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WORLD · DIPLOMACY

Trump, Xi and Putin hold first three-way summit at APEC in Shenzhen

Leaders speak of avoiding nuclear war and discuss Iran and Hormuz, but there is no sign of agreement on ending the Gulf conflict



Trump–Xi–Putin summit, Shenzhen. Image supplied to Aalimi Nation; photographer and agency credit not specified.

SHENZHEN: The leaders of the United States, China and Russia sat down together for the first time on Thursday, 19 November, on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in China. Host Xi Jinping told the room the meeting had groundbreaking significance, Al Jazeera reported.

The three presidents spoke for roughly 90 minutes around a circular table at the Kylin Villa resort, according to the South China Morning Post. The newspaper said the talks produced a joint declaration that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought.

Donald Trump went in wanting to discuss cutting nuclear arsenals, while Xi pressed for a complete ban, the Free Press Journal reported.

The Associated Press reported that Trump said the three agreed Iran must not obtain a nuclear weapon, but that there was no sign he had won pledges from Xi or Putin to help end the Iran war. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Ukraine was not the main subject of the trilateral session, though it featured in Putin's separate meetings with the two leaders.

Ukraine and America's European and Asian allies were not part of the talks. AP quoted an arms-control specialist, Kimball, as saying a single meeting was unlikely to yield dramatic breakthroughs. Xi also urged closer US-China coordination on the security risks of artificial intelligence, the Free Press Journal said.

Trump is due to host the G20 summit in Florida next month.

SCMP; Al Jazeera; Associated Press (via WPXI, ABC13); Free Press Journal. Summit outcomes beyond 19 November not independently confirmed. **More: International News, Page 4.**

MARKETS

Sensex and Nifty close at nine-month highs; fourth straight weekly gain

The Sensex rose 897.96 points, or 1.08 per cent, to 83,919.71 and the Nifty 50 gained 286.30 points, or 1.12 per cent, to 25,800.60 on Friday, 20 November. Foreign investors bought a net ₹10,308 crore of equities. **Page 5.**

Sources: The Week; HDFC Sky; Sunday Guardian.

WEATHER

Cyclone Akvan weakens after Odisha landfall

Akvan weakened into a depression after crossing the coast near Gopalpur, with no major damage reported (Deccan Herald, DT Next). About 3.72 lakh people were evacuated, The Statesman said. **Page 3.**

Sources: IMD bulletin no. 23; Deccan Herald; The Statesman. Damage not independently verified.

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ANALYSIS · POLITICS · SRINAGAR

Apni Party: A Political Dream or the Future of Jammu and Kashmir?

Altaf Bukhari's leadership faces its defining test

By Aalimi Nation Desk



Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, president of Apni Party. Photograph supplied.



Altaf Bukhari at a public rally, 25 Sep 2024 (date as supplied). Photograph supplied.

SRINAGAR: Can Apni Party emerge as a major political force in Jammu and Kashmir, or will it remain an ambitious political experiment struggling to establish a wider public base? Six years after its formation, the party led by Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari faces a defining challenge: translating its leadership, political experience and stated agenda into sustained public support.

Political analyst Dr Anghar believes Bukhari has the potential to play an important role in the future political landscape of Jammu and Kashmir. Reflecting on the formation of Apni Party in March 2020, Dr Anghar said that his assessment of Bukhari's political potential had remained consistent since the party's launch.

According to Dr Anghar, if Bukhari commits his full political energy to strengthening the organisation, expanding its grassroots presence and connecting with people, Apni Party could become a significant player in the region's politics.

"Jammu and Kashmir deserves genuine leadership, and I believe Altaf Bukhari is among the options that deserve serious consideration," Dr Anghar observed.

From business leadership to political ambition

Altaf Bukhari entered the political mainstream through the People's Democratic Party (PDP), represented Amira Kadal in the former Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly from 2015 to 2018, and held important portfolios, including Finance, Education, Roads and Buildings, and Labour and Employment.

On 8 March 2020, following the constitutional and political changes of August 2019, he launched Apni Party with several political leaders, presenting it as a new regional political platform.

The party identified restoration of statehood, protection of land and employment rights, economic development and political representation as key priorities.

The leadership question: can Bukhari build a strong organisation?

Political experience can provide an advantage, but it does not automatically translate into electoral success. Apni Party's biggest challenge is to establish a stronger connection with ordinary citizens, particularly young people, unemployed graduates, traders, women and residents of rural areas.

The party also needs to strengthen its organisational structure beyond Srinagar and ensure that its political message reaches every district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Bukhari's ability to bring experienced political figures together may be an organisational asset. However, the real test will be whether the party can develop a committed grassroots cadre and demonstrate its effectiveness on public issues.

A fresh focus on women's participation and public grievances

The party's recent activities suggest an effort to broaden its political engagement. On 21 November 2026, Bukhari addressed a meeting of Apni Party's Women's Wing in Srinagar, where he called for greater participation of women in social, economic and political affairs.

He highlighted poverty, unemployment, inadequate housing and shortcomings in Srinagar's public infrastructure. He also criticised repeated recruitment controversies and allegations of examination irregularities, including those surrounding the Finance Accounts Assistant examination.

Senior Vice President Ghulam Hassan Mir called for early Panchayat and Urban Local Bodies elections, arguing that delays were restricting grassroots democratic representation. These issues provide the party with an opportunity to demonstrate that its political agenda extends beyond electoral campaigns.

