

# Trump set to revel in his return to power

AP, WASHINGTON: President-elect Donald Trump is spending the eve of his inauguration in a series of Washington events that celebrate his return to power and his "Make America Great Again" movement as he prepares to move back into the White House at a time of deep national political divisions.

Washington has prepared in unprecedented ways to keep the unfolding events safe and secure. But unlike when Trump helped spark a mob of his supporters to attack the Capitol and tried to retain power in 2021 after his loss to Democrat Joe Biden, officials are not expecting massive protests, unrest and violence this time.

Instead, the city is braced for crowds celebrating Trump's second term and MAGA's total control of the Republican Party.

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## TRUMP 2.0

▶ Donald Trump will formally be sworn in as the 47th president of the US at an official swearing-in ceremony at 12 pm ET (1700 GMT)

▶ Will be administered the oath of office by Chief Justice John Roberts, marking the start of his second term.

▶ Justice Brett Kavanaugh will administer the oath of office to Vice President-elect JD Vance, who will be sworn in first.

▶ Inauguration day will also musical performances, a celebratory parade, and a number of formal balls

**JAISHANKAR TO ATTEND, BUT NO MODI**  
Trump who often calls Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi a good friend has not invited the latter to his swearing-in ceremony. However, Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar will represent India.

**OTHER INVITEES:** Argentina's President Javier Milei, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Italy's PM Giorgia Meloni, Hungary's PM Viktor Orban, Ecuador's President Daniel Noboa, El Salvador's President Nayib Bukele, Former Brazilian president Jair Bolsonaro, and Former Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawieck



## Clothes in closets, favourite foods in fridge

AP, WASHINGTON: Most presidents get to move into the White House once. President-elect Donald Trump is doing it twice, and his wife, Melania, says it's a lot easier the second time around.

"I know where I will be going. I know the rooms where we will be living. I know the process," the incoming first lady said recently. She described their first move to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in 2017 as "challenging."

Regardless of who is president, the whole process also challenges the White House residence staff: The maids, butlers and others who look after the president's private living space have about five hours — from start to finish — on Inauguration Day to move out one first family and settle in the next one.

"Everything needs to be planned to the minute," Melania Trump said on Fox News' "Fox & Friends."

The clock starts ticking when the outgoing and incoming presidents leave the White House together for a shared limousine ride to the Capitol for the swearing-in.

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# A day after tragedy, govt says paragliding at Keri is illegal

Tourism Dept clarifies no permission was granted for activity on the plateau; Shekhar Raizada, owner of Hike 'n' Fly company arrested

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PANJIM: A day after a 26-year-old tourist from Pune and a 25-year-old paragliding pilot were killed during a paragliding adventure at Keri, it has come to light that paragliding activity was carried out illegally on the plateau with the Mandrem Police arresting Shekhar Raizada, the owner of Hike 'N' Fly company.

Following Saturday's tragic incident which claimed the lives of Shivani Dabale, a tourist and Suman Nepali, paragliding pilot, the Tourism Department on Sunday clarified that no permission or approval was granted for paragliding activities on the Keri plateau and the activity conducted was illegal and without any authorisation.

"We are saddened by the tragic loss of lives in this incident and express our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims. The department reiterates its commitment to ensuring that all tourism-related activities in the State adhere strictly to safety regulations and licencing norms," the department said in a statement.

The department urged the tourists and operators to ensure that only licenced and authorised services are utilised to prevent such unfortunate incidents in the future.

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## ILLEGAL OPS WITH OFFICIAL BLESSINGS

▶ Only three licenced paragliders in Keri

▶ Four others are totally illegal and operate allegedly with blessings of local police and Tourism Department

▶ Every licenced operator has to insure customers at Rs 500 per person

▶ Details have to be uploaded on the internet immediately

▶ Mandatory for every customer to be insured before taking flight

▶ Insurance of Rs 5 lakh lasts only for 20 minutes (time of the flight)

▶ Most operators fail to oblige by rules and regulations

▶ Porosity of the paraglider is never checked by the Tourism Department

▶ Defunct paragliders are neither retired nor cut

▶ Minimum passengers per paraglider are 20 and a maximum of 40

▶ Each customer shells Rs 3,000 for basic paragliding, Rs 2,000 for adventure

▶ All authorities hover around only extract their pound of flesh, says a senior cop

▶ If in Nepal, the paragliders are retired once they fail the porosity test, however they make their way to Goa

▶ In Himachal Pradesh, the gliders are destroyed

“The spot where the paragliding takes place is not suitable for such activities. Here the spot is such that if someone falls you will not find him. One must take precaution while engaging in paragliding activities. One should avail a licence to conduct such activities. But I think those, who are in the business are non-Goans and do whatever they want

– Vilas Arolkar, a local resident

“In a meeting we passed a resolution that paragliding is not required in the panchayat area. But no action was taken after that. We do not know who is at fault. Now we will have to think what to do because we do not want such incidents to repeat. Paragliding starts from somewhere else, it only lands in Keri panchayat. So there is not much role of Keri Panchayat here

– Dharati Nagoji, Keri Sarpanch

## INAUGURATION MOVED INDOORS

AGENCIES, WASHINGTON: Trump's inaugural address on 20 January will take place indoors due to dangerously cold weather being forecast next week in Washington, he has confirmed. The address, as well as other speeches, will now take place inside the US Capitol's rotunda, rather than outside the building. The inaugural parade will also be held indoors at Washington's Capital One Arena in downtown Washington about one mile (1.6km) away, along with all three inaugural balls.

