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PM Modi inspired Diwali stay with farmers, says CM Devendra Fadnavis

Nagpur, Agency: Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday said PM Narendra Modi's approach towards farmers and the poor was the inspiration behind his Diwali stay with farmers in Lohari Sawanga village of Narkhed taluka, a visit that Modi had appreciated. Fadnavis was speaking to reporters in Nagpur after meeting sarpanches of the taluka earlier in the day. Responding to a question on the PM's praise for his village stay initiative, Fadnavis said, "I thank Modi ji for appreciating this. In fact, all this inspiration comes to us from him." Explaining what he draws from the PM, Fadnavis said, "Modi ji constantly deals



with the poor, the deprived, farmers and the disabled with great affection. He takes up their issues on priority. That is why we too get the inspiration to do all this from his conduct." Linking PM Modi's approach to help the downtrodden to results, Fadnavis said, "The result is that 50 crore people in India have come out of poverty, as a World Bank survey has just said. This is the PM's sensitivity, from which we learn, and we also try to do as much as we can with the same sensitivity."

Turning to the issues raised during the two-day visit, Fadnavis said he met farmers on Saturday night and the taluka's sarpanches on Sunday, and that matters ranging from farming and village needs to roads, farm access roads and ponds came up. He said, "Many of these issues can be resolved.

Some schemes have already been announced, and at some places the guardian minister and MLAs have even approved them. We will act on all the memoranda received, and we will also try to implement the good suggestions that have come in." Describing how the meetings went, Fadnavis said, "Farmers and sarpanches have raised their issues with great insistence. We have listened to everyone and have not stopped anyone. After hearing everything calmly and taking everyone's memoranda, we will try to find the best way out and give whatever help we can."

On the family he stayed with on Saturday night, Fadnavis thanked Rambhau and Arunabai Balpande for their hospitality and said the drought has hit their orange, cotton and soybean crops, adding that all three account holders in the family have benefited from the loan waiver. Fadnavis said, "Staying with them gave me encouragement and confidence, and I learned many things from them."

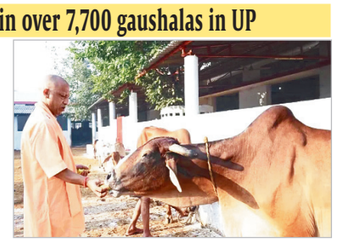
On a lasting answer to drought, Fadnavis said water conservation works have to be taken up on one side and river-linking projects on the other. He said, "In Vidarbha we are now doing the Wainganga-Nalganga river-linking project, and 10 lakh acres of land will come under irrigation through it. Land of 21,000 acres in the area where we are now will also come under irrigation.

Yogi says: Service to cows will bring happiness and prosperity to homes

1.6 million cattle conserved in over 7,700 gaushalas in UP

Gorakhpur, Agency; CM Yogi performed cow worship at Gorakhnath Temple on Monday morning and wished the people of the state a Happy Govardhan Puja. He said - Cow is the soul of Indian agriculture and rishi tradition. Cow is not just an animal, but a treasure of prosperity. In whichever tradition sincere efforts are made for the conservation and promotion of cows and cattle, happiness and prosperity come there.

Yogi said - More than 7,700 gaushalas are operating for the conservation of stray cattle in Uttar Pradesh. More than 1.6 million cattle are being sheltered in them. The government has started three types of schemes for cattle



Farmers can earn 6 thousand rupees every month by rearing 4 cows... CM Yogi said - Under the government's Sahbhagita scheme, farmers can take cows from stray cow shelters and take care of them. For this, the government gives Rs 1500 per month per cow.

conservation, through which farmers and needy families are also being connected.

Report: Philippines to buy more BrahMos missiles from India

Demand for modifications according to military needs

New Delhi, Agency: The Philippines is preparing to make additional purchases of BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles from India. Its objective is to strengthen the security of maritime borders and enhance the capability to counter China's growing military activities. The Philippines has also proposed some modifications to the missile system to India, so that it can be used according to its geographical conditions and military



needs. If this potential deal moves forward, it can give new strength to the defense relations of India and Philippines. Philippine Defense Minister Gilberto Teodoro expressed his desire to buy additional BrahMos missiles at the third Delhi Dialogue on November 4. He said that the Philippines wants to increase the number of BrahMos missiles it possesses. For this, a list related to its requirements has also been given to Indian officials. This includes the demand to make the missile system better according to the environment and military needs of the Philippines.

The potential purchase may include about five additional systems or a total of about 60 missiles. Its cost is estimated to be between 700 to 800 million dollars.

The Philippines had made a $375 million agreement with India in the year 2022.

Gujarat to be made drug-free by December 2028: Union Home Minister Amit Shah



Ahmedabad, Agency: Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated more than 700 newly constructed houses in the Vadaj area of Ahmedabad and dedicated various projects worth Rs 1,024 crore to the people of Ahmedabad. Addressing the people gathered at the event, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said, 'Happy Diwali to all the people of Gujarat and tomorrow is the New Year. Many congratulations to everyone. Today, works worth Rs 1,400 crore have been inaugurated and laid the foundation stone. Out of these, projects worth about Rs 1,100 crore belong to the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, while projects worth about Rs 400 crore of the Road and Building Department and the Government of India are either completed or being started here today. '

He said, 'First of all, I want to talk about Ramapir Tekra. The beginning of my career happened from this very Ramapir Tekra. In 1985 when I used to go to Ramapir Tekra to distribute voter cards and slips, there were rows of houses on both sides and dirty drain and sewage water was flowing in the middle. There was no arrangement for drinking water, diseases were spreading, there was no education facility for children and petty crimes were rampant. In 2007 when Narendra Modi was the Chief Minister, he started a scheme to provide pucca houses to people living in slums. Over the years, many improvements were made in this scheme and now I have visited the houses being given to the residents of Ramapir Tekra.