The electoral reality cannot be ignored

Despite its leadership experience and political ambitions, Apni Party has yet to establish itself as a dominant electoral force. The party's future will depend on several factors:

- Building a credible grassroots organisation across Jammu and Kashmir.
- Attracting young and politically active citizens.
- Presenting practical solutions to unemployment and economic hardship.
- Maintaining a consistent position on statehood and local rights.
- Turning political promises into measurable public outcomes.

The party will also have to distinguish its political identity clearly from the established regional parties and convince voters that it offers a credible alternative.

Is Altaf Bukhari the future?

Dr Anghar's assessment raises an important question about the next phase of Jammu and Kashmir politics: whether a leadership built around administrative experience, business background and regional political engagement can develop into a broader public movement.

Bukhari has an opportunity to strengthen his political position, but the responsibility lies with him and his organisation to demonstrate consistency, credibility and public accountability. For Apni Party, the coming years will be about much more than political visibility. They will determine whether the organisation can convert its original ambition into a sustainable political presence.

The future of Apni Party will not be decided by political speeches or individual predictions. It will be shaped by public trust, organisational strength, electoral performance and the ability to deliver on promises. For Altaf Bukhari, the political opportunity is real. Whether it becomes a defining chapter in Jammu and Kashmir's politics remains an open question.

This is an analysis and opinion piece. Views attributed to Dr Anghar are his own.

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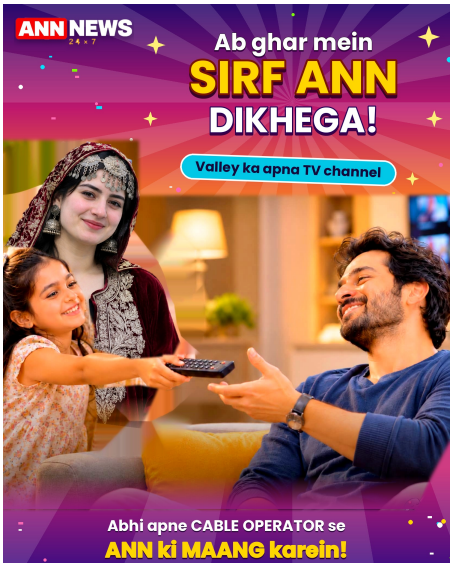

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PARLIAMENT

Winter Session likely in first week of December; women's quota amendment in focus

Dates not yet official; opposition says it has received no communication

NEW DELHI: Parliament's Winter Session is likely to begin in the first week of December, with a delimitation-linked constitutional amendment on women's reservation emerging as the government's biggest legislative priority, PTI reported on 15 November, citing sources.

The proposed legislation failed to secure the required numbers during a special sitting of Parliament on 17 April, which makes its fate in the coming session a key political and legislative test. Home Minister Amit Shah has said the Delimitation Bill, 2026 will benefit southern states, according to a 15 November report, and the Opposition is expected to raise the controversy around Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien said on 17 November that the government had not communicated the schedule. The government has also considered reconvening the unprorogued Monsoon Session instead of a separate session, the reports said.

Sources: PTI via OrissaPost; NewKerala; Elets eGov (17 Nov).

WEATHER

Akvan: third cyclone in a month spares Odisha major damage

Cyclone Akvan crossed the Odisha coast near Gopalpur and weakened into a depression, with no major damage or flood threat reported, according to Deccan Herald and DT Next. The Statesman said about 3.72 lakh people had been moved to safety.

The India Meteorological Department's bulletin of 18 November had classified Akvan as a severe cyclonic storm and warned of a high to very high sea state for north Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and south Odisha. Earlier this month Cyclone Murasu struck Andhra Pradesh days after Cyclone Arnab; more than 1.8 lakh people were evacuated in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha and Odisha reported six deaths with ten missing, according to Siasat.

Sources: IMD national bulletin no. 23 (18 Nov); Deccan Herald; The Statesman; Down To Earth; Siasat. Headline-level confirmation of Akvan landfall.

JUDICIARY

Cultivation alone does not make a 'forest dweller', Supreme Court rules

In a judgment delivered in the first week of November, the Supreme Court held that mere cultivation without residence in the forest does not confer forest-dweller status under the Forest Rights Act, according to Verdictum's weekly summary of Supreme Court judgments for 2–6 November.

Sources: Verdictum weekly overview, 2–6 Nov 2026.

ACCIDENT

23 killed in bus-truck collision near Kaziranga

A bus-truck collision in Assam's Kaziranga area killed 23 people and injured 20, Business Standard reported on 13 November. Details of the cause were not available in the sources reviewed.

Sources: Business Standard (13 Nov) – headline-level.

TRANSPORT

Eight fast Namo Bharat trains from 16 November

The National Capital Region Transport Corporation introduced eight fast Namo Bharat trains from 16 November to cut travel time, Business Standard reported on 14 November.

Sources: Business Standard (14 Nov) – headline-level.

