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Kharge reads resolution seeking Kumar’s indictment at public impeachment.

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Congress President Kharge and others during a symbolic “public impeachment” of CEC, organised by the INDIA bloc. | Photo PTI

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Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress president

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NEWSLINE

RAIPUR

Rajyotsava inauguration today

Union Minister Man-sukh Mandaviya will be the chief guest at the inaugural function of ‘Rajyotsava 2026’, the Chhattisgarh State Foundation Day celebrations, on November 1, while Union Home Minister Amit Shah will attend the closing ceremony on November 3, officials said on Saturday. The three-day celebrations will be held at the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Industry and Trade Complex (Mela Ground) in Nava Raipur Atal Nagar to mark the state’s 26th foundation day.

This year’s theme is ‘Sashakt Nari, Yuva Udaan’ (Empowered Women, Youth Soaring High), reflecting the state’s focus on women’s empowerment and youth development, an official release said.

Governor Ramen Deka will preside over the programmes on November 2. Celebrations will also be organised at all district headquarters on the same day. The festival will showcase Chhattisgarh’s cultural heritage, folk traditions, handicrafts and development initiatives through exhibitions, cultural performances and a dedicated Shilpgram (craft village). A major attraction will be an aerial display by the Indian Air Force’s Sarang Helicopter Display Team at Sindh Lake in Nava Raipur on November 2 at 11 am. The team, led by Group Captain Abhijit Kumar, will fly five indigenous Dhruv helicopters and perform synchronised formations and aerial manoeuvres. The team also includes women pilots Squadron Leaders Ankita and Akshayaa.

NEW DELHI

Omar marries Nidhi Razdan

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has married television journalist Nidhi Razdan here. In a tweet on Saturday, 56-year-old Omar said, “a new journey began yesterday...” and tagged Nidhi in it. The tweet included four pictures of the couple. Sources said the marriage was solemnised under the Special Marriage Act here on Friday. The witnesses included family members from both sides. Omar’s marriage to his first wife, Payal, was dissolved by an order of the Supreme Court in July this year after the two reached a settlement. This is the second marriage for 49-year-old Nidhi. The wedding functions in Srinagar and New Delhi were attended by families and close relatives from both sides.

Chainsaw-wielding man attack at school injures two

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RAPTADU: Two school-girls were injured here in Anantapur district on Saturday after a man barged into their classroom with a chainsaw and attacked them, police said.

Both students were injured but one of them was stable, police said, adding the accused was on the run. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu promised stringent

action. Anantapur Rural sub-divisional police officer K Ashwin Manideep said the attacker was allegedly a relative of one of the girls.

“The girl is in hospital with her parents,” Manideep told PTI, confirming the chainsaw attack. Police were gathering further information

regarding the incident. He said police teams have been dispatched to nab the attacker.

CM Naidu said he was “deeply shaken and enraged by the barbaric attack on a Class 10 student inside her classroom at Raptadu ZP (Zilla Parishad) High School.”

“Attackers who target our young girls inside schools have no place in our society. I am personally tracking her recovery and have directed the medical team to give her the highest priority care,” he said in a post on X.

Ashutosh Dixit takes charge as IAF Chief

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AP Singh retires after distinguished 42-year career.

NEW DELHI: Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit -- an accomplished fighter pilot with over 3,500 flying hours across 20 aircraft types -- assumed charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff on Saturday, taking command as India actively works to boost its military capabilities amid complex regional security environment. He succeeds Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, who retired



Outgoing Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh hands over command to Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit | Photo PTI

from service after an illustrious 42-year career marked by his pivotal role in executing Operation Sindoor -- a mission that underscored the Indian Air Force’s operational precision, combat

capability, and strategic resolve. “Beyond operational leadership, Air Chief Marshal AP Singh will be remembered for his deep and personal connect with air warriors across the length and

breadth of the organisation,” the IAF said in a statement, adding his interactions with personnel at the grassroots level reflected his conviction that the strength of the force rests in its people. The IAF accorded a ceremonial guard of honour to Air Chief Marshal Singh at the Race Course Air Force Station before he handed over the baton to Dixit. Air Chief Marshal Dixit, known for his strategic planning and who played a key role during Operation Sindoor, was serving as the Vice Chief of the force.

| SACRED INAUGURATION |

PM hoists flag to inaugurate Simhastha Kumbh Mela

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NASHIK: Prez Droupadi Murmu on Saturday performed the ‘dhwajaroohan’ (flag hoisting) ceremony to mark the commencement of the Nashik-Trimukteshwar Simhastha Kumbh Mela.

She hoisted the religious flag after performing rituals at Ramkund on



the banks of the Godavari river in the presence of Maharashtra Governor

Jishnudev Varma, Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Sunetra Pawar

| PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE |

Grihmantri Dakshata Padak presented

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NEW DELHI: Four hundred and ninety personnel from various states, Union territories, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Central Police Organisations (CPOs) were awarded the Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak on Saturday, the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a government statement said.

The list also includes 14 officers from the Central Bureau of Investiga-

tion. The award was instituted through a Ministry of Home Affairs notification dated February 1, 2024.

It is conferred on members of police forces, security organisations, intelligence wings, branches and special branches of states and Union territories, CAPFs,

NUMBER

490

● 490 police personnel conferred Grihmantri Dakshata Padak.

CPOs, the National Security Guard and Assam Rifles, it said. “The medal is given to recognise excellent work, promote high professional standards and boost the morale of the concerned official/officer,” the statement said. It is awarded

across five categories: excellence in operations, outstanding service in investigation, exceptional performance, indomitable and daring intelligence service, and meritorious work in forensic science.

“Initiated under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and guidance of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah, ‘Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak’ will boost the morale of all police personnel,” it said.

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GOOD GOVERNANCE
INCLUSIVE GROWTH



SASHAKT
NARI
YUVAUDAAN



Mahtari Vandan Yojana
Around ₹20,708 Crore transferred to 68 Lakh women



PM Ujjwala Yojana
Clean cooking gas for 39.73 Lakh women



PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi
25 Lakh farmers benefited



PM Awas Yojana
Pucca homes for more than 24.54 Lakh rural families



PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana
Central and state subsidies: a benefit of up to ₹1,08,000



State Capital Region (SCR)
An NCR-style authority for the integrated development of Raipur, Nava Raipur, Durg and Bhilai



MODI'S GUARANTEE
DRIVING CHHATTISGARH
Towards a Brighter Future



Invest Chhattisgarh
Investment proposals worth ₹8.60 Lakh Crore



Nurturing Tribal Talent
Bastar and Surguja Olympics, Bastar Pandum held regularly

Shri Ayodhya Dham
Around 55,000 devotees taken on a free pilgrimage to Shri Ayodhya Dham



Farmer Welfare
More than ₹1.5 Lakh crore transferred to farmers



Destination Chhattisgarh
Industry status for tourism, a boost to tribal heritage and eco-tourism



Yuva Udaan
Nava Raipur is becoming a hub for management, entrepreneurship and innovation



Innovation Hub
AI training for 6 Lakh students and 1.5 Lakh government employees

सेवा सेतु
जनता के द्वार, डिजिटल सरकार
Digital Governance
01 Platform
38 Departments
953 Services



CM Helpline 1076
Quick Hearing and Transparent Resolution of Public Grievances



Better Roads
Around ₹40,000 crore for highway development



Railway Expansion
₹54,000 crore of rail projects underway



Shri Vishnu Deo Sai
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh



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“We are actively transforming our development promises into ground reality.”

Gajendra Yadav
(Cabinet Minister)

Police bust inter-state gang behind Rs 1 Crore theft

Durg Police cracked a Rs 1-crore burglary at a doctor's locked house in Vaishali Nagar, arresting nine gang members across Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh.

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BHILAI: Durg Police cracked a sensational burglary of nearly Rs 1 crore reported from the locked residence of Dr. Namita Mittal in Sunder Nagar, Vaishali Nagar. Following an inter-state chase across Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, police dismantled the gang and recovered Rs 47.64 lakh in cash alongside jewelry and vehicles.

The arrested accused are Pradeep Kumar Choudhary, who concealed cash and ornaments under his floor;



The arrested accused in police custody.

Sujeet Singh alias Babu; Sonu Jaiswal, a jeweler who purchased and melted stolen gold; prime suspect Rahul Bansod's parents Ravindra Bansod and Kiran Bansod; his brother Aayush Bansod; and

associates Rekhchand Dewangan, Akash Kumar Shripad, and Aman Singh. Police also seized an XUV, a Super Splendor motorcycle, an Innova, and electronics. Investigators revealed that Pradeep and Rahul

executed the break-in, later distributing the loot. While Pradeep spent the illicit money on home renovations and a bike in UP, Rahul fled across multiple states, bought an XUV in Delhi, and returned to Bhilai. Act-

FASTFACTS

● **Police recovered Rs 47.64 lakh in cash, gold, silver, electronics, and vehicles, while launching a manhunt for prime suspect Rahul Bansod.**

ing on technical surveillance, police intercepted his aides around 3 AM as they tried to transport the hidden booty in an Innova. Although Rahul Bansod fled during a raid and remains at large, nine accomplices were jailed under relevant BNS sections.

Electoral roll error: Over 11000 voters shifted

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BHILAI: A major discrepancy surfaced in the photo voter list prepared for the upcoming 2026 civic elections in Bhilai Municipal Corporation. Out of 70 wards, 11,339 voters across 42 wards were incorrectly listed in wards other than their designated locations. The issue came to light following the preliminary publication of the electoral roll on October 23, 2026, when booth level officers and political party representatives reported widespread shifting errors.

Taking serious note of the lapses, Durg Collector and District Election Officer (Local Elections) Abhijit Singh issued show-cause notices to seven officials, includ-

HIGHLIGHT

● **Durg Collector served show-cause notices to seven election officials after 11,339 voters across 42 wards in Bhilai were erroneously registered in the wrong wards.**

ing Registration Officer Sonal David and Assistant Registration Officer Dikeshwar Sahu, alongside five Additional Assistant Registration Officers. The notice cited gross negligence in verifying enumeration sheets submitted by booth level officers. The officials must submit their explanations within three days, failing which disciplinary action will be initiated under the Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 1994.

NEWSLINE

MISHAP

Worker dies of electrocution

BHILAI: A 34-year-old worker, Kishan Mahto, tragically died after being electrocuted at the PIEC Projects Private Limited premises near Chhawani Chowk under Jamul police station limits. The incident occurred on Friday night when a snapped high-tension power line fell onto a trailer while he was loading goods, causing severe burn injuries that proved fatal at the hospital. On Saturday, the victim's kin staged a protest outside the factory alleging gross negligence and lack of safety gear. Following police mediation led by Jamul SHO Rakesh Khuteshwar, the management agreed to pay Rs 25 lakh compensation and a monthly allowance of Rs 15,000 for child education.

WIFE'S SUICIDE

Man held for abetment

BHILAI: Jamul police have arrested a 55-year-old man, Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, on charges of abetting his wife's suicide following persistent domestic discord. According to police, the victim, Anjana Sharma, a resident of ACC Colony, Jamul, consumed rat poison on September 20 after a family dispute. She was admitted to Shri Shankaracharya Hospital in critical condition, where she succumbed during treatment on September 25. Following an inquiry, police found prima facie evidence of the husband's complicity and registered a case under Section 108 of the BNS.

TWO ARRESTED

Fraudulent land registry

BHILAI: Smriti Nagar police have arrested two individuals for defrauding a resident of Rs 24.28 lakh under the guise of selling land and facilitating house construction using forged documents. The accused, Avtar Singh and Manoj Kumar Soni, allegedly sold a 1,200 sq ft plot in Kohka to complainant Mohan Lal Dewangan in 2016. The victim later discovered the land belonged to another woman. Cheques issued by the accused to refund the money bounced due to insufficient funds. Police registered a case under relevant IPC sections, arrested both suspects, and sent them to judicial remand.

DMC

Commissioner inspects markets

BHILAI: In view of the upcoming Diwali festival, Durg Municipal Corporation Commissioner Leena Kosam conducted an on-ground inspection of sanitation arrangements across major commercial hubs on Saturday. Reviewing sanitation from Gandhi Chowk through Indira Market to Baniyapara, Commissioner Kosam instructed officials to ensure prompt garbage disposal and clean drainage systems. Interacting directly with local shopkeepers, she urged them not to dump waste onto streets and to hand segregated trash to civic collection vehicles.

| STATE-LEVEL SCHOOL GAMES |

Durg zone clinches general championship

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BHILAI: The four-day 26th State-Level School Games concluded at Bhilai Vidyalaya, Sector-2, with Durg Zone lifting the General Championship trophy. Around 468 student-athletes from Durg, Raipur, Bilaspur, Bastar, and Surguja divisions competed in Netball and Karate disciplines from October 28 to 31, 2026.

Durg Zone displayed absolute supremacy by winning both the Under-17 boys' and girls' Netball



titles. In Karate, Durg swept the top spots in the U-14 boys, U-14 girls, U-17 boys, and U-19 boys categories, taking their total first-place tally to six. Joint Director of Education KV Rao, Dis-

trict Education Officer JS Dheer, and sports officials felicitated the winners, applauding nearly 100 physical education teachers and officials for successfully organizing the tournament.

