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INDIA

22 Indians Killed in West Asia Conflict Since February: MEA

The Ministry of External Affairs says 22 Indians, including 14 seafarers, have died in the West Asia conflict since February. Attacks on commercial vessels have killed, injured or left several Indian crew members missing. India is coordinating with diplomatic...



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New Delhi, October 28: A total of 22 Indian nationals, including 14 seafarers, have died in the ongoing West Asia conflict over the past eight months, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Wednesday.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the government remained deeply concerned about the continuing conflict and was in close contact with the Indian community in the region to safeguard their safety and well-being.

“We are deeply concerned with the ongoing conflict in West Asia. So far, we have lost 22 Indian nationals in the conflict, which includes 14 seafarers,” Jaiswal said during a media briefing.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/india-22-nationals-killed-west-asia-conflict-14-seafarers/

WORLD

Israel Election: Netanyahu’s Bloc Takes Early Lead as Coalition Outcome Remains Uncertain



Jerusalem, October 28: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s political bloc has taken a narrow lead as vote counting continues in the country’s general election.
Read:
https://www.newznow.co.in/israel-election-partial-count-netanyahu-eisenkot-seats/

ASSAM

Garima Saikia Garg, Artists and Actors Meet Governor, Submit Seven-Point Charter Seeking Justice for Zubeen Garg



Guwahati, October 28: Garima Saikia Garg, along with a group of artists, actors and others, met the Governor of Assam and submitted a memorandum outlining seven demands for a stronger and faster legal process in the case concernin…
Read: https://www.newznow.co.in/zubeeen-garg-justice-governor-seven-demands/

INDIA

Supreme Court Questions ECI Over 43 Lakh Voter Exclusions in Delhi, Raises Form 6 Issue



New Delhi, October 28: The Supreme Court has raised questions over the Election Commission of India’s (ECI) Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Delhi, particularly the exclusion of around 43 lakh voters from the…
Read: https://www.newznow.co.in/supreme-court-questions-ec-over-delhi-sir-form-6/

INDIA

Cyclone Arnab Hits Andhra Pradesh Coast, Heavy Rain Disrupts Normal Life



New Delhi, October 28: Cyclone Arnab made landfall along the Andhra Pradesh coast on Wednesday morning, bringing heavy rain and strong winds to several parts of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.
Read:
https://www.newznow.co.in/cyclone-arnab-landfall-andhra-pradesh-yanam-heavy-rain/

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Assam

Assam CM Holds Meeting with Moran-Matok Community Organisations on Land Rights

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Dibrugarh, October 28: Assam Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma held a meeting with representatives of various Moran and Matak community organisations in Dibrugarh to discuss land rights and the long-pending demands of the two communities.
The meeting comes amid continued discussions over the protection of indigenous communities' land rights, constitutional recognition and other socio-economic concerns in Assam. The demands of the Moran and Matak communities have remained important issues in the state's public and political discourse.
Various organisations representing the Moran and Matak communities have been raising concerns over land protection, community rights and constitutional recognition.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/himanta-sarma-meets-moran-motok-organisations-dibrugarh/

Zubeen Garg Justice Demand Committee Writes to Rahul Gautam Sharma



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Guwahati, October 28: The Zubeen Garg Justice Demand Committee has urged Rahul Gautam Sharma to play a key role in strengthening the campaign for justice for the late singer by helping build a united, non-political platform. The letter, dated October 26, calls for greater coordination among political parties, organisations and concerned citizens. Akhil Gogoi is among the members named as part of the committee's convenor group.
According to the letter, a public discussion held at Zubeen Kshetra on October 25 was attended by artists, journalists, legal experts and concerned citizens from different parts of Assam. The meeting unanimously adopted a special proposal addressed to Rahul Gautam Sharma.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/zubeen-garg-justice-demand-committee-writes-to-rahul-gautam-sharma/

Singpho Film 'Dear Awa' Selected for Indian Film Festival of Melbourne

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Guwahati, October 28: Assamese filmmaker Dr Lachit Barua's full-length Singpho film 'Dear Awa' has been selected for the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne, bringing recognition to a film that explores the culture and social realities of the Singpho community in Northeast India.
Produced under the banner of M.B. Productions, the film is written, produced and directed by Dr Lachit Barua. Papu Deka handled cinematography along the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border, while Samujjal Kashyap edited the film and Jyoti Chetia handled sound recording. Assam minister Atul Bora appears in a special role.
The film draws on Dr Barua's long-standing research on the Singpho community.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/dear-awa-selected-indian-film-festival-melbourne/