Addressing the people, Amit Shah said, 'Congratulations to all of you. You have got very magnificent houses, just like flats built by private builders. These are clean houses, equipped with fans. When this entire project is completed, more than 55,000 people inside this very campus will be able to get the benefit of social security, entertainment, library, education and health facilities. Congress ruled the country for so many years, but they never helped the poor. Look at the condition of Ramapir Tekra. Today the people here are getting houses. I am happy that they are getting houses.

Bus falls into ditch on Lucknow Agra Expressway, 3 dead

40 injured including innocent children; traveling from Rajasthan to Bihar



Lucknow, Agency: A bus packed with passengers overturned and fell into a 40-foot-deep ditch on the Agra Expressway in Lucknow on Monday morning. 3 people died in the accident. More than 40 passengers are seriously injured. These include small children. Policemen were seen carrying children in their arms and seating them in ambulances.

According to the fire brigade, the luxury bus bearing a Bihar registration number was traveling from Bhiwadi (Rajasthan) to Chhapra (Bihar). Everyone was going to their respective homes for the Chhath festival. The accident took place at Zero Point in Para police station area, about 30 km away from the district headquarters. More than 50 policemen and 2 SDRF teams are engaged in rescue operations.

In preliminary investigation, the cause of the accident is stated to be a burst tire. The injured include several people from Maharajganj, Deoria, Azamgarh along with Bihar.

Out of 3 dead, 2 identified, total 55 passengers were on board: According to Para police station, a total of 50-55 passengers were boarding the bus. Out of these, 45 were badly injured. Out of the 3 passengers who died, 2 have been identified, while 1 dead male has not been identified.

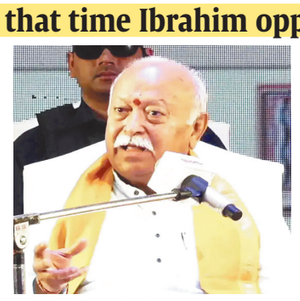
Among the dead are Shankar Rajjak (63) and Shamli Rai (43) from Chhapra along with an unidentified person.

Bhagwat says: Attempt was made to ban RSS in 1930

At that time Ibrahim opposed it, no swayamsevak

Nagpur, Agency: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat, narrating an anecdote from the 1930s, said that an attempt was made to ban the Sangh in the Central Provinces assembly at that time. He said -

At that time no swayamsevak came forward in support



of the Sangh. In such a situation, a person named Ibrahim presented the Sangh's side saying that the Sangh should not be banned because it is not a communal organization.

Bhagwat said that Ibrahim used to say - Those who say that Hindustan is a Hindu nation should be sent to a mental hospital.

Pracharaks' sacrifice an inspiration for others... The dedication and sacrifice of pracharaks and swayamsevaks cannot be explained just in words. It can be felt only by living with them. Their life inspires others for social service.

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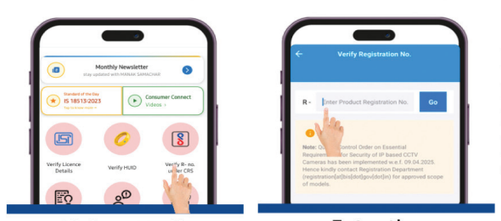
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A glimpse of the politics of 1948 in 2026

Sanat Jain

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thalapathy Vijay, an actor-turned-politician, has initiated a new phase in Tamil Nadu politics. This is bringing back memories of the political landscape that existed in the country between 1948 and 1952. Vijay's party, TVK, has been supported by the Congress party in Tamil Nadu. The Congress party also has a minister in the Tamil Nadu government. Congress does not have any significant influence in Tamil Nadu, but it plays a significant role in central politics. Even today, the Congress party faces direct competition with the BJP and other political parties in 300 Lok Sabha seats. Current politics is marked by animosity and a sense of insecurity among political parties. Political parties strive to maximize their share of power. In contrast, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay has decided to give two Rajya Sabha seats to the ally Congress. He believes that his party can better protect Tamil Nadu's interests by collaborating with the Congress in central politics. Even if two MPs from his party are elected to the Rajya Sabha, they cannot represent Tamil Nadu's cause as strongly as the Congress party can in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha at the Centre. This decision by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister is unique in coalition politics since independence. When the Constituent Assembly and the Union Cabinet were being formed, the Congress Party worked to create a strong Constitution and a strong government by including members of all communities and political parties in the Constituent Assembly and the Cabinet. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru adopted a path of coordination after independence by including opponents and those with different ideologies in his cabinet. The same path has been adopted by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister in 2026. Currently, most political parties in the country are engaged in coalition politics, such as the NDA and the India Alliance. Regional parties stake strong claims for each seat. In this situation, Chief Minister Thalapathy Vijayan has attempted to give a new direction to coalition politics in Tamil Nadu politics by giving the Congress two vacant Rajya Sabha seats. Regional parties play a significant role in the state's politics. Regional politics are deeply rooted in language, culture, and connections with the general public. However, in central politics, the central government must make decisions based on national interests. Keeping the federal system in mind, relations between the center and the states should improve. This situation has undergone significant changes in the last decade. The Planning Board was dissolved upon the Modi government's inception. In its place, the NITI Aayog was established, and the manner in which NITI Aayog is functioning has been questionable. Since then, state governments have alleged that the central government is not treating them fairly. Resources and funds are being distributed arbitrarily. Complaints of discrimination against states with non-BJP governments are increasing. The way politics is being conducted on the basis of caste and religion,The distance between the central government and the states is growing. The governors have added to the woes. They prevent the implementation of decisions and laws made by the state legislature. A parallel power structure exists between the governor and the chief minister in non-BJP ruled states. In such a situation, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has once again taken a step towards establishing a decades-old political system in Indian politics.

