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CJP's Abhijeet Dipke and Ashutosh Ranka before their detention on Saturday | PRI

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DAWN TO DUSK

6 am: Stringent traffic restrictions imposed in New Delhi district, especially on roads leading to Jantar Mantar

6.50 am: CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke leaves Mumbai hotel for Delhi,

boards flight with Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka

10 am: YouTuber Dhruv Rathee detained from Gurugram house

10.50 am: Dipke, Das and Ranka detained

from the aircraft as their flight from Mumbai lands at IGI Airport in Delhi

11.30 am: Police chase away CJP protesters trying to reach Jantar Mantar. Protesters kept regrouping for the next few hours

12 NOON Several Left members, lawyers march from Supreme Court towards Jantar Mantar, detained

Police step up security at Dipke's home in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

People heading to Jantar Mantar detained and taken to Chhatrasal Stadium in north Delhi

Dipke, Das and Ranka sent to three different locations

12.20 pm: Mahatma Gandhi's great-grandson detained from his residence in Mumbai

12.30 pm

Contempt plea filed in SC against authorities for violation of the court's direction to ensure no inconvenience to common people during protest

CPM MP John Brittas and former Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan, on their way to Jantar Mantar, detained

1.15 pm: Dipke releases a video that he recorded in the flight, hands over the protest's command to Ajinkya Shinde

2 pm: AISA national president Neha Bora

detained in south Delhi
2.30 pm: Former West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and other Trinamool leaders detained after dharna in Delhi's South Avenue

3 pm: Former Delhi CM and AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal detained; released later at night

5.15 pm: Rahul Gandhi issues statement backing CJP

protestors
8.15 pm: SC agrees to hear habeas corpus plea by TMC MP and senior advocate Menaka Guruswamy on detention of lawyers on Sunday



Govt fears if we unite again, their throne will be at stake. We will stay at Jantar Mantar until all our demands are met
Ajinkya Shinde, CJP

This is a Super Emergency... We were kidnapped in a prison van and driven for 2 hours. I will join INDIA march on Monday
Mamata Banerjee, TMC

Long live revolution. The fight will continue. Gyanesh Kumar will have to resign. The vote theft must stop
Arvind Kejriwal, AAP

Barricades may block streets, but can't halt march of democracy. No force can silence people determined to defend their rights.
Pinarayi Vijayan, CPI(M)

DELHI INTERRUPTED

Massive crackdown during CJP-led agitation, its top brass picked up from plane; 7,000 protesters and 4 former CMs detained, special hearing of SC today on detentions



Police detain activists during a protest organised by CJP demanding the resignation of CEC Gyanesh Kumar in Delhi; and (inset) Pinarayi Vijayan detained | PARVEEN NEGI

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Congress sits out | P11

INDIA bloc plans protest | P11

150 protesters in TN detained | P8

Who is Ajinkya Shinde



A native of Latur district in Maharashtra, Shinde will lead the next phase of CJP's agitation. Shinde, 35, hails from Ujani of

BJP hits out at Oppn

The BJP said the protest meant to take the city "hostage" turned out to be a "flop show". BJP president Nitin Nabin accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Kejriwal and CJP of destabilising the country with the backing of foreign forces. CM Rekha Gupta asserted that Gandhi and Kejriwal are turning Delhi into a battleground.

What next: SC hearing, INDIA march

The Delhi Police is expected to continue with its deployment on Sunday as well, with the CJP saying the protests would continue "with or without leaders". Later, Ajinkya Shinde issued a call to CJP followers to assemble at Jantar Mantar at 10 am on Sunday. In a related development, the Supreme Court will hold a special Sunday hearing on a petition by senior advocate Maneka Guruswamy against the detentions the previous day. On Monday, the INDIA bloc has planned to submit a memorandum to Chief Justice of India Surya Kant seeking his intervention in the stir against the CEC, Gyanesh Kumar

Slew of RBI steps to rescue the rupee

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

WITH the rupee sniffing at 97 a dollar, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Saturday announced a slew of measures in a desperate bid to stem the freefall of the national currency.

It drastically slashed the forex derivative positions a bank can hold in the net open position to just \$5 million from the already curbed \$100 million, to curb speculation.

The central bank also barred authorised dealers from rebooking cancelled rupee-linked

derivative contracts and introduced a 20% cash reserve requirement for large transactions to strengthen market discipline. That apart, it also opened a special dollar window for oil importers.

On Friday, it had raised the minimum daily maintenance requirement for the cash reserve ratio (CRR) from 90% to 99% of the prescribed requirement, effective October 16. This was the first time since July 2013 that the RBI had increased the daily CRR requirement following pressure on the rupee, which

OMCs get spl window

The RBI created a special window for oil marketing companies (OMCs) to take the dollar demand away from the spot market. Three state-run OMCs are one of the biggest consumers for the dollar

has already lost more than 7% this year after the US Fed began tightening.

The measures come amid evolving conditions in the forex market and are aimed at ensuring its orderly function-

ing, the central bank said.

Under the revised norms, authorised dealers will not be permitted to allow users to re-book any foreign exchange derivative contract involving the rupee, whether deliverable or non-deliverable, if it was cancelled with an authorised dealer after issuance of the directions. Rollover of contracts on maturity will continue to be permitted, subject to existing regulatory requirements.

The RBI also tightened documentation requirements to prevent the same underlying exposure from being hedged through multiple authorised dealers.

'VOICE OF STUDENTS' EVENT

Centre targeting TN's identity, rights: Rahul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

CONGRESS leader and Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi alleged that the union government was attacking Tamil Nadu's language, culture, history and democratic rights through policies such as the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, NEET, and Hindi imposition. He described these as attacks on Tamil Nadu's identity and the right of students to learn and question.

