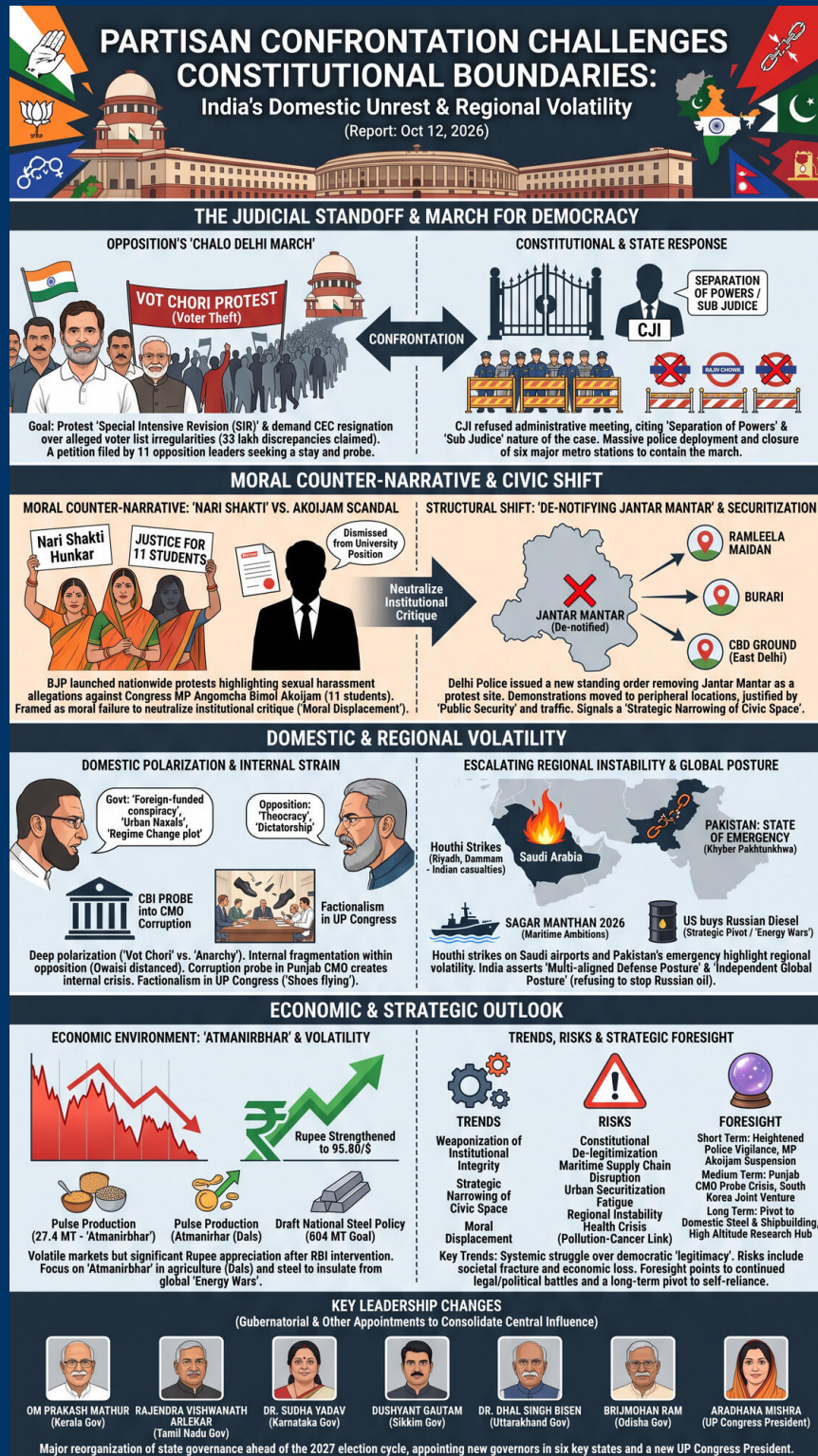


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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The reporting on October 12, 2026, was dominated by a high-stakes political and legal confrontation between the Indian opposition, led by Rahul Gandhi and the "Indi Alliance," and the nation's constitutional pillars. The central event was a mass march to the Supreme Court to protest the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter lists and demand the resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner. This domestic friction was met with a robust state response, characterized by the [de-notification of Jantar Mantar](#) as a protest site, signaling a major shift in the regulation of civil order within the capital. The government-aligned narrative framed these protests not as democratic exercises, but as deliberate attempts to create "anarchy" and "regime change" through institutional intimidation.