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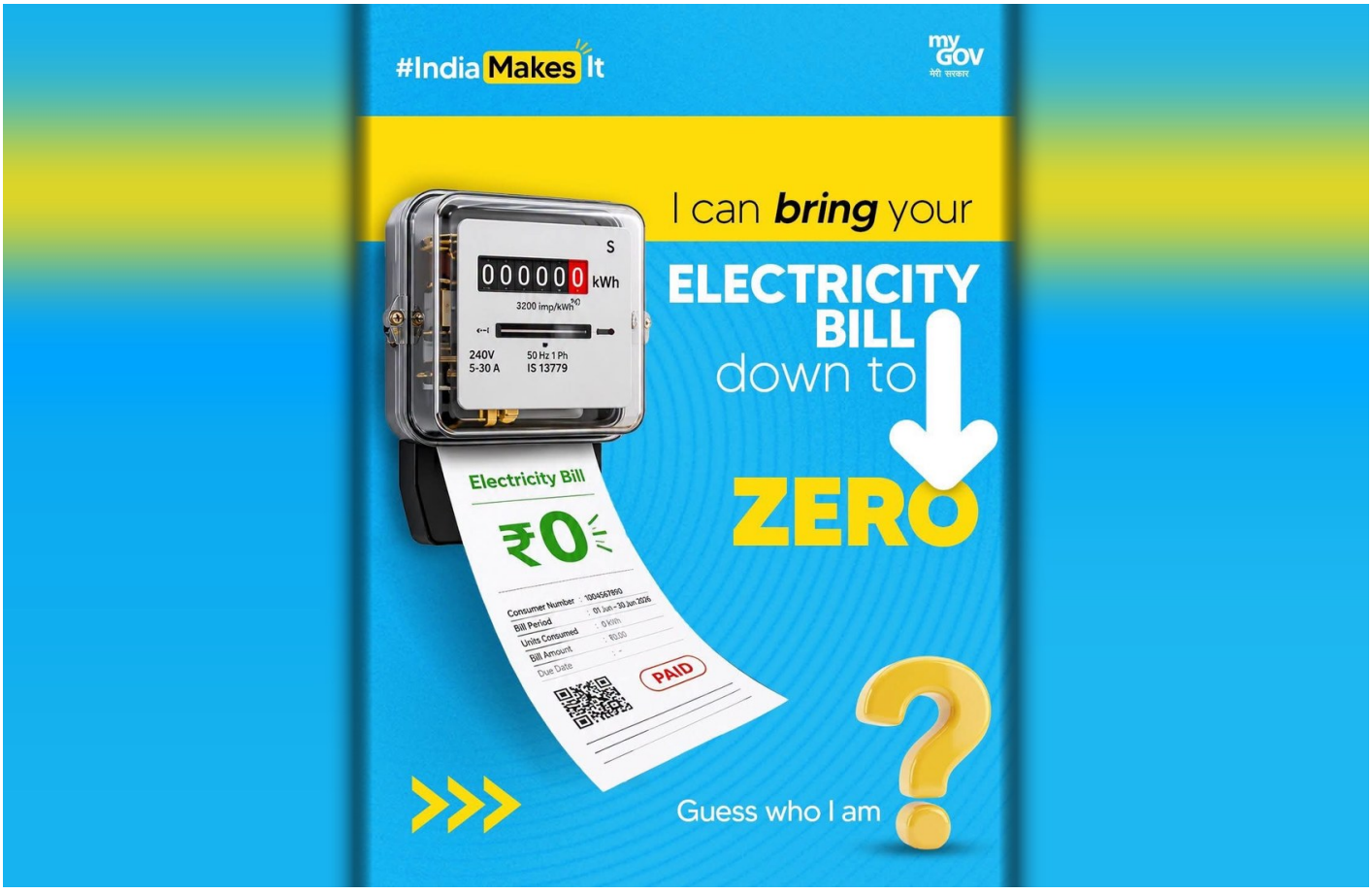


DIPLOMACY

What the Shenzhen summit delivered – and what it did not

The first meeting of the Trump–Xi–Putin trio produced symbolism and a nuclear-war statement, not a settlement on Iran or Ukraine

SHENZHEN: The 33rd APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting, held in Shenzhen on 18 and 19 November, brought together the leaders of the forum's 21 member economies. The headline event was the first-ever sit-down of the leaders of the United States, China and Russia on Thursday, a meeting described by IBTimes as lasting just over an hour and by SCMP as around 90 minutes.

What was agreed

SCMP reported a joint declaration that nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought. China and Russia said the three sides also agreed on United Nations reform, boosting fuel supplies and dialogue on nuclear issues, according to an ABC13 report. Their account is Beijing's and Moscow's; Washington's characterisation was not found in the sources reviewed.

What was not

The Associated Press said there was no sign that Trump secured any agreement from Xi or Putin to help resolve the Iran conflict. IBTimes reported that no agreement to reduce nuclear arsenals was confirmed. Kim Jong Un's possible involvement, discussed beforehand, did not materialise, SCMP noted.

Who was missing

Ukraine and allies including Germany, France, Britain, Japan and South Korea were not involved in the talks, AP observed. Putin, who last attended an APEC summit in 2017, appeared as an honoured guest, which AP called a diplomatic breakthrough for Moscow. Taiwan was represented by Acer founder Stan Shih, RFA reported.

Next

Trump is due to host the G20 summit in Miami in December, with Xi widely expected to attend, Al Jazeera reported.

Sources: SCMP; Al Jazeera; AP via WPXI and ABC13; IBTimes; Radio Free Asia. Outcome claims attributed to the governments that made them.



Round-table talks at the Shenzhen summit. Image supplied to Aalimi Nation; photographer and agency credit not specified.

