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GRAP Stage 2 curbs kick in as Delhi's air turns 'very poor'

■ Centre's air quality panel directs strict dust control, compliance with anti-pollution timelines in NCR

New Delhi
The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has invoked Stage II of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) across Delhi-NCR as the city's air quality slipped into the "very poor" category, with the AQI crossing 300 mark.

The move came after the Sub-Committee on GRAP on Saturday reviewed the worsening pollution levels and forecasts by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), which warned of further deterioration in the coming days.

"The AQI of Delhi has shown an increasing trend since morning and has been recorded as 296 at 4 pm and 302 at 7 pm," the CAQM said, directing authorities to implement all Stage II measures with immediate effect, in addition to Stage I actions already in force since October 14.

The Centre's air quality panel also asked all implementing agencies to keep strict vigil, particularly on dust mitiga-



tion, and to ensure compliance with targeted timelines laid down under the comprehensive policy to curb air pollution in NCR.

Under Stage II of GRAP, several curbs and intensified actions include daily mechanical or vacuum sweeping and water sprinkling on identified roads, preferably before peak traffic hours, to control dust.

Construction and demolition sites face intensified inspections to ensure strict enforcement of dust control

measures.

To promote cleaner mobility, the GRAP Stage II mandates augmentation of public transport services through additional CNG and electric buses and increased frequency of metro services, along with differential fare rates to encourage off-peak travel.

Resident welfare associations (RWAs) are required to provide electric heaters to staff such as guards, gardeners and sanitation workers to prevent open burn-

ing of biomass and solid waste during winters.

Entry of inter-state buses into Delhi is restricted to those running on CNG, EVs or BS-VI diesel, excluding tourist buses operating under all-India permits.

GRAP categorises air quality into four stages: Stage I (Poor) with AQI between 201 and 300, Stage II (Very Poor) between 301 and 400, Stage III (Severe) between 401 and 450, and Stage IV (Severe Plus) for AQI above 450.

Agency

Ladakh leaders to hold talks with Centre on Oct 22

New Delhi
Ladakh representatives have accepted the invitation from the ministry of home affairs for a meeting with its sub-committee in Delhi on October 22, Leh Apex Body co-chairman Chering Dorje Lakruk said on Sunday.

This has ended the months-long deadlock over talks with the Centre.

Three representatives, each of Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance, along with Ladakh MP Mohd Haneeza Jan and their lawyer, will take part in the talks with a focus on their primary demand of statehood and safeguards for the Union Territory under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

Lakruk told reporters in Leh. On September 29, the LAB announced that it would stay away from talks with the high-powered committee of the MHA, scheduled for October 6, following the killing of four protesters and injuries to many during widespread violence in Leh on September 24. Agency

8.82 lakh court orders not executed, SC says 'disappointing'



New Delhi
Execution petitions are the pleas filed by a decree holder seeking enforcement of court orders passed in a civil dispute.

A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and Pankaj Mithal made the remarks while reviewing the compliance of its March 6 order that had directed all high courts to instruct civil courts within their jurisdiction to decide execution petitions within six months.

The court had also made it clear that presiding officers would be held liable for any delay in presiding with its directive.

"The statistics which we have received are highly disappointing. The figures of the pendency of the execution petitions across the country are alarming. As on date, 8,82,578 execu-

tion petitions are pending across the country," the bench said.

The bench said in the last six months from March 6, a total of 3,38,685 execution petitions have been decided and disposed of.

The bench, in its October 16 order, said, "As observed in our main judgment, after the decree is passed, if it is going to take years and years to execute the decree, then it makes no sense and would be nothing short of travesty of justice".

The top court said it is once again requesting all the high courts to evolve some procedure and guide their respective district judiciary for effective and expeditious disposal of the execution petitions which are pending as on date.

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Government of Haryana

Heartiest Greetings to all on the auspicious occasion of Diwali

October 20, 2025



“दीपावली की आप सभी को ढेरों शुभकामनाएं।
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- नरेन्द्र मोदी

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The apex court, however, observed that "unfortunately, the Karnataka High Court has failed to furnish us with the necessary data in this regard."

"Asking the apex court registry to once again give a reminder to the Karnataka High Court to provide the data regarding the disposal of the execution petitions in the last six months and the pendency of it as on date."

"The Registrar General of the high court of Karnataka owes an explanation why he has failed to provide us with the necessary information. Two weeks' time is granted to the registrar general of the high court to offer his explanation in this regard," it said.

Posting the order for reporting further progress on April 10 next year, the court said that it wanted complete figures from all the high courts regarding the status of execution petitions the way they have forwarded.

Deepotsav symbol of change, says Yogi in Ayodhya

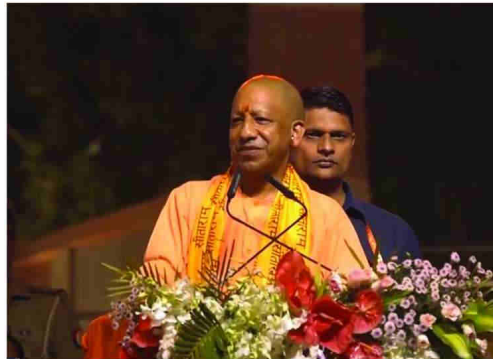
Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday lit out at the opposition parties over their stance on the Ram Janmabhoomi movement, and said now "lamps are being lit where bullets were once fired".

After inaugurating the ninth Deepotsav in Ayodhya on Sunday, where he performed 'Rajyabhishek' (coronation) of Ram and Sita, including 'pujan', 'vandana', and 'aarti', Adityanath also slammed the opposition for "rejecting" the invitation for the consecration ceremony of Ram temple in January 2024.

"During the Ram Janmabhoomi movement in this very Ayodhya, Congress said Ram is a myth, while the Samajwadi Party fired bullets at Ram devotees," he alleged.

"Today, Uttar Pradesh does not have to face an identity crisis. We are now lighting lamps where bullets were once fired," Adityanath said.

The chief minister was referring to the police



firing on 'Kar Sevaks' in Ayodhya during the Ram temple agitation in 1990, when the Samajwadi Party (SP) was in power with Mulayam Singh Yadav at the helm.

The firing became a hot political issue with the BJP accusing the SP government of appeasement politics — a charge that Adityanath reiterated by recalling the incident. Criticising

the opposition for turning down the invitation for the consecration ceremony, the chief minister said, "These are the same people who prostrate at Babar's grave, but when they are invited to the Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Ram Mandir, they reject it." "These (opposition) are the same people who still try to create communal hatred by adopt-

ing the 'divide and rule' policy of the British," he said.

Highlighting the transformation of the city, he said Ayodhya now showcases an amazing confluence of development and heritage.

On the scale of this year's Deepotsav festival, the chief minister said 1,51,00,000 'diyas' (earthen lamps) are being lit across Uttar

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Pradesh.

"When we first decided to hold the Deepotsav in Ayodhya Dham in 2017, the intention was to show the world how lamps are lit.

"Today, lakhs of lamps are lit in Ayodhya, which has become a symbol of the resolve of every Indian. These are not just lamps, they also symbolise the victory of faith over 500 years of darkness," Adityanath said, according to a press statement.

"The lamp stands testimony to the insults that had to be faced and the battles our ancestors fought in these 500 years.

"Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram was seated in a tent then, but now as the ninth edition of Deepotsav takes place,

Shri Ram is seated in his magnificent temple. Every lamp reminds us that truth can be disturbed, not defeated," the chief minister said.

Earlier, a few thousand devotees used to come to Ayodhya, which was gripped by disorder with dirt visible everywhere, the chief minister said.

Now, 6-10 crore devotees visit Ayodhya Dham every year, he said. "People feel proud to come to Ayodhya today — from Kashmir, Kanyakumari, Kohima and Kutch," Adityanath said.

"We have developed Ayodhya in accordance with the resolutions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Ayodhya will now establish itself as the spiritual capital of the world, and the faith capital of India," he added.

He also said the Ayodhya temple was locked from 1950 until 1986, during which an attempt was made to imprison Lord Ram at his birthplace.

Shinde takes 'drama' jibe at Thackeray cousins

Thane: Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and Shiv Sena head Eknath Shinde on Sunday termed the informal reunion between the Thackeray cousins as drama, which is being promoted as mending of fences. Addressing a gathering, Shinde said, "In the past, Marathi drama 'Bhaubandhki' was very famous, but now the 'Manomilan' is being promoted vigorously."

The term "Bhaubandhki" refers to rivalry among brothers or relatives, while "Manomilan" signifies the coming together of hearts and minds.

Shinde's remarks came after Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray joined the Diwali celebrations organised by his cousin and MNS president Raj Thackeray in Mumbai. The two brothers had met several times in the recent past, triggering speculation of forming an alliance for the elections to local bodies.

