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Indian, Chinese Troops Exchange Diwali Sweets After Border Disengagement (October 31, 2024)

This comes a day after the two sides completed military disengagement from the Depsang and Demchok areas, in line with last week's patrolling agreement. The patrolling deal called for removal of military personnel and infrastructure, including temporary camps, from the Depsang plains and Demchok, and withdrawal of troops to pre-April 2020 positions. Depsang, Demchok Disengagement Pics Last week NDTV accessed the first satellite images of the disengagement process. NDTV Exclusive | 1st Images Of Chinese Troops' Disengagement In Ladakh A second image, taken four days later, showed Indian military tents taken down and vehicles moving away, while images from Demchok showed temporary Chinese structures removed by October 25. "Trying To Restore Trust" On the disengagement process Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi said this week the Indian military is "trying to restore trust" in its Chinese counterpart. READ | Troops' Disengagement First, De-Escalation Next: S Jaishankar De-escalation is still a concern in other areas, including the Gogra-Hot Springs area in Ladakh, after Indian and Chinese forces backed down in September last year. READ | PM Modi, Xi Welcome "Complete Disengagement" Along LAC The India-China patrolling agreement was announced hours before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Russia for the BRICS summit where he would hold a bilateral with China's Xi Jinping.

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PM Modi Continues Diwali Tradition, Celebrates With Soldiers In Kachchh (October 31, 2024)

Continuing the tradition of spending Diwali with soldiers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited security personnel posted in Gujarat's Kachchh today and wished them on the festive occasion. Since 2014, when he took over the top job, Prime Minister Modi has spent Diwali with soldiers posted in different corners of the country. He visited Siachen in 2014, the Punjab border in 2015, Sumdo in Himachal Pradesh in 2016, Jammu and Kashmir's Gurez sector in 2017, Uttarakhand's Harsil in 2018, Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri in 2019 and Rajasthan's Longewala in 2020. The Prime Minister's 2021 Diwali was in Kashmir's Nowshera, 2022 in Jammu and Kashmir's Kargil and 2023 in Himachal's Lepcha. Back in 2014, when the BJP came to power, Prime Minister Modi visited Siachen and told the soldiers posted there that 125 crore Indians can celebrate Diwali and go about their lives because the soldiers stand guard at the border. Earlier today, the Prime Minister attended celebrations on the occasion of National Unity Day, which marks the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel, known for his key role in national integration after Independence in 1947. The Prime Minister attended grand celebrations at Gujarat's Kewadiya, where Sardar Patel's grand statue -- the Statue of Unity -- is located.

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"Some Perverted Powers...": PM Modi's Strong Message From Statue Of Unity (October 31, 2024)

Targeting the Opposition, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said some powers are trying to weaken national unity for the sake of politics and called upon people to identify and fight against this "alliance of urban Naxals". The Prime Minister was speaking on National Unity Day, which coincided with Diwali this time, near Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's grand statue at Kewadiya in Gujarat. So we have to protect our unity," he said, after paying tributes to Sardar Patel, who played a key role in national integration after India's Independence in 1947. They don't want India to be developed because the politics of 'poor India, weak India' suits them. The INDIA Opposition bloc, led by the Congress, built its Lok Sabha election campaign around a 'save Constitution' slogan and is demanding a caste Census to ensure better representation of backward classes in jobs and education. The Prime Minister paid tribute to Sardar Patel and said the BJP government's vision reflects its commitment to national unity. The Prime Minister said this National Unity Day marks the beginning of Sardar Patel's 150th birth anniversary and the country will celebrate this occasion for two years.