WEST ASIA

Hormuz traffic at half of pre-war levels, energy agency says

The IEA calls the Iran war the largest disruption to global oil and gas trade on record

The Iran war, which began on 28 February, has caused the largest-ever disruption to global oil and gas trade, the International Energy Agency said on 19 November, as summarised by Drop Site News. IEA Executive Director Fatih Birol said the energy world would never be the same again.

Crude shipments through the Strait of Hormuz fell to about 8.5 million barrels per day in November, roughly half of pre-war levels, according to maritime intelligence firm Kpler, which cautioned that the figure could rise. Iran said five oil tankers struck naval mines and caught fire in the strait; that claim has not been independently verified. Another report, by Sahara Reporters, said monitoring firms recorded at least 37 attacks on ships in and around the strait in the first part of November.

Diplomacy

Qatar has been mediating indirect exchanges. On 2 November Iran said it could reopen Hormuz within two days if Washington met its conditions, AFP reported. By 10 November Trump spoke of positive momentum, while on 11 November Iran denied it was negotiating and said the strait would stay shut until its demands were met. The position after 19 November could not be confirmed.

Sources: Drop Site News (19 Nov, citing IEA and Kpler); AFP via Khaleej Times and BSS; Sahara Reporters (11 Nov); Al Jazeera.

UNITED STATES

Republicans' midterm losses leave Trump weaker at home

Heavy Republican losses in the 3 November midterm elections have diminished Trump in Washington and exposed his agenda to tougher congressional oversight, though on foreign policy he could remain unconstrained, a Reuters analysis said. Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney said Trump remained central to Canada–US trade talks despite the Democrats' sweeping wins, the Boston Globe reported. In public health, the CDC reported 5,182 US measles cases through 5 November.

Sources: Reuters world summary (via Devdiscourse); Boston Globe; Latin Times.

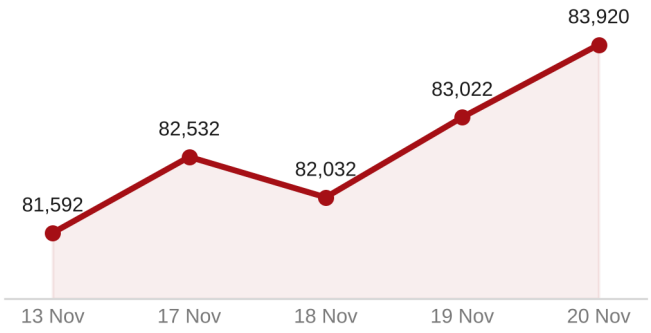
EUROPE

Spain to vote on 29 November

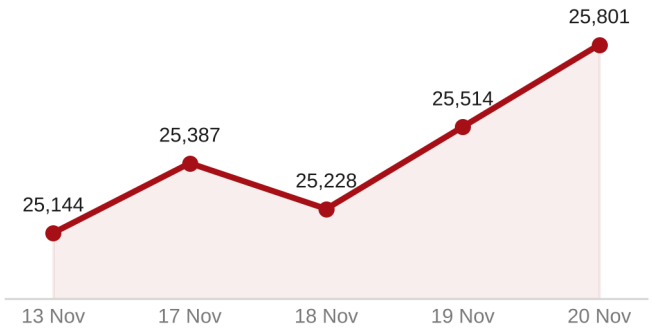
Spain will hold elections on 29 November after Congress rejected Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez's housing decrees, deepening political paralysis, according to Latin Times. Separately, Russia's defence ministry said it shot down 2,256 Ukrainian drones in a single day, the largest attack since the war began; the claim comes from one side and was not independently verified.

Sources: Latin Times; ASEAN Now (citing Russian defence ministry).

BSE Sensex - closing level



NSE Nifty 50 - closing level



Closing levels, selected sessions 13–20 November 2026. There is no 16 November session in the series. Nifty close for 18 and 19 November is derived from the reported previous close (25,227.95) and point moves; see editorial record.

EQUITIES

Sensex, Nifty end week at nine-month highs; banks lead as foreign money pours in

Fourth straight weekly gain for both benchmarks even as Asian markets suffer one of their sharpest weekly declines since 2020

MUMBAI: Indian benchmark indices closed at their highest in nine months on Friday, 20 November. The Sensex gained 897.96 points, or 1.08 per cent, to close at 83,919.71, and the Nifty 50 rose 286.30 points, or 1.12 per cent, to 25,800.60. Over the week the Sensex climbed 2,327.26 points, or 2.85 per cent, and the Nifty 656.30 points, or 2.61 per cent, from the previous Friday's close, The Week reported.

Bank Nifty surged 2.49 per cent on Friday, with IndusInd Bank, Axis Bank and HDFC Bank among the leaders, according to Liquide and Trading Economics. HDFC Sky said the banking index posted a weekly gain of 5.9 per cent. Net foreign buying on Friday was ₹10,308.42 crore, the Sunday Guardian reported; DSIJ put total FII cash-market purchases in November at about ₹88,363 crore through 17 November.

An HDFC Sky technical analyst expects the Nifty to move towards 26,000 and then 26,350 in the next one to two weeks. That is an analyst's view, not a forecast by this newspaper.

