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Good morning, everyone. I'm Niki, and this is Podcast by AT: News for Fri, Nov 27, 2026. This morning: Parliament's special sittings, a Supreme Court remission ruling, the week's streaming reviews, and changes in how cities fund and run their buses.

Top news

Parliament reconvened for special sittings

PTI reports that the Lok Sabha will reconvene at eleven on Mon, Nov 30, and the Rajya Sabha at eleven on Wed, Dec 2. Both may sit until Thu, Dec 3. The announced purpose is essential government business, amid indications of another attempt at a constitutional amendment linking women's reservation to delimitation. The sittings will have no Question Hour, Zero Hour or Private Members' Business.

https://theprint.in/india/lok-sabha-rajya-sabha-formally-reconvened-amid-buzz-over-delimitation-womens-quota/3110355/

Supreme Court cancels Anand Mohan remission

PTI reports that the Supreme Court has quashed Bihar's remission of former MP Anand Mohan, who was serving a life sentence in the murder of Gopalganj district magistrate G Krishnaiah. It ordered him to surrender within one month. The bench called the remission legally unsustainable and said the trial judge's opinion had been wrongly considered when granting relief. The killing took place in nineteen ninety-four.

https://www.ptinews.com/detail/national/Unsustainable-in-law-SC-quashes-Bihar-govt-s-remission-to-ex-MP-Anand-Mohan-directs-him-to-surrender/4296619

Samajwadi Party sets out Uttar Pradesh manifesto

PTI reports that Akhilesh Yadav has promised twenty-five lakh government jobs over five years if the Samajwadi Party wins Uttar Pradesh's next assembly election. The manifesto also proposes a farm-loan waiver, an annual forty-thousand-rupee pension for elderly women, free laptops after Class twelve and an urban employment guarantee. A fifteen-thousand-crore-rupee fund would support sugarcane payments within twenty-four hours. These are election promises, with Congress and the Samajwadi Party still negotiating their alliance.

https://theprint.in/politics/sp-releases-up-poll-manifesto-5-lakh-govt-jobs-caste-census-rs-40000-pension-for-elderly-women/3110075/

Court seeks response over Saurav Das travel restriction

PTI reports that the Centre told the Delhi High Court Mumbai Police had issued a lookout circular against political activist Saurav Das. He had been stopped from travelling to Britain. Das's counsel says he had not been informed of the circular or its grounds. The court has sought the Centre's response and will hear the challenge again on Wed, Dec 9.

https://theprint.in/india/lookout-circular-issued-against-cjps-saurav-das-centre-tells-delhi-hc/3109536/

Madurai lamp contempt pleas listed today

PTI reports that the Supreme Court will hear contempt petitions and related applications today over the unlit lamp at the disputed Deepathoon pillar on Thirupparankundram hill. This follows Tamil Nadu's apology and its account that temple authorities had not authorised the proposed arrangements. The court had permitted a one-time ceremony at the pillar. The hearing is the new development; the applications have not yet been decided.

https://www.theweek.in/wire-updates/national/2026/11/26/deepam-row-sc-agrees-to-hear-contempt-pleas-applications-on-nov-27.html

Markets

Technology shares lead another Indian market gain

IANS reports that the Sensex gained 390 points to close at 84,329 on Thursday, while the Nifty added sixty-five points to 25,885. NSE's final data show a marked sector split: information technology rose 3.7 percent, while banks fell 0.3 percent and fast-moving consumer goods lost 0.9 percent. Mid-cap and small-cap benchmarks gained 0.3 and 0.7 percent respectively. HCL Technologies and Tata Consultancy Services were among the leading gainers.

