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Telangana MP donates gold ornament to Venkateswara swamy temple in Tirumala

Tirumala: Telangana MP Konda Visweswar Reddy donated an Ashta Lakshmi Chandra Vanka ornament weighing 535 grams and worth Rs. 60 lakhs to Sri Venkateswara of Tirumala on Tuesday. He presented the ornament at the Ranganayakula Mandapam inside the temple to TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu and Additional EO Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary.

Noted Kannada novelist S L Bhyrappa passes away at 94

Bengaluru: Noted Kannada novelist S L Bhyrappa, one of India's most acclaimed literary figures, passed away on Wednesday at the age of 94 due to age-related ailments. Bhyrappa died at Rashtrottana Hospital in Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, on Wednesday afternoon. A long-time resident of Mysuru, he had been unwell for several years and was living at the Bengaluru residence of journalist Vishweshwar Bhat for the past year. Born on July 26, 1934, in Santeshivara village, Hassan district, Bhyrappa overcame a childhood of poverty, as detailed in his autobiography 'Bhitti', to become one of the most widely read authors in Kannada.

Former TNCA Jt Secy passes away

Chennai: Former Joint Secretary of the Tamil Nadu Chess Association (TNCA), a good trainer and renowned arbiter K Thirukaalathi died here last evening following a heart attack. He was 70. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. Thirukaalathi, who had produced several players, had also served as the Secretary of the Kancheepuram District Chess Association and always had a close rapport with the media.

Bomb threat to DSC centre in Kannur declared hoax after police probe

Kannur: An email sent to the Defense Security Corps (DSC), at Cantonment area near Kannur town, stating that a bomb had been planted in the DSC premises in the morning, turned out to be a hoax today. Kannur town police, Dog and Bomb squad rushed to the spot and conducted a detailed investigation in the DSC premises and building up to afternoon, following the alert from the DSC officials that an email message received in the morning. DSC personnel also cooperate with the police for search operations.

RSS songs in Shankar Mahadevan's voice to be released on Sept 28

Nagpur: A newly composed collection of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) songs, rendered by noted singer Shankar Mahadevan, will be released here on September 28 as part of the Sangh's centenary year celebrations. The collection will be inaugurated by RSS Sarsanghchalak Dr. Mohan Bhagwat at 6 pm at Kavivarya Suresh Bhat Auditorium, Reshimbagh, sources said on Tuesday. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari will attend as chief guest, while Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis will be the special guest.

Two brothers killed in train accident in Odisha

Bhubaneswar: Two brothers were killed after being hit by a passenger train near Basanti Colony in Rourkela last night. The deceased were identified as Ranjan Patra (18) and his younger brother Jagan Patra (15), both residents of Haripur Basti in Basanti Colony. The brothers were run over by the Rourkela-Birmittapur passenger train while they were crossing the railway tracks on their way home. They died on the spot. Government Railway Police (GRP) recovered the bodies and sent them to Rourkela Government Hospital for a post-mortem examination.

Seven suffer severe burns in Mumbai's Kandivali Chawl fire

Mumbai: Seven people sustained severe burns — up to 90 per cent — after a massive fire broke out due to a suspected LPG gas leak in a shop located in a chawl in Kandivali, a suburban area of the city. According to Fire Brigade sources, the incident occurred at Ram Kisan Mestri Chawl, opposite ESIC Hospital on Military Road, Akurli Cross Road No. 3, Kandivali East.

Centre Promotes 2001 Batch IRS Officers to Principal Commissioner Rank ahead of IAS

Indian Revenue Services Officers of 2001 Batch Elevated to Level 15 Before IAS Batchmates For The First Time

New Delhi: The Modi Government has approved the promotion of 20 Indian Revenue Service (IRS-IT) officers of the 2001 batch to the prestigious rank of Principal Commissioner of Income Tax (Pr. CIT) in Level 15 of the Pay Matrix (Rs 1,82,200 – Rs 2,24,100).

IRS Officers Outpace IAS Batchmates

Traditionally, IAS officers are the first to be empanelled for senior administrative positions in Level 15, followed by officers from other All India and Central Civil Services such as the IRS, IPS, and IFS. However, this decision places IRS officers ahead of their IAS peers for the 2001 batch. Notably, the IAS 2000 batch saw empanelment of only 16



officers as Additional Secretaries earlier this year 15 in March 2025 and one in June 2025, while empanelment for the 2001 batch IAS officers has not yet commenced

The following 20 officers from the 2001 IRS (IT) batch have been promoted to Principal Commissioner of Income Tax

- Sanjay Dhariwal
- Dharam Veer Singh

- Sujit Kumar
- Monika Dhama
- Neelam Shukla
- Satyasai Rath
- P. Praveen Siddharth
- Susan Thomas
- A.S. Kumbhar
- Manish Sareen
- Dr. Sanjay Kumar Lal
- Prakash Dubey
- Vijay Kumar Jaiswal
- Vijay Babu Vasanta
- Pradeep Kumar Meel
- Rajib Jain
- R. Clement
- Ramesh Kumar
- Deshmukh S.
- Vishwas Rao
- K. Meghnath Chowhan
- Mudavathu N.
- Murthy Naik.

Rajya Sabha elections for Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab seats to be held on Oct 24

New Delhi: Election for the four Rajya Sabha seats from the union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and one seat from Punjab is scheduled to take place on October 24.

The Election Commission today said a notification regarding this will be issued on October 6 and candidates can file their nominations until October 13. The scrutiny of nomination papers will be done by October 14, and last date for withdrawal of candidatures will be October 16.

The Commission said that under the biennial election process for the Rajya Sabha, voting for all these five seats will take place on October 24 from 9 AM to 4 PM, and counting of votes will begin the same day from 5 PM. The four Rajya Sabha seats representing the union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir are vacant following the completion of the current members' term.

3518 illegal migrants detained in 3 yrs in Tripura, 2739 pushed back

Agartala (UNI)
Tripura Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha yesterday informed the assembly that over the past three years, a total of 3,518 illegal immigrants have been apprehended in the state.

In response to a query from TIPRA Motha MLA Ranjit Debbarma, Dr Saha said altogether 2,739 of them were subsequently sent back to their countries. The security agencies, collaborating with central forces, have ramped up monitoring along the 856 km international border.

Saha reported that 982 illegal entrants were caught in 2022, with numbers rising to 1,072 in 2023 and 1,007 in 2024, along with 412 apprehensions up to August 2025. The detained individuals include nationals from Bangladesh, Rohingya communities, as well as a few from Nigeria and France.

The push-back operations result-

CBSE releases datesheets for class 10, 12 board exams 2026

45 lakh students to appear for exams to run from February 17 to July 15 in India and abroad

New Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has released the tentative date sheets for the Class 10, 12 board examinations to be held in 2026.

The examinations are scheduled to be held between February 17 and July 15.

The exams during this period will cover:

- * Main examinations for Classes 10 and 12
- * Examinations for sports students (Class 12)
- * Second Board examinations (Class 10)
- * Supplementary examinations (Class 12)

According to CBSE, around 45 lakh students are expected to appear in 204 subjects across India and in 26



countries abroad. Alongside written tests, practicals, evaluation, and post-result processes will also be conducted to ensure timely declaration of results.

Evaluation process

As per CBSE guidelines, the eval-

PM Modi to unveil Rs 1.08 lakh cr projects in Rajasthan's Banswara today

New Delhi (UNI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Banswara, Rajasthan, on September 25 to inaugurate and lay the foundation stones for development projects worth over Rs 1.08 lakh crore.

These projects from multiple sectors aim to boost energy, transport, water, solar power, health, and digital infrastructure.

The highlight of the visit is the launch of the 2,800 MW Mahi Banswara nuclear power project, a major step towards strengthening India's clean energy capacity.