Editorial

On onion produce, issues

Since the 1960s, India has developed a balancing-act habit: between keeping food prices affordably low for consumers and assuring farmers of remunerative prices, with the state's interventions focused on managing this volatility in the short term. This is also why the government banned onion exports from December 2023 to May 2024, then imposed a $550/tonne minimum export price and a 40% export duty, reduced the duty to 20% in September 2024, and finally abolished it in April 2025. But erratic weather together with the lack of long-term relief has rendered the act increasingly awkward. From farmers' point of view, the government often changes its mind after they have made important production-related decisions based on the expected price. On the other hand, during the bounteous rabi harvest, onion farmers in Maharashtra, the country's principal supplier, had argued that the Centre's procurement price of ?12.35/kg would not cover the costs of cultivation. The Centre subsequently raised the price to up to ?26.45/kg, but many farmers — including some who had had to sell at ?1/kg earlier because of low quality and lack of storage, among other factors — were unable to capture the higher value, exposing the limits of intervening after prices have already collapsed and not reaching all farmers or grades of produce.

While the government has alluded to some price manipulation, the dominant issue remains that it keeps reacting instead of taking proactive measures, including improving storage options, maintaining a less erratic trade policy, moving stock more efficiently between regions, and protecting farmers against price shocks. The abnormal rainfall at the time of harvest and a 5%-7% drop in the kharif crop in Maharashtra, together with the well-known challenges associated with storing onions and maintaining large buffers, are simply among the pressures that highlighted the flaw this year. Further, Tamil Nadu's targeted subsidy, to buy 1,000 tonnes of onions to distribute 1 kg per ration card at ?35, will impose pressures on the Centre to maintain a steady supply.

Mamata Didi's party has fallen apart due to her love for her nephew Abhishek!

Manoj Kumar Agarwal

It is said that excess is harmful, which means that a person's excessive pride in his knowledge and power becomes the reason for his downfall. The same has happened with Mamata Banerjee. Didi considered her party Trinamool Congress as a one-man show and considered her colleagues as followers. This became the reason for dissatisfaction against her. Didi could not even manage the clan of her party. As soon as she was out of power, her special commanders became vocal against her. Actually, her love for nephew Abhishek Banerjee and the desire to make him her political successor became the main reason behind this dissatisfaction.

Former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's political and legal troubles have been mounting since the Trinamool Congress's defeat in the May 2026 assembly elections. A major rebellion within the party and legal cases have further exacerbated her difficulties. In recent developments, a major political crisis has emerged within the Trinamool Congress. Twenty of the TMC's 28 Lok Sabha MPs have rebelled and expressed their desire to form an alliance with the NDA. According to information related to this split and defection, the rebel MPs have sent a letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla demanding recognition and separate seating in Parliament. The names of TMC MPs Kakoli Ghosh, Suvendu Adhikari, and other leaders are emerging in this entire development.

You should know that Mamata Banerjee's party, the Trinamool Congress, is grappling with the biggest internal crisis in its 28-year history. Fifty-eight MLAs have rebelled and elected expelled leader Ritabrata Banerjee as the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, a position approved by the Speaker. The weakening of her grip on the party is evident from the fact that only eight out of 80 MLAs and six out of 41 MPs attended the high-level meeting called by Mamata Banerjee amid the crisis. Most elected representatives abstained from the meeting, which is being seen as a direct challenge to her leadership. In addition to the political situation, Mamata Banerjee is now embroiled in legal trouble. Complaints and police reports have been filed against her in Siliguri and Kolkata for sedition and hate speech, based on her statements made during the elections and for linking the central government to a political murder in Bangladesh. The petitioners have described this as a threat to the country's sovereignty and national security.

It's worth noting that the loss of power has led to a stampede at the grassroots level due to allegations of corruption. Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim and Bidhannagar Mayor Krishna Chakraborty, considered close to him, have resigned from their posts. Furthermore, more than 100 TMC councillors and local leaders across the state have left the party.

Mamata Banerjee lost her stronghold, Bhawanipur, to the BJP's Suvendu Adhikari by 15,105 votes. The 15-year-old TMC rule in the state has ended, and a new BJP government led by Suvendu Adhikari has been formed. Mamata Banerjee is waging a legal and political battle against these adversities, from the streets to the High Court.

You know that the results of the West Bengal Assembly elections were announced a month ago, on May 4th. The Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress faced disappointment. It won only 80 seats in the 294-seat assembly. Thus, the rule of Mamata Banerjee, who served as Chief Minister of the state for 15 years, ended. Mamata began her political career with the Congress party and remained associated with it for a long time. However, 28 years ago, in 1998, she broke away from the Congress and formed the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and fought bravely and resolutely to end the Communist parties' rule in the state, which had lasted for more than three decades. Currently, the party has 28 MPs in the Lok Sabha and 13 in the Rajya Sabha. However, for a long time, discontent and disagreement had been brewing within the party due to Mamata's authoritarian and confrontational policies. However, her firm grip on the administration and tough decisions had kept this rebellion simmering.