## THOUSANDS PROTEST IN WASHINGTON DC

PTI, WASHINGTON: Thousands of people have gathered in Washington to protest against Donald Trump's policies ahead of his inauguration as the 47th President of the United States on January 20. A coalition of non-profit bodies, including Sakhi for South Asian Survivors, under the banner of People's March, held the demonstration here to protest against the policies of Trump. The People's March - previously known as the Women's March - has taken place every year since 2017.

## DAY 1: TRUMP MAY SIGN 100 EXECUTIVE ORDERS

PTI, WASHINGTON: When Donald Trump walks into the White House Monday afternoon soon after his swearing-in, 100 plus executive orders would be waiting for him on his Oval Office Desk, which his team has prepared for him to kickoff his second term without wasting any minute. These executive orders are mainly aimed at fulfilling his poll promises. In an interview to NBC news, Trump said he is planning to sign a "record-setting" number of executive actions on day one. "Well, at least in that category," Trump said

# Bangladeshi man held for stabbing Saif Cops to probe possible 'international conspiracy'

PTI, MUMBAI: Mumbai Police on Sunday arrested a Bangladeshi man for allegedly stabbing actor Saif Ali Khan at his Bandra residence three days back during a prima facie burglary bid and interrogating him to unravel "international conspiracy", if any.

The preliminary investigation suggests that the man was unaware that he had entered a Bollywood

star's house and his intention was theft, a senior police official told reporters.

A court remanded the accused, Shariful Islam Shehzad Mohammad Rohilla Amin Fakir (30), in five-day police custody after observing that the police's contention of an international conspiracy cannot be ruled out.

The breakthrough came in the early morning hours when police traced Shehzad to a labour camp in a forested area in Thane based on the information provided by a labour contractor.



## LANGUAGE MATTERS



School students perform during Kokborok Day celebrations, in Agartala, on Sunday. Kokborok Day, also known as Tripuri Language Day, is celebrated on January 19 every year in Tripura. The day commemorates the official recognition of the Kokborok language in 1979

# TikTok shuts down as US ban takes effect

Maintains that it had no choice but to suspend services in the US

PTI, HOUSTON: TikTok's app effectively shut down in the US, just hours before a law banning the popular video-sharing platform was set to go into effect.

The app was shut down on Saturday.

"A law banning TikTok has been enacted in the US Unfortunately, that means you can't use TikTok for now," a message reads when American users open the app.

"We are fortunate that President Trump has indicated that he will work with us on a solution to reinstate TikTok once he takes office. Please stay tuned!"

While the Biden administration dismissed TikTok's shutdown threat as a "stunt" and handed enforcement to the Trump administration, TikTok maintained that without clear assurances, it had no choice but to suspend its services in the US.

An internal email to employees stated that President Trump has expressed his intention to work on a solution to restore TikTok once he assumes office on January 20. TikTok assured teams are working to resume services as soon as possible.

On Saturday evening, a warning appeared in both TikTok and CapCut apps at 9 pm Eastern time.

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## TRUMP SAYS WILL ISSUE ORDER TO GET TIKTOK BACK UP

AP, WASHINGTON: President-elect Donald Trump said on Sunday that he plans to issue an executive order that would give TikTok's China-based parent company more time to find an approved buyer before the popular video-sharing platform is subject to a permanent US ban.

Trump announced the decision in a post on his Truth Social account as millions of TikTok users in the US awoke to discover they could no longer access the TikTok app or platform.

# Activists allege politics being played over centuries-old banyan tree at Porvorim

Say if CM had control over admin, he would have given justice to Porvorim locals and saved the tree

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PANJIM: Green and social activists on Sunday alleged that politics is being played over relocation of the centuries-old banyan tree at Vadakade, Porvorim.

Speaking to mediapersons, social activist Xencor Polgi said, "The current State government is not for the common people of Goa, but for the people of Delhi. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has no control over the administration. If he had control then he would have given justice to the people of



Porvorim."

Polgi said, "If Pramod Sawant is a decision maker then he should take a decision in the favour of the

people of Porvorim and save this tree. The indifferent attitude of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) towards this tree shows that it is

not serious about Hindutva. The party and its members are only interested in their interests and political benefits."

Activist Dipesh Naik said, "The government must understand the tree is the identity of the people of Porvorim. It has been providing shelter to our ancestors. Gram sabhas used to be held here. It is so unfortunate that in spite of visiting Delhi and requesting several times, the government just refused to pay heed to the issue. What else does the government want us to do?"

## TRANSLOCATED BANYAN TREE AT CAMPAL STILL ALIVE: BOTANIST

PANJIM: Dispelling earlier concerns about the translocated banyan tree's condition at the football ground at Campal, Botanist Daniel D'Souza on Sunday claimed that it was still alive. He said that sap oozing from the tree and new plant growth underneath confirm the vitality of the tree which was translocated from its original location at St Inez. The tree was translocated in April last year as part of a project by IPSCDL, but in June, the tree did not show signs of vitality. Daniel D'Souza said in a video that some parts of the tree are still alive and sap is oozing out from there.

He said, "I would say 70% of the banyan tree is dried up and only 30% is alive. It is also important to note that there is growth of the tree from lower parts of the stem."

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