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Kaziranga road accident death toll rises to 25

Twenty-three people died after a traveller collided with a container truck at Rangajan near Kaziranga on Friday.



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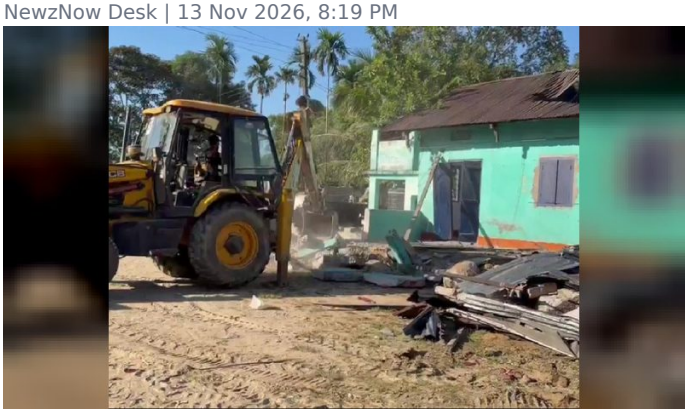


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ASSAM

Bulldozers clear encroachments on 19 bighas of PGR land in Lakhimpur

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LAKHIMPUR: The district administration carried out an eviction drive on 19 bighas of PGR land at No. 1 and No. 2 PGR in Baginadi, clearing encroachments by 132 families.

A total of 704 people from the families had occupied the land and built permanent houses, a mosque and a madrasa. They had also set up betel nut plantations in the area.

The administration used bulldozers to demolish the structures. The eviction drive followed complaints of encroachment in the area over a long period.

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ASSAM

Gaurav Gogoi blames poor highway work after Rangajan crash

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 7:49 PM



GUWAHATI, Nov 13: Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi criticised the state government over the construction and maintenance of national highways after the fatal road accident at Rangajan near Kaziranga.

Gogoi alleged that poor-quality highway work, corruption and an alleged nexus between contractors and politicians had put passengers' lives at risk. He said national highways in Assam had become centres of corruption and claimed that poor construction had led to accidents every month.

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NORTHEAST

Four killed in firing on vehicles in Manipur's Ukhrul

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 8:05 PM



IMPHAL, Nov 13: Four people, including two women, were killed after suspected militants opened fire on two vehicles in Manipur's Ukhrul district on Friday, police said.

The incident took place in the New Haven area on the Imphal-Ukhrul road.

A senior police officer said the assailants fired at passengers travelling in two four-wheelers. All four occupants of the vehicles died on the spot.

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ASSAM

Akhil Gogoi seeks Rs 25 lakh aid for families of Kaziranga crash victims

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 7:56 PM



GUWAHATI, Nov 13: Raijor Dal president and Sivasagar MLA Akhil Gogoi demanded compensation of at least Rs 25 lakh for the family of every person killed in the road accident at Rangajan in Kaziranga.

In a statement on social media, Gogoi expressed condolences to the bereaved families and urged Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to arrange the compensation.

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WORLD

US assures India of tariff advantage in trade deal talks

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 8:02 PM



The United States assured India of a relative advantage over competing countries while finalising its tariff structure, as the two sides worked to conclude an interim trade agreement before the end of the current financial year.

A senior Commerce and Industry Ministry official said negotiations were under way and Washington had assured India that it would receive greater benefits than competing countries.

Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said a two-member US delegation visited India in the first week of November for talks on tariffs and trade concessions. The discussions made substantial progress on finalising the draft agreement, he said.

