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Congress questions Modi's silence on Trump's Russia oil claims



Trump says he did not want 'wasted meeting' after plan for Putin talks shelved

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Portion of helipad caves in after President Murmu's helicopter lands in Kerala

Pathanamthitta: A mishap occurred at Pramadam Stadium in Pathanamthitta today when a portion of the helipad tarmac caved in as a helicopter carrying President Droupadi Murmu landed. The incident happened shortly after the helicopter touched down at Pramadam. According to officials at the site, the chopper's wheels slipped into the newly concreted temporary helipad surface, which had not yet fully set. This caused a depression that trapped the aircraft. Emergency personnel from both the police and fire departments, who were present at the location, promptly intervened and manually maneuvered the helicopter out of the affected area.

Air India's US-bound flight returns to Mumbai due to technical snag

Mumbai: An Air India flight scheduled from Mumbai to Newark in the United States had to return after take-off, as the crew identified a suspected technical snag, according to a statement issued by the airline on Wednesday. "The crew of flight AI191 operating from Mumbai to Newark on 22 October, made a precautionary air-return to Mumbai due to a suspected technical issue. The flight landed safely back in Mumbai, and the aircraft is undergoing necessary inspections," according to an Air India statement.

PM Modi extends birthday wishes to Amit Shah

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended warm birthday greetings to union Home Minister Amit Shah as he turned 61 today. In a message shared on X, the Prime Minister commended Shah's steadfast dedication to public service and his instrumental role in strengthening India's internal security apparatus. "Wishing Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Ji a very happy birthday. His dedication to public service and relentless efforts to ensure the safety and dignity of every Indian are truly commendable. May he be blessed with a long and healthy life," PM Modi stated.

IndiGo flight makes emergency landing at Varanasi airport

Varanasi: IndiGo Airlines flight 6E-6961, flying from Kolkata to Srinagar, had to make an emergency landing at Varanasi's Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport on Wednesday evening after a fuel leak was reported.

Trump calls PM Modi 'great person'

Hosts Diwali celebrations at White House

Washington: US President Donald Trump hosted a special Diwali event at the White House, where he termed Prime Minister Narendra Modi "a great person" and said he loves "the people of India."

The event was attended by the Indian Ambassador to the US Vinay Kwatra, the new US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor, FBI Director Kash Patel and Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard. Leading business leaders from the Indian diaspora were also part of the celebrations.

Trump lit the diya in the Oval Office, calling it "a symbol of faith in the victory of light over darkness" and extended his "warmest wishes to the people of India."

"It's knowledge over ignorance and good over evil. During Diwali, revellers recall ancient stories of enemies defeated, obstacles removed and captives freed. The glow of the diya flame reminds us to seek the path of wisdom and to work with diligence and to always give thanks for our many blessings," he added.

The Indian Ambassador



thanked President Trump for opening up the White House to mark the festival of Diwali.

"Mr. President, let me start first of all by expressing a deep sense of gratitude for opening up White House, Oval Office, your home to mark Diwali's festival of lights, which is celebrated by one-fifth of humanity... You are showcasing the strength of diversity through this celebration. So it's truly a great honour. On behalf of my Prime Minister and my own behalf, wish you and your loved one, very, very happy Diwali greetings, particularly to over 5

million-strong Indian diaspora in the US and I close by making a wish, which is what we do for Diwali. We wish that the light of Diwali continues to shine on your success and on the strength of India," he noted.

FBI Director Kash Patel, one of the most prominent Indian Americans serving in the Trump administration, praised Trump for celebrating Diwali at the White House.

"It's an honour to be a first-generation Indian-American... Under your leadership, so many more millions of Americans are living that dream, and

Major Win for India: Mehul Choksi's Extradition Approved

Belgian Court Rejects Fugitive's Appeal in Rs 13,000 Cr PNB Scam



New Delhi: Fugitive diamond merchant Mehul Choksi is a step closer to facing trial in India after a court in Antwerp, Belgium, rejected his appeal and upheld the decision to extradite him. Choksi is a key accused in the massive ₹13,000 crore Punjab National Bank (PNB) fraud case.

The Belgian court found that all legal requirements for extradition were met and affirmed the validity of the Indian arrest warrants issued in 2018 and 2021.

Choksi had fought the move, claiming he faced risks to his life, political persecution, and an unfair trial in India, also citing poor health.

However, the court dismissed his arguments as insufficient, stating he failed to prove any "real risk" of inhuman treatment or denial of justice upon his return. This decisive ruling marks a significant legal victory for Indian agencies and concludes the long-running battle to bring Choksi back to face justice.

