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Without music, life would be a mistake
- Friedrich Nietzsche

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The Supreme Court was told that stubble burning remained a matter of "serious concern" which aggravated the air pollution situation in the National Capital Region

STUBBLE BURNING CHIEF VILLAIN



ver 4,000 and 360 incidents of stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana were detected between September 15 and November 10 and over 1,500 polluting industrial units have been closed in Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan to contain the grave air pollution in

the national capital region, the Supreme Court was told. The steps taken so far to deal with the worsening air pollution levels in Delhi-NCR were referred to in two separate affidavits filed by the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in pursuance with the apex court's directions. On November 3, a bench headed by Chief Justice B R

Gavai directed CAQM to file an affidavit detailing the steps it has taken so far to prevent air pollution in Delhi-NCR from deteriorating further. Stubble burning contributed significantly to the deterioration of air quality in the region, the top court was told.

Rupee depreciates against dollar



he rupee depreciated 12 paise to close at 88.62 against the US dollar on Wednesday, weighed down by the strength of the American currency in the overseas market and elevated crude oil prices. Forex traders said the rupee traded within a range amid renewed optimism over the India-US trade deal.

Bomb threat to flight turns out to be hoax



bomb threat to an Air India Express flight from Mumbai to Varanasi that landed at the Lal Bahadur Shastri International

Airport on Wednesday has turned out to be a hoax, police said.

How many wives?

Trump to Syrian Prez

video from the meeting between Donald Trump and Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa, now circulating widely online, captures a

lightearted exchange between the two leaders. Trump is seen pres-



enting Al-Sharaa with a bottle of perfume, spraying it on him and saying, "And the other one is for your wife." He then asks, "How many wives?"

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra effort, every day, in every task, that makes greatness - Jimmy Johnson

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blessing is that I love

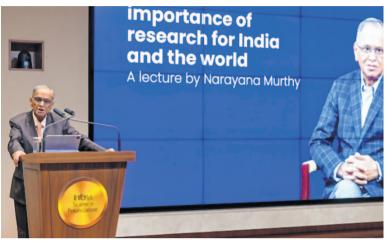
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Infosys Prize

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he Infosys Science Foundation (ISF) on Wednesday announced the winners of the Infosys Prize 2025, a top honour in Indian research that includes a purse of USD 100,000. Among the six laureates are Andrew Ollett, the world's foremost scholar of the Prakrit languages, and Anjana Badrinarayanan, known for her pioneering work in genome repair. The prize was announced across six categories-Economics, Engineering and Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences,

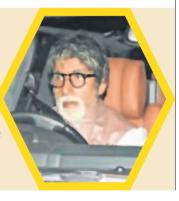


and Physical Sciences. The prize for each category comprises a gold medal, a citation, and a prize purse of USD 100,000 (or its equivalent in INR), it said. According to ISF, the winners of the Infosys Prize 2025 are Nikhil Agarwal, Paul A Samuelson, Sushant Sachdeva, Andrew Ollett,

Anjana Badrinarayanan, Sabyasachi Mukherjee, and Karthish Manthiram. Ollett, who has been awarded in the category of Humanities and Social Sciences is known for his linguistic mastery and knowledge, ranging from detailed contributions to the study of Sanskrit, Prakrit, Kannada, Tamil. Old Javanese, and Chinese.

Big B behind the wheel

Amitabh Bachchan stepped out in the city on Wednesday evening, and what truly caught everyone's attention was his Adriving mode. The 'Agneepath' star was spotted behind the wheel of his luxurious BMW in Juhu, flashing a warm smile and waving at the paparazzi from his window, At 83, if driving in style isn't cool, then what is? Meanwhile, on the work front, Amitabh Bachchan is currently busy hosting the 17th season of KBC (KBC).



Kovalam wins Blue Flag Certification



he famous Kovalam beach, one of the popular tourist spots near Chennai, has secured the prestigious International Blue Flag Certification for the fifth consecutive vear 2025-26. In a social media post on Tuesday night, State Minister for Finance and Environmental Climate Change, Thangam Thennarasu expressed pride in the achievement and highlighted the commitment of the state government to maintaining the beach's global eco-standards.

32 years of Baazigar



t's been 32 years since Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol's iconic film 'Baazigar' hit theatres, a movie that still holds a special place in the hearts of fans. On Wednesday, Kajol took to her Instagram account and share a poster from the 1993 hit film.

Dharmendra discharged from hospital



eteran actor Dharmendra was discharged from the Breach Candy hospital on Wednesday morning and will continue his recovery at home, his family and doctor said amid intense speculation about his health. The 89-year-old actor was dis-

charged from the south Mumbai hospital days after he was admitted there for tests. The family and hospital authorities did not go into any details about the tests or his condition. In a statement, the family urged for privacy and asked people to respect the actor.



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Shuttler to be India's flag bearer

erlin Javaratchagan, who won three gold medals in badminton at the Deaflympics, will be India's flagbearer at the upcoming Summer Games in Tokyo from November 15 to 26. India is sending a

record 111-member contingent to this edition of the Deaflympics. The Indian contingent was given a warm send-off by the Secretary, Sports, Government of India, Hari Ranjan Rao, at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on Wednesday.



