



Primary report on Baramati plane crash expected next week



Bangladesh PM directs ministers to prioritise national interest

India-Proven AI is ready for the world: PM Modi

New Delhi (UNI) Declaring India ready to shape the global future of artificial intelligence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that "any AI model that succeeds in India can be deployed anywhere in the world," positioning the country as a proving ground for inclusive and scalable AI innovation.

Addressing the inaugural session of the India AI Impact Summit 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, Modi laid out an ambitious vision to democratize artificial intelligence while ensuring it remains secure, ethical and accessible.

"India, from semiconductor to



chip to quantum computing, is getting stronger in all," he said. "So, let's make India affordable and securable

in AI. The AI designed and developed in India can be an example for the world-designed and developed in India, delivered to the world, delivered to humanity. If it works in India, it can work anywhere," he remarked.

At the heart of Modi's address was a strong push for the democratization of AI. "AI has to be democratized so that humans don't just become a data point for AI or remain a raw material for AI," he said.

"Some people fear AI, some see the future in it. India sees the future in AI. Any AI model that succeeds in India can be deployed anywhere in the world."

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, India

"The future of AI will be built by those who combine innovation and responsibility," Macron said. "India and France will help shape this future together."

Emmanuel Macron, President, France

"India will emerge as one of the greatest AI powers in the world in the 21st century"

Mukesh Ambani, Chairman, Reliance Industries

"No technology has me dreaming bigger than AI."

Sundar Pichai, CEO, Google

"India is already leading the way in AI adoption, and with its talent, ambition, and strong government support, it is well placed to help shape its future."

Sam Altman, CEO, OpenAI

"AI's future cannot be decided by a handful of countries or left to the whims of a few billionaires. No child should be a test subject for unregulated AI."

Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations

AI Impact Summit 2026

Mukesh D. Ambani, the chairman and managing director of Reliance Industries Limited, on Thursday announced plans to invest Rs 10 lakh crores over the next seven years to build what he described as India's sovereign artificial intelligence infrastructure, including huge AI-ready data centres.

Speaking at the India AI Summit, Ambani said the investment, to be led by Reliance and its digital arm Jio Platforms, would begin this year and focus on large-scale data centers, renewable energy capacity and nationwide edge computing.

Tata, OpenAI to build 100 MW of AI infrastructure

Tata Group, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and OpenAI on Thursday announced a strategic partnership, that will drive AI-powered innovation, and build 100 megawatts (MW) of AI infrastructure, with an option to scale up to 1 gigawatt (GW).

The partnership will cover multiple high-impact areas, including powering AI-led innovation across Tata Group companies, joint efforts to drive AI transformation across industries globally, and setting up AI infrastructure.

Google to invest \$15B in AI center in Vizag

Google CEO Sundar Pichai just gave a big shoutout to India's tech progress at the AI India Summit, highlighting how Visakhapatnam has grown from a small coastal city into an up-and-coming global AI hub. He announced that Google will invest \$15 billion to build a full-stack AI center in Vizag, complete with powerful computing and a subsea cable gateway. "Every time I return to India, I'm amazed by the pace of change—and today is no exception," said Pichai, who hails from Chennai, Tamil Nadu. In his student days, he used to travel by train from Chennai to IIT Kharagpur, passing through Visakhapatnam.

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J-K police arrests man with Pak-based Narco-terror links

Rajouri (Jammu and Kashmir): In a major crackdown on the narco-terror nexus, the Jammu and Kashmir Police, in a joint operation with the 54 Rashtriya Rifles, arrested a man with Pakistan-based links in the Rajouri district on Thursday. According to the District Police Office Rajouri, the arrested individual has been identified as Sachin Kumar, alias Pamma, a resident of Sehar, Nowshera. As per preliminary investigation, the accused was in direct contact with a Pakistan-based trans-border narco-terror operative.

ED seizes bank accounts, FDs, bonds worth Rs 590 crore

Dual gas tragedies: 53 lives lost in Nigeria and Pakistan

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Alake, noted that the miners were likely unaware of the invisible danger. The government has since sealed the site as investigators determine whether the operation was legal, amidst a nationwide crackdown on unregulated mining.

Dawn explosion shakes Karachi

Tragedy also struck Karachi, Pakistan, where a suspected gas leak triggered a massive explosion in a residential apartment in the Old Soldier Bazaar area. The blast, occurring at 4:30 AM on the first morning of Ramadan, claimed the lives of 16 people, including women and children. Rescue teams worked through the debris of the collapsed first floor to pull survivors from the rubble. Local officials believe accumulated gas ignited in the early hours, turning a home into a death trap. As families across the city began their holy fast, 14 injured victims were rushed to nearby trauma centers, leaving the community in shock.

UK police arrest ex-Prince Andrew over Epstein links

London: Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor, the second son of the late Queen Elizabeth and brother to King Charles, has been arrested by UK police on suspicion of misconduct while holding public office, amid ongoing investigations linked to the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

Police arrived at Mountbatten-Windsor's residence at Sandringham, the Norfolk estate of King Charles, early Thursday morning.

Authorities stated they were conducting searches at locations in Norfolk and Berkshire, where the former prince had lived before departing his Windsor home earlier this month, according to sources. Thames Valley Police are reportedly examining allegations that the former British prince and trade envoy, received women trafficked to the UK by Epstein.

SC slams 'freebie culture', flags economic impact

New Delhi: The Supreme Court of India on Thursday strongly criticised political parties across states for promoting what it termed a growing "freebie culture", observing that such largesse could hamper economic development and needs to be revisited.

The court made the remarks while hearing a plea related to the DMK government-led Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd, which had proposed providing free electricity without distinguishing between financially weaker sections and those who can afford to pay.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi observed that while it is the state's duty to support the poor, indiscriminate distribution of benefits could undermine fiscal stability.