Simultaneously, the political discourse was bifurcated by the emergence of a significant

sexual harassment scandal involving a Congress Member of Parliament. The BJP's "Nari Shakti Hunkar" campaign aggressively countered the opposition's protest narrative by highlighting allegations of [sexual misconduct against Angomcha Bimol Akoijam](#). This convergence suggests a strategic effort by the state media apparatus to neutralize the opposition's institutional critiques with moral and criminal allegations. Internationally, the reports of Houthi attacks on Saudi infrastructure and a state of emergency in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province underscored a regional environment of extreme instability, which the network used to emphasize the importance of domestic stability and strong leadership.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The Judicial Standoff and March for Democracy

- The Indi Alliance conducted a "Chalo Delhi March for Democracy" to the Supreme Court, protesting alleged voter list irregularities ([Broadcast 1](#)).
- Chief Justice of India (CJI) Suryakant refused an administrative meeting with Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, citing the **separation of powers** and the **sub judice** nature of the voter list case ([Broadcast 11](#)).
- A petition was subsequently filed in the Supreme Court by 11 opposition leaders seeking a stay on the SIR process and a [retired judge-led investigation](#) into data deletions ([Broadcast 24](#)).

Structural Changes to Civil Order in New Delhi

- Delhi Police issued a new **standing order** removing Jantar Mantar from the list of authorized protest sites ([Broadcast 5](#)).
- The designated locations for public demonstrations have been moved to **Ramleela Maidan, Burari, and the CBD Ground** in East Delhi ([Broadcast 10](#)).
- Authorities justified the move based on **public security**, traffic management, and proximity to sensitive government buildings ([Broadcast 8](#)).

The Akoijam Harassment Scandal

- Internal JNU committees reportedly found evidence of sexual harassment against **MP Angomcha Bimol Akoijam** involving 11 female students ([Broadcast 22](#)).
- BJP's woman's wing launched nationwide protests, accusing the Congress leadership of "silence" and "protecting" the accused MP ([Broadcast 3](#)).
- The MP was [dismissed from his university position](#) following the internal inquiry ([Broadcast 27](#)).

Escalating Regional Instability

- Houthi rebels launched **missile and drone strikes** on Riyadh and Dammam international airports, killing a Pakistani national and wounding several Indians ([Broadcast 21](#)).
- Pakistan declared a **state of emergency** in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, dismissing the provincial government and detaining PTI leaders ([Broadcast 20](#)).

- The US reportedly made a **strategic pivot** by easing oil sanctions on Russia to purchase 300,000 tons of diesel, cited as a response to domestic inflation ([Broadcast 8](#)).

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Civil Unrest & Social Order

- Massive police deployment in New Delhi, including the **closure of six major metro stations** (Rajiv Chowk, Patel Chowk, etc.) to contain the opposition's march ([Broadcast 14](#)).
- A significant narrative was constructed around the concept of "**Vot Chori**" (voter theft), which the government dismisses as a "fake narrative" designed to destabilize the country ([Broadcast 18](#)).

Leadership Dynamics & Governance

- The President of India made new **gubernatorial appointments** in six states: Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, and Sikkim ([Broadcast 27](#)).
- Corruption allegations in Punjab's **Chief Minister's Office (CMO)** led to a CBI probe into OSD Rajveer Singh Ghuman regarding transfer and posting kickbacks ([Broadcast 1](#)).

Legal Warfare & Regulatory Risk

- The Chief Justice warned against the "**misinterpretation**" of court orders regarding "Form 6" voter registration, clarifying the court had neither approved nor rejected new forms ([Broadcast 27](#)).

- The Kerala Congress unit sparked a controversy by tweeting a [demand for the CJI's resignation](#), which was later deleted but used by the BJP to argue for an "anti-constitutional" agenda ([Broadcast 19](#)).

Armed Conflict & Global Posture

- The **Sagar Manthan 2026** dialogue emphasized India's maritime ambitions, focusing on ship-building cooperation with South Korea and [green shipping corridors](#) with the EU ([Broadcast 23](#)).
- Bilateral naval exercises (Indra 2026 with Russia and Konkan 2026 with the UK) demonstrate India's **multi-aligned defense posture** ([Broadcast 16](#)).