Saini presents Rs 1.5cr to Shafali



Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Wednesday

honoured Indian woman cricketer Shafali Verma with a cheque for Rs 1.50 crore and a Grade-A gradation certificate for her outstanding performance. In addition, the Haryana State Commission for Women has appointed cricketer Shafali Verma as its Brand Ambassador. She was a player of the 2025 World Cup-winning Women's Cricket Team.

Indian shooters miss out



Chouksey and Olympian Anjum Moudgil missed out on a place in the finals of the women's 50m rifle 3-positions event, finishing

15th and 17th respectively in qualification at the ISSF World Championships, in Cairo on Wednesday. While Ashi shot 588, the seasoned Anjum managed 587. The third Indian in the fray, Olympian Sift Kaur Samra finished in 48th place.

QUICK NEWS

Stella calls penalty 'harsh'

cLaren Team Principal Andrea Stella has described Oscar Piastri's penalty at the São Paulo Grand Prix as "definitely on the harsh side", after the Australian was handed a 10second time penalty for a collision with Kimi Antonelli during Sunday's race.

Bazball good enough in Aus

Cormer Test opener Aaron Finch believes that Travis Head's recent performances prove England's aggressive "Bazball" approach can also succeed in Australian conditions. He expressed his support for Tasmanian opener Jake Weatherald.

Anahat Singh loses in China

ising teenaged tal-**N**ent Anahat Singh went down to Egyptian eighth seed and world No 15 Sana Ibrahim 11-5, 6-11, 4-11, 7-11 in the round-of-16 at the China Open squash, a PSA Gold event, on Wednesday.



Wolvaardt dominated the ICC Women's WC, scoring 470 runs in October alone.

Muthusamy, Wolvaardt win accolades



outh African duo of spinner Senuran



captain Smriti **Mandhana for** this monthly

Muthusamy and skipper Laura Wolvaardt have been named winners of the ICC Players of the Month

awards for October 2025, following standout performances in Tests and Women's ODI World Cup, respectively. Muthusamy earned the honour in the men's category ahead of fellow spinners -Pakistan's Noman Ali and Afghanistan's Rashid Khan, for his all-round display in the drawn Test series against Pakistan, claiming 11 wickets in Lahore and top-scoring with 89 in Rawalpindi."It feels great to be named

the Player of the Month by the ICC, especially since it comes for performances in Test cricket, a format that every player wants to excel in.

I was privileged to be part of such a competitive series in Pakistan and am happy to have contributed with both ball and bat. I would like to thank my team-mates for their support and look forward to contributing for my team in the years to come," he said.

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MCA wants to play host to RCB matches

he Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) Stadium in Pune is in discussions with Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) to host its IPL 2026 home matches for the upcoming season, confirmed secretary Adv. Kamlesh Pisal on Wednesday.RCB's trophy-winning celebrations in Bengaluru took a tragic turn

on June 4, when a stampede at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium claimed 11 lives ahead of the victory celebrations.
Following that tragic incident, the M
Chinnaswamy Stadium hasn't hosted a cricket game, and lost out on hosting the recently concluded 2025 Women's ODI World Cup, including the final.

Ind-SA T20 in Cuttack

He advised the authorities to ensure proper arrangement for crowd management and emergency health services

Odisha CM orders foolproof security



n the wake of recent Delhi blast with over 8 people killed and dozens injured, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Wednesday emphasised the need for a foolproof security arrangement during the upcoming India-South Africa T-20 International match at Barabati Stadium, Cuttack, on December 9. CM Majhi gave the instructions during a high-level preparatory meeting held at the Lok Seva Bhawan



here on Wednesday to review the arrangements for the upcoming T-20 International match. Referring to the recent blast in Delhi, CM Majhi stressed the need for foolproof security arrangements and directed the police administration to

remain on high alert to ensure public safety at

every stage. The CM also advised the senior officials of the OCA and the state administration to ensure flawless execution.



Subsequently, the **Odisha government** had sought an explanation from the OCA over the floodlight failure.

Ponting calls Stokes-led England the best

head of the five-match Ashes starting on November 21, former Australia skipper Ricky Ponting has hailed the Ben Stokes-led England team as the best sent out in this century. England has been largely muted about their Ashes build-up, and will play just

one warm-up match against England Lions side."This build up started years ago. It happens the same way every time a series comes around. Some of the ex-Ashes combatants have started as well with Stuart Broad and Dave Warner kicking things off," said Ponting.

Lakshya Sen cruises into second round

India's Lakshya Sen started his Japan Masters campaign strongly, advancing to the second round of the BWF World Tour Super 500 event with a straightgames victory over Japan's Koki Watanabe in Kumamoto City on Wednesday. The seventh seed and world No. 15 appeared in complete control throughout the 39-min-



ute match, defeating the local favourite and world No. 26 Watanabe. Showing sharp court coverage and deft net play, Lakshya hardly allowed his opponent to settle into rhythm.

Prachura meets Team India in B'luru



lormer international chess player Prachura P.P. met the Indian Tennis team at the S.M. Krishna Tennis Stadium in Bengaluru ahead of the Billie Jean King Cup Play-offs 2025, scheduled from November 14 to 16. The team is into final preparations ahead of the crucial match that will determine qualification for the World Group.

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