Grievance cell constituted

BHILAI: In line with directives from the Chhattisgarh State Election Commission, a district-level complaint cell has been established in Durg to ensure the prompt redressal of election-related grievances. The move comes as voter list preparation and revision are underway for the upcoming municipal general elections and three-tier panchayat by-elections 2026. Operating from Land Records Room No. 21 at the District Office, Land Records Superintendent Ms. Rekha Rajput has been appointed officer-in-charge.

| VOTER LIST ERRORS |

Show-cause notices issued to four elections officials

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BHILAI: Significant discrepancies have emerged in the photo voter lists being prepared for the upcoming 2026 municipal general elections under the Risali Municipal Corporation (RMC). Out of the civic body's 40 wards, as many as 24,709 voters across 12 wards have been erroneously registered in wards other than their designated ones. Tak-

ing serious note of the lapse, Durg Collector and District Election Officer (Local Elections) Abhijit Singh issued show-cause notices to four election officials: Registration Officer Prafull Kumar Gupta, Assistant Registration Officer Vasumitra Diwan, and Additional Assistant Registration Officers Akhilesh Gupta and Sunil Dubey. They have been directed to submit their explanations within three days. The revision of the

electoral rolls was conducted with October 1, 2026, as the qualifying date, and the draft list was published on October 23, 2026. Following the publication, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and political party representatives reported massive voter-shifting errors. The notices highlighted gross negligence in preparing the rolls and a failure to properly verify base sheets submitted by BLOs.

| BHILAI CHARODA |

Major voter list discrepancies found

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BHILAI: Significant discrepancies have surfaced in the photo voter lists prepared for the upcoming 2026 municipal general elections in Bhilai-Charoda Municipal Corporation. Out of 40 wards, 1,204 voters across 16 wards were erroneously registered in wards other than their designated ones. Taking serious note of the lapse, Durg Collector and District Elec-

tion Officer (Local Elections) Abhijit Singh issued show-cause notices to four election officials: Registration Officer Prakash Soni, Assistant Registration Officer Ravi Vishwakarma, and Additional Assistant Registration Officers Alok Pasine and Prabhakar Shukla. They have been instructed to submit explanations within three days. The revision of the electoral rolls followed directives from the Chhattisgarh State

Election Commission, using October 1, 2026, as the qualifying date. After the preliminary publication on October 23, 2026, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and political party representatives reported massive voter-shifting errors. Citing gross negligence in verifying base sheets submitted by BLOs, the Collector directed the officials to rectify the rolls under the Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 1994.

Comm inspects ponds for Chhath Puja

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BHILAI: Ahead of the Chhath Puja festival, Bhilai Municipal Corporation Commissioner Suruchi Singh conducted extensive field inspections across various ponds, including Bhelwa Talab in Nehru Nagar and Sector-2 Pond, to assess preparatory arrangements. Taking into account the convenience of devotees and



fasting individuals, she instructed officials to ensure thorough cleanliness of ghats, smooth

approach roads, and proper civic amenities in a timely manner. Additionally, Commis-

sioner Singh reviewed the proposed road project running parallel to the railway line in Priyadarshini Parisar, planned to link Nehru Nagar to Supela underbridge. She directed engineering teams to resolve on-ground bottlenecks and commence construction work immediately. Senior municipal officials and engineers accompanied her during the inspection.

MP asks Collectors to fast-track crop damage survey

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BHILAI: Taking serious note of extensive crop devastation caused by unseasonal rains across the Durg parliamentary constituency, MP Vijay Baghel personally reached out over the telephone to the Collectors of Durg and Bemetara districts. He inquired about the prevailing ground realities and directed to urgently



deploy field teams to evaluate the exact scale of agricultural devastation. Baghel instructed

to immediately institute joint inspection squads to carryout survey with absolute impartiality and objectivity. He stressed that no affected farmer should be excluded from the official loss assessment records. He noted that transparent documentation remains essential to ensure genuine sufferers are not deprived of state aid. MP said that the unpredictable climate patterns subjected cul-

tivators to tremendous financial distress. Under such adverse circumstances, he observed, government machinery must display prompt administrative sensitivity and extend steadfast solidarity. Baghel directed authorities to process compensation claims swiftly under existing government guidelines without unnecessary red tape or administrative delay.

Dr. Amit Roy conferred 'Pharma Ratna' award

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BHILAI: Prof. (Dr.) Amit Roy, Principal of Chhatrapati Shivaji Institute of Pharmacy (CSIP), Durg, has been conferred with the prestigious 'Pharma Ratna' Award by the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI). PCI President Dr. Montukumar M. Patel presented the national honour at New Delhi on October 27, 2026, recognising Dr. Roy's outstanding contri-



butions to pharmaceutical education and research. With over 33 years of professional experience and more than 180 published papers, Dr. Roy has made notable advancements

in pharmacognosy, phytopharmaceuticals, and innovative drug delivery systems. Congratulating him on this milestone, CSGI Chairman Ajay Prakash Verma and CSIP Director Vinaya Dwivedi described the accolade as a proud achievement for the institution and Chhattisgarh's pharmacy fraternity, inspiring young researchers and budding pharmacists across the region.

| BSP |

Warm farewell accorded to 93 superannuating employees

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: Steel Authority of India Limited's (SAIL) Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) organized heartfelt farewell ceremonies for 93 employees who superannuated in October 2026. The retiring group comprised 14 executives and 79 non-executives, including personnel from the Mines fraternity, marking the successful culmination of their



long-standing dedication to the organization. A dedicated ceremony for retiring executives took place at the DIC Conference Hall, Ispat Bhawan. Direc-

tor In-Charge (BSP) Chitta Ranjan Mohapatra handed over retirement orders, praising their commendable service and wishing them a healthy, fulfilling

life ahead. The event saw the presence of Executive Directors across Materials Management, Finance, Human Resources, Projects, Mines, and Rowghat. During an interactive session, Mohapatra and senior leaders discussed insights and suggestions shared by the retirees for the plant's future growth, while the executives reminisced about their tenures. Simultaneously, a separate cere-

mony for retiring non-executives was held at Bhilai Niwas on October 31, 2026. Chief General Manager (HR) Prashant Ojha and Deputy General Manager (HR-SC & CA) Rajendra Prasad presented retirement orders to the employees. The senior management extended deep gratitude for their enduring dedication, reflecting BSP's ongoing appreciation for its workforce.

Selection trials for cricket championship

BHILAI: Bhilai Steel Plant's (BSP) Sports, Cultural & Civic Amenities Department will conduct selection trials on November 1, 2026, to pick the cricket team representing BSP at the upcoming SAIL Championship Inter-Steel Plant Cricket Tournament (Men's Category). The national-level tournament is scheduled to be hosted by Bokaro Steel Plant from December 7

to 11, 2026. The trials will begin at 2:00 PM onwards at Steel Club, Sector-1, Bhilai. All regular male employees of Bhilai Steel Plant are eligible to participate and have been invited to report to the venue on time. The selection panel includes Rajendra Prasad (DGM, Sports, Cultural & Civic Amenities), Sanjay Tiwari (AGM, MWRM), and Suresh Sonpipare (JE, LDPC).

During inspection of medical shops and institutions, several serious irregularities came to light, following which instructions were issued to serve show-cause notices to the concerned institutions.

VK Langeh
Collector- Mahasamund



Raipur Region

National Unity Day honours Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

India's Iron Man, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary is celebrated every year on 31st October as National Unity Day.

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RAJNANDGAON: The birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, popularly known as the 'Iron Man of India', is celebrated every year on October 31 as National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas). The occasion honours his extraordinary contribution to India's unity, integrity and sovereignty while inspiring citizens to uphold national solidarity and social harmony.

Following independence in 1947, integrating more than 560 princely states into the Indian



Union was one of India's biggest challenges. As Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister, Sardar Patel played a decisive role in accomplishing this historic task through his political vision, diplomatic skills and determination. His leadership in resolving complex situations involving Junagadh and Hyderabad strengthened the foundation of a united India. In 2014, the Government of India officially introduced National Unity Day to commemorate Sardar Patel's birth anniversary. The occasion aims to spread awareness about national unity, integrity and security. Across the country, activities such as Unity Runs, national unity pledges, cultural programmes and seminars are organized. The 182-metre-tall Statue of Unity in Gujarat stands as a tribute to his remarkable legacy. India's strength lies in its diversity of languages, religions, cultures and traditions. Despite these differences, unity and

brotherhood remain the nation's defining characteristics. Sardar Patel believed that collective strength and mutual cooperation were essential for national progress.

In modern India, Patel's ideals continue to inspire citizens to rise above divisions based on caste, religion, language and region.

HIGHLIGHT

● On this day, his contributions and ideals are remembered in building a unified India.

Mishra exposes superstition-linked human rights abuses



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RAIPUR: Renowned ophthalmologist and president of the Chhattisgarh-based Andhashraddha Nirmulan Samiti, Dr Dinesh Mishra, has called for coordinated international action against human rights violations arising from superstition, particularly the persecution of women accused of witchcraft. Addressing a session on "Witchcraft and Human Rights" at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva, Dr Mishra said women in several Asian and African countries continue to face physical and psychological abuse, public humiliation, social ostracism and, in some cases, murder following allegations of witchcraft or black magic. Children and people with albinism are also targeted by harmful superstitions in some regions. He attributed these practices to illiteracy, inadequate healthcare.

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CYCLONE ARNAB

Collector orders RBC 6(4) farmer relief measures

BEMETARA: Cyclone 'Arnab' has caused extensive damage to standing Kharif crops in several parts of Bemetara district, raising concerns among farmers. Taking immediate action, the District Collector has directed the Revenue and Agriculture departments to assess crop losses under the provisions of Revenue Book Circular (RBC) 6(4) and provide financial assistance to eligible farmers. Following the instructions, joint teams from both departments have started field inspections across affected villages.

RAJYOTSAV

Prakash Awasthi to star at Rajyotsav

KHAIRAGARH: On the occasion of Chhattisgarh State Foundation Day, a grand Rajyotsav 2026 celebration will be organized in Khairagarh-Chhukhkhad-Gandai district on November 2. A major attraction of the celebrations will be the Star Night programme featuring popular Chhattisgarhi film actor and artist Prakash Awasthi at Fateh Maidan in Khairagarh. Prakash Awasthi is a renowned personality in the Chhattisgarhi film industry, known for his distinctive acting style, impressive dialogue delivery and strong connection with the regional language and culture.

Illegal sand mining allegations surface in Mohmela

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ARANG: Allegations of large-scale illegal sand mining have surfaced in Mohmela Gram Panchayat of Arang block, where villagers claim that sand has been extracted from the Mahanadi River for nearly two years. According to residents, 5-6 JCB machines and around 80-100 Hyva trucks are reportedly involved in daily excavation and transportation, generating an estimated turnover of Rs



8-10 lakh per day. Villagers have also raised questions about the alleged involvement of the Sarpanch, her husband and certain influential individuals, demanding an impartial investigation. Residents further allege that the movement of heavy vehicles has severely damaged village roads, creating difficulties for farmers, schoolchildren and commuters while increasing accident risks.

Collector revises local holiday for November 20

MAHASAMUND: Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh has revised the previously declared local holidays for the calendar year 2026 under the provisions of the General Book Circular. According to the revised order, the local holiday earlier scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2026, on the day following Diwali (Govardhan Puja), has been cancelled. In its place, Friday, November 20, 2026, has been declared a local holiday on the occasion of Namdev Jayanti/Devuthani Ekadashi (Tulsi Puja).

Farmers protest against cement plant, mining projects

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KHAIRAGARH: Farmers under the banner of the Kisan Adhikar Sangharsh Samiti staged a protest in Bhilai against the proposed Shri Cement factory and limestone mining projects in the Khairagarh region. Farmers from several villages, including Daniya, Atariya, Hanaiban, Udaipur, Sandi, Bundeli and Sita-dabri, reached the Environment Department office at Battis Bangla in a convoy of over 80

| PROTEST AGAINST FACTORY |



vehicles and submitted a memorandum. The protesters demanded cancellation of proposed limestone mining projects, a permanent halt to the cement factory and the return of acquired agricultural land. They expressed concerns over

the potential impact on groundwater, air quality, soil fertility and agricultural production. Led by committee president Lukeshwari Janghel, the protest witnessed participation from numerous villagers, including women farmers.

Cyclotron organized by NSS to promote drug-free society

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LAWAN: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Government College, Lawan, organized an Anti-Drug Cyclotron under the campaign 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat' to spread awareness about substance abuse. College Principal Yashwant Raj Mahilane flagged off the rally, which proceeded from the college campus to Lawan Police Station. A total of 162 volunteers



participated, encouraging young people to stay away from drugs and adopt healthy lifestyles. Shiv Mangal Singh Chauhan of Lawan Nagar

Panchayat attended as the chief guest. Police officials educated participants about drug-related crimes and relevant legal provisions.

| CYCLONE DISRUPTS FARMERS' CROPS |

Cyclone destroys crops, deepens farmers'

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PITHORA: Continuous heavy rainfall and strong winds triggered by the coastal storm have caused significant damage to standing crops in several villages of the Basna Assembly constituency, raising concerns among farmers about their financial security.

Expressing concern over the situation, Congress leader and District Panchayat member Moksha Kumar Pradhan demanded immediate relief and financial assistance from



the government and district administration. He said farmers invest their savings in seeds, fertilizers, pesticides,

diesel and other agricultural expenses. However, unseasonal rainfall and waterlogging have damaged their nearly harvest-ready crops, putting their livelihoods at risk. He emphasized that farmers need concrete assistance rather than mere assurances. Pradhan urged the administration to immediately deploy special survey teams in affected villages. He demanded joint inspections by Revenue and Agriculture Department officials to ensure transparent assessment of crop losses.

PM Kisan releases Rs 3.38 crore to Bijapur farmers

BIJAPUR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 24th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme from Banaskantha, Gujarat. On this occasion, a district-level programme was organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bijapur, jointly by the Agriculture Department and the VKV. Under the scheme, Rs 18,680 crore was



transferred to the bank accounts of over 9.34 crore farmers nation-

wide. In Bijapur district, 16,927 farmers received a total of Rs 3.38 crore

through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). The Prime Minister's address was broadcast live and watched by public representatives, officials and farmers. Deputy Director of Agriculture P.S. Kusare briefed farmers about departmental schemes, paddy procurement and the effective utilization of financial assistance for agricultural activities.

