

Front Page & National News

- **SC Restricts Illegal Detentions Amid Delhi Protests:** The Supreme Court directed authorities to ensure smooth public movement, regular Metro and train operations, and uninterrupted internet services in Delhi, subject to law and order conditions. The special bench issued notices to the Centre, Delhi Police, and DMRC following contempt petitions alleging restrictions despite earlier court orders ensuring no complete prohibition on movement. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta assured the court that internet and Metro facilities were fully functional and that 45 closed Metro stations had been reopened.
- **Delhi Curbs Eased Following Mass Detentions:** After an extensive crackdown on the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protests against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, restrictions in Delhi were partially eased, with internet and Metro services restored. However, prohibitory orders remained in central Delhi, and over 500 protesters participating in sporadic "flash protests" were detained by the 30,000 police and paramilitary personnel deployed.
- **CJP Leaders Released, Vow to Continue Protests:** CJP leaders Abhijeet Dipke, Ashutosh Ranka, and Saurav Das were released from preventive custody on Sunday morning after signing a peace bond. The leaders alleged their phones were seized forcefully and stated they would approach the Parliament Street police station to seek permission for a new protest date at Jantar Mantar.
- **CJI Declines Congress Meeting, Opposition Plans March:** Chief Justice of India Surya Kant declined a meeting request from the Congress to discuss grievances regarding the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, stating such administrative interventions fall outside the court's constitutional powers. In response, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi called for a "Chalo Dilli" march to the Supreme Court.
- **PM Modi Launches Infrastructure Projects in Tamil Nadu:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid foundation stones for projects worth over Rs 13,000 crore in Tamil Nadu, including a new stretch of the Chennai Metro Rail. CM Joseph Vijay urged the Centre to fund further Metro expansions and water projects.
- **Indian National Killed in Riyadh Airport Attack:** An Indian national from Hyderabad was killed and 10 others injured during a missile strike on Riyadh's international airport, claimed by Yemen's Houthis. The Indian government condemned the attack as "completely unacceptable".
- **Pune Play Highlights Women's Safety After Tragedy:** A street play titled *Nasrapur Prakaran... Ajun Kiti* was performed during the Ganesh festival in Pune to raise awareness about women's safety and victim-blaming. The play was conceptualised by Shubham Kulkarni, whose 3-year-old daughter was raped and murdered in May 2026.
- **Girl Found Dead in Secunderabad Basement:** A five-year-old girl was found dead in the basement of her upscale housing society's clubhouse in Secunderabad. Police are searching for a recently fired security guard who was captured on CCTV following the child and later demanded a Rs 20 lakh ransom.

- **Mysuru Dasara Commences:** The 11-day Mysuru Dasara festival was inaugurated at Chamundi Hill with Karnataka CM DK Shivakumar in attendance.

The City (Delhi)

- **Four Arrested for Assaulting Protesters:** Four men allegedly linked to the Hindu Raksha Dal were arrested for assaulting young demonstrators at Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg during the anti-CEC protests. Two of the accused have prior attempted murder cases.
- **Crackdown on Unsafe Structures:** Following a building collapse in Satya Niketan that killed seven, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi demolished 47 dangerous buildings and sealed 282 properties between September and October 10.
- **Multiple FIRs Filed Over Protests:** Delhi Police registered at least 20 new FIRs relating to the Saturday protests against the CEC, covering allegations of disrupting public order and obstructing public servants.
- **MP John Brittas Alleges Police Assault:** CPI(M) Rajya Sabha MP John Brittas alleged he was grabbed by the neck, pinned down, and choked by security personnel during a flash protest in Connaught Place before being released upon a DCP's intervention.
- **Flash Protests Snuffed Out:** Flash protests by AISA and SFI supporters at RK Ashram Marg and Connaught Place were swiftly disbanded by heavy security deployments. Police detained around 50 people, including mistaking a bystander for AISA president Neha before apprehending the actual leader later.
- **Journalists Detained:** Three journalists from *The Indian Express* Hindi team were detained for 45 minutes at Chelmsford Road despite showing press credentials.
- **Story Behind Viral Protest Photo:** Puzhakkal Pavithra, an SFI activist whose photo running with a flag went viral during Saturday's protests, was detained alongside 25 other women before an all-women Tiranga rally could commence on Sunday.

