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Vinay Kumar to take charge of HP Cong chief today

Shimla: The organisational transition within the Himachal Pradesh Congress is set to formally culminate on Sunday, as newly appointed State Congress Committee President Vinay Kumar would assume office tomorrow, November 30, 2025, at 12 noon at the State Congress Headquarters, Rajiv Bhawan, Shimla. The information was shared through a press release issued by the Secretary of the State Congress Committee. Kumar's appointment by the All India Congress Committee (AICC) on Saturday marked the end of an extended organisational vacuum that persisted for nearly a year after the HPCC was dissolved in the wake of the political upheaval triggered by six Congress MLAs cross-voting in the Rajya Sabha election.

AP: 4 members of a family among 5 killed in road accident

Kurnool: Five people, including four members of a family, were killed in a road accident at Kotekal village in Yemmiganur mandal, Andhra Pradesh on Saturday. According to police, the victims were residents of Chikka Hosahalli village in Karnataka's Kolar district. They were travelling to Mantralaya in a Swift Dzire when their vehicle collided head-on with a fortuner coming from Yemmiganur to Kurnool. The five fatalities included Satish (34), his wife Meenakshi (32), their sons Banit (5) and Ritvik (4), and Venkatesh (76). The driver of the Swift Dzire, Chetan, along with another woman, Gangamma, sustained critical injuries and were admitted to Adoni Area Hospital.

Churdhar Yatra suspended until further notice

Chopal: With the onset of harsh winter and rising risk to life and property, the Churdhar Temple Committee and the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil), Chopal, have issued an official order prohibiting the Churdhar Yatra for the coming months. The order, dated November 28, states that from December 1, 2025, the pilgrimage route will remain closed until further notice. The administration has underlined that during December to March, the region receives heavy snowfall, accompanied by extremely low temperatures and frequent rain.

Govt appoints Vivek Chaturvedi as Chairman of CBIC

New Delhi: The government on Saturday appointed Vivek Chaturvedi, currently a Member of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC), as the new Chairman of the board. The appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet in an order issued by the Department of Personnel & Training. Chaturvedi, a 1990-batch Indian Revenue Service (Customs & Indirect Taxes) officer, succeeds Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, who retired on 28 November 2025 after completing his tenure.

12 Bangladeshis among 13 arrested in Murshidabad

Kolkata: Murshidabad Police arrested 13 individuals, including twelve Bangladesh nationals and one Indian national, during a raid in Char Gopalpur village under the Hurshi Gram Panchayat on Friday night. The operation targeted a location where foreign nationals were allegedly being sheltered without valid documents.

Karnataka CM, No 2 talks cool tempers, but fragile pact still haunts govt

Bengaluru (UNI)

The much-publicised breakfast meeting between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar may have succeeded in offering the Congress a brief moment of calm. But senior party insiders concede that the central question is still haunting the government, who completes the five-year term, remains as unsettled as ever.

Described by party as a “cordial” interaction, the meeting is widely viewed as an attempt to manage optics ahead of the December 8 Assembly session, where the BJP is preparing to mount an aggressive challenge. Yet the real issue refuses to go away: a transition pact forged in 2023 but never publicly acknowledged.

According to senior Congress functionaries, a tacit pact exists: The terms are murky, the timeline uncertain, and the willingness to implement it extremely uneven. But the pact exists, and the government's stability increasingly hinges on how and when the high command de-



cides to enforce it.

Despite outward displays of camaraderie, neither Siddaramaiah nor Shivakumar has budged from their strategic positions. Shivakumar remains determined to claim the top post before the 2028 Assembly elections. Siddaramaiah, while not rejecting the idea of a transition, is in no rush to vacate the chair, especially when doing so prematurely could

weaken his hold on the government and his legacy.

Shivakumar is acutely aware of his present limitations. He does not have the legislative numbers to force a leadership change without risking the government's fall. Any aggressive move could fracture the party and compromise his image as the loyal organisational backbone of the Congress in Karnataka. For now, he must wait.

NIA set to take over India Gate Protest case

Sources NIA is all set to take over the India Gate Protest case

New Delhi (UNI)

In a significant development concerning the protest at India Gate where participants raised pro-Naxal slogans and for slain Naxalite Madvi Hidma, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) is set to take over the cases registered by Delhi Police.

The NIA is expected to add sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) to the FIRs against the protesters for openly supporting Naxals.