https://ianslive.in/sensex-rises-390-points-nifty-ends-higher-as-investors-await-india-us-trade-clarity--20261126155547

https://nsearchives.nseindia.com/content/indices/ind_close_all_26112026.csv

Economy and policy

Tata Trusts challenge chairman's reappointment

PTI reports that the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and R D Tata Trust have sued Tata Sons and six directors over N Chandrasekaran's reappointment as executive chairman. They argue that the decision lacked the required affirmative support of trust-nominated directors. They seek sixty-five crore rupees in combined damages and immediate relief preventing his casting vote at Monday's board meeting. The Bombay High Court is expected to consider the suits today. These are the trusts' claims, not court findings.

https://theprint.in/india/tata-trusts-moves-hc-against-chandrasekarans-reappointment-as-tata-sons-executive-chairman/3109649/

Reserve Bank bulletin flags broad food-price pressure

Reuters reports that the RBI's latest bulletin finds continuing price pressure across cereals, pulses and edible oils. The bulletin also describes resilient domestic activity and strong credit demand. Its separate imported-inflation study estimates that imported items make up 8.5 percent of the consumer-price basket but contributed around eighteen percent of headline inflation in October. The bulletin's articles express their authors' views, rather than a new monetary-policy decision.

https://www.brecorder.com/news/40450716

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=64041

Bangladesh wage protests continue after agreement

AFP reports that garment workers blocked roads and clashed with police in Gazipur on Thursday, a day after the wage agreement covered in yesterday's briefing. Police used tear gas and stun grenades. The new minimum monthly pay of seventeen thousand taka is due in January, up from twelve thousand five hundred. Workers had initially demanded thirty thousand. Police said factories in Narayanganj were operating and the situation outside the main clashes was relatively calm.

https://www.brecorder.com/news/40450868/bangladesh-garment-workers-clash-with-police-day-after-wage-deal

Pakistan proposes smoothing electricity fuel charges

Dawn reports that Pakistan wants to limit the additional electricity fuel-cost adjustment to eighty-three paise a unit for the October-to-December period, rather than the two rupees eighty-eight sought for December bills. The proposal would use a forward-looking quarterly mechanism. The regulator welcomed the idea but still needs the formal policy guidance and a technical review. The change is therefore not yet a final regulatory tariff order.

https://www.dawn.com/news/2047218

Asian finance officials open payments working group

Reuters and Japan's finance ministry report that China, Japan, South Korea and Southeast Asian countries have agreed to create a working group on cross-border payments and digital-asset regulation. Their deputies met in Kyoto. They also reviewed an emergency lending mechanism that took effect this month within the region's two-hundred-and-forty-billion-dollar currency-swap safety net. The payments work will consider how systems designed for domestic users can work across borders.

https://www.investing.com/news/economy-news/china-japan-south-korea-and-asean-launch-talks-on-digital-payments-across-borders-5052024

https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/international_policy/convention/others/CochairsStatement.pdf

Global markets

Trading partners contest new American tariff plans

AP and RTHK report that China and Japan rejected the excess-manufacturing-capacity case behind Washington's proposed tariffs. Beijing reserved the right to take necessary measures. Japan called the plans regrettable, while Singapore said it was very disappointed and denied subsidising manufacturing. India's commerce ministry said concerns should be addressed in the ongoing bilateral talks. The reactions follow Wednesday's proposals; they do not mean the new duties have already taken effect.

https://apnews.com/article/us-tariffs-china-japan-singapore-b94a693004ad8f9b5e78f7aafb196a71

https://news.rthk.hk/rthk/en/component/k2/1879382-20261126.htm

Brent oil rises as shipping risks return

Reuters reports that Brent crude settled at 96.6 dollars a barrel on Thursday as supply concerns returned. Iran's Revolutionary Guards said two tankers struck sea mines near Oman's Khasab port. The report also cites the Houthis' claimed attack on the Ras Tanura refinery. These attack accounts remain attributed to the parties making them. American crude had no settlement because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

https://www.streetinsider.com/Reuters/Brent+settles+higher+as+mine+strikes%2C+refinery+attack+stoke+Middle+East+supply+concerns/27404132.html