Earlier in the week

The Sensex rose 0.52 per cent to 82,532.19 on 17 November, slipped 0.61 per cent to 82,031.81 on 18 November on profit-booking and weak metal stocks, then jumped 1.21 per cent to 83,021.75 on 19 November, led by autos, banks and consumer stocks (Kotak Neo, DSIJ).

Sources: The Week; HDFC Sky; Sunday Guardian; Kotak Neo; DSIJ; Liquide; Trading Economics.

INDIAN INDICES – CLOSING DATA

Close	Sensex	Nifty 50
13 Nov	81,592	25,144
17 Nov	82,532	25,387
18 Nov	82,032	25,228*
19 Nov	83,022	25,514*
20 Nov	83,920	25,801

** Derived by the desk from the reported previous close and point change; other figures as reported.*

COMMODITIES & CURRENCY

Gold at 14-month low on Fed-hike bets; crude eases from highs

Spot gold fell 3.22 per cent to about $3,725 an ounce at the close on 18 November on hawkish Federal Reserve signals and a firm dollar, BabyPips reported, and slid below $3,700 on 19 November, a 14-month low (JM Financial). Gold lost about 5 per cent in the week to 13 November, its steepest weekly drop since March. The Fed raised its target range to 3.75–4.00 per cent on 16 September, and markets are pricing further increases.

WTI crude closed at $83.21 on 18 November after a surprise US inventory build; Brent traded near $92.5 that day and $91.71 in early trade on 19 November. Crude rose in early trade on Friday on reports of attacks on Saudi Arabia and tanker disruption near Hormuz, Kotak Neo said.

The rupee opened at 93.49 per dollar on 19 November (PTI), helped by softer crude and equity inflows, compared with 94.05 at the close on 13 November. Bitcoin fell 3.28 per cent to $62,534 on 18 November and was near $62,000 on 20 November.

Sources: BabyPips; JM Financial; Goodreturns; Kotak Neo; PTI via Deccan Herald; Stockpil. Spot, early-trade and close figures are labelled as reported.

ECONOMY

October inflation above RBI's upper tolerance

HDFC Sky reported on 13 November that October retail inflation breached the Reserve Bank of India's upper tolerance limit, citing 6.09 per cent in its headline. Rising crude was cited as a key market worry that day. Tata Technologies said it is targeting revenue of $1.1–1.3 billion by 2030, about double current levels, with an operating margin above 20 per cent (Kotak Neo, 19 November).

Sources: HDFC Sky (13 Nov); Kotak Neo (19 Nov). CPI figure taken from a single publication.



A tuberculosis patient in a hospital ward. File image supplied to Aalimi Nation; date, location and credit not specified.

PUBLIC HEALTH

India's TB deaths down 38 per cent since 2015, WHO says

Decline outpaces the global rate, but India still carries almost a quarter of cases

India has recorded a 38 per cent fall in tuberculosis deaths since 2015, faster than the global decline, according to the World Health Organization, Business Standard reported on 13 November. Despite the progress, India still had the world's highest TB burden, accounting for nearly a quarter of global cases in 2025.

Business Standard also reported on 15 November that India's first Zika vaccine is nearing human trials after a review by an expert panel of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation. Details of the developer and trial design were not available in the headline-level material reviewed.

Sources: Business Standard (13 and 15 Nov) – headline-level. Zika vaccine: pre-trial stage, no efficacy data.

MEDICAL RESEARCH

Alzheimer's pill misses main goal in large trial; subgroup shows a signal

Preliminary – not established treatment evidence

AriBio's oral drug AR1001 (mirodenafil), from the same class as Viagra, did not meet its overall target in the 52-week Phase 3 POLARIS-AD trial of 1,535 early Alzheimer's patients. The difference on the CDR-SB scale, −0.11, was not statistically significant ($p = 0.40$), results presented on 16 November at the Clinical Trials on Alzheimer's Disease conference in Boston showed.

Results diverged between patients who were and were not already taking standard Alzheimer's drugs, and the signal in the subgroup not on those drugs is exploratory. AriBio says it plans discussions with the US FDA. Outside specialists urged caution, The Guardian reported on 18 November. The drug is not approved for Alzheimer's.

Sources: AriBio statement (16 Nov, via GlobeNewswire); The Guardian (18 Nov), as summarised by StreamlineFeed.

GLOBAL HEALTH

US measles cases pass 5,000

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention counted 5,182 measles cases through 5 November 2026, with eight state-confirmed deaths, and the country's measles-elimination status faces possible loss, Latin Times reported.

Sources: Latin Times, citing CDC.

SPACE

NavIC revival puts focus on private space firms

Business Standard reported on 1 November that the revival of India's NavIC navigation system has put the spotlight on the growing role of private space companies, alongside a report that IN-SPACe chairman Pawan Goenka sees ISRO at the core of the national programme.

Sources: Business Standard (1 Nov) – headline-level.

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MARKETS & AI

Anthropic debuts on Nasdaq in largest IPO on record

Shares open 34 per cent above offer price on 19 November

NEW YORK: Anthropic, the company behind the Claude AI model, began trading on the Nasdaq on Thursday, 19 November, under the ticker ANT, after selling 980 million shares at $83 each to raise about $81.3 billion, the largest initial public offering on record, according to Reuters and StockAnalysis. The price was set above the earlier $70–$78 range. SpaceX's June listing had raised about $75 billion.

