



Caste census will happen, wall of 50 pc quota limit will be broken, says Rahul Gandhi

Vidya Balan recalls bumping into Rishi Kapoor as a 'little kid' and running away in 'shock'; 'I thought I saw an apple'

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Encounter underway at Kupwara

An encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists in Margi area of Lolab in Kupwara district of the valley last evening. According to officials, Army and police personnel were engaged in a search operation in Margi area when terrorists opened fire on them. Fire was returned. The operation was in progress when reports last came in, officials said. Other details were

Minor reshuffle in admin

The government today ordered transfers and postings in the civil administration. As per a GAD order, Sarfaraz, awaiting orders of adjustment in the general administration department, is posted as additional secretary in the chief minister's secretariat. Aziz Ahmad Rather, additional deputy commissioner, Handwara, is transferred and posted as additional secretary in the chief minister's secretariat. Other details were

Engineering Services Exam-2025 on June 8: UPSC

The Engineering Services (Preliminary) Examination-2025 to select officers of different central services will be conducted on June 8, the Union Public Service Commission has said. The Commission had last month postponed the examination to give sufficient time to the aspirants for preparation following a change in scheme for the recruitment of the Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS) officers. The move followed the government's decision to conduct the recruitment to the IRMS through both the Civil Services Examinations

CBSE cracks down on 'dummy' schools

NEW DELHI, NOV 06: In a crackdown on 'dummy' admissions, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Wednesday (November 6, 2024) withdrew affiliation of 21 schools and downgraded six schools from senior secondary to secondary level, officials said. The move comes following a surprise inspection at the schools in Rajasthan and Delhi in September during which several lapses were found, they said. "The practice of dummy or non-attending admis

Cabinet approves PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme

NEW DELHI, NOV 06: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme to provide monetary support to meritorious students so that financial constraints do not prevent them from pursuing quality higher education, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said. As per the scheme, anybody who gets admission in Quality Higher Education Institutions (QHEIs) will be eligible to get collateral free, guarantor-free loan from banks and financial institutions to cover the full amount of tuition fees and other expenses re

Ruckus in assembly after NC passes resolution to restore Art 370

'Jai Shree Ram' chants echo House

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A ruckus broke out in the assembly today after the Omar Abdullah-led government passed a resolution, seeking a dialogue between the Centre & the elected representatives for the restoration of Article 370 which was revoked in 2019. Amid noisy scenes, 'Jai Shree Ram' and 'Vande Matram' slogans reverberated in the House.



BJP MLAs were also heard shouting: "They won't let the anti-national agenda to succeed." After the resolution was passed by a voice vote, BJP MLAs rose to their feet and held a massive protest. Visibly angered by the move, they stormed the well of the House, tearing copies of the document and raising slogans against the Speaker and the NC government. The unruly scenes and

vociferous protests by the BJP members led to frequent disruptions of the proceedings before the Speaker eventually adjourned the House for the day. While NC and BJP MLAs traded barbs against each other, the opposition members raised 'Jai Shree Ram, Vande Matram' and several other slogans. "August 5 Zindabad, Jai Shri Ram, Vande Mataram, Anti-national agenda nahin chalega, anti-Jammu agenda nahin chalega, Pakistani agenda nahin Chalega & Speaker Hai-Hai" were among the slogans raised by the BJP members after the passage of the resolution. Accusing the Speaker of being partisan, BJP's Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma said, "We have reports that you (Speaker) called a meeting of minis-

Gen Dwivedi highlights 3-step approach to boost jointness

NEW DELHI, NOV 06: Army chief, Gen Upendra Dwivedi today outlined the three-phase approach towards enhancing jointness across the armed forces, at a time when the military was ready to present its theaterisation model to the decision-makers. Theaterisation, which requires jointness and integration, is a long-awaited reform for the best use of the military's resources to fight future wars. The first phase, or 'Jointness 1.0', focused on inte-



grating acquisition planning, courses, and operational joint logistic nodes, with three fully operational and four more in progress, Dwivedi said in his address at the National Defence College on Decade of Transformation: Indian Army in Stride with the Future and Nation Building.

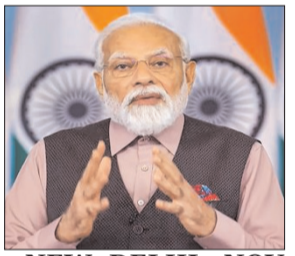
"In Jointness 2.0, progress was made in aligning doctrines, standard operating procedures and creating joint maintenance organisations for major platforms. Anticipating Jointness 3.0, the army aims to expand common operational planning process, tech sharing, and resources like UAVs and ISR (intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) systems. Efforts to integrate the Central Armed Police Forces are ongoing...", he said.

Parl set to take up Waqf, ONOE Bills during winter session

NEW DELHI, NOV 06: The winter session of parliament, which is scheduled to begin on November 25 and continue till December 20, is set to be a stormy one with contentious Bills, including Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024 and also a legislation on 'one nation, one election', likely to be taken up. This session also coincides with 75th anniversary of adoption of the Constitution on November 26. The celebration for Constitution Day will be held at Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan,

highlighting the historical and ongoing importance of the Constitution. "President, on recommendation of govt, has approved proposal for summoning both Houses of Parliament for Winter Session, 2024, from November 25 to December 20, 2024 (subject to exigencies of parliamentary business)," parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju said. Joint Parliamentary Committee on waqf bill, having held several rounds of meetings and consultations, is expected to submit

Modi congratulates Trump on election victory, calls for boosting ties



NEW DELHI, NOV 06: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday congratulated "friend" Donald Trump on his "historic" presidential polls victory, and said he looks forward to renewing their collaboration to further

Assembly has done its job: Omar on Art 370 resolution



Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, NOV 06 Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said the Assembly had done its job after it passed a resolution seeking a dialogue between the Centre and elected rep

'Unstoppable' Donald trumps Kamala, elected US President

NEW YORK, NOV 06: Donald Trump went from being a businessman, real estate tycoon and a reality TV star to becoming the country's first former US President to be declared a convicted felon.



