

Kejriwal, Mamata, Dipke, Rathee among 7,000 detained in Delhi for protests

■ Security was tight in Delhi with over 120 companies of Central Armed Police Forces assisting Delhi Police.
■ 6 Delhi Police personnel injured; stones hurled
■ CJI intervenes after SCBA flags detention of lawyers; advocates being released

NEW DELHI, Oct 10 (PTI)

THE national capital was turned into a fortress on Saturday as police launched a sweeping crackdown, detaining CJP leader Abhijeet Dipke, YouTuber Dhruv Rathee and nearly 7,000 protesters, foiling their bid to reach Jantar Mantar, while the Opposition denounced the situation as "worse than the Emergency."

Dipke and two other CJP leaders, Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka, were detained by Delhi Police from inside the aircraft as soon as their flight from



(L) Security personnel detain Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal during a protest demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar over alleged electoral roll irregularities in New Delhi. (C) TMC chief Mamata Banerjee being detained after the latter took part in a dharna protest at a bus stand at South Avenue, in New Delhi. (R) Abhijeet Dipke along with co-convenors Ashutosh Ranka and Saurav Das arrives at Indira Gandhi International Airport. They were detained by Delhi Police from inside the aircraft as soon as their flight from Mumbai landed in the national capital. (PTI)

Mumbai landed in the national capital. The CJP leaders had arrived here to lead the protest against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

Several INDIA bloc leaders, including former Chief Ministers Arvind Kejriwal, Mamata Banerjee, Pinarayi Vijayan and Manik Sarkar were

detained by Delhi Police on Saturday as they attempted to join the protest at Jantar Mantar demanding Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation over alleged irregularities in electoral rolls.

The detentions took place at multiple locations across the capital amid heavy security, bar-

ricades and restrictions on movement in view of the demonstration called by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

Besides Kejriwal, Banerjee, Vijayan and Sarkar, others detained included CPI(M) general secretary M A Baby, veter-

an Left leader Brinda Karat, CPI(ML) Liberation general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya, activist Yogendra Yadav and lawyer Prashant Bhushan.

Kejriwal was detained outside his Lodhi Estate residence while marching towards Jantar Mantar with AAP leaders and workers. As police personnel

moved to take him away, party workers tried to prevent his detention.

Police personnel lifted him by his legs and chest and carried him towards a police bus.

Those party leaders detained with him included Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh, Delhi

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US lifts sanctions on sale of Russian diesel globally

WASHINGTON, Oct 10 (PTI)

PRESIDENT Donald Trump struck a deal with Russia for the supply of diesel to the US and global markets, weeks after the US Congress authorised him to impose steep tariffs on top purchasers of oil and gas from Moscow. Trump thanked the Russian President Vladimir Putin for the major oil deal.

Trump announced the deal on Friday after a phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin, a move that drew sharp criticism from Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy,



File photo

Democratic leaders and a section of Republicans.

Minutes after Trump's announcement on Truth Social, the US Department of Treasury lifted sanctions on Russia for supplying diesel to the global market, including the US until

Weak decision by strong partners: Zelenskyy

KYIV, Oct 10 (IANS)

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has strongly criticised US President Donald Trump's agreement allowing Russia to supply diesel to the United States and global markets, arguing that the move would provide Moscow with additional funds to sustain its



war against Ukraine and undermine ongoing efforts to secure peace. "It only feeds Putin and gives him the ability to fight even more," Zelenskyy said, describing the agreement as a "weak decision by strong partners".

April 7 next year.

Trump's surprise announcement came weeks after the US

Congress passed a law on September 16, seeking to impose
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US made no formal F-35 fighter jets offer to India: IAF chief

JODHPUR, Oct 10 (PTI)

INDIAN Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal A P Singh on Saturday said the United States had made no official offer to sell F-35 fifth-generation fighter jets to India, while also clarifying that no final decision has been made on the Russian proposal for Su-57 fighter aircraft. Singh revealed this while addressing a press conference on the sidelines of the concluding ceremony of the multinational air exercise Tarang Shakti-2026 in Jodhpur.

Sitting alongside the commander of the US Air Force's



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh attend the second edition of 'Exercise Tarang Shakti', in Jodhpur. (PTI)

Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), Singh responded to a question about the reported F-35 offer with a

humorous remark, saying, "Your people don't even let us go near the aircraft, and you are talking about selling it to us."