Shares opened at $111.50, 34 per cent above the offer price, and the company's value touched about $2.1 trillion at the open before shares eased to about $105 later in the session, Reuters reported. NPR put the valuation at around $1.5 trillion at the offer price. One analysis, Finimize, reported the shares settled near $95.05, about 15 per cent above the offer price; that close was reported by a single source and is unconfirmed.

Anthropic reported about $33.2 billion in revenue for the first nine months of 2026, according to its prospectus, as cited by IBTimes. Analysts quoted by Reuters expect the stock to act as a proxy for the broader AI trade.

Editor's disclosure: Anthropic develops Claude, the AI model used to help research and assemble this edition. Editors should review this item with that in mind.

Sources: Al Jazeera; Reuters (via DailySabah, StockAnalysis); NPR (via STLPR); IBTimes; Finimize.

INDUSTRY

OpenAI releases GPT-6.2 models; Microsoft pushes cheaper coding models

OpenAI released two new models, GPT-6.2 Astra and Sol, on 18 November, aimed at professional work at lower computing cost, The Neuron reported; Microsoft unveiled cheaper coding models the same day. OpenAI's third-quarter revenue rose nearly 50 per cent to about $10 billion, according to reports, while it continued to post large operating losses.

Sources: The Neuron daily AI digest (11 and 18 Nov). Product and revenue claims are company-reported or press-reported.

JOURNALISM & AI

AI Overviews: 11 per cent of sampled statements unsupported

A study of 55,393 Google searches over 40 days in early 2026 found AI Overviews appeared for 13.7 per cent of queries, and that 11 per cent of statements in them were unsupported, MarketingProfs reported on 13 November. Separately, OpenAI, Google, Microsoft and Anthropic have backed a shared mechanism for publishers to opt out of AI scraping; Anthropic already honours the signal, OpenAI plans to adopt it in coming months, and Google and Microsoft expect to follow next year.

Sources: MarketingProfs weekly AI updates (6 and 13 Nov).

DIGITAL ECONOMY

AI data centres push US power demand to records

The US Energy Information Administration expects electricity consumption to hit new records in 2026 and 2027, partly because of AI data centres, The Neuron reported on 11 November. The same digest said developer platform Railway disclosed $740,000 in fraudulent AI charges. Xi Jinping, at the Shenzhen summit, called for US-China coordination on AI security risks.

Sources: The Neuron (11 Nov); Free Press Journal.

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AVIATION SECURITY

Passenger held over hoax hijack threat on Air India Kolkata–Mumbai flight

A passenger was arrested over a hoax hijack threat on an Air India flight from Kolkata to Mumbai, Business Standard reported on 12 November. The same outlet reported on 12 November that an email warned of blasts at Mumbai airport and at actor Amitabh Bachchan's residence. Such threat emails are treated as allegations until police complete verification; the sources reviewed did not state the outcome of any investigation.

In Europe, hoax bomb threats disrupted at least 27 passenger flights on a Thursday earlier this month, forcing unplanned landings and prompting fighter jets to escort or intercept some aircraft, in the second such wave that week, Reuters reported.

Sources: Business Standard (12 Nov) – headline-level; Reuters world summary (via Devdiscourse). Allegations only; presumption of innocence applies.

CYBERCRIME

Developer platform reports $740,000 in fraudulent AI charges

Railway, a developer-hosting platform, disclosed $740,000 in fraudulent AI charges, according to The Neuron's 11 November digest. Details of the method and any arrests were not available.

Sources: The Neuron (11 Nov).

COURTS

Supreme Court on arrests and e-challans

In its October roundup, LiveLaw noted a Supreme Court direction, issued on 28 September in a road-safety case monitored since 2012, to impound vehicles with unpaid e-challans and freeze certain online services, with more than ₹23,000 crore in traffic fines pending. In August the court held that inadequate grounds of arrest do not by themselves invalidate an arrest unless prejudice to the accused is shown.

Sources: LiveLaw monthly roundups, August and October 2026.

Desk note: this edition's crime coverage is limited to items that could be verified against published sources. No exclusive investigation was available for this week.

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CRICKET

India beat New Zealand in fifth ODI to win series 3–1

Win at Mount Maunganui caps a rain-affected series

India won the fifth one-day international at the Bay Oval, Mount Maunganui, on 15 November to take the series 3–1, AFP reported. India had led 2–0 after two rain-affected wins and the third game was washed out, before New Zealand won the fourth match on Friday 13 November by 244 runs after bowling India out for 89.

ESPNcricinfo's results page records India's second ODI win, at Wellington on 7 November, as a four-run victory under the Duckworth–Lewis–Stern method; the third ODI at Hamilton on 10 November was abandoned after the toss.

Sources: AFP via Kuwait Times; ESPNcricinfo fixtures and results.

ADMINISTRATION

India and Bangladesh named 2031 ODI World Cup co-hosts

India was named co-host of the 2031 ODI World Cup, along with Bangladesh, on Sunday 15 November, OdishaBytes reported, in a round-up of major ICC event dates through 2035.

Sources: OdishaBytes (15 Nov).

SHOOTING

Manu Bhaker elected to ISSF Athletes Committee

Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker has been elected to the ISSF Athletes Committee for the 2026–2030 term, Telangana Today reported on 18 November. Earlier, on 11 November, the same outlet's latest-news list noted Esha Singh and Bhaker leading India to team gold in the 25m pistol event; the competition was not named in the item reviewed.

