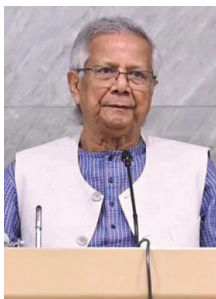




BJP will lose Gujarat & Country: Mamata Banerjee



Bangladesh Interim govt to form national taskforce post 2 subsequent earthquakes

Dharma Dhvaj hoisting at Ram Temple symbolizes healing of centuries of wounds: PM Narendra Modi

Ayodhya (UNI)
After hoisting the Dharma Dhvaj atop the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the event marks the healing of centuries of wounds.
He added, "This religious flag is not merely a flag; it is a symbol of the renaissance of Indian civilization. The glory of the Suryavansh inscribed upon it, and the Kovidar tree, are all symbols of Surya Ramrajya."
PM Modi further said, "The wounds of centuries are healing, the pain of centuries is finding rest today. The resolve of centuries is coming to fruition. Today marks the completion of the same Yagya whose fire has been burning for five hundred years—a Yagya that never wavered in faith, never faltered in belief, not for a single moment."
The hoisting of the flag marks the completion of the reconstruction of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya.
PM Modi and RSS Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat ceremonially hoisted



the saffron Dharma Dhvaj atop the temple's Shikhar during Abhijit Muhurat on Tuesday, a historic moment symbolizing the spiritual and cultural significance of the temple.
He further said, "Today, the energy of the sanctum sanctorum of God is with us. This religious flag is not merely a flag; it is a symbol of the renaissance of Indian civilization. Its saffron color, the glory of the Suryavansh inscribed upon it, and the Kovidar tree are all symbols of Surya

Ramrajya."
"The flag will call for Satyamev Jayate, truth alone triumphs. This flag will symbolize that truth is the essence of Brahma. Religion is established in truth only. This flag will inspire us to ensure that words are honored, actions are taken, and duty prevails. It will encourage freedom from discrimination, suffering, and injustice, promoting peace and happiness in society. This flag will inspire us to create a world free of poverty, hunger, and helplessness," Modi said.
He added, "Those who are unable to come to the temple in person but pay obeisance to the temple flag from a distance will also receive the same virtue. This flag symbolizes the aim of the temple—it allows devotees to witness the birthplace of Ramlala even from afar. It will spread the ideals of Ram to humanity for generations."
He extended his wishes to Ram devotees across the world and thanked all donors, workers, artisans, and architects associated with the temple's construction.

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Police quiz Actor Siddhanth Kapoor in Rs 252 crore drug case

Mumbai (UNI)
The Mumbai Police Anti-Narcotics Cell on Tuesday questioned Bollywood actor Siddhanth Kapoor in connection with a Rs 252 crore narcotics case.
Kapoor, who has played the lead role in a film based upon underworld don Dawood Ibrahim's sister "Haseena Parkar" was summoned after his name cropped up during interrogation of alleged narcotics supplier, Mohammad Salim Shaikh alias Lavish, who was recently deported from Dubai.
"We had summoned Siddhanth, following which he appeared before us on Tuesday morning. have questioned him and recorded his statement and asked him to go home on the condition that he should make himself available to us, as and when required," an officer said.
Police have summoned those named by Shaikh to verify his claims and determine if they have any connection to the wider drug network.
Kapoor was summoned for questioning and verification purposes, and no formal charges have been made against him yet. The actor was asked to appear before the ANC's Ghatkopar unit to give his statement regarding his possible links to the accused and any other information he may have, the case officer said. More people named by Lavish will be summoned to record statements, the police said.



Ethiopian ash cloud drifts toward India; Akasa, IndiGo and KLM raise safety alerts

Mumbai (UNI)
A massive volcanic ash cloud generated by the Hayli Gubbi eruption in Ethiopia's Afar region is moving eastward and is expected to exit Indian airspace by Tuesday evening, officials said.
While the ash poses no threat on the ground, its presence at altitudes between 8.5 km and 15 km (approximately 15,000–45,000 feet) has raised concerns for aviation safety.
The ash plume, carried by high-altitude winds, has already drifted over Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, the northeastern region, and parts of Gujarat. Meteorological forecasts indicate that it will extend further into Rajasthan, northwest Maharashtra, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, and eventually the Himalayan belt.
The India Meteorological Department (IMD) and Met Watch Offices in Mumbai, New Delhi, and Kolkata have issued ICAO-standard SIGMET warnings to airports.
The advisories include avoidance of affected airspace and specific flight levels, as outlined in Volcanic Ash Advisory Center (VAAC) bulletins.



Continuous monitoring of satellite imagery, dispersion models, and meteorological advisories is being used to guide flight planning, rerouting, and fuel calculations.
The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued a detailed safety advisory directing all airlines to avoid the designated ash-affected zones. Airlines have been asked to adjust flight plans, reroute aircraft, and reassess fuel requirements.
Aviation authorities have warned that volcanic ash can melt inside jet engines at extremely high temperatures, potentially causing severe engine damage or failure.
Although Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport is not directly beneath the densest part of the plume, flights linked to the city—including international services over the Arabian Sea and Gulf sectors—may face disruptions.

Karnataka Congress turmoil: BJP MLA warns party to 'Stay out of quagmire'

Karnataka: Amidst escalating internal strife within the Karnataka Congress, senior BJP MLA and former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi has cautioned his own party against attempting to destabilize the ruling government. Jarkiholi explicitly advised the BJP to "not enter this quagmire."
Let Congress complete its term
Jarkiholi stated that the current political confusion stems from intense infighting over power-sharing within the Congress, with some leaders pushing to replace the Chief Minister. "Let Congress complete their tenure. The state cannot bear the burden of repeated elections," he asserted. He believes that if the Con-



gress continues with its anti-people policies for another two and a half years, the electorate will naturally choose the BJP.
Opposition to Shivakumar joining BJP
Jarkiholi flatly dismissed speculation that Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar might join the BJP to form a government. He stated, "If Shivakumar comes to the BJP, I will not be able to accept him as my leader, and I would have to look for other political options." Meanwhile, reports confirm that at least six legislators loyal to Shivakumar have arrived in Delhi to meet with the party high command, seeking intervention in the power dynamics.

SC seeks ECI's response on Vaiko's plea against special electoral roll revision in Tamil Nadu

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday issued notice on a petition filed by MDMK founder and former Rajya Sabha MP Vaiko challenging the Election Commission of India's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Tamil Nadu.
A Bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joy-malya Bagchi sought a response from the ECI and posted the matter for further consideration on December 2.
Vaiko has contended that the SIR notification is unconstitutional, alleging violations of Articles 14, 19, 21, 325 and 326 of the Constitution, along with multiple provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960.
The SIR exercise in Tamil Nadu has also been challenged by several political parties and leaders, including the DMK, CPI(M), actor Vijay's TVK, Thol Thirumavalavan, MP and State MLA K. Selvaperunthagai.

MP cabinet approves direct election for civic chiefs

Bhopal: In a significant electoral reform, the Madhya Pradesh Cabinet on Tuesday approved a bill to allow voters to directly elect the presidents of Nagar Palikas (Municipal Councils) and Nagar Parishads (Town Councils). This change will replace the current indirect system where presidents were chosen by elected ward councillors. The move mirrors the existing direct election process for Mayors.
Reverting to direct mandate
This decision marks a return to the electoral system prevalent in the state from 1999 to 2014, which was later changed by the previous government, leading to the use of indirect elections in 2022. The new bill will be presented during the upcoming winter session of the State Assembly. Once passed and assented to



by the Governor, the new law will immediately apply to the next round of urban local body elections, affecting the state's 99 Nagar Palikas and 298 Nagar Parishads. This aims to strengthen accountability by giving the electorate a direct mandate over their local civic heads.

Rs 1 crore aid for martyred inspector's family
In a separate cabinet decision, the state approved a compensation package for the family of Inspector Ashish Sharma, who was martyred on November 19, 2025, during a police-Naxal encounter while serving with the Hawk Force, Balaghat.
The family will receive ₹1 crore in financial assistance, fulfilling an earlier announcement by Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav. Furthermore, Inspector Sharma's younger brother, Ankit Sharma, will be given compassionate appointment as a Sub-Inspector in the District Police Force. The late Inspector Sharma was a highly decorated officer, having been honored with the President's Medal for Gallantry twice, along with the Internal Service Medal (2021) and the Durgham Seva Medal (2023).

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