Mamata Banerjee had brought her nephew Abhishek Banerjee into politics and given him greater powers. There was also dissatisfaction within party circles with Banerjee's working style, which her party leaders had consistently informed her about, but she ignored it. Based on her power, she had cultivated the illusion of being a major national leader, which allowed her to remain a member of the India Alliance, a coalition formed by dozens of parties at the national level, but she harbored the illusion of being superior to all the leaders of the various parties involved. Therefore, before the assembly elections, she refused to form an alliance with any of her allies. During her tenure, the state's economy had become extremely weak and it was completely in debt. Due to constant conflicts with the central government and lack of support for industry, the state's economy had become unstable. The unemployment rate had also risen. However, her administrative control had also weakened due to the ongoing conflicts with the central government and other parties. This situation quickly turned into public despair. Unable to anticipate the growing anti-government sentiment, she failed to see the writing on the wall, leading to her electoral disappointment. Even after the defeat, instead of engaging in open introspection, she ignored the discontent within her party, which ultimately proved detrimental to her. This internal spark flared into flames when, at the behest of Abhishek Banerjee, she ignored most party leaders and submitted Saiman Deb's name to the Speaker for the post of Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly. While most MLAs favored Ritabrata Banerjee, Mamata ignored this and instead sent a letter signed by the MLAs to the Speaker for the post, leading to a rebellion by most of the party's leaders. On Wednesday, 59 of the party's 80 MLAs approached the Speaker, submitted a letter with their signatures, and declared their faction the real Trinamool Congress. This is the first such significant attack on Mamata in the party's 28-year history.

On the other hand, due to the BJP's landslide victory, its leaders have refused to compromise with the Trinamool Congress rebels.

Ritabrata Banerjee began his political career with a left-wing student organization. At the age of 34, he became a Rajya Sabha member and later joined the TMC. It was Mamata Banerjee who elected him to the Rajya Sabha in 2024. He was elected MLA from the Uluberia constituency in the assembly elections. Despite this significant challenge, Mamata Banerjee has maintained her courage and challenged these rebels and the BJP. Along with this, she has also talked about contacting anti-BJP parties, but now it remains to be seen how she will move in the politics of the state and the country in the near future. It is clear that in today's politics, the trend of all-out bribery and discrimination has increased. Those in power have the power to keep everyone together, but as soon as they are out of power, the reality of their own colleagues comes out as to how much bitterness they were hiding in their hearts. This is the naked picture of the politics of the changing times, this has to be accepted.

Eye donation: The biggest bridge from darkness to light

Lalit Garg

(Special on World Eye Donation Day (June 10, 2026))

The importance of eyes in human life is not limited to mere sight; rather, they are the gateway to our consciousness, empathy, knowledge, and the beauty of life. It is through our eyes that we experience the diversity of nature, the affection of family, the activities of society, and the infinite possibilities of the world. Therefore, lack of vision is not merely a physical disability, but the pain of being deprived of many dimensions of life. In such a situation, eye donation is not merely a medical procedure, but a great humanitarian and spiritual endeavor that brings light into a dark life. World Eye Donation Day, celebrated every year on June 10, reminds us that even after death, our existence can live on, becoming a light in someone else's life. This day is not just an occasion for awareness, but a campaign to strengthen the culture of human compassion, social responsibility, and philanthropy.

According to the World Health Organization, millions of people worldwide are affected by visual impairment and blindness. In India, too, millions of people have lost their sight due to corneal diseases. Of particular concern is that many cases of blindness caused by corneal defects are treatable, but due to a lack of sufficient eye donations, millions of patients remain on waiting lists for years. According to experts, corneal transplantation is one of the most successful procedures in medical science, with a success rate of 95 to 98 percent. Despite this, the number of corneas available in the country remains far below the required number. Millions of people need corneas every year, but the number of donations remains relatively low. This situation suggests that the problem lies not with medical resources, but with awareness and social resolve.

In Indian culture, charity is considered the foundation of religion. Donating food satisfies hunger, donating clothes provides clothing, and donating money provides financial support, but eye donation provides a new experience of life. Therefore, it is considered a great donation, or a gift of life. When a person donates their eyes after death, they not only give an organ but also provide a blind person with the opportunity to see the world. They provide a path to education to a child, employment opportunities to a youth, and the power of self-reliance to an elderly person. This donation is a gift that does not harm the donor, but transforms the recipient's entire life. In Indian tradition, the example of Maharishi Dadhichi is considered the ultimate example of sacrifice and body donation. He dedicated his body for the welfare of the people. Eye donation is a modern expression of that tradition. It provides an opportunity to serve humanity even after death. In fact, eye donation is a virtuous act in which the donor's body perishes, but their vision lives on, becoming a light in someone else's life.

Modern medical science has expanded the scope of eye donation. Previously, only two individuals benefited from a single donor's two eyes, but new technologies have made it possible to use different parts of a cornea to help more people. Today, a single eye donor can bring light into the lives of many.

Importantly, there is no age requirement for eye donation. Even the eyes of an 80- or 90-year-old can be useful. People who wear glasses, suffer from diabetes, or suffer from high blood pressure can also donate eyes in most situations. The misconception that only completely healthy individuals can donate eyes is completely false. The corneas are safely removed within 4 to 6 hours after death, and the entire process is completed with utmost respect. This does not cause any deformity to the deceased's facial features or hinder the funeral rites.

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BRIFF NEWS

Made company director and then;Murder case against Rangila, main accused in Rs 842 crore drug procurement scam



New Delhi,Agency: Rajiv Rangila, the main accused in the Rs 842 crore equipment and medicine procurement scam in the Delhi Health Department, had used the company for supplying bedsheets and other linen materials to hospitals by using the name and documents of Gyan Chand, the guard of his Karnal (Haryana) farm house, without his knowledge.

It is alleged that in the name of this same company, Rangila secured the tender for supplying bedsheets and linen and got a payment of Rs 75 crore in collusion with the department against materials worth about Rs 25 crore.

Death under suspicious circumstances

It is alleged that payments were obtained by submitting bills through fake companies. The ACB is finding out whether Gyan Chand had any share in this or not. After the investigation of the scam began, Gyan Chand died under suspicious circumstances on September 1 at Rangila's farm house.

Haryana Police has registered an FIR against Rajiv Rangila at Karnal Sadar police station on the complaint of Gyan Chand's son regarding the death of Gyan Chand. It is being suspected that Gyan Chand was murdered and it was given the form of suicide, or he was forced to commit suicide.

Came in Creta and stole Delhi BJP former state president's Creta itself, police scanning CCTV footage



New Delhi, Agency: The morale of vehicle thieves in the capital Delhi is so high that they are now targeting vehicles of political personalities. The latest case is related to Delhi BJP former state president and former mayor Adesh Gupta.

Miscreants stole the Creta car parked outside his house located in West Patel Nagar. The four miscreants who came to steal themselves arrived in a Creta car. Two of these miscreants first unlocked his car and then fled with it, while their two accomplices left riding in another car.

Police have registered an FIR on the basis of the complaint and are engaged in identifying the accused through CCTV camera footage. According to the complaint given to the police, Adesh Gupta lives with his family in West Patel Nagar block. His Creta car used to be parked in front of the house. When he looked outside the house on Saturday morning, the car was missing.

After this, footage from CCTV cameras installed nearby was scanned. It came to light that at around 5:40 AM on Saturday, four miscreants reached there in a white Creta car. After stopping for a while, two of those miscreants got down and unlocked his Creta car parked outside the house. After that, both miscreants boarded the car and fled.

Drugs in food packets, cocaine found inside someone's stomach; New smuggling methods at IGI Airport pose challenge for Customs



New Delhi, Agency: Changing methods of drug smuggling at IGI International Airport have increased challenges for the Customs Department. Now smugglers are trying to deliver synthetic drugs and cocaine to Delhi along with large consignments of ganja (cannabis). In October, about five kilograms of suspected synthetic drugs were found in sealed food packets in the possession of a passenger who came from Manila, while 70 capsules filled with cocaine were extracted from the stomach of a Guinean national. During this period, more than 264.288 kg of ganja was seized from passengers and air cargo. Cases of smuggling of gold, precious stones, and luxury watches were also caught. In drug smuggling, 15 smugglers and 4 gold and luxury watch smugglers were arrested. According to Customs officials, among synthetic drugs prepared through chemical processes, MDMA is called Ecstasy or Molly. It is used for intoxication in nightclubs and parties, hence it is known as a party drug.

While ganja has a strong odor, these are odorless and their effect can be quite intense even in very small quantities. Customs recovered about five kilograms of suspected synthetic drugs from an Indian passenger who arrived from Manila. Its estimated value was stated to be around Rs 5 crore.

Ganja recovered from the accused: On October 28, a national arriving in Delhi from Guinea via Addis Ababa was caught, who reached Delhi carrying 70 capsules filled with cocaine in his stomach. These contained 1.068 kg of cocaine, valued at around Rs 5 crore. On October 15, 148.675 kg of hydroponic ganja hidden inside plastic spools of PU tubes was recovered from cargo arriving from Bangkok. Its value was around Rs 52 crore. On the intervening night of October 21-22, 23.220 kg of ganja was found from the second consignment.

Several consignments were also intercepted from passengers' luggage. These include 26.670 kg of ganja recovered from the trolley bags of two Indian passengers on October 28.

Delhi's air becomes extremely hazardous due to Diwali fireworks, capital covered in a blanket of smog; AQI crosses 400



New Delhi, Agency: Following the Diwali fireworks, the Air Quality Index (AQI) in Delhi-NCR was recorded as very poor on Monday morning. At the same time, visibility was also low in many areas this morning due to dense smog and fog. On Monday morning after Diwali, a deep haze hovered in Delhi's sky. This reduced visibility, bringing it down to 50 meters. At 5:30 AM, visibility was recorded at 50 meters at Safdarjung Airport and 350 meters at IGI Airport. According to CPCB hourly data, Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 371 at 10 PM. Out of 59 monitoring centers, 20 recorded pollution levels in the red zone, pushing air quality across the city from very poor to severe levels.

At 7:00 AM on Monday, Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) was in the very poor category at 368. Air quality is expected to reach the severe category on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Massive fire in Ghaziabad Crossing Republik flat, firefighters extinguish it using BA set



New Delhi, Agency: A massive fire broke out in a locked flat on the tenth floor of Tower Number Seven in GH-7 Society located at Crossing Republik on Sunday night. The flat was filled with intense smoke along with flames inside.

Upon information, fire tenders from Crossing Republik and Kotwali fire stations rushed to the spot. Seeing the intensity of the fire and smoke, a hydraulic platform was also called from Vaishali fire station.

Fire brought under control after rigorous effort: Firefighters brought the fire under control in about three-quarters of an hour after rigorous effort. During this, household items kept in the flat were damaged by fire. However, there was no loss of life.