Shinde dedicated the new Anand Dighe drama theatre to his late mentor and Shiv Sena stalwart Anand Dighe in Amherst.

He listed various achievements of the Mahayuti government.

He recalled how Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray emphasized on working for the common people without the lure of power.

Earlier in the day, several leaders and workers from different political parties were inducted into the Shiv Sena during a Diwali event in Thane city. "I welcome all of you into the Shiv Sena family. Together, we will work towards strengthening Maharashtra and taking our vision to every household," Shinde added.

Vaishnav, inspects Crowd Management at Anand Vihar Railway Station



Staff Reporter
New Delhi:

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav on Sunday visited Anand Vihar Railway Station for a surprise inspection on October 19, 2025, to check on passenger safety and convenience during the festive season.

He inspected the Holding area and spoke directly with passengers, gathering their opinions on the station's cleanliness and facilities.

Vaishnav informed the media that the Railways have made thorough arrangements to prevent any inconvenience

during the heavy rush.

He emphasized that passenger safety is a high priority and announced actions against those spreading fake videos about the Railways on social media.

He asked the public not to share such videos. Senior officials, including Sanjay Kumar and Ashok Kumar Verma, joined the inspection, and the Minister expressed confidence in the arrangements for a smooth travel experience during upcoming festivals like Diwali and Chhath.

Blinded by love for votes of fundamentalists, Jihadis: BJP chides Akhilesh for Deepotsav remark

New Delhi:

The BJP on Sunday assailed Akhilesh Yadav for his remarks on lighting diya during the annual Ayodhya Deepotsav event, alleging the Samajwadi Party chief has become so blinded by his love for votes of "fundamentalists and Jihadis" that he has started speaking against his own community.

The ruling party also accused the former chief minister of Uttar Pradesh of wanting to curb the prosperity of the Prapajati community, who make earthen lamps.

This came a day after Yadav raised questions on the Yogi Adityanath government's expenditure on lighting diya and candles during Ayodhya's annual Deepotsav celebration and suggested that it should learn from the arrangements made worldwide to illuminate cities during Christmas.

Reacting sharply, BJP Rajya Sabha MP and the party's national spokesperson



The ruling party also accused the former chief minister of Uttar Pradesh of wanting to curb the prosperity of the Prapajati community, who make earthen lamps.

Hindu faith for the sake of appeasement and vote bank politics." "In Indian culture, lighting lamps is a centuries-old tradition, symbolising light, harmony, faith, and devotion. You have committed the despicable act of snatching the employment of the Prapajati community, who sell Diwali lamps," Maurya said. He also demanded that the SP chief "immediately retract" his statement and apologise to Hindus.

UP BJP chief Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary termed Akhilesh Yadav as "anti-Sanatana." "SP chief Akhilesh Yadav's anti-Sanatana

son Sudhansu Trivedi said, "Akhilesh Yadav has become so blinded by the love of votes of fundamentalists and Jihadis that now he has started speaking against his own Yadav community and also wants to snatch away the prosperity of the Prapajati community." His remarks also reflect the opposition INDIA bloc's mindset and "hatred" for Indian culture,

NCB uncovers hidden drug lab in Ratlam

Mitali Chandra
New Delhi:

Acting on precise intelligence, NCB teams raided a hidden facility near IPCA Laboratories, seizing over 13.7 kilograms of Alprazolam, worth nearly ₹3.44 crore in the black market. What appeared to be a small-scale lab was, in fact, a full-fledged narcotics unit equipped with condensers, oil baths, and chemical solvents like methanol, chloroform, and ethyl acetate — ingredients of a sophisticated chemical crime.

Behind the operation were two educated individuals — both with pharmaceutical degrees — who weaponized their scientific knowledge to manufacture drugs instead of curing diseases. Their arrest reveals an alarming new face of the narcotic economy, one driven not by addicts in dark alleys, but by trained chemists in white coats exploiting legal knowledge for criminal gain.

This case also highlights a disturbing trend — the chemical hijacking of the pharmaceutical ecosystem, where licensed precursors and scientific infrastructure are repur-



NCB busts secret drug lab in Ratlam - File Photo

posed for narcotic production. The same substances that fuel medical progress are now feeding narco-terror networks and cross-border trafficking routes, bridging laboratories with cartels.

Alprazolam, a regulated anti-anxiety medication, is being misused to adulterate toddy and heroin across states, inflating profits and spreading addiction in rural belts. This convergence of science, greed, and organized crime marks a dangerous evolution in India's drug menace — from street peddling to synthetic nano-engineering.

As NCB intensifies its crackdown under the "Nasha Mukta Bharat" vision, one truth stands clear: the fight against drugs is no longer confined to opium fields or coastal smuggling routes. It now lies deep within the chemical corridors of our cities — where chemistry meets crime, and every test tube could hold the next weapon in India's silent narcotic war.

Navgeet's folk songs spread the message of voting, campaign in full swing in Patna



Patna:

In Patna, a large voter awareness campaign has been organized by District Magistrate Dr. Tyagarajan S. M. The campaign aims to inform people about the importance of voting.

Folk singer Dr. Neetu Navgeet is leading the efforts, visiting neighborhoods like Raja Bazaar and Sheikhpura to explain the voting

process and the role of citizens in democracy. She uses folk songs to spread the message of voting.

Dr. Navgeet also engages with local intellectuals about the significance of voting as a duty and a right.

The campaign utilizes audio-video messages, social media, chatbots, mobile apps, and digital platforms

to reach more voters. Special focus is on 60 polling stations with low turnout.

Over 500 officers and staff are engaged door-to-door to engage voters.

The goal of the campaign is to increase Patna's voter turnout above the national average and encourage every citizen to participate in democracy.

CM Gupta inspects preparations for Chhath Mahaparv at Vasudev Ghat

■ This Year's Chhath Celebration Will Be More Grand, Safe, and Organised Than Ever Before: CM Rekha Gupta

Staff Reporter
New Delhi
Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday visited Vasudev Ghat on the Yamuna River to check preparations for Chhath Mahaparv. She reviewed cleanliness, lighting, security, and amenities for visitors, emphasizing that this year's celebration will be grander, safer, and more organized than ever.

Gupta highlighted the cleaner water of the Yamuna and noted that ongoing cleaning and leveling work is being done with JCB machines at all ghats.

During the inspection, Delhi's Minister for Development and Tourism, Kapil Mishra, was also present.



The Chief Minister mentioned that officials, ministers, and MLAs are actively overseeing the preparations. She stated that the government is working hard to ensure cleanliness and proper arrangements across all ghats from Palla

to Kalindi Kunj.

Gupta expressed that this year's Chhath Mahaparv will be memorable for residents of Delhi, similar to the success of this year's Diwali. She aims to set a new standard of grandeur and or-

derliness for the festival, reinforcing the city's new identity through successful events like the Kanwar Yatra and Durga Puja.

She instructed officials to focus on strong arrangements for security, sani-

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tation, water supply, traffic management, lighting, and medical assistance for all Chhath locations.

The Chief Minister emphasized that Chhath represents devotion, discipline, and communal harmony. She reiterated the government's commitment to celebrating festivals with public participation while balancing heritage and progress.

Pregnant woman stabbed to death by former live-in partner; husband kills attacker

New Delhi

A pregnant woman was allegedly stabbed to death by her former live-in partner in Delhi's Nabi Karim area before her husband overpowered and killed the attacker, police said on Sunday. The deceased was identified as Shalini, 22, wife of Aakash and a mother of two, and Aashu alias Shailendra, 34, a "bad character" of Nabi Karim police station, they said.

Aakash, 23, who sustained multiple stab injuries while saving his wife, is undergoing treatment at a hospital, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central), Nidhin Valsan said, in a statement.

"The incident occurred around 10.15 pm on Saturday when Aakash and Shalini were on their way to meet her mother, Sheila, on Qutub Road. Aashu suddenly arrived there and attacked Aakash with a knife," he said.

Aakash managed to dodge



the first blow, but Aashu then turned towards Shalini, who was seated in an e-rickshaw, and stabbed her multiple times, police said. "Aakash rushed to her rescue but was also stabbed. He, however, managed to overpower Aashu, snatched his knife and stabbed him during the scuffle," the DCP said.

Shalini's brother Rohit and some locals took all three to a hospital, where doctors declared Shalini and Aashu dead, the officer said. "During inquiry, it was found that Shalini was pregnant at the time of her death," Valsan added.

The attack took place in full public view on a busy stretch near Qutub Road, triggering panic. Several locals described it as a "gruesome" and "shocking" incident.

"It was horrifying. The man stabbed her multiple times, and everyone was terrified. But no one came to help rescue. It was only her husband who tried to save her," a shopkeeper who witnessed the attack said. Another resident said, "No one could intervene. It was brutal and frightening." Shalini's mother, Sheila, said,

Gupta govt has failed to prevent bursting of banned crackers : Delhi Congress

Staff Reporter
New Delhi
Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee president Devender Yadav here on Sunday said that the BJP which made a hue and cry about air pollution when it was in the opposition in Delhi, seemed to have learnt no lessons from the past as it has woefully failed to prevent bursting of banned crackers.

