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Congress' Anurag Sharma set to get elected unopposed for RS election in HP

Shimla: The election for Himachal Pradesh's lone Rajya Sabha seat has effectively become a formality, with Congress nominee Anurag Sharma set to be elected unopposed.

Over 44,000 names deleted from UP voter list

Lucknow: With the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Uttar Pradesh, authorities have removed a total of 44,952 names from the voter list.

Security forces arrest four militants, recovers arms in Manipur

Imphal: Security forces carried out a series of operations across Manipur leading to the arrest of four militants belonging to different underground groups.

Masked assailants open fire at AAP councillor's residence in Amritsar

Chandigarh: Panic gripped the Rattan Singh Chowk area of Amritsar during the intervening night of Friday and Saturday after unidentified masked men opened fire at the residence of a sitting Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) councillor.

Nishant Kumar attends JD(U) meeting at Sanjay Jha residence

Patna (UNI)

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's son, Nishant Kumar, moved into action mode on Saturday as he attended a meeting of senior Janata Dal (United) leaders.

The development follows the approval of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for his son's formal entry into the JD(U), signalling the beginning of Nishant Kumar's political journey.

In a significant development, Nishant attended a meeting of senior JD(U) leaders held at the residence of Rajya Sabha MP and the party's Working National President Sanjay Jha in Patna.

The meeting was attended by ministers, MPs and several MLAs of the party. According to sources, more than 20 senior party leaders participated in the interaction.



which Nishant Kumar discussed future plans and strategies to strengthen the party.

The gathering included both young legislators and experienced

political leaders.

Those present included minister Shrawan Kumar, JD(U) MLC Sanjay Gandhi and MLAs Komal Singh, Chetan Anand, Rahul Singh, Atirek

Kumar, Lalan Sarraf, Ruhel Ranjan, Shubhanand Kuresh, M Mrinal and Samridh Verma.

After the meeting, Shrawan Kumar said the party needs Nishant Kumar's participation and described the gathering as an interaction rather than a formal meeting.

He said legislators met Nishant and discussed the role he could play in strengthening the organisation in the coming days.

Shrawan Kumar added that JD(U) leaders and workers had long been waiting for Nishant's entry into politics and that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has also agreed to his joining the party.

Party sources said Nishant Kumar also interacted with younger legislators about development initiatives in Bihar and ways to increase youth participation in the party.

Drug firm owner arrested in illegal codeine syrup trade in Kanpur

Kanpur: The crime branch in Kanpur has arrested a pharmaceutical firm owner who had been absconding in an illegal trade of codeine-based cough syrup.

The case was registered at Hanu-mant Vihar Police Station on November 5, 2025 under the NDPS Act and other sections. The arrested accused has been identified as Vishal Singh Sisodia, proprietor of M/s Sisodia Medicine House.

According to Shrawan Kumar Singh, the accused had purchased and sold more than 10,500 bottles of the banned codeine-based syrup Fancypic-T illegally.

During investigation, records and emails revealed that the accused had purchased 5,250 bottles of the syrup from Idhika Lifesciences, but there was no evidence of its legal sale. Further investigation confirmed that more than 10,500 bottles of codeine-based medicines had been purchased from various sources.

President urges society to ensure equal opportunities for women



New Delhi (UNI)

President Droupadi Murmu, in her message on the eve of International Women's Day, urged society to work together to provide equal opportunities to women.

Political row erupts over Mahadev Munde murder case

Beed: The political atmosphere in the district heated up once again over the murder case of Mahadev Munde from Parli, with Rajabhau Phad, a leader of the faction of the Nationalist Congress Party led by Sharad Pawar, today making serious allegations against former Maharashtra minister Dhananjay Munde in connection with the case.

ed, self-reliant and empowered women are essential for the country's prosperity and progress.

"Women are the foundation of our society and nation. They have demonstrated their talent and hard work in various fields, including education, science, sports, art and defence," she said.

The President added that young women today are shaping the dreams of a new India and require appropriate opportunities, guidance and encouragement.

The origins of International Women's Day trace back more than a century. In 1908, around 15,000 women took to streets in New York City to protest against poor working conditions, demanding shorter working hours, better pay and voting rights.

Over 620 Jan Aushadhi Kendras benefiting lakhs in Delhi: CM Rekha Gupta

New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said on Saturday that more than 620 Jan Aushadhi Kendras operating in Delhi have become a major support for lakhs of families by providing high-quality medicines at affordable prices.

The CM said the Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janushadhi Pariyojana is playing a key role in making healthcare affordable and accessible for all.

In a post on social media platform X on the occasion of Jan Aushadhi Diwas, Gupta said the Central government's initiative ensures that no citizen, especially from the middle class and economically weaker sections, is deprived of necessary medical treatment due to financial constraints.

PM Modi praises LS Speaker Om Birla For dedication to Constitution and parliamentary conduct

New Delhi (UNI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday praised Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, describing him as an outstanding parliamentarian and an exemplary Speaker who upholds the dignity of the House with patience and respect for all members.