Japan policymaker calls for quicker response to inflation

Reuters and the Bank of Japan report that board member Naoki Tamura wants the central bank to respond faster if inflation risks strengthen. He points to energy imports, the weak yen and demand linked to AI. In his subsequent news conference he said larger or more frequent rate increases could become necessary. This is one board member's position ahead of the December meeting, not an announced increase.

https://www.investing.com/news/economy-news/bojs-tamura-signals-chance-of-fasterpace-interest-rate-hikes-5051855

https://www.boj.or.jp/en/about/press/koen_2026/data/ko261126a1.pdf

World

Gaza attacks kill ten as Hamas discusses response

Reuters reports that medics counted at least ten Palestinians killed in Israeli strikes and gunfire in Gaza on Thursday, including Hamas-appointed deputy education minister Khaled Abu Nada. Israel said he managed Hamas finances; Hamas confirmed his death but did not address that allegation. Hamas leader Khalil al-Hayya said the group would discuss a response with other factions. The violence continues despite the ceasefire agreed last year.

https://theprint.in/world/hamas-weighs-response-after-israel-kills-10-people-in-gaza/3110260/?amp=

Egypt detains driver after deadly tanker fire

AP reports that Egyptian authorities detained a speeding driver suspected of causing the tanker crash and fire that killed at least thirty-one people on Cairo's Ring Road on Wednesday. More than two dozen vehicles caught fire. Egypt's State Information Service says the prime minister visited injured people on Thursday and ordered additional support for affected families. The driver's responsibility remains an allegation under investigation.

https://apnews.com/article/cairo-egypt-highway-fire-tanker-fuel-traffic-db772346ece6e997a17c9aa3559bcee6

https://sis.gov.eg/en/media-center/news/prime-minister-briefed-on-emergency-response-to-waraq-ring-road-accident/

Indonesia mine death toll rises to thirteen

Reuters reports that thirteen miners are now confirmed dead in the flooded unauthorised gold mine in West Java, with thirteen still trapped. That updates yesterday's toll of nine. Heavy rain forced a temporary halt to the search on Thursday as water continued entering the shaft. Twenty-six workers had entered the mine on Monday. The excavation is about one hundred metres deep.

https://www.mining.com/web/heavy-rain-hampers-indonesian-rescue-of-13-people-trapped-inside-illegal-mine-agency-says/

Britain's net migration falls to seventy-seven thousand

Reuters and Britain's Office for National Statistics report annual net migration of seventy-seven thousand in the year to June, down from two hundred and four thousand a year earlier. Outside the pandemic, that is the lowest level since nineteen ninety-seven. Tighter rules for work, study and asylum have contributed to the decline.

https://www.streetinsider.com/Reuters/UK+net+migration+falls+to+almost+three-decade+low%2C+excluding+pandemic+slump/27404380.html

https://blog.ons.gov.uk/2026/11/26/behind-the-numbers-what-is-driving-the-latest-fall-in-net-migration/

OTT shows and reviews

Dhindora returns with a larger, disputed comic canvas

Netflix confirms that Dhindora's second season arrived last Friday. Bhuvan Bam returns as Titu Mama and the extended family, with Sanjeeda Shaikh joining as Kavita. After losing the family's lottery money, Titu heads to her village. M9's Siddartha Toleti praises Bam's performance but finds the writing dated and the expanded production less relatable than the original. He says the lurch between slapstick and serious drama leaves only intermittent laughs.

https://about.netflix.com/en/news/bhuvan-bam-plays-the-whole-family-netflixs-dhindora-season-2-trailer-is-out-premiering-november-20

https://www.m9.news/ott-review/dhindora-2-netflix-web-series-review/

Blade Runner's television sequel divides critics

Amazon says all eight episodes of Blade Runner 2099 are now on Prime Video. Hunter Schafer plays a human hiding among replicant detectives, opposite Michelle Yeoh. Variety's Alison Herman praises Schafer and the detailed visual world, finding room for the television format to explore familiar questions. NME's Paul Bradshaw is less persuaded: he admires the design and lead performance but sees an overextended imitation. Both reviews appeared on Monday, ahead of Wednesday's release.

