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# **INDIA UPDATE**

## Highlights of this week

## · CM Chandrababu Naidu inspected cyclone-hit Konaseema, assessing crop damage and interacting with farmers. He said proactive measures and timely evacuations during Cyclone minimized casualties, with swift relief and restoration efforts underway statewide.

· The GoM on district reorganisation reviewed the previous government's "unscientific" division and discussed CM Naidu's suggestions. It plans to finalize its report before the Census, with proposals to create two new districts—Markapuram and Madanapalle.

### Delhi

**Andhra Pradesh** 

- Amid worsening air quality, NDMC doubled parking fees under GRAP Stage 2, raising rates to ₹40 for cars and ₹20 for two-wheelers per hour, while exempting monthly pass users; the move aimed to curb private vehicle use but had shown limited impact.
- · DDA conducted a survey across zones N, P-II, K-I, and L to identify usable land and resolve disputes for stalled housing and infrastructure projects. The mapping aimed to prioritise development under the 2018 Land Pooling Policy.
- · Delhi's cloud-seeding trial was suspended due to insufficient cloud moisture, sparking political criticism and scientific doubt. While the Delhi government defended it as a science-led effort, experts warned it's not a sustainable fix for pollution.

## Goa

- · The government decided to name the upcoming Riverfront Project after veteran leader Ravi Sitaram Naik, honouring his contributions to Goa's social and political progress, with a proposal to install his statue at PMC Garden or Kranti Maidan.
- · The Directorate of Transport mandated all public transport vehicles to install GPS trackers and emergency buttons by November 30 to boost passenger safety, warning that non-compliant vehicles will face penalties or lose fitness certification.

## Gujarat

• The Gujarat government has appointed in-charge ministers for various districts following a cabinet reshuffle to enhance governance, streamline development projects, and ensure better coordination at the local level.

- · Haryana shifted to a paperless land registration system from November 1, replacing physical documents with digital verification, while introducing an auto-mutation system on November 25 to automate ownership transfers and reduce delays.
- Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana reaffirmed the commitment to procure every grain of farmers' produce at MSP, directing officials to ensure a smooth process and announcing upcoming Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana payments and rain-damage compensation.

# **Himachal Pradesh**

- CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu met Union Minister Jitendra Singh, seeking Doppler radars and 150 automated weather stations to strengthen early warning systems and curb climate disasters, while also proposing seismic labs, air monitoring units, and eco-friendly industrial initiatives.
- CM inaugurated and laid foundation stones for ₹29.50 crore worth of development projects in Renukaji, including a new ITI building, a sub-market yard, road works, and irrigation and water supply schemes to benefit local farmers and residents.

## Karnataka

- Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah assured the nomadic Scheduled Caste community of consulting the law department on their 1% internal quota demand, prompting them to call off their dharna at Freedom Park after talks on welfare and reservation measures.
- ICEA and GSA have partnered to boost India's role in the global semiconductor ecosystem by attracting fabless companies and innovators, leveraging India's growing talent pool and infrastructure as the country targets USD 500 billion electronics output.

## **Upcoming News/Events**

#### Andhra Pradesh

- M N Chandrababu Naidu has proposed a bullet train link to the upcoming Amaravati International Airport while reviewing ₹33,630 crore railway projects, directing integration of the capital into high-speed corridors and stressing improved rail connectivity.
- · The government has launched the final phase of the Layout Regularisation Scheme to legalise all unauthorised layouts by January 2026, aiming to curb unplanned urban growth and revenue losses through digital procedures and coordinated departmental action.

#### Delhi

- Delhi Airport announced plans to expand Terminals 1 and 3 to raise capacity from 105 million to 125 million passengers by 2029-30, with a new Pier E at T3 adding 10-12 million flyers annually, while deferring the replacement of the ageing Terminal 2.
- The Delhi government ordered the closure of 121 mohalla clinics located near other health facilities, sparking protests from the staff union. Around 2,000 employees are expected to lose jobs, prompting a PIL against the move.
- · The Delhi High Court sought replies from the Centre and Delhi government on a plea challenging the ban on private tuitions by school teachers under the RTE Act and Delhi School Rules. The next hearing is scheduled for November 12.

### Goa

- Saligao MLA Kedar Naik announced the installation of boom barriers, CCTV, and a guard cabin near the Saligao Solid Waste Management Facility to stop illegal sewage dumping, ensuring stricter monitoring and environmental protection.
- The Goa government announced ₹40,000 per hectare compensation under the Shetkari Aadhar Nidhi scheme for farmers hit by heavy rains, with payments up to ₹1.6 lakh for four hectares to be disbursed by December 2025.