He said that in most parts of the capital, particularly in the East Delhi areas, nobody seemed to know the difference between green and banned crackers and they buy the crackers available in the grey and open markets which are mostly the banned variety.

The BJP government led by CM Rekha Gupta has failed to ensure the availability of green crackers. If the city air has become so toxic on the eve of the Diwali festival on Sunday, Delhiites are set to face serious health hazards on Di-

wali and after as people are bursting banned, polluting crackers, which are freely available in every nook and corner of the city, he added.

Yadav said that the air in Delhi was hazy, filled with pollutants, as people are lighting up the skies with banned crackers in the absence of proper machinery or sufficient officials to monitor whether the crackers being burst are green or polluting.

There was a ban on bursting crackers last year too, but nobody bothered to adhere to the ban with the AAP government failing to prevent the cracker bursting, he further said, adding, similarly, the city air which was in the "poor" category on Saturday, turned so toxic on Sunday that the AQI (Air Quality Index) turned the overall AQI from "poor" to "very poor" categories which exposed the incompetence and failure of the Gupta government to take preventive steps.

Two construction projects fined Rs 10 lakh each for violating pollution norms



Noida
Two under-construction projects in the city have been fined Rs 10 lakh each for violating the rules of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)-1.

In view of the increasing pollution in Noida, the first stage of the GRAP has been implemented. The teams of the authority and the regional pollution control board have been continuously checking if there is violation of the pollution control norms.

During the inspection, it was found that construction work was ongoing at both companies. Construction materials were stored in the open along the roadside, without any cover. They were not covered with green nets or properly sprayed with water. Clear violations of NGT regulations were observed at both locations.

Therefore, the Pollution Control Board has imposed severe financial penalties, and heavy fines will be imposed for such violations in the future. The GRAP-1 has been implemented in

the city as the air quality index (AQI) level in Delhi - NCR and surrounding areas reaches the poor category. To reduce pollution, 14 teams of the authority conducted inspections in sectors and villages and raised awareness among the public about following GRAP guidelines and NGT regulations.

As part of air pollution control in the Noida area, 20 tankers and 10 truck-mounted anti-smog guns have been spraying treated water on all major roads across a 120-kilometer area.

The public health department reduced air pollution by cleaning 340 km of main roads with the help of 14 mechanical sweeping machines. Meanwhile, the horticulture department used five tankers to wash the trees and plants on the central verge. As many as 50 anti-smog guns are being used at construction sites and 14 pollution control teams are inspecting various construction projects, roads, and open spaces daily.



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NAXALISM: THE REVOLUTION THAT FADED, BUT ITS ROOTS STILL REMAIN

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It is indeed a commendable achievement — one that reflects the consistent resolve of the government and the dedicated efforts of the security forces. The leadership of Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah deserves special recognition for steering this phase of the campaign to a logical end.

Yet, beyond the official celebrations lies a deeper reality: the Maoist dream of revolution has faded, but the causes that once gave rise to it continue to persist.

THE GENESIS AND UNRESOLVED CAUSES

The roots of the Naxalite movement can be traced back to Naxalbari, a small village in West Bengal where, in 1967, landless farmers and tribals rose in rebellion. Their fight was not born out of ideology alone — it stemmed from despair, neglect, and injustice. The rallying cry "power flows from the barrel of the gun" became, for them, an expression of survival in the face of systemic apathy.

What began as a movement for land redistribution soon morphed into a prolonged insurgency against the Indian state. Decades later, the same grievances remain: economic inequality, displacement, corruption, and denial of justice.

For many villagers, the government is not a provider but an enforcer — represented more by police patrols and paperwork than by teachers or doctors. The decline of Naxalism on the battlefield has not been matched by the rise of effective governance.

THE HUMAN COST OF NEGLECT

The toll of this conflict has been heavy — borne equally by civilians, political leaders, and security personnel. According to the South Asia Terrorism Portal, since 2000 India has lost over 2,718 security personnel to Naxal violence.

Each number tells a story of sacrifice — of young officers and men who laid down their lives in dense jungles, often far from the spotlight.

The violence also targeted the political fabric of democracy. The 2013 Jhiram Ghati (Darbha Valley) massacre in Chhattisgarh, which claimed the lives of Congress leaders Mahendra Karma, Nand Kumar Patel, Vidya Charan Shukla, and others, was a chilling reminder of that threat.

COLLAPSE OF THE MAOIST COMMAND STRUCTURE

Over the past few years, the Maoist hierarchy has crumbled. Top leaders have been neutralized or surrendered — from Nambala Keshava Rao (Basavaraju) to Katta Ramachandra Reddy (Raju Dada).



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Dada) and Kadari Satyanarayana Reddy (Kosa Dada). In October 2025 alone, over 170 armed cadres laid down arms in Bastar and Abujmahar. These are remarkable operational successes — but they signal the fall of an organization, not the healing of a society.

The real vacuum that allowed Naxalism to grow was not primarily ideological for most of its followers, but rather a result of deep-seated administrative neglect and local discontent. While the top Maoist leadership may have adhered to an ideological doctrine, the majority of cadres and village sympathizers were motivated by persistent failures of governance.

GOVERNANCE: THE MISSING LINK

Over the decades, ineffective delivery of basic services, corruption in local bureaucracies, and a lack of timely response to the needs of rural and tribal populations fostered alienation and resentment. Although physical infrastructure and communication networks have improved, the reach of justice, quality education, and welfare measures remains uneven.

In many remote areas, the government was often perceived not as a provider of welfare but as a distant authority — visible through official files, procedural delays, and police patrols, rather than through teachers, doctors, or honest administrators. This environment of neglect became the fertile ground in which Naxalism found its foothold.

The ideological conviction remained limited to a few at the top, but the larger movement drew strength from administrative apathy and corruption that eroded public trust. Bridging this governance gap is essential to ensure that such disillusionment and rebellion do not find space again.

IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT

For over five decades, the shadow of Naxalism has stunted development across mineral-rich regions. Schools, hospitals, and roads either never came up or were repeatedly destroyed. Teachers and engineers avoided postings due to fear. Peace has brought some progress, but development without trust is fragile.

WINNING THE PEACE

The military victory over Naxalism is real — but the battle for hearts and minds is far from over. The surrender of Maoist leaders should not lead to complacency; it must inspire a new phase of ethical and participatory governance.

Real victory will come when every tribal child has access to education and healthcare, when local institutions are empowered, and when surrendered cadres are reintegrated with dignity. Encounters and arrests can only maintain temporary order; lasting peace demands administrative transformation.

CONCLUSION

Naxalism may be dying, but the India that allowed it to be born still survives — in its corruption, inequality, and bureaucratic apathy. Peace is not merely the absence of violence — it is the presence of justice. India has defeated the gun of rebellion; it must now defeat the indifference that sustains it. The end of Naxalism will not come when the last Maoist lays down arms, but when every tribal villager feels that governance belongs to them. Jai Hind

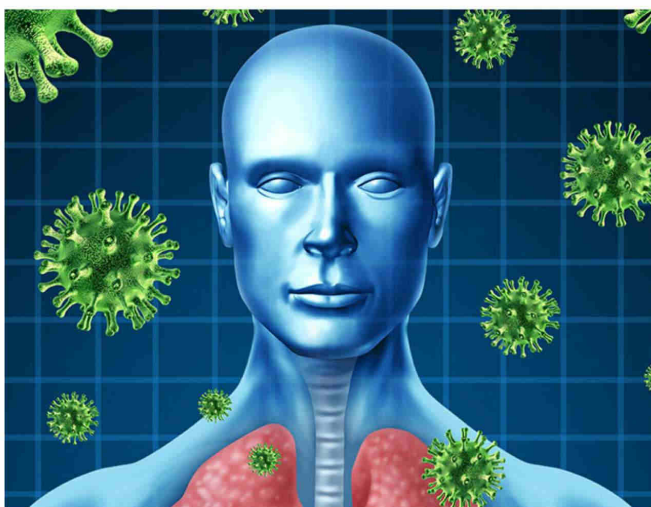
Respect for the Knowledge of Defence against Diseases