Politics & Governance

- **India Rejects UN Concerns on Detentions:** The Ministry of External Affairs rejected the UN Human Rights Office's concerns over mass detentions in Delhi as "unwarranted and constitute an unacceptable interference" in India's internal affairs.
- **Keralam to Move Resolution Against CEC:** The Congress-led government in Keralam plans to introduce an Assembly resolution urging the Centre to remove CEC Gyanesh Kumar, citing alleged electoral roll manipulation.
- **Prashant Kishor on Delhi Protests:** Jan Suraaj Party founder Prashant Kishor stated that the deployment of 40,000 paramilitary personnel in Delhi proved the anti-CEC protests were successful and reflected diminishing public faith in the ECI.
- **Mumbai Protest Intensifies:** Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray and MNS's Amit Thackeray joined protests at Shivaji Park in Mumbai in support of the CJP, leading to the brief detention of 300 individuals.

- **Goa High Court Orders Protesters' Release:** The Bombay High Court in Goa ordered the release of seven CJP-affiliated protesters detained at Azad Maidan, noting the absence of prohibitory orders.
- **Yogi-Akhilesh Banter on Ayodhya:** SP Chief Akhilesh Yadav challenged UP CM Yogi Adityanath to contest the 2027 Assembly elections from Ayodhya, leading to a public exchange where Adityanath accepted the challenge to "test our fortunes".
- **UP Congress Clash:** A clash erupted at the UP Congress headquarters in Lucknow between supporters of outgoing state president Ajay Rai and other workers right before new chief Aradhana Misra formally took charge.
- **BJP Questions Rahul Gandhi on JNU Harassment:** BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj questioned Rahul Gandhi's silence over the dismissal of Congress MP Bimol Akoijam from JNU following allegations of sexual harassment by 11 students.
- **Kashmir Normalcy Overview:** A feature highlighted the evolving normalcy in Kashmir, noting the inauguration of the Vande Bharat train to Srinagar and a surge in tourism, despite underlying political tensions and recent militant attacks.

Nation

- **Punjab Police ASI Shot Dead:** A 55-year-old Assistant Sub-Inspector, Iqbal Singh, was shot and killed by bike-borne assailants in Tarn Taran. Police suspect links to his nephew's recent murder or cross-border motives.
- **Drunk Student Kills Three in Kochi:** A 19-year-old student driving a speeding Mini Cooper under the influence of alcohol struck and killed three 21-year-olds on a scooter near the Kochi airport.
- **Sixth Acquittal for Doda 'Militant':** Ghulam Nabi, accused by J&K Police of being a Hizbul Mujahideen commander, was acquitted in a sixth case after prosecution witnesses stated they were tutored by police.
- **Bokaro Steel Plant Mishap:** Two individuals died following a gas exposure incident at the ESL Steel plant in Jharkhand's Bokaro district.
- **Mumbai Gymkhanas Face Rent Hike:** A state committee proposed that Mumbai gymkhanas on government land pay market-rate rent, a minimum licence fee of Rs 1.5 lakh for events, and open their premises to non-members.
- **Other National Briefs:**
 - An IndiGo flight landed safely in Hyderabad after a passenger's power bank caught fire.
 - An IIIT Ranchi student was found dead in his hostel, sparking campus protests.
 - A sixth POCSO case was registered against granite businessman Gem Veeramani in Tamil Nadu.
 - Eight wild buffaloes were relocated from Assam to MP's Kanha Tiger Reserve.
 - UP police are investigating claims that three men were tortured at BJP MLA Sushant Singh's house over a stolen gold bangle.
 - Gorakhpur-based activist Parvez Parwaz, who famously filed a hate speech case against Yogi Adityanath in 2008, died in jail while serving a life sentence for gangrape.

