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## National News

### Politics and Governance

**Vice Presidential Election:** C.P. Radhakrishnan, the Governor of Maharashtra, has been nominated as the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) candidate for the upcoming Vice-Presidential Election. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has welcomed the decision.

**Bihar Electoral Rolls:** The Election Commission of India has published a list of 65 lakh voters whose names were removed from the Bihar draft electoral roll after a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise.

**Monsoon Session of Parliament:** The Parliament's Monsoon Session has reconvened. A new bill, the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2025, is set to be introduced in the Lok Sabha to decriminalize minor offenses and promote ease of living and business. A special discussion on the impact of "Astronaut Shukla's space mission" is also on the agenda.

**PM's Initiatives:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated highway projects worth ₹11,000 crore in Delhi, including parts of the Dwarka Expressway. He also made a strong push for the 'Vocal for Local' initiative, urging people to buy Indian-made products.

**GST Reforms:** The government has stated that the new Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, which was previewed by the Prime Minister in his Independence Day address, will be consumer-centric with a focus on the poor, MSMEs, the middle class, and farmers.

### Disasters and Accidents

**Rainfall and Floods:** The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall over Goa, Maharashtra, and Gujarat for the next seven days, with a red alert for extremely heavy rainfall issued for 10 coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh. The Yamuna River in Delhi has also crossed the warning mark. Due to inclement weather, schools have been closed in parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, and Kerala.

**Accidents:** There have been reports of several accidents across the country, including a train collision in Maharashtra that killed 13 people, a truck falling into a ravine in Karnataka killing 10, and a crowd crush at New Delhi railway station that killed at least 18.

**Landslide:** National Highway 10, which connects Sikkim and Kalimpong, has reopened after being closed for six days due to landslides.

### Other Notable News

**First All-Women Operated Clean Street Food Hub:** Union Minister Piyush Goyal has inaugurated "Mauli," India's first all-women operated clean street food hub, in Mumbai.

**Chinese Foreign Minister's Visit:** Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi is on a two-day visit to India, during which he will meet with External Affairs Minister Jaishankar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.





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## MCQS

1. Who has been nominated as the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) candidate for the upcoming Vice-Presidential Election?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Piyush Goyal
- C) C.P. Radhakrishnan
- D) Wang Yi

**Answer:** C) C.P. Radhakrishnan

The news states that C.P. Radhakrishnan, the Governor of Maharashtra, has been nominated as the NDA's candidate for the Vice-Presidential Election.

2. What is the primary objective of the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2025, which is set to be introduced in the Lok Sabha?

- A) To increase taxes on certain goods and services.
- B) To expand the scope of criminal offenses.
- C) To decriminalize minor offenses and promote ease of living and business.
- D) To regulate the use of social media platforms.

**Answer:** C) To decriminalize minor offenses and promote ease of living and business.

The news report explicitly mentions that the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2025, is being introduced to "decriminalize minor offenses and promote ease of living and business."

3. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for extremely heavy rainfall for 10 coastal districts of which state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Goa
- D) Andhra Pradesh

**Answer:** D) Andhra Pradesh

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While heavy to very heavy rainfall is forecasted for Goa, Maharashtra, and Gujarat, the red alert for extremely heavy rainfall is specifically mentioned for 10 coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh.

**4. In which city has "Mauli," India's first all-women operated clean street food hub, been inaugurated?**

- A) Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Chennai
- D) Kolkata

**Answer:** B) Mumbai

The news states that Union Minister Piyush Goyal has inaugurated "Mauli," India's first all-women operated clean street food hub, in Mumbai.

**5. Which national highway has reopened after being closed for six days due to landslides, and what two places does it connect?**

- A) National Highway 1: Delhi and Amritsar
- B) National Highway 44: Srinagar and Kanyakumari
- C) National Highway 10: Sikkim and Kalimpong
- D) National Highway 7: Varanasi and Kanyakumari

**Answer:** C) National Highway 10: Sikkim and Kalimpong

The news report indicates that National Highway 10, which connects Sikkim and Kalimpong, has reopened after being closed for six days due to landslides.

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