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UP CM reviews development works in Sambhal

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath today said that Sambhal's development is the government's priority and directed the government and district officials to develop Sambhal in a phased manner. CM held a review meeting in Sambhal district where he enquired about the ongoing development works there. He also reviewed law and order of Sambhal. "In the first phase, restore ancient pilgrimage sites and wells. In the second phase, focus on development works like a museum and light and sound projects," CM instructed. The Chief Minister also called for prompt action on the construction of a district court, prison, and PAC barracks in Sambhal.

Mayawati thanks supporters after Ramgarh Assly victory

Lucknow: The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief extended congratulations and gratitude to party workers and supporters for securing the victory of its candidate, Satish Kumar Singh Yadav, from the Ramgarh Assembly seat (Constituency 203) in Kaimur district in the recently concluded Bihar Assembly elections. According to the statement on X made on Sunday, Mayawati claimed that the BSP members and supporters "stood firm with courage" throughout the counting process. The party alleged that repeated recounting and coordinated pressure by the administration and rival political parties were attempts to defeat the BSP candidate. However, the party credited its "brave workers" for preventing what it described as a conspiracy.

Srinivas appointed Rajasthan Chief Secretary, Sudhansh Pant moves to Centre

Jaipur: Senior IAS officer V Srinivas has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of Rajasthan, according to an order issued by the state Personnel (Ka-1) Department on Sunday. Srinivas succeeds Sudhansh Pant, who has been sent on deputation to New Delhi as Secretary in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. In addition to his role as Chief Secretary, Srinivas will hold additional charges as the Chairman of Rajasthan Mines and Mineral Corporation, Udaipur, and as the Chief Resident Commissioner of Rajasthan in New Delhi.

AAP targets BJP over closure of 250 Mohalla Clinics

New Delhi: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Sunday launched a fierce demonstration against the BJP government over the systematic shutdown of Mohalla Clinics, calling it out for dismantling Delhi's free healthcare network to benefit private hospitals. Led by Karol Bagh MLA Vishesh Ravi and former MCD Mayor Mahesh Khichi, AAP workers raised slogans demanding the immediate reopening of all sealed clinics. The AAP MLA alleged that the BJP government has already closed 250 Mohalla Clinics across Delhi, forcing people to pay hefty fees at private hospitals. Highlighting the shutdown of health services, Ravi said, "After the BJP came to power in Delhi, it shut down around 250 Mohalla Clinics and locked and sealed six clinics in Karol Bagh and Paharganj. Since the BJP's reign, these facilities have been steadily reduced. Mohalla Clinics were a unique system providing free treatment near people's homes."

Mountaineers rescue trekker at Chanderi Fort

Pune: A trekker who slipped at a difficult section during the ascent of Chanderi Fort, which is located near the Vangani-Badlapur region in Maharashtra, was rescued by a team of mountaineers on Sunday. The fort stands at height of around 700 meters and the route is difficult, hence not meant for novice trekkers. A team of mountaineers including Mihir Jadhav, Hemant Jadhav, Guru, Vishal Godde, Ravi Pawar, Ravi Patil, Rudra Mohapatra, Vangesh Gaikwad and Ganesh came to practice at Chanderi Fort route for the Giripremi Pune Mount Everest Expedition planned in 2026.

NDA shapes new Bihar cabinet under Nitish

Patna (UNI)
With the NDA securing a landslide in the 2025 Bihar Assembly polls, the process of forming the new government has accelerated. On Sunday, CM Nitish Kumar's Patna residence turned into a hub of political discussions.
Union Minister of State Nityanand Rai, BJP leader Vijendra Yadav and RLM chief Upendra Kushwaha arrived one after another. According to sources, these meetings focused on the date of the swearing-in ceremony, cabinet formation and the ministerial quota for each NDA constituent.
Earlier, senior JD(U) leaders Sanjay Jha and Lalan Singh met BJP leader Amit Shah to discuss the Chief Minister's position, the distribution of ministries, the tentative date of



the swearing-in ceremony and the names of those who would take oath alongside the Chief Minister. The talks were described as positive and constructive.
The BJP top leadership will now meet the leaders of other NDA con-

stituents, including Jitan Ram Manjhi, Upendra Kushwaha and Chirag Paswan, to finalise names for the cabinet.
On Sunday, the Chief Electoral Officer of Bihar and senior Election Commission officials handed over the final list of newly elected MLAs to Governor of Bihar Arif Mohammad Khan, formally initiating the government-formation process.
Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is expected to submit his resignation to Governor Arif Mohammad Khan on Monday. Later in the day, a meeting of the NDA legislative party will be held at the CM House, where Nitish Kumar is expected to be formally elected as the legislative party leader.
Nitish Kumar is expected to take oath as Chief Minister of Bihar before November 22.