Twenty-three protestors are currently facing prosecution in the matter.

Sources within the NIA stated that openly supporting the Naxal movement, which is a banned terrorist organization, and raising slogans and working for them, indicates active involvement in spreading their ideology, which constitutes a crime.

A source associated with the probe told



UNI that the protesters were allegedly supporting the Naxalite movement, which targets the nation. “We have found two WhatsApp groups where they were supporting Naxals. One of the group members left, saying they shouldn't support such a move-

ment,” the source added.

The DCP of New Delhi, Devesh Mahla, had earlier argued that the protesters were raising slogans for groups listed as terrorist or Naxalite organizations on the Ministry of Home Affairs website. “If an 18-year-old is raising slogans, he should be aware of what he is doing,” he stated, noting that social media checks revealed the same group had previously sung for the banned “Radical Student Union” (RSU), also linked to the Maoist movement.

The Delhi Police has obtained crucial videos showing the arrested protesters “supporting elements that oppose the country”. One such video features students from the BSCEM (Bhagat Singh Students Unity Forum). These students had gathered in a conference room in Hyderabad in February, where they were seen raising slogans in support of the banned RSU and singing songs for them.

353 Agniveers take oath at 39 Gorkha Training Centre in Varanasi

Varanasi: A grand oath-taking parade of Agniveers, in line with military traditions, was held on Saturday at the 39 Gorkha Training Centre (GTC) in Varanasi Cantonment.

A total of 353 Agniveers from the 06/25 batch of the Agnipath Scheme placed their hands on the sacred Bhagavad Gita, pledging to uphold the dignity of the national flag and to dedicate their lives to the defense of the nation. The ceremony was marked by a display of military discipline, enthusiasm, and pride.

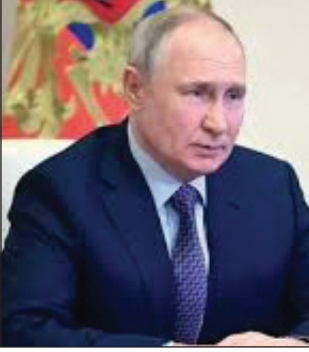
Brigadier Jaideep Chanda, Commandant, 39 GTC, took the salute and remarked that the Agniveers had exemplified courage, discipline, and dedication throughout each stage of their rigorous training. He urged the newly trained soldiers to always be ready to serve the nation.

Russia moves to ratify key military pact ahead of Putin's India visit

New Delhi (UNI)

Ahead of the highly anticipated visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin to India to attend the 23rd Bilateral Summit slated for December 4-5, the lower house of Russian Parliament (State Duma) is set to ratify a crucial military pact with India.

Signed on February 18 in Moscow by Indian Ambassador Vinay Kumar and the then Deputy Defence Minister Alexander Fomin, the Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Agreement (RELOS) aims to further strengthen military cooperation between the two long-standing strategic partners.



According to Russia's official news agency, TASS, the Russian government has submitted to the State Duma for ratification a Russian-Indian agreement on the procedure

of mutual dispatch of personnel, warships and warplanes on each other's territory.

“The document, uploaded to the State Duma's electronic database, “ratifies an agreement between the government of the Russian Federation and the government of the Republic of India about the procedure of dispatching Russian military units, warships and warplanes and of dispatching the Republic of India's military units, warships and warplanes on the territory of the Russian Federation, as well as on organizing their mutual technical and logistical support,” TASS reported.

ECI seeks public input to refine new digital platform ECINet

New Delhi (UNI)

The Election Commission of India has extended an invitation to all citizens, encouraging them to provide suggestions to enhance the user-friendliness of its new digital platform, ECINet.

This ambitious initiative aims to significantly improve voter convenience and enhance transparency in electoral processes through integrated technology, the poll panel said in a press note on Saturday.

Citizens are urged to download the ECINet App from either the Google Play



Store or the Apple App Store. Suggestions can be submitted directly through the 'Submit a Suggestion' tab within the application.

The window for feedback is open from November 27, 2025, to December 27, 2025,

the EC said.

ECINet is a major technological undertaking, consolidating over 40 previously separate election-related applications and websites into a single, unified interface.

This integration includes popular tools such as the Voter Helpline App (VHA), cVIGIL, Saksham, Polling Trends (Voter Turnout app), and the Know Your Candidate (KYC) App.

