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PM Modi likely to meet Japan's newly-elected prime minister Sanae Takaichi in Kuala Lumpur

(Gns). As Sanae Takaichi, known for her hawkish stand on China and the security threat it poses to Japan, took over as the top office in Tokyo, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated her and stressed that India's relations with the Land of the Rising Sun were vital for peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

Modi is likely to have his first meeting with Takaichi, who took over as the new prime minister of Japan on Tuesday, on the sidelines of the ASEAN conclaves and the East Asian Summit in Kuala Lumpur next week.

"Heartiest congratulations, Sanae Takaichi, on your election as the Prime Minister of Japan. I look forward to working closely with you to further strengthen the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership," Modi posted on X. "Our deepening ties are vital for peace, stability, and prosperity across the Indo-Pacific and beyond."

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Quad, a coalition forged by the four nations to counter China's expansionist aspirations in the Indo-Pacific



region.

Modi had met Takaichi's predecessor, Shigeru Ishiba, during the last visit to Tokyo in August. They had reaffirmed the commitment of India and Japan "towards a free, open, peaceful, prosper-

ous, and rules-based Indo-Pacific".

The comments made by the two prime ministers had apparently been intended to send a message to China, which had been accused by its neighbours of territorial aggression, not only along its disputed boundary with India, but also in the East China Sea, South China Sea and the Taiwan Strait.

India and Japan had expressed serious concern over the situation in the East China Sea and the South China Sea, and strongly opposed any unilateral actions that endanger the safety as well as freedom of navigation and overflight, and attempt to change the status quo by force or coercion.

Indian Kabaddi Team Skips Handshake with Pakistan at 3rd Asian Youth Games

(Gns). India's young Kabaddi squad is off to a scorching, undefeated start at the 3rd Asian Youth Games, but their victory over rivals Pakistan has been overshadowed by a moment of high-stakes sporting diplomacy-or lack thereof.

The Indian team absolutely demolished their Pakistani counterparts, securing a massive 81-26 win. However, the real tension surfaced before the game even began. Indian captain Ishant Rathee notably refused to shake hands with his Pakistani counterpart during the ceremonial toss, continuing a new, silent trend in recent India-Pakistan sporting encounters.

India's undefeated Kabaddi team at the 3rd Asian Youth Games, after beating Pakistan 81-26, has been marked by captain Ishant Rathee's refusal to



shake hands, reflecting wider India-Pakistan tensions, along with other instances in cricket since the Asia Cup. The team, topping the table, is set to

play the final on October 23rd.

This Kabaddi incident in Bahrain on October 20th is the latest chapter in a growing "no-handshake"



policy adopted by various Indian teams across sports. The gesture, perceived as a silent protest, has been creeping into cross-border matchups since the Asia

Cup, when the men's cricket team, led by Suryakumar Yadav, declined the post-match handshake. The Indian women's cricket team followed suit at the 2025 Cricket World Cup.

These actions are unfolding against a backdrop of heightened India-Pakistan tensions, including the recent tragic Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor, signaling that the sports arena is now reflecting the complex political atmosphere between the nations.

Controversy aside, the Indian team is proving to be the undisputed powerhouse of the inaugural Kabaddi event at the Asian Youth Games.

Delhi Shatters Fire Records on Diwali: Firefighters Battle Over 400 Blazes Across City

(Gns). Delhi Fire Services faced an overwhelming number of emergency calls on Monday night as Diwali celebrations lit up the city. By 6:00 AM on Tuesday, officials reported receiving over 400 fire-related calls, and the count continued to rise as incidents from across the capital poured in.

The Delhi Fire Services responded to over 400 fire-related calls by 6:00 AM on Tuesday following Diwali celebrations, with the majority of incidents being minor, and two significant factory fires in the Narela industrial area further challenged firefighters.

According to an ANI report, the Delhi Fire Services initially received 170 calls by 11:30 PM on Diwali night. However, by



6:00 AM the next day, the number had surged to over 400. Thankfully, most incidents were minor and quickly contained.

Two significant factory fires in the Narela industrial

area tested the skills of firefighters. The first blaze broke out at a shoe manufacturing unit in the DSIIIDC Industrial Area of Narela, where 16 fire tenders were deployed. Thick black smoke engulfed the building, causing concern among nearby residents.

Soon after, another fire erupted at a cardboard manufacturing factory in Bhorgarh Industrial Area, Phase 2, just a few kilometres away. This fire was more intense, and 26 fire tenders were sent to control the blaze. Fire Officer SK Dua confirmed, "Delhi Fire Service received a call regarding the fire incident at the cardboard manufacturing factory in Bhorgarh Industrial Area Phase 2 in Narela. 26 fire tenders are present at the spot. The fire has been controlled."

Delhi traditionally experiences a spike in fire-related incidents during Diwali, despite restrictions on fireworks. Last year, the city recorded 318 fire incidents on Diwali night, marking the highest number in 13 years according to the New Indian Express. The final count for this year is still being compiled.

Prashant Kishor Alleges 3 Candidates of Jan Suraaj Withdrew From Bihar Polls Under BJP's Pressure

(Gns). Poll strategist-turned-politician Prashant Kishor on Tuesday alleged that three candidates of his Jan Suraaj Party in the Bihar elections withdrew their nominations under "pressure" from the BJP.