Global Health & Biosecurity

- The ICMR laid the foundation for the **High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research Center** in Keylong, Himachal Pradesh ([Broadcast 29](#)).
- International research presented in New Delhi linked **PM 2.5 air pollution** and ground-level ozone to increased risks of [digestive system cancers](#) ([Broadcast 9](#)).

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Weaponization of Institutional Integrity The day's coverage reveals a systematic struggle over the "legitimacy" of India's democratic foundations. The opposition's "Vot Chori" narrative is a direct assault on the Election Commission's impartiality ([Broadcast 18](#)). The network's response has been to portray this as a **"foreign-funded conspiracy"** designed to facilitate regime change, mirroring events in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka ([Broadcast 19](#)). The framing suggests that questioning a

constitutional body is equivalent to an attack on the "Indian State" itself ([Broadcast 1](#)).

The Strategic Narrowing of Civic Space

The removal of **Jantar Mantar** as a protest site is a landmark development in urban governance ([Broadcast 12](#)). By moving demonstrations to peripheral locations like Burari (20km from the center), the state effectively **de-glamorizes and de-centralizes** dissent, reducing the media "optics" that fuel national movements ([Broadcast 24](#)). This trend reflects a broader "securitization" of the capital where convenience and order are prioritized over the visibility of grievance.

Moral Displacement in Political Discourse

The BJP's pivot to the **Akoijam harassment scandal** serves as a textbook example of "whataboutism" used to neutralize institutional critiques ([Broadcast 28](#)). By making the sexual harassment of 11 students the centerpiece of their counter-protest, the ruling party successfully shifted the media focus from **voter list procedures** to **moral failure** within the opposition ranks ([Broadcast 22](#)).

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Domestic stability in India is under significant strain from **partisan polarization**. The broadcast highlights a deep rift where the opposition characterizes the government as a "theocracy" or "dictatorship," while the government labels the opposition as "urban naxals" or "foreign agents" ([Broadcast 19](#)). This polarization has moved beyond the parliament and onto the streets, leading to **logistical paralyses** in the capital, with ambulances blocked and metro services suspended ([Broadcast 24](#)). Within the

opposition itself, signs of fragmentation appeared as leaders like Asaduddin Owaisi [distanced themselves from the Indi Alliance march](#), citing its administrative futility ([Broadcast 22](#)).

Simultaneously, the **Mann Government in Punjab** faces an internal crisis with a CBI status report demanded by the High Court within two months regarding [corruption in the CMO](#) ([Broadcast 3](#)). This indicates a trend of "judicial activism" in cleaning up state-level governance even as the center faces accusations of institutional capture. In Uttar Pradesh, internal factionalism within the Congress was evidenced by reports of "**shoes flying**" and members being "pushed out" during leadership transition ceremonies ([Broadcast 4](#)).

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

India is positioning itself as a **pivotal maritime power** through the "Sagar Manthan 2026" summit, aiming to increase its domestic ship-building capacity from 220 million tons to [604 million tons by 2047](#) ([Broadcast 16](#)). This is presented as a strategic move to insulate the domestic economy from global supply chain "fragility" ([Broadcast 23](#)). The nation's posture remains **fiercely independent**, as noted by commentators who highlighted India's refusal to stop Russian oil purchases despite US pressure ([Broadcast 8](#)).

However, the regional environment is deteriorating. The **Houthi strikes on Saudi Arabia** directly affect Indian interests, with one Indian dead and others in the ICU in Riyadh ([Broadcast 9](#)). The reported US decision to buy Russian diesel via the 300,000-ton carve-out is framed as a

geopolitical irony that validates India's own oil policy ([Broadcast 8](#)). The "outside world" is increasingly framed as a space of "Energy Wars" and "Regime Change Operations," with India depicted as a "**fortress of democracy**" under siege from both internal dissent and external funding ([Broadcast 19](#)).

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic outlook is a mix of **volatile markets and structural optimism**. Markets showed a downward trend at the start of the week, with all major indices closing in the red. The currency market, however, saw a **significant Rupee appreciation** following RBI intervention. The commodities sector, particularly agriculture, was bolstered by the "Dals Self-Reliance Mission," which reportedly reduced imports significantly.

