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INDIA

EC Tells Supreme Court Form 6 Was Not Amended, Clarifies SIR Declaration Issue

The Election Commission has told the Supreme Court that displaying an SIR declaration alongside online Form 6 may have created the impression that the statutory voter-enrolment form had been amended, though no formal amendment was made. The affidavit also addr...



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New Delhi: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has told the Supreme Court that the way a declaration was displayed alongside online Form 6 could have given the impression that the statutory voter-enrolment form had been amended. However, the Commission maintained that no formal amendment had been made and that only the Central Government has the authority to amend Form 6.

In an affidavit filed on October 27, the ECI addressed concerns over a declaration added to its ECINET portal in July.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/ec-form-6-portal-display-supreme-court-affidavit/

ASSAM

Helena Bharali's relative alleges Ghanakanta Gogoi skipped reconciliation meeting



A relative of Helena Bharali on Tuesday alleged that Ghanakanta Gogoi did not turn up for a proposed meeting aimed at resolving a dispute between the two sides.
Read: https://www.newznow.co.in/helena-bharali-relative-alleges-ghanakanta-gogoi-skipped-talks/

ASSAM

Akhil Gogoi says Guwahati five-killing exposes Assam law and order crisis



Guwahati: MLA Akhil Gogoi on Tuesday said the killing of five people in a shooting in Guwahati had exposed what he described as Assam's severely deteriorating law-and-order situation.
Read:
https://www.newznow.co.in/akhil-gogoi-guwahati-five-killing-assam-law-order/

INDIA

Supreme Court seeks Centre's response on pleas against six-stanza Vande Mataram



The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought the Union government's response to two petitions challenging government orders that allegedly impose the six-stanza version of Vande Mataram on citizens.
Read:
https://www.newznow.co.in/supreme-court-seeks-centre-response-six-stanza-vande-mataram-pleas/

INDIA

Akhilesh Yadav says he needs a chair, not a throne, to serve people



On Tuesday, October 27, 2026, Akhilesh Yadav drew a distinction between seeking a "gaddi" and seeking a chair, saying a chair was needed to serve the public.
Read:
https://www.newznow.co.in/akhilesh-yadav-chair-not-throne-to-serve-people/

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Debarshi Bharali's friend demands encounter of Ghankanta Gogoi

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A friend of Debarshi Bharali on Tuesday demanded that Ghankanta Gogoi be killed in an encounter, and said that if legal provisions prevented such action, the accused should be handed over to the public.

The friend urged Assam Police to ensure punishment that would serve as an example and deter others from committing similar crimes. The friend said there was growing fearlessness towards police, the administration and the law.

Questions were also raised over the police role, including the response at around 9 pm in Guwahati. The friend said the police must ensure that no similar incident occurs again.

The friend alleged that the accused had obtained a gun licence despite not being a major businessman, and sought a major investigation into how the licence was issued, including whether it was fro…

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/debarshi-bharali-friend-demands-encounter-of-ghankanta-gogoi/

Police escort Ghanakanta Gogoi from Paltan Bazar station to court

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Paltan Bazar: Police on Tuesday escorted Ghanakanta Gogoi from Paltan Bazar police station to court, with personnel deployed around him on all sides.

The source material described Gogoi as a killer. It did not provide details of the case, the charges against him or the court proceedings.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/police-escort-ghanakanta-gogoi-paltan-bazar-court/

Guwahati hotel firing: Five dead, accused Ghanakanta Gogoi arrested

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Guwahati, October 27: Five people, including four members of the same family, were killed in a shooting at Hotel Bilas Inn near Bora Service in Guwahati on Monday night. Another person, identified as caretaker Satyendra Pathak, was injured and is undergoing treatment at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH).

Those killed include hotel owner Helena Bharali, her son Devarshi Kashyap, daughter-in-law Riniki Kashyap, her brother Bhudev Bharali, and Narayan Das.

Police arrested the accused, Ghanakanta Gogoi, within approximately an hour of the incident, according to Guwahati Police Commissioner Partha Sarathi Mahanta. A licensed .32-bore pistol, suspected to have been used in the shooting, was also seized.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/guwahati-hotel-bilas-inn-firing-ghanakanta-gogoi-arrested/

Chief Minister praises young man's hair design in video

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The Chief Minister praised a young man's hair design during an informal interaction at a location not identified in a video uploaded on Tuesday, October 27, 2026.

"Excellent. The design is excellent," the Chief Minister remarked, before asking whether such attractive styles were available in the village. The young man replied that they were.

The conversation then turned to whether the young man would take a part in a play the following day. A response in the clip referred to considering a small role, not having Bihu leave, and a health problem that he hoped to address over two days.

The Chief Minister also asked the young man what he was doing. The video does not identify the young man, the venue or the occasion of the interaction.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/chief-minister-praises-young-mans-hair-design-video/

Akhil Gogoi, Piyush Hazarika and Sushanta Borgohain discuss upper Assam floods



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On Tuesday, October 27, Akhil Gogoi, minister Piyush Hazarika and Sushanta Borgohain discussed flood problems in upper Assam while seated on the same stage.

The embedded video includes an Assamese exchange: "Sushanta, why did you not give me a job?" followed by, "I did not give work because there was no need."

The supplied material does not identify the individual voices in the exchange or provide further context for the remarks.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/akhil-gogoi-piyush-hazarika-sushanta-borgohain-upper-assam-floods/

Assam plans 10.8 lakh coconut and areca-nut seedlings after Upper Assam floods

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Assam: The state agriculture department plans to distribute 2.80 lakh coconut seedlings and 8 lakh areca-nut seedlings across Assam, with more than 40% earmarked for flood-hit Sivasagar, Charaideo, Jorhat and Golaghat, as outlined in a video uploaded on Tuesday.

The four Upper Assam districts were hit by severe floods around three months ago, damaging paddy and other crops, the video stated. The department said it had decided to support farmers with rabi cultivation inputs and later provide fruit seedlings.

For Sivasagar, arrangements have been made for 50,000 coconut seedlings and 1 lakh areca-nut seedlings.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/assam-seedling-plan-upper-assam-flood-hit-districts/

Nagaon's 504 model anganwadi centres given December deadline

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Nagaon: The state tourism minister on Tuesday set a December deadline to complete 504 model anganwadi centres approved in Nagaon district at an estimated cost of about Rs 82 crore.

During a review of the Women and Child Development Department with the local MLA, the minister said 273 of the centres had already been completed and the remaining projects were in their final stage. Department officials were directed to ensure that the pending work, along with other scheme-related work, is carried out properly.

The minister also asked officials and the district administration to work together towards making the district free of child marriage. The appeal followed the Chief Minister's call for strict action to eliminate child marriage across Assam, the minister said.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/nagaon-504-model-anganwadi-centres-december-deadline/

India

BJP workers hit Kharge poster with sandals in Patna protest

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Patna: BJP workers struck a poster of Kharge with sandals during a protest on Tuesday, amid a dispute over a programme for which his banner had been displayed.

The protest centred on the removal of Kharge's picture from the programme display. The banner carrying his image had been put up for the event.

The row over the programme triggered the protest and commotion in Patna. Details on the programme and the reason for the picture's removal were not available in the video.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/bjp-workers-hit-kharge-poster-with-sandals-patna-protest/

Tharoor Says Protests Will Stop if Constitutional Rights Are Protected

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Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, said Rahul Gandhi had responded that protests would stop if the government acted to protect what Tharoor described as citizens' constitutional rights. The location of the video was not identified.

Tharoor said Gandhi's position was that the government needed to do "just one thing" for people to be satisfied and shop happily, after which "all our protests" would stop.

However, Tharoor alleged that the government and the Election Commission were taking away citizens' constitutional rights. He said protesters could not remain silent as long as that continued.

The video did not specify which constitutional rights were being referred to, or identify the protests mentioned by Tharoor.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/tharoor-says-protests-will-stop-if-constitutional-rights-protected/

Mafia ‘reduced to dust’ in Uttar Pradesh, says Yogi Adityanath

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Uttar Pradesh: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Tuesday at the UP Icon Conclave that mafias in the state had been “reduced to dust”, attributing the change to the zero-tolerance policy his government introduced in 2017.

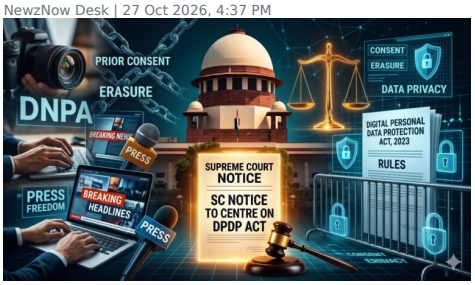
Adityanath said Uttar Pradesh had earlier acquired a reputation for potholed roads and darkness after sunset. He claimed that satellite images from before 2017, taken on dark nights, would show Uttar Pradesh largely in darkness while neighbouring states appeared illuminated.

He alleged that the state had faced an identity crisis, with young people, women, traders and other talented residents lacking opportunities. He also claimed there had been a serious security crisis, particularly in western Uttar Pradesh, where families feared sending daughters to school.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/mafia-reduced-to-dust-in-uttar-pradesh-yogi-adityanath/

Supreme Court seeks Centre’s response to DNPA challenge to privacy law

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The Supreme Court on October 27 issued notice to the Centre on a plea by the Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA) challenging the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 and the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025. The case has been listed for a detailed hearing on November 17.

DNPA, which represents 21 publishers across the media spectrum, has sought an interim stay on the law and rules. The association has argued that the privacy framework could “shut down news rooms” and alter the very concept of news by leaving publishers dependent on the consent of the person whose data is being reported.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant said it could not pass an ex parte stay order.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/supreme-court-notice-dnpa-challenge-digital-privacy-law/

PM Modi says science must improve citizens’ lives beyond laboratories



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, speaking at the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave 2026 on Tuesday, said science succeeds when it moves out of laboratories and improves the lives of ordinary citizens.

Modi said the value of “Lab to Land” technology should not be measured only by how advanced it is, but by whether it delivers solutions for healthcare, agriculture, education, employment and disaster prevention. He said India’s startup revolution was giving priority to such questions, including efforts to find uses for industrial waste such as steel slag.

Referring to a recent visit to Chennai, Modi said he had inaugurated an advanced brain centre at IIT Madras.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/modi-says-science-must-improve-citizens-lives-beyond-laboratories/

World

BRICS parliamentary forum condemns Pahalgam attack, backs UNSC reform



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The BRICS Parliamentary Forum has condemned the April 22, 2025 terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, in which 26 people were killed and many others injured, in a joint declaration adopted in New Delhi on October 27.

The declaration, announced by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla at the conclusion of the two-day conclave, condemned terrorism “in all its forms and manifestations” and pledged action against cross-border movement of terrorists, terror financing and safe havens.

It called for zero tolerance towards terrorism, rejected double standards in counter-terror efforts and said those involved in terrorist activity and its support must be held accountable under national and international law.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/brics-parliamentary-forum-condemns-pahalgam-attack-unsc-reform/

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