NEWZ NOW

Edition 9 | Tuesday, 3 November 2026 | Assam's digital newspaper

ASSAM

Minority outreach cannot come at cost of ideology: Assam CM cautions BJP workers

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has emphasised strengthening the BJP's organisational presence in minority-dominated areas. However, he cautioned party workers against compromising the party's ideology in the process. The BJP state executive meeting also discussed organisational expansion and preparations for upcoming elections.



NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 1:58 PM

Guwahati, November 2: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has cautioned BJP workers against compromising the party's ideology while expanding its organisational presence in minority-dominated areas.

Addressing party workers at a BJP state executive meeting, Sarma said the party was gradually strengthening its organisational presence in such areas.

Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/545

INDIA

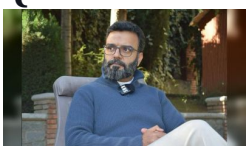
'Islamic Fundamentalists Talking About Secularism': Kiren Rijiju Takes Dig at Rahul Gandhi



November 3: Union Minister Kiren Rijiju has strongly criticised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his allegation that Pr...
Read: https://newznow.in/en/news/623

INDIA

INDIA Bloc MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi Resigns from Lok Sabha, Quits National Conference



November 3: Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, a Member of Parliament from the National Conference, an INDIA bloc constituent, has...
Read: https://newznow.in/en/news/619

ASSAM

Supreme Court Seeks Centre, Assam Government's Response on OIL's Dibru-Saikhowa Drilling Plea



November 3: The Supreme Court has sought responses from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Assam governme...
Read: https://newznow.in/en/news/631

ASSAM

Garima Saikia Garg May Be Shifted to Mumbai for Advanced Treatment



November 3: Garima Saikia Garg, wife of late singer Zubeen Garg, who is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in...
Read: https://newznow.in/en/news/610

INSIDE

Assam: 'Rahul Gandhi Is an Asset to BJP':...

Assam: Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council...

ASSAM

'Rahul Gandhi Is an Asset to BJP': Assam BJP MLA Diplu Ranjan Sarma

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 6:43 PM



November 3: Assam BJP MLA Diplu Ranjan Sarma has taken a dig at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, calling him an "asset to the BJP" and alleging that his recent public speeches are politically benefiting the ruling party.

Speaking to the media in Guwahati, Sarma referred to Gandhi as "Rahul Frustrated Gandhi". He claimed that the more people listen to the Congress leader at public rallies, the more likely they are to vote for the BJP.

The BJP MLA also made controversial remarks about Gandhi's mental health, saying that he urgently needed mental health treatment.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/600

ASSAM

Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council Elections on November 30, Counting on December 3

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 6:37 PM



November 3: The Assam State Election Commission has announced the schedule for the 2026 General Election to the Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council (SKAC). Polling across all 32 constituencies will be held on November 30, while counting of votes is scheduled for December 3.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/595

INDIA

Supreme Court rejects Abhishek Banerjee's plea seeking restrictions on media coverage

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 6:18 PM



November 3: The Supreme Court has dismissed a petition filed by Trinamool Congress MP Abhishek Banerjee seeking restrictions on media reporting related to cases against him. However, the court allowed him to approach the Calcutta High Court for interim relief.

A three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, along with Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana, passed the direction on Tuesday.

The bench allowed Banerjee to seek a hearing before the Calcutta High Court after it reopens on November 16, fol...

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/582

ASSAM

Ghanakanta Gogoi May Face Another Arrest; Likely to Be Taken to Sivasagar

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 7:36 PM



November 3: Ghanakanta Gogoi, the prime accused in the Hotel Bilas Inn shooting case in Guwahati, was sent to judicial custody by the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) court after completing seven days of police remand. Meanwhile, he may face another arrest in connection with a separate case registered in Sivasagar district.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/627

ASSAM

Assam BJP Holds Core Committee Meeting in Presence of Himanta Biswa Sarma

শাহ্ আলম | 3 Nov 2026, 7:11 PM



November 3: The Assam BJP held its state core committee meeting at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Bhawan in Guwahati on Tuesday in the presence of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. The meeting, chaired by state BJP president Dilip Saikia, focused on strengthening the party organisation, reviewing recent electoral victories and deciding its future political and organisational strategy.