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ASSAM

Congress asks AASU to press for completion of NRC process

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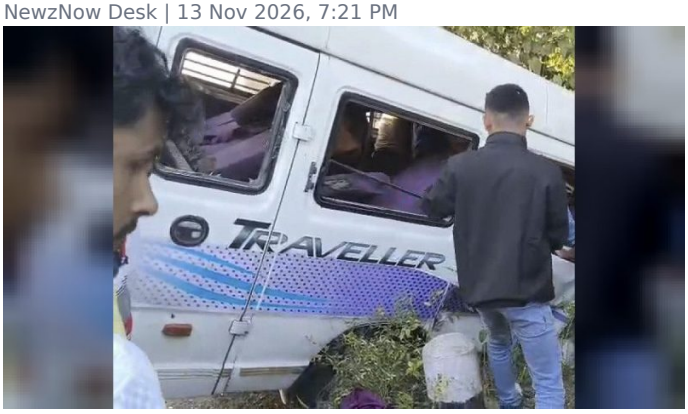
GUWAHATI: The Assam Pradesh Congress Committee on Friday urged the All Assam Students' Union to press the state and central governments to complete the National Register of Citizens process instead of demanding a Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in Assam.

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ASSAM

Kaziranga crash traveller had prior speeding fines

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 7:21 PM



The traveller involved in the fatal road accident at Rangajan in Kaziranga had been fined on several earlier occasions for traffic violations, including speeding.

The vehicle was fined Rs 4,000 in Jorhat on March 3. A fine of Rs 4,000 against the vehicle remained unpaid.

It was also fined Rs 4,000 in Kaziranga on August 22, 2025, for speeding. The vehicle faced another penalty for a speed-related violation in September that year.

The traveller had earlier been fined for travelling at 62 kmph through Kaziranga National Park, exceeding the...

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ASSAM

AJP seeks aid for families of 23 killed in Rongajan crash

NewzNow District Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 7:20 PM



KAZIRANGA: Assam Jatiya Parishad president Lurinjyoti Gogoi urged the government to provide advanced medical treatment to those critically injured in the Rongajan road accident and take full responsibility for the families of the 23 people who died.

Gogoi said the accident was a major tragedy in which more than 20 people had died and sever...

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INDIA

Manipur ST List Row: Centre Refuses to Disclose 'Any Kuki Tribes' Proposal

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 7:14 PM



NEW DELHI, Nov 13: The Tribal Affairs Ministry refused to disclose records sought under the Right to Information Act on a claimed Manipur government proposal concerning the state's Scheduled Tribes list. It said disclosure could aggravate inter-community tensions in Manipur amid ethnic violence and law-and-order concerns.

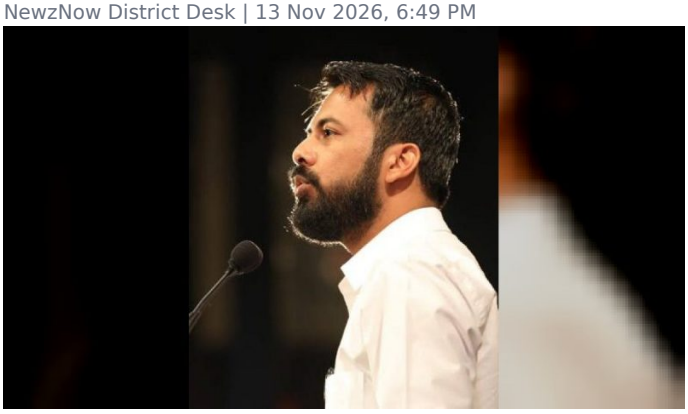
Information Commissioner Ashutosh Chaturvedi upheld the ministry's decision. He also rejected the applicant's plea for redacted copies of the records.

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ASSAM

AASU, Asom Sena pledge blood donation for Kaziranga crash victims

NewzNow District Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 6:49 PM



RONGAJAN: The All Assam Students' Union (AASU) and Asom Sena said they would provide blood donation support for passengers injured in the Kaziranga road accident that claimed 23 lives.

AASU president Utpal Sarma said in a Facebook post that members of both organisations were ready to donate blood whenever required for the treatment of the injured.

He said local AASU workers would arrange blood even if patients were undergoing treatment in other parts of the state.

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ASSAM

Traveller hit truck head-on in Kaziranga, driver says

NewzNow District Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 6:57 PM



The driver of a truck involved in a fatal accident in Kaziranga said the traveller was speeding in the wrong lane when it rammed into his vehicle head-on.