Rahul and Priyanka to Spearhead Congress Campaign in Bihar

Top Congress Leaders Set to Join Mahagathbandhan Rallies Post-Chhath



New Delhi: The Congress leadership has finalized plans for its star campaigners, former President Rahul Gandhi and MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, to boost the Mahagathbandhan's efforts in the Bihar Assembly elections.

Sources indicate that both leaders will kick off their election campaigns immediately after the Chhath festival concludes. Their presence is expected to match the high-profile canvassing by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other BJP heavyweights. Joint rallies with Mahagathbandhan partners are currently being scheduled.

Rahul Gandhi is set to begin his tour with a major rally in a key district of North Bihar. The party's strategy focuses on areas where Congress candidates show strong viability and the constituencies of sitting Congress MLAs during the first phase of the polls. The move aims to inject significant

momentum into the opposition's campaign in a politically charged environment.

Gehlot Meets Lalu-Tejashwi Amid Bihar Seat Tussle

Patna: Senior Congress leader Ashok Gehlot arrived in Patna today to untangle the complexities and seat-sharing disputes within the Mahagathbandhan ahead of the Bihar Assembly elections.

Gehlot held an hour-long meeting with RJD supremo Lalu Yadav and Tejashwi Yadav, a picture of which has since emerged, also showing Rabri Devi. Following the talks, Gehlot stated that the full picture would become clear at a press conference on Thursday. He downplayed any major rift, asserting that "five to six seats" faced a "friendly fight" and there was no internal breakdown in the alliance.

Meanwhile, Purnia MP Pappu Yadav made a sensational claim, alleging that the NDA would not make Nitish Kumar the Chief Minister and that only the Congress would accord him respect. Yadav further claimed that CM Nitish Kumar is contemplating joining the Congress, and the party would welcome him if he chose to do so.

Clash Inside Mahakal Sanctum: Priest and Mahant in Abusive Brawl

- Dispute Over Temple Rules Escalates to Physical Assault



Ujjain: Controversy erupted inside the sanctum sanctorum of the revered Mahakal Temple on Wednesday morning when a confrontation between a temple priest and a mahant (head priest) escalated into a verbal and physical brawl. The highly unusual incident, which included abusive language and threats, was captured on CCTV.

Verbal Duel over Dress Code

The dispute began when Mahant Mahavir Nath of Rinmukteshwar Temple entered the Garbhagriha with a guest, Mahant Shankar Nath from Gorakhpur. According to reports, the two began discussing

temple rules, which quickly turned into a heated argument with priest representative Mahesh Sharma. The situation escalated into pushing and shoving, causing Sharma to fall. Other priests, staff, and security guards rushed to separate the two. Both parties have filed written complaints with Temple Administrator Pratham Kaushik, who has launched an investigation based on the footage.

Saints Demand Priest's Expulsion

Following the incident, Mahant Mahavir Nath informed local sadhus and mahants, trigger-

ing immediate outrage. Over 100 saints and mahants from the local Akhara Parishad, led by President Mahant Dr. Rameshwar Das Maharaj, gathered to submit a memorandum to Ujjain Collector and Temple Committee Chairman Roshan Kumar Singh demanding strict action, including the expulsion of priest Mahesh Sharma. Administrator Kaushik assured the delegation that disciplinary action would be taken against the guilty parties after a full inquiry.

Nath Community Alerts UP Chief Minister

The incident has caused widespread resentment among the Nath Sampradaya community across the country, as Mahant Mahavir Nath belongs to the sect led by Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath. The community has brought the matter to the attention of CM Adityanath, who condemned the event. He stated that the insult to the saint community will not be tolerated and demanded appropriate action from the local administration and state government.

CM Yadav Pitches for 'Gau Abhayaranya'

- Urges Daily Dairy Consumption
- Vijaywargiya Proposes Donations from MPs and MLAs for Gaushalas



Indore: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav called for making cow service a "people's movement" while attending a Gowardhan Puja event in Hatod. Performing Gau Puja and affectionately embracing a calf, the CM questioned, "If we can establish Tiger Sanctuaries, why not Cow Sanctuaries (Gau Abhayaranya)?"

Dr. Yadav appealed to the public to regularly consume dairy, saying, "Whether it's Sunday or Monday, eat milk, curd, and butter every day." He urged farmers to return to natural and organic farming, promising that those who register for natural farming would

receive a premium over the Minimum Support Price (MSP). He stressed that it is essential to return to traditional farming methods and cow service to combat the damage caused by chemical fertilizers.

Echoing the commitment to cow welfare, Urban Development Minister Kailash Vijaywargiya made a notable suggestion: State MLAs should donate Rs. 5 lakh annually and MPs should donate Rs.10 lakh annually from their funds to local Gaushalas (cow shelters). The event was also attended by Water Resources Minister Tulsi Silawat and other public representatives.

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