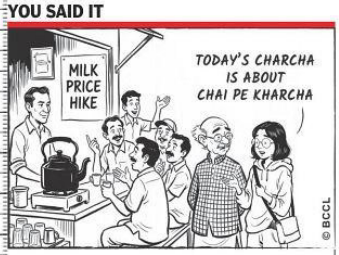
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Monkey jumps on bike, man & niece killed in fall

A six-year-old girl and her uncle died in a road accident in UP's Ghazipur district Wednesday after a monkey suddenly jumped from a tree onto the helmet of the man driving the motorcycle. The incident took place near Mirzabad Mania village in Ghazipur. The motorcycle went out of control and overturned after the monkey landed on the helmet of Kamlesh Kumar (40). Moments later, a car coming from behind ran over the child, Samiksha, killing her on the spot. Kamlesh Kumar, who suffered critical injuries, was taken to the community health centre by villagers. He died during treatment. — **Binay Singh**

Bomb disguised as rasgulla kills man in MP

A 35-year-old man in MP died after a crude bomb disguised as a rasgulla, allegedly used to poach wild boars, exploded in his mouth after a villager offered it to him in Dindori district Tuesday. Rajendra Barautiya was sitting in the courtyard of his house when one Ram Bhagat from the same village joined him. During their conversation, Ram Bhagat allegedly handed him the crude bomb, claiming it was a rasgulla. Rajendra put it in his mouth and began chewing, triggering an explosion that left him critically injured. His family rushed him to a hospital, where he died during treatment. TNN

Avenged attack on CRPF men: Jharkhand man

Meerut: A man identifying himself as Rahul Singh from Jharkhand claimed responsibility for the murder of Mohammad Sharif, 65, an accused in the 2007 Rampur CRPF camp attack case who was released from prison last year after securing relief from Supreme Court. In a social media post that surfaced after the killing, the man said he had avenged the deaths of seven CRPF personnel, accused courts of failing to deliver justice and threatened others linked to the case. Police, however, had neither verified the post's authenticity nor established any link between its author and the murder. TNN

Green energy push helped India save $100bn over last 15 yrs: IEA

Highlights 2 Central Schemes For Expansion Of Solar Generation

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Expansion of renewable energy (RE) capacity over the past 15 years helped India save more than $100 billion in coal and natural gas import costs, the International Energy Agency (IEA) has said in a recent report.

With 300GW of RE capacity, India has emerged as the world's second-fastest-growing renewables market, strengthening its energy security, the report said. India added 168GW of solar and 38GW of wind capacity between March 2014 and Sept 2026, while installed bioenergy capacity reached nearly 12GW.

With RE capacity expected to reach 530GW by 2030, IEA estimated that cumulative savings on coal and natural gas imports could reach $240 billion by 2030, assuming international fuel prices remain broadly at their 2024-25 average levels. Annual savings are projected to reach around $35 billion by then, exceeding India's entire spending on non-coking coal and natural gas imports in FY25.

The India Renewable Energy Market Report 2026 estimated that without solar PV, wind and bioenergy capacity added since 2010, India's coal imports in 2025 would have been 110 million tonnes higher. "India's experience shows how consistent policies can help drive down renewable energy costs and attract investment, offering valuable lessons for other emerging economies," said IEA executive director Fatih Birol.

India achieved its target of sourcing 50% of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources in 2025, five years ahead of schedule.

IEA said the growth extended beyond large plants, supported by rooftop solar installations, corporate RE procurement and expansion of domestic manufacturing facilities. It specifically highlighted the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana for accelerating rooftop solar installations and PM-KUSUM for supporting solar-powered irrigation pumps and farm feeders.


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WINDFALL: India has emerged as world's second-fastest-growing renewables market

71% of power generated is still coal-fired

New Delhi: Coal-based power generation rose nearly 28% year-on-year in Oct, with its share in overall generation reaching 71.7% despite the persistent govt push to add more renewable energy sources.

Govt data said that power consumption rose by 21.9% to 159.8 billion units from 131.1 BU a year ago. It was, however, marginally lower than the 162 BU recorded in Sept.

Data showed that renewable energy generation also rose 35% in Oct compared with a year ago, while hydropower output declined 23% amid weaker rainfall. Renewable energy generation increased to 26.4 BU in Oct from 19.5 BU a year earlier, driven by a rise of over 60% in solar generation. — **Atul Mathur**

Confident of trade pact ahead of Modi trip: Canada envoy

TIMES NEWS NETWORK


Piyal Bhattacharjee

As India and Canada hold the 6th round of trade negotiations this week, Canada's high commissioner to India Christopher Cooter has said Ottawa is confident of finalising the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) ahead of PM Narendra Modi's visit to Canada next month.