The driver said he was travelling from Tezpur and was maintaining his lane at the time of the collision.

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ASSAM

Hazarika set January 15 deadline for farmer registration in Lakhimpur

NewzNow District Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 6:43 PM



LAKHIMPUR: Agriculture, Irrigation and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pijush Hazarika on Friday directed officials to complete farmer registration in Lakhimpur district by January 15.

Chairing a departmental review meeting at the deputy commissioner's office, Hazarika said 81 per cent of the district's registration target had been achieved.

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ASSAM

Residents protest against Trimurti Shikhar unit in Palashbari

NewzNow District Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 6:29 PM



KUKURMARA, Nov 13: Residents of Dakhala Uparhali in Palashbari constituency on Thursday protested against the Trimurti Shikhar industrial unit, alleging that foul odour and pollution from it had created a public health crisis.

The protesters gheraoed the unit's main gate and alleged that the persistent odour had made life difficult for local people.

They claimed that several teenagers in the area had developed unidentified illnesses.

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ASSAM

Sarma raises Gohpur university capacity to 4,000 students

NewzNow District Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 6:12 PM



GOHPUR, Nov 13: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday reviewed the ongoing construction of Shaheed Kanaklata Barua State University at Bholaguri Tea Estate and directed officials to expand its planned capacity from 2,000 to 4,000 students.

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INDIA

16 injured as bus hits parked truck in Jajpur

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 6:10 PM



JAJPUR: At least 16 passengers were injured, nine of them critically, after a bus travelling from West Bengal to Puri hit a parked truck in Odisha's Jajpur district early on Friday.

The bus, carrying 55 passengers, rammed into the truck from behind in the Badachana police station area, about 115 km from Puri.

Two injured passengers were shifted to Cuttack for advanced treatment. Some others received first aid at the spot, while several were taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital.

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ASSAM

Sarma mourns Rangajan crash deaths, orders treatment for injured

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 5:40 PM



GUWAHATI, Nov 13: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma expressed grief over the road accident at Rangajan in Kaziranga and directed authorities to ensure prompt and advanced treatment for those injured.

In a social media post, Sarma conveyed his condolences to the families of those killed and said the people of Assa...

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ASSAM

Wild elephant found dead with two bullet marks in Jagiroad

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 5:38 PM



JAGIROAD, Nov 13: A wild elephant was found dead at Shilsang in Assam's Morigaon district early on Friday, with two bullet marks visible on its head.

Local residents suspected that poachers had shot the elephant. They said the animal had come down from the Kholahat forest area with a herd in search of food.

Forest department personnel reached the spot in the morning. A team of doctors from the Veterinary College at Khanapara in Guwahati conducted a post-mortem examination.

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INDIA

Man dies after bomb hidden in rasgulla explodes in mouth

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 5:21 PM



A 35-year-old man died after a country-made bomb allegedly hidden inside a rasgulla exploded in his mouth in Madhya Pradesh's Dindori district, police said.

The incident took place at around 8 pm last Tuesday at Parariya Chhata village under Dindori Kotwali police station limits. The deceased was identified as Rajendra Barautiya.

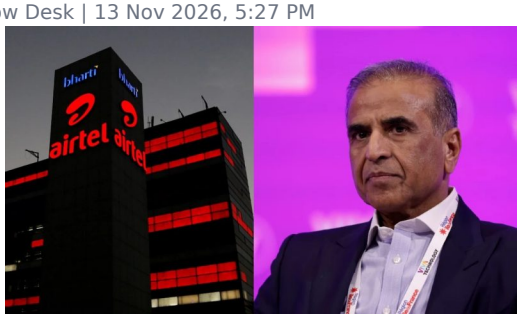
Police said Rajendra was sitting near a fire with his family when his neighbour, Rambhagat Barautiya, approached him.

