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English King Edward I calls what later became known as "The Model Parliament" extending the authorities of its representatives

Portuguese Royal Family and its court of nearly 15,000 people leave Lisbon for their colony of Brazil to escape invading Napoleonic troops



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Just saw the vote tabulations. There is NO WAY Biden got 80,000,000 votes!!! This was a 100% RIGGED ELECTION.

@realDonaldTrump

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On this Thanksgiving Day, we're thankful for our Family, Friends & the Doctors, Nurses, First Responders & Men & Women of our Armed Forces that we've met along the way. God Bless our Healthcare Workers & our Military, especially those deployed overseas Defending Our Freedom!

@Mike_Pence

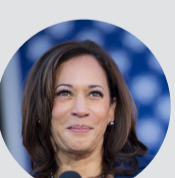
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Thanksgiving has always been a special time for the Biden family. And while I know this isn't the way many of us hoped to spend the holiday, the small act of staying home is a gift to our fellow Americans.

@JoeBiden

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Like families across America, our Thanksgiving looks different this year. But I am incredibly grateful for the ability to stay virtually connected to our loved ones so we can get this virus under control. From @DouglasEmhoff and I, have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

@KamalaHarris

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Three killed as cyclone Nivar slams into southern India

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PTI | Chennai

Normal life was upended in parts of southern India as severe cyclonic storm Nivar slammed the coasts early yesterday morning, killing at least three people and uprooting hundreds of trees, before weakening into a deep depression, even as a fresh spell of snowfall was recorded in Himachal Pradesh in the north.

Meanwhile, the national capital recorded a minimum temperature of 10.4 degrees Celsius, one notch below the normal. Cold wave condition is expected in the city for the next two days due to a likely fall in minimum temperatures over northwest India.

Nivar made landfall near Puducherry in the early hours of yesterday, dumping heavy rains in the union territory and neighbouring Tamil Nadu.

Officials said at least three people were killed in Tamil Nadu, over 1,000 trees uprooted and some low-lying areas marooned due to water-logging following heavy rains in the wake of the cyclone Nivar which barged in from the Bay of Bengal with gusty wind having an estimated speed of 120-130 kmph going up to 145 kmph.

Subsequently, Nivar weakened into a cyclonic storm and further into a deep depression by the afternoon.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to the chief ministers of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and assured them all possible help from the Centre.

The cyclone led to snapping of overhead electricity cables in a few places and Chennai residents also complained of internet outages.

Low lying neighbourhoods in Chennai, including those in suburban Irumbuliyur, Mudichur and Urapakkam, witnessed flooding and water entered the houses of many residents.

Rescue personnel ferried cooked food to the people using inflatable boats. The residents of some of the affected areas shifted to the homes of their relatives, while others continued to stay put battling the odds.



People run from the Marina beach after sudden heavy rains before Cyclone Nivar's landfall, in Chennai



People in Velachery, a low-lying suburb of Chennai, said the storm's impact was mitigated by steps taken by the government ahead of the storm, compared to the hundreds of deaths during floods in 2015

Airport operations, Metrorail and bus transport, which were suspended due to the cyclone, resumed during the day.

Puducherry witnessed heavy rains and inundation in some parts, but there were no reports of loss of life due to the cyclone.

A prohibitory order was in force in the union territory since November 24 to prevent the movement of people and minimize damage. The curb on gathering was lifted yesterday.

Meanwhile, the IMD said Tamil Nadu is likely to receive another spell of very heavy rainfall as a fresh low pressure area is expected to form in the Bay of Bengal from

November 29 onwards.

Up north in Himachal Pradesh, tourist attractions of Kufri and Manali received fresh snowfall and some other parts of the state witnessed rainfall in the past 24 hours, the MeT department said yesterday evening.

Kufri in Shimla district and Manali in Kullu district received 10 cm snowfall each. Kalpa recorded 17 cm snowfall and Keylong 3 cm.

In Uttar Pradesh, light rains occurred at isolated places over western districts, while the weather remained dry over eastern parts with shallow to moderate fog at isolated places.

There was no large change in maximum temperatures in Uttar Pradesh. The highest maximum temperature was recorded in Jhansi at 29.1 degrees Celsius, while Churk was the coldest place in the state at 6.1 degrees Celsius.

The minimum temperature in Haryana and Punjab hovered few notches above normal even though several parts of the two neighbouring states received overnight rains. Chandigarh, the common capital of the two states, recorded a low of 13.5 degrees Celsius, four notches above normal.

Karnal in Haryana recorded a minimum of 13.5 degrees Celsius, up three notches while Ambala registered a low of 11.8 degrees Celsius, up two degrees against normal limits.

Ethiopia to begin 'final phase' of offensive in Tigray region, says PM



Abiy Ahmed

Reuters | Addis Ababa

The Ethiopian military will begin the "final phase" of an offensive in the rebellious northern Tigray region, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said yesterday, hours after an ultimatum for Tigray forces to surrender expired.

The government gave the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) 72 hours on Sunday to lay down their arms or face an assault on Mekelle, the regional capital city of 500,000 people.

Reuters was not immediately able to reach the TPLF forces for comment. Claims by all sides have been impossible to verify because phone and internet connections to the region are down and access to the area is tightly controlled.

"The 72-hour period granted to the criminal TPLF clique to surrender peacefully is now over and our law enforcement campaign has reached its final stage," Abiy tweeted, adding that civilians would be spared and that thousands of fighters had already surrendered.

"The last peaceful gate which remained open for the TPLF clique to walk through has now been firmly closed," Abiy said.

Abiy called on the people of Mekelle to "disarm, stay at home and stay away from military targets".

Mysterious shiny monolith found in otherworldly Utah desert

AP | Salt Lake City

Deep in the Mars-like landscape of Utah's red-rock desert lies a mystery: A gleaming metal monolith in one of the most remote parts of the state.

The smooth, tall structure was found during a helicopter survey of bighorn sheep in southeastern Utah, officials said Monday.

A crew from the Utah Department of Public Safety and Division of Wildlife Resources spotted the gleaming object from the air Nov. 18 and landed to check it out during a break from their work.

They found the three-sided stainless-steel object is about as tall as two men put together. But they discovered no clues about who might have driven it into the ground among the undulating



A Utah state worker inspecting a metal monolith that was found installed in the ground in a remote area of red rock in Utah



The monolith evokes the one that appears in the Stanley Kubrick movie "2001: A Space Odyssey." In the film, an alien structure is a recurring symbol that appears to play a key role in man's evolution from the apes

ing red rocks or why.

"This thing is not from another world," said Lt. Nick Street of the Utah Highway Patrol, part of

the Department of Public Safety. Still, it's clear that it took some planning and work to construct the 10- to 12-foot (3- to 4-meter) monolith and embed it in the rock.

The exact location is so remote that officials are not revealing it publicly, worried that people might get lost or stranded trying to find it and need to be rescued.

The monolith evokes the one that appears in the Stanley Kubrick movie "2001: A Space Odyssey." Because it's on federal public land, it's illegal to place art objects without authorization.

Bureau of Land Management officials are investigating how long it's been there, who might have created it and whether to remove it.