Who doesn't want to boost the immunity against diseases within themselves? As far as India is concerned, efforts have been made here in every corner of the country to develop a capacity to protect people from unbearable diseases that serve only to gain prominence for leaders rather than prove it to be an actual health framework. Yet our country is no less than anyone else in the medical field, but it's also a fact that when poor people get sick their lives become difficult. Governments have also launched many free treatment insurance schemes at the central and state level. The elderly are also being protected in their condition. Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme has also been launched. Apart from this, the Punjab Government has also declared such medical insurance scheme for every family in the state. However, in the country where Rs. five lakh has been fixed under the scheme for senior citizens, I have kept it up to Rs. ten lakhs when such plans are declared. are, so the common man becomes happy. He thinks that Yours He will get rid of the heavy hospital bills. He may consider himself a lucky citizen, who will be responsible for his diagnosis and treatment whenever he gets ill. Oh. There will be free treatment by showing the relevant health card. But the ground reality is something different. Government hospitals or Mohalla clinics run in the public sector still promise better treatment, but often these promises don't come true. In fact, private hospitals say that when treating patients with health cards not paid immediately on behalf of the government So private hospitals often refuse to admit patients. Sometimes people with TB people were very afraid He seemed to be living in a health shelter. The disease is now controlled. That's exactly what happened to dengue fever. No one can forget the economic and social crisis that has plagued mankind for two years. In this context, the Nobel Prize is considered to be the highest award for any original or useful work. The last few years have been when the Nobel Prizes were declared, a Nobel Prize for Medicine that promotes human welfare. This time, the honor was announced for scientists from America and Japan. Their names are Mary E. Branco, Eric Ranch Dale and Simon Sakaguchi. These scholarly scientists have not only researched the human 'immune system', that is, immune systems, but also hostile cells fighting the immune system within humans Also, a 'master switch' has been invented to prevent an attack on the human immune system from outside. The main research or study of these three scientists has been in cancer and diabetes, and they are also trying to bring new research into it. This To understand the age



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analysis in simple terms, we can say that a particular type of cellular immune system is inside the human body You have to look and if a cell accidentally attacks it because they don't understand the strength of this mechanism, then they can stop it. That means that the discovery explains how our body's immune system is controlled and its response Also, where this system gets messed up and how it can get to its original

immune system. That means it's a new way of treatment. It can also be called a revolutionary change. This immune system prevents thousands of different types of bacteria from entering our body. Oh. These bacteria are like human cells, and it's hard to figure out which of the thousands of cells in your body will defend you and who will become your enemy. The mechanism is the protection of a large immune system, which pre-

vents diseases, viruses or bacteria from coming out. Oh. But the problem is that sometimes these 'security' forces can't recognize hidden viruses in their own bodies. Now look at the role of all three award-winning scientists. So in 1995, Simon Sakaguchi searched for the 'peacekeeper' cells inside. It's not about these cells, but to stop other invading cells. Also starting the fight is to make sure these cells don't get lost and damage themselves. It was a challenge to establish knowledge, because most therapists understood that the immune system is in our body, it's always beneficial and not afraid of infection, but protects against infections from outside. This means that these three scientists, and especially Simon Sakaguchi, have shown that each body also develops a tolerant force. is. This is the central endurance. very valuable

It was a long time ago. In 2001, a 'master armor' was discovered for this, which found that the immune system begins to damage its own body if it goes out of control. If left unchecked, the human body can also develop 'IPAX syndrome'. The research of these three scientists is very valuable because it can reach the roots of diseases at a much faster rate and also develop new treatments. Two hundred clinical trials of these 'T cells' are currently underway. It's time to draw conclusions, but these tests will certainly be in favor of the immunity. But some uncanny diseases such as cancer cells, which nowadays seem to be the message of death, can play a role in identifying and eliminating 'regulatory T cells'. Another big challenge comes when organ transplants are needed. Like replacing the kidneys or donating to a patient from kidney and liver donors, it's worrying that transplanted kidneys or livers often refuse to accept new bodies. Now the next step for these medical specialists is to make sure that if such organs are transplanted, they become completely comfortable with the body. Thus, this progress of science can make the absence of blood or organs both intuitive and accessible.

Haryana-Origin officers meet CM Saini on Diwali Eve, pledge to strengthen vision of Viksit Bharat



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On the eve of Diwali, young officers of Haryana origin serving across the country, along with several social workers, paid a courtesy visit to Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini at his residence, Sant Kabir Kutir in Chandigarh. The delegation extended festive greetings and commended the Chief Minister for his leadership in steering the state toward inclusive growth and transparent governance.

Chief Minister Saini warmly reciprocated the wishes and said that Diwali, the festival of lights, symbolizes the victory of truth and righteousness. He urged the youth to draw inspiration from the occasion and play an active role in nation-building and social upliftment.

The Chief Minister expressed pride in the achievements of Haranya's youth, who, he said, have made the state proud through their hard work, honesty, and dedication. He encouraged the officers to remain committed to transparency, integrity, and public service, noting that these values form the foundation of effective governance.

During the cordial meeting, discussions also touched upon issues related to the development of Haryana and the nation. Saini emphasized that young officers, wherever they serve, will be instrumental in realizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 by upholding the principle of "Nation First."

Reflecting on Haryana's journey over the

past eleven years, the Chief Minister highlighted the state's remarkable progress in governance and infrastructure. He said that e-governance initiatives have made administration more transparent, accountable, and accessible to the people. Under the "Bina Kharchi-Bina Parchi" policy, jobs are being provided purely on merit, fulfilling the aspirations of deserving youth, he added.

Saini reiterated that both the Central and State Governments are committed to ensuring that the benefits of development reach every section of society. The interaction concluded on an inspiring note, with the young officers expressing renewed determination to contribute to the progress of Harvana and the nation.

UP's crack-down on food adulterators to continue beyond festivals

Lucknow: To protect public health during the festive season, under the direction of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, a strict campaign has been launched across Uttar Pradesh against adulterators. Under the "Diwali Special Campaign" conducted between October 8 to 17, enforcement teams of the Food Safety and Drug Administration Department (FSDA) carried out continuous inspections and raids in various districts of the state, taking decisive action against adulterated and contaminated food items.

Even after the campaign's conclusion, the government has instructed district-level teams to maintain strict vigilance and ensure that adulterators cannot endanger public health. Regular market monitoring is now underway.

Emphasizing that Diwali represents purity, transparency, and health protection, the Yogi government has resolved to extend this drive beyond the festival—taking concrete steps toward making Uttar Pradesh an "Adulteration-Free State."

Under the leadership of Dr. Roshan Jacob, Commissioner of Food Safety and Drug Administration, Uttar Pradesh, this state-wide campaign included a total of 6,075 inspections and 2,740 raids. During this period, 3,767 samples were collected for testing, and 3,548 quintals of adulterated or suspicious material were seized, valued at approximately Rs 4.97 crore. Additionally, 1,871 quintals of harmful material worth around Rs 2.89 crore were destroyed.



Chandigarh

Punjab is fast reclaiming its place on India's economic map, transforming into a preferred destination for domestic and global investors. The state's steady rise as an industrial hub is being credited to the government's reform-driven policies, efficient governance, and a renewed focus on ease of doing business.

Under the Chief Minister's leadership, Punjab has introduced a series of investor-friendly measures that have changed the perception of the state from an agriculture-dependent region to a dynamic business destination. The introduction of a single-window clearance system has drastically reduced bureaucratic delays, ensuring that investors can obtain all required approvals in a fraction of the time previously needed. By cutting red tape and cracking down on corruption, the government has sent a strong message that doing business in Punjab is now transparent, swift, and secure.

Punjab's geographical advantage adds to its appeal. Its proximity to Delhi and its position as a border state make it a strategic gateway for trade and logistics. The state's robust network of highways, expanding railway connectivity, and growing air links have helped cities like Am-

The state's industrial landscape is diversifying rapidly. While agriculture remains a key part of Punjab's economy, new sectors such as food processing, textiles, auto components, pharmaceuticals, and information technology are driving growth. Mohali's IT Park has emerged as a magnet for global firms and young professionals, while Ludhiana's bicycle and auto parts industries continue to strengthen their global footprint. Jalandhar's sports goods and leather industries, too, are making their mark in international markets.

A major factor behind Punjab's industrial resurgence is its workforce. The state boasts a young, energetic population with a strong work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit. The government's emphasis on skill development programs ensures that industries have access to trained manpower, while the natural business acumen of Punjabis continues to fuel small and large enterprises alike.

Infrastructure has also kept pace with industrial ambitions. Punjab's power supply situation has improved considerably, with uninterrupted electricity now available to most industrial units.

