 per cent). Meanwhile, the two industries that contributed most to the creation of wealth were telecom and energy. With a dramatic increase of Rs 55,652.54 crore, Bharti Airtel spearheaded the rally and increased its valuation to Rs 11,96,700.84 crore. The next most valuable company in the nation was Reliance Industries, whose market capitalisation increased by Rs 54,941.84 crore to Rs 20,55,379.61 crore. Students majoring in banking and IT also took part in the uprising. While Infosys gained Rs 10,448.32 crore to reach Rs 6,24,198.80 crore, Tata Consultancy Services added Rs 40,757.75 crore, increasing its valuation to Rs 11,23,416.17 crore.

IITF 2025: IT Ministry showcases India's inclusive AI initiatives



New Delhi (Agency): The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) Pavilion was inaugurated at the 44th India International Trade Fair (IITF 2025) here, to present India's vision for digital public infrastructure, responsible AI and participatory governance, the government said on Saturday. Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Electronics and IT, MeitY inaugurated the pavilion, showcasing an immersive view of initiatives under Digital India, IndiaAI and MyGov.

Nagaland sees boost in CSR funding with targeted, need-based projects: FM Sitharaman



Kohima (Agency): Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) investments in Nagaland have not only surged but are increasingly being aligned with local development priorities, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday during her three-day visit to the state. After inaugurating the AI & Future Skills Centre of Excellence at Nagaland Tool Room and Training Centre (NTTC) in Dimapur, the Union Finance Minister recalled that several years ago, around 2019 or 2020, there was a genuine concern that CSR support was not reaching Nagaland. This concern, she said, was strongly voiced even by the Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and in response, the state government organised the 2022 CSR Conclave in Nagaland, which became a turning point. Many companies, some of which had no manufacturing units or service centres in the state, were persuaded to participate and consider Nagaland as a destination for meaningful CSR initiatives. Union Minister Sitharaman said the ongoing CSR-supported programmes at NIELIT (National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology) Kohima and the NTTC in Dimapur were clear examples of this new momentum. At NIELIT Kohima, the Tata Group has stepped in to train youth in advanced areas connected to semiconductor-related technologies, with their experts set to serve as master trainers, she added. In Dimapur, Union Minister Sitharaman shared that only weeks earlier she had requested Cyient Limited Executive Chairman B.V.R. Mohan Reddy to bring to Nagaland the same high-quality skilling programmes that his foundation has been successfully running in Visakhapatnam, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and other cities.

India may gain slight edge as US exempts several agri products from reciprocal tariffs: GTRI report

New Delhi (Agency): India is expected to gain a small edge as the US administration has exempted agricultural products from the reciprocal tariffs it had imposed on several countries, said trade think tank GTRI.

The United States has removed a set of agricultural products from the reciprocal tariffs introduced earlier this year, meaning these items will now face only the standard MFN duties.

A White House Executive Order issued on November 12 excludes coffee, tea, tropical fruits, fruit juices, cocoa, spices, bananas, oranges, tomatoes, beef and certain fertilizers from the April 2 reciprocal tariff regime, according to a Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) report put



out on Saturday.

The exemptions took effect on November 13. These goods are either not produced in adequate quantities domestically or depend on climate conditions the US cannot replicate, GTRI has asserted.

India's retail market set for USD 1 trillion leap by 2030: Fireside Ventures

New Delhi (Agency): India's consumption story is entering a transformative decade, with the retail market on track to reach USD 1 trillion by 2030, driven by rising disposable incomes, rapid digital adoption and a widening aspirational class, according to a recent report by venture capital firm, Fireside Ventures.

The venture capital firm says the shift is not merely about scale but about the structural rewiring of how India shops. Fireside notes that India's retail



channels are undergoing their most dramatic reconfiguration yet. General trade, which accounted for more than nine-tenths of the market in 2014, is expected to shrink to about 70 per cent by 2030 as modern trade,

e-commerce, quick commerce and direct-to-consumer (D2C) brands gain ground. D2C platforms and quick commerce alone could command up to 5 per cent of the market within the decade.

Industry must invest in consent, embed data protection, say experts on DPDP Act

New Delhi (Agency): The industry must now prioritise investments in consent, embedding data protection as a core element of digital operations rather than treating it as an expense, said experts in reaction to the government's notification of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, a move seen as a decisive shift toward a "Trust Economy."

According to industry executives and legal experts, the law signals the end of unchecked bulk collection of personal data and ushers in an era where precision, accountability and user rights are central to every



digital interaction.

They noted that for citizens, the

framework introduces a transformed digital reality--one

where individuals gain the power to correct, erase and meaningfully control their personal information.

"The Digital Personal Data Protection Act notification of today marks the definitive pivot towards a Trust Economy where bulk personally identifiable information (PII) collection will be replaced by a mandate for precision and accountability at every digital exchange. Certainly, the industry must now invest in consent, making data protection a foundation for commerce and not a cost to it," said Santosh Singh, Senior Vice President, IT at DS Group.

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	Name of the Account					
1.	PNB- Laxmangarh	All that part and parcel of the Residential House Situated at Ward No.03, Patta No 9/12, Mohalla Nayakan, Fatephur, Dist SIKAR (Raj.)- 332301. Admeasuring 90.91 Sq. Yd In the Name of Shri. Ram chandra Nayak S/o Mr. Dalu Ram Nayak Bounded as under:- East- Gulab Daluram Nayak, West- Ramsrowd Nayak, North- Rasta Chowk, South- House of Gori Shankar Nayak	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div>A) 03.05.2025 O/s amt. - Rs.17,218,218.30 up to - 31.10.2025 plus further interest and other expenses.</div> <div>B) 21.07.2023</div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div>A) Rs.12,01,700/-</div> <div>B) Rs.1,20,170/-</div> <div>C) Rs.10,000/-</div> </div>	17/12/2025	From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM
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EDITORIAL

Dear Delhi Pollsters,
Please Stop Writing Nitish
Kumar Off Every Election

For a leader who has spent decades in power, Nitish Kumar remains a figure beyond calculations. Ahead of nearly every election, commentators predict his fall. They call him indecisive, fatigued, past his peak, or politically overextended. And yet, Bihar has repeatedly turned to him to anchor the state's politics for the last several elections. The 2025 election results have reinforced this pattern with striking clarity: Nitish Kumar remains Bihar's ultimate X-factor, and it's time we stop writing him off so easily.

What keeps Nitish Kumar at the heart of Bihar politics is plain numbers. Across cycles, he has consistently commanded a formidable 15-20% vote share on his own. In a fragmented state where no single party dominates across caste and regional divides, this is a mammoth share. It is why from 2005 to 2010, 2015, 2020, and the 2024 Lok Sabha election, political formations that have allied with him have usually ended up winning.

Nitish retains credibility among a broad social coalition: OBCs, EBCs, Mahadalits, non-Yadav OBCs, and a steady section of Muslim voters. He is one of the few leaders in Bihar capable of pulling support from communities with competing political interests.

One of the most understated aspects of Nitish's politics is the quiet trust he enjoys among Muslims. Under him, the JD(U) has positioned itself as a centrist, moderate counterweight to majoritarian politics. His presence keeps coalition politics balanced, ensuring that Bihar does not tilt ideologically like many other states have done. This brings him a sizable chunk of the Muslim vote.

However, if there is a single constituency that has transformed Nitish Kumar's political fortunes, it is women - arguably the most influential electoral bloc in Bihar today. This support is not sentimental; it is the direct result of policies that touched everyday lives. For instance, the Mukhyamantri Balika Cycle Yojana launched by his government encouraged girls' schooling. Combined with free uniforms and scholarships, it created enormous goodwill for his government among women.

Then there was the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana, which put ₹10,000 directly into the accounts of over a crore women. Add to that the long-running network of self-help groups under the Jivika Didi programme, where lakhs of women accessed credit, savings, and income-generating support.

The alcohol prohibition undertaken by his government also yielded clear political dividends for Nitish Kumar, especially among rural women. Less domestic violence, more savings in the household, and a quieter, more stable family environment made women support his government. For many, this positioned Nitish as a leader willing to take politically costly decisions in their favour.

These interventions collectively created perhaps the most dependable female vote bank in Indian politics.