- Villagers in MP's Rewa district halted drilling investigations for a proposed Tata Power nuclear plant, citing environmental fears.
- A tyre-recycling factory owner was beaten to death by a mob in Saharanpur protesting the plant's toxic smoke.
- Rajasthan Police arrested a 'most wanted' drug fugitive at the Bihar border by posing as buyers and luring him out of Nepal.
- The NIA arrested a suspected Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh member in West Bengal.
- Academic and activist Kamal Mitra Chenoy passed away at 75.

Editorials, Ideas & Explained

- **Editorials:** The editorial board argued that mass detentions and barricades in Delhi damage the Election Commission's autonomy and do not solve its credibility crisis. Another editorial highlighted the US suspension of Indian IT firms from the PERM programme as a new friction point in India-US relations.
- **AI and Economic Impact:** Neelkanth Mishra and Somik V Lall wrote that developing countries like India should focus on deploying AI at scale for practical applications (like agriculture and health) rather than competing to build frontier models.
- **The Next Farm Revolution:** Ashok Gulati proposed that combining agriculture with photovoltaics (agri-photovoltaics) could increase farmers' incomes eight to ten times, suggesting the PM implement a "Surya Khet Kranti".
- **J&K EWS Certificates Controversy:** Kashmir political leaders, including Sajad Gani Lone, argued that the current criteria for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) certificates inherently disadvantage Kashmiris, as 91% of certificates issued over the last two years went to the Jammu division.
- **Trump's Energy Ceasefire & India:** A proposed US deal allowing Russian diesel imports contrasts sharply with previous US threats to tariff India for buying Russian crude, potentially giving New Delhi leverage in trade negotiations. Concurrently, India has put forward a broad proposal to end the Russia-Ukraine war, focusing on easing fighting around the Black Sea to secure global agricultural exports.
- **AI and Religion:** Anthropic consulted religious leaders to shape the moral framework of its Claude LLM, prompting philosophical debates on whether AI systems could possess consciousness or deserve moral consideration.

The World

- **Ukraine-Russia Energy Ceasefire Claim:** US President Donald Trump unexpectedly announced an "energy ceasefire" between Russia and Ukraine, though Ukrainian President Zelenskyy stated he was still waiting for details and required real guarantees.
- **Migrant Boat Capsizes off Djibouti:** At least 139 migrants, including 15 children, died after a boat carrying over 300 people from Djibouti to Yemen capsized.

- **Nepal Flash Floods:** Flash floods in Nepal's Gorkha and Dhading districts swept away 130 houses and four bridges, leaving five missing and requiring the rescue of 95 people.
- **Emergency in Pakistan's KPK:** Pakistan declared an emergency in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province citing a breakdown of constitutional governance amid protests led by Imran Khan's PTI.
- **Riyadh Airport Struck Again:** A projectile hit Terminal 4 of Riyadh's international airport, hours after Yemen's Houthis warned airlines to avoid Saudi airspace.
- **Indonesian Orangutans Rescued:** Conservation workers relocated eight orangutans on Borneo after their habitats were destroyed by severe wildfires.
- **Other World Briefs:**
 - Polish police warned of a highly probable plot to attack PM Donald Tusk.
 - The US Justice Department is investigating major TV networks for antitrust violations over a brief boycott of pooled coverage of President Trump.
 - Pope Leo will undergo surgery to remove a small, well-contained nodule on his lung.
 - US Secretary of State Marco Rubio vowed cooperation in the investigation of a US Marine accused of murder in Okinawa.
 - A Mexican judge convicted three individuals for the murders of three surfers in Baja California.

