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**Former K'taka CM HD Kumaraswamy accused of 'stealing' power from a nearby electricity pole to light up his home in Bengaluru for Diwali. Discom lodges complaint**

**Amal Reji, a native of Kottayam in Kerala, has been arrested for shooting his pregnant wife at the parking lot of a church in Chicago, his relatives say. Reji and his wife Meera Abraham, 32, had been living in the US for 6 years and have a child**

**Israeli soldiers raid Gaza's main Al Shifa hospital and claim to have unearthed weapons, amid fears over thousands of patients and civilians. An Israeli hostage has given birth in captivity, Netanyahu's wife writes to Jill Biden**

**Lagging badly in opinion polls, with voters angry about housing and inflation, Canadian PM Justin Trudeau is facing calls to leave, even from stalwarts of his own political party**

## UCO Bank bars IMPS transfers after glitch

Kolkata-based UCO Bank on Wednesday announced temporary suspension of online Immediate Payment System (IMPS) transfers due following some transactions initiated by customers from other banks being credited to UCO account holders, but without actual receipt of money. The incidents occurred between November 10 and 13, the public sector lender said in a stock exchange filing. Bankers said there was no problem in the IMPS system, and the issues were likely to be because of human error. In a second filing with exchanges, the bank said the transactions observed by the bank were due to an "internal technical issue" **P 9**

## New prez: Maldives too small to be tied up in geopolitics

Minister for earth sciences Kiren Rijiju will represent India at the swearing-in of Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu on Friday, the government has said even as the incoming leader claimed he did not want to redraw regional balance by bringing in Chinese forces after expelling Indian troops. "Maldives is too small to be entangled in geopolitical rivalry. I am not very much interested in expelling Maldivian foreign policy in this," Muizzu told AFP. He has pledged to remove Indian military personnel from the Maldives in the first week of his presidency. "The people of the Maldives did not vote for me to allow any military presence in the Maldives. That is why we are talking with the Indian government to remove them, and I'm sure we can do that in a peaceful and democratic manner," Muizzu added.

# CPM founding member Sankaraiyah dies at 101

## CM Pays Tribute, Announces State Funeral

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**Chennai:** Veteran left leader, founding member of the CPM and freedom fighter N Sankaraiyah passed away here on Wednesday after a brief hospitalisation. He was 101.

Sankaraiyah was being treated at Apollo Hospitals since November 13 after he developed fever and cold. His condition deteriorated and he died around 9.40am, doctors said. He is survived by two sons and a daughter. "Red salute to the 'Thaigaisal Tamizhar' (eminent Tamilian) who dedicated his entire life to public service," tweeted chief minister M K Stalin, who accompanied by DMK general secretary Duraimurugan and senior leaders paid tribute to Sankaraiyah at the hospital. Stalin announced that Sankaraiyah will be laid to rest with state honours.



**N SANKARIAIYAH 1922-2023**

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Born on July 15, 1922, at Attur near Kovilpatti in present day Tuticorin district, Sankaraiyah joined the freedom struggle in 1941 as a 20-year-old when he was studying at The American College in Madurai. Since then he was arrested by the British several times for mobilising youth and organising protests.

Sankaraiyah played a key role in shaping the political journey of the CPI in Tamil Nadu till 1964 and thereafter of the CPM. He was one of the founding members of the CPM and served as Tamil Nadu state secretary of the party from 1965 to 2002. He was elected to the Tamil Nadu assembly in 1967, 1977 and 1980.

A fighter against oppression of all forms, a trade union leader, an activist who waged a lifelong battle against caste hegemony, Sankaraiyah was one of the most respected voices from the left. While opposing Hindi imposition, Sankaraiyah wanted Tamil made an official language in courts.

The Tamil Nadu unit of the CPM tweeted that his body would be kept at the party office on Vaidiyaraman Street in T Nagar for the public to pay last respects. The final rites would be performed around 10am on Thursday in the presence of the CPM's national leaders.