The evidence is visible in turnout: in seats where women outvoted men, Nitish-led alliances historically performed significantly better. For instance, in 2020, women outvoted men in 119 out of 243 seats. The NDA ended up winning a whopping 72 of these seats - a 60% strike rate.

RJD's decline signals search for a new Opposition in Bihar

Anando Bhakto

“Some may point out the RJD's striking 80-seats tally in 2015, and 75 in 2020. But while in 2015 it contested under the banner of JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar, in 2020 LJP's Chirag Paswan's role as the JD(U)'s vote cutter must be factored in. Before Bihar went to the hustings on November 6 and 11, a fleet of Delhi journalists who arrived in Patna were taken aback by the dull and drab electoral canvas around them. 'There is no pro-incumbency or anti-incumbency sentiment,' some noted in their social media postings.

But underneath a sense of saturation with the now ageing Kumar and his ally BJP, there was a silent, reluctant consensus to vote for them to preclude the RJD. A last-minute hand-out of Rs 10,000 to women also helped the NDA.

Throughout my reporting in the Magadh region and Mithilanchal, I was astounded by the people's enduring memory of what is often termed the 'jungle raj' - perhaps rejigged by Instagram reels. In Delhi, many underplay that factor. For them, Lalu Prasad's illustrious story of a subaltern underdog taking on Bihar's oppressive feudalism weighs more heavily than acknowledging the ground reality: his steady slip from being the messiah of the poor to a formidable leader of the OBCs to an effacing Muslim-Yadav figurehead.

Some are even accusatory. Anybody stating that fear of the return of lawlessness still is a major factor among voters is vilified for fuelling upper-caste narratives.

But endemic fear persists. The most frantic anti-RJD respondents I met across Bihar were the poor:



Those selling noodles and egg-roll in Patna's Marine Drive and in other big cities, kiosk owners, daily-wage earners returning late from work to their hamlets. "We're earning a measly Rs 300-500 a day after 12-14 hours of slogging. We are not going to give Rs 200 out of it to 'Yadav muscle-men'," they said plainly. While penning this article, the BJP is leading in 92 seats, its ally JD(U) in 84. The RJD is relegated to 25.

But lawlessness is not Lalu Prasad's only legacy. His tenure saw monopolisation of reservation benefits by the dominant OBCs, primarily the Yadavs, creating deep fissures among smaller castes, whom Nitish Kumar patronised

and later recognised as Extremely Backward Class (EBC).

Rahul Gandhi's and Tejashwi Yadav's voter adhikar yatra, however pivotal to the survival of democracy, makes no sense to these EBCs, whose only ticket to a turnaround is securing a government job - but who saw government postings unevenly distributed under Lalu Prasad. They are wary of the RJD, even as behind Bihar's flashy infrastructural makeover hides unnerving poverty. More than 94 lakh families in Bihar survive on Rs 6,000 or less a month.

Deep penetration of Hindutva in Bihar's hinterland is now a reality. On the surface, there's hardly

any communal violence, but urban middle-class talking points- laced with hostility for Muslims- now find articulation among Bihar's poor. Even in Dushadh and Saini villages, respondents were full of adulation for Narendra Modi for abolishing Article 370 and building the Ram temple in Ayodhya. This was when they sold livestock to eke out a living, and 50% of their crops were wasted due to the late monsoon.

The Opposition must start from scratch. Understanding voter psyche is paramount to that exercise. The takeaway is: A cross section of the electorate, especially the EBCs and increasingly the Dalits, are not compatible with the RJD - the blandishment of one government job per household notwithstanding. The RJD's swarming Muslim and Yadav supporters, flashed along with pejorative comments on social media, leads to reverse consolidation.

The late Kanshi Ram said a fight from the scratch must be two-fold: Capturing the principal Opposition space before capturing power.

Nitish Kumar outshines allies and adversaries,
Tejashwi Yadav emerges as the weakest link



Rachit Seth

On the other hand, Tejashwi Yadav remains the weakest link in the Opposition. Unlike in 2020, the blame for the collapse of the Mahagathbandhan (MGB) cannot be put on the weak shoulders of the Congress. This election (the second led by Tejashwi Yadav) highlighted the RJD's limitations in expanding beyond its traditional Muslim-Yadav vote bank.

What appeared in 2024 to be a shift of Kushwaha voters towards the RJD was also limited in this election. This stems from a limitation in Tejashwi Yadav's political strategy. He continues to rely on traditional vote blocs without attempting a significant social or ideological expansion.

In contrast, examine the efforts Samajwadi Party's

Muslim could be a deputy chief minister, thus taking a massive hit in the minority-dominated Seemanchal region.

Bhojpur, a region where the MGB did well in 2020, also disappointed this time, virtually wiping it out. Tejashwi Yadav anchored his campaign on issues of youth unemployment and governance, including health, education, and irrigation. With a constrained caste strategy and weak local outreach in the field, his macro-narrative did not translate into last-mile traction.

The NDA was a wider caste and aspiration-based coalition to start with. No wonder the BJP seems to have had its best strike rate in terms of seats. Kumar commands strong loyalty from Bihar's EBC communities, who comprise approximately 36% of the population, although this group is divided across 113 castes. His core support comes from the non-Muslim EBCs, around 26%, along with Kurmi and Koeri voters, while the BJP traditionally relies on influential upper-caste groups. Still, the BJP has expanded its appeal by promoting leaders from non-Yadav OBC and EBC communities, which has helped it secure around 30% of the vote in recent elections.

Big sweep In Bihar, a
vote for continuity

Aakash Mehrotra

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has won a landslide victory in the Bihar assembly election, securing more than four-fifths of the 243 seats and sealing another term for a Nitish Kumar-led government. This is an assertion of dominance that exceeds the coalition's expectations, decimating the Mahagathbandhan anchored by the RJD and the Congress. For the two key NDA forces, the result echoes 2020 - the BJP has emerged as the largest party; it had more seats than partner JD(U) in the last assembly election, but Nitish Kumar dominated the alliance as its undisputed leader. Though he is set to continue as Chief Minister, a shift in power equations within the coalition is likely, given the BJP's surge and the veteran leader's declining health. The result carries significance at the Centre, where the JD(U) backs the Narendra Modi government; it will also drive the NDA's poll machine as it enters campaign mode for elections in other states.

By projecting Nitish - sushasan babu and the state's most popular leader - as the face of the campaign, the NDA played its cards right. Incumbency, it appears, has turned out to be an advantage for the man who enters his fifth successive term at the helm. The high voter turnout, particularly of women, is likely to have helped the NDA. Pro-women schemes and the government's controversial cash transfers to over 1.5 crore women may have been key factors, if elections in other states are any indication. Welfare outreach, infrastructure development, and the assurance of personal safety may also have appealed to the voter. The NDA had in place an effective caste combination with the right balance of upper, backward, and extremely backward castes, and the Dalits. While all the NDA constituents, including the minor parties, worked on a shared cause, the Mahagathbandhan faltered in presenting a united front.

IT Policy targets broader growth base

Zulfikar Majid

“Karnataka's newly announced IT Policy marks a significant milestone in the state's economic strategy, combining ambition with a welcome commitment to dispersing growth beyond Bengaluru's confines. At a time when the global technology landscape is evolving rapidly, the policy outlines a clear roadmap to consolidate Karnataka's leadership in IT and emerging technologies, while also addressing long-standing regional imbalances. The policy sets ambitious growth targets.

According to IT Minister Priyank Kharge, the state aims to almost triple software exports from the current Rs 4.09 lakh crore to Rs 11.5 lakh crore by 2030. It aims to generate over 90 lakh direct and indirect jobs and increase the IT sector's contribution to the Gross State Value Added (GSVA) from 26% to 36%. Backed by a financial outlay of Rs 967.12 crore for incentives, concessions, and enabling programmes, the framework signals seriousness of purpose rather than mere intent.

