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New Delhi to host next AI summit
New Delhi will host the next Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit. The announcement was made by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, which emphasized India's growing role as a hub for technological innovation and its commitment to shaping the global AI landscape.

PARIS MEET | Lays down ground rules for global collaboration PM WANTS AI OPEN HOUSE

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In a compelling address at the AI Action Summit in Paris on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressed the importance of pooling global resources and talent to drive innovation, while advocating an open-source AI system that fosters trust and transparency.

Emphasizing the need for high-quality, unbiased data sets as the foundation for effective AI models, Modi outlined a five-point agenda for the responsible development of artificial intelligence (AI). He called for the democratization of AI to ensure it benefits all people. He also highlighted cyber security challenges such as disinformation and deep fakes, urging efforts to secure the digital future.

JOB LOSS: Co-chairing the summit with French President Emmanuel

Macron, Modi acknowledged the potential of AI to reshape job roles. However, he also emphasized that it opens up new opportunities, provided there is significant investment in skill development.

"Job loss is the most feared disruption caused by AI, but history has shown that work does not disappear due to technology. It evolves, and new types of jobs are created," Modi said. He stressed the importance of skilling and re-skilling people to prepare for an AI-driven future, a message that resonated globally amid concerns about technological unemployment.

AI V/S HUMAN INTELLIGENCE: Addressing fears about AI surpassing human intelligence, Modi reassured that no machine can determine humanity's future without human guidance.

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OpenAI CEO's no to Musk offer: A group led by Elon Musk has offered about \$97.4 billion to buy OpenAI, escalating a legal dispute with the artificial intelligence company that Musk helped found. OpenAI CEO Sam Altman quickly rejected the deal on Musk's social platform X, saying, "no thank you but we will buy Twitter for \$9.74 billion, if you want." Musk bought Twitter, now called X, for \$44 billion in 2022. He and Altman together helped start OpenAI in 2015 and later competed over who should lead it.

IAF CHIEF IS MIFFED WITH HAL

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A leaked on-camera exchange of Indian Air Force (IAF) Chief Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh criticizing Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has caused a stir at the on-going Aero India show at Bengaluru's Yelahanka IAF base.

In a video posted by the defence news portal National Defence, the IAF chief is heard reprimanding HAL officials.

"I can only tell you our requirements and concerns. You need to address those and instill confidence. At the moment, I am just not confident in HAL, which is a very wrong thing to happen."

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Trump pauses law, big relief for Adani

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Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's trip to the United States, US President Donald Trump has asked the Department of Justice to stop enforcing a decades-old law that prohibits American corporations from bribing foreign government officials to advance their own financial interests. The move could provide significant relief to Gautam Adani.

Trump signed the document on Monday directing Attorney General Pam Bondi to stop enforcing the 1934 law until she issues new enforcement

guidelines, reports The Independent.

Trump complained that the anti-corruption measure, which was signed into law by then-president Jimmy Carter in 1978, nearly 48 years ago, was a "disaster for this country" because "it made it very, very hard, from a practical standpoint, to make deals" overseas without violating the law, implying that bribes are expected to be a routine part of business, including for American companies.

"It hurts the country. And many, many deals are unable to be made because of it."

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Hubby liable for wife's stock debit balance

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The Supreme Court on Monday ruled that a husband can be held jointly and severally liable for the debit balance in his wife's stock trading account if an oral agreement and their financial dealings establish shared responsibility.

The ruling came in the case of AC Choksi Share Broker vs. Jatin Pratap Desai, with a Bench of Justices PS Narasimha and Sandeep Mehta holding that an arbitral tribunal has jurisdiction over the husband under the

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HC nod to Adani to cut 209 mangroves

Urvi Mahajani
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court has permitted the Adani Group to axe 209 mangroves near Vasai Creek for the construction of a high-voltage transmission line proposed for increasing electricity supply to the city and its suburbs. The court noted that the project was of public importance.

A bench of Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Bha-

rati Dangre, said on February 6, the project for the construction of the electricity transmission line is critical for Mumbai as the existing capacity of the transmission corridor was not sufficient to carry further power to the city.

The HC allowed the petition by Adani Electricity Mumbai Infra Ltd seeking permission to cut 209 mangroves for the setting up of a high-voltage

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Trump drops the penny

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Former President Donald Trump has announced that he has ordered the US Mint to halt penny production, citing the coin's high manufacturing cost. "For far too long, the United States has minted pennies that literally cost us more than 2 cents. This is so wasteful!" Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform.

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US & UK not on the same page

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US Vice President JD Vance struck a confrontational tone on Tuesday at a global summit on artificial intelligence (AI) in Paris, cautioning European allies against over-regulating the US-dominated AI sector

and warning China against using the technology to consolidate its authoritarian grip on power. His remarks marred the spirit of unity that host nation France had sought to foster during the two-day gathering of world leaders and tech industry chiefs.

The summit, attended by

representatives from 60 nations, including China, France, Germany, and India, culminated in a joint statement emphasizing the need for AI to be "open, inclusive, transparent, ethical, safe, secure, and trustworthy" under international frameworks. Notably, the United States and the

United Kingdom, which is no longer an EU member, did not sign the communiqué. Vance, addressing the audience at Paris's Grand Palais, argued that excessive regulation could stifle innovation in the AI sector just as it begins to flourish.