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► **Poor man's hero, P 4**

# PERFECT 10: VIRAT'S 50TH, SHAMI'S 7 FIRE INDIA INTO WC FINAL

Virat Kohli hit his 50th ODI ton — the most by any player in this format, going one ahead of Sachin Tendulkar's 49 — at Wankhede. Shreyas Iyer (105) ably supported him as India as Mohd Shami took a record-breaking 7 wickets. India face either Australia or South Africa in their 4th World Cup final on Nov 19

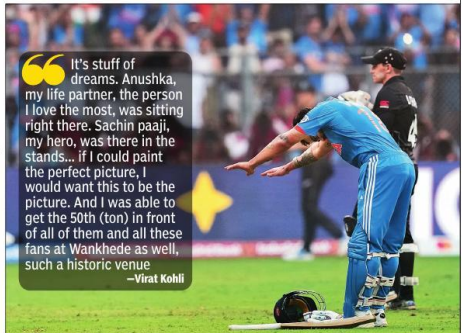
**711** Runs scored by Virat in this World Cup, the most by any batter in a single men's ODI World Cup, surpassing Tendulkar's 673 runs in 2003

**8** Fifty-plus scores for Virat in this tournament, the most by a batter in one edition of ODI WC. Tendulkar in 2003 and Shikib Al Hasan in 2019 had 7 each

**51** Sixes by Rohit Sharma in ODI WCs. 49.28 of Rohit's sixes have come in this WC, the most by any batter in one tournament

**67** Balls needed for Iyer to complete this century, the fastest in an ODI WC knockout game. The previous fastest was by Adam Gilchrist (off 72 balls in '07 final)

**7/57** Player of the Match Mohd Shami produced the best bowling figures for India in ODIs. It is also the best in a World Cup knockout match by any bowler. Shami is the fastest ever to take 50 ODI wickets (54 in 17 innings), breaking Mitchell Starc's record (19). Shami's 23 wickets are the most by an Indian in a single WC



It's stuff of dreams. Anushka, my life partner, the person I love the most, was sitting right there. Sachin paaji, my hero, was there in the stands... If I could paint the perfect picture, I would want this to be the picture. And I was able to get the 50th (ton) in front of all of them and all these fans at Wankhede as well, such a historic venue  
—Virat Kohli

**50 SHADES OF GREAT** Wednesday's 117 was Kohli's 3rd ton of this WC. He has an average of 101.6 this tournament **FULL COVERAGE P10-12**

The first time I met you in the Indian dressing room, you were pranked by other teammates into touching my feet. But soon, you touched my heart with your passion and skill. I am so happy that young boy has grown into a Virat player  
—Sachin Tendulkar

@imVkohli... has exemplified spirit of excellence and perseverance that defines the best of sportsmanship... The bowling by @imShami11 through the WC will be cherished for generations to come. Well played Shami! —PM Narendra Modi

## NMC call to limit UG seats put on hold

**New Delhi:** The National Medical Commission (NMC) has put on hold till 2025 its decision to limit undergraduate medical seats in each state to 100 per 10 lakh population, reports **100/10L PEOPLE** Nandan Jha. Sources said the NMC's decision follows a health ministry directive on November 1 to re-examine this provision due to protests by states such as Tamil Na-

## ₹25k cr question: What happens to Sahara funds?

**Mumbai:** Sahara group founder Subrata Roy's death has left behind a ₹25,000-crore mystery. Markets regulator Sebi is attempting to return ₹25,000-crore worth unclaimed funds to investors. Legal battles over the money collected by Sahara from investors through its various schemes, running for years, resulted in the Supreme Court ordering the firm to deposit the

## Fastest rise in exports in a yr

India's goods exports went up 6.3% in October, the fastest pace of expansion in nearly a year, while imports soared to a record \$65 billion, rising 12.3%. As a result, the trade deficit hit a new high of \$31.4 billion, eclipsing the previous record of \$30 billion in July 2022. It was only the second time this year that exports grew with revised numbers for August estimating an increase of 3.8%. **P 9**

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