State organisational general secretary Ravindra Raju, newly appointed Assam BJP in-charge Mangal Pandey, co-in-charges S Phangnon Konyak and Manoj Tiwari, and No...

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/617

INDIA

Chirag Paswan Says LJP Ready to Contest UP Elections Independently Outside NDA

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 7:08 PM



November 3: Union Minister and Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan has indicated that his party is prepared to contest the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections independently, outside the National Democra...

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/614

ASSAM

Jayanta Malla Baruah Reviews Preparations for 93rd Nalbari Raas Mahotsav

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 6:30 PM



November 3: Nalbari MLA Jayanta Malla Baruah reviewed preparations for the 93rd Nalbari Raas Mahotsav at a meeting held at Sri Sri Harimandir in Nalbari.

The meeting was attended by the convenors, co-convenors and members of various sub-committees. Baruah assessed the progress of preparations and issued necessary directions to ensure the smooth conduct of the annual festival.

He stressed the importance of coordination among the committees and called for collective efforts to complete all arrangements on time.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/590

NORTHEAST

No decision on Siang mega dam without public consent, assures Arunachal CM

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 6:26 PM



November 3: Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has assured that no final decision on the proposed Siang Upper Multipurpose Project will be taken without public consent. His assurance comes amid escalating protests and a 36-hour shutdown in Upper Siang district.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/586

WORLD

India closely monitors violent protests by garment workers in Bangladesh

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 6:13 PM



November 3: India is closely monitoring the situation in Bangladesh after protests by garment workers demanding higher wages turned violent. On Tuesday, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that India continues to follow developments in the neighbouring country.

Clashes have been reported between protesters and law enforcement personnel in several areas, including Mirpur, Ashulia, Gazipur and Narayanganj. Protesters allegedly vandalised vehicles and blocked major roads. Police used tear gas, water cannons and batons to disperse demonstrators.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/577

INDIA

BJP's Gaurav Bhatia attacks Neha Bohra over remarks on priests

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 5:37 PM



BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia accused Neha Bohra of insulting all priests through her remarks and alleged that she took inspiration from the turmoil in Bangladesh.

Bhatia referred to the coup and unrest in Bangladesh, alleging that Hindu women were abused and Hindus were killed there. He said Bohra was now humiliating priests.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/570

ASSAM

Cough Syrup Worth Rs 1.26 Crore Seized in Cachar, Two Arrested

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 2:30 PM



Silchar, November 3: Cachar Police have seized 47,000 bottles of cough syrup, allegedly concealed behind consignments of sugar, during an operation at the Balachara toll gate. The seized consignment is estimated to be worth Rs 1.26 crore.

The driver and the co-driver of the truck have been detained in connection with the incident. The vehicle bears registration number MP 33 H 2083.

Preliminary information suggests that the truck was travelling from Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh to Tripura.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/561

WORLD

Former Maldives Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid Arrested Over Child Sexual Abuse Allegations

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 2:24 PM



Male, November 3: Former Maldivian Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid has been arrested over allegations of sexually abusing a child under the age of 18. Police took him into custody on Monday night under a court warrant.

According to the police, Shahid was arrested at around 9:59 pm on November 2.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/557

INDIA

Centre Says Krishi Bhawan Mosque 'Incompatible with Secular Character' of Government Property

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 2:17 PM



New Delhi, November 3: The Centre has told the Delhi High Court that it plans to remove the century-old Qadeemi Masjid located within the Krishi Bhawan premises, arguing that a permanent religious structure is incompatible with the secular character of government property.

The mosque is located at the site where Krishi Bhawan and the adjoining Shastri Bhawan are proposed to be demolished to make way for new buildings under the Central Vista redevelopment project.