Sources: Telangana Today (11 and 18 Nov) – headline-level.

Desk note: no verified Kashmir or Ladakh sports item or football result was available for this edition.

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CLIMATE · COP31 · ANTALYA

COP31 runs into extra time as fossil-fuel language drops out of the draft deal

Negotiators from nearly 200 countries worked past Friday's deadline. By early Sunday the conference president said a text all parties could accept was on the table, but approval had not been confirmed in the reports reviewed.

By Aalimi Nation Desk · Reports compiled from The National, RTÉ, UN News, Daily Sabah and Down To Earth



A speaker answers reporters' questions at the COP31 conference in Antalya. Image supplied to Aalimi Nation; person, date and photographer credit not specified.



Delegates and journalists crowd a corridor at the venue. Image supplied to Aalimi Nation; date and credit not specified.

> ***"We won't be leaving the rooms of Antalya until we have that consensus."***
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> CHRIS BOWEN, AUSTRALIA, LEADING THE NEGOTIATIONS (UN NEWS)

ANTALYA: The 31st UN climate conference ran past its scheduled Friday close, through Saturday and into the early hours of Sunday, 22 November, as negotiators from nearly 200 countries disputed the final text, The National reported on 21 November. Decisions need consensus, so every country must agree.

RTÉ reported that COP31 President Murat Kurum told a late-night plenary: "We believe that we have put forward a text which all the parties can agree upon." He said the conference would reconvene on Sunday morning to approve it. The reports reviewed do not say whether the deal has been adopted.

The talks are co-hosted by Türkiye, with Australia leading the negotiations. More than 90,000 participants are in Antalya, The National said. It is the first COP since the UN environment agency confirmed that global temperatures are set to exceed 1.5°C, RTÉ noted.

WHAT IS IN THE DRAFT

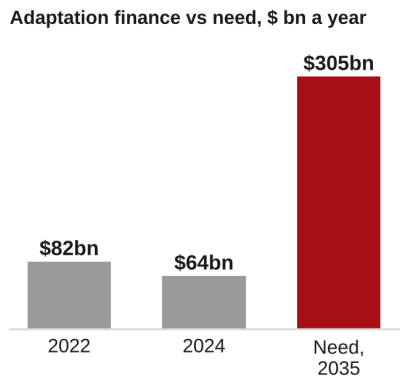
UN News reported on 19 November that the draft cover decision stresses clean energy and electrification, including Türkiye's proposed "35 by 35" target of electricity supplying 35 per cent of global final energy by 2035, according to Daily Sabah. It acknowledges that the world will overshoot 1.5°C and calls for the overshoot to be kept small and short. It also reaffirms the goal of tripling adaptation finance by 2035, with how to calculate the increase left for later talks.

WHAT IS MISSING

A revised draft released on Thursday mentions no fossil fuels in its 80 articles, The National reported. An earlier draft had called for a faster phase-out. Panama's environment minister, Juan Carlos Navarro, said: "It is not acceptable to have a Cop or a cover document that does not even mention fossil fuels." Panama has vowed to block a deal that leaves out its demands, including a cap on oil production.

Ghana's environment minister, Zanetor Agyeman-Rawlings, said: "We didn't come here to beg." Saudi Arabia said it remained committed to addressing climate change while stressing energy security.

THE MONEY



2022 and 2024: UN News, citing the 2026 Global Climate Action Yearbook. 2035 need: UNEP Adaptation Gap Report 2026 (4 Nov), via Down To Earth.

African ministers want clearer plans to at least triple adaptation finance by 2035, to about $120 billion a year, The National reported. The draft notes "the gap between climate finance flows and needs" but contains no binding commitments.

UNEP's Adaptation Gap Report says developing countries need about $305 billion a year for adaptation by 2035. Even if the tripling target is met, it would cover only 20 to 29 per cent of that, Down To Earth reported. UN News said adaptation finance fell from $81.5 billion in 2022 to $64.1 billion in 2024.

The National; RTÉ (22 Nov); UN News (19 Nov); Down To Earth (11 Nov). Final outcome not confirmed at the time of going to press.

OPENING SUMMIT

Guterres: emissions must fall 6 per cent a year

At the Leaders' Summit on 11–12 November, which more than 100 leaders attended according to Daily Sabah, UN Secretary-General António Guterres called for unabated coal to be phased out by 2040 and oil and gas use cut by a third. He said current national climate plans deliver only about a third of the cuts needed to keep 1.5°C within reach, Down To Earth reported.

Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva reported a 71 per cent fall in Amazon deforestation between 2022 and 2026. Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said projected warming had come down from about 4°C before the Paris Agreement to 2.6°C, though the world remains off track for 1.5°C.

Sources: Down To Earth (11 Nov); Daily Sabah (16 Nov). Speeches as summarised by the outlets.

COP31 AT A GLANCE

Venue	Antalya, Türkiye
Hosts	Türkiye; Australia leads talks
Scheduled close	Fri 20 Nov (overran)
US delegation	Absent, second year

Analysis and projections are labelled as such. Nothing on this page is presented as established fact about the future.

ENERGY – ANALYSIS

After Hormuz: the case for diversified energy routes

Editorial analysis based on this week's verified reporting

Before the war, the Strait of Hormuz handled about a fifth of global oil and liquefied natural gas shipments, Reuters reported. This week the IEA described the disruption since February as the largest on record, and Kpler data put November crude flows at roughly half of pre-war volumes.