While the agreement will still have to be ratified, the announcement about successful conclusion of the negotiations during Modi's Dec 11-12 visit will mark a milestone in the relationship, capping the dramatic turnaround in India-Canada ties under Canadian PM Mark Carney and Modi in the past 18 months.

"The actual ratification would take some time because we have provincial governments that are involved as well. But I think we can be pretty confident that the final text will be there," said Cooter in an interaction with **TOI** editors.

"We're hopeful about our ratification process. The 6th round of talks is coming up. I'm confident that we're getting close, so we'll keep our fingers crossed. We're also looking at some subsidiary agreements that would facilitate business travel," added Cooter. He also said many other big-ticket announcements were expected from the visit including in space.

Cooter also addressed public anxiety over international student policies of Canada, home to roughly 300,000 Indian students. He clarified that official caps were targeted at fraudulent institutions rather than legitimate Indian applicants.

"People said, 'Oh my God, Canada's not open'. This was a misperception. In fact, the caps are nowhere near being met. This is probably the best time ever, if you're a prospective Indian student, to apply. Of course there were some abuses. There were these fly-by-night colleges. They weren't about education as much as getting PR. So, we've got to clean that up, which is why the numbers will come down some. But it's still very, very significant," said Cooter.

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> High commissioner to India

Cooter also said the progress witnessed in the ties since Carney assumed office had moved "far beyond a reset". He said the recovery was initially fragile, but gained unprecedented momentum following bilateral engagements between the leaders.

"It's not a reset. It is far beyond a reset. When I arrived here in Sept last year, it was a tentative approach. None of us knew what was going to happen next. Is this going to be a slow march? Are we going to take a step back? Very fragile at the beginning. But it didn't happen that way. When foreign minister Anita Anand was here last month, we called on your PM and he described it as the fastest acceleration he had ever experienced in a relationship," said Cooter.

As parties oppose polls in winter, Ladakh imposes ban on protests

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Srinagar: As Ladakh's administration Wednesday imposed a complete ban on protests and demonstrations within the municipal limits of Leh and Kargil, citing the municipal and hill council polls scheduled for Nov 23 and Dec 4, respectively, Ladakhi leaders, including Leh Apex Body (LAB) member and climate activist **Sonam Wangchuk**, appealed to President Droupadi Murmu, PM Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah to intervene to defer the polls, citing harsh winter conditions and the likely exclusion of a large section of the electorate.



"It is an SOS call to the President, the PM and the home minister. We are sending this message to the people of India also," the joint appeal said.

Earlier in the day, the chief electoral officer issued an order stating that the model code of conduct has been enforced and organising of political dharnas, protests etc during the currency of the code of conduct has the potential to intimidate voters and vitiate the atmosphere for free and fair elections.

Flanked by Ladakh MP Mohmad Haneefa, LAB co-chairman Chering Dorjay Lakrook and Kargil Democratic Alliance co-chairmen Asgar Karbali and Sajjad Kargili, Wangchuk said the administration was forcing elections on people during harsh winter, when temperatures in some parts fall below minus 30°C. "Ladakh is known as the world's coldest inhabited place. weather forecast for Dec indicates snowfall. How will elections be conducted? When Leh, Kargil and other areas are nearly empty, why are you holding elections?" he asked.

Wangchuk appealed to the country's leadership, including the opposition, to pay attention to Ladakh and oppose what he termed an arbitrary decision by the lieutenant-governor's administration.

Govt makes EVs default choice for official cars

New Delhi: EVs will be the default option for govt depts and ministries looking to buy or hire vehicles for official use, the expenditure dept said in a circular. "Ministries/depts shall ordinarily procure EVs when replacing their existing ICE (internal combustion engine) staff cars. EVs will be the preferred choice, while proposals to procure ICE vehicles on grounds of impracticality must be justified and referred to department of expenditure for relaxation on a case-by-case basis. Similar rules will apply to hiring vehicles," the circular stated.