"Most of the states in the country are revenue deficit states and yet they are offering such freebies," the bench remarked, adding that economic development of the nation would be hampered by such distribution of largesse.

The Chief Justice noted that states continue to run fiscal deficits while announcing expansive welfare schemes. "Yes, it is the state's duty to provide. But the ones who are enjoy-

Rs 15.6 crore crystal MD Haul in Mhow

CBN destroys sophisticated Meth Lab

Mhow: In a massive blow to the synthetic drug trade, the Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) has dismantled a high-tech manufacturing unit in Thavlay village, seizing nearly 52 kg of high-quality Crystal MD (Methamphetamine) valued at Rs 15.60 crore.

The three-day operation also led to the recovery of over 260 kg of raw chemicals and specialized processing machinery used for large-scale production.

The crackdown began when officers intercepted a bus in Mandasaur, catching two suspects with an initial 8 kg of the drug.

Their interrogation led a 20-member specialized team to a rented house near Mhow.

The site was so toxic with chemical fumes that officers had to utilize Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to safely enter and dismantle the lab.

Three individuals, including the property owner, have been arrested under the NDPS Act.

This successful operation has not only removed a significant volume of Methamphetamine from the streets but has also provided crucial leads into a wider national narcotics network.

SpiceJet responds after Bangladesh bars airline from using airspace over pending dues

New Delhi: Budget Carrier SpiceJet said its operations remain unaffected after Bangladesh barred the airline from using its airspace over pending dues. The development comes as authorities in Bangladesh restricted the airline's access, citing non-payment of outstanding charges. Responding to the reports, SpiceJet said it is in discussions with the concerned authorities. "We are in regular dialogue with the relevant authorities on operational and procedural matters, including navigation-related charges. These are routine industry issues, and we are working constructively towards an early resolution. Our flight operations remain unaffected, and we continue to operate our scheduled services in line with regulatory requirements," the airline said in a statement on Thursday.

Airline operations disrupted across India, Europe over Navitaire system outage

Navitaire, a subsidiary of Amadeus, supplies reservation, inventory management, and departure control systems to low-cost and hybrid airlines around the world.



New Delhi (UNI) Flight operations across India were briefly disrupted on Thursday morning following an interim outage of Navitaire, the reservation and departure control system used by several airlines. The impact was also felt in parts of the Asia-Pacific and Europe.

An official said that in India, every airline relying on the system, apart from Air India, experienced disruptions in the morning.

The disruption impacted IndiGo, Air India Express, Akasa Air, and SpiceJet during two windows, 6:45 am to 7:28 am and 8:10 am to 8:25

am, leading to temporary check-in and boarding delays at airports such as Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport.

According to a senior official, the outage disrupted passenger processing systems, including airport check-in counters and boarding platforms, which led to longer queues during the morning peak travel hours.

Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) was among the airports that saw congestion, coinciding with increased activity driven by the arrival of several high-profile delegates attending the ongoing AI Summit in the national capital.

"Several VIP movements put additional operational pressure on terminals dealing with early morning traffic. A NOTAM, issued because of

the VIP movements, also added to the congestion," an official briefed on the situation said.

During the outage, airlines shifted to manual processing and contingency protocols to minimise disruption, officials said.

"Passenger processing was temporarily slowed by a global system issue. However, the situation has been brought under control, and operations are returning to normal," an airport official said.

While some flights were slightly delayed at departure, "the outage did not lead to any immediate cancellations," he noted.

To note, a Notice to Air Missions (NOTAM) is active in the Delhi region, restricting flights temporarily because of the ongoing AI Summit. The restrictions affect IGIA and all airports within 300 km of Delhi (within Delhi FIR) from 7:30 am to 3 pm.

As per the NOTAM, take-offs and landings at IGIA and surrounding airports within 300 km are restricted during the defined timeframes, except for scheduled commercial services, VIP flights cleared for the summit, and specified defence and emergency operations.

42 Bihar MLAs in legal trouble over affidavit discrepancies, vote theft allegations

Patna (UNI) The Patna High Court has issued notices to 42 MLAs seeking their responses over allegations of vote theft and false information in election affidavits during the Bihar Assembly elections 2025.

Among the prominent leaders named in the petitions are Assembly Speaker Prem Kumar, Energy Minister Vijendra Yadav, former minister Jivesh Mishra, MLA Chetan Anand, and RJD MLA Amarendra Prasad, among others.

The petitions were filed by defeated opposition candidates who alleged that the winning candidates had concealed or misrepresented information regarding their assets, criminal records, and other key details in their election nomination affidavits.

They also accused the NDA leaders of purchasing votes by giving Rs10,000 to voters, in the name of women empowerment.

After a preliminary hearing, the court deemed the matter serious and sought responses from all concerned MLAs.

During the hearing, the court clarified that the election affidavit is an important document in the democratic process. Voters have the



right to accurate information about a candidate's assets, background, and legal cases. Concealing or misrepresenting such information could be considered a serious violation.

BJP MLA Jivesh Mishra said that any questions raised by the court would be answered in court.

Congress MLA Abhishek Ranjan remarked that if someone believes wrongdoing has occurred, approaching the court is appropriate, and they will follow whatever legal process and order the court issues.

RJD MLA Bhai Virendra stated that challenging election results in court is a democratic right.

He said that candidates who lose elections have every right to seek judicial recourse and often do so.

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BSE..... 82,498.14 (-1236.11)

NSE..... 25,454.35 (-365.00)

Bullion

Gold..... 1,56,490 (24 carat 10gm)

Silver..... 2,70,000 (1kg)

USD(\$)/INR(Rs)..... 91.11

Weather

Sunrise

6.51

Sunset

6.18

Day

26.4

Night

14.4