The IAF chief also addressed the possibility of India acquiring Russia's fifth-generation Su-57 fighter aircraft. He said that it has come to their notice that Russia has made an offer but clarified that "no decision has been made" regarding whether the aircraft needs to be evaluated or not.

"Once the decision is conveyed to us (by the government), we will evaluate how well it (Su-57) meets our requirements," he said.

GRSE launches third of four next generation patrol vessels for Navy

KOLKATA, Oct 10 (PTI)

THE third of four next-generation offshore patrol vessels being built by defence PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd for the Indian Navy was launched here on Saturday, an official said.

The vessel, named 'Shreyas', was launched less than two months after the second vessel in the series, 'Shruti', was launched, he said in a statement. The first vessel in the series, 'Sanghmitra', was launched on May 20, taking the total number of launches in the programme to three in less than five months.

'Shreyas' was formally launched by Reyman Kochhar, wife of Vice Chief of the Naval Staff Vice Admiral Ajay

Kochhar, amid traditional rituals and the chanting of Vedic shlokas. Vice Admiral Kochhar, the chief guest at the event held at the GRSE shipyard, con-

gratulated the Navratna defence PSU on launching three next-generation offshore patrol vessels in approximately five months.



Dignitaries present during the launching ceremony of 'Shreyas', the third Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) built for the Indian Navy, at the GRSE shipyard in Kolkata, West Bengal on Saturday.

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Canada to send 'largest in over 30-yrs' trade delegation to India

OTTAWA, Oct 10 (PTI)

CANADA will send nearly 300 business delegates to India next week on its largest trade mission to the country in over 30 years, seeking to expand commercial ties and "more than double bilateral trade" by 2030.

Led by Canadian Minister of International Trade Maninder Sidhu, the delegation will visit Mumbai and Bengaluru from Oct 12 to 17, according to an official statement on Friday.

"By matching Canadian expertise in sectors like aerospace, agri-food and clean technology with India's growing demand, we will

diversify our trade and attract new investment," Sidhu said.

The mission comes as India and Canada are working to conclude negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) by the end of this year. The fifth round of negotiations was held in Ottawa from October 5 to 9.

Sidhu met Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on the margins of the G20 Trade Ministers' Meeting in Milwaukee, US on October 1, where they dis-

cussed progress in the negotiations and efforts to deepen bilateral trade and investment ties.

The two countries announced the renewed push for a comprehensive trade agreement during Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney's visit to India in March, setting a target of raising two-way trade to CAD 70 billion (around Rs. 4.75 lakh crore) by 2030.

In 2025, bilateral trade in goods and services totalled CAD 30.4 billion, according to the Canadian

Government data.

Canada's merchandise exports to India stood at CAD 3.9 bn in 2025, led by vegetables, mineral fuels and oils, and wood pulp.

Its merchandise imports from India amounted to CAD 9.7 billion, comprising mainly precious stones and metals, machinery and pharmaceutical products.

The trade mission would help Canadian businesses connect with Indian decision-makers, industry leaders and potential customers, while building partnerships expected to generate employment in the North American country, according to Friday's statement.



India, Africa cannot remain underrepresented in global decision-making, says Jaishankar

ADDIS ABABA, Oct 10 (PTI)

INDIA and Africa cannot remain underrepresented in global decision-making, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said, calling for reform of the UN Security Council to make global governance more democratic and representative.

Addressing a gathering at the Adwa Victory Memorial Museum in Addis Ababa on Friday, he said the existing global order disregarded the interests of both sides and accused unnamed forces of delaying reform.

"The current Council neither delivers effectively nor repre-



sents fairly. And the two shortcomings are clearly interconnected," Jaishankar said, calling for Africa to be represented fairly in United Nations Security Council membership.

Jaishankar arrived in Ethiopia on Thursday from Cote d'Ivoire on the final leg of his three-nation

African tour, which also included Ghana.

Calling for a more representative international order, Jaishankar cited India's efforts during its 2023 G20 presidency to secure permanent membership for the African Union and called for fair African representation in both categories of UN Security Council membership.

The UN Security Council has 15 members, including five permanent members -- China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States -- which hold veto powers, allowing any one of them to block a substantive resolution.