“Terrorists have to be fortunate just once” Vice President CP Radhakrishnan calls Delhi Terror Blast “painful”

Agencies, New Delhi
Calling the Delhi terror blast “painful”, Vice President CP Radhakrishnan said that police have to be fortunate every time and terrorists have to be fortunate just once.
On November 10, the blast near the Red Fort complex in the national capital killed 12 people and injured several others.
“Police and the other Intelligence Forces have to be fortunate every time. Terrorists have to be fortunate just once,” he said, calling the blast “very painful.” A team from the Faridabad Crime Branch brought a young man to Al-Falah University on Sunday as part of ongoing verification exercises linked to the Faridabad terror module. Investigations into the case are still underway.
Earlier, Intelligence agencies un-



covered a Rs 20 lakh fund trail linked to three doctors, Umar, Muzammil, and Shaheen. Intelligence sources said that the amount is suspected to have been routed by a Jaish-e-Mohammed handler through a hawala network.
Of this, around Rs 3 lakh is be-

ECI extends voter details digitisation deadline until end November

Kolkata (UNI)
The Election Commission of India (ECI) has set an end-November deadline for completing the digitisation of voter details collected through enumeration forms in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in West Bengal.
According to officials in the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), West Bengal, digitisation work—already underway at the booth level—has so far covered nearly 50 lakh forms.
“The pace of data entry will be scaled up from Sunday, and the entire process is expected to be finished by the end of the month, as directed by the Commission,” an official at the CEO office in West Bengal told UNI on condition of anonymity.
The deadline was finalised on Saturday evening during an urgent meeting chaired by West Bengal CEO Manoj Kumar Agarwal with District

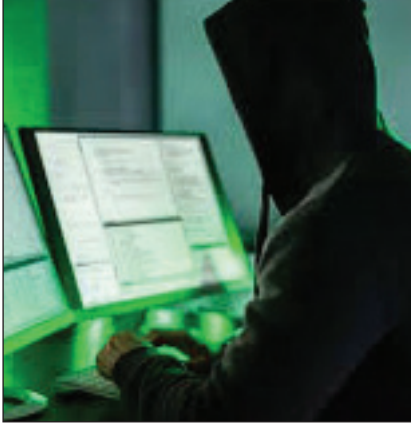
Magistrates, who also serve as District Electoral Officers, and their subordinate election officials. Senior ECI officials in New Delhi joined the meeting virtually.
In a parallel development, a four-member ECI team is scheduled to visit West Bengal from November 18 to 21 to assess the progress of the revision exercise, which began on November 4.
The delegation will comprise Deputy Election Commissioner Gyanesh Bharti, Principal Secretaries S. B. Joshi and Malay Mallick, and Deputy Secretary Abhinav Agarwal.
During their four-day stay, the members will review SIR implementation in Kolkata, South 24 Parganas, Nadia, Murshidabad, and Malda.
This will be the second visit by a central team this month, underscoring the Commission's close monitoring of the revision process in the state.

Truck fire kills 29 cattle in Nagpur; Police suspect illegal transportation

Nagpur: Twenty-nine cattle were burnt to death after a truck carrying them overturned and caught fire early Sunday morning near Fetri village in Kalmeshwar taluka of Maharashtra's Nagpur district.
The incident occurred around 4:30 a.m. when the vehicle, reportedly transporting 36 animals, met with an accident and ignited within moments.
According to police, the truck was travelling from Mahalgaon on the Bhandara route toward Kalmeshwar. The vehicle overturned on its side near Fetri-Gorewada Road, rupturing the fuel tank.
The leaking fuel is believed to have triggered the fire.
Debris was scattered across the road and the blaze rapidly engulfed the truck.

Crime Branch busts 'Digital Arrest' racket, 6 held

New Delhi (UNI)
The Delhi Police Crime Branch on Sunday said that they have dismantled an organised syndicate behind sophisticated "digital arrest" scams, arresting six individuals for allegedly swindling Rs 49 lakh from a 71-year-old woman.
The victim was reportedly held under virtual confinement for nearly 24 hours by fraudsters posing as law enforcement officials.
The investigation was launched following a formal complaint from the elderly victim.
The perpetrators used a combination of spoofed official communication, intimidation, and psychological manipulation to convince the woman that she was facing serious legal action, coercing her into transferring the massive sum to various bank accounts.
In a coordinated operation, police teams conducted raids across multiple locations in Lucknow, including