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Major fire at Oshiwara furniture market



Devashri Bhujbal
MUMBAI

A massive fire broke out in the Oshiwara furniture market on Tuesday morning, engulfing at least 100 furniture units containing wooden items and damaging 350 to 400 units. Cylinder blasts further fuelled the fire and a thick black smog shrouded the entire locality, causing panic among residents and passersby. The fire was declared Level II (major) at 11.46pm.

At least eight fire engines and 10 water tankers were rushed to the spot. It was 6pm by the time the flames were doused. According to the Mumbai Fire Brigade, at least 12 to 15 residents were rescued from the spot. No injuries were reported in the incident; however, authorities are ascertaining if there are people who may have been trapped in the fire or whether any injury has gone unreported.

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Preserve EVM data, orders SC

Online Report
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has sought the reply of the Election Commission to an application filed by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) seeking directions to the ECI to allow verification of the burnt memory and Symbol Loading Units of the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs).

The court on Tuesday also told the ECI to not erase or reload the data in the EVMs while carrying out the verification, Live Law reports.

ADR had filed the application contending that the Standard Operating Procedure framed by the ECI for veri-



cation of the EVMs was not in accordance with the April 2024 judgment in the EVM-VVPAT case.

A bench comprising Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta heard the matter. CJI Khanna told Senior Advocate Maninder Singh, ECI's counsel, that the directions in the April 2024 judgment did not intend to erase or reload the polling

data in the EVMs. The bench added that it only intended for the EVM Machine to be verified and checked by an engineer from the EVM manufacturing company after the polling was conducted.

Referring to the part-B of the direction in the ADR v. Election Commission case, the CJI verbally said:

"What we intended was that, if after the polls somebody asks, the engineer should come and certify that according to him in their presence, there is no tampering in any of the burnt memory or the micro-chips stock. That's all. Why do you erase the data?"

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Road rage case: ACCUSED NABBED

Raina Assainar
NAVI MUMBAI

More than a week after the road rage incident in Kharghar, in which an IT professional on a two-wheeler was bludgeoned to death by two men on a motorcycle, the Navi Mumbai crime branch has nabbed one of the two alleged accused in the case on Monday night. The arrested accused has been identified as Rehan Shaikh, 20, while the wanted accused is identified as Faizan Shaikh, 20.

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Outrage, legal action

A bad joke has a life of its own

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YouTuber Ranveer Allahbadia found himself at the centre of a national uproar on Tuesday following his controversial remarks on the show India's Got Latent.

Little did he anticipate that his comments would reverberate within the hallowed halls of Parliament; yet, they did. During the Zero Hour, Shiv Sena MP Naresh Mhaske raised the issue, calling for stricter regulations on social

Maharashtra cyber cell unit has filed a case against not just Ranveer Allahabadi but all the people involved from Episode 1 to 6 of "India's Got Latent" - including guests. Sources said altogether, action has been taken against 40-odd people

media. He emphasised the need for legislation to curb influencers who exploit freedom of speech to post "all kinds of nonsense."

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, ever eager to assert its authority,

swiftly directed YouTube to remove the offending episode, which it did.

Kanchan Gupta, the ministry's senior adviser, announced the directive on social media with the solemnity of a judge pronouncing a

life sentence. However, the internet, true to its nature, had already preserved and redistributed the clip countless times.

The backlash was immediate and unrelenting. The Mumbai Police, acting on a complaint, visited Ranveer's residence to investigate. Not to be outdone, the Maharashtra Cyber Department filed a case under the IT Act and demanded the removal of all 18 episodes of India's Got Latent.

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Megha Kuchik
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The quantity of the stolen booty is yet to be determined as the victim lived alone and only her daughter, who lives separately in Malad, can quantify the theft. Sheikh has confessed to the crime, said the cops, adding

According to the police,

■ He allegedly murdered her, fearing she would spill beans on him

After the neighbours complained of foul smell to Khonde's daughter, she came and opened the flat with a duplicate key. The victim bore injuries on her head and torso, inflicted with a sharp object. According to the police, Sheikh tied Khonde's hands before

The cops then recorded statements from neighbours and relatives, and took Sheikh in custody after gathering evidence based on technical surveillance. He killed Khonde as

A case has been filed against the accused under sections 302 (murder), 303 (robbery or dacoity with an attempt to cause death or grievous hurt), among other charges of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.



Along with Choksi, the ED had also sought to declare Choksi's nephew Nirav Modi as a FEO in 2018. The latter was tagged as a fugitive, however, the outcome in his uncle's case is pending for more than six years.

A case has been filed against Sanjay Pandey and Arjun, the employees of Hiranandani builders, and BMC officials and staff, including Kasgikar, Pankaj, Amish Bangde, Biradar, Ashatai Chaure and Shilbodhi Bhanteji. Inspector Sonawane and other officers have been named too.

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Accordingly, the BMC has taken steps to deepen the artificial lakes at the Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Dahisar Sports Foundation, Maharana Pratap Udyan in Kandivli, Kadamwadi Ground. While the first and last lakes can accommodate idols towering 15 and 19 feet, respectively, statues up to six feet can fit into the remaining two. In addition, an artificial lake of 30x30 feet has been set up at Bangur Nagar in Goregaon.

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