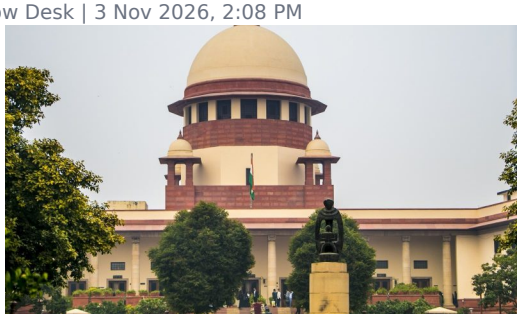
The Centre submitted that Krishi Bhawan and the Central Secretariat complex are secular public premises meant excl...

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/553

INDIA

'Can't Occupy a Site for All Times': Supreme Court on Delhi Protests Against CEC

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 2:08 PM



New Delhi, November 3: The Supreme Court has observed that no protest group can occupy a designated demonstration site indefinitely, while hearing petitions by traders' associations over the impact of protests in Delhi against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/549

INDIA

Six arrested in Saharanpur counterfeit Rs 20 coin case

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 1:52 PM



Six people have been arrested in connection with an alleged counterfeit Rs 20 coin-making network that operated from Haryana's Sonipat and was allegedly planning to shift its machinery to Uttar Pradesh, according to indianexpress.com.

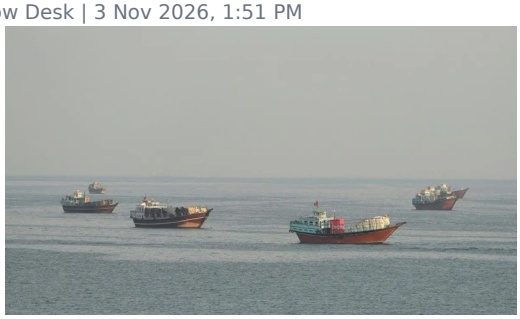
Saharanpur Police intercepted five accused in the Titron area on September 13 while they were allegedly transporting six heavy machines from Sonipat. Police recovered 6,400 counterfeit Rs 20 coins with a face value of Rs 1.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/529

INDIA

Sonowal says Indian seafarer killed after vessel hit off Oman coast

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 1:51 PM



November 3:

An Indian seafarer was killed after an India-flagged vessel was struck by an unidentified aerial object near the coast of Oman. The remaining 13 crew members were rescued by the Omani Coast Guard.

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal said the incident took place on November 2, when the vessel, MSV AL JUSUFI, was navigating near the Omani coast.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/541

ASSAM

Severe Storm Ravages Sadiya, One Killed; NH-115 Blocked

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 1:46 PM



Sadiya, November 3:

A severe storm late Monday night claimed one life and caused extensive damage in Sadiya, Upper Assam.

The deceased has been identified as Shankar Shah, a resident of Dhola. He reportedly died after a massive tree fell on him at Maruwari Patti during the storm.

The fallen tree also blocked National Highway 115, which connects Sadiya with Chapakhowa. Several vehicles remained stranded for hours, causing a major traffic disruption until Tuesday morning.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/537

NORTHEAST

Six Arrested After Attack on BSF Personnel in Tripura

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 1:32 PM



Agartala, November 3:

Six people have been arrested following an attack on Border Security Force (BSF) personnel near the Ashabari border outpost in Tripura's Sepahijala district. Police have also questioned several other suspects.

The incident took place on Monday after a person was detained on suspicion of involvement in smuggling activities. A group of villagers allegedly attacked the BSF personnel following the detention.

At least three BSF personnel sustained injuries. The mob also vandalised a BSF vehicle and allegedly attempted to...