Speaking virtually at the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the Kota airport in Kota, the Prime Minister commended Birla's conduct as the presiding officer of the Lok Sabha and highlighted his commitment to the Constitution and parliamentary traditions.

"Om Birla ji is not only an outstanding Member of Parliament, but he is also an excellent Speaker of the Lok Sabha," Modi said while addressing the gathering.

"He is completely dedicated to the Constitution and remains fully



committed to parliamentary systems."

Birla, a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party and a multiple-term MP from Kota, has served as the Speaker of the Lok Sabha since 2019.

As Speaker, he presides over proceedings of the lower house of Parliament and plays a crucial role in maintaining order, ensuring adherence to parliamentary rules and facilitating debate among lawmakers.

Rahul Gandhi accuses Centre of compromising India's data sovereignty

New Delhi (UNI)

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday accused the Modi government of compromising India's digital sovereignty, alleging that a recent agreement with the United States could allow foreign technology companies greater access to Indian data.

In a message posted on his WhatsApp channel, Gandhi said control over data would play a decisive role in determining leadership in the rapidly growing field of Artificial Intelligence. "India's future in AI depends on who controls our data,"



Gandhi said. The Congress leader alleged that the government had entered into an arrangement that could effectively hand over Indian data to foreign entities.

"By signing a deal that effectively hands Indian data to the United States and gives foreign tech companies a free pass, our compromised PV has sold out India's digital sovereignty and put the future of millions of Indians at risk," he said.

Gandhi's remarks come amid growing global debate over data governance, cross-border data flows and the role of data in training Artificial Intelligence systems.

Rahul visits Sivagiri Mutt, meets Monks

Thiruvananthapuram: Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Saturday visited the revered Sivagiri Mutt and offered floral tributes at the Samadhi of social reformer Sree Narayana Guru. During the visit, Gandhi also went to the Sarada Mutt and the Vaidika Mutt, where the historic meeting between Mahatma Gandhi and Sree Narayana Guru had taken place.

Devendra Fadnavis clarifies crop loan waiver

Mumbai: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has clarified that the crop loan waiver announced in the state budget will apply to loans of up to Rs 2 lakh taken from all banks authorised to provide crop loans. He said attempts were being made to deliberately create confusion among farmers regarding the scope of the scheme.

In recent days, discussions suggesting that the waiver would be limited only to loans taken from nationalised banks had triggered concern among farmers.

There were also claims that loans from district cooperative banks and credit societies would not be covered under the scheme, which led to apprehension among farming communities. Addressing these concerns, Fadnavis said the government's decision clearly covers crop loans of up to Rs 2 lakh from all banks permitted to extend agricultural credit.

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Patwari accuses State Government of neglecting rural development schemes

By Special Correspondent

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee president Jeetu Patwari on Saturday alleged that the BJP government in the State had pushed the agriculture and rural development sectors into decline due to poor planning and financial mismanagement.

Addressing the media, Patwari said the government appeared more interested in publicity than in ensuring effective implementation of development schemes at the grassroots level. He claimed that even funds allocated under centrally sponsored programmes were not being fully utilised.



According to him, the State government had earmarked Rs 27,745.18 crore for rural development in the 2025-26 financial year, but only Rs 11,457.66 crore—about 41.3%—had been spent as of March 7, 2026.

He cited low expenditure in several schemes, including the Deendayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (3.44%), Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (6.01%) and MGNREGA (18.16%).

Patwari said the figures reflected administrative negligence and lack of commitment towards rural welfare, adding that inadequate spending on key schemes would adversely affect employment generation, housing and infrastructure development in villages.

Today is Indore's world-famous "Gair"

Traffic Plan unveiled for the festival

Indore: As the city prepares to host its world-renowned "Gair" procession this Sunday, March 8, the Indore Police administration has implemented a massive traffic and security blueprint to manage the millions expected at Rajwada. To ensure a seamless celebration, central Indore will transform into a "No Vehicle Zone" starting early morning.

Four-wheelers are strictly prohibited on key stretches, including Sanjay Setu to Raj Mohalla, Municipal Corporation to Ba-

da Ganpati, and Harsiddhi to Yashwant Road. Furthermore, city buses and loading vehicles will be completely barred from entering Jawahar Marg and the Rajwada precinct.

Several arterial roads, including Hamilton Road, Imli Bazar, and various markets leading to the historic palace, have been designated as restricted zones. To accommodate visitors, the administration has established dedicated parking clusters at Jinsi Haat Maidan, Khalsa Stadium, Harsiddhi Temple, and

several multilevel facilities. While general traffic will be diverted through four major alternate routes—including the Gangwal to Bhanwarkuan corridor—emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire brigades will retain unrestricted access.

With high-pressure colour cannons and traditional floats ready to drench the crowds, authorities urge citizens to memorize the diversion map to avoid congestion.

This year's Gair promises its signature "Ajab-Gajab" vibrance under the watchful eyes of a heavy police deployment.

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