The platform's development began following its announcement on May 04, 2025.

Budgam bypoll shows rising BJP acceptance in Kashmir: Ashok Koul

Srinagar: Jammu & Kashmir BJP General Secretary (Organisation) Ashok Koul on Saturday said the recent Budgam byelection underscored the growing acceptance of the BJP in Kashmir, claiming it reflects a significant shift in public sentiment towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. The ruling National Conference (NC) lost the Budgam bypoll to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) by over 4,000 votes. The BJP's candidate, Aga Syed Mohsin, secured 2,619 votes.

Days after the results, BJP General Secretary Ashok Koul, chaired a review meeting with the State Executive Members and senior party leaders at Srinagar. BJP senior leaders and other prominent party functionaries, participated in the meeting.

ICG conducts XVII Technical & Logistics Management Conference and Mid-Year Refit Review

New Delhi: The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) successfully conducted the XVII Technical & Logistics Management Conference (TLMC) on 28 Nov 2025, followed by the Mid-Year Refit Review (MYRR) on 29 Nov 2025 at Coorg, Karnataka.

Director General Paramesh Sivamani, AVSM, PTM, TM, Director General Indian Coast Guard emphasized the Service's transition toward data-centric technical management, underscoring the transition of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) and advanced digital tools into predictive maintenance, equipment-health monitoring and logistics optimization. DG-ICG highlighted that the new



generation ICG fleet demands a technologically proficient workforce capable of operating and sustaining state of art propulsion systems, integrated automation suites and advanced

sensors.

DGICG further underlined the increasing relevance of the best in class machinery systems being installed onboard Coast Guard platforms, along with the

adoption of anti-drone technology to counter low-altitude asymmetric threats. DGICG also highlighted that the Defence Procurement Manual 2025 will simplify procurement, accelerate spares provisioning and promote transparent, efficient refit processes.

The Conference, focused upon areas such as Docking Interval Rationalisation, strengthening of Tech Afloat Support Units, Multi-Refit Contract implementation, Quality Assurance during refits, Condition-Based Predictive Maintenance (CBPM) and refit-spares management. These deliberations reinforced a shift from schedule-based maintenance to performance-driven,

condition-based lifecycle support.

On 29 Nov 25, Inspector General SudhirSahni, TM, Deputy Director General (Materiel & Maintenance) undertook Mid Year Refit Review. The Review assessed adherence to timelines, contract management, vendor performance and readiness indicators, aligning theRegional Headquarters efforts for cost-effective fleet maintenance.

The Conference concluded with a reaffirmation of the ICG's commitment to Atmanirbhar Bharat, technological modernisation and sustained operational excellence under the motto – “VayamRakshamah – We Protect.”

Bengal Guv CV Ananda Bose renames Kolkata Raj Bhavan to Lok Bhavan

Kolkata: West Bengal Governor C V Ananda Bose on Saturday renamed his official residence cum office in the heart of the city as the Lok Bhavan. Built in 1803, it was known as Government House during the Company rule in India and subsequently the British Raj. After the transfer of power from the East India Company to the British Crown in 1858, it became the official residence of the Viceroy of India, moving here from the Belvedere Estate.

With the shifting of the India capital from then-Calcutta to New Delhi in 1911, it became the official residence of the Governor of Bengal, and since independence in August 1947, it has served as the official residence of the Governor of West Bengal and is known as the Raj Bhavan.

A heritage site that has been impeccably maintained, it is now being renamed following a national directive from the Ministry of Home Affairs to rename all 'Raj Bhavans' and 'Raj Niwas' across the country as 'Lok Bhavan' and 'Lok Niwas' respectively. The change is intended to align with the central government's vision of public participation in democratic institutions and shed the building's colonial-era aura of exclusivity, making it more accessible to citizens.