- **Currency:** The Rupee strengthened by 91 paise to reach **95.80 per dollar** after RBI market intervention ([Broadcast 25](#)).
- **Stock Markets:** Sensex down to 71,895; Nifty 50 at 22,376.45; Nifty Bank at 54,784 ([Broadcast 26](#)).
- **Precious Metals:** 24k Gold at 150,1662 per 10g; Silver at 2,24,491 per kg ([Broadcast 26](#)).
- **Energy Strategy:** Reports of US purchasing 300,000 tons of [Russian diesel despite sanctions](#) ([Broadcast 8](#)).
- **IPOs:** Tomo Imaging India set a price range of **665 to 700 INR** for its 852 crore IPO ([Broadcast 25](#)).
- **Agriculture:** Pulse production reached **27.4 million tons** in 2025-26, driving the "Atmanirbhar" goal ([Broadcast 25](#)).
- **Steel Policy:** Draft National Steel Policy 2047 aims for **604 million tons** production capacity ([Broadcast 25](#)).

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The government initiated a major reorganization of state governance through several high-level appointments. These changes appear designed to consolidate central influence in key states ahead of the 2027 election cycle.

- **Om Prakash Mathur:** Appointed as Governor of **Kerala**, a state currently central to the CJI resignation controversy ([Broadcast 27](#)).
- **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar:** Moved to the **Tamil Nadu** governorship ([Broadcast 27](#)).
- **Dr. Sudha Yadav:** Appointed Governor of **Karnataka** ([Broadcast 27](#)).
- **Dushyant Gautam:** Assigned as Governor of **Sikkim** ([Broadcast 27](#)).
- **Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen:** New Governor for **Uttarakhand** ([Broadcast 27](#)).
- **Brijmohan Ram:** Appointed Governor of **Odisha** ([Broadcast 27](#)).
- **Aradhana Mishra:** Took charge as **UP Congress President** amidst physical altercations between party factions ([Broadcast 4](#)).

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The network's editorial hierarchy for the day prioritized **state stability and the defense of constitutional bodies**. The "Lead Stories" were the opposition's "anarchic" march to the Supreme Court and the "Nari Shakti" counter-protest against MP Akoijam. The emotional tone was **nationalistic and alarmist**, frequently using words like "Tandav" (dance of destruction), "Arajakta" (anarchy), and "Sazish" (conspiracy). High-profile anchors

like Sudhir Chaudhary and Ashok Srivastava explicitly framed the opposition's movement as a "Regime Change" plot ([Broadcast 18](#)).

Buried Stories: While the network covered the US purchase of Russian oil, it minimized the potential **strategic repercussions** for Indo-US relations, focusing instead on the "hypocrisy" of the West. The **Conspicuous Omission** of the day was any detailed representation of the opposition's specific evidence for "voter list irregularities." While the network repeatedly asked "where is the proof?" ([Broadcast 7](#)), it did not provide a platform for the opposition to present its findings, opting instead to broadcast BJP press conferences debunking the claims.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The day's reporting utilized a stark "Friend/Foe" dichotomy, characterizing global actors through their impact on Indian stability.

COUNTRIES

- **United States:** Portrayed as hypocritical and "unhappy" with India. High-profile lawyers on the network alleged the US is funding domestic Indian protests to destabilize the country ([Source](#)).
- **Pakistan:** Framed as a **failing state** and a cautionary tale of "democracy gone wrong," particularly with the state of emergency in KP ([Source](#)).
- **Russia:** Portrayed as a **reliable energy partner** whose oil exports are so essential that even the US must violate its own sanctions to access them ([Source](#)).
- **South Korea:** Framed as a **critical strategic ally** for India's industrial "Atmanirbhar" (self-reliance) goals in ship-building ([Source](#)).

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Portrayed as a **weak/pragmatic leader** forced into "U-turns" by economic reality and high diesel prices ([Source](#)).
- **Rahul Gandhi:** Heavily framed as "**Chaos King**" and "Air-head leader" (Hawa-hawai neta) who operates without planning and relies on "Shiv's Tandav" metaphors to justify disorder ([Source](#)).
- **CJI Suryakant:** Portrayed as a **principled and firm guardian** of the Constitution who refused to buckle under "political pressure" ([Source](#)).
- **Asim Munir (Pakistan Army Chief):** Characterized as a leader struggling to maintain control amidst an "Islamabad march" threat ([Source](#)).