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ASSAM

Sunil Bharti Mittal backs higher mobile tariffs, Rs 350 ARPU

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 5:27 PM



NEW DELHI, Nov 13: Bharti Airtel founder and chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal on Thursday backed higher mobile service tariffs, saying telecom companies should earn an average of Rs 350 a month from each customer.

Mittal said current tariffs were insufficient to meet the rising cost of network operations and new infrastructure.

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NORTHEAST

Manipur violence inquiry panel gets seventh extension till May 20, 2027

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 4:49 PM



NEW DELHI, Nov 13: The Centre extended the term of the commission probing the 2023 ethnic violence in Manipur for a seventh time and asked it to submit its report by May 20, 2027.

An official order issued on Friday said the commission would examine the causes and sequence of the violence and the role of the administration, and submit its report to the central government.

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ASSAM

Microsoft outage disrupts SpiceJet flights from Delhi

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 4:47 PM



Three SpiceJet flights from Delhi to Pune, Leh and Mumbai were cancelled on Friday morning amid a technical disruption affecting Microsoft services worldwide.

Two other SpiceJet flights from Delhi to Darbhanga and Mumbai were delayed.

IndiGo, Akasa Air and the Delhi airport authorities advised passengers to check the latest status and schedule of their flights before travelling.

Air India said it was monitoring the situation, but its flight operations and communication systems had not been affected so far.

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ASSAM

Amritpal Singh granted one-day interim bail for grandmother's funeral

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 4:26 PM



AMRITSAR, Nov 13: An Amritsar court granted Khadoor Sahib MP Amritpal Singh, who is lodged in Dibrugarh Central Jail in Assam, one-day interim bail to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Charan Kaur, on November 14.

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ASSAM

Chitu Baruah opposes stone and coal mining in Sivasagar

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 3:50 PM



SIVASAGAR, Nov 13: Chitu Baruah said stone and coal mining, whether legal or illegal, should not be allowed, citing the devastating floods of July 19.

He said development did not merely mean building roads or flyovers in towns.

True development would be possible only when every family in the country could arrange two meals a day without hardship, he said.

Many families in the Nazira area of Sivasagar were affected by the July 19 floods.

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ASSAM

Chichiborgaon sub-divisional office agitation enters 46th day

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 3:44 PM



DHEMAJI: The continuing agitation seeking the establishment of a sub-divisional office at Chichiborgaon entered its 46th day.

Residents of Chichiborgaon have held several protest programmes since September 28, including petitions, traditional music performances, naam-kirtan, strikes and torchlight processions.

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ASSAM

ABMSU announces Delhi protest against Assam evictions

NewzNow District Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 3:40 PM



TAMULPUR, Nov 13: The All Bodoland Minority Students' Union (ABMSU) on Thursday opposed what it called the selective eviction of minority communities in Assam and demanded rehabilitation for displaced families.

ABMSU president Taison Hussein alleged that eviction drives in Nagaon, Goalpara, Lakhimpur and other parts of the state had targeted minority communities, leaving thousands homeless and destitute.

He said the government must properly rehabilitate displaced people and uphold the Constitution while carrying out...

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NORTHEAST

Kuki Inpi alleges bias in Manipur Police statements, sets 72-hour deadline

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 3:36 PM



GUWAHATI, Nov 13: Kuki Inpi Manipur alleged ethnic bias in Manipur Police statements on two separate shooting incidents on November 12 and gave the force 72 hours to order an inquiry, issue a public clarification and take corrective action.

In a statement issued on November 13, the organisation questioned the language and presentation used...

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ASSAM

Tiwa groups stage mass sit-in in Jagiroad

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JAGIROAD: Several Tiwa organisations staged a mass sit-in protest in Jagiroad, pressing for a set of demands.

The protest was organised by the All Tiwa Students' Union, All Tiwa Women's Association, Tiwa Youth Students' Council and Tiwa Cultural Society.

The protesters demanded withdrawal of the decision to upgrade Jagiroad into a town committee. They also sought the eviction of illegal encroachers from the tribal belt.

