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# PM Modi to lead massive rally blitz in Bihar ahead of crucial Assembly elections

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to spearhead an extensive November 11, covering aiming to energize the National Democratic Alliance ahead of the upcoming Assembly elec-

Between October 23 and November 3, Modi will address a series of 12 rallies spanning key districts including Patna, Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur, East and West Champaran, Saharsa, and Araria, often holding up to three rallies a

day.
The BJP's intensified campaign comes amid a competitive electoral landscape, with the entry of Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party adding a new nance agenda, visiting the youth during the Bihar dimension to the contest. state over 55 times and Youth Dialogue.

The first two phases of vot- announcing projects worth ing are scheduled for several

November 6 and across Bihar, 121 and 122 assembly constituencies respectively.

According to party sources, Modi's rallies will strategically target regions where the NDA's organizational strength is comparatively weaker but where the Prime Minister Gaya, enjoys significant per-Samastipur, sonal popularity. Each rally is expected to reach 15 to 20 assembly segments and will be broadcast live to remote areas to maximize outreach.

> Modi has made Bihar a focal point of his gover-

The NDA campaign will hold over 25 rallies, leverlakh crores. also rely heavily on promi-



Notable recent initiatives include inaugurating a new Since assuming office, terminal at Patna Airport and an airport in Purnia, alongside engaging with

nent leaders like Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who plans to conduct 30 to 35 rallies targeting clusters of constituencies, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who is expected to aging his influence among Rajput and upper-caste voters.

Besides, Uttar Pradesh Minister Yogi Adityanath is also actively participating in the Bihar Assembly election cam- expected to address sever-

for the NDA candidates. His and bolster the party's presence amid a competitive electoral landscape.

Yogi Adityanath is paign, mobilizing support al public meetings, focus-

ing on themes of developefforts are being coordinated with local leaders and party workers to maximize outreach and engagement.

With the stage set for a

fiercely contested election, schedule includes multiple ment, law and order, and the BJP's extensive rally rallies across key districts, the NDA's governance schedule, led by PM Modi, aiming to consolidate votes record. His campaign underscores the party's commitment to consolidating support and delivering a decisive message of development and victory to Bihar's electorate. END

#### Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel allocates ₹7,737 crore for 124 projects to realise the Prime Minister's vision of a Viksit Bharat through infrastructure development and road network expansion in Viksit Gujarat

(Gns). Gandhinagar, 2025: October Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel has taken a firm resolve to fulfill Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat by building a more integrated and wellequipped road infrastructure network in the state, ensuring ease of transportation through Viksit

For this purpose, the Chief Minister has decided to allocate ₹7,737 crore for a total of 124 projects bining speed, precision, under various schemes of the Roads and Buildings Department.

Gujarat.

Recognising the importance of roads and bridges Roads and Buildings Department to strengthen road connectivity across Gujarat, ensuring safe and convenient access to even remotest regions quality roads. He has approved ₹5,576 crore for 9 Garvi

High-Speed km of Ahmedabad – Harsol Gujarat Corridors covering 809 kilo- - Gambhoi - Vijayanagar meters, aimed at enhancing safety, speed,

heavy with traffic flow. Accordingly, ₹67.43 crore for 92.23 km length Bagodara

and conven-

ience on roads

Dhandhuka Barwala – Botad; ₹158.6 crore for 67.30 km of Botad

Dhasa - Chavand -Amreli - Bagasara - Bilkha these new high-speed cor-– Mendarada; ₹81.38 crore for 48.55 km of Mendarda – Keshod – Mangrol; ₹858.39 crore for 105.05 km of Unjha – Patan – Shihori – Deodar - Bhabhar road; ₹331.16 crore for 71.10 km of Karjan - Dabhoi - Bodeli

road; ₹861.71 crore for 49.90 km

Bayad – Lunawada –

Santrampur – Zalod;

₹640.30 crore for 143.30

Santrampur – Morwa Hadaf Santroad. and ₹1062.82 crore for 64.05 km Santroad Devgadh Baria

Chhota Udepur road have been approved. With the construction of

ridors, transportation will become faster, logistics efficiency will improve under the PM Gati Shakti framework, and operational costs will significantly reduce. The corridors will spur infrastructure growth,

through a robust network of 167.54 km of Dehgam - opment, and encourage trade and industry in adjoining regions. Furthermore, enhanced connectivity with major cities will make travel easier and promote tourism.

The Chief Minister has

also approved ₹1,147 crore to make Gujarat's roads climate-resilient and technologically advanced. A total of 20 projects spanning 271 kilometers will be undertaken under this initiative. These climate-resilient and technology-integrated roads will utilise innovative

methods such as waste plastic, white topping, geogrid and glass grid, cement stabilisation, fly ash, and areen technology. This will result in durable, long-lasting roads with lower lifecycle costs and better environmental compatibility.

In addition, he approved ₹986 crore for 79 projects covering 803 kilometers aimed at improving the surroad; ₹1514.41 crore for stimulate economic devel- face quality of state roads.

## **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Says** Pakistan's Every Inch Is In Reach Of BrahMos

Defence Rajnath Singh on Saturday sent a strong strategic message to Pakistan, siles in Lucknow, emphasizing India's readi- emphasized ness and highlighting the India's readiformidable capabilities of ness and stratethe BrahMos missile system. Speaking at the flagoff of the first batch of BrahMos missiles produced at Aerospace in Lucknow, reach, Singh underscored both

our BrahMos," adversary can evade in defence.

India's military prowess and

indigenous technological

India's strategic capabilities. Defence

gic capabilities, stating every part of Pakistan is now BrahMos within BrahMos' also praising the success Operation Sindoor.