## Gujarat

· Ahmedabad Police has made registration and display of identification stickers mandatory for all city auto-rickshaws within 15 days to boost passenger safety after recent theft and assault cases. Stickers with police station details and emergency number 112 will help trace vehicles quickly during investigations.

- The Irrigation Department began dismantling the old bridge over the Western Yamuna Canal in Badhi Majra village after a section collapsed on Chhath Puja day; no casualties were reported as the bridge gave way after devotees had dispersed.
- The Haryana State Commission for Women urged the government to mandate at least one female trainer in every gym across the state, citing complaints of discomfort and inappropriate behaviour faced by women due to the absence of female staff.

## Himachal Pradesh

- The government is framing a Monsoon Tourism Policy to boost travel during the rainy season, Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani said while reviewing arrangements for the Bilaspur Aqua Fest–2025, a three-day water sports event starting November 21.
- As Pong Lake's water level receded, construction on the long-stalled ₹11 crore Nandpur Bhatoli bridge was set to resume, reviving hopes of reconnecting 30,000 villagers long isolated during monsoons and improving access to essential services.

## Karnataka

- The Karnataka cabinet approved setting up eight Technology Business Incubators across various cities at a cost of Rs 80 crore to promote innovation, research, and startup growth beyond Bengaluru under the Startup Policy 2022-27.
- New Mangalore Port Authority signed 18 MoUs worth Rs 52,599 crore with major industry players during India Maritime Week 2025, highlighting strong investment prospects and promoting sustainable PPP-driven port development.







### **INDIA UPDATE**

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#### Madhya Pradesh

 Madhya Pradesh celebrated its 70th foundation day with fireworks, cultural events, and a 2,000-drone show in Bhopal showcasing the state's progress. CM Mohan Yadav inaugurated the event, with singer Jubin performing at the Lal Parade Ground.

### Mumbai

- BMC has permitted controlled pigeon feeding from 7–9 AM at four isolated locations in Worli, Andheri, Mulund, and Borivali on an interim basis, while the 51 kabutarkhanas shut earlier this year will remain closed pending court and expert committee review.
- The government directed all departments to retain employees acquiring disabilities during service without financial loss and to annually declare details of Divyang employees to ensure compliance with the 4% reservation policy.
- The Centre approved the ₹2,395-crore Madh-Versova bridge connecting Madh to Versova, cutting travel time from 90 to 5 minutes; the project awaits Bombay High Court's final nod after clearances from the forest and coastal authorities.

#### Pune

- MSEDCL has installed decentralized solar plants in Pune villages under the Mukhyamantri Saur Krushi Vahini Yojana 2.0 to provide daytime power for farmers and reduce night-time irrigation, helping prevent human-wildlife conflicts.
- The government has mandated that all District Central Cooperative Bank recruitments be conducted only through IBPS, TCS-iON, or MKCL to ensure transparency and prevent malpractices in hiring.
- The Pune Municipal Corporation has allocated ₹500 crore for land acquisition to widen the Katraj-Kondhwa Road and is expediting work on an alternative route to ease traffic congestion in the area.

#### Punjab

- BBMB employees have demanded 300 units of free electricity monthly, citing disparity as
  those recruited after 2011 receive none, while older employees get 155 units, despite the state
  policy granting 300 free units to all consumers.
- The Indian Air Force has approved Punjab's request to display retired MiG-21 jets at five Schools of Eminence in Ludhiana, Amritsar, Ferozepur, Nangal, and Kharar to inspire patriotism and interest in aviation among students.

# Rajasthan

- Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma virtually inaugurated the newly constructed Bar Council
  of Rajasthan building at the Rajasthan High Court complex in Jodhpur on Sunday, Nov
  2nd, with Supreme Court Justices Mehta and Bishnoi in attendance.
- CM Bhajan Lal Sharma transfers ₹718 crore to 72 lakh farmers under the CM Kisan Samman Nidhi and lays the foundation for a ₹51 crore hospital in Nadbai, while announcing inclusion of eight districts under the PM Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana.

## Tamil Nadu

- CM M.K. Stalin inaugurates ₹1,200-crore projects, including an eco-park in Guindy and ₹1,177-crore road works across multiple districts, along with two new road overbridges and 87 new ambulances to boost emergency services.
- TNSTC-Kumbakonam has launched a week-long "Go Cashless, Travel Smart" campaign to
  raise digital transactions from 5% to 20%, aiming to ease coin shortages, reduce cashhandling risks, and promote passenger convenience through UPI-based payments.