Punjab emerges as the new investment powerhouse

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EAST BOUND FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2025

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Deepawali and Chhath Puja Festivals, Northern Railway has planned to run the following East Bound Festival Special Trains from 20.10.2025 to 22.10.2025 in addition to normal regular trains as per schedule given below:-

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dep't. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Accommodation	Stoppages
92252	New Delhi (Vande Bharat)	08:35	Patina Jn.	21:30	AC Chair Car & Exec. Chair Car	Aligarh Jn., Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar & Ara
92254	New Delhi	20:20	Lucknow	06:35	1st AC Com, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & Gen.	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur & Hardoi
94430	New Delhi	15:10	Dharbhanga	16:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Kanpur Central, Ummao Jn., Ashbagh, Badshahganj, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn.
94454	New Delhi	20:20	Ambala	23:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Kanpur Central, Ummao Jn., Ashbagh, Badshahganj, Barabanki Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Shajapur Patnaee, Banarsi Jn., Begu Sarsa & Khatwa Jn.
94456	New Delhi	22:40	Dhanbad	02:20	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Almogara, Unnao Jn., Rae Bareilly Jn., Amethi, Ma Bahai Dew Prasadgari, Bhadohi, Varanasi Jn., Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhaba Road, Sasaram, Dohri On Son, Anugrah Narayan Road, Gaya, Koderma, Hazratganj Road, Farashah & Gomoh
94458	Anand Vihar (T)	13:40	Bagalpur	13:40	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara & Danapur, Patna Sahib, Faislah, Khusrapur, Bakhtiyarpur Jn., Barkh, Mokama Jn., Hattihindia Jn., Barhiya, Luckeesahel Jn., Kiul Jn., Kajahi, Abhaipur, Dharrua, Jamalpur Jn., Barapukur & Sultanganj
94016	Anand Vihar (T)	15:50	Sitamarhi	15:50	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Katptiganj Jn., Sitwa Bazar, Bagaha, Narkatinganj Jn., Sikta, Rasaul Jn. & Baigaonia
94452	New Delhi	18:15	Howrah	23:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Janghal Jn., Varanasi Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhaba Road, Sasaram, Dohri On Son, Anugrah Narayan Road, Gaya, Koderma, Parasnathi, Prayagraj Jn., Allahabad Jn., Durgapur, Bardhaman & Serdail Jn.
94094	Hazrat Nizamuddin	11:00	Patna Jn.	05:00	1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur Jn., Buxar, Ara & Danapur
94096	Anand Vihar (T)	00:05	Pattipatna	21:30	1 st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC AC Economy, Sleeper & Gen.	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Phaphna Jn., Ballia, Sahawbar, Bakulia, Chhapra & Dighehra
94098	New Delhi	20:20	Hasanpur Road	12:00	3 Tier AC Economy & General	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Ummao Jn., Ashbagh, Badshahganj, Barabanki Jn., Butwal Jn., Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur Katptiganj Jn., Sitwa Bazar, Bagaha, Narkatinganj Jn., Bettiah, Sagauli Jn., Rupsam Mother, Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn.
94090	Anand Vihar (T)	14:25	Patna Jn.	11:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Sleeper & General	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Ballia, Sahawbar, Surinagar, Champarni & Patliputra
93256	Anand Vihar (T)	23:30	Patna Jn.	18:35	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & Gen.	Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar & Ara
93258	Anand Vihar (T)	05:00	Danapur	20:45	3 Tier AC Economy	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar & Ara
93398	Anand Vihar (T)	08:20	Gaya	09:30	1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & Gen.	Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhaba Road, Sasaram, Dohri On Son & Anugrah Narayan Road
92340	Delhi Jn.	19:00	Gaya	09:10	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhaba Road, Sasaram, Dohri On Son & Anugrah Narayan Road
94124	Hazrat Nizamuddin	15:45	Prayagraj Jn.	09:10	3 Tier AC, economy, sleeper & general	Kosi Katerm, Mathura Jn., Agra Cantt., Ghazipur, Gwalior Jn., Viranganja Lakshmibai Jhansi, Mau Ranpur, Allahabad, Khatwa, Mohanpur, Ghazipur, Azamgarh, Faizabad, Chhabra & Shikharbati

EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 21.10.2025 (TUESDAY)

02254	New Delhi (Vande Bharat)	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	AC Chair Car & Exec. Chair Car	Alighnj., Karpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar & Ara
04090	Anand Vihar (T)	14:25	Patna Jn.	11:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Ballia, Sahabwar, Surinagar, Chhapra & Patliputra
04064	Dehli Jn.	18:30	Bhagalpur	10:30	Sleeper & General	Alighnj., Tundla Jn., Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Shabaz Road, Sasaram, Dehli On Son, Anugraha Naryan Road, Rafiganj, Gaya Jn., Titya, Nawadah, Wazir Ali, Agartala, Shripur, Kuf Jn., Abhaipur, Jamalpur Jn. & Sultanjani
04450	New Delhi	15:10	Dharbhanga	16:00	Sleeper & General	Ghazibad, Alighnj., Kanpur Central, Urmoo Jn., Aishahab, Badahinagar, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn., Hajpur Jn., Shalpur Patore, Baruni Jn., Begu Sarai & Khagaria Jn.
04454	New Delhi	20:00	Maneri	23:30	Sleeper & General	Ghazibad, Alighnj., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Kanpur Central, Urmoo Jn., Aishahab, Badahinagar, Barabanki Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn., Hajpur Jn., Shalpur Patore, Baruni Jn., Begu Sarai & Khagaria Jn.
04456	New Delhi	22:40	Dhanbad	02:20	Sleeper & General	Ghazibad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shalajahpur, Hardoi, Alamdargah, Utranchi Jn., Rae Bareilly Jn., Amriti, Ma Baha Dew Prasadgah, Bhadohi, Varanasi Jn., Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Shabaz Road, Sasaram, Dehli On Son, Anugraha Naryan Road, Gaya Kotera, Haridwar Road, Parasnath & Gomti
04458	Anand Vihar (T)	13:40	Bhagalpur	10:30	Sleeper & General	Ghazibad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn., Patna Sahib, Fatuha, Kruasapur, Bakhtiyarpur Jn., Basti, Mokameh Jn., Haldibadi Jn., Barhiya, Luckeesarai Jn., Kuf Jn., Kajla, Abhaipur, Dharhara, Jamalpur Jn., Barterpur & Sultanjani
04016	Anand Vihar (T)	15:30	Sitamarhi	15:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghazibad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shalajahpur, Hardoi, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Siwa Sagar, Bagaha, Haridwar, Narkataganj Jn., Sikta, Rasaul Jn. & Balainia
04452	New Delhi	18:15	Howrah	23:30	Sleeper & General	Ghazibad, Alighnj., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Janghal Jn., Varanasi Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Shabaz Road, Sasaram, Dehli On Son, Anugraha Naryan Road, Gaya, Koderma, Parasnath, Dhanbad Jn., Asanadi Jn., Durgapur, Bardhaman & Bencol Jn.
04094	Hazrat Nizamuddin	11:00	Patna Jn.	05:00	1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC	Ghazibad, Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara & Danapur
04096	Anand Vihar (T)	06:05	Patliputra	21:30	1 st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & Gen.	Ghazibad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Phaphna Jn., Ballia, Sahabwar, Sakulha, Chhapra & Dighwara
04098	New Delhi	09:30	Hassanpur Road	12:00	3 Tier AC Economy & General	Ghazibad, Kanpur Central, Urmoo Jn., Aishahab, Badahinagar, Barabanki Jn., Burtwal Jn., Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Siwa Sagar, Bagaha, Narkataganj Jn., Bettiah, Segauli Jn., Bagpuri Motihar, Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samsatpur Jn.
03436	Anand Vihar (T)	15:45	Malda Town	21:30	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Tundla Jn., Gonda Jn., Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Shabaz Road, Sasaram, Dehli On Son, Anugraha Naryan Road, Gaya Jn., Titya, Nawadah, Shripur, Kuf Jn., Abhaipur, Jamalpur Jn., Sultanjani, Singapur, Khataganj, Prayagraj, Sahibganj Jn., Barhwa Jn. & New Faraka Jn.
03698	Dehli Jn.	08:55	Gaya	00:30	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Shabaz Road, Sasaram, Dehli On Son & Anugraha Naryan Road
05576	Anand Vihar (T)	05:15	Sahasra Jn.	13:00	3 Tier AC Economy & General	Ghazibad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shalajahpur, Sitpur Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur Jn., Kaptanganj Jn., Bagaha, Narkataganj Jn., Rasaul Jn., Bargaria, Sitamarhi, Alamdargah Road, Shikha, Sati Jn., Jharkapur, Chhapra-Narain, Singapur, Dopeet & Ghat Barhwa
03222	Anand Vihar (T)	16:10	Rajbiraj	16:45	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghazibad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shalajahpur, Lucknow Jn., Andhya Dham Jn., Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patna Jn., Patna Sahab & Fatuha, Bakhtiyarpur Jn., Hamra, Wazir, Patepur Road & Naldia
02310	Anand Vihar (T)	19:30	Rainaldnagar (T)	10:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC & General	Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Danapur & Patna

EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 22.10.2025 (WEDNESDAY)