Registration for Bastar Olympics

SUKMA: The much-awaited Bastar Olympics 2026, organized by the Chhattisgarh Government under the theme "Our Sports, Our Bastar, Our Identity," is set to provide a major platform for local sporting talent. Registration remained open from October 1 to 30, with 72,811 athletes registering in Sukma district. According to block-wise figures, Chhindgarh



recorded 31,989 registrations, followed by Sukma

with 23,759 and Konta with 17,063. The participants include 50,570 women and 22,241 men, reflecting strong participation across the district. Competitions will be conducted in 11 sports disciplines, including athletics, archery, football, karate, kabaddi, volleyball and kho-kho. Participants will compete in junior (14-17 years) and senior categories.

| KARWA CHAUTH |

Women celebrate Karwa Chauth, pray for husbands' longevity

Central Chronicle News

RAJIM: The festival of Karwa Chauth was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm in Rajim town and surrounding rural areas on Thursday. Married women observed a day-long nirjala fast, praying for the long life, good health, prosperity and



happiness of their husbands. Following tra-

ditional rituals, they worshipped Karwa Mata and broke their fast after sighting the moon in the evening. Enthusiasm among women was evident from the early morning as they prepared for the festival according to traditional customs. In the evening, they gathered to listen to the Karwa Mata Vrat

Katha and performed special prayers. However, cloudy weather over the preceding days created uncertainty about the visibility of the moon, leaving women eagerly waiting for its appearance. Although the moon was expected to be visible at 8:18 PM, persistent cloud cover delayed the sighting. Finally, at around 9:11

PM, the moon appeared briefly through the clouds, bringing joy and relief to women observing the fast. Women including Valita Sahu, Godavari Sahu, Sunita, Kalpana, Neetu and Deepa shared that they had been waiting on their rooftops since the scheduled time, continuously watching the sky.

Cyclone Arnab destroys paddy crops in Anvari

ANVARI: Unseasonal rainfall and strong winds triggered by Cyclone Arnab have caused extensive damage to paddy crops in the Anvari region, increasing farmers' distress. Mature crops ready for harvesting have been flattened by strong winds and rain, while waterlogging in several fields has further increased the risk of crop

loss. Farmers had invested heavily in seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and other agricultural activities, hoping for a good harvest and better returns. However, the sudden weather change has shattered their expectations. There are concerns that fallen paddy grains may begin to sprout or rot if adverse weather conditions continue.

ACTION TAKEN

Action against illegal paddy transportation

MAHASAMUND: To ensure transparent and smooth paddy procurement during the Kharif Marketing Year 2026, the Mahasamund district administration has intensified surveillance against illegal paddy transportation under the directions of Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh. Saraipali SDM Tejpal Singh Dhruve informed that eight check-posts have been established to monitor illegal paddy transportation and prevent the activities of middlemen. As part of the enforcement drive, restrictive action was taken against eight middlemen.

Fun & Focus



Daily Horoscope

ARIES

You might find it difficult to control your emotions-Your unusual behaviour will confuse people around you and leave you frustrated. If you were about to take a loan and had been engaged in this work for a long time, then today is your lucky day. Spend some pleasant time with your children in the evening.

Gemini

Argument with a quarrelsome person may spoil your mood. Be wise and if possible avoid it, as feuds and fusses will never help you. Today, you can get into a fight with someone close, and things can escalate to the court. Because of this, your hard-earned money will be spent. Your knowledge and good humour would impress people around you.

Leo

Inject a bright beautiful and glorious picture in your mind to uplift your spirits. An old friend of yours can advise you on how to earn more profits in business today. If you follow his/her advice, you're definitely in luck. You will also make important contacts through friends. Today, you should try to complete your tasks on time.

Libra

Today is not a very high-energy day for you and you will get irritated over small matters. The court will make decisions in your favour today if you were involved in a case regarding money-related matters. It will benefit you financially. A change of residence will be highly auspicious.

Sagittarius

You may get rid of your tension. Although your financial position improves but the outflow of money will still create hindrance in executing your projects. Friends will come to your aid if needed. Unexpected romantic inclination. Favourable planets will bring you plenty of reasons to feel pleased today.

Aquarius

Your charming behaviour will attract attention. Simply ignore those who approach you for temporary loans. You will have difficulty in getting your point across to people who matter the most in your life. Relive your precious moments by going on a picnic with your beloved.

Taurus

Tension at home would make you angry. Suppressing them would only increase physical problem. Get rid of it with physical activity. It is better to leave the irritating situation. Traders and Businessmen who have relations with foreign countries are likely to lose money today, so think carefully before taking any step forward.

Cancer

Sheer pleasure and enjoyment for you- as you set about to enjoy life to the fullest. Today, you can spend a lot of money on a party with friends, but despite this, your financial side will remain strong today. Someone may try to cause you some harm- With strong forces working against you.

Virgo

Outdoor sports will attract you- Meditation and yoga will bring gains. Married couples may have to spend a lot of money on the education of their children today. If you have pressure on your mind- talk to your relatives or close friends- as it would take the burden off your head. Love and compassion will settle everything down.

Scorpio

Don't get nervous and lose your confidence as you meet some high profile persons. It is as essential for good health as capital for business. Your idea of saving money for yourself can be accomplished today. Today you will be able to save appropriately. Children will make you feel proud with their achievements.

Capricorn

Try to put your high confidence to good use today. Despite a hectic day you will still be able to gather back your energy. If you are a student and want to study abroad, then financial crisis at home can upset you today. Good day to communicate with people whom you rarely meet.

Pisces

Health will remain fine despite a busy schedule. Those who are operating small-scale businesses can get any advice from their closed ones today, which can benefit them financially. Your domestic scene will be somewhat unpredictable. Today your love blooms to show what a beautiful deed you have done.

SCIENCE WATCH

Medical Marvel – The Magic Mold



In 1928, a scientist named Alexander Fleming discovered they could mix blood with a special chemical (sodium citrate) to stop it from clotting. This allowed them to store blood in "blood banks" and transport it to the front lines to save wounded soldiers.

Medical Marvel – Modern Blood Banks



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Medical Marvel – Vaccine



The first vaccine was invented when Edward Jenner noticed that milkmaids who caught a mild illness from cows never got the deadly smallpox virus. This discovery eventually helped wipe smallpox off the face of the Earth.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Look closely at the two pictures below. Can you find all the differences?

Picture 1

Picture 2

ANSWERS

- Ferris wheel (star colour)
- Ferris wheel (colours)
- Popcorn stall sign
- Popcorn stall sign

- Popcorn stall sign
- Balloons (colours)
- Boy's hoodie (blue/red)
- Girl's hoodie (pink/purple)

- Walking boy's (green/orange) hoodie
- Walking girl's (yellow/purple) outfit
- Carousel horse colours
- Tent colour (red/blue)
- Clouds (one extra cloud)
- Popcorn vs. cotton candy (and colour of cotton candy)

NOVEMBER 01-THE DAY IN HISTORY

- November 1 marks a major milestone in Indian history primarily multiple Indian states and union territories celebrate their foundation days, like Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab.
- On this day, in 1950 India's first Indigenous Steam Engine rolled out of the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works.
- Also on November 01, 1973, Mysore State was officially renamed Karnataka, and the Laccadive, Minicoy, and Amindivi Islands were renamed Lakshadweep.
- This same very day, William Shakespeare's tragedies and plays, including Othello (1604) and The Tempest (1611) had their first recorded royal court performances.



IT'S QUIZ TIME

Chhattisgarh Special

- In which district of the state is the first music university located in Chhattisgarh state, country and entire Asia?
- The first person from Chhattisgarh to be awarded the Padma Shri (1976) was-
- Which player from Chhattisgarh has captained the Indian women's hockey team?
(a) Neha Bajaj
(b) Tandra Rai Chowdhury
(c) Saba Anjum
(d) Anjani Patel
- In which year was the English translation of the famous book 'Chhattisgarhi Grammar' by Chhattisgarh's great grammarian Hiralal Kavayopadhyay published by the famous linguist Sir George Grierson in the Bengal Asiatic Society's Journal?
- Who first used the word 'Chhattisgarh' in literature?
- The Bhanjdev Samman is given. Maharaja Pravirchand Bhanjdev was the popular king of which princely state? The Chhattisgarh government awards the Maharaja Pravirchand Award for his outstanding performance in the field of archery.
- Which institute is doing the structural design of the proposed Jaitkham at Girodpuridham in the state, whose height is being kept at 77 meters?

Answers-

(1) Institute of Technology Roorkee
(2) Dalpat Ram Saw
(3) Pt. Mukundhar Pandey
(4) Chhattisgarh (formerly part of the Rajwadegaon district)
(5) Chhattisgarh-Chhikikhadan-Gandhi district
(6) Chhattisgarh-Chhikikhadan-Gandhi district
(7) Indian

RamaQuiz

TELL ME WHY?

Why are brass and copper utensils coated with tin?

Copper and brass utensils must be tinned (coated with a thin layer of tin, a traditional process known as kalai) to prevent chemical reactions, food contamination, and corrosion.

The tin layer shields the underlying metal from daily wear, simplifies cleaning, and extends the overall lifespan.

TRUE OR FALSE?

- Buzz Aldrin was the first human to journey into outer space.
- The ancient Roman Colosseum is located in Italy.
- 'Ag' is the chemical symbol for the precious metal Gold?
- Great Wall of China was primarily built and expanded to protect against invasions from Xiongnu and the Mongols.
- Norway is famously referred to as the 'Land of the Rising Sun'.

Answers -

(1) False - Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin was the first human to journey into outer space on April 12, 1961, (2) False - City of Rome
(3) False - Au (4) True (5) False - Japan or Nihon or Nippon.

HINDI MADE EASY

- संविधान : Constitution
- प्रशासन : Administration
- संप्रभुता : Sovereignty
- धर्मनिरपेक्ष : Secular
- अधिनियम : Act / Statute

HUMOR AT ITS BEST

A Dad's Ringtone

Teacher:
"Tina, why were you absent yesterday? I tried calling your father, and his phone was switched off."

Tina: "That wasn't his phone being off, teacher—that's just his ring tone!"

WORD OF THE DAY

Diligent

Meaning: Having or showing care and conscientiousness in one's work or duties.

Part of Speech: Adjective

Example: A diligent student always completes homework on time and revises daily.

Synonyms: Hardworking, studious, and attentive

Antonyms: Lazy, idle and negligent.

CROSSWORD -270

Across

- Local authority (7)
- Personnel (5)
- Wept (5)
- Curtly (7)
- Exact (7)
- Indian stringed instrument (5)
- Bicycle for two (6)
- Fought with swords (6)
- Indications (5)
- Simple and natural in manner (7)
- Mournful poems (7)
- Din (5)
- Donned (3,2)
- Marine algae (7)

Down

- Pilot's compartment (7)
- Join together (5)
- Common painkiller (7)
- Missive (6)
- Categories (5)
- Germ-free (7)
- Lobby (5)
- Fail to care for (7)
- Baltic country (7)
- Come down (7)
- Girls (6)
- Rams and ewes (5)
- Descendant or heir (5)
- Chosen few (5)

SUDOKU - 270

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SUDOKU SOLUTION - 269

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2	9	7	1	3	6	5	8	4
8	4	3	5	2	7	1	6	9
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DAILY WORD SEARCH

- Bounce
 - Jump
 - Stir
 - Crawl
 - Leap
 - Stretch
 - Creep
 - Rock
 - Stride
 - Dance
 - Roll
 - Stroke
 - Dart
 - Shake

- Sway
 - Float
 - Skip
 - Swing
 - Gambol
 - Slink
 - Turn
 - Hop
 - Sprawl
 - Twist
 - Jig
 - Stagger
 - Walk

W A L T S W I N G S N B H
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Business



Maharashtra needs 50,000 electric buses.
Devendra Fadnavis,
Maharashtra Chief Minister

AI Advantage Summit 2026



Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, K. K. Singh attended the India AI Advantage Summit 2026, organised by the Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI), at ITC Maurya, in New Delhi | Photo PTI

India's extreme poverty drops to 2.6%: World Bank

World Bank reports India's extreme poverty declined from 27.1% in 2011 to 2.6% in 2023, marking significant economic progress.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India's extreme poverty rate dropped sharply to 2.6 per cent in 2023 from 27.1 per cent in 2011, with the country lifting an estimated 496 million people out of poverty, a World Bank report said.

The World Bank's report titled 'India Poverty and Equity Brief: October 2026' said the poverty estimates are

based on the lower middle-income country threshold of USD 4.20 per day and the extreme poverty threshold of USD 3 per day, measured at 2021 purchasing power parity (PPP).

Over the past decade, India has made remarkable progress in reducing poverty across both monetary and non-monetary dimensions, recording "one of the fastest poverty declines" in the world, it

said. "Between 2011 and 2023, the share of the population living below the Lower Middle-Income Country line (USD 4.20/day, 2021 PPP) fell from 57.7 per cent to 16.1 per cent, lifting an estimated 496 million people out of poverty, while extreme poverty (USD 3/day) declined from 27.1 per cent to 2.6 per cent," it said. The report further said that poverty is projected to continue declining,

albeit more gradually, with the poverty rate at the USD 4.20/day line expected to fall from 14.2 per cent in 2026 to 12.1 per cent by 2028. These indicative microsimulation-based projections will be updated as labour market and macroeconomic data are revised, or new data becomes available. In a post on X, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the World Bank identifies strong consumption

growth, rising employment, especially among women, and expanded social transfers, including food subsidies, as major drivers.

She said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government's sustained policy efforts are yielding tangible results, strengthening the foundations for inclusive growth and greater economic opportunity.

UPI Payments now available for Burj Khalifa, Singapore attractions

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Indian tourists can book international attraction tickets using UPI.