Its strongest feature, however, is the push to take the IT ecosystem "Beyond Bengaluru". Seven tier-2 and tier-3 cities - Mysuru, Mangaluru, Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi, Tumakuru,



Kalaburagi, and Shivamogga - have been identified as regional technology hubs. To attract companies to these locations, the policy offers targeted incentives including recruitment assistance, talent-relocation

reimbursements, and operational concessions. This decentralisation thrust is essential for balanced regional development and could relieve the urban pressures on Bengaluru. Equally significant

is the policy's focus on next-generation technologies by declaring the state an "AI-native destination". It aims to anchor investments in Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Quantum Computing, Green IT, and advanced cybersecurity. The policy also emphasises workforce and talent development: the IT Talent Return Programme seeks to attract mid-career Indian professionals back to the state, while the Women in Global Tech Missions Fellowship proposes to train 1,000 women in leadership and advanced technologies. Incentives for faculty upskilling strengthen the talent pipeline by aligning academia with evolving industry needs.

However, even as the policy

rightly reinforces Karnataka's technology leadership, the state must not lose sight of the need for a balanced economic structure. Services, particularly IT/ITeS, dominate the GSVA, while manufacturing accounts for a relatively modest share. For growth to be inclusive, regionally equitable, and resilient, Karnataka must complement its IT prowess with a stronger manufacturing base. While the new IT Policy is a step in the right direction, the state's overall progress will ultimately depend on how effectively it harmonises the drivers of its economy - technology-driven services, engineering-led manufacturing, and agriculture, to create widespread and sustainable prosperity.

Rajnath Singh unveils statue of Uda Devi Pasi in Lucknow

Lucknow (Agency): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday unveiled a statue of freedom fighter Uda Devi Pasi in Lucknow.

Addressing the event in Lucknow, Rajnath Singh said that not just the Pasi community, but the whole nation is proud of Uda Devi.

Being an MP from Lucknow, Singh added that it is a matter of "great pride and honour" to have been associated with the land of Uda Devi and Baba Saheb Ambedkar as his place of work.

"Uda Devi not only made the Pasi community proud but also the entire nation. Every Indian should feel proud of her. I am truly delighted to be present among you all in Lucknow today for this event related to



Uda Devi... she, who belongs to the Dalit community and sacrificed her life in this very region of Lucknow. Lucknow shares a special bond with the prominent Dalit figure, Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar. Bhadant Bodhanand Ji, who was like a teacher to Baba Saheb, and Bhadant

Pragyanand Ji, who inspired him, resided in Lucknow. That is why we all recognise Lucknow as the land of Baba Saheb's affection... It is a matter of great pride and honour for me to have a land associated with Uda Devi and Baba Saheb Ambedkar as my place of work," the Defence Minister added.

The Defence Minister further said that Uda Devi's sacrifice teaches us that true courage lies in standing tall and strong against injustice, discrimination, and slavery.

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"Uda Devi's sacrifice teaches us that true courage lies in standing tall and strong against injustice, discrimination, and slavery. Uda Devi's life is a great example of the invaluable value of women's

empowerment and equality. India's women have never lagged behind in protecting their country and religion. Today, the doors of Sainik Schools have been opened to girls. Indian women are strengthening the nation's security circle from the heights of Siachen to the depths of the ocean... During Operation Sindoor, women pilots and soldiers played a crucial role in counter-terrorism operations in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir... I can also say without hesitation that every daughter can become Uda Devi to protect the honour and pride of India," the Defence Minister added.

Uda Devi Pasi was a heroic Dalit woman freedom fighter who played a pivotal role in the Indian Rebellion of 1857 against the British East India Company.

Assam prioritising awareness campaigns to combat drug menace

Guwahati (Agency): Assam and other northeastern states have witnessed a huge spike in narcotic cases in the last few years, with peddlers resorting to many modern tactics. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that with modified tactics, the drugs are being delivered by traffickers sitting in far-off places, which is very dangerous. "In Assam and Meghalaya, primarily drug carriers have been operating, and it is a long battle for us against them, and it will continue. However, the traffickers have been using various methods to deliver the consignments, and often they have been using drones as carriers of narcotics items," he stated recently. According to the CM, the menace of the drug is huge, and this must be dealt with by spreading awareness among school and college students who can easily come under the influence of narcotics. The Education Department in Assam has been giving priority to anti-drug awareness campaigns. In Golaghat district, Cluster Resource Centre Coordinator (CRCC), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan told the news agency, "This year's Children's Day celebration was marked with a powerful learning experience to spread awareness campaigns." In Nahorbari M V School



in the Golaghat district, more than 250 students and teachers engaged in an anti-drug awareness session. Kakoty said, "The session was aimed to educate students about the harmful effects of substance use and empower them to make informed, healthy choices. The Children's Day programme featured poster-making activities, interactive games, and open discussions to help students understand the far-reaching consequences of drug abuse on individuals, families and communities." "Children's Day is a reminder that every child deserves a safe and healthy future.

ED seizes Rs 22 lakh from Punjab engineering firm over illegal deals in Syria, Turkey

Jalandhar (Agency): The ED seized Rs 22 lakh during searches at four premises of an engineering goods export company in Punjab's Phagwara for receiving payments through unauthorised channels against articles shipped to Syria, Iran, Turkey and Colombia, an official said on Sunday. The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jalandhar Zonal Office, conducted the search operations on Friday at the premises linked to Phagwara-based firm Opal Engineering Corporation (OEC) involved in the export of engineering goods. During the search, Indian currency of the amount of Rs 22 lakh,



incriminating documents and electronic evidence were recovered and seized. The ED also collected evidence revealing that export transactions were also settled in cash in India and abroad. The firm faces the action for alleged violation of provisions of FEMA, 1999, by receiving payments from unrelated third parties without following the due procedure. The ED investigation revealed that

the company exported goods to countries -- Syria, Iran, Turkey and Colombia -- but the export proceeds were not realised as per guidelines prescribed under FEMA, 1999 and RBI guidelines, said a statement. The proceeds were adjusted against payments received from unrelated parties, from different countries and by taking payments into personal accounts, the ED said. There were no tri-partite agreements or any other documentary proof for adjustment entries from unrelated parties. The firm used an intimation to a fake Customs email address to claim the genuineness of the same, it said.

Vice-President Radhakrishnan hails CAG as guardian of Bharat's 'moral wealth'



New Delhi (Agency): Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan on Sunday emphasised the importance of accountability, transparency, and integrity for upholding the moral wealth of Bharat, lauding the contributions of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India. Speaking at the Audit Diwas

Celebrations 2025 as the Chief Guest, the Vice-President appreciated the pivotal role of the CAG, calling the institution the "guardian of the public purse". He highlighted that by upholding fairness and truth in auditing, the CAG stands as a pillar of accountability, transparency, and integrity - the moral wealth of Bharat.

HM Amit Shah to chair Northern Zonal Council meeting in Faridabad today

New Delhi (Agency): Union Home Minister Amit Shah will lead discussions on key issues concerning states and the Centre at the Northern Zonal Council's meeting in Haryana's Faridabad today, an official said. Under HM Shah's chairmanship, the 32nd meeting of the Northern Zonal Council may discuss broad issues of national importance, including the speedy investigation of cases of sexual offences against women and children and the implementation of Fast Track Special Courts (FTSC) for their swift disposal. Issues like providing brick-and-mortar banking facilities within the designated area of every village; implementation of the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS-112); and various regional-level common interest issues such as strengthening nutrition, education, health, electricity, urban planning, and the cooperative system may also come up for discussion, said a statement issued on Sunday. The Northern Zonal Council comprises the states/UTs of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, and Chandigarh. Senior officials from the Government of India, state governments, and union territories will also participate in the meeting, chaired by HM Shah. This meeting on Monday will be organised by the Inter-State Council Secretariat, Ministry of Home Affairs, with the Haryana government as its host. The Union Home Minister is the chairperson of the Northern Zonal Council, and Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is its vice-chairperson. The role of the Zonal Councils is advisory; however, over the past few years, these councils have proven to be an important factor in promoting healthy bonds of mutual understanding and cooperation in various fields. Five Zonal Councils, including the Northern Zonal Council, were established under Sections 15 to 22 of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956. With the cooperation of all state governments, Central ministries, and departments, a total of 63 meetings of the various Zonal Councils and their permanent committees have been held in the last 11 years, said a statement. The Zonal Councils provide a forum for resolving and progressing issues and disputes between the Centre and the Member States/UTs, among the Member States/UTs, and within the zone, it said.

