



Primary report on Baramati plane crash expected next week

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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

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

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.

Rs 15.6 crore crystal MD Haul in Mhow

CBN destroys sophisticated Meth Lab

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.

Man detained in Kota for threatening to shoot Rahul Gandhi

Jaipur: A man who allegedly put out a video threatening to shoot Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and 25 other MPs of the opposition party was detained by police in Rajasthan's Kota on Thursday, a senior official said.

The man, who identified himself as Raj Singh, a spokesperson of the right-wing group Karni Sena, said in the purported video that all BJP and Karni Sena workers were angered by the way 25 Congress MPs verbally abused Speaker Om Birla in the Lok Sabha during the recently concluded first part of the Budget session of Parliament.

If such an incident occurs again, we will enter the houses of those MPs and vandalise them. I believe this incident occurred on Rahul Gandhi's orders.

SC slams 'freebie culture', flags economic impact



ing freebies... is it not something that should be looked at?" he observed orally during the hearing.

He further questioned whether a significant portion of annual revenue nearly 25 per cent in some cases could instead be channelled into development projects.

The bench said economic development of the nation gets hampered with this kind of largesse distribution and states should work to open avenues for employment instead of giving free food, cycles, electricity to all.

Following this, the Supreme Court issued a notice to the Centre and others on the plea of the DMK government-led power distribution firm, which proposes to provide free electricity. The power firm has challenged a rule of the Electricity Amendment Rules, 2024.

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.

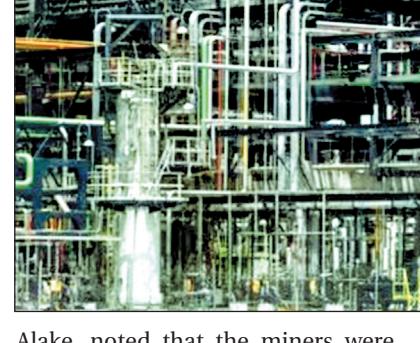
BJP MLA Jivesh Mishra said that any questions raised by the court would be answered in court.

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.

Dual gas tragedies: 53 lives lost in Nigeria and Pakistan



New Delhi: A grim Thursday marked by catastrophic gas-related accidents has left two nations mourning. From a toxic leak in a Nigerian mine to a devastating residential blast in Pakistan, a total of 53 people have perished, highlighting a global crisis in hazardous resource management.

Silent killer in Nigerian mines

In the Wase region of Plateau State, Nigeria, at least 37 miners were suffocated by a lethal cocktail of lead oxide, sulfur, and carbon monoxide.

The toxic leak occurred in a poorly ventilated underground shaft, leaving victims with no chance of escape. Police spokesperson Alfred Alabo confirmed that while 37 succumbed to the fumes, 26 others remain hospitalized in critical condition.

Minister of Solid Minerals, Dele

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.

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

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized bank accounts, fixed deposits, mutual funds and bonds of Winzo Pvt Ltd and its subsidiary Zv Pvt Ltd of Rs 590 crore under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, the agency said on Thursday. ED said Winzo was into the business of hosting Real Money Games (RMG) and gambling, offering more than 100 number games with a claimed user base of about 25 crore users. It further said that Winzo has made overseas direct investment in its foreign subsidiaries - Winzo US Inc, USA and Winzo SG PTE Ltd, Singapore, by acquiring foreign exchange to the tune of USD 54,255,010 (equivalent to Rs 492 crore).

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.

Sensex

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 | Sunset | Day | Night

6.51 | 6.18 | 26.4 | 14.4

New Delhi (UNI)

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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.

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