## Telangana

- Telangana government approves 85% local reservation in PG Medical Management Quota seats, ensuring Telangana students get priority access to 318 PG medical and 70 dental seats in private colleges.
- The Centre approves installation of 40,000 rooftop solar systems of 2 kW each in Telangana under the PM Surya Ghar scheme, to be executed in two phases totaling 80 MW, with TGREDCO as the implementing agency.

## **Uttar Pradesh**

• Uttar Pradesh experiences its wettest October since 2022, recording 131% surplus rainfall at 65.2 mm compared to the 28.2 mm average, with Sonbhadra receiving 211.6 mm. According to the Lucknow Met office, dry weather conditions are likely to prevail soon.

## **Upcoming News/Events**

#### Madhya Pradesh

The government has revised the land pooling scheme for Simhastha 2028, making written
consent from farmers or landowners mandatory before acquiring land. Collector Roshan
Kumar Singh said only road and utility works will be carried out under the new guidelines.

#### Mumbai

- Maharashtra's planned farm loan waiver, to be implemented by June 30, 2026, is expected to cost over ₹25,000 crore, exceeding previous waivers in 2017 and 2019, with officials cautioning that broader inclusion or higher loan caps could further raise costs.
- Shahad bridge on Kalyan-Murbad Road will remain closed for 21 days from November 3
  for urgent repair and asphalting work, likely causing heavy traffic disruptions as vehicles are
  diverted to already congested alternate routes.
- The Maharashtra government will perform the bhoomi poojan for the ₹4,217-crore Bombay High Court complex in Bandra East on November 5, featuring 75 courtrooms and modern facilities to address space constraints at the 146-year-old Fort building.

#### Pune

- A ₹70-crore super-speciality dental clinic and education centre named "Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Education, Research and Incubation Centre" will be set up at Aundh District Hospital through a Pune Zilla Parishad–IDA partnership.
- The Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) has directed bakeries and restaurants to stop using coal and wood and switch to cleaner fuels to curb air pollution, assuring support to those adopting green energy alternatives.
- Pune will soon get its third double-decker flyover at Kothrud depot under Metro Phase 2 from Vanaz to Chandni Chowk, following the success of similar structures at SSPU Chowk and Nal Stop.

#### Punjab

- Light to moderate rain or snowfall is expected across Northwest India, including Punjab, from November 4–6 due to a western disturbance, with current night temperatures remaining 2–3°C above normal.
- The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has ordered Punjab officials to file FIRs, impose fines, and mark "red entries" in records against farmers burning stubble, as farm fire cases surged to 1,642 amid worsening air quality.

## Rajasthan

- The Jaipur Municipal Corporation, in a meeting, decided to rename several key locations in the city—î Tonk Road will be renamed Bhairon Singh Shekhawat Marg, Central Park will become Bhairon Singh Shekhawat Memorial Park, and Bharat Jodo Setu will be renamed Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Setu.
- The Rajasthan Police Headquarters will issue a transfer list of 180 Deputy Superintendents, under which Madan Singh will become CO of Pali City, Amar Singh CO of Pali Rural, and Ratna Ram CO of Sojat City.

## Tamil Nadu

- UIDAI plans to set up 28 Aadhaar Seva Kendras across Tamil Nadu by March 2026 to improve access for demographic and biometric corrections, following a Madras HC directive highlighting inadequate infrastructure for Aadhaar-related services.
- The Water Resources Department will begin Phase-2 of the Kalingarayan Canal concrete lining project in mid-March 2026, covering 4.5 km at a cost of ₹83 crore to prevent sewage mixing and improve irrigation for over 15,700 acres in Erode district.

# Telangana

- Telangana High Court directs the state government and GST officials to respond within three weeks on GST levied over mining royalty, citing the Supreme Court's ruling that royalty on minerals is not a tax.
- Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka directs release of ₹1,031 crore to clear pending employee dues and unpaid bills under Panchayat Raj and R&B departments, as part of phased clearance of liabilities from the previous government.

## **Uttar Pradesh**

UP Chief Secretary SP Goyal chaired the first State-Level Census Coordination Committee
meeting, directing departments to ensure smooth execution of the fully digital Census 2027,
with a detailed plan presented by Director Sheetal Verma.