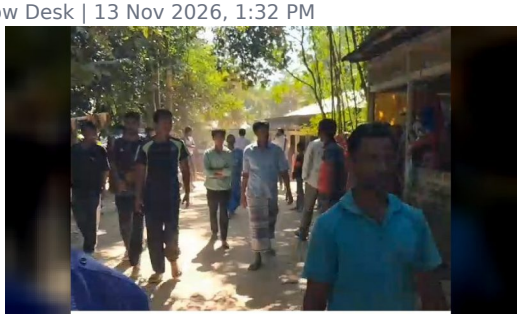
The organisations demanded that work on the proposed pump storage project at Tharakhunji village in...

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ASSAM

Two minor brothers killed in Sribhumi, family members injured

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SRIBHUMI, Nov 13: Two minor brothers were killed and their parents and another brother seriously injured in an alleged attack at Golaghat in Nilambazar, South Karimganj, in Sribhumi district.

The incident took place around midnight. The deceased were identified as Jahangir Hussain, 8, and Alam Uddin, 7.

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ASSAM

Eviction drive in Baginadi targets 320 hectares of land

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 12:19 PM



LAKHIMPUR, Nov 13: The administration on Friday launched an eviction drive on No. 1 PGR land in Baginadi, Lakhimpur, with a target of clearing encroachments from 320 hectares of government land.

Bulldozers demolished the homes of 132 families living on the land near the Baginadi weekly market, officials said.

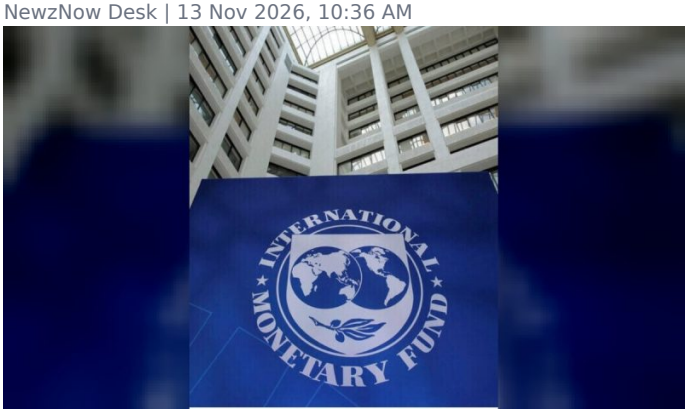
The evicted people alleged discrimination in the drive. They claimed Hindu and Muslim families had been living in the village, but no Hindu family was evicted.

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INDIA

IMF calls for productivity growth, more high-quality jobs in India

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 10:36 AM



WASHINGTON, Nov 12: India needed higher productivity growth, stronger private investment and faster creation of high-quality jobs to achieve its medium-term potential growth rate of 6.8 per cent, the International Monetary Fund said on Thursday.

The Fund said favourable demographics, a large and growing domestic market, and continued structural reforms had supported its assessment. It said India needed to continue reforms to sustain its medium-term growth prospects.

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INDIA

NCPCR to finalise child online safety guidelines by mid-2027

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 10:43 AM



NEW DELHI, Nov 13: The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) had nearly completed work on new guidelines aimed at making children's use of social media and online gaming platforms safer. It aims to issue the final guidelines in the first half of 2027.

The commission held its final stakeholder meeting with social media and online gaming companies on Thursday.

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WORLD

Jensen Huang resigns as Nvidia CEO; Colette Kress named interim chief

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 10:18 AM



Jensen Huang resigned as Nvidia chief executive officer with immediate effect on Thursday, November 12, amid allegations concerning personal relationships and possible China-linked security concerns.

Nvidia's board named executive vice-president and chief financial officer Colette Kress as interim CEO.

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NORTHEAST

Tripura minor rescued from suspected trafficking network in Bengaluru

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 10:17 AM



AGARTALA, Nov 13: A minor girl from Tripura, allegedly lured to Bengaluru with the promise of a film audition, was rescued from a suspected human trafficking network and brought back safely, people involved in the rescue said.