42252	New Delhi (Vande Bharat)	08:35	Patna Jn.	21:30	AC Chair Car & Exec. Chair Car	Aligarh Jn., Kampur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar & Ara
44090	Anand Vihar (T)	14:25	Patna Jn.	11:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Kampur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Ballia, Sahawar, Sunamgarh, Chhapra & Patliputra
44450	New Delhi	15:10	Dharbhanga	16:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Kampur Central, Unnao Jn., Ashbagh, Badshahnagar, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Deoria Sader, Swari Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn.
44454	New Delhi	20:30	Maneri	23:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Kampur Central, Unnao Jn., Ashbagh, Badshahnagar, Barabanki Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Khatibabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sader, Swari Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Prayagraj Patnae, Baranji Jn., Begu Sarai & Khatgaia Jn.
44456	New Delhi	22:40	Dhanbad	02:20	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Haridwar, Almorava, Uttarna Jn., Beas Ravel Jn., Anandhi, Mu Baha Dowl Patnabagh, Bareilly, Varanasi Jn., Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Shabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Son, Anugrah Narayan Road, Gaya, Koderma, Hazaribagh Road, Patnash & Gomoh
44458	Anand Vihar (T)	13:40	Bhagalpur	14:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Kampur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn., Patna Sahib, Fatuha, Kourpur, Bakhtiyarpur, Jn., Basti, Mokkiana Jn., Hattishah Jn., Barilly, Luckeesarai Jn., Kuli Jn., Kalya, Abhalpur, Dhanra, Jampur Jn., Barapur & Sultanganj
44016	Anand Vihar (T)	15:30	Sitamarhi	15:00	2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Haridwar, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Siwa Sazer, Bagaha, Haranagar, Narkatiganj Jn., Saxa, Raxaul Jn. & Balganga
44452	New Delhi	18:15	Howrah	23:30	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah, Goudpur, Prayagraj Jn., Janghal Jn., Varanasi Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Shabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Son, Anugrah Narayan Road, Gaya, Koderma, Patnashah, Dhanbad Jn., Asansol Jn., Durgapur, Bardhaman & Bandel Jn.
44094	Hazrat Nizamuddin	16:10	Patna Jn.	05:00	1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC	Ghaziabad, Goudpur, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara & Patnaper
44096	Anand Vihar (T)	00:05	Patliputra	21:30	1 st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC Economy, Sleeper & Gen.	Ghaziabad, Kampur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Phaphna Jn., Ballia, Sahawar, Sakchi, Chhapra & Dighwara
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Hit-and-run driver crashes into birthday party, injuring 9 kids in Maryland

Bladensburg: A hit-and-run driver slammed into an outdoor birthday party in suburban Washington, DC, injuring nine kids and two adults on Saturday evening, police said. A girl and a toddler had critical injuries from the crash in Bladensburg, Maryland, according to statements from the city's police department and the Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department. Video of the scene posted on social media showed a white tent with its front torn off on a lawn outside a home. Seven other kids and two adults had serious but not life-threatening injuries, officials said. The children ranged in age from 2 to 9 years old, Bladensburg Police said in a statement. The driver got out of the vehicle and ran away, authorities said, and has not been found. Investigators have not determined what caused the vehicle to run off Maryland Highway 450 at around 10:15 pm Saturday.

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BUSINESS

Soch expands its legacy with opening of its second store in Mohali

Mohali: Soch, India's leading evening and occasion wear brand, is excited to announce the grand opening of its second store in Mohali. It is a vibrant market with a deep appreciation for tradition blended with contemporary fashion, making it the perfect location for Soch's continued expansion. It offers a thoughtfully curated selection of exquisite ethnic wear perfect for any occasion. Covering over 1000 square feet, the new store in Mohali provides an engaging shopping experience. This new location showcases Soch's commitment to offering quality and style in ethnic wear, featuring a diverse collection of suit sets, sarees, dresses, kurtas, lehengas, kaffans, and fusion wear. By blending traditional elegance with modern trends, Soch ensures there's something for every occasion. With this launch, Soch continues

Israel strikes Gaza, accuses Hamas of attacks in gravest test of truce so far

Rafah: Israel launched a series of strikes in Gaza on Sunday in response to attacks on its forces, the military said, in the latest and most serious test of this month's U.S.-brokered ceasefire. Residents in Gaza and local health authorities said that Israeli airstrikes and tank fire across the enclave killed at least 18 people, including at least one woman.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he had ordered the military to respond forcefully to what he described as Hamas' violations of the ceasefire. The military said militants in the southern area of Rafah had launched an anti-tank missile and fired on its soldiers. The armed wing of Hamas said it remained committed to the ceasefire agreement, was unaware of clashes in Rafah and had not been in contact with groups there since March.

Fearing the truce may collapse, some Palestinians rushed to buy goods



Israel hit Gaza, Hamas Hamas in biggest test of truce yet

from a main market in Nuseirat camp and families quit their homes in Khan Younis further south, after airstrikes hit nearby.

The strikes were reminiscent of Israel's response to what it viewed as serious violations of its ceasefire with Hamas' Lebanese ally Hezbollah

in late 2024 - a truce agreement which has largely held since. But formidable obstacles remain in the way of a durable peace in Gaza, where a ceasefire collapsed in March after nearly two months of relative calm when Israel fired a barrage of airstrikes.

The new ceasefire took

effect on October 11, halting two years of war, but the Israeli government and Hamas have been accusing each other of violations of the ceasefire for days. Defense Minister Israel Katz said the "yellow line" to where Israeli forces had pulled back under the ceasefire agreement would be

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physically marked and that any violation of the ceasefire or attempt to cross the line would be met with fire.

Hamas detailed what it said were a series of violations by Israel that it says have left 46 people dead and stopped essential supplies from reaching the enclave.

On Saturday, Israeli said that the Rafah border crossing between Gaza and Egypt, which had been expected to be reopened on Sunday, would remain closed and that its reopening would depend on Hamas fulfilling its obligations under the ceasefire. Israel says Hamas is being too slow in handing over bodies of deceased hostages.

Iran executes person accused of spying for Israel

Dubai: Iran executed a person convicted of spying for Israel's intelligence agency Mossad in the city of Qom, the official judiciary news agency reported Sunday.

The sentence was carried out early Saturday after the Supreme Court upheld the ruling and a request for a pardon was denied, the Mizan news agency said.

The report didn't identify the person, but said that the individual was accused of "intelligence cooperation with the Zionist regime" and found guilty of "corruption on Earth" and "enmity against God" - crimes punishable by death under Iran's Islamic penal code.

Mizan said that the person began contacts and cooperation with Israeli intelligence services in October 2023 and was arrested four months later, in February 2024.

The defendant had allegedly provided sensitive information to Mossad and carried out missions inside Iran on behalf of Israeli intelligence.

gence, according to the report. No further details about the nature of the alleged espionage or the date of the person's arrest were made public.

Iran's judiciary has repeatedly described such executions as necessary to safeguard national security, particularly amid what Tehran calls Israel's "infiltration and sabotage operations."

The execution in Qom, home to a sacred Shiite shrine about 120 kilometres south of the capital Tehran, follows a recent series of similar cases involving alleged cooperation with Israel.

On October 4, Iran executed six people accused of conducting bombings and armed attacks in Khuzestan Province while allegedly working with Mossad. Authorities said that the group had "operated in direct connection with the Zionist regime's intelligence apparatus." Days earlier, on September 29, Iran hanged another defendant, identified as Balamir Choochiasl, who was convicted of spying for Israel.

Govt trying to arrest me without sufficient ground: ex-Nepal PM Oli

Kathmandu: Nepal's deposed Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli on Sunday said the current government is trying to arrest him without sufficient ground while claiming that it is not serious in conducting the general election on March 5, 2026. During his first interaction with editors and senior journalists in Kathmandu over a month after his



oust from power, Oli will seek reinstatement of the dissolved House of

Representatives.

The former PM added that the government was trying to arrest him by hook or crook, though there was no sufficient ground for the same.

Oli resigned in early September after violent protests by the youth-led Gen Z group against his government over corruption and a ban on social media.

Former top judge Shishir Karde became the interim prime minister on September 12. President Ramchandra Paudel dissolved parliament on her recommendation. The next general election is set to take place on March 5, 2026.

The Gen Z youths were asking the government to arrest then Prime Minister Oli and Home Minister Ramesh Lekhak, holding them responsible

for excessive use of force against the Gen Z youths during the agitation.

He also expressed the view that the arson and vandalism done during the Gen Z protests were through infiltration of external elements, but didn't specify who they were. He also criticised the government over the withdrawal of some of his security personnel despite the threat against him, adding that

the government has not created an environment to conduct a free and fair election.

The Chairman of CPN-UML said that after he was rescued by the Nepal Army from the Prime Minister's residence at Balmat following the attack by the agitators, in which he narrowly escaped, his mobile phone was seized for a few days.