ED freezes 110 bank accounts of Dubai-linked narco, betting network



New Delhi (Agency): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) seized Rs 70 lakh in cash and froze 110 mule bank accounts during searches at five locations across Delhi-NCR and Jaipur against a narcotics trafficking and online betting network that used Dubai-based cryptocurrency wallets to

transfer money, an official said on Sunday. The ED, Delhi Zonal Office, conducted search operations under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, on Friday, the official said in a statement. The case pertains to the seizure of 82.53 kilograms of

cocaine by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in November 2024, which led to the registration of Complaint No. 36/2024 by NCB against several individuals and entities involved in a global drug trafficking syndicate. In connection with an ongoing investigation into the narcotics trafficking and money laundering network, the ED seized unaccounted cash amounting to Rs 70 lakh, along with incriminating documents, digital devices, and financial records, said the ED statement.

Three Maoists neutralised in Chhattisgarh's Sukma

Raipur/Sukma (Agency): Three Maoists were killed in an encounter with the security forces in the dense Karigundam forests of Chhattisgarh's Sukma district on Sunday. Weapons were recovered from the site, marking another blow to the Maoist insurgency in the Bastar region. The operation started in the Chintagufa police station area, where intermittent firing continued amid the rugged terrain. Superintendent of Police (SP) Kiran Chavan said that intelligence inputs had alerted authorities to the Maoists' presence in the mountainous zones. The Maoists have been identified as Madvi Deva-Jan militia Commander and Konta Area Committee Member, Podium Gangi - Konta Area Committee Commander and Sodi Gangi - Area



Committee Member of Kistaram. All of them were carrying an equal reward of Rs 5 lakh each. "A joint team of District Reserve Guard (DRG) and local police was dispatched at dawn as part of our ongoing anti-Naxal campaign," SP Chavan said. "Upon reaching the spot, the insurgents initiated gunfire, prompting a swift retaliatory response from the forces. So far, three Maoists have been killed, and the search operation is ongoing to sanitise the area.

Punjab Police bust Pakistan-linked arms and drug network, five arrested

Amritsar (Agency): The Punjab Police have busted a Pakistan-linked arms and drug network, arresting five people and seizing six pistols and more than 1 kg of heroin. According to the police, officers from the Amritsar Commissionerate acted on intelligence inputs. They recovered six sophisticated pistols, five of .30 bore and one Glock 9mm, along with 1 kg 10 grams of heroin.

Early investigations show that the accused were in touch with handlers based in Pakistan through social media and drones, helping coordinate the smuggling and delivery of illegal weapons and drugs into Punjab.

In a post on X, the official



account of the Director General of Police shared, "Acting on intelligence inputs, Amritsar Commissionerate Police dismantles a Pakistan-linked arms and narco network and apprehends five persons and recover six sophisticated pistols (five .30 bore & one Glock 9mm) along with 1 Kg 10 gm Heroin." FIRs under the Arms Act and

the NDPS Act have been registered at Cheharta and Cantonment police stations.

The police stated that the investigation is ongoing to identify additional handlers and dismantle the entire network, emphasising that they remain committed to stopping cross-border smuggling and ensuring public safety. "Preliminary investigation reveals, the arrested accused are in contact with Pak-based handlers through social media and drones and coordinate the movement and delivery of illegal weapons and narcotics in Punjab FIRs under the Arms Act and NDPS Act stand registered at PS Cheharta and PS Cantonment.

WBSSC announces candidates' list for SLST interview for teaching jobs in Bengal schools

Kolkata (Agency): The West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC) has released the list of candidates selected for interview who had appeared in the State Level Selection Test (SLST) exam, held in September. The list of candidates selected for the interviews for teaching jobs for Classes 11 and 12 was published late Saturday night. According to the sources in WBSSC, more than 20,000 job seekers have been called for an interview. The process of verifying their documents will begin on November 18. State Education Minister Bratya Basu thanked



WBSSC for its efforts to complete the recruitment process as per the Supreme Court's orders. He also asked qualified job seekers, who were not called for the interview, to have faith. "The West Bengal Central School Service Commission today published a preliminary list of interview-

eligible candidates with detailed information of the candidates applying for the posts of teachers of classes XI-XII on its website," the minister said in a post on X. He informed us that the recruitment process will be completed by December. "The document verification process of the said candidates is going to be officially initiated from November 18, 2025-which is another shining example of our commitment to complete the recruitment process by December, in a transparent, strong and responsible manner, as promised by our guardian, the Honourable Chief Minister.

Clashes erupt in Mexico City anti-crime protests, injuring 120



Mexico City (Agency): More than 100 people were injured and 20 arrested during a massive protest in Mexico City against the president's handling of violent crime, local government officials said. Thousands marched on the capital's historic main public square, the Zocalo, in a demonstration fueled by young Mexicans with ties to a global wave of Generation Z protests as well as supporters of the domestic "Sombrero Movement," which emerged after the recent assassination of a mayor known for his fight against organized crime. AFP observed participants of all ages taking part in the rally in front of the National Palace, where President Claudia Sheinbaum lives and works. Several protesters, some wearing balaclavas, toppled the metal barriers protecting the palace and threw paving stones at riot police, who responded with tear gas, according to AFP journalists. "For many hours, this mobilization proceeded and developed peacefully, until a group of hooded individuals began to commit acts of violence," Pablo Vazquez, Mexico City's security chief, told reporters. Twenty protesters and 100 police were injured, with 40 officers hospitalized for cuts and bruises, he added. Police arrested 20 people for theft and assault, Vazquez said, and had also launched an investigation into the assault of a journalist from La Jornada newspaper, which alleged police officers were behind the incident.

Sheinbaum, in power since October 2024, maintained approval ratings above 70 percent in her first year in office but faced growing criticism of her security policies in the wake of several high-profile murders. "This is one of the most corrupt governments we've ever had," said Valentina Ramirez, a student interviewed by AFP. "It's a corrupt narco-government that wants to defend the corrupt and the cartels instead of the people." On Saturday, several protesters wore sombreros similar to the style of hat made famous by Carlos Manzo, a mayor in western Michoacan state who was assassinated on November 1. He had been known for his crusade against drug-trafficking gangs in his hometown Uruapan. The assassinated mayor's widow, however, distanced her husband's movement from the demonstration on Saturday. Bernardo Bravo, a leader of lime producers in the same region, had also been shot dead in late October. Earlier this week, Sheinbaum questioned the motivations for the demonstration and said at her regular morning news conference that the protest was "inorganic" and "paid for."

Japan PM's attempts to alter non-nuclear principles to draw backlash: Media

Tokyo (Agency): Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi was considering reviewing the country's long-standing Three Non-Nuclear Principles, which is certain to draw backlash. In updating Japan's National Security Strategy and two related documents, last revised in 2022, Takaichi was considering revising the third principle, which prohibits nuclear weapons from entering Japan's territory, Xinhua news agency reported quoting Kyodo News (citing government sources). If the principle



is changed, it will represent a significant shift in the country's security policy and is certain to draw domestic and international backlash, the report said.

The Three Non-Nuclear Principles, not possessing, not producing and not allowing introduction of nuclear weapons into Japanese territory, were first declared in the Diet, Japan's parliament, by then Japanese Prime Minister Eisaku Sato in 1967 and viewed as a national credo. The national security strategy, one of the three documents approved by the Cabinet in 2022, states, "The basic policy of adhering to the Three Non-Nuclear Principles will remain unchanged in the future."

Tens of thousands rally in Manila over corruption scandal that implicates top Philippine officials

Manila (Agency): Thousands gathered Sunday for the start of a three-day rally organized by a religious group in the Philippine capital to demand accountability over a flood-control corruption scandal that has implicated powerful members of Congress and top government officials. It's the latest show of outrage over accusations of widespread corruption in flood-control projects in one of the world's most typhoon-prone countries, which has erupted in recent months following the discovery that thousands of flood defense projects across the country were made from substandard materials or simply did not exist. Construction companies were accused of giving dozens of influential politicians and officials huge kickbacks in order to win lucrative contracts and



avoid accountability for anomalies in the projects. Police estimated that 27,000 members of the Iglesia Ni Cristo, or Church of Christ, gathered in Manila's Rizal Park before noon, many wearing white and carrying anti-corruption placards, for the

afternoon demonstration. Other groups were scheduled to hold a separate anti-corruption protest later Sunday at the "People Power" monument in suburban Quezon city. Iglesia is an influential group that votes as a bloc and is courted by political

candidates during elections. The police, backed by the military, went on full alert and deployed thousands of personnel to secure the weekend rally, although the government expects the weekend rallies to be peaceful, according to a confidential security

assessment seen by The Associated Press. During a Sept. 21 anti-corruption demonstration, a few hundred black-clad protesters threw rocks, bottles and firebombs at policemen near the presidential palace, injuring more than 100 officers. Criminal complaints have been filed against 97 protesters. National police chief Lt. Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr. ordered law enforcement to exercise "maximum tolerance" in Sunday's rallies. Flood control is an especially sensitive issue in the Philippines, one of the Asian countries most prone to deadly typhoons, flooding and extreme weather. Two typhoons left at least 259 dead this month, mostly from flash floods and landslides, as millions of others were forced to evacuate.

Macron: French national held in Venezuela released

Paris (Agency): A French citizen who has been detained in Venezuela since late June has been released, President Emmanuel Macron announced on Sunday. "Camilo Castro is free. I share the relief of his family and thank everyone who worked for his release," the head of state wrote on the social media platform X. Castro, a 41-year-old yoga teacher, disappeared on June 26 at the Paraguachon border crossing, which separates Venezuela from Colombia, where he lives. He had gone to renew his expired Colombian residency visa, his family said in August. In mid-September, Castro's mother said she had not received any news from him other than a voice message at the end of July in which he "called for help." According to research conducted by his family and Amnesty International, he was being held by the Venezuelan authorities.



Amnesty has denounced what it said was a policy of "enforced disappearances" of opponents and foreign nationals since the electoral authorities declared President Nicolas Maduro winner of a disputed vote in July 2024. "The Venezuelan authorities appear to be using this practice to justify their narratives about 'foreign conspiracies' and as a bargaining chip for use in negotiations with other countries,

China Coast Guard ship formation sails through Japan-administered Senkaku Islands as tensions rise

Beijing (Agency): A China Coast Guard ship formation passed through the waters of the Senkaku Islands on Sunday on a "rights enforcement patrol," the China Coast Guard said in a statement, as Beijing ramps up tensions with Japan over its prime minister's remarks on Taiwan. A diplomatic spat between China and Japan has intensified since Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi told parliament on November 7 that a hypothetical Chinese attack on democratically-ruled



Taiwan could trigger a military response from Tokyo. The remarks sparked an angry response from Beijing, which has signalled that it expects Takaichi to retract them in some fashion. China claims Taiwan as its own

territory and has not ruled out the use of force to take control of the island, which sits just 110 km (68.35 miles) from Japanese territory. Taiwan's government rejects Beijing's sovereignty claims.

Afghan police seize large cache of weapons



Kabul (Agency): Police in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province have seized a cache of weapons and ammunition and arrested one suspect during a recent operation, provincial police spokesman Mullah Ezatullah Haqqani said Sunday. According to Haqqani, the confiscated items include six Kalashnikov rifles, three hand grenades, a mortar

launcher, an M16 assault rifle, a shotgun, as well as hundreds of bullets, cartridges and other illegally stored military equipment, Xinhua News Agency reported. The ammunition was discovered in Helmand's Gereshek district, where police also apprehended an individual suspected of involvement in the case. The detainee has been transferred to custody for further investigation. Earlier on November 9, provincial police spokesman Haqmal Saad said Afghan police had seized illegal weapons and explosives in the eastern Panjshir province and detained an alleged smuggler.

South Korean Prez Lee vows stern punishment for lax workplace safety after Ulsan power plant collapse

Seoul (Agency): South Korean President Lee Jae Myung on Sunday pledged to determine whether there were safety lapses at a thermal plant site in the southeastern city of Ulsan, where seven workers were killed, and sternly punish those found accountable. Lee made the remark after authorities on Friday recovered the last of the seven workers who were trapped when a 63-meter tower at the plant collapsed on November 6. The bodies of the six others had been recovered. "As the person ultimately in charge of public safety, I am genuinely and deeply sorry," Lee wrote on Facebook, Yonhap News Agency reported. "Despite the people's



wishes, all seven trapped workers returned to their families as bodies. My heart is deeply torn." Lee called the accident one that "should not have happened" and vowed to prevent similar accidents. "I will make sure that a tragedy like this is not repeated.

Israeli forces step up operations in southern Syria: Monitoring group

Damascus (Agency): Israeli incursions in southern Syria have surged in recent weeks, with more than 30 recorded in the first half of November, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said. The Britain-based monitoring group said on Saturday that Israeli troops carried out ground penetrations, detained civilians and soldiers, bulldozed roads and farmland, and set up temporary military checkpoints in Quneitra and Daraa provinces. It called the activity an "unprecedented surge" and noted it occurred "in the absence of any formal response" from Damascus, Xinhua news agency reported. The Observatory



said the raids and daily violations underscore "mounting security challenges along the southern border," where Israeli forces have increased their presence since late 2024. Israel has warned that southern Syria must not become "another southern Lebanon" and has threatened "painful blows" against armed groups or Syrian

forces approaching the frontier. In mid-2025, the Israel Defense Forces established at least nine permanent outposts inside Syrian territory and created a 15-kilometer "zone of control." The escalation intensified in July after Israeli strikes and raids followed clashes in the Druze-majority province of Sweida. Israel said it would continue to "operate forcefully" until "perceived threats" were neutralised. Despite condemnation from the United Nations, Egypt, and Türkiye over violations of Syrian sovereignty, Israeli officials maintain their actions are defensive and say Syrian authorities lack full control of the south.

Israeli PM, Russian president discuss Middle East issues over phone

Jerusalem (Agency): Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Russian President Vladimir Putin held a phone conversation, during which the two leaders exchanged views on the Middle East situation, according to statements from both sides. Netanyahu's office said in a statement that the two leaders spoke at Putin's initiative, on Saturday evening following a series of previous talks on regional issues. It did not provide further information on the talks, Xinhua news agency reported. According to



the Russian presidency, the two leaders exchanged in details the recent developments in Gaza in light of the ceasefire, Iran's nuclear program, and Syria's

further stabilization, among other issues. On Thursday, Russia introduced its own draft UN resolution on Gaza, challenging a US push for the UN Security Council to approve a separate proposal that would support US President Donald Trump's Gaza peace plan. According to media reports, the US proposal wants an international stabilization force in Gaza with broad independence from the UN, and grants Israel continued control over the security perimeter surrounding Gaza for an unspecified period.

Payas, Swastika shine as champions crowned in National TT

Panchkula, Nov 16 (FN Reporter)

The fourth UTT National Ranking Table Tennis Championships came to a fitting close today at the Tau Devi Lal Indoor Stadium here, where Delhi's Payas Jain and PSPB's Swastika Ghosh claimed the men's and women's singles titles respectively. Both secured their first crowns of the season with hard-fought 4-2 wins, displaying grit and precision in finals that swung repeatedly before settling in their favour. In the Men's Singles final, Payas Jain held off a spirited challenge from Akash Pal of the Railways, prevailing 12-10, 10-12,

7-11, 11-9, 11-7, 11-8. The fluctuating scores reflected the intensity of the contest, with Payas raising his game just when needed to close out the last three games. The Women's Singles final delivered similar drama. Swastika Ghosh edged past Syndrela Das of West Bengal in a gripping six-game battle, 12-10, 12-14, 12-10, 11-8, 9-11, 12-10, marked by long rallies and bold shot-making under pressure. Among the youth categories, Priyanuj Bhattacharyya (Assam) captured the Youth Boys U-19 title, defeating M. Balamurugan 4-1, showing superior composure in the closing stretch. In the Youth Girls U-19 final, Syndrela Das of West Bengal bounced back strongly, producing a commanding

4-0 win over Shriya Anand of Tamil Nadu, sealing her title dominantly with a 4-0 triumph. Akash advanced to the final with a commanding 4-1 victory over Manush Shah. After splitting the first two games, Akash raised his intensity, taking control with sharp attacking play to close out the match 3-1 against the RBI paddler. In the other semifinal, Payas produced a clean, composed performance to defeat Maharashtra's Jash Modi in straight games. Despite some close moments—particularly a tight second game—Payas maintained consistency to win 4-0. Swastika marched into the final with a dominant display against Tamil Nadu's Selena Deepthi,

registering a convincing 4-0 victory. Her controlled aggression and superior tempo helped her seal the match. Syndrela completed the final



lineup after recovering from a slow start against PSPB's Yashaswini Ghorpade. After dropping the opening game, she responded strongly to win four straight games, using improved placement and rhythm to prevail 4-1. In the U-19 Boys semifinals, Priyanuj rallied past Tamil Nadu's M. Senthil Kumar 3-1 after dropping the first game, while fellow TN player Balamurugan beat Punit Biswas 3-1, surviving a tense third game before closing out the match. The Girls' semifinals were tighter. Shriya defeated Avisha Karmakar 3-1 despite a second-game setback, and Syndrela edged Sayanika Maji 3-2 in a gripping five-game thriller, staging a

strong fourth-game comeback before dominating the decider. Quarterfinals across all divisions featured both dominant wins and close calls. In Men's Singles, Manush and Akash posted 3-1 victories, while Payas and Jash cruised through in straight games. Women's Singles produced a mix of sweeps and battles—Swastika and Syndrela advanced easily, while Selena and Yashaswini needed five games. In the Youth categories, Priyanuj, Balamurugan, and Punit claimed confident U-19 Boys wins, with Senthil Kumar surviving a tight 3-2 clash. In the Girls, Avisha edged Hansini in a thriller, while Shriya, Sayanika, and Syndrela advanced with convincing performances.

State level Taeconda Competition Khordha Dist. felicitated as Runner's up



Jatani, Nov 16 (Representative) State level Taeconda competition was organised in the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium at Cuttack. 800 competitors from 20 districts participated in this competition, where Khordha district was honoured with the prize of Runners up. 40 players from Khordha district participated in this state level competition. At Jatni a felicitation programme was organised and successful players were awarded with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Players of this district who participated in this game and won the prizes are namely Jasmin Das, Nioni Ray, Divyam Das, Ratik Sahu, Ayush Kumar Behera, Sharmistha Panigrahi, Priyansi Nayak, Prajna Giri, Tanushree Priyadashini, Sanchita Pradhan, Diptarag Pattanayak, Pratik Behera, S. Susmita, Aradhya Muduli, Sreya Mohanty and Madhusmita Mallick. The secretary of District Taeconda Association Mr. Ajay Kumar Sahu efficiently conducted the match as the Chief Manager of the Game. In this State level Competition, Puri district occupied the First Position.

Ranji Trophy: J&K eye 1st innings lead against Hyderabad

Jammu, Nov 16 (Reporter) In the thrilling Ranji Trophy Elite Group-D encounter against Hyderabad at the JKCA Hostel Ground today, J&K are poised to secure a crucial first-innings lead in this closely contested battle of equals. Jammu and Kashmir's medium pacers Aqib Nabi and Sunil Kumar delivered devastating spells, proving lethal with the ball following an outstanding innings by Abid Mushtaq. Hyderabad were tottering at 88/6 in their first innings at stumps on day-1 against J&K's paltry total of 170 runs. Tanay Thyagarajan (13) and G Anikethreddy (02) were at the crease. Skipper Rahul Singh Gehlaut was the only batter who showed some resistance, scoring 48 runs off 84 balls with 6 boundaries. For J&K, Aqib Nabi continued his brilliance with the ball, capturing 3 important wickets by conceding 30 runs in his 11 overs, while Sunil Kumar bagged 2 wickets by giving away 15 runs in his 8 overs. Earlier, put into bat, J&K bundled out for paltry 170 runs in 47.1 overs. Abid Mushtaq played a brilliant innings of power-packed 57 runs off 49 balls, studded with 9 delectable boundaries, while Sahil Lotra (36) and Abdul Samad (34) were the other notable contributors. All other batters failed to show much resistance as J&K were tottering at 32/5 at one stage Tanay Thyagarajan and Kartikeya Kak took 3 wickets each, while Cti Ralshann bagged 2 wickets for Hyderabad.

Spain coach respects Turkiye ahead of last World Cup qualifier

Madrid, Nov 16 (FN Reporter) Spain coach Luis de la Fuente has shown his respect towards Turkiye ahead of their final qualifier although his side has all-but sealed its place in the 2026 FIFA World Cup with a 4-0 win in Georgia on Saturday. Despite missing players such as Lamine Yamal, Nico Williams and Pedri, the reigning European champions produced another dominant display and have won all five qualifying games without conceding a goal while scoring 19. Although Spain is not mathematically assured of qualification until Tuesday, it would need to lose 7-0 at home to Turkiye to miss out on direct qualification. However, De la Fuente still doesn't want to celebrate booking a World Cup ticket. "We have a lot of respect for our rival [Turkiye] and for every team we play, so we have to keep our feet on the ground until we have qualified," he said. De la Fuente was happy with a perfect qualifying campaign that has extended his side's unbeaten run across all competitions to 30 matches. "It's a great motive to be proud of these players. I am very lucky, but we still have a long way to go. We still want to achieve more things and get even better results, and it's very nice to be able to coach this group of young players, who never tire of working to improve," he said.

Tokyo Deaflympics: Dhanush Srikanth smashes world record to win Air Rifle Gold

Tokyo, Nov 16 (Agency) Dhanush Srikanth smashed the world record in 10m Air Rifle en route to win India's first gold medal in shooting at the 25th Summer Deaflympics now underway here. Srikanth also broke the Deaflympic qualification record to book his spot in the finals. In the finals, Dhanush shot 252.2 to better his own world record of 251.7 to clinch the gold medal, while his teammate Mohammed Murtaza Vania secured silver with a score of 250.1. The women shooters added a silver and bronze to make it a four-medal haul for India in shooting on the first day of the competition. In the women's 10m Air Rifle Final, Mahit Sandhu picked up the silver with a score of 250.5, 1.9 points behind gold medal winner Ukraine's Violeta Lykova (252.4). India's Komal Milind Waghmare made it a double podium finish for the Indian women, winning the bronze medal with a score of 228.3. Dhanush's score in the finals is more than what Germany's Maximillian Dallinger shot in the finals of the same event at the ISSF World Championships last week. The German became the World Champion with a score of 252.0, which is 0.2 less than what Dhanush shot in Tokyo.

Indrajith, Andre Siddarth tons propel TN to 282-5 against UP in Ranji tie

Chennai, Nov 16 (FN Representative)

A fluent unbeaten ton by middleorder batsman Baba Indrajith and a gritty but equally important century by No.6 batter C Andre Siddarth, pulled Tamil Nadu out of woods and lead the team to a good position at close on the opening days of the Elite Group A Ranji Trophy cricket match against Uttar Pradesh at CDDCA Stadium in Coimbatore today. Thanks to their superb centuries, Tamil Nadu finished the day at 282 for five in 81.3 overs when stumps were drawn afer Siddarth fell in the last over of the day. Batting first after winning the toss, the home team with just four points in its previous four outings and looking for its batters to click in unison, started disastrously losing three wickets in 12 overs. After the three top order batsmen were ripped through by medium pacers Aaqib Khan who picked

up two wickets removing prolific run getter Narayan Jagadeesan and in form Pradosh Ranjan Paul in a space of four



overs after his new ball partner Kunal Tyagi provided the first breakthrough dismissing opener Balasubramaniam Sachin, the team was pegged back further when they lost their fourth wicket that of P Vidyuth (11). With the innings in a spot of bother, Indrajith and Andre Siddarth came together and did the rescue act. Blending caution with aggression, both anchored the innings and paced their partnership with some

positive cricket. While Indrajith appeared more fluent in his knock, remaining unbeaten on 128 in just 157 balls (8x4, 5x6), Andre's innings was full of grit and determination and dropped anchor at the other end. He scored 121 in 2025 balls with 12 fours and a six and added 211 runs for the fifth wicket in 44.1 overs. During the course of his 17th first class hundred, Indrajith crossed the milestone of 5,000 runs in Ranji Trophy when he reached 14, while Andre, while notching up his second first class hundred and the career best one (previous best 106 not out), crossed 1,000 runs when he scored his 68th run. However, Andre's dismissal in the last over of the day brought a disappointing end to the day's proceedings after rescuing the innings from 71 for four in the 38th over. Brief scores : Tamil Nadu 282/5 in 81.3 overs (Baba Indrajith 128 batting, C. Andre Siddarth 121, Aaqib Khan 2/13, Kunal Tyagi 2/23) vs Uttar Pradesh .