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY
NO.: JBP/C/NFR/E-Tender/25, DATE: 27.11.2025
DRM (Commercial) Jabalpur, on behalf of President of India invites e-Tender for the earning and leasing contracts from Jabalpur Division. Details are as under:- (1) Category: Contract for vending of various miscellaneous items in 1 on Board Train in STA - MKP Section. Tender Notice No. & Date..: HyB-OnB-173109-24-1. Assets Details: Contract for vending of various miscellaneous items in on Board Train in STA - MKP Section. (Train Side Vending). Lot End Date Time: 08/12/2025 13:30. (2) Category: Advertisement Right of Gate separator (down side) at KMZ Station. Tender Notice No. & Date..: ADVT - JBP/KMZ - OH137-25-1. Assets Details: Gate separator (down side) line passes through circulating area outside platform no. 1 of Katni Murwara Station. A total of 21 grade separator pillars are located in the circulating area (Sagar culvert to TTE rest house). Area of one grade separator pillar that can be used for advertisement is 1.2 meter, height 03 meter i.e. tota area = 3.14X1.2X3.113 square meter approx. i.e. total area available for advertisement = 21X 11.3-237.3 square meter. Lot End Date Time: 05/12/2025 15:30. (3) Category: Way finder & Touch screen Kiosk at Jabalpur Station. Tender Notice No. & Date..: ADVT-JBP/JBP-OSD141-25-1. Assets Details: Contract for Design, Supply, Installation Operation & Maintenance of Intuitive- Way finder & Touch screen Kiosk Solution. Lot End Date Time: 05/12/2025 15:40. (4) Category: Advertisement right of GB (Non Digital) at Jabalpur Station. Tender Notice No. & Date..: ADVT-JBP/JBP-OSD142-25-1. Assets Details: Advertisement through glow sign boards (non-digital) at Jabalpur Railway station premises (Circulating area near Neelambari Rest House area for advertisement 250 sq ft) existing location). Lot End Date Time: 05/12/2025 15:50. (5) Category: Contract for installation & maintenance of Bottle crushing machine at Katni Station. Tender Notice No. & Date..: MSS-JBP-KTE - BCrush-82-25-1 (Misc-Static- Services - Bottle crushing machine). Assets Details: Contract for installation & maintenance of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine at own cost at Katni station for a period of five years with advertising option (Maximum 75 % wall area of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine). Lot End Date Time: 05/12/2025 13:30. (6) Category: Contract for installation & maintenance of Bottle crushing machine at Katni Murwara Station. Tender Notice No. & Date..: MSS-JBP-KMZ - BCrush-85-25-1 (Misc-Static- Services - Bottle crushing machine). Assets Details: Contract for installation & maintenance of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine at own cost at Katni Murwara station for a period of five years with advertising option (Maximum 75 % wall area of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine). Lot End Date Time: 05/12/2025 13:40. (7) Category: Contract for installation & maintenance of Bottle crushing machine at Satna Station. Tender Notice No. & Date..: MSS-JBP-STA - BCrush-86-25-1 (Misc-Static- Services - Bottle crushing machine). Assets Details: Contract for installation & maintenance of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine at own cost at Satna station for a period of five years with advertising option (Maximum 75 % wall area of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine). Lot End Date Time: 05/12/2025 13:50. (8) Category: Contract for installation & maintenance of Bottle crushing machine at Rewa Station. Tender Notice No. & Date..: MSS-JBP-REWA - BCrush-89-25-1 (Misc-Static- Services - Bottle crushing machine). Assets Details: Contract for installation & maintenance of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine at own cost at Rewa station for a period of five years with advertising option (Maximum 75 % wall area of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine). Lot End Date Time: 05/12/2025 14:00. (9) Category: Contract for installation & maintenance of Bottle crushing machine at Sagor Station. Tender Notice No. & Date: MSS-JBP-SGO - BCrush-88-25-1 (Misc-Static- Services - Bottle crushing machine). Assets Details: Contract for installation & maintenance of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine at own cost at Sagor station for a period of five years with advertising option (Maximum 75 % wall area of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine). Lot End Date Time: 05/12/2025 14:10. (10) Category: Battery Operated Car (BOC) at Sagor Station. Tender Notice No. & Date..: MSS-JBP-SGO-BCA- 96-25-1 (Misc-Static- Services - Battery Operated Car with Advertisement). Assets Details: Licensee shall be permitted to operate & maintain Battery Operated Car (BOC), the entire cost of installation, maintenance replacement, re-location of Car, labour charges & other incidental expenses are to be solely borne by the licensee. The Railway Authority shall grant exclusive rights to