FPIs Invest Rs 6,480 Cr in Indian Equities in Oct

New Delhi: After withdrawing money on a net basis for the past three months, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have turned buyers with a Rs 6,480 crore investment in October so far, driven by strong macroeconomic factors. The development comes after persistent outflows in recent times, with FPIs pulling out Rs 23,885 crore in September, Rs 34,990 crore in August, and Rs 17,700 crore in July, data from depositories showed.

The renewed inflow in October marks a significant shift in sentiment and reflects fresh confidence among global investors towards Indian markets.

Several key drivers underpin this reversal. According to Himanshu Srivastava, Principal, Manager Research, Morningstar Investment Research India, India's macro backdrop remains relatively strong among emerging markets, with stable growth, manageable inflation, and resilient domestic demand helping the



country stand out.

He further noted that global liquidity conditions are gradually easing, with expectations of rate cuts or at least a pause in the US. As risk appetite returns, funds are flowing back into higher-return emerging markets.

Additionally, Indian valuations, which had been under pressure, have now turned more

attractive, prompting renewed "dip-buying" interest.

Echoing a similar view, Geojit Investments Chief Investment Strategist VK Vijayakumar said the principal reason for this shift in FPIs' strategy is the reduced valuation differential between India and other markets.

India's under-performance over the past

year, he said, has opened up prospects for improved relative performance.

Vaqarjaved Khan, Senior Fundamental Analyst, Angel One, pointed out that the latest inflows can also be attributed to a moderation in trade tensions between the US and India.

He noted that the selling pressure seen earlier in 2025 made Indi-

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an equities' valuation multiples more attractive compared to global peers.

Looking ahead, experts believe that future trade developments and the ongoing earnings season will play a key role in determining the direction of FPI flows in the coming weeks.

Despite the recent inflow, FPIs have still withdrawn around Rs 1.5 lakh crore so far in 2025.

Meanwhile, in the debt market, FPIs invested about Rs 5,332 crore under the general limit and Rs 224 crore through the voluntary retention route this month (till October 17), indicating continued interest in Indian debt instruments.

India Exports to US Decline, Non-US Markets Strong

Kolkata: India's exports to the United States have contracted, while shipments to non-US destinations have remained robust, surpassing previous growth figures, rating agency Crisil said in its report for October.

According to the report, merchandise exports to the US had shown a downward trend, with a 1.9 per cent to USD 5.5 billion in September, after recording a 7 per cent growth in August 2025. The agency noted that without the front-loading of shipments ahead of the tariff hike, the fall would have been sharper.

In contrast, exports to non-US markets expanded by 10.9 per cent in September, accelerating from 6.6 per cent growth in August 2025, it said.

The decline in US-bound exports followed the Trump administration's decision to impose a 50 per cent tariff on Indian goods, effective from August 27.

Crisil cautioned that India's merchandise exports are facing headwinds from the US tariff hikes and a broader slowdown in global growth.

The World Trade Organisation has projected that global merchandise trade volume will increase by 2.4 per cent in 2025, compared to 2.8 per cent in 2024.

Despite these challenges, Crisil expects India's current account deficit (CAD) to remain within manageable limits, supported by strong services exports, steady remittance inflows, and easing crude oil prices.

Credibility Questions Linger as ASSOCHAM Transitions to New Leadership

Staff Reporter
New Delhi:

ASSOCHAM, India's long-established industry body, is facing serious questions about its credibility amid allegations of ethical and governance problems.

A letter, reportedly shared with senior government officials and signed by a former company secretary along with multiple members and employees, outlines concerns about leadership failures and misuse of power within the organization since around 2020.

The letter accessed by Top Story points to significant staff turnover, the withdrawal of many members, and alleged irregularities in government-funded programs like the Market Access Initiative (MAI). It claims that Secretary-General Manish Singh was appointed without proper checks after the exit of former Secretary-General Deepak Sood in 2024.

Concerns have also been raised about Singh's past issues with competence and management, and the letter accuses him of making inappropriate

senior-level appointments. Additionally, it mentions a senior female staff member facing police complaints related to forgery and fraud involving MAI projects.

ASSOCHAM's recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) notice reveals an extension of President Sanjay Nayar's term for four months to ensure leadership continuity.

The chamber "however" has also announced new leadership appointments, including Nirmal K. Minda as Senior Vice-President and Amitabh Chaudhry as Vice-Pres-

ident which is subject to approval from the Reserve Bank of India.

According to the allegations in the letter, around 700 corporate members have left ASSOCHAM over the last nine months, and 52 senior officers have resigned. Funding for the MAI scheme, worth an estimated ₹18-20 crore annually, has been frozen by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry due to concerns regarding the chamber's handling of these funds.

The letter also claims a significant drop in ASSOCHAM's income,

reportedly ₹44 lakh, marking a first in its century-long history, though this has not been independently verified.

The AGM notice from October includes amendments to increase the powers of the Special Executive Committee (SEC) and adjust the terms for officeholders, leading to concerns that these changes may allow greater unchecked discretion for leadership while potentially enhancing oversight.

The signatories of the letter claim that many state chapter offices and

national councils were shut down without proper justification, resulting in a substantial revenue loss that the chamber has not publicly acknowledged.

Despite these serious allegations, the official communication from ASSOCHAM focuses on its advocacy efforts and leadership changes without addressing the complaints.

Observers are now questioning whether the new leadership can rebuild trust among members and key stakeholders in light of these unfolding issues, particularly as the

business climate increasingly values governance and institutional credibility.

One corporate member on anonymity said "the continuing mismanagement is jeopardising livelihoods of nearly 200 employees and their dependent families. We therefore earnestly request immediate intervention by the leadership to investigate these matters, restore organisational integrity, and safeguard careers of those who continue to serve the chamber with commitment and honesty."



Ayan Mukerji hints at Brahmastra part two? Filmmaker shares mountain clicks with a script in frame

Mumbai
After multiple delays, Ayan Mukerji's directorial debut, *Brahmastra*: Part One – Shiva, was released in theaters in 2022. The film, starring Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Amitabh Bachchan, Mouni Roy, with special appearances by Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone, was announced as a trilogy almost a decade ago. It has been three years since the first part's release, with no updates on Part 2. However, Ayan's latest photodump from the mountains has fans excited about the next installment of the trilogy.

Ayan Mukerji, currently staying in the mountains, took to Instagram to share a series of pictures in two posts. The first set featured Ayan hiking amidst the majestic



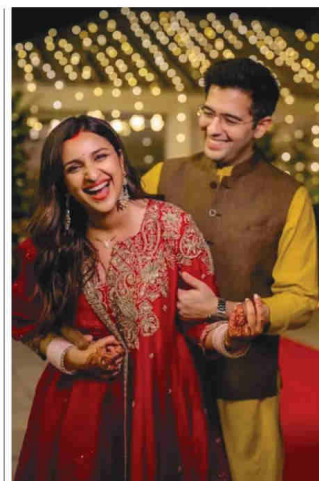
mountains and capturing the stunning locales where he was staying. He also shared a picture of his work setup, where a laptop appeared to have a script open.

"*Brahmastra* Part 2 is ON," wrote an enthusiastic user in the comments. Another fan commented, "Ab toh announcement kr dijiye BRAHMASTRAR Part 2 ka!" A third added, "I bet he went to the mountains to get motivated for *Brahmastra* 2 and 3. And I am all in for it."

Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva was directed by Ayan Mukerji and produced by Karan Johar's Dharma Productions, Star Studios, Prime Focus, and Starlight Pictures. Alongside Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt, the film also starred Amitabh Bachchan, Nagarjuna Akkineni, and Mouni Roy, with a special cameo by Shah Rukh Khan. The movie, a fantasy adventure, introduced audiences to the Astraverse – a cinematic universe inspired

by Indian mythology. It narrates the journey of Shiva (Ranbir Kapoor), a young man discovering his powers, alongside Isha (Alia Bhatt). The franchise has already announced *Brahmastra*: Part Two – Dev, and fans are eagerly awaiting the next chapter, praised for its VFX, scale, and visionary storytelling.

After *Brahmastra*, Ayan Mukerji took up Yash Raj Films' ambitious movie *War* 2, part of the spy universe. The filmmaker worked extensively on the film that also marked the debut of Jr NTR in Bollywood. The film saw Jr NTR and Hrithik Roshan pitted against each other. However, the film tanked at the box office and received largely negative reviews from the audience and critics alike. It turned out to be the poorest film in the spy universe.



It's a boy! Parineeti Chopra and Raghav Chadha are blessed with their first child

Mumbai
Parineeti Chopra and Raghav Chadha are blessed with a baby boy. The duo took to their Instagram handle to share the happy news with fans. The post read, "He's finally here!...our Baby Boy...And we literally can't remember life before! Arms full, our hearts are fuller. First we had each other, now we have everything. With gratitude, Parineeti and Raghav...[sic]."

