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

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to spearhead an extensive campaign across Bihar, aiming to energize the National Democratic Alliance ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections.

Between October 23 and November 3, Modi will address a series of 12 rallies spanning key districts including Patna, Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Bhagalpur, Samastipur, 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 Suraj Party adding a new dimension to the contest.

The first two phases of voting are scheduled for November 6 and November 11, covering 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 enjoys significant personal popularity. Each rally is expected to reach 15 to 20 assembly segments and will be broadcast live to remote areas to maximize outreach.

Since assuming office, Modi has made Bihar a focal point of his governance agenda, visiting the state over 55 times and

announcing projects worth several lakh crores.



Notable recent initiatives include inaugurating a new terminal at Patna Airport and an airport in Purnia, alongside engaging with youth during the Bihar Youth Dialogue.

The NDA campaign will also rely heavily on promi-

hold over 25 rallies, leveraging his influence among Rajput and upper-caste voters.

Besides, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is also actively participating in the Bihar Assembly election campaign, mobilizing support

for the NDA candidates. His schedule includes multiple rallies across key districts, aiming to consolidate votes and bolster the party's presence amid a competitive electoral landscape.

Yogi Adityanath is expected to address several public meetings, focus-

ing on themes of development, law and order, and the NDA's governance record. His campaign efforts are being coordinated with local leaders and party workers to maximize outreach and voter engagement.

With the stage set for a

fiercely contested election, the BJP's extensive rally schedule, led by PM Modi, 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, 18 October 2025: 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 well-equipped road infrastructure network in the state, ensuring ease of transportation through Viksit Gujarat.

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

Recognising the importance of roads and bridges for development, the Chief Minister has directed the Roads and Buildings Department to strengthen road connectivity across Gujarat, ensuring safe and convenient access to even the remotest regions

through a robust network of quality roads.

He has approved ₹5,576 crore for 9 Garvi Gujarat High-Speed Corridors covering 809 kilometers, aimed at enhancing safety, speed, and convenience on roads with heavy traffic flow.

Accordingly, ₹67.43 crore for 92.23 km length of Bagodara - Dhandhuka - Barvala - Botad; ₹158.6 crore for 67.30 km of Botad - Dhasa - Chavand - Amreli - Bagasara - Bilkha - Mendarada; ₹81.38 crore for 48.55 km of Mendarada - 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; ₹1514.41 crore for

167.54 km of Dehgam - Bayad - Lunawada - Santrampur - Zalod; ₹640.30 crore for 143.30 km of Ahmedabad - Harsol - Gambhoi - Vijayanagar road; ₹861.71 crore for 49.90 km of Santrampur - Morwa Hadaf - Santrod, and ₹1062.82 crore for 64.05 km of Santrod - Devgad - Baria - Chhota

Udepur road have been approved.

With the construction of these new high-speed corridors, 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, stimulate economic devel-

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 green technology. This will result in durable, long-lasting roads with lower life-cycle costs and better environmental compatibility.

In addition, he approved ₹986 crore for 79 projects covering 803 kilometers aimed at improving the surface quality of state roads.

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

(Gns). Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday sent a strong strategic message to Pakistan, emphasizing India's readiness and highlighting the formidable capabilities of the BrahMos missile system. Speaking at the flag-off of the first batch of BrahMos missiles produced at BrahMos Aerospace in Lucknow, Singh underscored both India's military prowess and indigenous technological progress.

"Every inch of Pakistan is now within the reach of our BrahMos," Singh declared, stressing that the missile system ensures no adversary can evade

India's strategic capabilities.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, during the flag-off of BrahMos missiles in Lucknow, emphasized India's readiness and strategic capabilities, stating that every part of Pakistan is now within BrahMos' reach, while also praising the success of Operation Sindoor.

The Defence Minister praised the armed forces for their success in Operation Sindoor, describing the operation as a mere "trailer" of India's potential in defence.

"Operation Sindoor has proven that victory is no longer an isolated incident; it has become our habit," Singh said.

His remarks highlighted not only operational achievements but also the morale and confidence of India's armed forces.

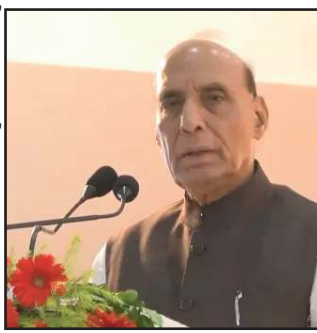
BrahMos: India's Strategic Backbone
Rajnath Singh highlighted the significance of BrahMos in India's defence arsenal. He called the missile a symbol of India's growing indigenous

defence capabilities, combining speed, precision, and power.

"BrahMos is not just a missile; it represents India's technological edge and strategic strength. It has become the backbone of our armed forces," Singh said.

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

Leadership and 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

(Gns). Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, along with 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 and Ashwini Vaishnaw, announced that recent GST rate cuts, initiated during Navratri, led to significant sales increases in the auto-

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

Nirmala Sitharaman emphasised that the government closely monitored 54 essential items to ensure that GST benefits reached consumers. She stated, "The Prime

Minister's Diwali gift has been delivered." In some instances, businesses provided even greater savings than anticipated due to the GST rate cuts.

increased by 5.5% year-on-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.



Impact on Vehicle Sales
The GST reforms, which began on September 22 during Navratri, resulted in a surge in vehicle sales. Three-wheeler dispatches

No more recruitment of terrorists in Kashmir: Shah

(Gns). Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that Pakistan is still training and funding terrorist organisations, but it has failed to recruit local youth from Kashmir. It indicates that Kashmir is moving on the right path.

Speaking at a media conclave in Patna on Saturday, he promised restoration of statehood for Jammu and Kashmir at an appropriate time.

The minister said that in the past, terrorists did not need to be sent from Pakistan. They would 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 approach is effective and will lead to lasting peace in

Jammu and Kashmir. Amit Shah highlighted that Kashmir shares a border with Pakistan and noted that the Hurriyat ide-

fully without any violence. He said that the legislative assembly elections were conducted in the state in a fair and transparent manner, leading to the formation of Omar Abdullah's government.

He emphasised the central government's ongoing efforts to prevent incidents like the one in Pahalgam, while also pointing out that Pakistan continues to provide training and financial aid to terrorist groups.

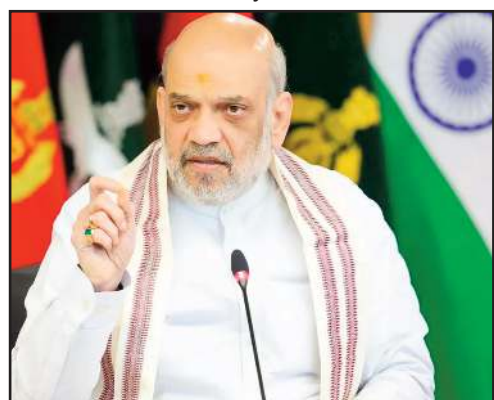
Shah also mentioned that Pakistan had carried out three terrorist attacks in the past, each of which received a firm and decisive response from India.

He remarked that in earlier times, such strong replies were rare, and attackers often escaped without consequence, assuming there would be no serious retaliation.

However, he stressed that India has now made it clear to the world that terrorism will not be tolerated 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 of 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.

Crumbling Pillar

(Gns).

Democracy rests on four essential pillars ~ the executive, the legislature, the judiciary, and the media. While the first three are required to operate within structured constitutional frameworks, the fourth pillar is expected to function independently, as the voice of the people and the conscience of the nation. Its role is not merely to inform, but to question, analyze, and hold power accountable.

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 the youth and semi-literate masses ~ with instant access to information. Mobile phones have become the new window to the world, even in remote corners of India.

However, this reach comes with responsibility. Visual media, especially television and social platforms, possess unmatched power to shape perceptions. Their repetitive rhetoric and emotionally charged visuals often influence public opinion more than facts. In contrast, print media ~ though more restrained and analytical ~ reaches a limited, educated audience capable of forming independent judgments. It is important to acknowledge that print media operates under constraints: limited reach, economic pressures, and a shrinking space for dissent. Yet it continues to serve as a vital platform for thoughtful discourse. The real concern lies in the disproportionate influence of

electronic media, which often prioritizes sensation over substance.

Television debates, once meant to foster dialogue, have become theatrical performances. Party spokespersons and celebrity panelists dominate screens, while grassroots voices and independent experts are sidelined.

Rational discourse is 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 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 interest.

Even print journalism, once revered for its investigative depth, faces increasing pressure to conform. Editorial spaces shrink, dissenting voices fade, and content often aligns with corporate or governmental interests. The vigorous follow-up that once defined journalism is now a rarity. A disturbing trend in contemporary media is the absence of serious, constructive debate on issues that truly matter. Consider the crumbling infrastructure ~ collapsing bridges, potholed roads, and civic neglect that rarely receive sustained coverage or accountability.

Public health crises such as hazardous adulter-

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 between Washington’s strategic elite and the 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-

(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 well-being. 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

health standards. In such conditions, even a marginal rise in particulate emissions can mean the difference between discomfort and danger. The court’s decision is anchored in the belief that “green crackers,” said to emit 20–30 per cent

fewer pollutants, represent a pragmatic middle ground. But moderation only works in a context of stabil-



ity ~ not when the system itself is in distress. Scientific consensus remains clear that these so-called eco-friendly vari-

who saw themselves as interpreters of power rather than agents of it.

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



identities are increasingly viewed with suspicion. The strategist’s alleged meetings with Chinese officials, though not proven to be improper, now acquire an

aura of espionage by association, a reminder that neutrality is often the first casualty of geopolitical contestation. In an era when digital trails and sur-

veillance footage reconstruct every movement, the boundary between intellectual curiosity and security breach has virtually vanished. Transparency is no

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 counterweight to China’s 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

of trust that frames the US-India 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.

Polluted Celebration

ants still release harmful substances, and that cumulative pollution from even restricted use could

environmentally sensible. Equally important is the matter of enforcement. 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 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 civilisational heritage with the realities of modern urban life. Diwali, after all, is not merely a festival of light but also a reminder of renewal ~ of choosing illumination over darkness.

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 shine brighter. 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 every laboured breath.

AI Heartland

In the global race for artificial intelligence supremacy, India is charting a path unlike any other, one that begins not in glittering metros but in its smaller towns and rural districts. The country’s AI revolution is quietly taking shape 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 wave.

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 opportunity.

At the heart of this movement is inclusion. For many young Indians, particularly women, the arrival of stable, tech-

also hints at a broader lesson ~ that technology’s true power lies not in replacing people, but in redistributing opportunity to where it is needed most. The global demand for human-labelled data ~ from speech transcription



enabled work has meant their first formal employment, steady income, and a chance to contribute to the digital economy without uprooting their families. This is a quiet social revolution: one that replaces urban migration with local empowerment and reshapes the rural economy through skill and data rather than land and labour. This decentralised rise of AI work

to image recognition ~ has placed India in a unique position.

Every AI system, no matter how advanced, relies on millions of human decisions to learn nuance, context, and cultural diversity. In this vast, multilingual country, where accents, idioms, and dialects vary every few kilometres, India offers the world’s most natural training ground for inclusive AI.

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

(Gns).

After Biocon 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 development of this region and have given permission 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 the “pathetic” state of roads and garbage in Bengaluru, thousands of residents

joined the chorus, posting stories about daily struggles with potholes, dust, and civic issues.

Even BJP leaders and opposition parties supported Shaw in her criticism. BJP MP CN Manjunath commended her as a “first-generation entrepreneur and global business leader” who has “brought immense fame to Bengaluru and the

nation.” He stated that remarks should be seen as “constructive suggestions” 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 mess, Congress ministers are busy threatening her. Maybe Congress filled social media website X with replies, not roads with asphalt.”

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

The Ministry of Railways has approved the 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 Jodhpur and Bikaner to Chittorgarh and Udaipur. It will significantly reduce travel time and enhance passenger and freight movement across Rajsamand, Udaipur, and Pali districts, bringing modern rail access to under-served areas. With this, farmers' produce, such as

the fruits and vegetables of Devgarh Madariya, will 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 one-slow narrow tracks into a lifeline of faster, more efficient connectivity. These developments are strategically aligned with the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC), particularly benefiting the Jodhpur-Pali industrial area—an emerging manufacturing and logistics hub in western India. Improved

rail infrastructure will not 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 as Kumbhalgarh Fort, Charbhuja Temple, and Dwarkadheesh Temple (Kankroli). The improved connectivity will promote local enterprises, handicrafts, and service sectors. Rajasthan's marble, granite, and cement industries

stand 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 km Nathdwara-Devgarh Madariya broad-gauge conversion project worth ₹969 crore will bring socio-economic benefits to the Bhil, Garasia, and Sehariya tribal communities by improving access to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities.

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

(Gns). The news that US President Donald Trump's officials are quietly discussing a potential meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during his

In 2019, Trump became the first sitting US President to set foot in North Korea, meeting Kim Jong Un at the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). The meeting was hailed as



upcoming Asia trip has sent 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.

a breakthrough in diplomatic efforts, although subsequent talks faltered over disagreements on denuclearization. According to reports, Trump's interest in meeting Kim was rekindled after hosting South Korean President Lee Jae Myung

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

(Gns). The Uttarakhand Himalayas have witnessed the warmest decade in the past 100 years of climatic history, with a marked rise in temperatures and shrinking cold spells. Experts attribute this change to significantly altered monsoon patterns observed over the last ten years.



According to information shared by the Dehradun Meteorological Department and a study report by the expert organisation Climate Trend, the duration and intensity of heatwaves have increased, while cold waves have declined during this period.

Director of the Regional Meteorological Centre, Dehradun, Chander Singh Tomar, said that weather patterns and their behaviour have changed notably

in Uttarakhand, have changed significantly. The last ten years—from 2015 to 2024—have been the warmest period in the past century of Uttarakhand's climatic history. The frequency and intensity of heatwaves have increased remarkably, while cold waves have declined considerably," Tomar said. He added that the Himalayas in general, and Uttarakhand in particular, are experiencing extreme weather phenomena.

Local CPM leader in Kerala arrested for snatching gold chain

(Gns). The accused, P P Rajesh, represents the fourth ward in 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 woman after trespassing into her house on Thursday. The accused, P P Rajesh, represents the fourth ward in Koothuparamba 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, suddenly barged into the house, snatched her gold chain and fled the scene. Though the neighbours rushed to her aid after hearing her screams, the



thief managed to escape. Following the incident, 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 from him. Meanwhile, CPM has expelled Rajesh from the party. CPM Kannur district secretary said that Rajesh was expelled from the party for acting in a way that tarnished the party's reputation.

Ladakh administration foils silent march for statehood, Wangchuk's release

(Gns). A silent march, jointly called by the Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) as part of their ongoing agitation for statehood and constitutional safeguards under the Sixth Schedule, was thwarted in Leh on Saturday as authorities imposed prohibitory orders and snapped mobile internet.

However, Kargil witnessed a peaceful silent march, with KDA leaders condemning the restrictions in Leh and welcoming the announcement of a judicial probe into the 24 September police firing that left four people dead and

over 90 injured. Police and paramilitary

hour blackout from 6 pm across Ladakh to express

reimposed prohibitory orders in Leh under Section 163 of the BNSS, suspended mobile internet services, and also ordered the closure of educational institutions.

Anjuman Imamia president and LAB member Ashraf Ali Barcha said that the administration 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, held a peaceful march from



forces were deployed in strength in Leh and its adjoining areas amid a call by two agitating groups for a two-hour silent march from 10 am and a three-

solidarity with those who lost their lives and those injured or unlawfully detained.

As a precautionary measure, the authorities

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Minister, Agriculture, Agricultural Education & Agricultural Research, Uttar Pradesh

Yogi Adityanath
Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh

Jayveer Singh
Minister, Tourism & Culture, Uttar Pradesh

and other dignitaries

Special Attractions

- Maha Aarti of Maa Saryu by 2,100 priests
- Grand processions, tableaux, and exhibitions depicting the divine life of Bhagwan Shri Ram
- Staging of national and international Ramleela
- Performances by Folk Troupes from Across India
- Live musical performance by 100 musicians
- Multimedia projection mapping and 3D holographic laser show
- Choreographed Musical Drone Show with 1,100 Drones
- Eco-friendly Green Fireworks
- Majestic Hydraulic Screens
- Water Tableau
- Special Selfie Points

Date:
19th October, 2025
Time: 5:00 PM onwards

Venue:
Ram Ki Paidi,
Ayodhya

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