display advertising on the battery operated vehicles for the duration of this contract to the Service. Lot End Date Time: 05/12/2025 14:20. (11) Category: Battery Operated Car (BOC) at Satna Station. Tender Notice No. & Date..: MSS-JBP-STA-BCA- 93-25-1 (Misc-Static- Services - Battery Operated Car with Advertisement). Assets Details: Licensee shall be permitted to operate & maintain Battery Operated Car (BOC), the entire cost of installation, maintenance, replacement, re-location of Car, labour charges & other incidental expenses are to be solely borne by the licensee. The Railway Authority shall grant exclusive rights to display advertising on the battery operated vehicles for the duration of this contract to the Service. Lot End Date Time: 05/12/2025 13:50. (12) Category: Battery Operated Car (BOC) at Rewa Station. Tender Notice No. & Date: MSS-JBP-REWA - BCA-92-25-1 (Misc-Static- Services - Battery Operated Car with Advertisement). Assets Details: Licensee shall be permitted to operate & maintain Battery Operated Car (BOC), the entire cost of installation, maintenance replacement, re-location of Car, labour charges & other incidental expenses are to be solely borne by the licensee. The Railway Authority shall grant exclusive rights to display advertising on the battery operated vehicles for the duration of this contract to the Service. Lot End Date Time: 05/12/2025 14:40. (13) Category: Provision Food Van at Katni Station. Tender Notice No. & Date..: MSS-JBP-KTE - STGen-101-25-1 (Misc-Static- Services - Static General). Assets Details: Provision, Operation, and Maintenance of Food Van at Katni Station as per Railway standards and specifications. Lot End Date Time: 05/12/2025 14:50. (14) Category: Contract for installation & maintenance of Bottle crushing machine at Malhar Station. Tender Notice No. & Date..: MSS-JBP-MYRBCrush-90-25-1. Assets Details: Contract for installation & maintenance of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine at own cost at Malhar station for a period of five years with advertising option (Maximum 75 % wall area of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine). Lot End Date Time: 02/12/2025 13:30. (15) Category: Contract for installation & maintenance of Bottle crushing machine at Damoh Station. Tender Notice No. & Date..: MSS-JBPDMO-BCrush87-25-1. Assets Details: Contract for installation & maintenance of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine at own cost at Damoh station for a period of five years with advertising option (Maximum 75 % wall area of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine). Lot End Date Time: 02/12/2025 13:40. (16) Category: Battery Operated Car (BOC) at Pipariya Station. Tender Notice No. & Date..: MSS-JBP-PIPIBCA-97-25-1. Assets Details: Licensee shall be permitted to operate & maintain Battery Operated Car (BOC), the entire cost of installation, maintenance replacement, re-location of Car, labour charges & other incidental expenses are to be solely borne by the licensee. The Railway Authority shall grant exclusive rights to display advertising on the battery operated vehicles for the duration of this contract to the Service. Lot End Date Time: 02/12/2025 13:50. (17) Category: Battery Operated Car (BOC) at Malhar Station. Tender Notice No. & Date..: MSS-JBP-MYRBCA-95-25-1 Assets Details: Licensee shall be permitted to operate & maintain Battery Operated Car (BOC), the entire cost of installation, maintenance replacement, re-location of Car, labour charges & other incidental expenses are to be solely borne by the licensee. The Railway Authority shall grant exclusive rights to display advertising on the battery operated vehicles for the duration of this contract to the Service. Lot End Date Time: 02/12/2025 14:00 (18) Category: Battery Operated Car (BOC) at Katni Station. Tender Notice No. & Date: MSS-JBP-KTEBCA-94-25-1 Assets Details: Licensee shall be permitted to operate & maintain Battery Operated Car (BOC), the entire cost of installation, maintenance replacement, re-location of Car, labour charges & other incidental expenses are to be solely borne by the licensee. The Railway Authority shall grant exclusive rights to display advertising on the battery operated vehicles for the duration of this contract to the Service Lot End Date Time: 02/12/2025 14:10 (19) Category: Medical Facilities at Katni Station. Tender Notice No. & Date: MSS-JBP-KTMedStn-19-24-1 Assets Details: Medical Facilities at Katni Station. Tender Notice No. & Date: MSS-JBP-STA-MedStn-20-24-1 Assets Details: Medical Facilities at Satna Station Lot End Date Time: 02/12/2025 14:30 Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Tender Leasing module on IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in). The Lot-wise details are available therein under the above mentioned catalogue No. E-Tender information is also available on the notice board of Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), West Central Railway, Jabalpur. (BCR, Jabalpur)