The girl went missing from Agartala on October 13. She alleged that a woman, identified as Nishima Ben, told her that film auditions were being held in Bengaluru and persuaded her to travel there.

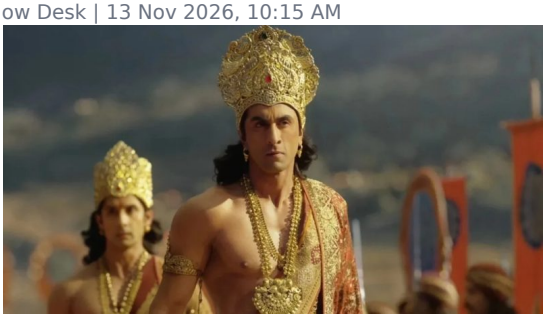
The minor said she initially refused to travel alone but later agreed.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Ramayana: Part 1' crosses Rs 1,000 crore worldwide in eight days

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 10:15 AM



NEW DELHI, Nov 13: Ranbir Kapoor-starrer 'Ramayana: Part 1' crossed the Rs 1,000-crore mark in worldwide box office collections within eight days of its release.

The Nitesh Tiwari-directed film earned Rs 1,033.55 crore worldwide by the end of its eighth day.

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WORLD

Modi to attend ASEAN, East Asia summits in Manila

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 10:07 AM



NEW DELHI, Nov 13: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the 49th ASEAN Summit in Manila, Philippines, from November 16 to 18, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Thursday.

The visit will focus on strengthening India's ties with Southeast Asian countries. Modi will also attend the 21st East Asia Summit, to be chaired by Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

Ministry of External Affairs Secretary (East) Rudrendra Tandon said the East Asia Summit has 19 member countries, including 11 ASEAN member countries...

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ASSAM

AASU Will Never Accept CAA, Says Dr Samujjal Kumar Bhattacharya; Demands Withdrawal of the Law from Assam

NewzNow District Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 9:42 AM



Guwahati, November 13: All Assam Students' Union (AASU) chief adviser Dr Samujjal Kumar Bhattacharya has reiterated the organisation's opposition to the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA), declaring that the students' body would never accept the legislation.

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BUSINESS

Decision on UPI MDR framework expected by November 15

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 9:40 AM



A decision on the proposed merchant discount rate (MDR) framework for select person-to-merchant (P2M) UPI transactions is expected by Sunday, November 15, sources said.

The development followed the National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI) decision to postpone the revised framework, which was scheduled to take effect on October 15, 2026. NPCI deferred the rollout in view of the festive season and Diwali.

NPCI had earlier said the MDR on select P2M UPI transactions would be introduced immediately after Diwali, with the revised date to be notified separately.

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INDIA

Leh administration bars Sonam Wangchuk from unauthorised protests for 60 days

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The Leh district administration barred environmentalist and educator Sonam Wangchuk from participating in unauthorised processions, gatherings or protest programmes in the district for 60 days.

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ASSAM

Hailstorm covers Haflong in thick layer of ice

NewzNow District Desk | 12 Nov 2026, 9:09 PM



HAFLONG: A heavy hailstorm accompanied by rain swept Haflong on Wednesday, covering roads, rooftops and open grounds with a thick layer of ice.

The storm changed the appearance of the hill town as hail accumulated across the area. Children were seen playing with the ice deposits.

No damage to property or loss of life was reported following the storm.

Local authorities monitored the situation across the district as normal life resumed after the unusual weather spell.

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ASSAM

Rauta group stages protest seeking dissolution of municipality

NewzNow Desk | 13 Nov 2026, 5:42 PM



RAUTA: The Rauta Gramin Suraksha Samiti staged a sit-in protest demanding the dissolution of the municipality, which it said had been formed around three months ago.

The committee alleged that a small group of people had formed the municipality without informing the general public in Rauta.

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