Addressing a press conference, Kishor alleged that

the ruling NDA was so scared of losing the elections that it was threatening opposition candidates to



withdraw from the race. "Democracy is being murdered. There has been no such precedent in the country," he alleged, urging the Election Commission to ensure the security of the candidates.

Prashant Kishor of the Jan Suraaj Party claimed that BJP pressured three candidates to withdraw

from the race were fielded in the Danapur, Brahmapur, and Gopalganj seats, he said. "The BJP is trying to replicate the Surat model, in which their candidate got elected unopposed, as all other nominees were coerced to pull out. The BJP does not realise that voters had punished it across the country for it, and it won just 240 seats, though it had bragged that the tally would be 400-plus in last year's Lok Sabha polls," he added. Kishor's party had announced candidates for all 243 seats in Bihar. With the withdrawal of three candidates from the race, it will now fight on 240 seats as the last date for filing of nominations has already passed.

The candidates who

Protest Over Diwali Bonus: Agra-Lucknow Expressway Toll Workers Allow Free Passage for 10 Hours

(Gns). Toll workers on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway made a striking move on Saturday night, allowing vehicles to pass without paying tolls for nearly ten hours. The protest was sparked by dissatisfaction over a reduced Diwali bonus, leaving commuters surprised and traffic flowing freely overnight.

On Saturday night, toll workers on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway protested a reduced Diwali bonus by allowing vehicles to pass toll-free for about ten hours, after a similar bonus was ₹5,000 last year. After negotiations, a resolution including a 10% salary hike allowed the company to resume toll collection, although workers continued to partially strike.

Sources revealed that tensions had been simmering between the toll-operating company, Shri Sai and Datar Company, and its

employees regarding the festive bonus. The company offered a bonus of

year fueled widespread frustration, prompting employees to stop collect-



₹1,100, which workers rejected, claiming it was significantly lower than last year and did not match their efforts. "The amount is far less than what we received last year, and it does not reflect our hard work," the employees reportedly said.

Last year, a different contractor had awarded a ₹5,000 bonus to workers. This drastic reduction this

ing tolls from midnight onwards.

Negotiations and Temporary Resolution

Upon learning of the protest, both police officials and company representatives rushed to the toll plaza in an attempt to resolve the situation. Krishna Jurail, the company's project manager, stated, "Discussions with workers are underway, and

efforts are being made to restore normal operations."

After ten hours of toll-free passage, an agreement was reached that included a 10% hike in salaries, allowing the company to resume toll collection. However, the resolution came only after prolonged negotiations and clear expressions of discontent from the employees.

Workers Stand Firm on Demands

Despite the partial settlement, toll workers remained firm in their stance. As of 9 am on Sunday, toll collection had yet to resume fully, with employees insisting that their strike would continue until all their demands were satisfactorily met. The protest has highlighted ongoing concerns about fair compensation and the growing tensions between companies and their contractual workforce.

Bengaluru-Hosur Metro Stalled As Power System Incompatibility Stalls Interstate Connectivity Plans

(Gns). The proposed metro connection between Bengaluru and Hosur has run into a major obstacle. Officials from the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) say that the line is technically unfeasible because the two networks operate on different power systems.

While the idea of a cross-state metro link was welcomed for improving connectivity and industrial growth in Hosur, the technical reality is challenging. Namma Metro trains run on a 750 V DC third rail, while the proposed Hosur corridor would use a 25 kV AC overhead system. This difference makes it impos-

sible to operate a seamless service between the two cities.

The proposed Bengaluru-Hosur metro link is infeasible due to differing power systems, but Bengaluru's Phase 4 projects will add 211 km to the Namma Metro network, aiming for a 470 km integrated system.

A BMRCL spokesperson said, "We explored the options thoroughly, but a continuous metro from Bengaluru to Hosur cannot be built with the current technology. The state government has been informed of our findings."

Despite the interstate setback, Bengaluru's metro network is growing rapidly. Phase 4 projects aim to improve connectivity across the city and its sub-



urbs. Key upcoming expansions include:

Bommasandra-Attibele Line: 11 km, 7-8 stations

Green Line Extension: Madavara to Tumakuru, 59.6 km, 25 stations

Southern Green Line:

Silk Institute to Harohalli, 24 km, 18 stations

Purple Line Extension: Challaghatta to Bidadi, 15 km, 13 stations

Feasibility reports for these corridors have been completed, and final approvals are expected soon.

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Holiday Notice

Our office will remain closed on October 22, 23, and 24 on account of Navarshabhinandan, Bhai Dooj, and Teej festivals. Hence, the newspaper will not be available on October 23, 24, and 25. The next issue will be published as usual from October 26, 2025, Sunday.