Celebs quickly reacted to the post with congratulatory messages for the new parents. Actor Kriti Sanon congratulated the parents by posting her Instagram comment, which read, "Congratulations (heart emojis)...[sic]." Designer Manish Malhotra captioned, "Congratulations (heart emojis)...[sic]." Actors Ananya Panday and Huma Qureshi posted heart emojis, while comedian Bharti Singh wrote, "wow...congratulations...[sic]."

Parineeti frequently published images on Instagram, providing insight into her pregnancy journey. The actress remained in Delhi during her pregnancy. She has been admitted to a hospital in the capital. According to the *Hindustan Times*, a source confirmed that Parineeti Chopra had been admitted to a hospital in Delhi. Raghav is with his wife for this auspicious occasion. They expect the kid to arrive anytime now." According to the source, the entire Chopra and Chadha families are looking forward to welcoming the new guest. This Diwali seems particularly wonderful and blessed because the baby is on the way.

Parineeti and Raghav had announced their pregnancy with an adorable post, Parineeti wrote, "Our little universe...on its way...Blessed beyond measure."

The couple shocked fans with their engagement on May 13, 2023, in New Delhi, followed by an intimate yet lavish wedding in Udaipur on September 24, 2023.



Tere Ishk Mein title track out! Dhanush, Kriti Sanon's song captures love, longing and pain

Mumbai
The makers of *Tere Ishk Mein* have unveiled the title track of the upcoming film starring Kriti Sanon and Dhanush for which Oscar-winner A.R. Rahman along with Arijit Singh and Irshad Kamil have joined hands.

The title track is finally out and it gives fans a first glimpse into the world of *Tere Ishk Mein*, which is emotional, grand, and laced in Rahman's timeless sound. The track blends Rahman's soul-stirring composition, Singh's unmistakable voice, and Kamil's signature poetry, a combination once again destined to dominate playlists.

The video gives an emotional glimpse into the film, hinting at an intense and passionate love story of loss, longing, and unspoken pain between the two characters.

On October 1, the makers of *Tere Ishk Mein* unveiled the teaser of the upcoming film, which promises an emotional ride as it is packed with passion, pain, and the relentless pursuit of love that seems destined to remain unfulfilled.

Scheduled to hit the theatres on November 28 in Hindi and Tamil, the film's teaser captures the magnetic tension between Shankar and Mukti. This will be the first time Kriti will be sharing screen space with Dhanush.

As per a statement, after earlier glimpses into their lives, the film's teaser now reveals a narrative steeped in passion, pain, and the relentless pursuit of love that may remain unfulfilled.

It introduces a love that defies reason, one that destroys and redeems in equal measure.

Gulshan Kumar, T-Series, and Colour Yellow present *Tere Ishk Mein*, produced by Amand I. Rai and Himanshu Sharma, produced by Bhushan Kumar and Krishan Kumar.

Inside Saif and Kareena's Dhanteras: Ibrahim shares a moment with his brothers, Alia joins festivities

Mumbai
The Kapoor and Khan family came under one roof at Saif and Kareena's residence to celebrate day 1 of Diwali. Soha Ali Khan used social media to drop sneak peeks from the festivities with her loved ones. The photos uploaded by Soha on her Instagram included brother Saif Ali Khan, sister-in-law Kareena Kapoor Khan, Karisma Kapoor, Amrita Arora, husband Kunal Khemu and daughter Inaaya Naumi Khemu.

While Soha, Saif, and Amrita Arora were seen twinning in red ethnic attire, Bebo looked her stylish self in a blue lehenga with golden embellishments.

"Last night had some solid gold energy (Sparkles



Emoji) #happydhanteras!! (sic)," Soha mentioned in the caption.

Ibrahim Ali Khan said

"Teeno bhai teeno tabahi" as he posed with his kid brothers Taimur and Jeh during the Diwali celebrations.

The 'Nadaaniyan' actor took to his official Insta-

gram handle and dropped a festive picture where he was seen posing for a selfie with Taimur and Jeh.

While Ibrahim posed in a black sherwani, Taimur looked adorable in a red kurta. However, Jeh turned out to be the show stealer.

The little one was seen relishing a treat as he faced the

camera with her two brothers. While Ibrahim is Saif Ali Khan's son from his first marriage to Amrita Singh, Taimur and Jeh are his kids with his second wife, Kareena Kapoor Khan.

Alia Bhatt celebrated the auspicious festival of Dhanteras with mother-in-law Neetu Kapoor and her

in-laws.

The Do Dooni Chaar actress took to the Stories

section of her Instagram account and dropped a picture, giving an insight into the Kapoor pre-Diwali festivities.

Alia looked absolutely gorgeous in a shimmering golden saree with a matching blouse. The 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' actress completed her ethnic look with a complementary choker and a matching mangteeka.

Alia decided to keep her hair open with a middle parting, with her makeup golden-based.

Aside from Alia and Neetu, the snapshot further features

the Kapoor sisters Kareena and Karisma, who were also looking gorgeous in desi attire. We could also see other ladies from the Kapoor clan in the still.

Agra actor Priyanka Bose: 'I was tired of being called hot and sexy'

Mumbai
Six years is a long wait for any actor, more so if it's for a project close to their heart. Naturally, Priyanka Bose is relieved that Agra is finally set to release in theatres in less than a month, after much struggle.

"What's the use of so much hard work if no one in the ecosystem nurtures it and sees that this film is potent? I am very grateful that Agra, by far my most favourite work in the Indian milieu, is coming out. Had this been a cult, [only] Kanu [Behl, director] would have been celebrated. Artists who are in the film need our films to come out for people to know that we are reliable."

Also starring Rahul Roy and Mohit Agarwal, Agra premiered at the Cannes Film Festival 2023. Though the film was ready for over two years, Behl struggled to find distributors in India owing to its central theme – sexual repression in the context of urban space constraints. Bose admits she had apprehensions about taking up a part that might



reinforce the stereotype she had long wanted to shed.

"I came with a lot of fear because I [have been] trying to change a certain narrative about myself. I was so bored of hearing adjectives like 'hot and sexy', 'sultry actress'. I was willing to be very fearless. [But] Agra felt like a perceived danger. I would think, 'When this comes out, the attention I will get will not be because of my craft, but because of how bold it is.' But do people even understand this adjective? I don't want a bravery award. I want people to understand that I am a very reliable artiste," she says.

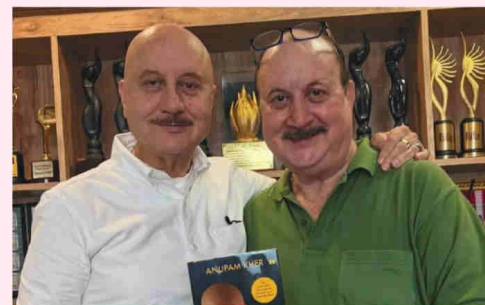
Bose adds that Behl understood her concerns and gave her the freedom to navigate them. "I never had that with any of the directors. Kanu Behl gave me the space to explore my skill set and potential. There is so much vulnerability in boldness. Only we know how we did it."

The actor says she took up Agra also because of the support she received from her partner and friends. Her perseverance seems to have paid off. Last month, her film *Jugnu*, co-starring Manoj Bajpayee and directed by Raam Reddy, opened in theatres to unanimous praise.

Anupam Kher reveals he takes care of his brother Raju financially: 'He has never been jealous of me'

Mumbai
Senior actor Anupam Kher has been a part of the film industry for decades. He is very close to his family members and often shares pictures and videos with them which reflects their bond. Recently, the actor revealed that he has been financially taking care of his brother Raju Kher. Raju has acted in a handful of films but did not see the kind of success his brother Anupam saw. Despite that, Anupam reveals that his brother has never been jealous of him and the two share a tight bond.

Recently, Anupam appeared on an episode of *Zindagi With Richa* on YouTube and revealed that he takes care of his brother's finances. Anupam said, "If every brother remembers what they were like when they were young, there would be no fight. I look at my life like it's a film. How can I forget that we grew up together?"



I must also compliment Kirron (Kirron Kher), because she never, ever asked me, 'Why do you do so much for your brother?' That's how problems begin. I would sign cheques for Raju, the household, and other things... I told my manager long ago, 'Remember one thing in life, never ask me how much money I'm giving to my brother.' The DDLJ actor believes

that if life has been kind to him, it only feels natural to share that good fortune with others, especially with his brother. "My brother has never been jealous of me, that I am more successful than him. He's amazing that way. My parents lived more with my brother and his wife than they did with me. I become very upset when I see brothers killing each other over property. In the back of

my mind, this is one of the reasons why I live on rent," he added.

The Filmfare Awards held in Ahmedabad this year witnessed a special moment when Shahrukh Khan, Kajol, and Anupam Kher were clipped together on the Filmfare stage, almost recreating and reminding the audience of their cult classic movie "Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge".