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**Shivangi Singh becomes IAF's first woman QFI**



**Macron reappoints Sebastien Lecornu as French PM**

## 'PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana' launch

**Agencies, New Delhi**  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi today launched, inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple projects and schemes worth over 42 thousand crore rupees in the agriculture and allied sectors at a special Krishi programme in New Delhi.



During the event, organized at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Prime Minister Modi unveiled two major initiatives in the agriculture sector, 'PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana' and 'Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses with an outlay of more than 35 thousand crore rupees.

PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana has been launched with an outlay of 24 thousand crore rupees with the objective of enhancing agricultural productivity, increasing adoption of crop diversification and sustainable agriculture practices and improving irrigation facilities and facilitating availability of long-term and short-term credit in the selected 100 districts.

While the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses have been launched with an outlay of 11 thousand 440 crore. It is aimed at improving productivity levels of pulses, expanding

the area under pulse cultivation, strengthening the value chain – procurement, storage, processing – and ensuring reduction of losses.

During the event, the Prime Minister also inaugurated and dedicated to the nation projects valued at over 5,450 crore rupees in the agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries, and food processing sectors, while laying the foundation stone for additional projects worth around 815 crore rupees.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Prime Minister said, the schemes 'PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana' and 'Mission for Aat-

manirbharta in Pulses will transform the fortunes of millions of farmers in the country. He emphasized, for 21st-century India to achieve rapid development, reforms in country's agricultural system were essential, and this began in 2014.

Highlighting the achievements during the NDA rule, Mr Modi said, in the past eleven years, India's agricultural exports have nearly doubled while the food grains production has increased by around 90 million metric tonnes, while fruit and vegetable output has risen by more than 640 lakh metric tonnes. Mr Modi said that India today ranks number one

in the world in milk production, and it is also the second-largest fish producer globally.

Mr Modi also informed that six new fertilizers companies have also been set up in the country and 25 crore soil health cards were distributed to farmers in the last 11 years. The Prime Minister said that agriculture budget under the NDA government has increased by 6 per cent and GST reduction has also provided maximum benefits to rural India and farmers.

The Prime Minister further urged farmers to diversify crops beyond wheat and rice, focusing on pulses to ensure protein security.

He said that the Success of PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana will depend on local level implementation and government will transform 100 low-performing agri-districts under the scheme.

Mr. Modi emphasized that farmers have a bigger role in making India a developed nation.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that in the next GST reforms, the government has provided relief to farmers by reducing GST rates on farm equipment.

## Trump slaps additional 100 percent tariff on China

**New Delhi (UNI)**

Intensifying trade tensions with China, US President Donald Trump announced a 100 percent tariff on Chinese goods in response to Beijing's export policy of tightening its control over critical minerals and rare earth elements—key resources vital to global technology and defense industries.

Trump further clarified on his earlier comments regarding his planned meeting with Xi, saying he had not officially canceled the summit.

Trump revealed the tariff increase via Truth Social, stating the new duties would take effect on November 1, or possibly sooner. These tariffs would supersede the existing duties on Chinese goods, which have been in place since the previous trade conflict.

Additionally, Trump announced his administration would implement export controls on "any and all critical software," in response to China's tightened grip on rare earth exports.

"It is impossible to believe that China would have taken such an action, but they have, and the rest is



history," Trump posted on Truth Social.

However, he expressed surprise at China's sudden imposition of the export restrictions, calling them "out of the blue."

Speaking to reporters at the White House, Trump added, "No, I haven't canceled. However, I'm not sure if we'll have it. I'll be there regardless. I would assume we might have it, but they hit the world with something. It was shocking. Out of the blue, they came up with this whole import-export concept, and nobody knew anything about it."

### MUSTREAD

#### DGCA declares Puri's Jagannath Dham as Red Zone

**Puri:** The pilgrim town of Puri, home to the sacred Jagannath Dham, has been marked as a Red Zone on the flight map of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). According to the DGCA notification, aircraft are prohibited from flying within 50,000 meters above sea level over Puri, particularly above the Sri Jagannath Temple. The restriction came into effect on September 26, 2025, and will remain valid until September 25, 2028. However, the decision has sparked mixed reactions among devotees, many of whom have demanded the installation of anti-drone systems to prevent drones from flying near the 12th century temple, a nationally protected monument.

#### Five of a family found dead in Rajasthan's Sikar

**Jaipur:** Days after suspected mass suicide, the bodies of five members of a family were found today in their flat on Palawas Road in Sikar town of Rajasthan, police said. The deceased were identified as Kiran, her two sons, and two daughters. Sources said the neighbours alerted the police when the family was not seen for days. On entering the flat after breaking open the door, police found all five bodies in a decomposed state.

#### Punjab Police arrest 94 drug smugglers

**Chandigarh:** Continuing its statewide campaign "Yudh Nashian Virudh" to eliminate drug trafficking, Punjab Police arrested 94 drug smugglers during coordinated raids at 325 locations today. The crackdown, which marked the 224th day of the ongoing drive, led to the registration of 65 FIRs across the state. During the latest operation, police recovered 2.8 kilograms of heroin, 2.9 kilograms of ICE (crystal meth), 24.2 kilograms of opium, 293 intoxicant tablets or capsules, and Rs 1.22 lakh in drug money.

#### Militants nabbed

**Imphal:** Security forces carried out a series of successful operations across Manipur today, recovering arms, ammunition and arresting several active cadres of proscribed outfits and drug peddlers involved in criminal activities. During an operation at Ngalrangbam Loukon IVR, connecting Khongakhul and Longa Koireng villages under Patsoi Police Station, Imphal West district, the security forces recovered one .303 rifle with a magazine, one modified .303 rifle.

#### Sensex

BSE..... 82,500.82 (+328.72)

NSE..... 25,285.35 (+103.55)

#### Bullion

Gold..... 1,24,260 (24 carat 10gm)

Silver..... 1,77,000 (1kg)

USD(\$)/INR(Rs)..... 88.73

#### Weather

Sunrise	Sunset	Day	Night
6:16	5:59	29.6	17.8

## Reliance Power CFO resigns after arrest by ED in bank fraud case



**Agencies, New Delhi**

Reliance Power has informed stock exchanges that Ashok Kumar Pal, Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer(CFO) of the Company, who was arrested by ED on the night of October 10 under PMLA, has demitted the office with immediate effect pending investigation.

"We refer to our disclosure dated

November 7, 2024 and November 14, 2024 whereby we have informed that the Company had lodged a criminal complaint in the matter of alleged fake endorsement of bank guarantee against EMD (issued by foreign bank), which was arranged by third party, with Economic Offence Wing of Delhi Police against the third party on October 16, 2024, basis on which First Information Report (FIR) has been registered on November 11, 2024," the filing said.

It said the Company and its subsidiaries acted in a bonafide manner "and are a victim of fraud, forgery and cheating conspiracy".

"In this matter, Ashok Kumar Pal, Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer(CFO) of the Company has been arrested by ED in the night of October 10, 2025 under Section 19 of PMLA, 2002. He was produced before the Court today morning and ED has been granted two days' custody," the filing said.

## Sonali Ghosh becomes first Indian to win global IUCN Kenton Miller Award

**Abu Dhabi:** India's conservation efforts received global recognition on Friday as Dr Sonali Ghosh, Field Director of Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, became the first Indian to win the prestigious WCPA-Kenton Miller Award for innovation in National Parks and Protected Area Sustainability at the IUCN World Conservation Congress held in Abu Dhabi. The award, presented by the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), honours individuals who have made innovative contributions to the long-term sustainability of national parks and protected areas worldwide. It is named after Dr Kenton R. Miller, a pioneer in conservation and former Director General of IUCN.

Dr Ghosh's recognition highlights India's growing leadership in biodiversity conservation, particularly the sustainable management of Assam's protected ecosystems such as Kaziranga, Manas, and Orang National Parks. Her work focuses on strengthening park management, engaging local communities in conservation efforts.

## Rohtak SP Narendra Bijarniya transferred days after IPS officer Y Puran Kumar's death

**Agencies, Chandigarh (Haryana)**

The Haryana Government on Saturday transferred Rohtak Superintendent of Police Narendra Bijarniya, who is facing accusations along with seven other senior police officers of the Haryana police in the death of IPS officer Y Puran Kumar. According to a Haryana Government order, Superintendent of police, Narcotics Bureau, Surinder Bhorla, will replace Bijarniya as Rohtak SP.

Puran Kumar allegedly shot himself at his residence in Chandigarh on October 7, and in the 'final note' he left behind, he accused eight senior cops, including Haryana director general of police Shatrueet Kapur and Bijarniya, of "blatant caste-based discrimination, targeted mental harassment, public humiliation and atrocities."

The family of the deceased had demanded the immediate arrest of the DGP and Rohtak SP. Chandigarh Police has formed a six-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) to conduct a comprehensive and impartial probe into the matter.

**New Delhi (UNI)**

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday presented cheques of Rs 1 crore each to the families of 11 government employees who lost their lives while performing their duties during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking at a ceremony held here today, Mrs. Gupta said, "This is not just financial assistance, but our deep gratitude and humble tribute to them. The courage and selfless service of these brave workers will forever remain immortal in our hearts and will continue to inspire duty, compassion, and dedication in future generations."

She said that no government can compensate for a person's life, but it is the government's duty to ensure that such families receive every possible assistance. It is a matter of pride for the Delhi government that the families of these brave workers, who demonstrated dedication to

## Delhi CM distributes ex gratia of Rs 1 cr to families of 11 Corona Warriors



their duty during the COVID-19 period, have now received their due.

The government will stand by these families not only with financial assistance but also with other needs and problems.

The Chief Minister said, "COVID was not just a health crisis for the entire world, but also a personal tragedy for millions of families. Today, we pay tribute to all those who lost their lives in this pandemic."

## Sonia writes to wife of deceased IPS officer V Puran Kumar

**New Delhi:** In a heartfelt gesture, Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary Party, has penned a condolence letter to Anneet P Kumar, the wife of Senior IPS Officer V Puran Kumar, who tragically took his own life.

The letter, dated October 10, 2025, is a testament to the party's commitment to social justice and support for the families of dedicated public servants.

Sonia Gandhi's letter conveys deep sorrow and solidarity with the bereaved family. She writes, "Shri V Puran Kumar's dedication reminds us that even today, the rulers' oppression from time immemorial has deprived even the highest officials of social justice. I, along with millions of countrymen, stand with you on this path of justice."

## MP set to boost Film and Tourism Investment

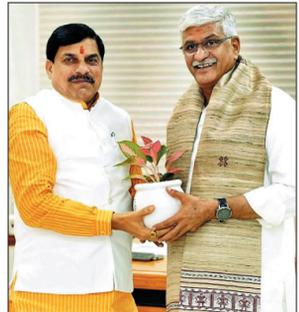
**Administrative Correspondent**

**Bhopal:** Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav chaired a high-level, one-on-one session with investors, leading filmmakers, and renowned actors at the Madhya Pradesh Travel Mart today.

Held at the Kushabhau Thakre Auditorium, the crucial meeting aimed to strengthen the state's tourism infrastructure and position it as a major film-shooting destination.

CM Yadav assured all attendees of the state government's complete support, emphasizing its commitment to making Madhya Pradesh the most attractive hub for tourism and filmmaking in India. Union Minister for Tourism and Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat was also present.

## CM Holds One-on-One with Industry Titans



The Chief Minister met personally with prominent film personalities, including producer Ekta

Kapoor and actors Gajraj Rao and Raghuraj Yadav.

International interest was also evident with discussions involving Lara Molina and producer Anna Saura from the Spanish Film Commission.

The conference attracted major players from the hotel and hospitality sector, including executives from the Indian Hotels Company Limited and several resort and aviation groups, all keen on exploring investment opportunities.

Additionally, experts in travel wedding planning and event management shared strategies with the CM to promote Madhya Pradesh as a premier wedding destination.

## SIT quizzes Toxic Cough Syrup manufacturer

**Chhindwara:** The owner of the cough syrup company linked to the deaths of 21 children, Govind Ranganathan, remains under intense questioning by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) following his arrest in Tamil Nadu. Superintendent of Police Ajay Pandey personally conducted the interrogation, which lasted all day, focusing on critical details of the operation.

Upon Ranganathan's arrival in Parasia yesterday, public anger boiled over, with protestors demanding his immediate execution. Police managed to present him in court, securing a 10-day police remand. No-

tably, the gravity of the case was underscored by the fact that not a single lawyer came forward to represent Ranganathan, as all local advocates refused to take his case.

The police are pressing Ranganathan for details on the company's operating license, duration of business, number of functional labs, and the involvement of other individuals. A key focus is determining how the alleged contamination in the cough syrup went unnoticed by him. Police plan to transport Ranganathan back to Tamil Nadu soon to collect crucial documents and evidence from the sealed factory premises.