The Prime Minister will also flag off three new trains virtually, two Vande Bharat trains from Bikaner and Jodhpur to Delhi, and the Udaipur, Chandigarh Express, as per



an official statement.

In the energy sector, the Prime Minister will launch the Rs 42,000 crore Mahi Banswara nuclear power project, and initiate a 590 MW renewable energy project in Bikaner, worth Rs 8,500 crore.

To improve power transmission, a network of 15.5 GW capacity will be developed across Jaisalmer, Barmer, Sirohi, Nagaur, and Bikaner, involving an investment of Rs13,183 crore.

Additionally, three new 220 kV substations will be built in Bikaner and Jaisalmer at a cost of Rs 348 crore.

A separate 220 kV substation and transmission line in Barmer, worth Rs 142 crore, will also be inaugurated.

SC refuses to call arrest of Chinese national in Rs 9 crore GST scam illegal, directs bail plea to trial court

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has declined to declare the arrest of Chinese national Alice Li, accused in a Rs 9 crore GST fraud case, as illegal. The Court directed her husband, petitioner Xu Xunfu, to approach the trial court for her bail.

A Bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and K.V. Viswanathan observed that it was "difficult to declare the arrest illegal" and emphasised that any bail plea must be decided by the trial court strictly in accordance with law, unaffected by the Supreme Court's refusal to entertain the Article 32 petition.

The petitioner had challenged the arrest memo dated August 26, 2025, issued by the Commissioner of Central GST, Gautam Buddha Nagar, alleging a violation of Article 21 of the Constitution.

Suspended Congress MLA Rahul Mamkootathil Reopens Office After 38 Days

Palakkad (UNI)

Amid sexual harassment allegations, suspended Congress MLA Rahul Mamkootathil reopened his Palakkad office after 38 days despite BJP and DYFI boycott threats.

Some Congress workers supported him in reopening the office, including the silent stance taken by District Congress Committee (DCC) president Thankappan, despite Opposition leader VD Satheeshan opposing him.

Rahul arrived in Palakkad town from his native place at Adoor in Pathanamthitta district around 10 am in a private car and visited the house of a bereaved family of a Congress worker to console the family members.



Later, he visited the house of P G Paulose, former KPCC general secretary, who died today at Mannarkkad, to pay last respects to the departed leader.

The MLA was accompanied by KPCC leader C Chandran, Youth Congress district president Jayghosh, KSU district

vice president Nikhil, and others. Around 4:15 pm, Rahul visited his MLA office along with a few Congress leaders and workers, accepting letters from the public as a mark to reopen and restart the office's functioning in Palakkad.

He was expelled from the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) over allegations of sexual harassment and resigned as state president of the Youth Congress.

PM Modi to flag off Brahmapur-Udhna Amrit Bharat Express on September 27: ECoR

Bhubaneswar (UNI)

The Amrit Bharat Express connecting Brahmapur (Odisha) with Udhna (Surat, Gujarat) will be flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 27, through video conferencing.

East Coast Sources (ECOR) sources today said in its inaugural run, the train will depart from Brahmapur Railway Station at 1200 hrs on September 27. The schedule for the regular run of this train will be notified shortly.

This service will be of special benefit to the many workers from Brahmapur and Ganjam districts employed in and around Surat. It will offer them a safer, more comfortable, quicker and more reliable mode of travel for return journeys, family visits and for other travel needs—sup-



porting connectivity, lowering travel burden and contributing to socio-economic welfare of these communities.

The new Amrit Bharat Express is designed with modern amenities and safety features, especially for non-AC / sleeper / general-segment passengers. Some of its features include:

Fully non-AC train set with com-

bination of General (unreserved) and Sleeper class coaches, plus a Pantry Car, and guard/disabled-friendly rakes.

It has a better design of seats and berths, more comfortable look & feel on lines similar to Vande Bharat Sleeper. Semi-automatic / semi-permanent couplers to reduce jerk during start/stop, thus improving ride comfort.

Locomotives at both ends of the train in some versions, improving acceleration, braking, turnaround, especially through curves and speed restricted sections.

It has safety features such as crash-worthy design improvements, CCTV cameras in all coaches and in luggage areas, fire suppression systems (aerosol based) in toilets and electrical compartments.

Civil society groups allege rise in attacks on Christians in Rajasthan

Jaipur (UNI)

Several civil society organisations have expressed concern over a rise in attacks against Christians in Rajasthan, claiming nine such incidents have occurred in September alone, following the passage of the state's Anti-Conversion Bill on September 9.

In a joint statement, the groups highlighted two attacks in the state capital, one of which occurred in Sanganer, the Assembly constituency of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma. They alleged that the incidents reflect officials' disregard for peace and harmony and demanded the arrest of the culprits, whom they claim are linked to the Bajrang Dal.

The organisations that issued the statement include the People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCIL), Jaipur Christian Fellowship, Rajasthan Samagra Sewa Sangh, and others. John Mathew and

Sawai Singh of the Jaipur Christian Fellowship described an incident yesterday at the Hindustan Bible Institute (HBI) in Pratap Nagar, which trains pastors. They said around 50 Bajrang Dal activists protested at the institute at 3 pm, suspecting conversion activities.

At the time, an official from HBI's Chennai headquarters and another from Bagidora town in Banswara district were visiting. The protesters alleged the two had come for conversions and began "hooliganism," the statement claimed.

Following a complaint from the Bajrang Dal, Pratap Nagar police took the two visiting guests to the police station for questioning. Police also seized the phone, laptops, and pendrive of the HBI in-charge, along with the institute's documents, including property papers.

CM Rekha Gupta inaugurates Rs 760 cr development projects for Delhi's villages

New Delhi (UNI)

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta today inaugurated around 80 projects related to various public services, worth over Rs 760 crore, for 50 villages in Delhi's rural belt.

She stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi always says that when the villages develop, the entire country develops. Aimed at speeding up development of Delhi's villages, these projects are being implemented under the Delhi Gramoday Abhiyan.

The CM dedicated these initiatives to the public in the presence of Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena at Outer Delhi's Pooth Khurd village.

Gupta said that the simultaneous launch of numerous schemes shows how committed the Delhi government is to the villages. She also mentioned that the government has allocated Rs 1,000 crore to the Rural Development



Board formed to ensure that development projects across villages do not stall or face any interruption.

According to the CM, with the beginning of these services, the development of the national capital's villages will gain speed, which will not only lead to infrastructural growth but also

establish harmony between cultural heritage, traditions, and modern advancements.

Gupta added that by following the path of unprecedented development witnessed in rural areas under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, the Delhi government is also moving forward

Kerala launches web portal to boost medical tourism

with a commitment to empower the rural belt with modern facilities. Outer Delhi MP Yogendra Chandolia, Delhi Cabinet Minister Ravindra Indraj Singh, and Chairman of the Village Development Board Rajkumar Chauhan, among others, were also present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, the CM also unveiled a new sports centre at CM Shri School in Hiran Kudna village, Outer Delhi, and dedicated the facility to the students.

This was part of the ongoing service fortnight, which began on September 17 on the occasion of PM Modi's birthday and will continue till October 2.

According to the CM, the advanced sports facility and the track will ensure better sporting opportunities for children in nearby areas, helping nurture their talent and enabling them to create an identity at national and international levels.

Thiruvananthapuram: The Kerala Medical Value Travel Society (KMVTS) today launched a web portal to promote the state's medical services and align with the government's medical tourism initiatives. The website was launched by Principal Secretary of Industries, A.P.M. Mohamed Hanish, in the presence of Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC) Managing Director Vishnuaraj P. Developed under the vision of KSIDC, the portal provides information on major hospitals, doctors, and available services, along with travel guides and medical visa procedures.

"Kerala has set an immediate target of capturing at least 10 percent of India's USD 8 billion medical value tourism market," Hanish said.