The net dealer price for EV purchases will be Rs 20 lakh, twice the limit fixed for ICE vehicles, including hybrids. TNN

Cong puts MP in sex abuse row on Manipur poll panels

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Congress has named Manipur MP **Angomcha Bimol Akoijam**, who is facing sexual harassment allegations, as co-chairperson of its manifesto committee and member of its campaign and state election committees ahead of assembly polls in the state.



Akoijam, who represents Inner Manipur in Lok Sabha, has been at the centre of a controversy following complaints by 11 women students at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). He has denied the allegations.

Congress general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal said Wednesday that party president Mallikarjun Kharge had approved the appointments to the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee and its poll committees.

After a May 18 complaint by 11 JNU students alleging sexual harassment and misconduct, a five-member committee recommended major disciplinary action. Akoijam was dismissed on Oct 9. The panel's report went to police on Oct 11, and Vasant Kunj police registered an FIR.

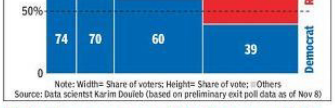
Delhi high court stayed his dismissal on Nov 2 and listed his plea for hearing in Jan.

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers

Does a college degree change how Americans vote?

Non-white voters largely favoured Democrats, regardless of education. Among white voters, however, education made a difference, with college graduates leaning Democrat and those without degrees favouring Republicans

How US citizens voted in 2026 midterms (%), by race & education



Note: Width= Share of voters; Height= Share of vote; =Others
Source: Data scientst Karim Douieb (based on preliminary exit poll data as of Nov 8)

NTA plans exam centres in every dists

New Delhi: In a move that could spare lakhs of students long journeys for entrance examinations, the education ministry has initiated an exercise to create a nationwide pool of standardised examination centres, with the aim of having at least one in every district. The plan also envisages backup centres nearby to deal with last-minute disruptions. In a parallel move, the National Testing Agency (NTA) is creating a permanent pool of independent observers, including retired armed forces and paramilitary personnel, as part of a wider overhaul of the examination system following repeated security breaches and disruptions.

The twin initiatives are aimed at addressing two persistent problems — inadequate examination infrastructure and the shortage of trained personnel to supervise high-stakes tests. NTA, which conducts examinations in more than 500 cities, has invited applications from educational institutions and testing service providers across the country to expand its network for both computer-based tests (CBT) and pen-and-paper examinations. Govt is considering shifting NEET-UG from pen-and-paper mode to CBT.

Under the Nov-7 notification, a standard CBT centre must have at least 285 functional computer workstations per shift, including buffer capacity, while a pen-and-paper centre must be able to accommodate at least 250 candidates. Smaller CBT centres can be considered in locations where testing facilities are limited. TNN

West Asia crisis pushes up non-urea subsidy by 64%

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New Delhi: Govt Wednesday approved Rs 62,370 crore subsidy for phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilisers for 2026-27 rabi season (Oct-March) under the nutrient-based subsidy (NBS) mechanism. This allocation, around 64% more than that of the previous season, will insulate farmers from elevated global prices of these soil nutrients and their inputs, ensuring that they continue to get the fertilisers at existing rates.



This is likely to push the fertiliser subsidy to around Rs 2.3 lakh crore against the budgetary allocation of Rs 1.7 lakh crore for 2026-27 and this will be higher than the actual subsidy of Rs 2.2 lakh crore in 2025-26. Till the third week of Oct, the overall fertiliser subsidy outgo was little over Rs 1.3 lakh crore.

Announcing the decision, I&B minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** said that PM Narendra Modi has acted as a "shield" (suraksha kavach) for farmers, ensuring that global geopolitical turmoil and fertiliser crises do not impact them. He added that govt is bearing the subsidy burden to ensure that farmers continue to get them at affordable, constant prices, effectively preventing any extra financial outgo for them.

Govt said the special provision to ensure availability of Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) at a fixed price of Rs 1,350 per bag for farmers will continue. It added that higher subsidy rates have been approved in view of recent trends in international fertiliser prices and the cost of inputs such as urea, DAP, muriate of potash and sulphur.

Industry insiders said the adequate subsidy allocation would bring in some parity for the domestic manufacturers and ensure price stability for the farmers.

Under the NBS scheme, govt provides subsidies on 28 grades of P&K fertilisers, including DAP, through fertiliser manufacturers and importers. The subsidies are paid directly to fertiliser companies, enabling them to sell fertilisers to farmers at affordable prices.

On availability of fertilisers for the rabi season, Vaishnaw said the overall stock of urea as on Wednesday was 103 lakh tonne compared to 72 lakh tonne last year.

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