NEW DELHI: Indian tourists can now use the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) to book tickets online for Dubai's Burj Khalifa and major attractions in Singapore, including Universal Studios, Singapore Oceanarium, and Adventure Cove Waterpark. The initiative is aimed at making international travel bookings easier for Indians by enabling them to use their preferred UPI applications for online payments at these destinations, the Finance Ministry said in a statement on Friday.

NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL), the international arm of the National Payments Cor-

poration of India (NPCI), entered into strategic partnerships with the UAE and Singapore on July 29 and September 9, respectively, to facilitate UPI-based online bookings. In the UAE, UPI acceptance has been enabled for At the Top, Burj Khalifa, in partnership with NEOPAY and Emaar Entertainment. It is the first attraction in the UAE to implement UPI for e-commerce, the statement said. In Singapore, UPI acceptance has been extended to Resorts World Sentosa in collaboration with FOMO Pay, a payment institution.

SEBI plans skill upgrade for Independent Directors

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SEBI proposes collaborative initiative to strengthen corporate governance.



KOLKATA: Capital market regulator SEBI is exploring the creation of a capacity-building network involving institutions, professional bodies, academia and industry chambers to strengthen the skills and effectiveness of independent directors amid expanding corporate governance responsibilities.

SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey at a session of the Bharat Chamber of Commerce here on Saturday said the proposed network would facilitate greater interaction among stakeholders and help improve the overall standard of independent directors. The initiative comes against the backdrop of growing expectations from independent directors,

HIGHLIGHT

● Network to enhance directors' skills and effectiveness.

whose responsibilities are increasingly extending beyond regulatory compliance to safeguarding shareholder interests and strengthening business performance. "We have an idea to develop a capacity-building network for independent directors where all the important institutions, professional bodies, academia and industry chambers come together

to upgrade the capacity building of the independent directors system as a whole," Pandey said.

He said soon a consultative process will be launched. Emphasising the need to strike a balance between accountability and operational independence, he said SEBI was conscious that regulatory oversight should be proportionate and should not impose an excessive burden on independent directors.

"We should have proportionate oversight on the independent directors and not an excessive burden from the point of view of regulators," he said.

Pandey said the regulatory framework and corporate governance code already provide several safeguards and empower independent directors to discharge their responsibilities, he said in reply to questions.

COAL PRODUCTION |

Coal production shields India from price volatility

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Domestic coal production strengthens India's energy security amid global uncertainty.

tight through 2027, Coal Secretary Vikram Dev Dutt said on Friday. Speaking during a stakeholder consultation on 'Mining for Future' in Panjim, Goa, he said that the past eight months had tested the sector. When the conflict in West Asia disrupted LNG and LPG supplies from late February, coal stocks at mines and power plants allowed the government to assure the country of steady power, and he thanked the industry for



that, the coal ministry said in a statement.

He also cautioned that the pressure has not eased. "The International Energy Agency expects gas markets to stay tight

HIGHLIGHT

● Homegrown coal buffers economy against price shocks.

through 2027. Asian spot LNG averaged USD 17.5 per MBtu in the second quarter, 45 per cent higher than a year earlier; global coal demand is forecast at a record 8.94 billion tonnes in 2026. Each tonne we produce at home protects the economy from these swings," the secretary said. He added that domestic demand points in the same direction.

NITI Aayog projects that India's coal demand will rise from about 1.25 billion tonnes in 2025 to more than 2.6 billion tonnes by 2050 under current policies, and remain above 1.8 billion tonnes even on a net-zero pathway, as steel, cement, and power -- the country's three largest coal-consuming sectors -- continue to expand.

BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

FOREX RESERVES DURING WEEK ENDED OCT 30

India's forex reserves drop by USD 1.27 billion to USD 719.75 billion



MUMBAI: India's forex reserves further dropped by USD 1.269 billion to USD 719.748 billion during the week ended October 30, the RBI said. The overall reserves had dropped by USD 5.011 billion to USD 721.016 billion in the previous reporting week ended October 16.

The reserves had touched an all-time high of USD 785.706 billion for the week ended September 4, driven by a heavy flow of currency as part of a special concessional swap for deposits from the diaspora through which banks raised a record sum of nearly USD 133 billion but have been on a declining trend ever since. Experts attribute the sharp decline in the kitty to deployment of the FCN-R(B) resources and also to currency defence put up by the RBI through

dollar sales. For the week ended October 23, foreign currency assets, a major component of reserves, increased by USD 1.358 billion to USD 593.205 billion, according to the data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include effects of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units, such as the euro, pound and yen, held in foreign exchange reserves. The value of gold reserves decreased by USD 2.65 billion to USD 103.15 billion during the week, the RBI said. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were up by USD 27 million to USD 18.605 billion, the apex bank said. India's reserve position with the IMF decreased by USD 4 million to USD 4.787 billion, the RBI said.

HIKES WINDFALL TAX

Govt hikes windfall tax on diesel, ATF shipments

NEW DELHI: The government on Saturday hiked windfall gains tax on export of diesel and ATF and slashed the levy to zero on petrol for the fortnight beginning October 31. For ATF exports, the duty has been hiked marginally to Rs 11/litre, from Rs 10.5/litre for the fortnight. The rate of special additional excise duty (SAED), along with road and infrastructure cess on export of diesel, will now be Rs 11.5 a litre, up from Rs 8.5 a litre. Duty on petrol exports has been slashed to nil, from Rs 2.5 per litre, for the next fortnight. The finance ministry in a notification said the duty changes will be effective from October 31.

Amid escalating tensions in West Asia, the government imposed an export duty on diesel and ATF on March 27 and revised the rate every fortnight. Beginning May 16, the levy was imposed on petrol exports. The ministry also said there is no change in the existing duty rates on petrol and diesel cleared for domestic consumption. The windfall tax was levied to increase domestic availability of the fuel amid the war in West Asia.

ASSUMES CHARGE

Jatin Kumar Nayak takes charge as CMD of IREDA

NEW DELHI: Jatin Kumar Nayak has assumed charge as the Chairman & Managing Director of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), a company statement said. Prior to this appointment, Nayak held the position of Executive Director (Finance) at REC Ltd.

Nayak has over three decades of rich and diverse experience, the statement said. He has served as Chief Financial Officer of erstwhile REC Transmission Projects Company Limited, a subsidiary of REC. Earlier in his career, he has worked with NHPC, Hindustan Copper, National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO) and Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. His experience spans over the power sector and resource-intensive industries, including mining and metals. He also brings substantial expertise in domestic and international resource mobilisation, strategic treasury management, corporate finance, taxation and legal affairs, project appraisal and monitoring, lending operations, loan recovery, and stressed asset management.



EV COMPONENT MANUFACTURING

HD Kumaraswamy urges auto industry to invest more in EV component manufacturing

PUNE: Union Minister for Heavy Industries H D Kumaraswamy on Friday urged the automobile industry to invest more in electric powertrains, batteries, power electronics, lightweight materials, vehicle software and hydrogen technologies. Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of six manufacturing facilities of electric mobility firm EKA Mobility in collaboration with Pinnacle Industries here, the Minister also said that India is making rapid strides towards becoming a global manufacturing powerhouse. The vision of Aatm Nirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat in 2047 has provided a strong bridge to indigenous manufacturing, technological innovation and sustainable mobility. The expansion of indigenous manufacturing capabilities in electric commercial vehicles, automotive components and engineering solutions emancipates the growing confidence of India's manufacturing ecosystem, he said.

The automotive and auto-component industry is central to India's manufacturing strategy, the minister said, adding that it supports millions of livelihoods, anchors a vast electricity ecosystem and is a powerful multiplier effect across steel, electronics, engineering, large-scale



and services. "The Ministry of Heavy Industries has focused on translating policy intent into measurable outcomes. Our schemes are supporting investment, domestic value addition, advanced technology, manufacturing and transition to cleaner mobility," he said.

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Buddha Relics arrive in Arunachal

Exhibition to offer an opportunity to connect more closely with Buddhist heritage.

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ITANAGAR: Sacred Pipra-hwa relics linked with Lord Buddha arrived in Arunachal Pradesh on Saturday for a three-week exposition in the north-east state starting with Tawang, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying the exhibition would offer devotees an opportunity to connect more closely with Buddhist heritage.

The holy relics will be on display at the iconic Tawang Memorial, before being taken to Bomdila and Namsai, reflecting Arunachal Pradesh's rich Buddhist traditions.

Taking to X, Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu said he received the sacred relics



at Tawang Air Force Station and expressed his gratitude to the IAF for safely transporting them from New Delhi.

"A historic and deeply humbling moment for Tawang and the people of Arunachal Pradesh... For Buddhist devotees across the world, these sacred relics represent a profound connection with Lord Buddha, inspiring faith, compas-

sion, wisdom and the pursuit of inner peace," he said. In another post on the social media platform, the chief minister said he witnessed the traditional Buddhist rituals at Gaden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang Monastery), ahead of the Sacred Exposition of the Holy Relics of Lord Buddha.

"The rituals included Thrisol, associated with the purification of the

sacred remains; Ramne, performed to ward off evil influences and negative forces; and Mandal Tensung, invoking prayers and blessings for the well-being and auspicious preservation of the sacred relics," Khandu said.

PM Modi said the exposition was of immense spiritual and cultural significance, and extended his greetings and best wishes to the people of Arunachal Pradesh. He praised the efforts of the Union Ministry of Culture, the state government and all others associated with organising the event, saying it would provide devotees a special opportunity to pay their respects and seek the blessings of lord Buddha.

Puri files nomination for Rajya Sabha bypoll

Press Trust Of India

74-year-old leader arrives at Assembly with MP CM.

BHOPAL: Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Saturday filed his nomination papers as the BJP candidate for the upcoming Rajya Sabha by-election in Madhya Pradesh, even as police detained several Congress leaders ahead of planned protests against his candidature.

The 74-year-old leader reached the state Assembly building shortly after 11 am, along with Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and BJP state president Hemant Khandelwal under tight security. Before submitting his papers, the Union Petroleum Minister paid obeisance at a gurudwara and visited Karuna Dham Ashram

to seek the blessings of Sant Sudesh Shandilya Maharaj. MP Minister Krishna Gaur was among the proposers for his candidature.

The BJP's Central Election Committee had

FASTFACTS

● **BJP nominates Puri for vacant Rajya Sabha seat.**

announced Puri as its nominee on October 28 for the seat vacated by the resignation of Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs L Murugan, whose term was due to end in April 2030. In the 230-member Madhya Pradesh Assembly, the effective strength for the November 12 bypoll stands at 229 after Congress legislator Mukesh Malhotra was disqualified following a court ruling.

Madhya Pradesh has 11 Rajya Sabha seats, of which the BJP holds seven and the Congress three, with one currently vacant.

Anticipating protests against Puri's candidature, Bhopal police detained several Congress leaders ahead of the nomination filing.

Youth Congress district president Amit Khatri was taken to Ashbagh police station, while state vice-president Abhishek Parmar and district president Ankit Dubey were detained at Habibganj police station.

NEWSLINE

KOLKATA

'Historic day'



BJP national general secretary Sunil Bansal on Saturday described the launch of the party's first trade union at the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport here as a "historic day", announcing plans to set up similar bodies in several other sectors.

Better option

BHOPAL: AI+ Smartphones has announced a price hike of up to Rs 3,000 on selected models, effective November 15, 2026, citing continued cost pressures, particularly in the affordable smartphone segment.

The company has so far absorbed rising costs to keep its smartphones affordable. However, increasing component expenses have prompted a limited price revision to balance affordability with a better customer experience.

Customers can purchase their preferred AI+ smartphone at existing prices until November 14, 2026.

The price increase, ranging from Rs 1,000 to Rs 3,000, will apply to selected variants of the AI+ Pulse 2 FE, Pulse 2, Nova 2 5G, Nova 2 Neo 5G, Nova 2 Power 5G, Nova 2 Pro 5G and Nova 2 Ultra 5G.

However, the price of the AI+ NovaFlip 5G will remain unchanged at Rs 49,999. Despite industry-wide cost challenges, AI+ Smartphones reiterated its commitment to delivering affordable technology, reliable performance and long-term value to Indian consumers. The company will continue to monitor component costs and changing market conditions while focusing on accessible pricing and improved user experience.

न्यायालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी, राजनांदगांव (छ.ग.)
// सूचना //
क्रमांक 14839/रीडर-कले./2026
राजनांदगांव, दिनांक: 30/10/2026

प्रति,
मेसर्स श्रीवेद टेक्स्ट
श्री सुखदेव सिंह
पिता इकबाल सिंह (प्रोप्राइटर)
मकान नंबर 2358, हाउसिंग बोर्ड, दुर्ग,
जिला दुर्ग, 491001

विषय :- आवेदन पत्र अंतर्गत प्रवर्तन अधिनियम 2002 की धारा 14 के तहत बंधक संपत्ति का भौतिक अधिपत्य दिलाने जाने बाबत।

उपरोक्त विषयावलीत आवेदक प्राधिकृत अधिकारी, सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया, शाखा दुर्ग, जिला दुर्ग (छ.ग.) द्वारा प्रस्तुत आवेदन, जिसमें उनके द्वारा आपके स्वामित्व की ग्राम सांक्रा, तहसील राजनांदगांव स्थित बंधक संपत्ति (1) 888/2, क्षेत्रफल 16988 वर्गफुट एवं (2) खसरा नंबर 492/5, क्षेत्रफल 6534 वर्गफीट, जो कि आपके नाम पर दर्ज है, का भौतिक कब्जा पुलिस की सहायता से प्राप्त किये जाने बाबत मांग किया गया है, जिस पर दिनांक 16.11.2026 को प्रातः 11.30 बजे से इस न्यायालय में सुनवाई नियत है।
उक्त प्रकरण में आपकी उपस्थिति एवं जवाब अपेक्षित है। अतः उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें। अनुपस्थिति की दशा में प्रकरण में एकपक्षीय कार्यवाही की जायेगी। अतः सूचना।
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Bilaspur depot begins Vande Bharat maintenance operations

Press Trust Of India

Bilaspur facility is the fourth depot in the country.

BILASPUR: The South East Central Railway (SECR) has commenced the testing and maintenance of 16-coach Vande Bharat trainsets at its maintenance depot in Bilaspur. With the beginning of maintenance operations for Train No. 20825/20826 Bilaspur-Nagpur-Bilaspur Vande Bharat Express, the first phase of the depot's development has become operational. The second phase of the project is also progressing. The Bilaspur facility is the fourth depot in the country developed for the maintenance of Vande Bharat trainsets.



It is equipped with modern machines, equipment and advanced technical facilities designed to ensure efficient and safe maintenance. One of its key features is the retractable overhead electrification (OHE) system, which enables overhead electrical wires to be moved as required during roof-level maintenance, ensuring safe and uninterrupted working conditions. On the occasion, SECR General

FASTFACTS

● **SECR GM conducted a detailed inspection**
● **Depot ensures efficient 16-coach trainset maintenance**

Manager Tarun Prakash conducted a detailed inspection of the depot and reviewed the functioning of the pit line, machinery, equipment and automated systems. He interacted with officials and supervisors

to understand their operation and maintenance. He emphasised the need to ensure that all equipment functions smoothly in accordance with safety standards and that the modern facilities are utilised effectively. He also witnessed the washing of a Vande Bharat rake at the automatic coach washing plant.

The depot has a 423-metre-long, fully covered Inspection Bay Line (IBL), along with a specialised inspection system for checking all four wheels. It also has a centre pit line for examining the undergear of trainsets, floor-level inspection facilities for the sides of coaches, platforms providing access to coach interiors and dedicated working platforms for roof-level maintenance.

Crucial period

BENGALURU: The festive season in India marks a crucial period for businesses to strengthen relationships with their partners, recognize employees, and celebrate with colleagues. Addressing this vital corporate need, Amazon Business has curated 10,000+ gifting options, with deals of up to 75% off MRP along with additional bulk discounts of up to 14% on eligible purchases during the Amazon Great Indian Festival. With a wide selection of corporate gifts across categories and budgets, businesses can explore everything from festive gift hampers.

**बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा**
Bank of Baroda

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to the following borrowers / guarantors calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The under mentioned Borrower / Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub- section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 and under section 14 of the Act of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 .

S. N.	Branch Name/Ph.No.	Name of Borrower / Guarantor & Address	Description of Property	Demand Notice Date, Amount & Symbolic / Physical Possession Date
01	Durg Main Branch, Durg 9752410745	Mrs. Deepa Sonpipre and Mr. Abhay Sonpipre	Residential Flat No.- 02, 1st Floor, Ward No. 12, PH No. 16/24, Khasra No. - 1314/234 , Near Shiv Mandir, Old Amapura admeasuring 1500 sq. ft. Bounded: On the North by : Road, On the South by : Plot No. 64 of Santosh Jain, On the East by: Flat No. 3, On the West by : Road.	07.04.2026 Rs. 16,43,817.00 + interest + other charges 27.10.2026 Symbolic Possession

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgageors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the above mentioned property and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for above mentioned amount interest and other charges thereon.
The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date:01.11.2026,Place: Bhilai, Chhattisgarh
Authorised Officer,Bank of Baroda

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S. N.	Branch Name/Ph.No.	Name of Borrower / Guarantor & Address	Description of Property	Demand Notice Date, Amount & Symbolic / Physical Possession Date
01	ROSARB Branch Durg 7723024982	M/s Oxone Infratech Pvt. Ltd. (Borrower), Mr. Kumar Shiv Prakash (Director & Guarantor), Mr. Naveen Sharma (Director & Guarantor), Mrs. Jyoti Prakash (Guarantor) and Mr. Santosh Kumar Dubey (Guarantor)	1. All that part & parcel of the property consisting of residential land and constructed building on Khasra No 456/35, PH No. - 19/22, House No.2, Street No. 20B, Ward No.61,Ashish Nagar, Risali, Bhilai, Tehsil and Distt. - Durg, Area - 2400 Sq. Feet, belonging to Mr. Santosh Kumar Dubey S/o Late Mr. Jaleshwar Nath Dubey. Bounded: On the North by: Road, On the South by: Others House, On the East by: House of Sahu, House No. 1, On the West by: House No. 3. 2. Khasra No. 58, PH No. - 19/22, Flat No.- 201, 2nd Floor, Garden Apartment, Ward No. 63, Maitri Kunj, Risali, Bhilai, Tehsil and Distt.- Durg, Area 1210.89 Sq. Feet belonging to Mrs. Jyoti Prakash W/o Mr. Kumar Shiv Prakash and Mr. Kumar Shiv Prakash S/o Late Mr. Sahjanand Prasad. Bounded: On the North by: Open Sky, On the South by: Open Sky, On the East by: Entry Corridor and stairs, On the West by: Open Sky.	14.03.2026 Rs. 1,40,71,172.71 + interest + other charges 30.10.2026 Symbolic Possession

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgageors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the above mentioned property and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for above mentioned amount interest and other charges thereon.
The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date:01.11.2026,Place: Bhilai, Chhattisgarh
Authorised Officer,Bank of Baroda

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S. N.	Name of Borrower/ N. Guarantor	Description of Property	Demand Notice Date, Amount & Symbolic / Physical Possession Date
01	Mrs. Nayana Nath W/o Mr. Vijay Shishal Nath, House No. WES/ IND 4.RNM Kondagaon, Bandhapara, Ward No.- 13, Kondagaon, C.G. The Property is Bounded By: North - Road, East- Open and Pump House, South - EWS 10, West - EWS 03. co-borrower Mr. Vijay Shishal Nath S/o Mr. Shishal Wilfred Nath, A29, Amliidih, Telibandha, Raipur, Near St. Joseph School, Raipur, C.G. (492006)	All that part and parcel of the property situated at: Kh. No. - 1106/4 Part, House No. EVVS/IND 4, RNM, Kondagaon, Bandhapara, Ward No. 13, Plot Area - 560 Sq.Ft.GF Built up Area -280 Sq.Ft., Mouza- Bandhapara, Kondagaon, Tehsil And Dist. - Kondagaon, C.G. The Property is Bounded By: North - Road, East- Open and Pump House, South - EWS 10, West - EWS 03.	06.08.2026 Rs. 10,43,257.00 + interest + other charges 29.10.2026 Symbolic Possession

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Date:01.11.2026, Place: Kondagaon, Chhattisgarh
Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

**Indian Overseas Bank**
इंडियन ओवरसीज़ बैंक

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES (Under Proviso to Rule 6(2) and Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank**, (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on below mentioned dates, for recovery of outstanding dues specified below (along with further interest at contractual rates and rests, besides costs / charges incurred till the date of repayment in full) due to the **Indian Overseas Bank**, (Secured Creditor.)

E-auction Sale Date of Properties :- 03.12.2026

Sl. No.	Name of the Account & Branch	Description of the Movable & Immovable Properties	Outstanding dues (as per Sale Notice)	Reserve Price EMD
1.	M/s Prem Naresh Paper Box Industries Proprietor : Mr. Deepak Banjare S/o Mr. Naresh Kumar Banjare Address: Unit/ Office Address: Survey No 246/6,Village- Lalpurkala, R N M Chhili, Tehsil-Bodla, Dist- Kaberdham (C.G.) 491995. Residential Address: Deepak Banjare S/o Mr. Naresh Kumare Banjare Ward No 26, Ghotiya Road, Pincode-491995, Mobile No-9630303555. Permanent Address: Deepak Banjare, S/o Mr. Naresh Kumar Banjare, H No-30, Village-Khaira,Post- Dashrangpur,Pin Code-491336, Mobile No-9630303555, Guarantor and Mortgageor :- Mr.Deepak Banjare, S/o Mr. Naresh Kumar Banjare. Branch :Kawardha	Equitable Mortgage of factory L&B of Kh. No. 246/11(Old Kh. No. 246/7 part) measuring 0.186 hectare, 20021 sq.ft. and Kh No. 246/6 measuring 0.230 hectare 24747 sq.ft. Village-Lalpurkala, P.H. No.-37, R.N.M.-Chhili,Tehsil-Bodla Dist.-Kabirdham in the name of Shri Deepak Banjare S/o Naresh Kumar Banjare R/o Kawardha,Tehsil-Kawardha. Bounded as under : North-Nala, South-Road, East-Other's Plot, West-Other's Plot	Rs.35,98,057/- (as on 29.10.2026) (+) further interest at contractual rates and rests, besides costs / charges incurred till the date of repayment in full.	Rs. 2,17,81,600/- (as on 29.10.2026) Rs. 21,78,160/-
2.	M/s. Shree Balaji Infra, Proprietor: Mrs. Deepa Sharma, H. No-147, Ward No-11, Maharana Pratap Bhavan, Shankar Nagar, Durg ,C.G. 491001, Guarantor and Mortgageor :- M/s Raj Construction, Proprietor: Mr. Rajendra Prasad Sharma, H.No-147, Ward No-11,Maharana Pratap Bhavan, Shankar Nagar, Durg ,C.G. 491001. Branch :Durg	Diverted Open Commercial land of 0.093 Hec/10,000 sqfts. In the name of Raj construction (Proprietor- Mr. Rajendra Prasad Sharma) situated near Vagan Industries,Kh.No. 97/4(part of 979/1) Ph.No.17, Village-Joratal,Tah.Dist: Rajnandgaon (C.G.) Boundaries:- North: Govt. land and Road, South- Jaypal, East- Govt. land and Road, West- Jaypal	Rs.43,02,760/- (as on 30.09.2026) (+) further interest at contractual rates and rests, besides costs / charges incurred till the date of repayment in full.	Rs. 38,00,000/- (as on 30.09.2026) Rs. 3,80,000/-

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the service providers link <https://baanknet.com/> and link provided in Indian Overseas Bank, Branch -Kawardha & Durg, Secured Creditors website i.e. www.iob.in/ [https://www.iob.in/ TenderDetails.aspx?Tendertype=E_Auction].
This may also be treated as a Notice under Rule 6(2) and Rule 8(6)/Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about holding of e-auction on the above mentioned date.

Date: 30.10.2026, Place: Raipur
Authorised Officer, Indian Overseas Bank



QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

“Live life when you have it. Life is a splendid gift—there is nothing small about it.”

[Florence Nightingale]

| OUR VIEW |

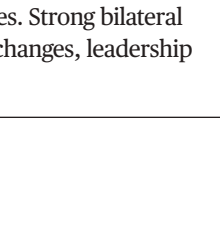
Israel’s Political Uncertainty Tests Strategic Partnerships

Israel’s fractured electoral verdict has created fresh political uncertainty at a time when the country faces serious security challenges and growing diplomatic pressures. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has emerged as a leading contender but remains short of the parliamentary majority required to form a government. The outcome reflects a deeply divided electorate unwilling to give either political camp a decisive mandate. The immediate challenge is coalition formation. With Netanyahu’s right-wing bloc falling short of the required 61 seats in the 120-member Knesset, smaller parties could determine Israel’s political future. Opposition leader Gadi Eisenkot faces similar difficulties, making negotiations and political compromises unavoidable. Three possibilities dominate the political landscape: an opposition coalition supported by Arab parties, a national unity government, or Netanyahu securing additional lawmakers from rival formations. Each arrangement carries considerable ideological and political complications. Beyond electoral arithmetic lies a larger question concerning Israel’s democratic stability. The devastating Hamas attack of October 2023, prolonged military confrontations and controversies surrounding Netanyahu’s leadership have intensified public divisions. Another prolonged political deadlock could weaken public confidence in democratic institutions. For India, however, the implications extend beyond Netanyahu’s personal political fortunes. New Delhi and Tel Aviv have developed a substantial strategic partnership covering defence technology, intelligence cooperation, cyber-security, agriculture, artificial intelligence and innovation. Defence cooperation remains particularly significant. Israeli military equipment and advanced surveillance technologies contribute to India’s security capabilities. Increasing emphasis on joint manufacturing and technology transfers also supports India’s ambition to strengthen domestic defence production. Nevertheless, India must recognise that durable international partnerships cannot depend excessively on personal relationships between political leaders. While the friendship between Narendra Modi and Netanyahu has strengthened diplomatic engagement, institutional cooperation must remain the foundation of bilateral relations. New Delhi must also carefully balance its growing relationship with Israel against its long-standing support for Palestinian aspirations and its strategic interests across West Asia. Regional instability, particularly involving Iran, could threaten energy supplies, trade routes and the safety of Indian expatriates. Ultimately, Israel’s political future must be decided through democratic negotiations rather than prolonged confrontation. For India, the sensible approach is diplomatic continuity, strategic independence and engagement with whichever government emerges. Strong bilateral relationships should withstand electoral changes, leadership transitions and political uncertainty.

| GUEST VIEW |

Protecting Women Without Denying Work

The Kerala High Court’s ruling permitting women to work in toddy shops marks a crucial judicial shift from state-sponsored paternalism to constitutional autonomy. Historically, excise laws restricted female employment under the pretext of workplace safety. However, the judiciary has affirmed that protective state measures cannot disenfranchise women or curb their freedom to choose a lawful occupation. This jurisprudence builds upon the Supreme Court’s decision in Anuj Garg v. Hotel Association of India (2007), which struck down Section 30 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914. The apex court established that statutory prohibitions barring women from liquor-serving premises violate Articles 14, 15, and 19(1)(g) of the Indian Constitution. Using the doctrine of proportionality, the Court held that the state must secure safe working environments rather than impose blanket employment bans that entrench gender stereotypes and restrict economic independence. By applying Anuj Garg, the Kerala High Court reinforced that state protection under Article 15(3) must empower, not exclude. Sex-based occupational bans fail the test of reasonable classification under Article 14 because safety risks stem from enforcement failures, not the gender of the employee. In conclusion, excluding women from traditional excise sectors under the guise of security violates fundamental rights. True constitutional governance requires states to enforce workplace safety and eliminate institutionalized paternalism, ensuring equal access to employment across all industries.



A.C. Vineeth Kumar

Comment

Israel’s Verdict: Power Without a Mandate!?

Israeli politics stands once again at a crossroads of uncertainty. The parliamentary election held on October 27 failed to dislodge Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu from the political arena, but it did not give him an unimpeded mandate to govern either. According to preliminary projections available on October 29, Netanyahu’s coalition was expected to secure 53 seats, while the opposition bloc led by Gadi Eisenkot could win 48. Arab parties were projected to secure 19 seats collectively. In the 120-member Knesset, Israel’s Parliament, a majority of 61 seats is required to form a government. Thus, even the bloc emerging with the largest number of seats faces the prospect of being unable to form a government. The broad conclusion emerging from the analyses of Reuters, the Associated Press, the BBC and The Guardian is clear: Netanyahu has not suffered a decisive political defeat, but neither have voters handed him an unequivocal mandate. It would be a mistake to view this election merely as a contest between the ruling establishment and the Opposition. The Hamas attacks of October 7, 2023, the subsequent war in Gaza, confrontations with Lebanon and Iran, and failures relating to national security have significantly influenced the electoral landscape. Who should be held accountable

for the failure to anticipate the attacks? Can declarations of military victory guarantee lasting security for the people? Netanyahu must answer these questions. Yet he sought to portray his leadership as the country’s principal shield against external threats, emphasising military achievements and the danger posed by Iran. The Opposition called for change but failed to translate its appeal into sufficient electoral support for an alternative government. The decline in Netanyahu’s coalition strength from 68 seats in the outgoing Parliament to a projected 53 is significant. It points to growing dissatisfaction with his leadership. Nevertheless, it would be premature to declare his political career over. As analyses in The Washington Post have suggested, his ability to survive politically remains a defining feature of Israeli politics. The corruption cases against him, controversies surrounding an independent inquiry into the security failures of October 2023, exemptions from military service for ultra-Orthodox communities, and pressure from far-right allies constitute major challenges. Yet divisions within the Opposition may once again offer him an opportunity to remain in power. The Arab parties could now become pivotal to government formation. If they secure 19 seats, the anti-N-



Dr.Kolahalam Ramkishore

etanyahu bloc may have a path towards a parliamentary majority. However, several Opposition leaders have previously opposed forming a government with Arab parties. Netanyahu, too, has rejected cooperation with them. This exposes an inherent contradiction within Israeli democracy. If the votes of Arab citizens are an integral part of the democratic process, how defensible is it to dismiss their political role in government formation even before negotiations begin? Speaking of democratic equality while denying their representation in the exercise of power amounts to a contradiction in practice. Even if a government is formed with Arab party support, its stability cannot be taken for granted. Eisenkot’s bloc brings together centrist, moderate right-wing and left-wing forces that differ over security, the Palestinian question and religious policies. Netanyahu, meanwhile, could attempt to secure a majority by persuading legislators from rival parties to join him or by exploring the possibility of a unity government. If both approaches fail, another election could become inevitable. Such uncertainty would weaken governance and compound the challenges confronting the country’s economy, security establishment and international relations. The substantial participation of Arab citizens is another development of his-

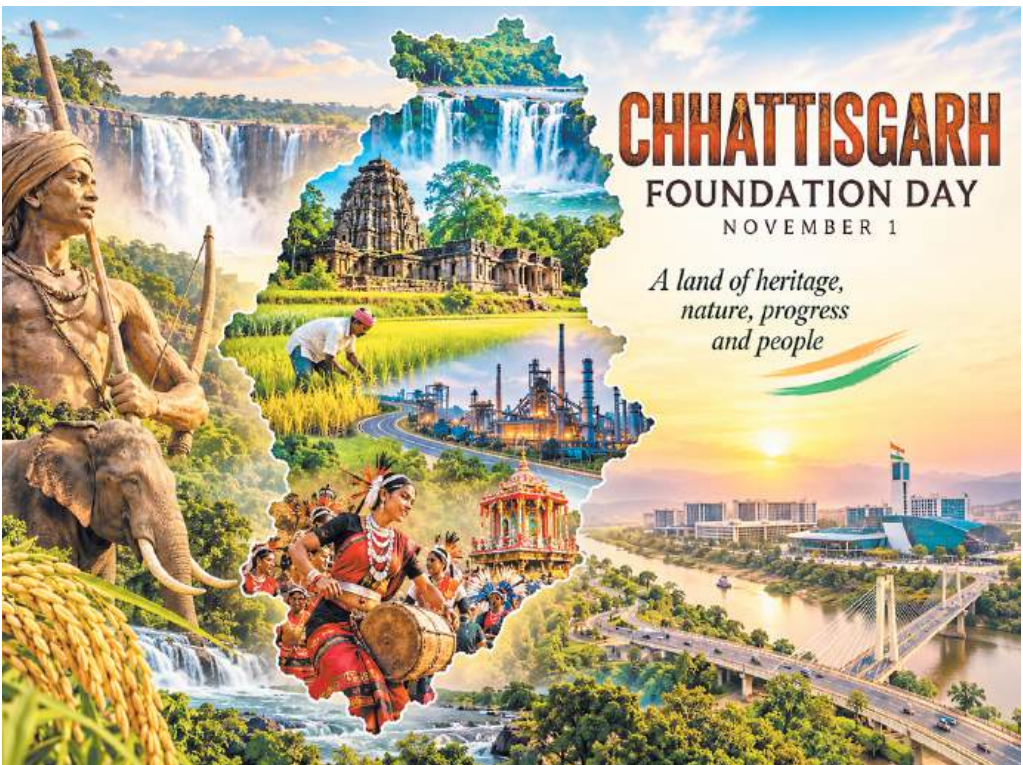
torical significance. A turnout of around 77.7%, reportedly the highest in more than two decades, underlines the importance of their electoral engagement. The projected representation of Arab parties makes it increasingly difficult to ignore their political voice. At the same time, the absence of broad agreement among Israel’s principal Jewish political parties on the establishment of a Palestinian state, together with the damage to Israel’s international standing, remains unresolved. The election has offered no clear answer to these fundamental questions. Ultimately, the Israeli verdict cannot be reduced to a simple narrative of Netanyahu’s victory or the Opposition’s defeat. It is a cautious warning from a divided society. The formation of a new government alone cannot be the measure of democratic success. Accountability for security failures, equal political rights for minorities, a commitment to peace rather than perpetual warfare, and a just approach to Palestinian rights are equally essential. If these concerns are pushed to the margins of post-election negotiations, Israel’s crisis will persist, irrespective of who occupies the seat of power. Democracy is not merely the arithmetic of counting votes; its real test lies in the willingness of those in power to acknowledge and act upon the warnings embedded in the people’s verdict.

Chhattisgarh at 26: A Journey of Pride, Progress and Possibilities

Chhattisgarh Foundation Day Special November 1, 2026

Chhattisgarh celebrates its 26th Foundation Day on November 1, 2026, marking an inspiring journey of cultural pride, economic development and growing aspirations. Formed on November 1, 2000, after its separation from Madhya Pradesh, the state emerged as India’s 26th state, fulfilling a longstanding demand for separate administrative and cultural identity.

With Raipur as its capital and Bilaspur as its judicial headquarters, Chhattisgarh began its journey under first Chief Minister Ajit Jogi. Today, the state comprises 33 districts across five administrative divisions. Popularly known as the Rice Bowl of India, Chhattisgarh has a predominantly agriculture-based rural economy. Paddy cultivation supports millions of livelihoods, while maize, pulses, oilseeds and vegetables contribute to agricultural diversity. Irrigation development, improved farming techniques and food processing offer opportunities for future growth. The state’s abundant mineral resources, including coal, iron ore, limestone and bauxite, have strengthened its industrial importance. Bhilai’s steel industry, Korba’s power sector and industrial activities around Raipur and Raigarh contribute sig-



nificantly to economic development. Equally remarkable is Chhattisgarh’s rich tribal heritage. Communities including Gond, Baiga, Halba, Muria and Maria have preserved distinctive customs, languages and artistic traditions. Festivals such as Bastar Dussehra, Hareli, Pola, Teeja and Madai reflect the state’s cultural identity. Traditional dances, Pandwani performances, Dhokra handicrafts and Kosa silk showcase its artistic excellence. Chhattisgarh also possesses extraordinary tourism potential. Chitrakote and Tirathgarh waterfalls, Kanger Valley National Park, Sirpur’s archaeological monuments, Rajim’s temples and Achanakmar Tiger Reserve attract visitors seeking natural beauty, spirituality and history. Educational and healthcare infrastructure has expanded considerably, with institutions such as AIIMS Raipur, IIT Bhilai, IIM Raipur and NIT Raipur strengthen-

ing professional education and research. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar symbolises the state’s modern urban ambitions. However, challenges involving poverty, unemployment, malnutrition, environmental degradation and uneven regional development demand sustained attention. Tribal welfare, forest conservation, women’s empowerment and employment generation remain essential priorities. This year’s Chhattisgarh

Rajyotsav is scheduled to be celebrated from November 1 to 3 at Nava Raipur, with cultural programmes, exhibitions and ceremonies highlighting the state’s development journey. Reports on the planned celebrations identify women’s empowerment and youth opportunities as prominent themes, alongside the preservation of Chhattisgarh’s art and traditions. The celebrations offer an opportunity to recognise the contributions of farmers, workers, teachers, doctors, entrepreneurs, artists, sportspersons, security personnel and countless ordinary citizens who have participated in the state’s progress. Looking ahead, sustainable industrialisation, quality education, improved healthcare, agricultural modernisation and inclusive development must guide the state’s future. Twenty-six years after its formation, Chhattisgarh stands as a remarkable example of cultural richness and economic potential. Its greatest achievement will be ensuring that prosperity reaches every village, family and community. The true spirit of Foundation Day lies in building a peaceful, progressive and prosperous Chhattisgarh for future generations.

YOURLETTERS

Affordable Healthcare Must Become National Priority

The Supreme Court’s concern over discrepancies between medicine prices has highlighted the urgent need for affordable healthcare. Excessive pricing places a heavy financial burden on patients, particularly those battling serious illnesses. The government must strengthen price regulation, ensure transparency and prevent profiteering by pharmaceutical companies. However, affordability should not compromise medicine availability or discourage production. A balanced pricing policy, supported by effective monitoring, can protect patients while maintaining a sustainable pharmaceutical industry and ensuring essential medicines remain accessible to everyone. Nabnit Panigrahi, Rayagada

Scientific Progress Must Inspire Human Unity

Ashoke Sen’s recognition with the 2026 Oskar Klein Medal, becoming the first Indian physicist to receive this honour, is a proud moment for Indian science. His pioneering contributions to theoretical physics explore the fundamental unity underlying matter and natural forces. Similarly, the ‘Out of Africa’ theory reminds humanity of its shared ancestry. Scientific discoveries should encourage societies to reject hatred, prejudice and discrimination. Celebrating scientific excellence becomes truly meaningful when we embrace equality, compassion, peaceful coexistence and universal brotherhood. Sujit De, Kolkata



THE SUNDAY REVIEW

Akka unleashes a powerful world of women gangsters

A powerful sisterhood faces challenges, rivalry and unexpected betrayals.



Akka is now streaming on Netflix.



Akka is a crime thriller that explores a world ruled by women, where power, tradition and sisterhood collide. Set in the fictional South Indian town of Perunuru during the 1980s, the Netflix series follows an all-female gangster syndicate and its intense rivalry. Directed by debutant Dhar-maraj Shetty, the five-episode show features Keerthy Suresh and Radhika Apte in powerful roles. Perunuru is governed by generations of women across three tribal divisions. Their established order faces disruption when mysterious outsider Rudra (Radhika Apte) arrives, challenging Bhavani (Keerthy Suresh), the woman protecting her family's 800-year-old legacy. The narrative moves between timelines, revealing the origins of the sisterhood and its growing influence. Radhika Apte brings ambition and vengeance to Rudra, making her a compelling character. Keerthy Suresh balances vul-



nerability with fierce determination as Bhavani faces difficult choices while protecting her family's empire. Their confrontations are among the series' strongest moments, filled with threats, tension and emotional intensity. The final two episodes deliver stylish action sequences featuring gun-toting women. The violent climax is gripping, with both leads making unexpected choices. Tanvi Azmi adds weight to the story as a matriarch, while Anshuman Pushkar and Mahesh Manjrekar contribute to the plot. The series celebrates women's independence without excessive preaching.

Perunuru values girl children, education and employment, while marriage takes a backseat to responsibility. However, the story also questions whether women can become their own greatest enemies. With impressive production design, detailed costumes and strong performances, Akka creates an engaging fictional world. Its central conflict is not simply about men versus women, but power, ambition and sacrifice. A final reveal leaves room for another season. Despite occasional narrative unevenness, the performances keep viewers invested throughout.

| HOLLYWOOD |

Sense and sensibility make yearning romantic again

Central Chronicle News

In an era of dating apps and complicated relationships, Sense and Sensibility brings back the charm of slow-blooming romance. Directed by Georgia Oakley, this adaptation of Jane Austen's classic novel explores love, family, heartbreak and societal expectations through the lives of two sisters. Daisy Edgar-Jones and Esme Creed-Miles play Elinor and Marianne Dashwood, sisters with contrasting personalities and approaches to love. While Elinor prefers to hide her emotions, Marianne openly expresses her feelings. Their differences create amusing moments, but their strong bond remains the emotional heart of the film. After their father's death, the Dashwood family loses its home and financial security. The women must navigate a society where marriage is closely connected to financial stability and social standing. As they encounter love, dis-



appointments and difficult choices, their relationships reveal different sides of human emotions. The romantic stories of the sisters add depth to the narrative. Elinor develops feelings for Edward Ferrars (George MacKay), while Marianne becomes attracted to Willoughby (Frank Dillane). Colonel

Brandon (Herbert Nordrum) also plays an important role in the unfolding love story. Their experiences highlight the importance of patience, understanding and emotional commitment. Fiona Shaw is particularly entertaining as Mrs Jennings, bringing humour and liveliness to the period drama. The support-

ing cast also adds charm through quirky characters and engaging interactions. Beautiful ballroom sequences, picturesque countryside locations and elegant visuals recreate Austen's world wonderfully. Although some portions feel lengthy and the film may invite comparisons with the 1995 adaptation, it offers a refreshing interpretation



Sense and Sensibility released in theatres on October 30.

of the beloved classic. With heartfelt performances, witty moments and tender romance, Sense and Sensibility celebrates the beauty of meaningful connections and emotions that deserve time to grow.

HIGHLIGHT

● Jane Austen's timeless romance returns with warmth, wit and emotional depth.

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WHAT TO WATCH HOMEBOUND



Obsession

Cast: Michael Johnston, Inde Navarrette and others
Where to watch: On JioHotstar, Obsession follows Bear (Michael Johnston),

an introverted young man secretly in love with his co-worker Nikki (Inde Navarrette). Hoping to win her affection, he uses a supernatural artefact to make her fall for him. However, his wish takes a disturbing turn when Nikki develops an unhealthy obsession with him. What begins as a romantic fantasy soon becomes a terrifying experience, leading both into a series of disastrous consequences.



Dhindora

Cast: Bhuvan Bam and others
Where to watch: : Where to watch: On Netflix, Bhuvan Bam's popular comedy series Dhindora follows Babloo and his middle-class family, whose lives change after an unexpected lottery win. However, their happiness soon turns into chaos when Babloo meets with a car accident and suffers from amnesia. As his son Bhuvan and friends try to uncover the truth, the family encounters greedy neighbours, unexpected fame and several hilarious situations. The series blends family drama, humour and entertaining twists throughout its storyline.



Meethe Mein Kya Hai

Cast: Ritwik Bhowmik, Ayesha Raza Mishra and others.
Where to watch: On Netflix, Meethe Mein Kya Hai explores complicated relationships within

a multigenerational family, where years of unresolved secrets and differing opinions have created tensions. Their already strained relationships take an unexpected turn when a surprise marriage announcement interrupts the family's festive celebrations. The news brings long-buried issues to the surface, forcing family members to confront their differences, revisit past disagreements and navigate changing equations under one roof. The film blends family drama, emotions and unexpected revelations.



Mirzapur: The Movie

Cast: Pankaj Tripathi, Ali Fazal, Divyenndu and others
Where to watch: Where to watch: On Amazon Prime Video, Mirzapur: The Movie takes viewers back into the familiar crime-filled world of the popular franchise. Set within the timeline of the first season, the film explores an untold story of power struggles, rivalries and battles for dominance. As the fight for control intensifies, the characters navigate dangerous confrontations and shifting loyalties, with the struggle for the throne taking the story beyond Purvanchal.

Drive: The Pretenders

Cast: Amin Baahmed, Lisa-Marie Koroll and others
Where to watch: On Amazon Prime Video, inspired by Tamara Lush's Wattpad novel, Drive: The Pretenders is a German romantic drama set in the competitive world of professional racing. The story follows Dante Annunziata (Amin Baahmed), a controversial Formula 1 champion, and Sarah Jenkins (Lisa-Marie Koroll), a determined pit mechanic. When a fake engagement becomes Dante's way of repairing his public image, their arrangement takes an unexpected turn as professional ambitions and growing feelings complicate their relationship.



“My definition of success is how I have the freedom and ability to do anything I want, without the fear of failure.”
Vineeta Singh
Co-founder SUGAR Cosmetics



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SINGULAR OF THE WEEK

Never Too Old For Dreams: A Century of Inspiration

The law aspirant proves determination can overcome barriers and redefine greatness.



Menon holds the Guinness World Record for the longest career as a lawyer.

faculties need not define one's future. His story encourages

young people to rediscover their purpose, remain patient and keep moving forward. It shows how passion can keep dreams alive at any age.



HIGHLIGHT

● The lawyer inspires youth with his passion for handling criminal cases.

311 days. Even in his nineties, Menon continued visiting his office and courts, meeting clients and handling cases. For him, the profession is built on trust and responsibility. He believes people approach law-

yers with faith in their ability to represent them. What makes his journey inspiring is his attitude towards retirement. Even at 98, he had no plans to stop working and continued practising with enthusiasm. At a time when young people feel overwhelmed by setbacks, career pressure and uncertainty, Menon's journey offers a reminder. Success has no age limit, and temporary dif-



YOUTH CAREER

Dream career pathways

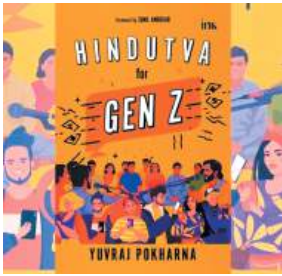
Google adds device shopping to Play Store

The Google Play Store is expanding beyond apps and games, allowing users in India to explore and purchase smartphones and accessories. A new 'Shop devices' option appears under the profile menu. Tapping it redirects users to the official Google Store, where they can browse products and complete purchases. The section features Pixel smartphones, smartwatches and earbuds, while select Samsung phones are also appearing in some global markets. However, the feature currently offers no exclusive discounts or cashback, focusing instead on making hardware shopping more convenient.



Hindutva for Gen Z explores culture and identity

Yuvraj Pokharna's Hindutva for Gen Z explores Hindutva through accessible discussions on its origins, caste, secularism, cinema, the RSS and technology. The book simplifies complex ideas for young readers while examining cultural identity, historical perspectives and contemporary debates. It also challenges misconceptions and encourages thoughtful engagement with India's heritage. With 12 lifestyle pointers in its conclusion, the book presents Hindutva as an idea relevant to younger generations, inviting readers to explore its meaning and significance in modern India.



Gen Z embraces solo travel this festive season

Gen Z is increasingly choosing solo travel this festive season, turning holidays into opportunities for independence and self-discovery. From exploring unfamiliar destinations to enjoying local festivals, young travellers are prioritising flexible itineraries and meaningful experiences. Budget-friendly stays, spontaneous road trips and social travel communities are making solo adventures more accessible. Beyond sightseeing, travelling alone offers a chance to meet new people, discover different cultures and enjoy personal freedom while creating memorable festive experiences on their own terms.



OPPO Pad mini offers a compact tablet experience

OPPO Pad Mini Matte Display Edition features an 8.8-inch 2.5K OLED display with a 144Hz refresh rate and matte finish to reduce reflections. Weighing around 280 grams, it is slim and easy to carry. Powered by Snapdragon 8 Gen 5, it offers 8GB RAM, 512GB storage and an 8,000mAh battery. The tablet supports 67W fast charging and runs Android 16-based ColorOS 16. Priced at Rs 94,999, it also includes a complimentary stylus and smart case for buyers.



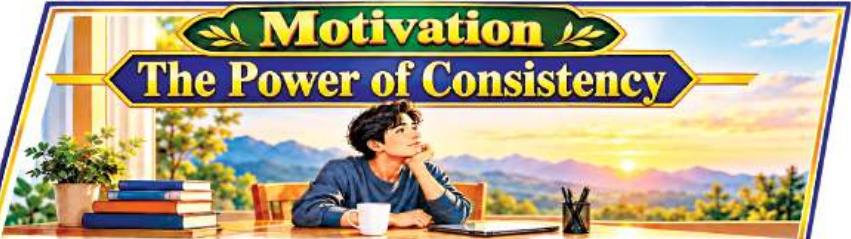
Fashion gets a creative Gen Z makeover

Gen Z is embracing playful fashion, where personal expression matters more than following fixed trends. Unexpected colour combinations, quirky accessories, statement footwear and experimental silhouettes are adding fun to everyday dressing. Mixing contrasting prints, styling unusual layers and pairing casual pieces with bold accents are becoming popular choices. Rather than dressing to fit in, young fashion enthusiasts are creating looks that reflect their mood, personality and creativity. The focus is on confidence, comfort and having fun with fashion.



Motivation

The Power of Consistency



Big results in life rarely come from one massive action. They come from small, consistent efforts repeated over time. Consistency may not look exciting, but it is one of the most powerful tools you can use to create the life you want. It is what turns good intentions into real progress. Many people start with high motivation. They feel excited, make big plans, and work hard for a few days or weeks. But when the excitement fades or things get difficult, they lose momentum. The truth is, motivation comes and goes, but consistency keeps you moving forward, even on the days when you do not feel like it. Consistency helps you build habits, gain confidence, and develop the discipline needed to achieve your goals. It is not about being perfect or doing everything at once. It is about showing up, doing your best, and keeping that commitment day after day. Even small steps, when done regularly, can lead to remarkable changes over time. Do not underestimate the power of doing a little each day. Read a few pages, practice a skill for a few minutes, make a healthier choice, or take one step toward your dream. These small actions may seem simple, but they add up, and they create real results. Stay consistent, be patient, and trust the process. You may not see big changes right away, but keep going. The efforts you make today will build a stronger, brighter future tomorrow.

Maxxing: The new Internet trend

From improving appearance to eating better and sleeping well, the internet has a new self-improvement trend called 'maxxing'. Named Word of the Year 2026, the term refers to maximising different aspects of life. Looks-maxxing focuses on grooming, skincare and fitness, while proteinmaxxing encourages higher protein intake. Sleepmaxxing promotes healthy sleep habits, including fixed bedtimes and reduced screen time. Tokenmaxxing involves using AI tools to improve workplace productivity. Meanwhile, cozy-maxxing celebrates comfort through relaxing activities such as reading, cooking or enjoying a peaceful evening. The trend reflects growing interest in making everyday life better.



Career in ACTUARY

Who is an Actuary?

An actuary is a professional who uses mathematics, statistics and financial knowledge to assess and manage risk in areas like insurance, pensions, investments and healthcare.

What does an Actuary do?

- Analyses financial risks using data and statistics.
- Develops policies and premium rates for insurance.
- Helps organisations plan for future financial needs like pensions and retirement benefits.
- Works on investment strategies and risk management.
- Prepares reports and advises management.

Skills Required

- Strong analytical and mathematical skills.
- Logical thinking and problem-solving.
- Good understanding of statistics.
- Attention to detail.
- Communication and report-writing skills.
- Patience and willingness to learn.

Educational Qualification

- Pass 10+2 (any stream, preferably with Mathematics).
- Obtain a graduate degree in any discipline (B.Com., B.Sc., B.A., B.Tech., etc.).
- Clear professional examinations conducted by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA - UK) or the Institute of Actuaries of India (IAI).

Courses and Exams

- Professional qualification through the Institute of Actuaries of India (IAI) or the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA - UK).
- A series of actuarial examinations covering mathematics, statistics, finance, economics and risk management.
- On-the-job training is typically provided by employers during the examination process.

Job Opportunities

- Life and health insurance companies.
- General insurance companies.
- Pension funds and retirement benefit plans.
- Investment and asset management firms.
- Banks and financial services companies.
- Consulting firms.
- Government and regulatory bodies.

Salary (Approximate)

- Entry Level:** Rs 6-10 lakh per annum.
- With Experience:** Rs 15-25 lakh per annum.
- Senior Actuaries:** Rs 30 lakh+ per annum.
- Note:** Salary varies according to experience, company and location. These figures are approximate and may differ significantly.

Growth and Career Prospects

- High demand for actuaries globally.
- Good career growth and job stability.
- Opportunities to work in international markets.
- Scope in new areas like data analytics, climate risk and healthcare.

Why Choose a Career in Actuary?

- ★ Challenging and rewarding career.
- ★ High earning potential.
- ★ Global opportunities.
- ★ Chance to make a positive impact by helping people and organisations manage future risks.

Jurel’s 99, Padikkal’s 80 carry India A to 291/7 against NZ A

Skipper Dhruv Jurel’s unbeaten 99 and Devdutt Padikkal’s impressive 80 helped India A recover from a middle-order collapse to reach 291/7 against New Zealand A on the opening day.

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Jurel and Akash Deep added 69 unbeaten runs, rescuing India from trouble.

CHRISTCHURCH: Skipper Dhruv Jurel made a solid unbeaten 99 after Devdutt Padikkal’s breezy 80 as India A recovered well to score a strong 291 for seven against New Zealand A on the opening day of the four-day match here on Saturday.

Jurel (99 batting, 155b) and Akash Deep (25 batting) were at the crease at close. The eighth-wicket pair has so far added 69 runs in 18.4 overs to keep the visitors afloat.

At lunch, India were comfortably placed at 87 for one despite the early dismissal of Yashasvi Jaiswal, who trapped leg before by pacer Fraser Sheat in the fourth ball of the first over.

But India lost Sai Sudharsan (41) in the first over after lunch as the left-hander punched an away going delivery from pacer Jarrod McKay to get caught by stumper Mitchell Hay.

But Padikkal continued unfazed, bringing up a sturdy fifty in 101 balls with a boundary through the point off McKay.

India were 131 for two at this stage, but the Kiwis rattled them with three wickets in the span of seven runs.

First to depart was



Yash Rathod (13). The left-hander feathered a lovely out-swinger from pacer Brett Randell to stumper Hay, and Padikkal followed him soon.

The left-hander’s attempted cut off Sheat took a deflection off his bat to disturb the stumps.

In the very next ball, Ravichandran Smaran offered a no-shot to a delivery that came in a wee bit to ping his pads.

The umpire agreed to Sheat’s shout for a leg-before wicket as Smaran trudged off the field.

Washington Sundar too did not last long, getting trapped in front by Sheat, who was the most successful home bowler.

But Jurel found a willing ally in Manav Suthar (22) as the seventh wicket duo milked 62 runs to keep the home bowlers at bay.

However, Suthar perished mid-way through the final session, leaving Jurel the only acknowledged batter in the middle.

The right-hander reached his fifty in 93 balls and soon punished McKay for a sequence of 4, 6, 4 to give India some momentum.

Jurel, who played a couple of excellent drives and pull shots off McKay and Randall, was then joined by a stubborn Akash as India waded through the final phase of the day without any trouble.

| MANISHA EYES OLYMPICS |

Manisha eyes LA Olympics glory after historic Worlds triumph

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World champion Manisha targets Olympic glory, drawing inspiration from her late father.

DUBAI: Historic world champion Manisha Bhanwala has set her sights on winning a medal in the 57kg category at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, drawing inspiration from her late father.

The 29-year-old created history in Astana, Kazakhstan, becoming the first Indian woman wrestler to win a senior World Championships gold. Her triumph in the 59kg category followed a disappointing medal-less campaign at the Asian Games.

Manisha credited coach Virender Dahiya



for helping her overcome the setback and regain confidence. She switched from 57kg to 59kg for the World Championships because the short gap between tournaments made weight reduction difficult.

In the final, Manisha

staged a remarkable comeback from a 0-6 deficit to secure gold, displaying extraordinary determination and attacking intent.

However, her biggest motivation remains her father, who introduced her to wrestling before

HIGHLIGHT

● Manisha became India’s first woman wrestler to claim senior World Championships gold.

● The 29-year-old aims to compete in 57kg category at Los Angeles Olympics.

passing away in 2022.

“He is a part of my life; he is in my heart,” Manisha said, recalling his enormous contribution to her career.

Before the World Championships final, she wore a special T-shirt honouring his memory.

Coach Dahiya praised her dedication, recalling how she trained twice daily despite extreme summer temperatures during a 2022 camp in Lucknow.

and would enter the tournament with competitive squads.

She also hoped a new franchise would emerge champion, believing different winners would strengthen the league’s popularity and attract wider audiences.

However, Anjum opposed immediately expanding the competition beyond five teams, stressing the importance of maintaining quality.



“Grace Harris was an absolute steal at Rs 30 lakh because she brings multiple skills and tremendous value to UP Warriorz.”

Anjum Chopra
Former India women’s cricket captain

with their combinations



Rana initially went unsold before attracting a bid.

Assessing the franchises, Anjum said all five teams appeared satisfied

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

ISSF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

After Asian Games dip, Indian shooters face early LA28 qualification test



DOHA: India’s leading shooters will aim to bounce back from their disappointing Asian Games campaign when the ISSF World Championships begin here on Sunday, offering crucial qualification opportunities for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. India’s shooting medal tally dropped from 22 at the 2023 Hangzhou Asian Games to 15 in Aichi-Nagoya, raising concerns over perfor-

mances and coaching strategies. Double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker, Esha Singh and Elavenil Valarivan will look to regain form, while trap shooter Neeru Dhandu, who claimed two gold medals in Japan, remains a strong medal contender. The championships offer 36 Olympic quota places across 12 individual events, making early qualification a priority. **PTI**

NABI REPLACES PRASIDH

Auqib Nabi replaces injured Prasad Krishna for first three ODIs



NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir pacer Auqib Nabi has been included in India’s squad for the first three ODIs against New Zealand after Prasad Krishna was ruled out of the five-match series with a hamstring injury. Nabi, originally selected for the fourth and fifth ODIs, will now be available from the series opener in Auckland on November 4. BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia confirmed the change on Saturday, stating that the right-arm pacer would join the squad from the beginning. Nabi recently impressed for India A against New Zealand A in Lincoln, claiming six wickets across two innings in a four-day encounter. He made his ODI debut against the West Indies in Guwahati last month, conceding 84 runs in 8.5 overs. **PTI**

HAKIMI CELEBRATES HATTRICK

Hakimi scores brilliant hat trick as PSG crush Le Havre 5-1 in style

LILLE: Achraf Hakimi struck a sensational hat trick and provided two assists as Paris Saint-Germain defeated Le Havre 5-1 to register their sixth consecutive league victory. Le Havre took an early lead through Josh Maja, but Mika Godts and Hakimi struck before halftime to put PSG ahead. Hakimi converted a free kick in the 55th minute, assisted Senny Mayulu and completed his hat trick in the 69th as PSG extended their unbeaten momentum. Elsewhere, Elye Wahi scored three goals, including two penalties, as Nice defeated Rennes 5-2. Veteran striker Olivier Giroud struck an 86th-minute winner to guide Lille past Lens 1-0. In Spain, Espanyol edged Villarreal 1-0, while German side Elversberg defeated Mainz 4-1. **PTI**



Indian women can dominate world cricket within two years: Muzumdar

MUMBAI: Indian women’s cricket team head coach Amol Muzumdar believes the side can dominate international white-ball cricket within two years, backed by emerging young talent. Speaking at a Sports Journalists Association of Mumbai event on Saturday, Muzumdar emphasised the importance of ruthless performances and consistency. India won the ODI World Cup last November but are yet to capture a major T20I title. The upcoming ICC T20I Champions Trophy offers another opportunity.



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Sports News

India seek fresh combinations for final New Zealand showdown

With the series already secured, India may experiment with their playing eleven, giving emerging talents and specialist bowlers opportunities in the final T20I against New Zealand on Sunday.

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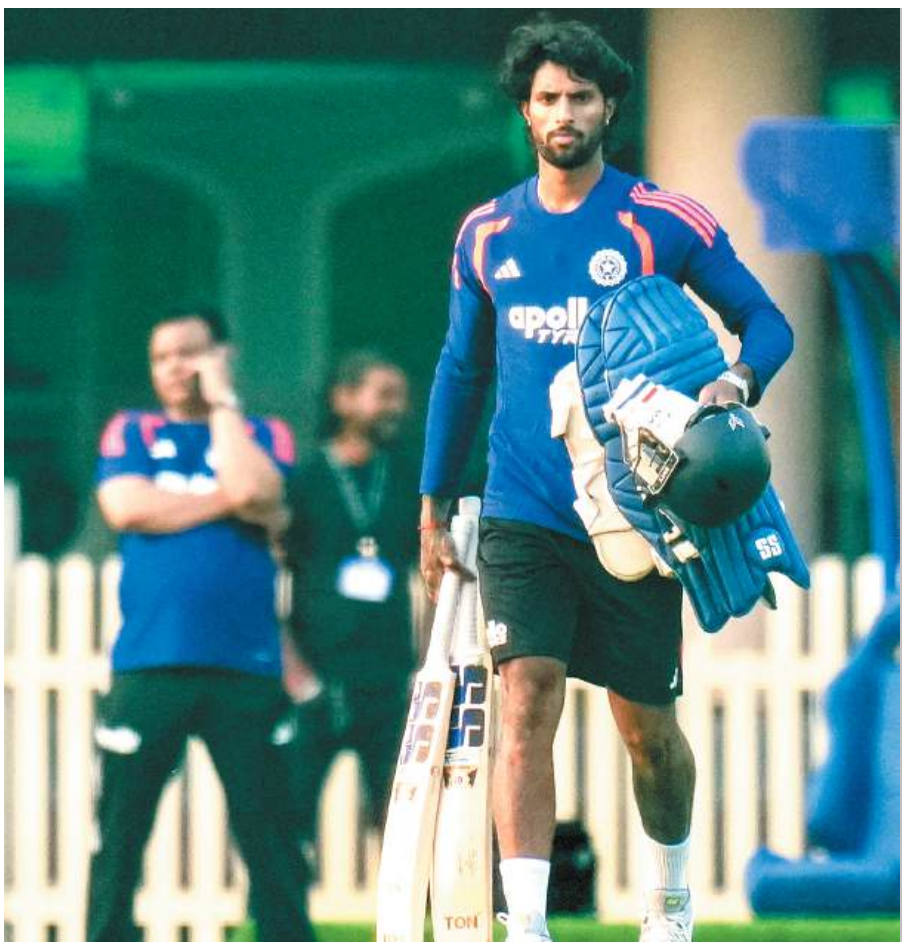
Vaibhav, Kuldeep await opportunities as India seek strong finish against New Zealand.

HAMILTON: India may consider reshuffling their playing eleven for Sunday's fifth and final T20I against New Zealand, with Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Kuldeep Yadav and Varun Chakravarthy emerging as possible selections.

Despite securing an unassailable 3-1 series lead, India will aim to recover from their disappointing defeat in Auckland and finish strongly.

Sanju Samson's inconsistent performances have raised concerns. After scoring 67 in the opener, he managed just 14, 18 and four in subsequent matches, potentially opening the door for young Sooryavanshi.

Shreyas Iyer has also



Tilak Varma during a training session ahead of the 5th T20 cricket match against New Zealand.

struggled for consistency, while Naman Dhir and Nitish Kumar Reddy have provided valuable lower-order contributions.

India's bowling remains another concern. Arshdeep Singh has been the most dependable performer, while veteran Bhuvneshwar Kumar has claimed just one wicket in three matches, conceding 139 runs.

The management could strengthen the attack by including Kuldeep or Chakravarthy, although that might require sacrificing some batting depth.

Spin coach Sairaj Bahutule has confirmed that both wrist-spinners are ready whenever required.

Meanwhile, New Zealand will seek another victory before the upcoming ODI series, banking on Glenn Phillips and Michael Bracewell to deliver strong batting performances against the visitors.

Chhattisgarh Hockey League: Mainpat Titans to face Sanskardhani Strikers in final



Central Chronicle News

Mainpat Titans defeat Bailadila Bulls 3-1, while Strikers stun unbeaten Knights 6-3

RAIPUR: Mainpat Titans will clash with Sanskardhani Strikers in the Chhattisgarh Hockey League final on November 1 at 7 PM after both teams registered impressive semifinal victories on Saturday.

Mainpat Titans secured their final berth by defeating Bailadila Bulls 3-1 in the second semifinal.

Earlier, Sanskard-

hani Strikers stunned previously unbeaten Nyaydhani Knights 6-3 in a thrilling first semifinal. The fourth-placed Strikers overturned their earlier 3-5 league-stage defeat against the table-toppers.

Shahrulk opened the scoring before Adarsh equalised for the Knights. Chirag then put the Knights ahead with a brilliant field goal.

Ashish Tani Purti converted a penalty corner to register his tournament-leading 13th goal, while Arbaz Ali also scored.

However, Shahrulk produced a remarkable performance, completing his hat-trick to turn the contest in the Strikers' favour.

Aryan Zess and Om Kumar Yadav added further goals to seal the convincing victory.

Agriculture Minister Ramvichar Netam, international badminton player Shreyansh Jaiswal and other distinguished guests witnessed the semifinal.

The two finalists will now compete for the prestigious championship title on Sunday evening.

King powers Windies to victory

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Brandon King's unbeaten 81 guides West Indies to convincing first Test victory.

DHAKA: Opener Brandon King struck an unbeaten 81 as West Indies registered a comfortable eight-wicket victory over Bangladesh in the opening Test on Saturday, taking a 1-0 lead in the two-



match series. Chasing 170 on a deteriorating fourth-day pitch, West Indies

reached the target with ease despite interruptions caused by rain, lightning and bad light.

King smashed 10 boundaries and one six during his 115-ball innings, sharing a crucial 112-run opening partnership with John Campbell, who contributed 49.

Earlier, Bangladesh were dismissed for 142 in their second innings after resuming at 79 for six.

Sindhu enters back-to-back finals

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Indian badminton star Sindhu defeats compatriot Anmol Kharb to reach another final.

SAARBRÜCKEN: Double Olympic medallist P V Sindhu advanced to her second consecutive final with a convincing 21-13, 21-16 victory over compatriot Anmol Kharb in the women's

singles semifinals of the Hylo Open Super 500 badminton tournament on Saturday.

The 31-year-old Indian, who finished runner-up at last week's French Open, needed just 32 minutes to overcome the 19-year-old world No. 53.

Sindhu demonstrated superior attacking skills, precise net play and greater expe-



rience to dominate the contest.

Anmol briefly led 4-2 in the opening game, but Sindhu quickly regained control, establishing an 11-9 advantage before comfortably securing the game.

The second game witnessed stronger resistance as Anmol moved ahead 15-13. However, Sindhu

responded with aggressive strokes and clever drops to regain momentum.

Several unforced errors from Anmol helped Sindhu seal victory and maintain her unbeaten record against the youngster.

Meanwhile, India's Lakshya Sen was scheduled to face France's Toma Junior Popov in the men's semifinals.

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Harmer shines as South Africa wins 3rd cricket test against Australia to claim series 2-1

CAPE TOWN: Simon Harmer picked a career-best 6-16 as South Africa bowled out Australia for 111 to win the third test by 176 runs and clinch the three-match series 2-1 on Saturday.

Australia crumbled in Cape Town after being set 288 to win on Day 5 of the deciding match of the series.

The Proteas rallied from 1-0 down in the first test series between the teams in South Africa since the "Sandpapergate" scandal in 2018.

Harmer, a 37-year-old offspinner, finished with match figures of 10-120 – his first ten-wicket haul in tests – after South Africa made 329 and 387 in its two innings, while Australia scored 429 in its first to take a 100-run lead at Newlands

Kagiso Rabada took 3-39 on Saturday to reach 350 career test wickets.

Wiaan Mulder and Ryan Rickelton had scored centuries on day four to set up a 288-run target, but Australia collapsed to 60-7 at lunch on day five morning.

Australia had won the first test in Durban by 214 runs, and South Africa won the second test in Gqeberha by an innings and 31 runs.

With the victory, South Africa dethroned Australia for the top spot in the ICC test team rankings.

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