The fire team, led by the Chief Fire Officer, started firefighting operations upon reaching the spot. Information about the fire in Saket Jain's flat on the 10th floor was received at 8 PM.

At the time of the incident, family members had gone to Alwar. Society people saw the fire from the balcony and informed the fire department. Firefighters who reached the spot entered the flat wearing Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (BA set) due to smoke inside.

Fire prevented from spreading: The team also effectively used the firefighting system installed in the society. After much effort, the fire was completely extinguished. Through the fire department's action, the fire was prevented from spreading to surrounding flats and other parts of the building.

During this, showing sensitivity, firefighters also safely rescued a fish from the aquarium kept in the flat, saving its life.

Brutality on 16-year-old maid in Delhi, sometimes branded with iron, sometimes inflicted with knife wounds; soul will tremble hearing the tale



New Delhi, Agency: Inside the four walls of a flat located in Abul Fazal Enclave of Shaheen Bagh in South Delhi, a 16-year-old girl narrated the story of brutality inflicted on her for a year, which would make anyone's heart tremble.

The girl alleges that upon the slightest mistake in household chores, she was branded with a hot iron and injured by knife attacks. Despite making her work continuously from 6 AM to 2 AM, she was not even given a full stomach of food. Leftover food was given to eat.

Only Rs 18,000 given: Taking advantage of the compulsion of her financially struggling family, the girl was put to work, but wages were not paid in lump sum either. Sometimes Rs 500, sometimes Rs 1000, only Rs 18,000 were given in the whole year. On the night of November 3 and 4, a joint team of the Labor Department, Delhi Police, and an NGO rescued her. An FIR has been registered against the accused woman in the case.

According to police and administrative reports, the incident is of the third-floor flat of a building located in Abul Fazal Enclave Part-2, Shaheen Bagh. The victim had been kept as a domestic help in this house by the accused woman Sadaf for the past one year.

Faced with enduring torture every day: The victim's family members had put her to work, but inside the house, a game of brutality began with her. She was beaten over petty matters, her body was branded with a hot cloth iron, and she was injured by knife attacks. Cut off from the outside world, the girl was forced to endure torture every day in this horrific captivity for the past one year.

The girl was not even allowed to meet her mother. When the Association for Voluntary Action got a whiff of this, they immediately appealed to the administration. Seeing the seriousness of the matter, SDM Kalkaji Ved Prakash Meena took immediate cognizance and a raid was conducted. When the team entered the flat, everyone was horrified seeing the girl's frantic condition and injury marks on her body. The team safely rescued the girl without delay.

Three Nigerian nationals arrested from Delhi's Dwarka, accused of overstaying without valid documents



New Delhi, Agency: Delhi Police arrested three Nigerian nationals from Dwarka on Sunday. Officials say that valid documents were not found with these three.

According to Delhi Police, the three Nigerian nationals had overstayed in India beyond the permitted time without valid documents, due to which they were arrested and sent to a detention centre.

The three nationals identified

Police identified these three Nigerian nationals as Bartholomew Uwaebuka Iloegbunam, Konan Okocha (alias Konan Bryce Koussaï), and Ndubuisi Charles Nwabufor. Police arrested them on October 31 during a verification drive as no valid documents were found with them.

Lifetime medicines after kidney transplant are also part of free treatment: Delhi High Court



New Delhi, Agency: The Delhi High Court has considered the lifelong medicines given to patients after a kidney transplant as part of the free treatment scheme. The court directed the central government to continue reimbursing the petitioner's medical bills. The court passed this interim order in the case of petitioner Surender Kumar. The petitioners had demanded that the necessary medicines after a kidney transplant should be provided under the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi. The court prima facie observed that organ transplantation is only a part of the treatment and once it is not disputed that the patient requires lifelong medicines after a transplant, their cost will also be a part of the free treatment scheme.

People distressed by power cuts in Uttam Nagar



New Delhi, Agency: Delhi's suffocating pollution has now reached not just the streets, but into bedrooms and kitchens under the guise of power cuts.

With the onset of winter, unannounced power cuts starting in Western and Eastern Uttam Nagar areas have put local residents in a cleft stick.

The situation is such that if doors are opened to escape the power outage, toxic air enters the lungs, and if kept closed, darkness spreads across homes even during the Diwali festival. This issue has been raised from time to time in the past as well, but the problem still persists.

How to avoid polluted air when power goes out?

Locals say that there is no fixed time for power cuts. Power remains out for about two hours daily. On Friday, the day of Dhanteras, power supply was disrupted for about two hours in the Dal Mill Road area of Uttam Nagar.

Meanwhile, continuous cuts are also occurring in Jain Colony Part-1, Sunday Bazar, Som Bazar, Budh Bazar, and surrounding areas. According to residents, power was out for 40 minutes on Thursday morning and for about one and a half hours on Saturday (Choti Diwali).

People say that in this season of pollution, keeping houses closed is necessary, but when power goes out, doors have to be opened due to darkness. This creates constant worry about polluted air reaching inside the home.

Inverter added to festival budget

Power cuts during the festive season have also changed people's shopping priorities. While people buy gold, silver, and utensils on Dhanteras, some families spent on inverters and power backup.

Local residents say that power cuts were somehow managed in summer, but power going out for two to three hours even during festivals is compounding difficulties.

Regional CDO's stance on the issue

During festivals, our effort used to be that maintenance-related work should not be done and power supply should not be disrupted. We are trying to ensure people face minimum trouble. Before buying other items for festivals, the need for an inverter is now being felt. - Santosh Thakur, Jain Colony Part-1. Frequent power outages affect daily chores, children's studies, and the time of working professionals.

Somewhere short circuit, somewhere spark of firecracker Havoc of fire from Delhi-UP to Bihar-Telangana

New Delhi, Agency: On the day of Diwali, one after another arson incidents came to light in different states of the country. News of fires breaking out in factories, warehouses, scrap shops, and old hospital premises came from Delhi-NCR to Bihar, Telangana, Haryana, and Sikkim.

In these accidents, somewhere short circuit and somewhere firecracker sparks are being considered as the initial cause. Due to plastic and flammable materials at many places, firefighters had to struggle for hours.

Panic in factories

A horrific fire broke out in Nova Bolt Plastic Company in Vijay Nagar industrial area located in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. Due to the raw material used in making plastic chairs, the flames soon took a fierce form and a dense plume of black smoke covered the sky. More than a dozen



fire tenders controlled the situation after strenuous effort.

Meanwhile, information about a fire breaking out in a garment factory in Nogli Sakrawati area located in Najafgarh of the capital Delhi was received at 4:22 PM. Following this, 25 fire tenders were immediately rushed to the spot, the fire was brought under control after rigorous effort, and cooling operations were started.

Heavy damage in Haryana and Telangana as well

A massive fire broke out in the factory of North West Industries making juicer-mixers in Barhi Industrial Area (Phase-1) located in Sonipat, Haryana. The flames engulfed the entire factory. More than 6 fire tenders that arrived from Sonipat and Panipat had to struggle even after 3 hours.

According to fire officials, due to illegal constructions and encroachments on the fire movement road, fire vehicles faced severe difficulties in reaching the spot.

On the other hand, in Katedan Industrial area of Rangareddy district in Telangana, a fire broke out due to a short circuit in a plastic granule making factory, which spread to a nearby plywood unit. Fire tenders reached the spot and started firefighting operations.

Warehouse and scrap shop reduced to ash in Patna

Electronic and steel goods worth lakhs of rupees were burnt to ashes due to a fire breaking out in Krishna Steel warehouse located in Bypass police station area of Bihar's capital Patna. Apart from this, a fire broke out in a scrap shop due to a firecracker spark in Maner, Patna, for which several fire tenders had to be deployed to extinguish it.

Accident in Sikkim's old hospital too

In the old hospital complex built in 1975 in Namchi, South Sikkim, a fire also suddenly broke out late in the evening. Fortunately, the fire department completely brought the fire under control in time, due to which there were no casualties. The state government has ordered an inquiry into the incident.

Fire breaks out in showroom in Nagpur

A massive fire broke out in Sai Dynamics TVS showroom located in Savarkar Nagar near Deonagar Square in Nagpur, Maharashtra. In this inferno, several two-wheelers were completely burnt to ashes. It is being told that the fire started in the showroom's shed due to firecrackers, after which the flames rapidly spread to the lower part of the premises, causing heavy damage.

There has been a 10-fold increase in stubble burning incidents in Punjab during Diwali: Kapil Mishra

New Delhi, Agency: Delhi Tourism Minister Kapil Mishra raised serious questions regarding the 10-fold increase (1200 incidents) of stubble burning in Punjab on Diwali. He said that from the evening of Diwali, calls started coming from farmers of Punjab, in which it was told that while the farmers were celebrating Diwali with their families, their fields were being set on fire. Initially, it was difficult to believe these complaints, but after continuously receiving such information from different areas, considering the seriousness of the matter, satellite data of the Government of India was called for.



Kapil Mishra stated in a press conference held at his official residence, 9 Sham Nath Marg, Civil Lines, on Monday that, according to satellite data, stubble burning incidents in Punjab ranged from approximately 100 to 125 on November 5th, 6th, and 7th, while the number suddenly increased to nearly 1,200 on the evening of November 8th. He stated that such a significant increase in the number of incidents in just a few days raises serious questions. He feared that deliberate fires in farmers' fields were an attempt to defame Diwali, farmers, and Delhi. Mishra stated, "On November 7th, there were approximately 125 incidents of stubble burning. How did the number suddenly rise to 1,200 on Diwali? How did the number increase more than tenfold? This is a very serious matter."

Accountability will be fixed for delay in government services in Delhi

New Delhi,Agency: The Delhi government has notified the "Delhi (Right of Citizens to Time-Bound and Ease of Delivery of Services) Act, 2026." Its purpose is to bind the delivery of services in government departments to prescribed timeframes and hold officials accountable for unnecessary delays. This Act will replace the old Time-Bound Service Delivery Act of 2011 with a more modern and accountable system.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said on Monday that the new law will give citizens the statutory right to receive government services within a stipulated time. The government will determine through a notification which services will be covered by this law and the maximum number of days for providing each service. A designated officer will be assigned responsibility for each service. Relevant departments, local bodies, and notified institu-



tions will also be covered by the law. He stated that this will make it easier to determine responsibility when an application remains pending. The benefit of this system will be that citizens will not have to wait indefinitely for services. They will know which officer is responsible for their work and the deadline for completion.

The Chief Minister explained that the Act provides for online application and monitoring of government services. Each application will be assigned a unique application number, through which applicants can check their application status online. The relevant departments will be required to maintain digital records of all applications and update their status regularly.

He added that upon receiving an application, it will be the responsibility of the concerned officer to provide the service within the stipulated timeframe or provide a written reason for rejecting the application. This will eliminate the need for citizens to repeatedly visit government offices simply to obtain information about their application. Furthermore, pending cases at the departmental level will be monitored more effectively.

The Chief Minister stated that an important provision of this Act is the provision for automatic escalation. If the designated officer does not provide a service within the prescribed timeframe, the original application will be considered an appeal before the Citizen Grievance Redressal Authority.

Delhi building collapse: AAP attacks government over death of seven labourers, demands compensation and action



New Delhi,Agency: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has launched a scathing attack on the government over the death of seven workers in the Delhi building collapse.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters on Monday, Burari MLA Sanjeev Jha and MLA Kuldeep Kumar demanded adequate compensation for the families of the deceased workers and strict action against the culprits.

AAP leader Sanjeev Jha stated that at the time of the Saket building collapse, the government had assured to conduct an audit of buildings and take action against dilapidated structures. Had the audit and necessary action been taken at that time, the lives of seven workers in Chawri Bazaar might not have been lost. He alleged that no concrete action is being taken on the ground in the name of building audits.

Accusing the government, Sanjeev Jha said that while seven workers died, the entire cabinet was busy celebrating Diwali. Events were being held at ministers' residences, and the government was immersed in celebration, no one cared for the families of the workers who lost their lives in the accident.

He said that the rescue operation continued for three days, but government officials were preoccupied with Diwali celebrations.

Sanjeev Jha appealed to the Chief Minister to take time off from festivities and celebrations to provide adequate compensation to the families of the deceased workers and take strict action against those responsible for the accident.

Regarding the issue of stubble burning, Sanjeev Jha said that even if Kapil Mishra's claims are accepted as true, statistics show that the number of stubble burning incidents has now dropped to between 1,500 and 2,000, which was previously around 72,000. He said that during the Aam Aadmi Party government, stubble burning incidents had decreased by approximately 90 percent. Jha said that instead of praising the farmers, they are being targeted.

They have demanded that the government conduct an impartial investigation into the accident, take action against the negligent officials and those responsible, and provide appropriate compensation to the families of the deceased workers soon.

Harsh Malhotra inspected the preparations for Chhath at Hathi Ghat and appealed for no protests from November 14th to 16th

New Delhi,Agency: Delhi BJP President Harsh Malhotra and Delhi Government's Chief Spokesperson and MLA Abhay Verma on Monday inspected the preparations for the Chhath Mahaparva at Hathi Ghat, ITO, located in Laxmi Nagar Assembly.

During the inspection, Delhi BJP President Harsh Malhotra said that Chhath is a grand festival of faith and nature worship, in which cleanliness holds special importance.

Harsh Malhotra directed the officials to complete all the preparations for the Chhath Ghats across Delhi, especially in East Delhi, by the evening of November 13 at all costs. He praised the faith-related beautification done on the walls of the Ghat. He appealed to all political



parties to refrain from holding protests in Delhi during the three days of the Chhath festival, November 14th to 16th, to avoid inconvenience to fasting women.

The Delhi BJP president stated that this time, workers from the Purvanchal Morcha, along with the Mahila Morcha and Yuva Morcha, will assist devotees as service volunteers at all ghats. MLA Abhay Verma stated that Chief Minister Rekha Gupta is personally monitoring the preparations for the Chhath festival and ensuring that devotees receive all necessary amenities. He stated that the government will strive to ensure that all ghats in the Laxmi Nagar Assembly constituency are model ghats this time.

Delhi residents should not burn crackers in future - Delhi Police

New Delhi,Agency: The Delhi Police has issued an advisory to the general public regarding environmental protection and air pollution control. The police stated that the two-day exemption granted for Diwali has expired, and firecrackers should no longer be burned in the capital.

According to the Delhi Police, the permission to burn green firecrackers was limited to November 7-8 under the rules. A complete ban on fireworks has come into effect across Delhi-NCR from Monday (November 9).

The police administration has appealed to citizens to refrain from bursting any firecrackers after the designated deadlines and to celebrate responsibly. They have urged them to demonstrate their responsibility by following the rules. It is noteworthy that joint police patrol teams are monitoring various areas and markets in the city. The Air Quality Index (AQI) in Delhi-NCR has crossed the red alert line. The capital's AQI has been recorded as 'severe'.

Delhi Chawri Bazar accident: One more body recovered from debris, death toll reaches 7 deaths

New Delhi, Agency: Another body was recovered on Sunday in the accident of the collapse of a three-story under-construction building in Gali Sheesh Mahal located in Chawri Bazar, Old Delhi. So far, a total of seven people's bodies have been retrieved.

Meanwhile, the bodies of two laborers were recovered from the debris on Saturday. After the recovery of the body during the rescue operation being conducted con-



tinuously for the third day, the death toll in the accident has risen to seven.

The deceased found on Sunday has been identified as Lutchuman Mukhiya (66 years), resident of village Jakauli, Post Batho, Jakauli, district Darbhanga, Bihar.

Among the dead found on Saturday, one has been identified as Pankaj Sharma of Hanuman Nagar village in Khagaria district of Bihar, while the second laborer's identity could not be ascertained yet. Police have kept both bodies in the LN hospital mortuary.

According to police officials, the bodies of three to four laborers are still feared to be buried on the ground floor of the house. In such a situation, the number of dead may increase further. On Saturday too, NDRF and municipal corporation teams remained engaged in removing debris and searching for people trapped under it.

Due to the lanes leading to the accident spot being extremely narrow, severe difficulties are being faced in relief and rescue work. Debris has to be removed with the help of small tools and trolleys instead of machines. Due to this, the rescue operation is taking time.