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CISF's operational strength...

movement, men–women ratio, sector-specific operational demands. Out of the 11,729 new recruits, 1,896 are women personnel, and keeping in view operational priorities and existing vacancies, a majority of them are being posted to airports and DMRC units, where women play an essential role in security screening and passenger handling. Officials say that the force is set to further strengthen its footprint across India's most sensitive and high-traffic installations, reaffirming its commitment to providing secure, efficient and technology-enabled protection to the nation's critical infrastructure.

India emerging as...

Asian market. With Bengaluru's bar ecosystem maturing, domestic consumers trading up, and global travellers seeking high-quality beverage experiences, India's premium drinks category is accelerating both in scale and sophistication. His current visit, supported by the Conrad Group, focuses on exploring partnerships, exchanging global trends and integrating Indian ingredients into contemporary mixology. "India is not just a market; it's an experience. The future is bright, and there's so much potential to create something memorable here," he notes. As international talent converges with India's fast-evolving beverage scene, industry players expect the country to cement its position as a premium drinks hotspot in the region.

Market valuation of 8...

most valued company, followed by HDFC Bank, Bharti Airtel, Tata Consultancy Services, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India, Bajaj Finance, Infosys, Life Insurance Corporation of India and Hindustan Unilever. The stock market settled flat on Friday as weak global cues and foreign fund outflows kept investor sentiment subdued. At close, Sensex was 84.11 points or 0.10% higher at 84,562.78, while the Nifty went up 30.90 points or 0.12% to settle at 25,910.05. The Sensex began the trade on a negative note by declining 449.35 points or 0.53% to 84,029.32 while the Nifty started the day off lower by 138.35 points or 0.53% to 25,740.80.

PM Modi leads 'Janjatiya...

receive blessings, concluding with a heartfelt "Jai Devmogra Mata!" The celebrations gained momentum as Modi led a grand roadshow, connecting with throngs of enthusiastic supporters eager to honor Birsu Munda's enduring legacy. He also paid tribute by garlanding a statue of the tribal hero, symbolizing deep respect for his pivotal role in championing the rights and dignity of India's tribal communities. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas is a day that celebrates the bravery, resilience, and rich cultural heritage of India's indigenous peoples. Modi's presence and tribute underscored the government's ongoing dedication to tribal welfare and inclusive development, embodying the unity and pride that the occasion represents.

India's women never lagged...

freedom movement. They sacrificed everything." The Lucknow MP on the occasion praised Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for his dedication on development. He said, "I would like to thank CM Yogi for accomplishing what many people failed to do in so many years. I never imagined a Chief Minister who would care so much about society. Yogi ji has demonstrated

this. Bringing to the forefront the suppressed heroes of society is no easy task." Both Deputy CMs Brajesh Pathak, Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya, union Minister Kamlesh Paswan were present in the program.

Shah to chair 32nd meeting...

emergency response systems and their implementation, strengthening health, nutrition infrastructure and other key matters in these states will likely be discussed. Various regional-level common interest issues such as education, electricity, urban planning, and the cooperative system will also be part of the meeting. Those issues proposed by the permanent committee of the north zonal council states will be part of the talks. Notably, issues proposed by the states are initially presented to the permanent committee of the concerned Zonal Council for discussion, and later remaining issues are then presented to the Zonal Council meeting for further deliberation. This meeting is being organized by the Ministry of Home Affairs Inter-State Council Secretariat, hosted by Haryana. Union Home Minister Shah is the chairperson of the Northern Zonal Council, while the Chief Minister of Haryana is its vice-chair. The CM of one member state acts as the vice-chairperson, as per rotational basis every year. From each member state, the Governor nominates two ministers as members of the council. Each such council has also formed a permanent committee at the level of Chief Secretaries. With the belief that strong states make a strong nation, the Zonal Councils provide a structured mechanism for dialogue and discussion on issues affecting two or more states or the centre and states, and through this, serve as an important platform to enhance mutual cooperation. The role of the Zonal Councils is advisory, however, over the past few years, these councils have proven to be an important factor in terms of coordination. With the cooperation of all state governments, central ministries, and departments, a total of 63 meetings of the various Zonal Councils and their permanent committees have been held in the last eleven years.

Indians have a significant...

People there live like us, yet more comfortably, more prosperously, and more happily. Anyone traveling to Singapore from here cannot avoid visiting Little India". Noting that Indians have a significant role in the development of Singapore, the former union Minister said there exists racial harmony among the people of Singapore. "The Goddess Mariamman Temple is the very first temple there, and the Thaipusam festival at the Dhandayuthapani (Lord Muruga) Temple is celebrated on a grand scale. Notably, a large number of Chinese participated. Such is the flourishing level of religious harmony there", he said. Observing that Ms Soundara Nayaki's book on Little India gives great joy, Mr Chidambaram said "the reason is that it reflects our culture and our history. I appreciate this book. She contacted many people and gathered information and data. This book captures Little India in a beautiful manner, and I wish Soundara Nayaki continues to write." Mr. Edgar Pang, Singapore's Consul-General in Chennai, received the first copy of the book and renowned cardiac surgeon Dr. V. Chokkalingam delivered a felicitation speech. The book was first released in Singapore on April 25. The country's former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. George Yeo released it. This year, Singapore celebrates its 60th birthday. Writer Mrs. Soundara Nayaki Vairavan said that she considers this book her small contribution to Singapore on that occasion. Leaders and dignitaries from various fields participated and graced the book launch held in Chennai.

Portal launched for...

department as a step towards ensuring ease of doing business. CM said that the Delhi government is working extensively on modernizing the fire department, expanding rapid response systems, and further strengthening security across the city. In the recent past, several reforms have been initiated in the fire services, aimed to modernize and make it future ready with induction of the latest technology. Advanced fire fighting equipment are being added to the service, to make it more efficient in dealing with situations, especially keeping in view the narrow lanes and congested areas, where it becomes difficult for the emergency services to reach. Delhi minister Ashish Sood was also present on the occasion, along with senior officials concerned. Earlier, the minister had said that the goal is to provide modern services to the people of Delhi while ensuring the utmost safety of the fire personnel.

Red Fort Blast: Police...

just before the Delhi bomb blast. Police sources indicate that on November 10, Umar left this rented accommodation in his i20 car, carrying the explosives. The house is said to belong to the sister-in-law of a university electrician, Shoaib, who is already in police custody. In a related development, a major investigation has been launched following the recovery of 14 mobile phones from the residence of Dr. Adeel. The devices contained explicit photographs, video calls, and records of late-night encrypted conversations with numerous women from Kashmir, conducted through apps like Session and WhatsApp. According to officials, the evidence points to a coordinated honey-trap operation. The modus operandi involved alleged use of these women to build intimate relationships with local doctors. The primary objectives were to extract personal information and vulnerabilities from the medical professionals, gain influence within hospitals, and secure access to medical facilities for unidentified "patients" sent by handlers. UNI ATK SAS SS

SBI chairman CS Setty...

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Delhi logs 9° C minimum...

Despite these policy interventions, Delhi has not seen a single clean-air day in the past 34 days, with the AQI oscillating between 'poor', 'very poor', and 'severe'. The capital's air continues to degrade due to a combination of factors- calm winds, falling temperatures, farm fires, festival firecrackers, and transport emissions. In the neighbouring NCR region, Ghaziabad (419) and Greater Noida (419) reported even poorer air quality, placing them in the 'severe' category. The weather department has predicted the smog and shallow to moderate fog across the capital over the coming week, during the morning hours. IMD has forecast a further drop in the minimum and maximum temperatures, intensifying the cold wave conditions. An appreciable decline of 3-5 °C in maximum temperature and 1.6-3.0 °C for the minimum temperature has been predicted by the met department for the next five days in the city.