Addressing thousands of college students at the Island Grounds in Chennai as part of his 'Voice of Students' programme, Rahul claimed that the centre was withholding funds from the state over its refusal to implement the NEP. He also criticised NEET, saying it had reduced opportunities for Tamil-medium students.

Pointing out that 70% of the state universities are without vice-chancellors, Rahul accused the Governor of attempting to ensure that people associated with the RSS run those institutions.

The role of governors in state universities and the proposed delimitation exercise would weaken Tamil Nadu's voice in national affairs, he claimed. **P9**

NIA probes mid-air attack on Captain Machchhar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) has registered a case and launched an investigation into the September 30 hijacking attempt of a Flydubai flight bound for Tel Aviv, in which Indian Captain Smit Machchhar was injured.

The probe is to "unearth the larger conspiracy", officials said. The NIA is empowered to investigate terror cases abroad that involve Indian citizens.

The FIR, registered on October 9, invokes Section 3 of the Anti-Hijacking Act, 2016, and Section 16 read with Section 15(1)(a) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

It said the information "discloses the commission of offences against an Indian national, Captain Smit Machchhar."

According to the FIR, on September 30, 2026, the Omani first officer of flydubai flight no 1073 stabbed the Indian pilot, Captain Machchhar, mid-air "in an apparent attempt to hijack or cause it to crash".

The case was registered on the direction of the Union home ministry.

"Having regard to the gravity of the offence, its grave national and international ramifications, and the need to unearth the larger conspiracy, the matter requires thorough investigation by the National Investigation Agency," it said.

EXPRESS READ

Nobel laureate has her roots in Vathalagundu

Madurai: South African-born jurist and former UN human rights chief Navanethem 'Navi' Pillay, who won the Nobel Peace Prize 2026, has her roots in Vathalagundu of Dindigul district, according to her biography — 'Navi Pillay: Realising Human Rights for All' by Sam Naidu — and an account shared by BJP leader and advocate K S Radhakrishnan | **P8**

Colleges, firms cannot collect caste info: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court recently held that private educational institutions and firms in the state cannot mandatorily collect caste details in application forms.

A bench of justices CV Karthikeyan and R Sakthivel gave the direction on a PIL petition filed by N Vikraman of Virudhunagar district. Vikraman alleged that many private colleges require applicants to disclose their caste and community details for enrolment, though there is no statutory requirement for such disclosure. Claiming that compulsory collection of the details may lead to discrimination in selection and admission processes, he requested the court to prohibit the institutions and companies from collecting those details. **P9**

PM to launch development projects worth ₹13,000 crore across TN today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stones for development projects worth more than ₹13,000 crore, including the Poonamallee-Vadapalani stretch of Chennai Metro Rail Phase II, during his Tamil Nadu visit on Sunday. The development projects will cover highways, railways, ports, petroleum, and education, according to a PIB release.

The Poonamallee-Vadapalani stretch of the metro rail project, built at a cost of around ₹4,900 crore, features a 3.7-km double-decker structure and signalling systems designed to support

Key projects to be rolled out by PM Modi

Chennai Metro Rail Phase II (Poonamallee-Vadapalani stretch), built at a cost of **₹4,900 crore**

- Coal Berth-3 project at Kamarajar Port and four projects at V O Chidambaram Port
- **NH-744:** Vadugapatti-Therkuvenganallur section (36 km) ● **NH-744A:** Madurai Ring Road section (30 km)
- Karaikal-Peralam railway line
- **Five Amrit stations:** Palani, Vellore Cantonment, Ambasamudram, Paramakudi, and Namakkal
- Three rail flyovers in Kovai region

driverless operations, improving connectivity between Chennai and its western suburbs.

During the visit, the prime minister will undertake a Metro ride along the stretch, offer prayers at the Jalakandeswarar temple, and visit IIT Madras, where he will dedicate the Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Cen-

tre to the nation and launch a global mission to map over 100 human brains into three-dimensional atlases at cellular resolution. He will release C-STROKE, an ischaemic stroke atlas with over 1,000 annotated microscopic sections intended to help researchers identify new therapeutic targets. **P9**



BREWING BONHOMIE

Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi stop by 7Padel Cafe, co-founded by M S Dhoni, in Palavakkam, following their meeting at Vijay's residence at Neelankarai in Chennai on Saturday | **EXPRESS**

5 shot dead, houses torched in fresh Manipur Kuki-Naga faceoff

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

AT least five persons, including a woman and a member of the Gorkha community, were killed in fresh violence in Manipur since Friday night.

The deaths occurred in the Naga-majority districts of Kamjong, which border Manipur, and Ukhrul.

The violence began after a Kuki woman, 42, was shot dead in the Kuki-dominated Chasad village in Kamjong district on Friday night. Her killing triggered an exchange of fire between Kuki and Naga armed groups, which continued on Saturday morning. A 22-year-old man was killed in the ensuing clashes and about 10 houses were torched.

Manipur CM meets Modi

The violence came on a day Manipur CM Yumnam Khemchand Singh met PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi. The PM assured all possible help to Manipur to restore peace and normalcy

Later in the day, suspected militants shot dead two persons in Ningchou village in

Kamjong. In another incident in Ukhrul district, a 40-year-old man identified as Sandeed Rai, a member of the Gorkha community, was shot dead.

The Working Committee of the Tangkhul Naga Long, a Naga organisation, alleged that a team of the India Reserve Battalion (IRB) opened fire at Kuki militants in Chasad village, leading to a gunfight in

which the woman was killed after being caught in the cross-fire. It alleged that Kuki militants later launched an armed offensive targeting Naga civilians.

Meanwhile, the Kuki Students' Organisation, Kamjong district, condemned the alleged firing by the IRB personnel. It also claimed that Naga militants have infiltrated the IRB.



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