And, after surviving two assassination bids during his 2024 campaign, the 78-year old remains unstoppable with American voters giving him a second term. In the process, he shattered the dream of the Democratic Party, as well as that of millions of Kamala Harris supporters, to finally have the first woman President in the White House.

Biden-Harris campaign said at the time that no one is above the law while Trump called the verdict the result of a "rigged" political system.

He is now the oldest person in US history to be elected president. From the time he left office after his loss in the 2020 presidential election to his nomination as the Republican candidate in the 2024 race, Trump continued to dominate the American news cycle and the country's psyche.

Yet, none of this could deter his ardent supporters, who rallied behind him and his policies.

He refused to accept the November 2020 result that brought Joe Biden to the White House, and a stunned nation watched his supporters storm the US Capitol on January 6. The riots disrupted a joint session of the US Congress which was in the process of affirming the presidential election results.

The vehement support was on full display in Milwaukee in July when Trump, with a bandaged ear after having survived an assassination attempt, arrived for the Republican National Convention to formally accept the party's nomination for President for the third consecutive election.

His third run for the job in 2024 was characterised by a slew of indictments and criminal cases, and a conviction in a New York court - making him the first former US president to be held guilty of a crime.

Trump was hit by a bullet in the upper part of his right ear when a shooter fired multiple shots at his election rally in Pennsylvania.

A grand jury found him guilty on 34 counts of falsifying business records. The

He was born in Queens, New York, on June 14, 1946 to Mary and Fred Trump, a successful real estate developer, as the fourth of their five children. He earned a degree in finance from the Wharton School

'Real democracies function differently'

India slams Pak in UN for raising Kashmir 'issue'

NEW YORK (US), NOV 06: India on Wednesday slammed Pakistan for raising the Kashmir issue again at the United Nations session. Rajiv Shukla criticised the neighbouring country for fuelling misinformation in the valley and said that "real democracies function differently."

ing disinformation regarding the situation in Jammu and Kashmir. However, the recent assembly elections in the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, held over three phases on September 18, September 25, and October 1, demonstrated a strong commitment to democracy. The elections saw impressive voter turnout, with Phase 1 recording 61.38 pc, Phase 2 at 57.31 pc, and Phase 3 achieving a notable 69.9 pc. These high participa

"Let me be clear. Real democracies function differently. The people of Jammu and Kashmir turned out in record numbers in the recently con-

"A delegation has yet again used this august forum for peddling lies and falsehood. It is habitual for this delegation to resort to disinformation and misinformation. This delegation tends to measure the world's largest democracy using similar yardsticks," he added. "Pakistan has consistently engaged in spread-

BJP veterans oppose resolution to restore Art 370, burn govt effigy

Kavinder terms move as 'anti-national'

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After National Conference today passed in assembly a resolution to restore the now 'dead' Article 370, BJP veterans hit the streets and burnt the NC government's effigy, with ex-deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta terming the party's move as 'anti-national'.



Gupta today led a massive protest against the resolution passed by assembly

against the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35 A.

causing NC of rekindling divisive policies that undermine national unity. "BJP remains steadfast in its commitment to up

Kashmir is at a crossroads; Jammu has bigger responsibility at hand

Sahil Mahajan

There are occasion when the people have to think of beyond the regions they live in. Jammu at this point in time has been thrust into a situation wherein it has to perform a bigger responsibility than its size and population brings upon it. In certain matters, it is much more responsibility-ridden period than in 1947-48, and 1990s when it had to accommodate wave upon wave of refugees from what is now Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir, and Kashmiri pundits who were left with no option but to migrate to save themselves and

their honour. Today, it has to save the whole of Jammu and Kashmir, democracy and its future. Kashmir is at a crossroads after the one of the most successful elections in the history of Jammu and Kashmir, in which millions participated without even a single-burst of cracker. The mandate it delivered cannot be disputed because no one can challenge the choice of voters in a vibrant democracy. That's a fact and even a single word to question the choice of voters is an insult to democracy. The mandate has to be respected, but its potential consequences can also not be undermined. To throw every ball in the court of the Centre to resolve

the contentious issues is also not a healthy sign. The Centre, under the Narendra Modi Government, cannot be seen interfering in all matters of the Valley. The history tells it that there are huge sensitivities dotting the landscape of Kashmir since 1947 when a colossal political and military turmoil hit the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir with an all-out invasion of the state by Pakistan, leading to special arrangements in Srinagar-Delhi relations. Article 370 was a byproduct of that. Although it has been abrogated, its vestiges were still being debated in many quarters. The debate should be taken in the spirit of the debate as debate on the issues howsoever diffi-

cult those might be is a critical part of any democratic society. Outright rejection is not the answer. Let the debate go on without exchange of acrimony, as any hostile exchange of words can lead to divisions and frictions that may work to the advantage of the forces bent upon destabilizing J&K. This situation throws a challenge to the whole of the nation, which only saner voices can help overcome. Not that there is any dearth of sane and mature voices in the Valley - there are many, but is needed to be understood is that Kashmir was caught in the whirlpool of violence and the narratives dictated by guns and bombs. These killing ma-