Priyanka Chopra wins hearts as she obliges paparazzi and fans with pictures

Actor Priyanka Chopra is all set to make her come-back to Indian cinema with SS Rajamouli's Varanasi. She recently attended the film's grand event in Hyderabad and stunned everyone with her beauty. A video from the event has now surfaced online, showing the Desi Girl obliging fans and paparazzi with pictures.

Priyanka Chopra obliges paparazzi with pics

The video shows paparazzi requesting photos with Priyanka before she headed inside. The actor, without any hesitation, posed for quick pictures and was heard saying that she would have to rush when SS Rajamouli called her. Her warm gesture won the paparazzi's hearts, who were later heard thanking her and saying, "Love you, PC." As she exited, she was seen greeting them with folded hands. At the event, Priyanka gave Princess Jasmine vibes in a white lehenga-choli paired with traditional jewellery. Her stunning look quickly surfaced online, and fans couldn't get enough of her. She also sent Mahesh Babu's fans into a frenzy as she spoke about him on stage. She said, "What do you call him? Bob? Oh no, no—Lion? There are many names, but I know him as MB, the legendary, incredible Mahesh Babu." As fans began chanting, she added, "You and your beautiful family, Namrata, Sitara, have made me feel like Hyderabad is my home."

About Varanasi

The film marks SS Rajamouli's return to direction after the success of RRR, starring Ram Charan and Jr NTR. It also marks Priyanka's return to Indian cinema after her 2019 film The Sky Is Pink. She will essay the role of Mandakini in Varanasi. The film stars Mahesh Babu as Rudra and Prithviraj Sukumaran as the antagonist, Kumbha. The movie is slated to release in cinemas on Sankranti 2027.

Priyanka Chopra's upcoming work

Apart from this, Priyanka also has the Russo Brothers' spy-action series Citadel 2 in the pipeline. She will also be seen in Frank E. Flowers' The Bluff, alongside Karl Urban, Ismael Cruz Córdova, Safia Oakley-Green and Temuera Morrison. The action drama is yet to finalise a release date.



Nora Fatehi responds to allegations in Dawood Ibrahim linked drug syndicate case

A major drug racket has been revealed by the Mumbai Police with several big names in a list that includes actors Shraddha Kapoor, Nora Fatehi and Alishah Parkar, the nephew of underworld don Dawood Ibrahim, among others. Allegedly run by Mohammed Salim Mohammed Suhail Shaikh alias Lavish, the report exposed a network of high-profile parties across India and abroad. Officials claimed that during interrogation, Salim alleged that he used to organise drug parties in the country and abroad, which were attended by fashion and film celebrities, besides gangster Dawood Ibrahim's nephew Alishah Parkar. As per India Today, the entire operation was run from Dubai, where Salim lives. His son, Taher Dola — brought back from the UAE in August — has reportedly shared key details with investigators. Documents accessed by the outlet allege that Bollywood actors, models, rappers, filmmakers and even Dawood Ibrahim's relatives attended these parties. Nora Fatehi takes a stand Amid the escalating controversy, one of the first to speak out has been Nora Fatehi. The singer-actor issued a strong personal statement. Taking to Instagram Stories, she wrote: "FYI I DONT go to Parties.. Im constantly on flights.. Im a work holic, i dont have a personal life.. I dont associate myself with people like that.. and on my off days im at home on a beach in dubai or with my high school friends! I spend my entire days and nights working on my dreams and goals! Dont believe anything you read! It seems like my name is an easy target! but i wont allow it to happen this time! It happened once before, you guys tried to destroy me with LIES and it didnt work.. i watched silently as everyone tried their best to slander my name, smear my reputation and use me as clickbait! Please refrain from using my name and image on situations that have absolutely NOTHING to do with me! This will come with a heavy heavy price! Respectfully." Her response comes after reports claimed that the remand copy explicitly mentions her name among others.



Sumbul Touqeer to have a working birthday, says fans' love makes it special every year

Sumbul Touqeer to have a working birthday, says fans' love makes it special every year Actor Sumbul Touqeer's work in television



shows has made her a household name, bringing her love from fans from all over the country. That love multiplies on her birthday every year and this year too she is looking forward to it. The actor, who turns 22 on Saturday, reveals, its going to be a working birthday for her. "This time, I'm celebrating my birthday on the sets with the cast and team of Itti Si Khushi. We spend so much time together shooting that they've really become like second family, so it feels special to bring in my birthday with them," shares the actor, who has been part of shows such as Kavya — Ek Jazbaa, Ek Junoon, Imlie amongst others. Her excitement for the birthday is all the more because her fans pamper her with love and care. "My fans are truly the sweetest! Every year they shower me with so much love messages, edits, and even letters. Some of them even organize charity drives Whenever possible, I cut a cake with them or connect online to thank them personally. Their love honestly makes my birthday extra special every single year," says the actor. As for her career journey, she accepts, "there is a long way to go". "I started acting when I was really young just a kid, actually! Over the years, I've learned so much from every project, every co-actor, and every director I've worked with. But I still feel like there's always more to learn. Experience definitely gives you confidence, but I think growth and learning as an actor never really stops," she says.



Mira Rajput beams with pride as daughter Misha's baking stall sells out instantly

Entrepreneur and wife of Shahid Kapoor, Mira Rajput, is beaming with pride after her nine-year-old daughter, Misha Kapoor, launched her very own baking stall. To Mira's delight, Misha's handmade cookies and muffins sold out within minutes. The proud mother shared her joy on social media, posting adorable videos of the treats and celebrating her daughter's budding entrepreneurial spirit. Mira is a proud mommy "So proud of my baby today! Misha Mash Bakery: Youngest founder in the fam," Mira wrote. She also showcased Misha's freshly baked goodies, Oats & Raisins and Deep Dish Choco Chip cookies, priced at Rs 200 each. Earlier this month, Mira shared another heartwarming moment that kept her motivated during a challenging

phase. Her children, Misha and six-year-old Zain, surprised her with sweet handwritten notes to brighten her workday. In a photo she shared from her desk, two little paper stands held their messages. Zain wrote, "Happy Day, From Zain to Mira," while Misha penned, "I love you; so many good things are on the way. I am so happy for you. Love, Misha." Mira captioned the post, "Mondays that make it worth it," expressing how deeply the gesture touched her. Mira's entrepreneurial journey Alongside being a hands-on mom and lifestyle influencer, Mira Rajput has steadily grown her entrepreneurial footprint. She co-founded Akind, a clean skincare brand with Tira; launched Dhun Wellness, a luxury holistic wellness space in Mumbai; and invested in Zama Organics, a fast-growing sustainable grocery brand. With these ventures, Mira has built a strong identity as a modern, mindful entrepreneur.

Shah Rukh Khan dazzles at Shahrukhz tower launch

Shah Rukh Khan walked into a packed ballroom in Mumbai and ended up making history without even trying. The Danube Group, led by founder Rizwan Sajan, flew in to launch Shahrukhz, the first-ever tower to carry the superstar's name. The launch took over a five-star hotel and felt more like a celebration than a corporate reveal. As fans craned their necks for a glimpse, Shah Rukh stood on the stage with a smile. Rizwan wanted the event in India, not Dubai, Shah Rukh revealed. And the Bollywood superstar made it clear the sentiment meant something to him. "I really wanted the event to take place here, as I come from here," he told the crowd. "Wanting to make their lives better. As and when this project begins to roll, I hope people find their lives growing beautifully and exponentially, as they should," he added.

A personal moment for Shah Rukh Khan The actor also opened up about what the honour would have meant to his mother. "My mother would be very happy. It is a very big honour," he said. "When my kids come, I will say, 'Papa ka naam likha hai, dekho.' I have seen all the details of this building for the past two months. It is state-of-the-art and affordable. For people who are starting off in Dubai, it will be a moment and an inspiration to make their lives," he explained. Inside the Shahrukhz project The tower itself is massive: 56 floors, roughly three to four years of construction ahead. A statue of Shah Rukh's famous arms-open pose will stand at the entrance, making the building instantly recognisable and very selfie-friendly. Highlighting the idea behind the project, Shah Rukh said it "will be the greatest gift".