https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/entertainment/blade-runner-2099-prime-video

https://variety.com/2026/tv/reviews/blade-runner-2099-review-hunter-schafer-amazon-prime-video-1236955543/

https://www.nme.com/reviews/tv-reviews/blade-runner-2099-review-michelle-yeoh-hunter-schafer-amazon-prime-3976755

Octopus brings the neighbourhood into a mystery

CinemaSpeak reviews Octopus, the Tamil series scheduled on ZEE5 today. A woman's disappearance turns her close-knit residential colony into amateur investigators. The review praises its ensemble, dialogue and sustained suspense, while finding some incidents disjointed and some conspiracy theories unconvincing. Ashwin Kumar, Archana Ravichandran and Vinoth Kishan lead the cast. The platform's trailer announcement, carried by Pentagan Media, confirms today's release date.

https://www.cinemaspeak.in/2026/11/web-series-review-octopus.html

https://pentaganpr.com/2026/11/octopus-from-nov-27th-on-zee-5/

Urban transport

BEST plans a return to owning its buses

Hindustan Times reports that BEST decided last Friday to stop new wet-lease contracts and buy five thousand electric buses over three to four years, at an estimated sixty-five hundred crore rupees. The exception is fifteen hundred buses under the central PM e-Drive scheme. BEST currently owns only two hundred and forty-nine buses against more than twenty-six hundred leased vehicles. Its proposed twenty-eight-thousand-crore-rupee depot redevelopment is meant to finance the shift, but still needs state cabinet approval.

https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/mumbai-news/best-drops-wet-lease-model-to-build-its-own-fleet-101795193429981.html

Pune approves land-acquisition plan for elevated corridor

The Free Press Journal reports that Pune's municipal body approved a twenty-six-hundred-and-thirty-four-crore-rupee land-acquisition proposal last Friday for its planned 43.6-kilometre circular corridor. Two central lanes would carry electric buses and four would take private vehicles. The civic body must fund the compensation itself. The acquisition decision advances a project first proposed in nineteen eighty-seven; it is not an opening date or an award of the construction contract.

https://www.freepressjournal.in/pune/pmc-approves-2634-crore-land-acquisition-proposal-for-436-km-high-capacity-mass-transit-route-hcmtr

Delhi buses arrive as Mira-Bhayandar receives its fleet

Hindustan Times reports that Delhi actually inducted the one hundred electric buses previewed in last Friday's edition. The Free Press Journal reports that Mira-Bhayandar has received forty-two air-conditioned electric buses out of one hundred and five sanctioned. Its contractor will operate and maintain them, while ticket revenue goes to the municipal corporation. The municipality must meet any shortfall beyond the central per-kilometre subsidy. That is a different operating model from BEST's proposed owned-fleet expansion.

https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/delhi-news/delhi-cm-flags-off-100-new-electric-buses-101795197150944.html

https://www.freepressjournal.in/mumbai/mira-bhayandar-receives-42-ac-electric-buses-under-centres-pm-e-bus-sewa-scheme-63-more-buses-to-arrive-soon

London Tube strike disrupts travel into Friday

Reuters reports that London's Tube drivers began a twenty-four-hour strike on Thursday, with disruption extending into Friday evening. It is the first of eight non-consecutive strike days announced by the RMT union. The dispute concerns new working arrangements around a voluntary four-day week. The union says drivers would face longer duties and weaker protections even if they kept a five-day schedule. Further action is planned in December, January and February.

https://www.straitstimes.com/world/europe/london-tube-drivers-kick-off-first-of-eight-days-of-winter-strikes

https://www.rmt.org.uk/news/tube-drivers-to-take-eight-days-of-strike-action-over-attacks/

That's your Friday briefing. Thank you for listening. Have a good day, everyone, and goodbye.