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **Houthi Rebels:** Framed as a **lethal regional threat** backed by Iran, capable of disrupting global energy and causing Indian casualties ([Source](#)).
- **Elon Musk:** Portrayed as a **shrewd businessman** who acknowledges that Starlink must be "affordable" to succeed in the Indian market ([Source](#)).
- **AISA (All India Students' Association):** Attacked as a "**terrorist-sympathetic**" organization whose leaders are being "carried along" by Rahul Gandhi ([Source](#)).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The "meta-narrative" of October 12 was centered on **Pre-emptive Discrediting**. The network launched a heavy campaign to categorize all opposition dissent as "**foreign-funded anarchy**" ([Broadcast 19](#)). This seeds

the idea that any future electoral loss by the opposition will be followed by a "blood-soaked rebellion," thereby making any protest against the Election Commission appear pre-meditated and violent ([Broadcast 18](#)). The mention of "**Regime Change**" by senior anchors suggests a high-level coordination to align domestic political opposition with national security threats.

Another layer of info-war was the **sensationalization of the Akoijam MP scandal**. By repeatedly broadcasting the number "11 students" and using the slogan "Larki hoon, larr sakti hoon" (I am a girl, I can fight) against Priyanka Gandhi, the network employed the opposition's own branding to **demoralize their base** ([Broadcast 13](#)). This effectively creates a "moral equivalence" where institutional critiques of the ECI are drowned out by criminal allegations against the party's own members.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Containment of Dissent:** The relocation of protest sites suggests that future large-scale demonstrations in New Delhi will be restricted to the **peripheral CBD and Burari grounds**, significantly reducing their impact on central government functioning but potentially leading to more violent "gorilla-style" clashes in residential areas ([Broadcast 24](#)).
- **Institutional Strengthening/Stiffening:** The judiciary's refusal to meet opposition leaders administratively ([Broadcast 15](#)) likely signals a "**judicial hardening**" where the court will rely strictly on formal petitions, making it harder for political "optics" to influence legal outcomes.

- **Regional Spillover:** The Houthi attacks on Saudi airports and the Pakistani emergency suggest that **regional energy flows and diaspora safety** will become the dominant foreign policy headaches for India in the coming months ([Broadcast 20](#)).

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect heightened **police vigilance and preventive detentions** as the Indi Alliance attempts to challenge the new Jantar Mantar restrictions. The MP Akoijam scandal will likely lead to a formal demand for his **suspension from Parliament**, further paralyzing the legislative session ([Broadcast 22](#)).

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The CBI probe into the **Punjab CMO** will reach a critical juncture with the status report due in two months ([Broadcast 1](#)). This could trigger a **leadership crisis** in Punjab. India's maritime industry will see its first major South Korean joint venture contracts under the Sagar Manthan initiatives ([Broadcast 23](#)).

Long Term (1-5 Years): A structural pivot toward **domestic steel and ship-building** (aiming for 604 million tons of steel) will be used to shield India from the "Energy Wars" predicted in the West ([Broadcast 25](#)). The **High Altitude Research Center** in Himachal will become a hub for mountain warfare medicine and climate sensitivity research ([Broadcast 29](#)).

RISK ASSESSMENT

The domestic and regional landscape presents five acute risks that could impact national stability and economic health.

- **Constitutional De-legitimization:** The aggressive narrative that the ECI and Judiciary are "captured" could lead to a permanent loss of government mandate among a large segment of the youth. **Triggers:** A Supreme Court ruling dismissing the voter list petition. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Severe societal fracture. **Mitigations:** Transparent, public-facing audits of the voter list revision process ([Source](#)).
- **Maritime Supply Chain Disruption:** Houthi attacks on the Bab-el-Mandeb and Hormuz straits threaten India's energy security. **Triggers:** Escalation of the Iran-Saudi conflict. **Likelihood:** Medium-High. **Impact:** Massive oil price spike and inflation. **Mitigations:** Deployment of naval escorts for Indian flagged tankers ([Source](#)).
- **Urban Securitization Fatigue:** Continual closure of metro stations and barricading of the capital creates economic loss and public resentment. **Triggers:** Sustained "Indi Alliance" protests in new zones. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** 200 Crore INR daily loss in key markets. **Mitigations:** Implementation of the new SOPs for designated protest sites ([Source](#)).
- **Regional Instability Contagion:** The emergency in KP, Pakistan, could lead to a cross-border refugee or militant influx. **Triggers:** Total collapse of civilian government in Islamabad. **Likelihood:** Medium. **Impact:** Border security crisis. **Mitigations:** High-alert status for Border Security Forces ([Source](#)).

