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TOP STORY • UNITED STATES

Thanksgiving Storms Flood the East Coast and Cut Power to 600,000

A holiday of travel and family tables ran into wind, flood and snow, and a famous parade had to wait.

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Storms flooded parts of the East Coast on Thursday 26 November, and according to the tracking site poweroutage.us, more than 600,000 homes and businesses had no electricity that afternoon, mostly in East Coast states.

In New Jersey, streets flooded in Sea Isle City and Ocean City, and water spread across parts of Avalon. Avalon's business administrator, Scott J. Wahl, said the town was seeing some of the worst flooding in its history. New Jersey is under a statewide state of emergency declared by Governor Mikie Sherrill, and parts of New York are under one declared by Governor Kathy Hochul.

The famous Macy's parade in Manhattan, which was due to be its 100th, was postponed until Saturday. Macy's said it acted "in an abundance of caution", with concerns about how the giant balloons would handle the wind.

Travellers felt it too. Aircraft were stranded on the tarmac at Philadelphia International Airport, and the National Weather Service warned of disruptions at eastern airports through Friday morning, citing poor visibility, turbulence, strong winds and ice forming on aircraft.

Elsewhere, up to 33 cm of snow was expected around St. Louis, Missouri. On the West Coast, coastal flood warnings stretched from Southern California to Oregon and Washington because of king tides, which happen when the pull of the sun and moon lines up to raise water levels. A wave tore down part of a pier in Pacifica, California, on Wednesday.



Power cuts and flooding hit mostly East Coast states.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Millions of families plan holidays around travel. When weather closes roads and airports, plans change quickly.

WORLD • CONGO

Ebola Passes 12,000 Confirmed Cases in Congo

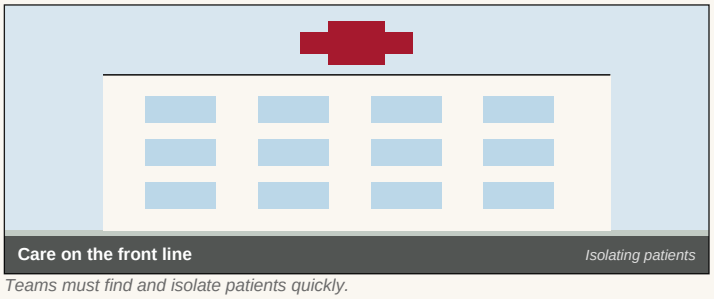
There is no approved vaccine for this rare strain, and fighting is slowing the response.

Congo's health ministry reports 12,021 confirmed Ebola cases in the east of the country, in an outbreak declared in May. Euronews calls it the fastest-growing Ebola outbreak in history and the deadliest of Congo's 17. It is on track to pass the West African outbreak of 2014 to 2016, which killed about 11,000 people.

This outbreak is caused by a rare strain, the Bundibugyo virus, and there is no approved vaccine or treatment for it. Ebola spreads through direct contact with the blood or body fluids of people who are sick or have died. That is why containment relies on three steps: quickly identifying and isolating patients, monitoring people who may have been exposed, and safely burying the dead.

Those steps are hard to carry out in a conflict zone. On Thursday, fighting resumed between the Congolese army and rebels of the CRP in Iga-Barriere, a mining town about 25 km north of Bunia, the capital of Ituri province and a major hub for the Ebola response. The fighting is pushing displaced people toward Bunia. Response teams also face poor roads and local violence driven by mistrust and misinformation.

Dr. Catherine Smallwood, the World Health Organization's Ebola incident manager, said on Wednesday that fighting had kept teams from reaching some communities, disrupted the monitoring of people who were exposed, and left some treatment centres short-staffed. On Tuesday, about a dozen people, including two WHO staff and Congolese health officials, were evacuated to Bunia after being trapped for three days in a hospital in Akwe amid heavy crossfire.



Teams must find and isolate patients quickly.

CONNECT THE DOTS

The CRP is one of more than 100 armed groups in eastern Congo. It was founded last year by former warlord Thomas Lubanga, whom the International Criminal Court convicted in 2012 of recruiting children under 15.

INDIA • FARMS

India's Farms Set a Record: 378.5 Million Tonnes of Foodgrain

New figures show more grain than ever, even though this year's monsoon was a struggle.

Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan released India's final crop estimates for 2025-26 at a press conference in New Delhi on Thursday. Total foodgrain, a group that includes rice, wheat and maize, reached 378.538 million tonnes. That is up from 357.732 million tonnes the year before, described as all-time highs.