Economy & Business

- **RBI's Move to Shore Up Rupee:** The RBI implemented a Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve (FERR), requiring banks to set aside 20% in cash for forex derivative contracts over \$2 million involving the rupee, a strategy borrowed from China to make betting against the currency more expensive.
- **Satellite Broadband Clearances:** DoT records show that Jio and OneWeb completed their security and technical compliance demonstrations long before Elon Musk's Starlink, contradicting Musk's claims that Indian oligarchs were unfairly blocking his entry. Musk promised to price Starlink affordably in India to challenge Reliance Jio.
- **UPI MDR Framework:** An IIT Bombay report cautioned that introducing a Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) for UPI could undermine public trust, suggesting it be restricted only to merchants with an annual turnover exceeding Rs 50 crore.
- **TCS AI Governance:** Tata Consultancy Services is building a governance layer to orchestrate and manage AI agents across enterprise applications, addressing security and cost control.
- **Banks Prepare for Quantum Threats:** The banking sector is being urged to transition to post-quantum cryptography to defend against "Harvest Now, Decrypt Later" attacks, where intercepted data is stored until quantum computers can crack current encryptions.
- **IT Majors and US Visas:** Indian IT firms like TCS and Infosys mitigated the impact of their suspension from the US PERM green card programme by having already shifted to localized hiring and nearshoring in regions like Latin America over the past few years.
- **Other Economy Briefs:**

- India's draft steel policy targets 604 million metric tonnes of capacity by 2047, alongside massive emission cuts.
- Former Flipkart employees petitioned Walmart and Flipkart boards seeking an exit for their vested ESOPs amid continued IPO delays.

Your Health

- **Cartilage Regeneration:** Stanford scientists discovered that blocking a specific protein can regrow damaged knee cartilage in mice and human tissue, potentially reducing the need for joint replacement surgeries.
- **Exercise and Marriage:** A Brigham Young University study found couples who exercise together, particularly walking, report better communication and less marital stress.
- **Keto Diet and Cancer Risk:** MIT researchers found that the ketogenic diet increased small-intestinal tumors in cancer-prone mice by accelerating stem cell multiplication, despite reducing tumors in the colon.
- **Short Walk for Gut Health:** A 20-minute walk can rapidly stimulate gut movement within minutes, helping alleviate constipation.
- **Japanese Tree Oil for Sleep:** Essential oil from the roots of the Hinoki tree (Japanese cypress) was shown to reduce nighttime awakenings and improve sleep quality.
- **NIH Funding Priorities:** US NIH Director Dr. Jayanta Bhattacharya confirmed that despite concerns, the agency's research budget has not been cut and remains committed to funding early-career scientists and developing human-relevant models like lab-grown organoids.
- **Decoding Hospital Bills:** Experts highlighted how steep markups on medicines and consumables—sometimes exceeding 1,100%—are inflating private hospital bills in India. The Centre recently capped trade margins on select cancer drugs to combat these practices, and advocates advise patients to request itemised bills and monitor daily DAMA records to catch discrepancies.

Idea Exchange & Sport

- **Interview with M Riaz Hamidullah:** The outgoing Bangladesh High Commissioner to India emphasized that ties must be based on dignity, respect, and shared benefits rather than just state-to-state security concerns. He highlighted that the current Dhaka government is open to engagement, urging India to move past the "Hasina factor" and view cross-border mobility as an economic opportunity rather than a security threat.
- **Bhuvaneshwar Kumar's T20I Return:** Veteran pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar was recalled to the Indian T20I squad for the New Zealand tour after nearly four years, earning praise from Suresh Raina for his hard work and recent IPL performances.
- **India Defeats West Indies in 3rd T20I:** India defended a total of 223 to win by 14 runs in Indore, driven by Abhishek Sharma's explosive 69 off 30 balls and a strong bowling comeback led by Arshdeep Singh and Naman Dhir.

- **New Zealand Announces Split ODI Squads:** New Zealand named split squads for their five-match ODI series against India, allowing test specialists to withdraw after the third match.
- **Vinicius Jr Apologises for Red Card:** Real Madrid's Vinicius Jr apologised to fans after being sent off for pulling an opponent's hair during a match against Villarreal.
- **WFI Visa Issues:** The Wrestling Federation of India is hoping the US Embassy reconsiders visa rejections for four U23 World Championships-bound female wrestlers.
- **80-Year-Old Umpire Coaches NextGen:** Narendra Menon, an 80-year-old former international umpire and father to current ICC Elite Panel umpire Nitin Menon, continues to actively umpire and coach junior cricket matches in Indore.