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Mumbai Congress Veteran Switches To BJP Weeks Ahead Of State Polls (October 31, 2024)

Mumbai Congress veteran and five-time city corporator Ravi Raja joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) weeks ahead of the November 20 Assembly polls in Maharashtra. Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Mumbai BJP chief Ashish Shelar welcomed Mr Raja into the party fold. While not divulging names, Mr Fadnavis said that many notable Congress leaders would follow Mr Raja into the BJP. Raja and his supporters' decision to join the BJP would strengthen the party's prospects ahead of Maharashtra assembly polls," Mr Shelar said. Addressing reports of issues being faced by the Mahayuti constituents - BJP, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit-Pawar-led NCP - over seat-sharing for the upcoming elections, Mr Fadnavis said that all issues have been ironed out and names will be announced soon. Meanwhile, Mr Fadnavis also said that all efforts are on to placate senior party leader Gopal Shetty, who filed his nomination as an Independent from the Borivali constituency after the BJP chose Sanjay Upadhyay to contest from the north Mumbai seat. The state of Maharashtra will witness single-phase polls on November 20, the results of which will be declared on November 23.

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This Small Cap Company Beats MRF To Become India's Costliest Stock (October 31, 2024)

Elcid Investments saw an unprecedented surge in its share price, skyrocketing from a mere Rs 3.53 apiece to an mind-boggling Rs 2,36,250 on the BSE in just one trading session. An investment of Rs 1 lakh in Elcid Investments shares a few months ago could have turned into Rs 670 crore after the price surge. This phenomenal rise has propelled Elcid Investments to become India's costliest stock, surpassing tyre maker MRF Ltd's share price of Rs 1.22 lakh apiece (Tuesday closing price on the BSE). The astronomical increase of 66,92,535 percent in the Elcid Investments share price was witnessed after the BSE auction for price discovery of holding companies. During the auction, Elcid's shares reached a peak traded value of Rs 4.58 lakh, although the price discovered ultimately settled at Rs 2.25 lakh per share. In July 2024, Elcid Investments was regarded as a penny stock worth only Rs 3.21 apiece. In June 2024, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) announced a new initiative aimed at enhancing price discovery for Investment Companies (ICs) and Investment Holding Companies (IHCs).

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White House Band Plays Bhajan At Biden's Diwali Bash, Grammy Winner Reacts (October 31, 2024)

The White House military band played the devotional song "Om Jai Jagdish Hare" during Diwali celebrations at US President Joe Biden's official residence. The video, shared by the first deputy managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Gita Gopinath, features four members of the band playing the song on a piano, violin, cello, and drums. "Wonderful to hear the White House military band play Om Jai Jagdeesh Hare for Diwali. Wonderful to hear the White House military band play Om Jai Jagdeesh Hare for Diwali. Happy Diwali ■ pic.twitter.com/IJwOrCOVpo

— Gita Gopinath (@GitaGopinath) October 31, 2024 Indian-American composer and three-time Grammy Award winner Ricky Kej said that the rendition of the song was "nicely done". Mr Biden hosted a Diwali celebration at the White House on Monday. However, Vice President Kamala Harris and First Lady Jill Biden could not attend the celebrations due to the ongoing US Presidential campaign trails.

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Video: Ayodhya Sparkles With Over 25 Lakh Diyas On Deepotsav, A New Record (October 31, 2024)

The grand Deepotsav celebrations in Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya saw over 25 lakh earthen lamps being lit together - a new world record. The organisers had planned to light up at least 28 lakh diyas; however, they managed to light exactly 25,12,585 diyas to create a new world record. This beam of light emanating from Ayodhya Dham will fill my family members across the country with new enthusiasm and new energy," the Prime Minister said in an online post. The Deepotsav showcased the spiritual, traditional, and cultural essence of the holy city, with performances by artists from six countries -- Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia, and Indonesia -- along with a Ram Leela presentation from Uttarakhand. Earlier today, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath received the Deepotsav with an 'aarti'. The Tourism Department's tableaux depicted scenes from Bal Kand, Ayodhya Kand, Aranya Kand, Kishkindha Kand, Sundar Kand, Lanka Kand, and Uttar Kand, taken from Tulsidas's Ramcharitmanas. #WATCH | Uttar Pradesh: Lakhs of diyas illuminated along the banks of the Saryu River in Ayodhya as part of the grand #Deepotsav celebration here. #Diwali2024 pic.twitter.com/7yd1QxDVZY — ANI (@ANI) October 30, 2024 "This is the first Deepotsav after the Pran Pratishtha of the Ram mandir in Ayodhya and every effort has been made to give grandeur, and divinity to this programme," Uttar Pradesh Minister Jaiveer Singh had said.