Rice rose to 155.154 million tonnes from 150.184 million. Wheat reached 122.064 million tonnes, up 4.119 million, and maize jumped from 43.409 million tonnes to 55.025 million. Pulses, made 27.240 million tonnes, including a record 4.396 million tonnes of moong.

India holds the top global position in rice, pulses, jute, millets and spices, and is second in wheat and cotton. Rice exports rose five per cent, and basmati rice gained markets in the United States, Canada and the Middle East.

The new season is harder. El Nino conditions, a delayed monsoon and rainfall deficits of 35 to 40 per cent in several regions affected sowing of kharif crops, which are planted with the monsoon. Even so, the first advance estimate for kharif 2026-27 is 167.143 million tonnes of foodgrain, 9.767 million above the five-year average.

WHY THIS MATTERS

The government says its focus is now on self-reliance in pulses and edible oils.

Also in India

• India Post will get 2,632 crore rupees for modernisation over five years.

• Sabita Toppo won the women's 100m hurdles gold at the BIMSTEC U-23 meet in Bhubaneswar.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

• Poland: NATO has sent an AWACS radar aircraft after three Russian cruise missiles crashed on Polish territory.

• Argentina: The economy shrank 1.8 per cent in the third quarter, its second straight fall, which meets the definition of a technical recession.

VOCABULARY BUILDER

Words that unlock today's news

King tide

An unusually high tide that happens when the sun and moon's pulls line up. Today: King tides triggered flood warnings along the West Coast.

Outbreak

A sudden rise in cases of a disease in one place. Today: Congo's Ebola outbreak has passed 12,000 confirmed cases.

Kharif

Crops planted at the start of the monsoon. Today: Poor rain slowed the sowing of kharif crops.

Share

A small slice of ownership in a company. Today: Musk is giving every child with a Trump Account two SpaceX shares.

DID YOU KNOW?

SpaceX went public in June 2026, raising about $85.7 billion.

UNITED STATES • MONEY

Musk Doubles His SpaceX Share Gift to US Children

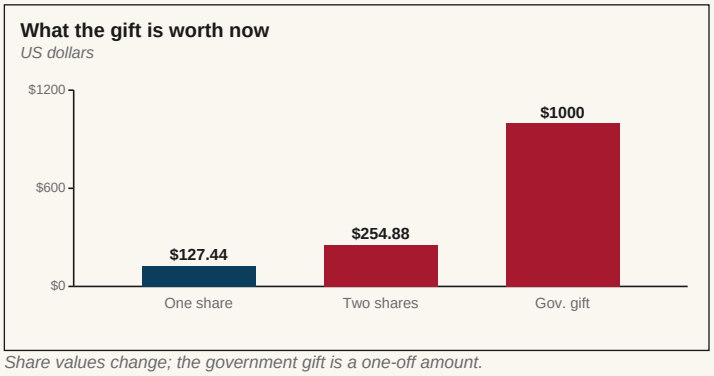
Every child with an active Trump Account is due two shares, but the value moves with the stock price.

Elon Musk announced that every child in America will get two SpaceX shares, doubling his October offer of one share, which he called "the first of many". A share is a small slice of ownership in a company. The gift goes to children with a Trump Account.

Here is how it works. SpaceX issues one new Class A share to each currently active Trump Account, and Musk matches it with one of his own. SpaceX will transfer its shares in December, and Musk will transfer his in June 2027, when restrictions expire. Parents or guardians must claim and activate their child's account, and the US government gives a one-off $1,000 contribution for eligible citizens born from 2025 through 2028.

Funds in the accounts are generally invested in low-cost US stock market trackers, and withdrawals are usually restricted until age 18.

What is the gift worth? Two shares were worth $254.88 at the close of $127.44 per share. If 70 million accounts received both shares, the pledge would be worth about $17.8 billion, but the real value depends on the share price.



Share values change; the government gift is a one-off amount.

WHY THIS MATTERS

A share can rise or fall, so a gift that looks big today may be worth more or less by the time a child can spend it at 18.

THINK LIKE AN ANALYST

Why might a share be worth a different amount next year? What would you ask before deciding whether to hold or sell?

SPORTS CORNER

ATHLETICS

Sabita Toppo won the women's 100m hurdles gold at the BIMSTEC U-23 athletics meet in Bhubaneswar, helping India extend its medal lead.

WHAT TO WATCH NEXT

• Whether the storms ease at eastern US airports after Friday morning.

• Whether teams reach more Ebola patients near Bunia.

"Weather and viruses ignore borders, so people have to plan together."

You are not just reading the news — you are learning to think about it. See you in two days.