Aminabad, Hasanganj, Madey Ganj, and Sadar Cantt. The six individuals taken into custody have been identified as Mohd. Ovais (25), Vishal Tiwari (19), Shakeel Ahmad (53), Mohd. Ahad (25), Mohd. Atif (25), and Mohd. Ujjaib (25).
DCP (Cyber) Aditya Gautam stat-

ed that the crackdown represents a significant breakthrough in combating organised cyber-financial fraud. He added that investigations are ongoing to track down other operatives linked to the network.
Police revealed that the accused, many of whom came from modest backgrounds and worked as daily-wage labourers, tailors, or private helpers, were recruited to open and operate "mule" bank accounts for laundering the illicit funds.
The operation was led by Inspector Subhash Chandra and his team under the supervision of ACP Anil Sharma. Investigators found that the gang funneled the stolen money through a complex web of bank accounts before ultimately withdrawing the cash from ATMs to obscure the trail. The Crime Branch also confirmed that multiple prior complaints against the arrested individuals had been registered on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal.

Himachal disaster-affected communities voice concerns at Mandi public hearing

Shimla (UNI)
A day-long People's Public Hearing was held at Saksharta Bhavan, Mandi, where more than 70 disaster-affected residents from Mandi, Kangra, Kullu, Kinnaur, Lahaul and other districts presented their grievances before a seven-member civil society panel.
Residents shared deeply personal testimonies of loss—damaged homes, devastated farmland, destroyed roads, wiped-out livelihoods, unsafe settlements, and fractured futures.
Organised as part of a broader two-day programme involving grassroots organisations from across Himachal Pradesh, the hearing offered a rare public platform for affected communities to speak openly about exclusion, administrative gaps, and



their ongoing struggle for justice.
One of the most urgent concerns raised was the long-pending compensation for farmland loss and damaged houses, particularly in the severely affected pockets of the state.
Disaster-affected residents noted that although an immediate relief

Akhilesh warns of crisis in Hindustaniyat, blames centre

Bengaluru (UNI)
Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Sunday sounded a warning over what he described as a "crisis in Hindustaniyat," alleging that the central government is creating divisions within Indian society and even within families.
He emphasised the need for collective efforts to preserve India's identity, unity, and inclusivity.
Speaking on the importance of Vision India, Akhilesh said, "Even within homes, people are discussing topics that were never debated a few years ago. This crisis in Hindustaniyat is being created by the government."
He described Hindustaniyat —



the essence of being Indian — as the shared identity that binds the country's diverse population.
"Unity in diversity has always been our hallmark, but now certain ideologies are being imposed in a way that forces debate even in private spaces," he said.
Akhilesh explained that Vision India seeks to counter negativity and foster a positive, progressive, pragmatic, pro-people, and inclusive approach.
"Our goal is to bring people together, strengthen our identity, and ensure no one is left behind — from women and farmers to laborers and unemployed youth," he said.

of transparency in survey processes.
Kesari Devi and several other women recounted how names were arbitrarily added or removed from survey lists without explanation. Many families who lost their homes were declared ineligible for rental relief unless they shifted to government relief camps—an impractical requirement for those already staying with relatives or on rented accommodation.
Participants also criticised the eligibility criteria for the SRP. Families with ancestral homes in far-off villages were struck off the list despite losing the houses they actually lived in.
Similarly, nuclear families separated from joint households were not recognised as independent units.

SGPC tightens visa rules

After Punjab woman fails to return from Pakistan

Chandigarh (UNI)
The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) has introduced stricter conditions for visa applications of solo women pilgrims travelling to Pakistan, following a case in which a Punjab woman, Sarabjit Kaur, did not return with the official jatha and reportedly married in Pakistan after changing her identity.
SGPC Secretary Pratap Singh said the incident highlighted serious gaps in the verification process and should have been detected earlier. He added that media reports confirming Sarabjit's name change and marriage strongly suggested she had pre-existing contacts in Pakistan. "It is concerning that the investigating agencies failed to spot such activity in time," he said, questioning how

the matter escaped official scrutiny.
Singh condemned Sarabjit Kaur's actions and announced that SGPC will no longer forward visa applications of women travelling alone. The committee, he said, will enforce enhanced checks to prevent the misuse of pilgrimage routes.
Sarabjit Kaur had travelled with a group of 1,932 devotees on November 4 through the Attari border, but did not return with the rest.
During the inquiry, it emerged that her immigration form contained blank sections, including nationality and passport details, which raised suspicion.
Indian agencies subsequently contacted their counterparts in Pakistan, where it was later confirmed that she had entered into a marriage there.