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Editorial

Triple Threat

Pakistan faced two major protests in recent days. The first was in POK where the public rose in anger against rising costs, exploitation of resources and lack of basic amenities. Protests lasted two weeks, and were brutally crushed with over a dozen (officially reported) killed. Actual figures could be far higher. The region was cut off, essential services shut and protesting leaders coerced into signing an agreement with Islamabad. This may just be a temporary pause as anger continues to simmer. The second were protests led by the TLP (Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan), a far-right Islamist party, against their failed marshal and puppet PM agreeing to the Gaza plan. In their opinion, the plan is suited to Israel's demands. Saad Rizvi, the TLP leader, accused the Pakistani leadership of selling out to Israel. It is also rumoured that Pakistan may join the Abraham accords and recognize Israel, something the TLP is against.

The TLP had planned to protest in front of the US embassy in Islamabad. They were stopped at Muridke and their camp was attacked employing military power. True casualty figures may never be known but most likely were over 100. There are reports of bodies being dumped into the Sutlej River. These protests have been stalled but violence continues in Lahore, with the TLP refusing to back down. The TLP was once the darling of the Pakistan army, employed by it to initially bring down the Nawaz Sharief government and subsequently embarrass the Imran Khan government. Videos of a serving Pakistani general handing over money to each protestor for his service in support of the army will haunt Pakistan. Today the same institution threatens the army and its control over the state.

Saad Rizvi is now accused of being a RAW agent as the Pakistan military claims Indian currency was discovered in his house. Will RAW fund him with Indian Rupees? How dumb can Pakistan be? Apart from internal protests, the army is facing a confident TTP (Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan) in KP (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) and the BLA (Balochistan Liberation Army) in Balochistan. Both operate from Afghan soil. Attacks have been on the rise. Reports mention ambushes on convoys and suicide attacks on posts almost on a daily basis. As per an Islamabad think tank, Centre for Research and Security Studies, almost 2,500 security personnel have been killed this year, the highest since 2015.

The TTP has emerged as one of Pakistan's biggest national security threats. Apart from attacking security forces, it has revived Pashtun nationalism. Its support for the banned PTM (Pashtun Tahaffuz Movement), an organization seeking basic rights for Pashtuns whose leaders remain behind bars, has added to its influence. There were increased attacks by the TTP which forced Pakistan to launch airstrikes into Afghanistan. In Balochistan, the BLA and its affiliates have been striking Pakistani forces and infrastructure at will. The Jaffer express was targeted a second time. These attacks have impacted the CPEC, angering China. Pakistan recently inked a deal with the US to exploit rare earth minerals from Baluchistan, which cannot be implemented unless violence is curtailed. In both KP and Balochistan, Pakistan has resorted to airstrikes against its own population, a major blunder. These have alienated the locals as innocents have been killed. In no case has Pakistan attempted to handle grievances of the people, but has instead adopted a policy of arbitrary arrests and extra-judicial killings, hoping to subdue the population by force. It is a repeat of 1971 in erstwhile East Pakistan.

Desperate because of TTP strikes, Pakistan launched airstrikes across Afghanistan targeting the head of the TTP, Noor Wali Mehsud. These failed to eliminate him, while angering the Afghans. In retaliation Afghanistan attacked Pakistan posts along the Durand Line. Both sides claimed victory and mentioned that a ceasefire has been implemented based on request of the other. Afghanistan released videos of Pakistani soldiers who surrendered, weapons captured and Pakistani forces abandoning their posts. They even displayed captured vehicles and hung trousers of Pakistani soldiers in city centres. The Pakistan DGISPR (Inter Services Public Relations), false information campaign collapsed before the Afghans. Further angering Islamabad, Kabul turned down visa requests for the Pakistan defence minister, DG ISI and two other generals, who were seeking to restore ties.

The Afghan foreign minister, while on a visit to India, signed a joint statement describing the two nations as neighbours, implying POK and Gilgit Baltistan are part of India. He also commented on Pakistan's handling of the TLP protests. After multiple rounds of conflict, a temporary ceasefire is in place, while talks are ongoing in Qatar. A desperate Pakistan defence minister, Khawaja Asif admitted that currently there are no ties with Kabul, 'direct or indirect.' Pakistan's relations with India could sink no further. After pausing Operation Sindoor and recent warnings by service chiefs to Rawalpindi on stronger retaliation, Indo-Pak ties remain tense.

Pakistan's relations with Iran are tenuous, to say the least. Both had earlier exchanged missile attacks. Tehran is aware that Rawalpindi is behind ISIK attacks on its soil. Why is Pakistan in such a mess? It is largely due to policies adopted by its de-facto head, Asim Munir. His intent on moving closer to the US to gain temporary leverage has resulted in him selling Pakistan's autonomy. The bootlicking video of Shehbaz Sharif praising Trump in Egypt has added to disgrace. Internally, the Pakistani leadership has failed to convince its people on why it backs an already failing Gaza peace plan.

Rather than address local grievances in KP and Balochistan, Pakistan adopts a policy of suppression, which can never work. It had misconstrued that its military power would put Kabul on the defensive. Kabul has not only challenged Pakistan militarily but also refused to stop supp or ting anti-Pak movements. Khawaja Asif summed up Pakistan's scenario when he mentioned on the ongoing ceasefire with Afghanistan, "I have my doubts that the ceasefire will hold, because the decisions of the (Afghan) Taliban are being sponsored by Delhi," adding, "Right now, Kabul is fighting a proxy war for Delhi." It is so easy to deflect one's own failures on others. While India prepares for a 2.5 front conflict, Pakistan faces a three-front war, the third being a combination of freedom movements and internal protests. Its stability remains uncertain. A collapsing economy adds to its challenges. It is a nuclear power, trudging along, a threat to its neighbours, solely due to its hybrid governing model, with a clueless failed marshal controlling the state.

Afghanistan Rejects Pakistan's Claims Of India's Role In Recent Conflict

(Gns). Afghanistan's Defence Minister, Mawlawi Mohammad Yaqoob Mujahid, has firmly rejected Pakistan's allegations linking India to regional unrest. He labelled these accusations as "baseless, irrational, and unacceptable." Mujahid emphasised that Afghanistan manages its foreign relations independently and plans to strengthen ties with India based on its national interests.

"These charges lack foundation. Our policy will never permit our territory to be used against other nations. We engage with India as a sovereign country and will bolster those connections within our national interest framework," Mujahid told Al Jazeera.

Afghanistan's Defence Minister, Mawlawi Mohammad Yaqoob Mujahid, dismissed Pakistan's claims about India's involvement in regional unrest as baseless, stating Afghanistan's independent foreign policy prioritizes strengthening ties with India while fostering relations with Pakistan based on mutual respect and trade, and also discussed the Doha agreement.

Switch To Shorts



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Mujahid also addressed the relationship between Afghanistan and Pakistan, highlighting Kabul's intention to foster ties with Islamabad through mutual respect and trade development. "Afghanistan and Pakistan are neighbouring nations. Discord between them benefits no one. Their relationship must be built on mutual respect and neighbourly principles," he stated.

Afghanistan-Pakistan Relations

The Defence Minister discussed the Doha agreement, noting an upcoming meeting in Turkey focused on its implementation and monitoring. He warned that Pakistan's non-compliance could lead to challenges and urged mediating countries like Turkey and Qatar to ensure adherence. Mujahid also clarified Afghanistan's stance against supporting armed groups against any country, including Pakistan, while asserting that Afghans will "courageously" defend their nation if attacked.

Relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan have been strained since the withdrawal of US-led forces and the Taliban's return to power. Recent border skirmishes have resulted in numerous casualties and significant damage.

Mujahid's statements underscore Afghanistan's commitment to maintaining sovereignty in its international dealings and fostering peaceful relations with neighbouring countries. The emphasis on cooperation with India and a balanced approach towards Pakistan reflects Kabul's strategic priorities in the region.

Vash Level 2 OTT Release Date: When And Where To Watch Gujarati Horror-Thriller Movie?

(Gns). If you're a fan of horror or thrillers, you might have seen the Gujarati film Vash, released in 2023. This psychological horror thriller won the National Award for Best Gujarati Feature Film. Its sequel, Vash Level 2, premiered in theatres on August 27, 2025, in both Gujarati and Hindi. Now, Netflix has announced its streaming date.

Directed by Krishnadev Yagnik, Vash Level 2 will be available for streaming in both languages starting October 22, 2025. The film features Janki Bodiwala, Hitu Kanodia, Monal Gajjar, and Hiten Kumar. During its theatrical release, it received mixed-to-positive reviews. Audiences are eager to see its performance on OTT platforms.

Krishnadev Yagnik's psychological horror thriller *Vash Level 2*, featuring Janki Bodiwala, Hitu Kanodia, Monal Gajjar, and Hiten Kumar, will begin streaming on Netflix in Gujarati and Hindi on October 22, 2025, following its theatrical release on August 27, 2025.

Streaming Details and Cast

The movie's production was handled by Kalpesh Soni and Krunal Soni with distribution by Panorama Studios. Andrew Samuel composed the music while audiences once again. With its intriguing storyline



Shivam Bhatt took charge of editing. The anticipation is high as viewers look forward to experiencing the film's thrills from the comfort of their homes.

Vash Level 2's arrival on Netflix is set to captivate and talented cast, it promises to deliver an engaging viewing experience. Fans of the genre are particularly excited about this new opportunity to watch the film.

The original Vash film

had already set a high standard with its gripping narrative and compelling performances. The sequel aims to build on that success by offering more suspense and psychological twists that keep viewers on edge.

Audience Expectations

As Vash Level 2 transitions from theatres to streaming platforms, expectations remain high among fans and critics alike. The film's unique blend of horror elements and psychological drama has garnered attention and sparked discussions about its themes and execution.

With the convenience of streaming on Netflix starting October 22, 2025, more viewers will have access to this thrilling sequel. It remains to be seen how it will fare in terms of viewership numbers and audience reception compared to its theatrical release.

The combination of a strong cast, skilled direction by Krishnadev Yagnik, and a well-crafted script makes Vash Level 2 a must-watch for those who enjoy intense cinematic experiences. As it becomes available online, it is poised to reach a wider audience eager for quality content.

Did Multiple Affairs Drive Dr Mahendra Reddy to Murder His Doctor Wife Krithika?

(Gns). The shocking murder of Dr. Krithika Reddy by her husband, Dr. Mahendra Reddy, has taken a darker turn as investigations reveal his multiple illicit relationships with other women. Both were doctors by profession, yet behind the facade of a perfect marriage, Mahendra allegedly led a secret life that may have pushed him to commit the horrific crime.

According to police sources, Mahendra maintained affairs with several women - both before and after his marriage. His name has now surfaced in connection with women across Karnataka, Mumbai, and Bengaluru, where he was reportedly close to nearly half a dozen individuals. Even Krithika's parents had earlier accused him of such behaviour, saying he often crossed moral boundaries despite being married.

Dr. Mahendra Reddy is under investigation for the murder of his wife, Dr. Krithika Reddy, in Bengaluru, with authorities suspecting his multiple affairs across Karnataka, Mumbai, and Bengaluru as a key motive. Krithika died from a Propofol overdose administered by Mahendra, who had obtained the anaesthetic deceptively, and the case was reclassified as murder after forensic analysis.

Investigators now suspect that Mahendra's illicit relationships could be the key motive behind the murder. To confirm this, police are analysing his call records and phone data, hoping to establish links

that could explain why he chose to kill his wife.

ents' house and gave her another injection. By morning, Krithika was unresponsive.

When she was rushed to Cauvery Hospital, she was declared dead. Mahendra insisted there was no need for a post-mortem, trying to convince the family that it was a natural death. However, Krithika's sister, Dr. Nikitha Reddy, refused to accept that explanation and pushed for an investigation.

The Scene of Crime Officer (SOCO) team recovered syringes, canula sets, and vials from the couple's home. The Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) later confirmed traces of Propofol, an anaesthetic drug, leading police to reclassify the case as murder.

How Mahendra Planned It

Investigations revealed that Mahendra procured the anaesthesia injection by deceiving a medical shop owner. He posed as a surgeon and presented a fake prescription to purchase Propofol, a strong anaesthetic used in surgical procedures. He then administered it to Krithika through an IV line, causing her to slip into a coma and die of an overdose.

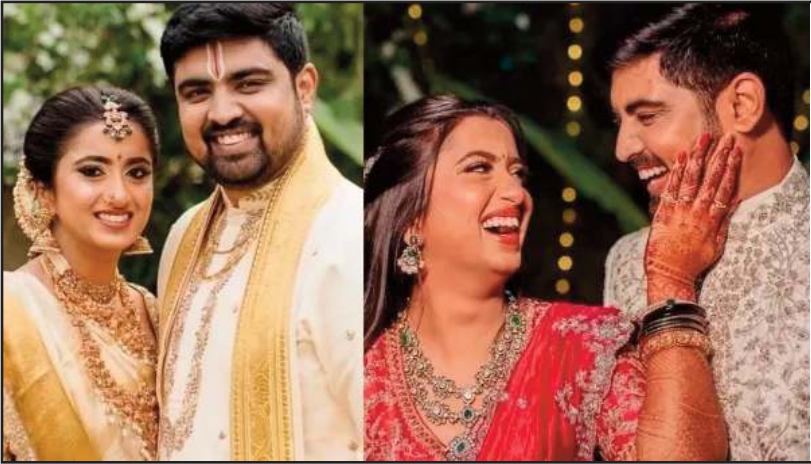
Police say the murder was carried out with clinical precision, exploiting Krithika's trust and medical vulnerability. "He knew her health condition well and used that knowledge against her," said Whitefield DCP M. Parashuram.

A Hidden Past and Shattered Future

Family members later revealed that Mahendra had a history of misconduct, including a criminal complaint from his past and an affair dating back to his college days. Despite this, he pretended to mourn after Krithika's death, frequently visiting her family and asking about the investigation - all while knowing the truth.

Just days before her death, Krithika had designed the board for her dream clinic, 'Skin and Scalpel', which was set to open on May 4.

What appeared to be a medical tragedy has turned out to be a cold, calculated murder, possibly driven by Mahendra Reddy's secret life and infidelity.



Samantha-Raj Nidimoru Diwali Pictures Catch Fans' Attention Across Social Media

(Gns). Actress Samantha has been in the spotlight due to

cial statements. The duo's collaboration on these projects sparked initial interest



rumours of dating Bollywood director Raj Nidimoru. Recently, these speculations gained traction when Samantha celebrated Diwali with Raj and his family. Photos of the celebration, where Samantha is seen lighting fireworks, have gone viral. She captioned them with, "My heart is filled with gratitude." Their frequent appearances together have caught the attention of netizens.

During her work on "The Family Man Season 2" and "Citadel: Honey Bunny," both directed by Raj-DK, Samantha became acquainted with Raj. Despite ongoing rumours about their relationship, neither has made any official statements. The duo's collaboration on these projects sparked initial interest

currently involved in another project titled "Rakt Brahmand: The Bloody Kingdom."

The actress's professional commitments continue to keep her busy amidst the swirling rumours about her personal life. Her fans remain excited about her upcoming roles and projects, which promise to showcase her versatility as an actress.

The buzz around Samantha and Raj Nidimoru's alleged relationship remains a hot topic among fans and media alike. However, without any official confirmation from either party, it remains speculative at best. Meanwhile, Samantha continues to focus on her burgeoning career in the film industry.

Govardhan Puja Samagri List 2025: Complete Items Needed for Annakut Puja

(Gns). Govardhan Puja 2025, also known as Annakut, is a sacred festival celebrated the day after Diwali. This year, Govardhan Puja falls on Wednesday, October 22, 2025. The festival marks Lord Krishna's worship of Govardhan Hill, symbolizing gratitude towards nature and the ecosystem that sustains life.

Cotton wicks - for diyas. Gangajal or pure water - for purification.



To celebrate the festival properly, devotees prepare a complete Govardhan Puja Samagri List to ensure every ritual item is ready before the puja begins.

Govardhan Puja, or Annakut, will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, the day after Diwali, with devotees preparing Govardhan Hill from cow dung and offering items like diyas, ghee, Gangajal, and Annakut offerings including rice, milk, and sweets.

Essential Items for Govardhan Puja

The main ingredients required for Govardhan Puja Samagri include:

- Cow dung - for shaping Govardhan Hill.
- Clay lamps (diyas) - for lighting during the rituals.
- Ghee - used in both lamps and havan.

Mango leaves and a coconut - to decorate the kalash.

Supari (betel nut) and coins - placed in the kalash, symbolizing wealth and prosperity.

For Annakut offerings, devotees prepare raw rice, wheat, milk, curd, ghee, jaggery, sugar crystals, bananas, apples, dry fruits (cashews, almonds), and sweets like laddoos and pedas.

Additional Puja Materials

- Red cloth - spread at the puja site.
- Panchamrit - a sacred mix of milk, curd, ghee, honey, and sugar.
- Camphor, incense sticks, and dhoopbatti - used during the aarti.

Flowers - especially marigolds, and Tulsi leaves, offered to Lord Krishna.

Roli (vermillion), turmeric, akshat (rice grains) - for tilak and rituals.

Betel leaves with cloves - part of traditional offerings.

Bell - rung during the puja to invite positive vibrations.

Rangoli colours, flower petals, and small lamps (at least 21) - for decoration.

Homes are adorned with buntings made from mango or Ashoka leaves on doors and walls. The puja area glows with 21 or more diyas, symbolizing light and divine energy. Offerings include laddoos, bananas, milk, curd, jaggery, and rice, reflecting abundance and gratitude.



Mann Government Shows Zero Tolerance, Suspends DIG Held For Bribery

(Gns). Days after the arrest of Ropar Range DIG Harcharan Singh Bhullar in a bribery case, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has reaffirmed his government's zero-tolerance stance against corruption, asserting that "no one, regardless of rank or position, will be spared."

In a strong message following Bhullar's arrest, Mann announced that the IPS officer had been suspended with effect from October 16 - the day he was taken into custody by the CBI - and said the move reflected his government's "unwavering commitment to transparency and integrity."

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann affirmed his government's zero-tolerance policy against corruption following the arrest of Ropar Range DIG Harcharan Singh Bhullar on October 16 in a bribery case, and the IPS officer was suspended, reflecting

Is Virender Sehwag Headed for Divorce? Fans Notice Wife Aarti Missing From His Diwali Post

(Gns). Rumours about Virender Sehwag's divorce have once again become talk of the town. The former Indian opener, known for his fearless batting, is now making headlines for a very different reason that is his wife Aarti Sehwag's sudden absence from his festive Diwali post.

This Diwali, Sehwag shared a photo with his mother and children, wishing fans a happy festival but Aarti was missing. The internet instantly noticed. Within minutes, the comment section was flooded with questions like, "Where is Aarti?" and "Are they still together?"

Rumours of a possible divorce involving former Indian cricketer Virender Sehwag and his wife Aarti Sehwag gained attention after Aarti's absence from his Diwali post and reports of them unfollowing each other on Instagram, with no official statements released.

Thamma Movie Review: Ayushmann Khurrana, Rashmika Mandanna Deliver a Spooky Yet Heartwarming Diwali Treat

(Gns). This Diwali, Bollywood's horror-comedy universe expands with "Thamma," starring Ayushmann Khurrana and Rashmika Mandanna in leading roles. Directed by Aditya Sarpotdar and produced by Maddock Films, the movie attempts to recreate the charm of Stree and Bhediya while exploring a new corner of Indian folklore.

The story (kept under wraps by the makers) unfolds in a small Indian town haunted by a supernatural force. What follows is a mix of spooky encounters, emotional subplots,

the government's commitment to transparency.

"There will be no pick and choose in the fight



against corruption," Mann declared in a statement, emphasizing that corruption-free governance lay at the heart of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government's ethos. He said corrupt practices were a "crime against society" and that his administration had consistently demonstrated its resolve by acting against anyone found guilty, irrespective of their influence.

Opposition parties had

earlier attacked the chief minister for maintaining silence over the arrest, with Congress leader Sukhpal

Singh Khaira alleging that the delay amounted to "an admission of guilt." Mann, however, dismissed such criticism, saying his government's prompt action spoke for itself.

The chief minister said corruption undermined public trust and development, and reiterated that his government had been pursuing a sustained campaign against it since taking office in 2022. "We have

made accountability and clean governance our priority," he said, adding that the state's anti-corruption efforts would continue with full force.

Bhullar's suspension came a day after he was remanded to 14-day judicial custody in connection with an ₹8-lakh bribery case. The action followed the rule under the All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) framework, which mandates suspension for any officer detained for over 48 hours.

The senior officer was arrested on October 16 from his Mohali office along with an aide, after a Fatehgarh Sahib-based scrap dealer complained that Bhullar had demanded a recurring monthly bribe to "settle" an old FIR against him.

With Bhullar's suspension, the Mann government has sought to project a firm stance that no official-however senior-will be shielded if found guilty of corruption.

through.

Virender Sehwag, who changed the face of Indian opening batting, has always been admired for his explosive game and calm persona. He made his international debut in 1999 and went on to play 104 Tests, 251 ODIs, and 19 T20Is, scoring over 17,000 international runs.

He was the first Indian to score a triple century in Tests and also holds the record for the fastest triple century in world cricket. His double century in ODIs and his role in India's 2007 T20 and 2011 ODI World Cup victories remain unforgettable.

While Sehwag continues to share motivational posts and cricket-related updates, fans are keenly watching his every move for hints about his divorce. Whether these divorce rumours are true or just social media overreach only Sehwag and Aarti know.

once again proves his knack for balancing comedy with tension. His character, who refuses to believe in superstitions until they hit close to home, grounds the story with relatability and wit. Rashmika Mandanna, meanwhile, brings warmth and innocence to the screen, her chemistry with Ayushmann adding lightness amid the chaos.

Supporting performances by Paresh Rawal and Nawazuddin Siddiqui add comic depth, while Varun Dhawan's cameo serves as a smart Easter egg for fans following Maddock's horror-comedy universe.

and clever humour - all packaged as a festive entertainer.

Ayushmann Khurrana and Rashmika Mandanna



star in the horror-comedy film 'Thamma,' directed by Aditya Sarpotdar and pro-

Performances That Click
Ayushmann Khurrana

Bihar Polls: RJD Candidate Satendra Sah Arrested Following Nomination Submission

(Gns). Satendra Sah, a candidate from the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), was detained right after submitting his nomination for the Sasaram assembly seat in Bihar. The arrest was made by Jharkhand Police due to an outstanding non-bailable warrant against him. His supporters were unaware of these developments until the arrest occurred.

RJD candidate Satendra Sah was arrested by Jharkhand Police immediately after filing his nomination for the Sasaram assembly seat due to a non-bailable warrant. He

faces multiple charges, including a bank robbery case from 2004.

As Sah completed his nomination process at the circle officer's office, Jharkhand Police executed the warrant. Despite being allowed to file his papers, he was taken into custody shortly afterward, according to a senior officer from Rohtas district. The warrant relates to a 2004 bank robbery case in Garhwa district.

Political Arrests and Reactions

This incident marks the third arrest of candidates

from the INDIA bloc after filing nominations. Previously, CPIML Liberation candidates Jitendra Paswan and



Satyadeo Ram were also detained post-nomination. The CPIML Liberation party has condemned these arrests, labelling them as politically motivated actions.

Sunil Tiwari, in charge of Sadar police station in

Garhwa, stated, "A permanent warrant was issued against Satendra Sah in that case in 2018." Police records show Sah faces over 20 cases involving robbery, dacoity, and Arms Act violations across various stations.

Upcoming Elections and Allegations

The Bihar Assembly elections are scheduled for November 6 and 11, with results on November 14. The CPIML Liberation criticised the arrests as attempts by NDA leaders to suppress opposition voices amid rising public discontent with the current government.

US and Australia Sign Critical Minerals Agreement to Reduce Dependence on China

(Gns). US President Donald Trump and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese have formalised a significant agreement at the White House. This deal, valued at USD 8.5 billion, focuses on critical minerals, highlighting the US's interest in Australia's rare-earth resources. This move comes as China tightens its export regulations on these essential materials. Trump mentioned that the negotiations spanned several months.

The US and Australia have signed an USD 8.5 billion agreement focused on critical minerals, aiming to lessen reliance on China amid stricter export rules. This partnership is expected to enhance the global economy's resilience.

Albanese emphasised that this agreement elevates the US-Australia relationship. The deal is part of a broader strategy to counter China's influence in the global tech supply chain. Recently, China announced new rules requiring foreign companies to seek approval for exporting mag-

nets with rare-earth materials sourced from or produced using Chinese technology.



US-Australia Alliance and Global Strategy

The agreement underscores the US's efforts to leverage its alliances to reduce reliance on China for rare earth materials. These materials are crucial for manufacturing products like jet engines and electronic devices. Kevin Hassett, director of the White House's National Economic Council, praised Australia's mining capabilities and its abundance of rare earth resources.

"Australia is really, really going to be helpful in the effort to take the global economy and make it less risky, less exposed to the

kind of rare earth extortion that we're seeing from the Chinese," Hassett stated. He highlighted Australia's

strong mining economy and its role in diversifying global supply chains.

Security Pact and Future Plans

The AUKUS security pact, involving Australia, the US, and the UK, was also discussed during Albanese's visit. Trump noted that although AUKUS was established earlier, it is now progressing swiftly. Albanese stressed the importance of this defence partnership for Australia.

Navy Secretary John Phelan expressed intentions to enhance the original AUKUS framework for all three countries involved. "So it should be a win-win

for everybody," Phelan commented, aiming to clarify any existing ambiguities within the pact.

Political Context and Future Engagements

Albanese's visit precedes Trump's upcoming meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in South Korea later this month. This timing highlights ongoing geopolitical dynamics involving China. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent remarked last week on China's economic model: "China is a command-and-control economy, and we and our allies will neither be commanded nor controlled."

Albanese's recent re-election reflects his party's approach to global challenges distinct from Trump's style. During his victory speech, he stated, "Australians have chosen to face global challenges the Australian way, looking after each other while building for the future." This sentiment underscores Australia's commitment to collaboration and future-focused strategies.

US Envoys Visit Israel to Support Ceasefire Amid Ongoing Tensions in Gaza

(Gns). Two envoys from the United States visited Israel on Monday to reinforce the ceasefire in Gaza. This visit followed a day of violence that tested the fragile truce. The ceasefire seemed stable as Israel received another hostage's remains and resumed aid deliveries to Gaza. However, the United Nations did not specify the amount of aid entering the region.

US envoys travel to Israel to reinforce the ceasefire in Gaza following recent violence. Aid deliveries resume as a hostage's remains are returned, highlighting ongoing tensions.

On Sunday, Israel had threatened to stop humanitarian aid shipments after accusing Hamas of killing two soldiers. Israeli forces responded with strikes across Gaza, resulting in dozens of Palestinian deaths. Later, Israel confirmed it was upholding the ceasefire. US special envoy Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to discuss regional developments.

US Involvement and Ceasefire Challenges

US Vice President JD Vance and Usha Vance are set to meet Netanyahu on Tuesday. Netanyahu warned Hamas that any attacks would incur "a very heavy price." President

Trump expressed hope for reduced violence, blaming

fire began, 80 people have died. Israel is using barriers



Hamas for any disruptions. "They have to be good, and if they're not good they'll be eradicated," he stated.

The ceasefire, proposed by the US to end two years of conflict, began on October 10. On Sunday, Trump mentioned that Hamas had been involved in some shooting incidents. He suggested internal "rebels" might be responsible for the violence. Meanwhile, Hamas security forces clashed with armed groups in Gaza, aiming to restore order where Israeli troops had withdrawn.

Ongoing Tensions and Future Plans

Israeli military reported militants firing at troops in Rafah city on Sunday. Retaliatory strikes by Israel killed 45 people in Gaza, according to its Health Ministry. Since the cease-

to mark the yellow line in Gaza more clearly, where troops have withdrawn but violence persists.

Hamas accused Israel of violating the ceasefire multiple times. They claimed communication with units in Rafah was cut off for months, stating they were not responsible for incidents there. Under the ceasefire terms, Israel awaits the return of 15 hostages' remains from Hamas; 13 have been returned so far.

Ceasefire's Next Phase and Humanitarian Concerns

The next phase of the ceasefire aims to disarm Hamas and facilitate Israeli withdrawal from more areas in Gaza. The US plan suggests creating an internationally supported authority for future gover-

nance. Jared Kushner told CBS that success depends on establishing a viable alternative to Hamas: "If they are successful, Hamas will fail."

A Hamas delegation led by Khalil al-Hayya is in Cairo discussing ceasefire implementation with mediators and other Palestinian groups. Palestinians fear the deal might collapse as funerals were held for those killed by Israeli strikes. Hossam Ahmed from Khan Younis expressed concerns about unresolved issues.

Humanitarian Aid and Casualty Figures

A major concern is how much aid Israel allows into Gaza. Mediators are working to open the Rafah crossing between Egypt and Gaza to increase aid delivery. Qatar's Minister of State for International Cooperation emphasised its importance for life-saving aid.

The conflict began on October 7, 2023, when Hamas-led militants attacked Israel, killing around 1,200 people and taking 251 hostages. According to Gaza's Health Ministry, over 68,000 Palestinians have died since then. The ministry's casualty records are considered reliable by UN agencies despite Israeli disputes without providing its own figures.

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, DK Shivakumar Meet Amid Bengaluru Infrastructure Row

(Gns). Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Chairperson of Biocon, recently met Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar to discuss

government's approach. In a post on X, Shaw highlighted concerns raised by an overseas business



Bengaluru's civic infrastructure following her public criticism of the city's poor road conditions and garbage issues, sparking debate and garnering public support. Shivakumar responded, emphasizing the need for united efforts to improve the city's infrastructure and defending the

visitor about Bengaluru's poor road conditions and garbage accumulation. She questioned whether the government was committed to supporting investment in the city. Shaw tagged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, and IT Minister Priyank Kharge, urging for

improved civic management.

The ongoing exchange between Shaw and Shivakumar has drawn national attention to Bengaluru's civic infrastructure issues. The frequent remarks from both sides have divided opinions across the country. The meeting between Shaw and Shivakumar was described as cordial, with discussions focusing on "Bengaluru's growth, innovation, and the path ahead for Karnataka's growth story."

Shivakumar responded to Shaw's criticism by stating that public remarks "hurt the state and country." He stressed the need for a united effort to improve Bengaluru's infrastructure. Highlighting the city's contributions to Karnataka's economy, he defended the government's actions in addressing civic challenges.