- **Health Crisis from Environmental Degradation:** Increasing links between pollution and cancer pose a long-term threat to human capital. **Triggers:** Record-level winter smog in NCR. **Likelihood:** Certain. **Impact:** Increased burden on the health system. **Mitigations:** Rapid transition to EV policy incentives mentioned in broadcasts ([Source](#)).

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **Opposition's Evidence:** The network repeatedly mocked the opposition for lack of proof but failed to detail **exactly what data points** the opposition is using for their "33 lakh entry" discrepancy claims ([Broadcast 7](#)).
- **US Oil Sanctions Complexity:** The broadcast framed the US purchase of Russian oil as a simple "U-turn" but failed to explain the **complexities of the global diesel market** and whether these purchases violate the G7 price cap mechanism ([Broadcast 8](#)).
- **Economic Impact of Metro Closures:** While the loss to markets was cited at 200 Crores, the **long-term impact on foreign investor confidence** due to a barricaded capital remains unexamined ([Broadcast 9](#)).
- **CBI Probe Timing:** The report on the Punjab CMO corruption did not provide the **political history** of the whistleblowers or the specific ED complaints that preceded the High Court order ([Broadcast 1](#)).

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The "Controlled Dissent" Hypothesis:** Rather than being an anarchic threat, the Indi Alliance march might be a **strategic failure designed by its own leadership**. By choosing an unviable path (demanding an administrative meeting with the CJI), the leadership provides the base with a "sense of struggle" without actually achieving any legal victory that would require them to prove their voter fraud claims.
- **The State Emergency as a Pre-emptive Strike:** The "state of emergency" in KP, Pakistan, might not be about terrorism, but a pre-emptive **purge of Imran Khan's remaining institutional power** before a potential economic deal with the West ([Broadcast 20](#)).
- **Black Swan - The Judicial Revolt:** A potential catastrophic realization would be a **division within the Supreme Court** itself. If a minority bench were to validate the opposition's "Form 6" concerns despite the CJI's administrative refusal, the resulting institutional collapse would likely trigger the "blood-soaked streets" narrative mentioned by analysts ([Broadcast 19](#)).

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Accelerate the implementation of **anti-drone and anti-missile defenses** for Indian civil aviation infrastructure, given the vulnerability exposed by the Riyadh attacks ([Broadcast 21](#)).

- **Economic:** Leverage the **Sagar Manthan** momentum to formalize maritime labor agreements with EU partners to absorb the skilled workforce returning from troubled regional zones ([Broadcast 23](#)).
- **Diplomatic:** Formalize the "Indian Oil Policy" as a **normative standard for the Global South**, citing the US diesel purchase as evidence that energy security transcends sanctions ([Broadcast 8](#)).

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Logistics:** Shift retail and distribution hubs away from **Lutyens Delhi and CP** to East and North Delhi, as the new protest regulations will likely make the city center prone to sudden police lockdowns ([Broadcast 10](#)).
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Maritime and engineering firms should align with the **Draft National Steel Policy 2047** to tap into government subsidies for "Atmanirbhar" production ([Broadcast 25](#)).
- **Supply Chain:** Diversify sourcing of pulses as domestic production increases, potentially reducing costs for food processing industries ([Broadcast 25](#)).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The day's legislative activity focused on administrative orders and policy drafts rather than parliamentary bills, reflecting a government operating through **executive discretion**.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Draft National Steel Policy 2047:** Aimed at increasing crude steel capacity to 604 million tons to ensure long-term industrial sovereignty ([Broadcast 25](#)).

- **Standing Order on Protest Sites:** A new regulatory framework issued by the Delhi Police Commissioner to govern civil assemblies and traffic flow ([Broadcast 5](#)).
- **Voter List Revision Guidelines:** The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) 2026 guidelines currently under Supreme Court scrutiny ([Broadcast 24](#)).