The Defence Minister "Every inch of Pakistan praised the armed forces is now within the reach of for their success in Singh Operation Sindoor, describdeclared, stressing that the ing the operation as a mere missile system ensures no "trailer" of India's potential

"Operation Sindoor has defence capabilities, com-Minister proven that victory is no Rajnath Singh, during the longer an isolated incident; flag-off of BrahMos mis- it has become our habit,

that while

> BrahMos: Strategic Backbone

Rajnath Singh highlighted the significance of BrahMos in India's defence arsenal. He called the missile a symbol of India's growing indigenous

and power. "BrahMos is not just a Singh said.

His remarks

not only oper-

morale and

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missile; it represents India's technological edge and strategic strength. It for development, the Chief has become the backbone Minister has directed the of our armed forces," Singh said.

The Defence Minister's comments reflected India's determination to maintain strategic deterrence and safeguard national security. Leadership

Strategic Messaging Through his address,

Rajnath Singh conveyed both strength and resolve, underscoring India's readiness to defend its borders and project power.

Modi Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Piyush Goyal, **Ashwini Vaishnaw Present GST 2.0 Report Card** Minister's Diwali gift has increased by 5.5% year-on-

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, alongside ministers Piyush Goyal and Ashwini Vaishnaw, highlighted the positive impact of recent GST rate cuts. These reductions have led to significant sales increases in both the automotive and electronics sectors. The announcement was made just before Diwali, showcasing how these tax benefits have been effectively passed on to consumers.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, along with ministers Piyush Goyal emphasised that the govand Ashwini Vaishnaw, announced that recent GST 54 essential items to rate cuts, initiated during ensure that GST benefits during Navratri, resulted in Navratri, led to significant reached consumers. She sales increases in the auto- stated,

Union Home Minister

Amit Shah has said that

Saturday, he promised

restoration of statehood for

Jammu and Kashmir at an

the past, terrorists did not

need to be sent from

recruit and arm local youth.

This trend had persisted for

many years, and while dismantling it is a gradual

process, he expressed

confidence that the current

The minister said that in

Pakistan. They would ology once gained support

appropriate time.

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right path.

motive and electronics sectors, with vehicle sales and electronics consumption showing substantial growth before Diwali.

Sitharaman Nirmala

been delivered." In some instances, businesses provided even greater savings than anticipated due to the GST rate cuts.



No more recruitment of terrorists in Kashmir: Shah

that Kashmir shares a bor-tive assembly elections

ernment closely monitored "The Prime Three-wheeler dispatches

Jammu and Kashmir.

Amit Shah highlighted

Pakistan is still training and der with Pakistan and were conducted in the state

funding terrorist organisa- noted that the Hurriyat ide- in a fair and transparent

Impact on Vehicle Sales The GST reforms, which began on September 22 a surge in vehicle sales.

fully without any violence.

He said that the legisla-

year, while two-wheeler sales hit 21.6 lakh units. Passenger vehicle dispatches alone reached 3.72 lakh in September. Hero Motors achieved its highest monthly sales ever during this period. Electronics Sector

Growth

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal noted that Maruti Suzuki sold 1.65 lakh cars within the first eight days of Navratri. Mahindra's sales rose by 60%, and Tata sold over 50,000 vehicles. The electronics sector also saw record-breaking growth, with TV sales increasing by 30-35% and AC sales doubling on the first day of GST reforms.

#### **BPF Joins BJP In Assam, Charan Boro Inducted Into Cabinet Ahead Of Assembly Polls** Cabinet, formalizing the of the Assam Assembly Saturday. With his inducalliance with the ruling NDA. elections, with BPF leader tion, the Assam Cabinet

Just weeks after the Bodoland People's Front (BPF) swept the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) elections, the party has officially joined forces with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ahead of the Assam Assembly elections. On Saturday, BPF leader Charan Boro was inducted into the Assam state

This move has left the

tary elections, in a somewhat uncertain position.

The Bodoland People's Front (BPF) has formed an alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ahead

Charan Boro inducted into United People's Party the state Cabinet. This ters from the BJP, two from Liberal (UPPL), the BJP's move shifts political the AGP, and one each previous ally in both dynamics, as the BJP's from the UPPL and BPF. assembly and parliamen- previous ally, the United After the ceremony, Chief People's Party Liberal (UPPL), is now in a position of uncertainty.

> BPF MLA from Majbat, took oath as a minister on

now comprises 15 minis-Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma confirmed that the BPF is now formally part of Charan Boro, a two-time the state's NDA govern-





















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manner, leading tions, but it has failed to recruit local youth from to the formation no serious retaliation. Kashmir. It indicates that However, he stressed Omar Kashmir is moving on the Abdullah's govthat India has now made it ernment. clear to the world that ter-Speaking at a media rorism will not be tolerated He emphaconclave in Patna on

sised the central government's ongoing efforts to prevent incidents like the one in Pahalgam, while also point-

Pakistan continues to provide training and financial aid to terrorist groups.

He stated that the first step taken by the government was the removal of Article 370, followed by initiatives to engage with the approach is effective and youth. Subsequently, local will lead to lasting peace in elections were held peace-

due to Article 370.

ing out that

Shah also mentioned that Pakistan had carried out three terrorist attacks in the past, each of which received a firm and decisive response from India.

He remarked that in earlier times, such strong replies were rare, and attackers often escaped without consequence, assuming there would be

on its soil. Commenting on the demands of people in Leh-

Ladakh, Amit Shah said that the Government of India is in discussions with the committees of Leh and Kargil. A decision on their legitimate demands will be taken soon, and a good solution will be found.

Regarding the release activist Sonam Wangchuk, he refused to comment saying that such matters are under the purview of the courts.

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### **Editorial**

#### **Smoke and Mirrors**

The Gaza peace declaration signed in Sharm el-Sheikh has the unmistakable air of theatre ~ grand, emotional, and designed for the cameras. Yet, beneath the pageantry lies the first credible truce in two years of relentless conflict, a deal that may finally give both Israelis and Palestinians a brief pause from grief Whether it can evolve into something more enduring depends on what follows once the spotlight dims.