Cotton University Campus Erupts in Protest, Students Demand Justice for Zubeen Garg



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Guwahati, October 28: The campus of Cotton University witnessed a protest on Wednesday as students demanded justice for late singer Zubeen Garg. Protesters expressed frustration, claiming that even after a year of the judicial process, no outcome had been achieved. Students of B. Borooah College and Handique Girls' College also staged protests demanding justice for the singer.
Speaking during the protest, youth leader Tridiv Bhagawati said, "Those who may have used the artist or Zubeen da for their own interests may no longer stand with him, but the student community stands with Zubeen da."
Meanwhile, the Asomiya Yuva Mancha staged a protest near Dighalipukhuri in Guwahati, also demanding justice for Zubeen Garg.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/cotton-university-campus-erupts-in-protest-students-demand-justice-for-zubeen-garg/

Paresh Baruah Is Fighting for Assam: Minister Biswajit Daimary Praises ULFA-I Chief



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Guwahati, October 28: "Who is Paresh Baruah fighting for? For Assam." Assam minister Biswajit Daimary made the remark while praising Paresh Baruah, the chief of the banned militant outfit United Liberation Front of Asom–Independent (ULFA-I).
Referring to Baruah's struggle and sacrifices, Daimary said that he had been speaking about the security of Assam. According to the minister, the sacrifices associated with Baruah and his associates have not been adequately analysed by the people of Assam.
Daimary further remarked that if any force had managed to maintain its influence in Assam over the past 50 years, it was this force.
The minister's remarks have sparked fresh discussion about the role of Paresh Baruah and ULFA-I in Assam.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/paresh-baruah-is-fighting-for-assam-minister-biswajit-daimary-praises-ulfa-i-chief/

Child Marriage Crackdown in Mankachar: Arrests Rise to 50

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Mankachar, October 28: Police have continued their crackdown on child marriage in South Salmara-Mankachar district, taking the total number of arrests to 50 after detaining nine more people.
According to police information, five of the newly arrested individuals were from the Sukchar police station area, three from the Kalapani police outpost area and one from the Kharuabandha police outpost area.
Earlier, police had arrested 41 people during a coordinated operation across five police station and outpost areas in the district on Monday night. The operation continued the following day, leading to nine more arrests.
The 41 people arrested earlier were produced before the district court at Hatsingimari on Tuesday evening.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/mankachar-child-marriage-crackdown-arrests-rise-to-50/

Court Issues Strict Directions to Protect Ghanakanta Gogoi's Safety

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Guwahati, October 28: A court has issued several directions to the police to ensure the safety and protect the legal rights of Ghanakanta Gogoi, the accused in the shooting at Hotel Bilas Inn in Guwahati.

The court directed the police to ensure that the accused is not subjected to any form of custodial torture. An officer of Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) rank must be present when Gogoi is taken out of the police station for a medical examination or to be produced before the court.

The directions also restrict taking the accused outside after sunset or before sunrise. The police have been instructed to provide him with necessary food and basic supplies and arrange medical examinations every 24 hours.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/cjm-court-orders-security-measures-for-ghankanta-gogoi/

Lurinjyoti Gogoi Condemns Attack on Bihu Troupe in Sribhumi, Demands Arrest of Those Involved



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Sribhumi, October 28: Assam Jatiya Parishad president Lurinjyoti Gogoi expressed strong resentment over an alleged attack on a Bihu troupe in Sribhumi. During his visit, Gogoi held up Bihu attire that had reportedly been torn and damaged in the incident, condemning what he described as an attack on Assamese cultural identity and pride.

A protest was organised at the Sribhumi district headquarters by members of the Chutia community and leaders and workers of the Assam Jatiya Parishad. Protesters gathered outside the District Commissioner's office and also demonstrated in front of the Superintendent of Police's office. Carrying placards, they demanded the arrest of those involved in the attack.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/lurinjyoti-gogoi-condemns-attack-on-bihu-troupe-in-sribhumi-demands-arrest-of-those-involved/

Three Child Labourers Rescued During Child Protection Team Raid in Lanka



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Lanka, October 28: Three children allegedly employed as labourers were rescued during a raid conducted by the Hojai Child Protection Team in the Udali and Phultali areas of Lanka.

The operation was carried out with the support of a non-governmental organisation (NGO), officials and staff from several departments, and Udali Police.

During the operation, the team visited several shops in the two areas and rescued the three children.