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **CJI Suryakant Press Statement:** Clarified the court's position on administrative vs. judicial paths for the opposition ([Broadcast 11](#)).
- **BJP Nari Shakti Presser:** Bansuri Swaraj and Annapurna Devi demanded accountability for the Akoijam MP harassment allegations ([Broadcast 13](#)).
- **Sagar Manthan 2026 Maritime Summit:** 75 countries and 1200 representatives discussed global supply chain resilience ([Broadcast 23](#)).
- **BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting:** Amit Shah announced the 2026 hosting of the first meeting to combat organized crime and cyber threats ([Broadcast 27](#)).

KEY STORIES

- **The Indi Alliance March to Supreme Court:** Rahul Gandhi and opposition leaders marched from Barakhamba Road to the Supreme Court to protest against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter lists ([Broadcast 1](#)).

- **CJI Suryakant's Refusal to Meet:** The Chief Justice of India issued a formal response to the opposition, stating that administrative meetings on sub judice matters are unethical and violate the separation of powers ([Broadcast 15](#)).
- **De-notification of Jantar Mantar:** Delhi Police officially removed Jantar Mantar as a designated protest site, moving all future demonstrations to Ramleela Maidan, Burari, and the CBD Ground ([Broadcast 10](#)).
- **Sexual Harassment Allegations Against MP Akoijam:** 11 female JNU students filed complaints against Congress MP Angomcha Bimol Akoijam, leading to his dismissal from the university and sparking nationwide BJP-led protests ([Broadcast 28](#)).
- **Nobel Prize in Economics 2026:** Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford were awarded the Nobel Prize for their research on macroeconomic stabilization and the "New Keynesian Model" ([Broadcast 29](#)).
- **State of Emergency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa:** Pakistan's central government invoked Article 232 to impose emergency rule and detain PTI leaders following an Islamabad march threat ([Broadcast 20](#)).
- **Houthi Attacks on Saudi Airports:** Missile strikes on Riyadh and Dammam international airports resulted in 12 deaths, including a Pakistani national, and wounded several Indians ([Broadcast 21](#)).
- **CBI Probe into Punjab CMO:** The High Court ordered the CBI to investigate OSD Rajveer Singh Ghuman for alleged corruption in government postings ([Broadcast 1](#)).
- **US Purchase of Russian Diesel:** Donald Trump announced a carve-out in sanctions allowing the US to buy 300,000 tons of diesel from Russia to combat domestic inflation ([Broadcast 8](#)).
- **Navratri Second Day Celebrations:** Devotees across India worshipped the "Brahmcharini" form of Goddess Durga, with significant crowds at the Jhandewalan and Devi Patan Shaktipeeths ([Broadcast 22](#)).
- **Sagar Manthan 2026 Summit:** A major maritime dialogue in Delhi focused on green shipping and shipbuilding cooperation with South Korea ([Broadcast 23](#)).
- **Appreciation of the Indian Rupee:** The Rupee gained 91 paise to reach 95.80 per dollar following targeted RBI interventions ([Broadcast 25](#)).
- **Gubernatorial Appointments in 6 States:** Six new governors were appointed by the President, including Om Prakash Mathur for Kerala and Dr. Sudha Yadav for Karnataka ([Broadcast 27](#)).
- **Pollution-Cancer Link Study:** Experts at an international conference in Delhi warned that small PM 2.5 particles and ozone increase the risk of digestive tract cancers ([Broadcast 9](#)).
- **Punjab Police ASI Murdered:** Iqbal Singh was shot dead in Taran Taran by bike-borne assailants while returning from a Gurdwara, marking another security lapse in the state ([Broadcast 21](#)).
- **ICMR Research Center in Keylong:** Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda laid the foundation for a high-altitude medicine research center in Himachal Pradesh ([Broadcast 29](#)).

- **NIA Arrest in Srinagar:** The NIA seized property and arrested an associate of "Mama Gas" for providing shelter to Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists ([Broadcast 1](#)).
- **Delhi Metro Disruption:** Entry and exit at Rajiv Chowk and five other central stations were suspended for 10 hours during the opposition march ([Broadcast 14](#)).

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