For importers such as India, the questions to watch are practical: how quickly shipping returns if talks succeed, whether insurers and shippers accept any interim corridor Iran and Oman have discussed, and how long elevated crude, near $92 for Brent this week, keeps pressure on the rupee and inflation. Iran has also shifted some trade north to the Caspian Sea, Al Jazeera reported in September.

Our reading: the episode strengthens the argument for supply diversification and storage. Whether governments act on it is an open question.

Sources: Reuters (Hormuz share); Drop Site News (IEA); Kpler; Al Jazeera; Kotak Neo (crude).

TECHNOLOGY – ANALYSIS

The next constraint on AI may be electricity

The US EIA expects record electricity use in 2026 and 2027, partly from AI data centres. Combined with the largest-ever IPO of a frontier AI company this week, the pattern points to a sector whose growth depends on capital, chips and power. That is analysis, not a forecast: independent experts disagree on how fast demand will grow.

Sources: The Neuron (11 Nov, citing EIA); Reuters; Al Jazeera.

SPACE ECONOMY – ANALYSIS

India's space sector is shifting towards private firms

India TV reported in August that ISRO is expected to gradually move away from building launch vehicles and routine satellites, and that NASA has invited ISRO to take part in plans for a sustained human presence on the Moon. Business Standard noted the NavIC revival on 1 November. Together they suggest a larger role for industry; the pace remains uncertain.

Sources: India TV News (11 and 24 Aug); Business Standard (1 Nov).

JOURNALISM – ANALYSIS

Publishers, AI answers and attribution

A shared opt-out signal for AI scraping and a study finding unsupported claims in 11 per cent of sampled AI Overview statements both bear on how newsrooms are cited and paid. Readers can expect continuing argument between publishers and platforms.

Sources: MarketingProfs (6 and 13 Nov).

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EXPLAINER OF THE WEEK

Why a narrow strait matters to your household budget

How the Hormuz disruption reaches Indian prices, the rupee and the stock market

The strait

The Strait of Hormuz links the Persian Gulf with open sea. Before the war began on 28 February, roughly a fifth of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas passed through it, Reuters reported. Iran has since claimed control of the strait and regularly targeted ships crossing without its approval, according to a Daily Sabah report.

The traffic

Kpler's November figures show crude shipments at about 8.5 million barrels a day, half the pre-war level, and the IEA calls it the biggest disruption to oil and gas trade ever recorded.

The price

Brent crude has traded around $92 this week, up sharply from before the war, although prices fell more than six per cent on 2 November on hopes of a deal, AFP reported. India imports most of its oil, so higher crude feeds into fuel and freight costs.

The rupee and inflation

The rupee traded between about 93.5 and 94 per dollar this month. HDFC Sky reported that October retail inflation breached the RBI's upper tolerance limit.

Why shares are rising anyway

Even so, the Sensex and Nifty hit nine-month highs this week. Foreign investors have bought heavily, with total November inflows above ₹84,000 crore by 12 November, the highest monthly level since December 2020, and some investors have rotated away from global AI shares towards India, HDFC Sky said. Markets can move ahead of conditions on the ground, and they can reverse.

What to watch

Whether Qatar-mediated talks reopen Hormuz; tanker incidents; the pace of foreign inflows; and the RBI's response to inflation.

Sources: Reuters; Daily Sabah (AFP); Kpler and IEA via Drop Site News; HDFC Sky; Business Standard; PTI.

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THE WEEK IN NUMBERS

Figures from the week's reports in this edition, as attributed on their pages

83,919.71 Sensex close, 20 Nov; up 2.85% on the week	**25,800.60** Nifty 50 close, 20 Nov; up 2.61% on the week	**₹10,308 cr** Net foreign equity buying on Friday 20 Nov	**~$91.7** Brent crude per barrel, early trade 19 Nov
38% Fall in India's TB deaths since 2015, per WHO	**3–1** India's ODI series win over New Zealand	**3.72 lakh** People evacuated ahead of Cyclone Akvan	**100+** World leaders at the COP31 summit

CINEMA · GOA

IFFI 2026: Goa hosts nine days of cinema with Spain in focus

Festival runs 20–28 November under the theme "Stories Without Borders"

PANAJI: The International Film Festival of India is running in Goa from 20 to 28 November, Time Out India reported on 10 November. Filmmaker Ashutosh Gowariker chairs the festival. Spain is the focus country, with contemporary Spanish cinema on show, alongside a showcase of Australian films.

The main events are at the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, with screenings in cinema halls across Panaji and open-air shows at beaches including Vagator and Anjuna.

The competitions

The festival has an International Competition, the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal Award and a prize for the Best Debut Feature Film of a Director. Winners are announced at the closing ceremony. Non-competitive sections include Rising Stars, Restored Classics, Cinema of the World and Mission LiFE.

Sources: Time Out India (10 Nov). Opening-day details and the film line-up were not confirmed in the sources reviewed.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	What to watch
Sun 22 Nov	COP31 reconvenes to approve the final text
20–28 Nov	IFFI continues in Goa
Thu 26 Nov	Constitution Day, observed every year; see the quiz on the back page
Early Dec	Parliament's Winter Session likely to begin; dates not official (PTI, 15 Nov)
December	US to host the G20 summit in Florida (AP, as reported)

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