Further action is expected to be taken by the concerned authorities.

Legal action will be initiated against the owners of the shops where the children were allegedly employed, according to information provided about the operation.

The raid was conducted as part of efforts to prevent child labour and protect children's rights.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/three-child-labourers-rescued-during-child-protection-teams-raid-in-lanka/

India

Delhi High Court Declines Plea Seeking ₹50 Crore Compensation from Cockroach Janata Party

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New Delhi, October 28: The Delhi High Court has declined to entertain a public interest litigation seeking ₹50 crore in interim compensation from the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) over alleged inconvenience and disruption caused to residents of the national capital by its protests. The court advised the petitioner to approach the Supreme Court, noting that similar issues are already pending before the apex court.

A division bench comprising Acting Chief Justice Nitin Wasudeo Sambre and Justice Sanjay Sharma heard the petition filed by advocate Rakesh Kumar Saini on Wednesday.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/delhi-hc-declines-plea-seeking-fine-on-cockroach-janata-party/

Congress loses all four Karnataka MLC seats as counting continues in UP, Bihar

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The BJP-JD(S) alliance swept all four Karnataka Legislative Council seats, with the BJP winning three and its ally JD(S) one, leaving the ruling Congress without a seat in the Teachers' and Graduates' constituency elections.

JD(S) candidate AP Ranganath defeated sitting MLC Puttanna in the Bengaluru Teachers' constituency, which recorded 81.98% turnout. NDA candidate Shashil G Namoshi defeated Congress candidate Sharanappa Mattur in the North-East Teachers' constituency, while the BJP retained the South-East Graduates' and West Graduates' seats.

In Uttar Pradesh, the BJP had won four of the 11 seats and the Samajwadi Party two as counting continued in the remaining constituencies.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/congress-loses-karnataka-mlc-seats-up-bihar-counting/

Amid Epstein Files Controversy, BJP Names Hardeep Singh Puri for Madhya Pradesh Rajya Sabha By-election



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New Delhi, October 28: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has nominated Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri for the Rajya Sabha by-election in Madhya Pradesh amid renewed political scrutiny of his past email exchanges and meetings with Jeffrey Epstein.

Documents released by the US Department of Justice reportedly include email exchanges between Puri and Epstein from 2014–15. At the time, Puri was associated with the International Peace Institute after retiring from the Indian Foreign Service.

Puri has acknowledged meeting Epstein three or four times but maintained that the interactions were professional and related to international affairs. He has denied any wrongdoing.

The disclosures triggered political criticism, with opposition leaders seeking an explanation from Puri and calling for his resi…

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/bjp-fields-hardeep-singh-puri-madhya-pradesh-rajya-sabha-bypoll/

No Need to Divide Youth into Gen-Z and Gen-Alpha Categories: Nitin Nabin

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Varanasi, October 28: BJP national president Nitin Nabin has said there is no need to divide young people into categories such as Gen-Z and Gen-Alpha. He said the youth should be understood through their ideas, abilities and aspirations rather than labels based on their generation.

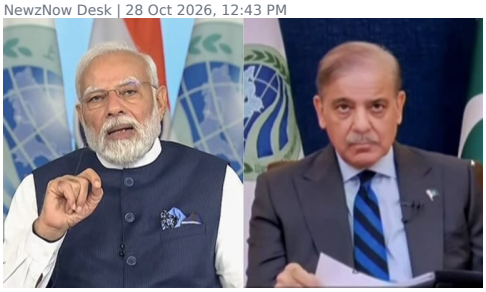
Nabin made the remarks while interacting with young people at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith in Varanasi. He stressed the importance of listening to the younger generation and taking their views seriously, instead of focusing on generational classifications.

He also discussed opportunities for young people in employment, startups and technology. Highlighting the role of the youth in the country's development, Nabin emphasised the need to create more opportunities for them to contribute to India's growth.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/nitin-nabin-youth-not-gen-z-gen-alpha-panaji/

India invites Pakistan culture minister to SCO forum in Delhi

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New Delhi, October 28: Amid continued diplomatic uncertainty between India and Pakistan, India has invited Pakistan's Minister for National Heritage and Culture, Aurangzeb Khan Khichi, to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Civilisational Dialogue Forum scheduled to be held in New Delhi. The invitation is being viewed as the first of its kind to a senior Pakistani minister since Operation Sindoor in May 2025.

The forum, scheduled for November 20 and 21 in New Delhi, aims to strengthen cultural ties among countries across Asia and Eurasia and promote discussions on ancient civilisations, heritage, art, literature and traditions. Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed the forum during the SCO summit in Tianjin, China, in September 2025.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/india-invites-pakistan-culture-minister-sco-forum-delhi/

'In Our System, the Process Becomes the Punishment': Former Supreme Court Judge Sanjay Kaul

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New Delhi: Former Supreme Court judge Sanjay Kaul has raised concerns over delays in the criminal justice system, observing that the legal process itself can sometimes become a form of punishment. His remarks came in the context of the bail pleas of activists Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam, bringing renewed attention to the issues of prolonged pre-trial detention and the right to personal liberty.

"The process becomes punishment in our system," Kaul observed, highlighting the difficulties faced by accused persons who remain in custody for extended periods while awaiting the conclusion of legal proceedings.

Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam are accused in the larger conspiracy case linked to the February 2020 communal violence in northeast Delhi.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/sanjay-kaul-on-umar-khalid-sharjeel-imam-bail-pleas/

World

Spain Train Collision: Death Toll Reportedly Rises to 46 After Two High-Speed Trains Crash

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Madrid, October 28: The death toll from a collision between two high-speed trains in Spain's Toledo province has reportedly risen to 46, according to a media report. Rescue operations are underway following the crash, which left several passengers injured and caused multiple carriages to derail.

The accident occurred at around 9 am on Wednesday on the high-speed railway line connecting Madrid with Seville in southern Spain. According to rail infrastructure operator Adif, the collision took place between the towns of Urda and Mora-Orgaz in Toledo province. The trains involved were operated by state-owned Renfe and private operator Iryo.

Initial reports indicate that one train struck the rear of another, causing several carriages to leave the tracks.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/spain-train-collision-kills-46-injures-over-80/

'Broken Commitments Cannot Be Excused': Iran Criticises Trump Over Islamabad MoU Remarks

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Tehran, October 28: Iran has strongly criticised US President Donald Trump over his remarks about the Islamabad memorandum of understanding (MoU), accusing Washington of undermining diplomatic commitments.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmaeil Baghaei said Trump's reported remarks describing the Islamabad MoU as a waste of time raised questions about the credibility of US diplomatic commitments. He argued that no party should be allowed to abandon its promises whenever they become inconvenient.

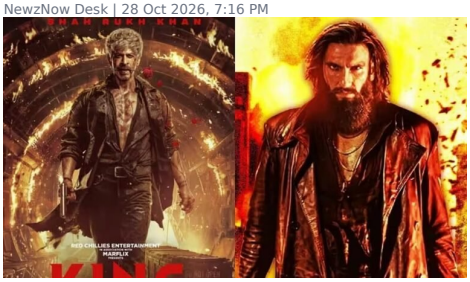
Baghaei also called for international law to be applied consistently to all countries. He said broken commitments should not be excused and that no party should be exempt from accountability.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/iran-faults-trump-over-14-point-islamabad-mou-remarks/

Entertainment

Shah Rukh Khan's 'King' Poster Sparks Debate as Fans Compare It With 'Dhurandhar 2'

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Mumbai, October 28: The latest poster of Shah Rukh Khan's upcoming action film King has sparked a debate on social media, with some users drawing comparisons with Ranveer Singh's Dhurandhar: The Revenge, popularly known as Dhurandhar 2. Unveiled on October 27, the poster has received mixed reactions, with some fans questioning its originality while others praised Shah Rukh's rugged appearance.

The new King poster features Shah Rukh Khan with grey hair, a beard and a distressed leather jacket. He is holding a gun in one hand, with a red rose between his teeth. The background appears to show a burning aircraft.

The fiery backdrop, colour grading, composition and overall visual treatment prompted comparisons with Dhurandhar 2.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/shah-rukh-khan-king-poster-compared-with-dhurandhar-2/

Technology

Microsoft Offers Voluntary Exit to 60,000 Employees

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New Delhi, October 27: Microsoft has offered a voluntary exit option to around 60,000 employees, giving eligible staff the opportunity to leave the company with financial support and career-planning assistance. The programme covers selected employees in India, the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada.

Microsoft Chief People Officer Amy Coleman announced the Voluntary Exit Offer (VEO) in an internal memo to employees. Around 60,000 workers, representing approximately 27 per cent of the company's global workforce, may be eligible for the programme. However, the offer is not available to every employee.

Eligible employees at Level 70 and below in participating teams may qualify.

Full story:
https://www.newznow.co.in/microsoft-voluntary-exit-offer-india-employees-december-1/

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