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"Not Going To Sugarcoat...": Gambhir's 'Hurting' Message Ahead Of 3rd NZ Test (October 31, 2024)

India head coach Gautam Gambhir on Thursday doesn't want to blame the batters only for the debacle against the visiting New Zealand side, saying that every player has the responsibility towards the team. India crashed to their first Test series defeat at home in 12 years after losing the second Test by 113 runs in Pune on October 26. "Everyone has the responsibility, I cannot say just the batters have let us down," Gambhir said at the press conference ahead of the third Test from Friday. Gambhir admitted that the Test series defeat hurt the team but said it should spur the team to do better in future. If we have results like Kanpur, might as well have results like this and keep moving forward," said Gambhir. "Test cricket should be played like Test cricket. Talking about the defensive technique of batters being impacted by T20 cricket, Gambhir said, "The more the T20 cricket is played (around the world), the more the people will struggle in defending.

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"Stop The Insanity...": Bolt's Billionaire CEO Cracks Down On Remote Work (October 31, 2024)

Bolt, the Estonian rival to ride-hailing app Uber, is calling its employees back to the office three days a week after its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) decried his "disconnected" staff's habit of working from idyllic destinations like Bali. According to the Telegraph, Markus Villig, the billionaire boss of the taxi-hailing smartphone app, partially revoked the company's flexible work policy, which he believes led to staff being scattered across the world. He introduced a new mandatory policy requiring all employees to work from the office three days a week or 12 days per month. In an internal memo obtained by the Telegraph, Mr Villig said it was a "disgrace" that less than half of employees worked in the office for at least two days each week. Also Read | This Country's Economy Boomed After Introducing 4-Day Workweek, Finds Research Further, according to the Telegraph, Mr Villig described the new policy as "generous" compared to other companies, including Amazon which last month ordered its workers to return to office five days a week. "Even the largest companies from Amazon to Tesla to Apple realise that in order to stay at the top they have to retain an intense culture and have got people back to office three to five days a week. Notably, the shift to hybrid means staff will still have some flexibility, but will need to live within travel distance to a Bolt office.

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Serious Allegations Against Kirsten By PCB. Naqvi Says, "He Broke..." (October 30, 2024)

PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi on Wednesday said that South African Gary Kirsten ended his tenure as Pakistan white-ball head coach as he made "some breaches" of his contract with the Board. However, it was widely reported that Kirsten, who guided India to 2011 World Cup triumph, resigned following a rift with the Pakistan Cricket Board after the coaches were stripped of their powers in selection matters. Though the PCB had not given the reason for Kirsten's sudden resignation, sources have confirmed that it was because he was not involved when the Board announced the squads for the Australia and Zimbabwe tours and the new captain of the white ball format on Sunday. Naqvi said that the PCB had started the process of finding a new head coach of the white ball team and he had already spoken to some 4-5 candidates. "We will have a new white ball head coach by the end of this month because Jason Gillispie has only agreed to manage the team in Australia for the white ball matches on an interim basis. Insiders say that Aaqib Javed, a senior selector who Naqvi wanted to take over as Kirsten's replacement, has said he is more interested in working on development of players and grooming of young talent at the National Cricket Academy. "The issue of the show cause notice will be handled by a special committee of the board while the selectors have authority over selection matters." Naqvi insisted he never interfered in selection matters nor had ever pushed for the selection of any particular player.

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