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THE DAWN OF A FEARLESS PEN

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People light ‘diyas’, earthen lamps, along the Kartavya Path as laser show lights up the sky during “Delhi Deepotsav’ event, at the India Gate, in New Delhi, Saturday.

India’s Gold Reserves Cross Historic \$100 Billion Mark

A NEW ERA IN Financial Strength

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New Delhi: In a landmark development, India’s gold reserves have surpassed the \$100 billion mark for the first time in history, signaling a new phase of financial resilience and global economic confidence in the country’s monetary strategy. According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), this milestone reflects a steady accumulation of gold as part of the nation’s foreign exchange reserves diversification policy. Over the past few years, India has consistently increased its gold holdings amid global un-



certainties, inflationary pressures, and currency fluctuations. Experts say the surge underlines India’s strategic shift toward safeguarding wealth

through tangible assets like gold, which traditionally serves as a hedge against geopolitical risks and market volatility. “Crossing the \$100 billion

mark is not just symbolic — it represents India’s growing financial maturity and trust in its macroeconomic fundamentals,” said a senior economist from

the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy. India now ranks among the top 10 nations in global gold reserves, reinforcing its position as one of the world’s most stable emerging economies. The RBI’s balanced approach — combining prudent reserve management with long-term economic stability — is being lauded by market analysts. As India’s economy continues to expand and its rupee gains strength, this milestone stands as a shining testament to the nation’s fiscal discipline and financial foresight.

Counterfeit currency valued at Rs 43 lakh seized in Jaipur

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Jaipur: In a major operation, the Special Operations Group (SOG) has seized counterfeit currency valued at Rs 43 lakh from the Narayan Vihar area in Jaipur. Acting on intelligence developed over 15 days, the SOG raided a flat on Friday evening and arrested two suspects in possession of fake Rs 500 notes, ADG, SOG, VK Singh said. ADG SOG VK Singh stated that such crimes typically spike during festivals, prompting heightened surveillance.

Upon receiving specific inputs, the SOG team, in coordination with Narayan Vihar Police, conducted the raid and recovered the counterfeit currency. Among the recovered items were counterfeit notes valued at Rs 26 lakh and Rs 17 lakh in uncut printed sheets, indicating that some of the fake notes were still in the process of being prepared. Authorities suspect these sheets were brought in from another state and were meant for distribution across Rajasthan and possibly beyond.

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Jaipur: During his visit to his ancestral village Attari in Bharatpur, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma emphasised the importance of adopting modern and sustainable agricultural practices. Engaging directly with local farmers, he urged them to utilise government schemes, reduce dependence on chemical fertilisers, and embrace innovation to ensure long-term productivity and soil health.

Chief Minister in his ancestral village, Attari, was warmly welcomed by residents. During his visit, he performed religious rituals at the Ghodewala Baba shrine and Chamunda Mata Temple, praying for the prosperity of Rajasthan. The Chief Minister began his visit with a parikrama (circumambulation) of the village on foot, stopping at every household to greet residents, offer Diwali wishes, and seek blessings from elders. He also visited his ancestral home, where he touched



his mother’s feet and inquired about her well-being. At each stop, villagers extended a grand welcome, reflecting their affection for the Chief Minister. Sharma spent time with the community, asking about their families, farming practices, and everyday concerns. His interaction reflected a personal connection, blending tradition with governance. Addressing a gathering of local farmers, the Chief Minister emphasised the

India-Sri Lanka Ties Strengthen as PM Harini Amarasuriya Honoured in New Delhi



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New Delhi: A civic reception hosted by the India Foundation in New Delhi to honour Sri Lankan Prime Minister Dr. Harini Amarasuriya turned into a celebration of shared heritage, diplomacy, and regional cooperation. Among the distinguished attendees was a senior Indian diplomat who expressed his privilege in meeting Dr. Amarasuriya, recalling with pride that she is an alumna of his alma mater, Hindu College, University of Delhi. Reflecting on his long association with Sri Lanka, he noted that his professional journey with the island nation began in 1987, when he served as First Secretary (Political) at the Indian High Commission in Colombo. The event was also

graced by former President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, and India Foundation President Shri Ram Madhav, symbolizing the depth of India-Sri Lanka relations — rooted in history, culture, and people-to-people connections. Highlighting the growing energy partnership between the two nations, the diplomat emphasized the tripartite MoU between India, Sri Lanka, and the UAE to develop Trincomalee as a regional energy hub, along with cooperation in petroleum infrastructure and sustainable fuels under the Global Biofuels Alliance. The evening reaffirmed the shared vision of “Neighbourhood First” and “MAHASAGAR”, championed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, steering South Asia toward stability and sustainable growth.

BSNL’s ‘Made in India’ 4G Stack and e-Sanjeevani Reflect India’s Sensitivity Toward the Poor: PM

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Prime Minister highlighted India’s growing commitment to digital inclusion and indigenous innovation, citing the launch of BSNL’s Made in India 4G stack and the e-Sanjeevani telemedicine platform as powerful examples of technology serving humanity. Speaking at a public event, the Prime Minister said these initiatives demonstrate the government’s sensitivity toward improving the lives of the poor and marginalized through innovation and connectivity. “Whether it is BSNL’s Made in India 4G stack or the e-Sanjeevani service based on high-speed connectivity, both show



how deeply we care about making the lives of the poor better,” he said. The BSNL 4G stack, developed indigenously under the ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’ initiative, marks a major step toward self-reliance in telecom technology, reducing dependence on foreign vendors. Meanwhile, e-Sanjeevani, India’s digital health platform, has already enabled millions of re-

mote consultations, connecting patients in rural areas to doctors across the country. Officials said both projects reflect the government’s broader vision of digital empowerment with social equity — where technology becomes a bridge, not a barrier. Together, these initiatives underscore India’s belief that innovation must uplift the most vulnerable first.

Green Revolution 2.0 - Pushes for Sustainable Farming Future

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importance of modern, sustainable farming. He encouraged farmers to make use of government schemes aimed at boosting agricultural productivity and income. “Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership, we are committed to doubling farmers’ incomes and promoting innovation in agriculture,” he said. He warned against the excessive use of fertilisers, which can degrade soil health and cause waterlogging. Instead, he advised farmers to get their soil

tested and follow the guidance of agricultural scientists. He also recommended diversifying crops by including pulses and high-value cash crops. The Chief Minister highlighted how GST reforms are helping farmers access modern equipment at reduced costs. He further stressed the importance of providing quality education and employment opportunities for rural youth, urging families to encourage self-employment alongside traditional job avenues.