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/525

ASSAM

Dead monkey reportedly found in AEC hostel tank; about 50 students hospitalised

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 1:39 PM



Guwahati, November 3:

A decomposed monkey carcass was reportedly found inside the drinking water tank of Hostel No. 7 at Assam Engineering College (AEC) in Jalukbari, Guwahati.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/533

ASSAM

Guwahati to Be Included in Bullet Train Network, Claims Assam CM

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 1:19 PM



Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has claimed that the proposed bullet train network will be extended to Guwahati, following discussions with Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

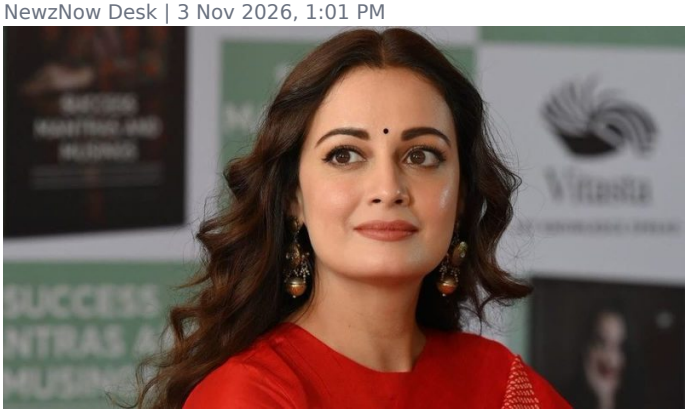
According to Sarma, the initial plan was to bring the bullet train service up to West Bengal.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/523

INDIA

'India is secular': Bombay High Court questions removal of Dia Mirza's Diwali advertisement

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 1:01 PM



Mumbai, November 3: The Bombay High Court has expressed concern over the removal of a Diwali advertisement featuring actor Dia Mirza. The advertisement was part of a Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) awareness campaign. The campaign highlighted pollution caused by firecrackers.

The civic body removed the video following objections from Mumbai Mayor Ritu Tawde and BJP Mumbai president Ameet Satam. Both questioned Dia Mirza's participation in the campaign.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/516

ASSAM

'Electricity tariff hike will not exceed five paise', says Himanta Biswa Sarma

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 12:50 PM



Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has ruled out a steep increase in electricity tariffs amid concerns over a possible rise in power bills. He claimed that the additional burden on consumers would not exceed five paise. The proposed increase, he said, would remain in force for only three months.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/511

ASSAM

Ghanakanta Gogoi Sent to Judicial Custody After Seven Days of Police Remand

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 12:13 PM



Guwahati, November 3: The seven-day police remand of Ghanakanta Gogoi, the accused in the Hotel Bilas Inn shooting case, ended on Monday. He was subsequently produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) court, which sent him to judicial custody.

On October 26, a shooting incident at Hotel Bilas Inn in Guwahati left five people dead, including four members of the hotel owner's family. Another person was injured. Gogoi was arrested following the incident and remanded to seven days of police custody.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/501

WORLD

Indian National Killed as Two Helicopters Collide While Landing in Nepal

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 12:47 PM



Guwahati, November 3: A 47-year-old Indian national was killed and a 53-year-old New Zealand citizen of Indian origin was injured after two helicopters collided while attempting to land at a helipad in Nepal's Solukhumbu district on Tuesday morning.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/507

ASSAM

Ruling Parties Can Also Take to the Streets, Says Himanta Biswa Sarma in Response to Congress

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 12:30 PM



Guwahati, November 3: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has responded to criticism from a section of Congress leaders questioning why the BJP is taking to the streets despite being in power. Sarma said there was no rule preventing a ruling party from holding public movements and advised Congress leaders to study history.

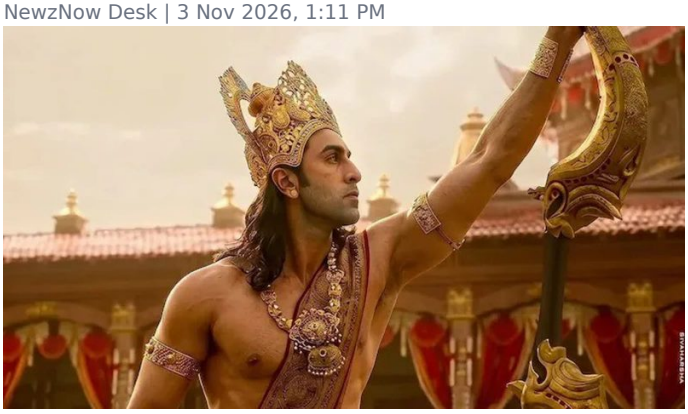
The Chief Minister pointed out that even when Congress governments were in power in several states after 1935, Mahatma Gandhi continued his movements for India's independence.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/503

ENTERTAINMENT

Ramayana Advance Bookings Cross Rs 100 Crore Worldwide

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 1:11 PM



Guwahati , November 3:

'Ramayana: Part One' has crossed the Rs 100 crore mark in worldwide opening-weekend advance bookings ahead of its November 5 theatrical release.

Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, the film stars Ranbir Kapoor as Rama, Sai Pallavi as Sita and Yash as Ravana.

According to trade estimates cited by Sacnilk, domestic advance bookings have crossed Rs 72 crore, including blocked seats. Overseas pre-sales have contributed more than Rs 40 crore, taking the worldwide advance-booking total beyond Rs 100 crore.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/520

ASSAM

47-Day SBI Trail Leads Assam STF to Arrest Six in Suspected Pakistan-Linked Cyber Fraud Case

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 12:01 PM



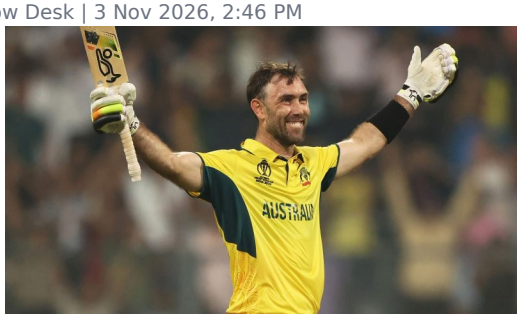
Guwahati, November 2: Assam Police's Special Task Force (STF) has arrested six people, including a woman, from Guwahati for allegedly operating an organised cyber fraud racket through mule bank accounts.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/497

SPORTS

Glenn Maxwell retires from international cricket after 14-year career

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 2:46 PM



November 3: Australian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell has announced his retirement from international cricket, bringing an end to a 14-year career representing Australia across all three formats.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/565

INDIA

Dhirendra Shastri Apologises After Backlash Over Remarks Comparing Lord Ram and Lord Krishna

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 6:42 PM



Bhopal, November 3: Dhirendra Krishna Shastri, head priest of Bageshwar Dham, has apologised following a controversy over his remarks comparing Lord Ram and Lord Krishna during a religious discourse in Madhya Pradesh.

The remarks were made during a Ram Katha programme in Karera in Shivpuri district. A video of the discourse went viral on social media, triggering objections from devotees and religious leaders, particularly in Mathura and Vrindavan.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/598

NORTHEAST

UDP Withdraws Support from Meghalaya's MDA-II Government

NewzNow Desk | 3 Nov 2026, 6:52 PM



November 3: The United Democratic Party (UDP) has formally withdrawn its support from the Conrad K. Sangma-led Meghalaya Democratic Alliance (MDA-II) government. The decision was taken at the party's Central Executive Committee (CEC) meeting on Tuesday.

The move comes after a series of defections reduced the UDP's strength in the 60-member Meghalaya Assembly from 12 MLAs to just one. The party had emerged as the second-largest political force in the state after the 2023 Assembly elections.

Continued at newznow.in/en
Full story:
https://newznow.in/en/news/606

In this edition

1 Minority outreach cannot come at cost of ideology: Assam CM cautions BJP workers
1 'Islamic Fundamentalists Talking About Secularism': Kiren Rijiju Takes Dig at Rahul Gandhi
1 Supreme Court Seeks Centre, Assam Government's Response on OIL's Dibru-Saikhowa Drilling Plea
1 INDIA Bloc MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi Resigns from Lok Sabha, Quits National Conference
1 Garima Saikia Garg May Be Shifted to Mumbai for Advanced Treatment
2 'Rahul Gandhi Is an Asset to BJP': Assam BJP MLA Diplu Ranjan Sarma

and 29 more stories inside

NewzNow e-Paper: every evening at newznow.in/epaper/en. Full stories, videos and updates at newznow.in/en.
Listen: newznow.in/listen/en