



# India this week

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**W**hile we sit on our couch just breathing, a lot of things happen around us, and sometimes in our very own country. We bring you the ones worth mentioning.



## Post-paid services in J&K renewed

**News:** On October 13, the government declared its decision to renew the post-paid services in J&K, 72 days after they were first snapped due to abrogation of Article 370. Mobile services like voice calls and SMS are operational again, benefitting the state's 40 lakh post-paid subscribers. However, the internet facility is still unavailable.

**Views:** The traumatising events that followed the rescindment of Article 370 disheartened the citizens of the state. They were further dispirited when telecom services in the region were shut down. However, the news of the renewal that allows them to connect with their families and friends living outside the state once again comes as a reassurance.

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## Section 144 in Ayodhya

**News:** Section 144 has been imposed in the district till December 10 in anticipation of Supreme Court's decree on the issue of disputed land, and also because of upcoming festivities, keeping in mind the safety of the citizens. Requests from VHP leaders to light diyas at the site on Diwali have caused an equal demand from the other side to offer Namaz there. Thus any activity in the region is restricted, barring the use of drones, and the sale and purchase of crackers as well.

**Views:** To ensure order in Ayodhya during large public-gatherings and to prevent any riots that may spring up, the sanction of Section 144 is essential. However, the execution of it should be in such a way that the citizens do not feel deprived of their Right to Freedom in the long run.

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## Air quality in Delhi depressed

**News:** With the return of the stubble burning season, the quality of air in Delhi has begun to deteriorate once again. The overall AQI in the capital touched the 301 mark, placing it in the category of 'very poor', first time in three months. A health advisory has been issued by Centre-run System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR). With Diwali overhead, the air quality is likely to sink even further.

**Views:** Despite the ban on stubble burning, the latest images released by NASA depict a few fire incidents in north-west India, showcasing how the ban hasn't been effective. Moreover, the sale of illegal crackers is soaring high. This only shows we are still not taking the problem of low quality air seriously, which is an extremely bad news.

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## Abhijit Banerjee receives Nobel Prize

**News:** Abhijit Banerjee, an Indian American economist, along with Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer, will receive the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for their experiment-based approach towards alleviating poverty at the global level. As an outcome of one of their studies, more than 5 million poor Indian children have benefitted from programmes of remedial tutoring in schools. These Economics Laureates'19 will be awarded with a cash prize of 9 million kronor, a medal and a diploma on December 10 this year.

**Views:** Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer very well deserve the Nobel Prize for their groundbreaking project. And not only this has been extremely important for the ones who have won, but also to the entire nation who is very proud of them. Indian kids now have another Nobel Prize winner of their own country to look up to.

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## Around The WORLD

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## USA

### Yet another wildfire

A wildfire named Saddleridge fireblazed L.A.'s San Fernando Valley and burned over 8,000 acres. More than a hundred thousand people had to be evacuated as the wildfire spread faster than expected due to strong and extremely dry desert winds. The fire was eventually controlled but the damage was already done. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

## SPAIN

### Thomas cook leaves behind tourism scare

The collapse of British tourism giant Thomas Cook has left Spain tourism in a flux. An estimate of 1.3 million autumn and winter travelers will be unable to fly to Spanish destinations according to The Spanish Confederation of Hotels and Tourist Accommodation, resulting in huge losses.



## AFGHANISTAN

### Museum to restore Buddhist artifacts

National Museum of Afghanistan is restoring Buddhist artifacts that were destroyed by an Islamic militant group (Taliban) in 2001. These artifacts date back to the third century, to the time when Buddhism was very popular in Afghanistan and was practiced for more than 1000 years.



## JAPAN

### Nation reeling under Typhoon Hagibis

The deadly super-typhoon Hagibis hit the country, resulting in the loss of more than 70 lives, with dozens of people reported missing or trapped. Accompanied by 216 km/h winds and an earthquake of magnitude 5.7, the typhoon has paralysed the country. However, over 110,000 people have come up for search and rescue operations from around the country. The government too has allotted \$6.5 million for its emergency response and may increase it with extra funds for reconstruction.

## ZIMBABWE

### Hyperinflation hits again

The country's economy is fluctuating heavily because of hyperinflation, which first surfaced in 2005 and peaked in 2008, but was curbed by adopting a multi-currency system. This time, the situation is much worse. Electricity prices have climbed 300% and fuel by 26%.



## INDIA

### PM's Special Scholarship Scheme

This year over 4500 students from Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh region took admission in colleges nationwide under Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS), marking an increase from 2500 students last year.



## News Flash

► **Mexico:** Mexico deported 311 Indians, illegally trying to enter the country and sneaking into the US ► **Egypt:** Archaeologists find 20 intact ancient coffins near Luxor ► **Nigeria:** Nigeria's 'Twin Capital', Igbo Ora, holds annual fest to celebrate twinning