The images were meant to linger. The American President, smiling broadly at every cue, flanked by regional leaders, promising a "golden age for the Middle East." The exchange of hostages and prisoners, the embrace between adversaries, and the talk of "a new and beautiful day" all conveyed a sense of finality. But history counsels caution. Every West Asia peace summit has begun with handshakes and declarations of hope, only to be undone by the realities of mistrust, politics, and power.

The choreography of diplomacy often conceals its contradictions. Every gesture, every handshake is layered with competing ambitions. In this peace show, symbolism can both inspire and deceive, offering a glimpse of hope even as deeper uncertainties remain unresolved beneath the surface. This time, the calculation is different. The war in Gaza had reached a point where neither side could claim victory, and the humanitarian toll was intolerable even to Israel's allies. The American intervention, equal parts personal diplomacy and political instinct, leveraged exhaustion into opportunity. The release of the last living hostages and the freeing of thousands of Palestinian detainees mark tangible gains, however asymmetric. For now, both sides have something to show their people. But the structure of peace is more complex than the spectacle of peace.

The Palestinian Authority's future role in Gaza remains uncertain, and the question of who governs the enclave once rebuilding begins will test the strength of the deal. For Israel, this is as much a domestic reckoning as a diplomatic one. Some in its political establishment believe the truce concedes too much; others see it as a necessary step to restore international legitimacy. For US President Donald Trump, the Sharm el-Sheikh summit fits neatly into his broader narrative, that dealmaking not idealism, delivers results. The "board of peace" he proposes to oversee Gaza's reconstruction mirrors his earlier attempts to fuse business logic with diplomacy.

It is an approach that thrives on momentum and personality but can falter when faced with the slow, grinding realities of governance. Still, symbolism matters. A ceasefire that holds long enough to begin rebuilding could reshape regional dynamics and restore a measure of stability to a conflict that has defied all previous formulas. Yet if the truce collapses under the weight of old grievances and unmet promises, this too will become another fleeting chapter of peace deferred. For now, the guns are silent, the flags are raised, and the speeches are done. What remains is the harder, quieter work ~ turning applause into permanence, and theatre into peace.

# **Downfall of a Strategist**

The arrest of Indian-origin strategist Ashley Tellis in the United States for allegedly retaining classified defence documents is more than a case of legal transgression; it is a sobering reminder of how fragile the architecture of strategic trust has become in an age of blurred loyalties and global entanglements. For decades, the man at the centre of this storm symbolised intellectual rigour and policy acumen ~ a bridge Washington's between

emerging Asian order. His fall from grace now exposes the tensions that lie beneath the façade of such globalised expertise. At the core of the case is not only the question of one individual's alleged miscon-

strategic elite and the

duct, but the uneasy intersection of national security and intellectual privilege. Think-tank scholars and defence advisers often straddle a grey zone ~ part analyst, part insider ~ moving between academia, government, and private consultancy. Their access to classified briefings and policy deliberations grants them unusual influence, but also immense responsibility. When that trust is compromised, whether through negligence or intent, the consequences reverberate far beyond legal boundaries. The episode also reopens the debate about the moral boundaries of knowledge in the security domain. The post-Cold War world created a generation of transnational experts

who saw themselves as aura of espionage by assointerpreters of power rather than agents of it.

Yet, as the strategic rivalry between the US and China intensifies, such fluid



identities are increasingly strategist's alleged meet-

veillance footage reconviewed with suspicion. The struct every movement, the boundary between intellecings with Chinese officials, tual curiosity and security though not proven to be breach has virtually vanimproper, now acquire an ished. Transparency is no

ciation, a reminder that

neutrality is often the first

casualty of geopolitical

contestation. In an era

longer a safeguard; it is a weapon of exposure. For India and the broader South Asian region, the episode carries a deeper resonance. The strategist was among the most prominent interpreters of India's strategic rise within Washington's establishment. He helped articulate India's role as a stabilising force in the Indo-Pacific and as a democratic counto China's terweight assertiveness.

His writings and briefings shaped much of the US policy vocabulary on South Asia over the past two decades. That someone with such a profile now stands accused of breaching national security compounds the unease: it momentarily dents the aura

partnership, and reminds both sides that strategic alignment is as much about personal integrity as it is about shared interests. Ultimately, this incident is a cautionary tale about the cost of blurred boundaries ~ between scholarship and secrecy, between public duty and private access. Whatever the verdict, the broader lesson is clear: strategic trust, once fractured, is nearly impossible to restore. The same institutions that built their authority on the judgement of a few will now be forced to reimagine how they define loyalty, integrity, and the responsible use of knowledge in an increasingly uncertain world.

of trust that frames the US-

## **Polluted Celebration**

(Gns).

The Supreme Court's decision to permit the sale and use of "green crackers" in Delhi this Diwali reflects a difficult balancing act between individual freedoms and collective wellbeing. It seeks to temper a cultural impulse with environmental restraint, even as it puts the seal of judicial approval on an activity earlier deemed impermissible. In practice, the ruling risks prolonging the capital's annual public health emergency under the veneer of compromise.

Each winter, Delhi becomes a cautionary tale for urban civilisation, a metropolis that chokes on its own progress. The air turns dense, the skyline dissolves, and breathing becomes laboured. This year, even before Diwali, the city's air quality had plummeted to levels 25 to 30 times worse than what is deemed safe by global

conditions, even a marginal rise in particulate emissions can mean the differ-

works in a context of stabil-

health standards. In such fewer pollutants, represent ants still release harmful a pragmatic middle ground, substances, and that But moderation only cumulative pollution from even restricted use could Delhi's experience with

earlier bans has shown that regulatory intent often collapses under festive exuberance. Crackdowns are sporadic, awareness campaigns are weak, and once the first firecracker lights up the sky, compliance fades in the smoke. Allowing controlled

Equally important is the

matter of enforcement.

use of fireworks in this context may serve as a symbolic gesture of faith in restraint, but the record suggests otherwise. At a deeper level, the ruling exposes India's recurring struggle to reconcile its civilsational heritage with the realities of modern

urban life. Diwali, after all, is not merely a festival of light but also a reminder of whether the order is legally renewal ~ of choosing illusound, but whether it is mination over darkness.

lesson ~ that technolo-

gy's true power lies not in

replacing people, but in

environmentally sensible. The irony is that its celebration now darkens the very air that sustains life. The impulse to celebrate is human and sacred; but so too is the responsibility to safeguard shared spaces from avoidable harm. This is not a call to strip Diwali of its joy, but to redefine how that joy is expressed.

Tradition evolves ~ it always has. The diya does not need the cracker to brighter. shine Communities and administrations must invest in collective awareness, urban resilience, and alternative forms of celebration that preserve both culture and health. In the end, the real festival of light will be one where the air is clear enough to see the stars again. Until then, every spark that rises into Delhi's sky carries with it an unspoken cost, measured not in decibels, but in the quiet, uneven rhythm of

ence between discomfort and danger. The court's decision is anchored in the belief that "green crackers," said to emit 20-30 per cent

itself is in distress. Scientific consensus remains clear that these so-called eco-friendly vari-

In the global race for

ity ~ not when the system tip the city into severe or emergency categories. The question, then, is not

# **Al Heartland**

(Gns). Democracy rests on four essential pillars ~ the executive, the legislature, the lar is expected to function of the people and the con- experts science of the nation. Its

role is not merely to inform,

but to question, analyze,

and hold power account-Yet today, we must ask: has the media remained true to this noble responsibility, or has it gradually shifted from amplifying public concerns to echoing the interests of influence and profit? In the age of digital connectivity, media has evolved from newspapers and radio to television and social platforms. This transformation has empowered millions ~ especially

access to information.

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the world, even in remote corners of India. However, this reach interest. comes with responsibility. Visual media, especially once revered for its investelevision and social platforms, possess unmatched increasing pressure to conpower to shape percep- form. Editorial spaces tions. Their repetitive rhetoric and emotionally charged visuals often influence public opinion more than facts. In contrast, print media ~ though more restrained once defined journalism is and analytical ~ reaches a limited, educated audience capable of forming inde- media is the absence of pendent judgments. It is serious, important to acknowledge debate on issues that truly that print media operates under constraints: limited reach, economic pressures, lapsing bridges, potholed and a shrinking space for roads, and civic neglect dissent. Yet it continues to serve as a vital platform for thoughtful discourse. The

real concern lies in the dis-

electronic media, which often prioritizes sensation over substance. Television

judiciary, and the media. once meant to foster dia-While the first three are logue, have become theindependently, as the voice voices and independent prime-time sidelined. are

and discussions. Over four lakh undertrials



Rational discourse replaced by aggressive rhetoric, leaving citizens with fragmented perspectives. The coverage of sensitive operations, such as the much-hyped "Operation Sindoor," often veers into the youth and semi-literate the realm of oration and unverified claims, ultimately eroding credibility. The absence of fact-based, sober analysis in such moments is not just a lapse ~ it is also against national

Even print journalism, tigative depth, faces shrink, dissenting voices fade, and content often aligns with corporate or governmental interests. The vigorous follow-up that now a rarity. A disturbing trend in contemporary constructive matter. Consider the crumbling infrastructure ~ colthat rarely receive suscoverage tained

accountability. Public health crises proportionate influence of such as hazardous adulter-

**Crumbling Pillar** ation in food and medicines, unaffordable healthcare, developmental aspirations. sanitation issues debates, remain underreported. The lack of a unified, skill-oriented education policy has required to operate within atrical performances. Party led to a generation of structured constitutional spokespersons and celebri- "unemployable" angry and frameworks, the fourth pil- ty panellists dominate frustrated youth ~ yet this screens, while grassroots crisis finds little space in

> languish in jails without trial ~ an alarming human rights issue that barely surfaces in mainstream media. The politicisation of bureaucracy, civil administration, and law enforcement undermines public trust, but rarely invites scrutiny. Road rage, traffic violations, and growing indiscipline among youth - including the welleducated - are treated as isolated incidents rather than systemic concerns.

Instead of addressing these pressing issues, often gravitates media celebrity gossip, toward political theatrics, and polarising narratives that serve vested interests. The doling out of freebies from public funds, often aimed at securing vote banks, rarely faces rigorous scrutiny. While welfare schemes are essential in a developing nation, the absence of transparent debate on their long-term impact and fiscal sustainability is troubling. The taxpayer, whose contribution fuels these schemes, seldom finds representation in televised discussions. Instead, the narrative is shaped by political convenience, not economic prudence. This silence on financial accountability is a

disservice to the nation's

Artificial Intelligence has added a new layer of complexity. Deep fakes, manipulated videos, and algorithm-driven content now anonymous accounts spread propaganda, and engagement often trumps accuracy. This manipulation doesn't just mislead ~ it reshapes history, distorts governance, and makes citizens vulnerable to tailored narratives. Without vigilant fact-checking and independent journalism, media risks becoming an instrument of deception. What was once considered mere bias has evolved into active distortion, where media can manufacture reality. The line between truth and propaganda is increasingly blurred, and in such an environment, the integrity of journalism faces its greatest challenge upholding truth over profitability. In this landscape, the voices of ordinary citizens ~ those without political clout, celebrity status, or bureaucratic power ~ are often ignored.

The media's reluctance to challenge political failures or amplify grassroots concerns creates a widening gap between governance and the governed. Citizens struggling with unemployment, poor civic services, pollution, and delayed justice find little representation. Instead of being platforms for activism and reform, media institutions increasingly cater to elitism. The public, regardless of intellect or reasoning, often finds itself unheard ~ simply because it does not fit a predetermined mould: a politician backed by a vote bank, a bureaucrat with influence, a celebrity, or a figure of fear or authority.

artificial intelligence supremacy, India is charting a path unlike any other, tunity. one that begins not in glittering metros but in its smaller towns and rural disshape in places once known more for ancient temples or cotton mills than for code and data. These communities are becoming

the unseen backrooms of the digital age, where thousands of young Indians are training, annotating, and fine-tuning AI systems that will shape the technologies of tomorrow. This transformation represents far more than a new outsourcing It signals a shift in how

India's talent and geography are being reimagined for a digital future. What once required migration to urban hubs can now be achieved from one's hometown, powered by broadband connectivity, cloud infrastructure, and remote work platforms. Firms operating from semi-urban and rural India are demonstrating that the quality of digital

output is not defined by geography, but by discipline, training, and oppor-

At the heart of this redistributing opportunity movement is inclusion. to where it is needed

For many young Indians, most. The global demand shape public perception. tricts. The country's Al rev- particularly women, the for human-labelled data -Bots amplify outrage, olution is quietly taking arrival of stable, tech- from speech transcription major Al data hub and

enabled work has meant to image recognition their first formal employment, steady income, and unique position. a chance to contribute to the digital economy with- matter how advanced,

out uprooting their famirevolution: one that replaces urban migration with local empowerment and reshapes the rural economy through skill and data rather than land and labour. This decen-

has placed India in a

Every AI system, no relies on millions of lies. This is a quiet social human decisions to learn nuance, context, and cultural diversity. In this vast, multilingual where accents, idioms, and dialects vary every few kilometres, India offers the world's most natural traintralised rise of AI work ing ground for inclusive AI. most.

also hints at a broader It is here that the future of "human-in-the-loop" intellibelongs. gence truly Meanwhile, global tech giants are deepening their long-term commitments to India's digital ecosystem. The establishment of a cloud infrastructure centre in Andhra Pradesh is not merely an investment in capacity ~ it is an acknowledgment of India's central role in shaping global Al operations.

Together, the rural workforce and high-end infrastructure form the two halves of a powerful equation: scale and soul. The challenge now lies in sustaining this momentum. Reliable high-speed internet, data protection standards, and client trust must evolve as fast as the talent itself. If India can bridge these gaps, it will not only remain a preferred hub for Al services but also define how technology coexists with human aspiration. The intelligence of machines. refined in India's towns and villages, could yet carry the human touch that the world's digital future needs

## Let HER do it': Karnataka Dy CM reacts to Kiran Mazumdar's criticism of Bengaluru's infra

(Gns) Biocon After Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw criticized Bengaluru's infrastructure, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar reacted to her criticism and said, "If she wants to develop them, let her do it."

Mildly rebuking her comments, Shivakumar said, "If she comes and asks, we will give her the roads.

Shivakumar added that Bengaluru generates Rs 6,000 crore in taxes and that locals already contribute higher taxes. "We

have allocated funds for the joined the chorus, posting nation." He stated that development of this region stories about daily strug-

to spend Rs 50 crore for Bengaluru," he said Online media

came out in support of Shaw who threw light upon Bengaluru's deteriorating infrastructure and bad

garbage management. After Shaw called out generation entrepreneur

the "pathetic" state of roads and garbage in Bengaluru, thousands of residents fame to Bengaluru and the

and have given permission gles with potholes, dust, "constructive suggestions" and

who has "brought immense

issues. Even BJP leaders and opposition parties supported Shaw in her criticism. BJP Manjunath

commended her as a "firstand global business leader"

remarks should be seen as and requested the government to act instead of reacting negatively.

JD(S) leader Nikhil Kumaraswamy also took a dig at the Congress government, stating, "Instead of taking Kiran Shaw's concerns positively and fixing Bengaluru's Congress ministers are threatening busy Maybe Congress filled social media website X with replies, not roads with asphalt.

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A silent march, jointly

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Body (LAB) and Kargil

(KDA) as part of their

ongoing agitation for

statehood and constitu-

tional safeguards under

the Sixth Schedule, was

thwarted in Leh on

Saturday as authorities

orders and snapped

nessed a peaceful silent

march, with KDA leaders

condemning the restrictions

in Leh and welcoming the

However, Kargil wit-

#### Ministry of Railways sanctions Final Location Survey for Devgarh **Madariya - Marwar Junction Broad Gauge Rail line**

Railways has approved the Devgarh Madariya, will Final Location Survey (FLS) for a new broad gauge line of 72 kms railway line connecting Devgarh Madariya to Marwar Junction. Once approved, this project will provide the shortest and most direct rail route from slow narrow tracks into a Jodhpur and Bikaner to lifeline of faster, more effi-Chittorgarh and Udaipur. It will significantly reduce travel time and enhance are strategically aligned passenger and freight across movement Rajsamand, Udaipur, and Pali districts, bringing modern rail access to under- area-an emerging manu-

of the fruits and vegetables of rail infrastructure will not gain access to new markets in the Marwar region and reduce logistics costs for local communities.

This line will pave the way for faster train operations through the Marwar region, turning the oncecient connectivity.

These developments with the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC), particularly benefiting the Jodhpur-Pali industrial served areas. With this, facturing and logistics hub farmers' produce, such as in western India. Improved ite, and cement industries

only strengthen supply chains but also attract investments, expand trade, and connect industrial centers more efficiently with ports and markets across the country.

Tourism and local economies will also witness a surge, as this line will improve access to destinations such Kumbhalgarh Fort, Charbhuja Temple, and Dwarkadheesh Temple (Kankroli). The improved connectivity will promote local enterprises, handicrafts, and service sectors. Rajasthan's marble, granstand to gain from lower logistics costs and faster freight movement under Indian Railways' Mission 3000 MT, which aims to enhance freight capacity and efficiency across the network.

Once approved, this project along with the undergoing 82 Nathdwara-Devgarh Madariya broad-gauge conversion project worth ₹969 crore will bring socioeconomic benefits to the Garasia, Sehariya tribal communities by improving access to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities.

for statehood, Wangchuk's release

Police and paramilitary across Ladakh to express

hour blackout from 6 pm reimposed

**Ladakh administration foils silent march** 

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forces were deployed in solidarity with those who

strength in Leh and its lost their lives and those

orders in Leh under Section 163 of the BNSS, suspended mobile internet

services, and also ordered the closure of educational institutions. Anjuman Imamia presi-

dent and LAB member Ashraf Ali Barcha said that administration JUDIC deployed security forces in strength and did not allow people to assemble for the silent march.

> It was claimed that the co-chairman of the LAB, Chering Dorjay, was put under house arrest.

Led by KDA leaders, hundreds of people, including co-chairman Asgar Ali Karbalai and Sajjad Kargili,

Venue:

Ram Ki Paidi,

**Avodhva** 

### Trump and Kim Jong Un: A possible meeting on the horizon?

President Donald Trump's officials are quietly discussing a potential meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during his

The news that US the first sitting US President to set foot in North Korea, meeting Kim Jong Un at Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). The meeting was hailed as



ripples through the international community. While details are scarce, and the White House has yet to confirm the reports, the prospect of a meeting between two of the world's most prominent leaders is undoubtedly significant.

Uttarakhand Himalayas record warmest decade in a century; cold spells shrinking, heatwaves on the rise

(Gns). Himalayas have witnessed the warmest decade in the unregulated human interpast 100 years of climatic ference, have pushed the history, with a marked rise Himalayan region closer to in temperatures

and shrinking spells. cold Experts attribute this change to significantly altered monsoon patterns

observed over the last ten in

shared by the Dehradun to 2024—have been the Meteorological Department warmest period in the past and a study report by the century of Uttarakhand's expert organisation Climate climatic history. The fre-Trend, the duration and intensity of heatwaves have increased, while cold waves have declined during this period.

Director of the Regional Meteorological Dehradun, Chander Singh patterns and their behav- weather phenomena. iour have changed notably

upcoming Asia trip has sent a breakthrough in diplomatic efforts, although subse-

> clearization. According to reports, Trump's interest in meeting Kim was rekindled after hosting South Korean President Lee Jae Myung

> quent talks faltered over

disagreements on denu-

between 2015 and 2024. Uttarakhand He warned that these changes, coupled with

an unprecedented level of disaster

"Monsoon trends in the Himalavas.

Uttarakhand, changed significantly. The According to information last ten years—from 2015 quency and intensity of heatwaves have increased remarkably, while cold waves have declined considerably," Tomar said.

He added that the Centre, Himalayas in general, and Uttarakhand in particular, Tomar, said that weather are experiencing extreme

#### **Local CPM leader in Kerala** arrested for snatching gold chain

The accused, P P fourth ward Koothuparamba Municipality. The incident occurred when the elderly

woman, Janaki (77), was

alone at her home in Koothuparamba. A local CPM leader in Koothuparamba in Kerala's Kannur was arrested for allegedly snatching a gold chain from an elderly

into her house on Thursday. The accused, P P Rajesh, represents the ward Koothuparamba

woman after trespassing

Municipality. The incident occurred when the elderly woman, Janaki (77), was alone at her home in Koothuparamba. While she was working in the kitchen, a man, wearing a helmet, expelled Rajesh from the suddenly barged into the house, snatched her gold chain and fled the scene.

hearing her screams, the

thief managed to escape.

Following the incident, Rajesh, represents the Janaki filed a complaint with the Koothuparamba police. In her complaint, Janaki stated that the thief



was wearing a helmet. Later, CCTV visuals helped police trace the vehicle used in the crime, which led to Rajesh's arrest.

According to the police, Rajesh confessed to the crime. The accused was found after a two-day investigation. The stolen necklace was recovered

Meanwhile, CPM has party. CPM Kannur district secretary said that Rajesh was expelled from the party Though the neighbours for acting in a way that tarrushed to her aid after nished the party's reputa-



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The Fourth Additional

District and Sessions Court

in Palakkad on Saturday

the accused in the high-

profile Pothundi twin mur-

der case, to double life

imprisonment for the 2019

murder of Sajitha. The

court also slapped a fine of

to five years and a Rs

50,000 fine for tampering

with evidence. The sen-

tences will run concurrently.

ment, the court observed

that the accused is likely to

repeat the crime ,if allowed

to walk free and added that

he is not mentally unsta-

ble. There is no hope that

behaviour and turn good,

the court added.

(Gns).

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(NCRB)

would change his

Pronouncing the judg-

He was also sentenced

Rs.3.25 lakh on him

# JMM promises dignity, announces candidates for Bihar polls

(Gns). Bhattacharya outlined announcing that JMM will field six candidates in Dhamdaha, Chakai, Katoria, Manihari, Jamui, and Pirpainti.

The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) has indicated it may reassess its alliances in Jharkhand following tensions within the Bihar Mahagathbandhan. Speaking at a press conference in the party office here, JMM national secretary Suprio Bhattacharya said the party "cannot be contin- announcing that JMM will uously short-changed" and field six candidates in Congress, over seat allocawould protect its political Chakai,

Bhattacharya outlined and Pirpainti. He noted that



particularly the RJD and Dhamdaha, tion have yet to yield clear

Katoria, Manihari, Jamui, commitments.

Recalling the party's cooperation with the RJD in 2019, when a JMM-backed RJD legislator served as minister for five years, Bhattacharya emphasised that JMM expects reciprocal respect in the current elections.

JMM has also named 20 star campaigners for Bihar, including Chief Minister Hemant Soren and MLA Kalpana Soren, with the list submitted to the Election Commission. Bhattacharya said the party aims to secure victories for all six of its candidates in the upcoming polls.

inmates, cakes, pastries,

cookies, muffins, and other

made Rs 2.12 crore in 2023

according to the Prison

Statistics India report of

2023, released by National

Crime Records Bureau

items were Rs 1.69 crore.

earnings is a bakery run by

inmates inside the Civil

Secretariat, the seat of the

Himachal Pradesh govern-

ment, which is popular not

only among government

employees but also with

up outside the jails to buy

Additionally, people line

In 2022, sales of bakery

At the heart of these

items Himachal Pradesh jails had

prison

Sajitha murder case: Chenthamara gets double life term court found him guilty on all chisel at her home in allegedly violated bail condestruction of evidence, unlawful sentenced Chenthamara, Chenthamara

counts, including murder, Nenmara in August 2019. Investigators said he entry. believed that Sajitha and a also neighbour, Pushpa, were



accused of murdering responsible Sajitha's husband Sudhakaran and his mother At the time of the crime, Lakshmi in January 2025 at Sajitha's husband was Pothundi.

Chenthamara Earlier on Tuesday, the attacked Sajitha with a case,

estrangement from his wife. working in Tamil Nadu, and According to the prose- her children were at school.

On getting bail in the Chenthamara ments.

2023. Dairy items from the

jails were valued at Rs

71.49 lakh, while tailoring

From bars to cakes to pastries: Himachal

ditions several times, returning to Nenmara and threatening residents.

He allegedly committed brutal double murder, killing Sudhakaran (54) and his elderly mother Lakshmi (75) at their Pothundi residence on January 27. He then fled to the nearby forest area, from where the Kerala police arrested him on January 29. His bail in the Sajitha case was subsequently revoked.

The trial for Sajitha's murder, which took place in Nenmara in 2019, lasted nearly six years and involved testimony from 50 witnesses, Chenthamara's estranged wife. The prosecution presented extensive evidence, including forensic findings and over 30 official docu-

## Odisha EOW busts Rs 1,000 crore pan-India Ponzi scam

The Economic Offences Wing of Odisha police busted a major Ponzi scam to with arresting one of the operators on the charge of having deceived more than Rs 92 lakh lifetime savings of a senior citizen.

The accused Pratap Kumar Rout, who operated as Hedgex Fund LLP was arrested from Cuttack and was remanded to judicial custody under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code sections, Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, Information Technology Act Banning Deposit Unregulated Schemes Act.

The EOW swung into

pledged him of getting 11% to 18% interest return of the savings.

the tune of Rs 1,000 crore the fraud is comparably to that normal functioning of spread across the country other Ponzi schemes float- the LLP would resume ed in the market wherein

. In this case, depositors were repeatedly assured by the accused Rout that The modus operandi of their money was safe and shortly.



of initially, small periodic returns were paid out to depositors to build credibility and attract huge deposits. action following complaint Subsequently, the operalodged by Bijay Kumar tors abruptly shut down Panigrahy, a senior citizen, operations; deactivated who lost Rs 92,60,480 (Rs communication channels, 92.60 lakh) after investing and became unreachable Hedgex Fund LLP after the thereby misappropriating

Investigation made so far reveals that the company was registered with ROC, Goa in the year 2023. However, its depositors' base spread to 10 states namely Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh,

and Odisha, involving more than 3 lakh depositors.

The defrauded amount by the company is believed to be more than Rs 1000 crore. In Odisha, there are more than 12, 000 depositors and the defrauded amount is estimated at Rs 139 crores.

The Hedgex floated a number of sister concerns Kaushalaya Foundation, Lavya world, Market Lavya International etc. within two years i.e. 2023-2024 to defraud the depositors.

The Designated partners and other top leaders including the present arrested accused used multiple mule and thirdparty accounts to confuse the law enforcement agencies and to camouflage their involvement. Hawala agents were engaged to collect crores of rupees in cash and the collected cash was handled by the Rajasthan, accused Pratap Kumar

#### Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Delhi Rout, EOW added. local coordinator Rout the depositor's funds Akhilesh Yadav brands BJP a 'dud firecracker', slams Yogi govt over UP power mess

Samajwadi Party presiterming it a "dud firecracker," and blamed the Yogi Adityanath government for the mess in the state power department.

"Today is Dhanteras, so I will refrain from speaking ill of anyone. But what can be expected from a dud firecracker on Diwali? How can those who haven't produced electricity provide electricity?", he commented on the UP government here on Saturday.

Addressing a press conference where several leaders from other political parties joined the SP, Minister has gone to Bihar even able to privatize it." as a star campaigner for the party. We say that he said that during his time, has gone not as a star cam- the UP government's budg- by the terror of wolves.

dig at the BJP today, is that it has been eight budget has increased to Rs

Bihar will never accept and we built stadiums, climbing on rooftops. Now communal people. The first metro, and expressways, even leopards are climbing dent Akhilesh Yadav took a lie the government is telling Now the government's on rooftops. Over 52 peo-



years. Whereas the government has been in place only one last budget of this government is coming. Earlier, they wanted to sell Yadav said that, "UP Chief electricity. Now they are not

The SP chief further paigner but as a star divider. et was Rs four lakh crore

eight lakh crore, but there is no sign of any work. The for about nine years. Now, government is unable to stop theft in departments. That is why thefts are taking place in the homes of MLAs.

> attacks, he said that nowadays people are troubled

"Until now, bulls were en the PDA's fight.

ple have been attacked in just a few days. Samajwadi Party members are against both bulls and bulldozers. Potters are worried about Diwali. If the SP government is formed, the government will buy one crore diyas from potters on Diwali," he announced.

Earlier, several leaders joined the SP, which included Devendra Kushwaha, Nadeem Ashraf, Ranveer Singh, Gautam Ahirwar, and Shyam Lal Bind from Ghazipur.

Party president Akhilesh Yadav welcomed them all to the party. He said that many people are joining the Talking about wildlife PDA's social movement and Baba Saheb's movement. The arrival of all these leaders will strength-

# Punjab Police bust smuggling network linked to foreign handlers

(Gns).

In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing special operations to ensure safe and peaceful festive season, Special Operation Cell (SSOC) Amritsar, in coordination with a central agency, arrested five members of a smuggling network linked to foreign handlers.

They also recovered four 9MM calibre Glock pistols along with ammunition and 2 kg of heroin from their possession. According to Director

General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav, those arrested have been identified as Shivam Arora of New Jaspal Nagar, Sultanwind road, Amritsar; Gurpreet Singh of New Kapoor Nagar, Amritsar; Anmoldeep Singh of Sultanwind Road, Amritsar; Abhishekh Singh of village

Kulmit Singh of Colony Ganga Nagar village Dhand Tarn Taran.

Dhand in Tarn Taran and originates from Pakistan, he teams in joint operation with said. Efforts are underway to nab the remaining members and dismantle the



DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigations have revealed that the accused were acting under a Dubai-based smuggler in touch with Pakistani associ-

The seized consignment smuggling activities, police

entire network. Sharing

operational details, AIĞ SSOC Amritsar Sukhminder Singh Mann said that following reliable inputs about the involvement of these suspects in central agency teams had launched an intelligence led operation and arrested five accused persons and recovered consignment of narcotics and sophisticated weapons, which was supposed to be delivered further to criminals. The AIG said that further investigations are being conducted to establish forward and backward linkages in this case to unearth this entire network. Accused will be produced in the court in due course, he said. In this regard, a case FIR No. 61 dated 16.10.2025 has been registered under sections 21 and 29 of the NDPS Act, section 25 of the Arms Act and section 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at Police Station SSOC Amritsar.

prison inmates make crores in profit Maharashtra jails, which earned Rs 1.62 crore in machines, and bakery earned Rs 2.74 crore.

The hill state managed to surpass large states like Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, and and weaving earned Rs Karnataka despite having a 33.63 lakh. small inmate population and limited production. There 2,816 were

inmates in Himachal jails in 2023. However, the success story extends faı bakery beyond

products. In 2023

all goods pro-

duced by inmates of Himachal Pradesh jails as part of their vocational activities were valued at Rs 8.88 crore, marking a surge of over 48 percent com-

The bakery items made pared to the previous year. in Himachal jails were so This amount was nearly popular that the earnings five times what Punjab jails from bakery products were (Rs 1.85 crore) had earned the fourth highest in the and almost four times what country in 2023, behind the Haryana jails had earned (Rs 2.30 crore). Bakery School of Delhi jails, which earned Rs 10.43 crore, Gujarat jails, which

earnings of Rs 3.01 crore, also supplied zig-zag earned Rs 3.57 crore, and while carpentry goods machines, flour kneading

operates a Mobile Van Vegetable stall, which generated sales of Rs 29.12

The jail department also

According to the jail department, in addition to engaging inmates in vocational activities, gym equipment, volleyball, carrom boards, chess, and badminton rackets were pro-The canteen led all with vided to jails in 2023. They

ovens based on their specific needs.

Additionally, Andhra Pradesh, West brought in Rs 37.95 lakh, NGOs, including the Art of Living, Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan, and Patanjali Yogpeeth, encourage inmates to participate in yoga and spiritual activities. Cultural programs are organized to provide prisoners with an opportunity to showcase their talents.

> Inmates are also provided with TV sets featuring DTH services, newspapers, and musical instruments like harmoniums, dholaks, and tablas. Sports competitions are

held in jails for recreation, and all prisons have library facilities. In 2023, a total of 168

inmates received vocational training, while 11 inmates pursued higher education.

Sixteen NGOs worked on prison reforms, and two focused on prisoner welfare. Additionally, the NGOs provided medical counseling to 115 inmates and legal counseling to 185

# JK LG Sinha pays obeisance to Buddha relics in Russia before bringing them back to India

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday paid obeisance to sacred relics of Lord Buddha enshrined at the Central Temple, Geden Sheddup Choikorling Monastery, also known as "the Golden Abode Buddha Shakyamuni" at Elista, Kalmykia, Russia.

Lieutenant The Governor is leading the delegation to bring back holy relics of Lord Buddha after a week-long exposition in Elista.

During the interaction with revered monks, the Lieutenant Governor said the fondness which the people of this city and those from far corners of relics of the Buddha are principles and teachings of

in the Shamli district.

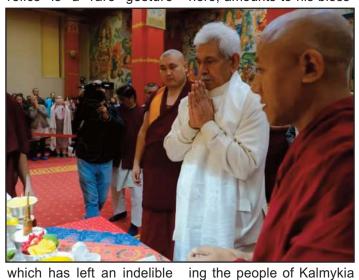
in which he was shot.

According to the police,

he had been on the run for

arrival.

shown considered as the Buddha towards the Lord Buddha's himself and his coming relics is a rare gesture here, amounts to his bless-



mark in our hearts.

"As you know, the holy India takes pride in the

and the whole of Russia.

the Buddha.

"His message of compassion, wisdom and nonviolence remain more relevant than ever. Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always reiterated the relevance of Buddha's teachings in the modern world and continues to emphasise this aspect at different international forums reminding the world of Buddha's timeless wisdom," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also observed that the message of the Buddha along with his teachings should get more embedded in societies especially among the youth.

# **Criminal with Rs 1 lakh reward** killed in police encounter in Shamli

the past three years and dacoity. A dreaded criminal car-



was involved in over 34 Senior police officials, including SP NP Singh, criminal cases, including murder, robbery, and were present at the

Singh stated that a list of all wanted criminals in the district has been compiled, and a special operation is underway to track them down. From the scene, police

recovered a 32-bore pistol, a .315 bore country-made firearm (tamanchaa), seven cartridges (two used and five live rounds).

, and a motorcycle. All seized weapons have been sent for forensic examina-Another suspect report-

edly fled the scene during the encounter, and a search operation is ongoing to apprehend him. The body of Nafees has been sent for postmortem.