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615 new Covid cases recorded in Odisha

Bhubaneswar: The daily covid load in Odisha again witnessed a rising trend as 615 new cases were detected from 22 districts in the state in the past 24 hours taking the total tally to 10,32,288. On October 10 last the state reported 448 covid positive cases after witnessing over 500 cases consecutively for five days. However, the daily covid load on October 11 again rose to 529 which further increased to 615 on October 12 indicating a very fluctuating trend of up and down in daily covid cases in the state. Health and Family welfare department sources said in the past 24 hours 357 cases were recorded from the quarantine centres and 258 as local contact cases. As many as 68 positive cases were reported in the age group of 0-18 years.

Nagaland records 19 new Covid cases

Kohima: Nineteen fresh cases of coronavirus has been reported from Nagaland taking the northeastern state's total tally to 31,492 so far as two more deaths in the past 24 hours took the toll to 673, according to a Nagaland Health Department bulletin on Wednesday. The new cases were detected from five districts — eight from Dimapur, seven in Kohima, two in Phek and one each in Tuensang and Wokha. Nagaland now has 247 active cases, of which 180 are asymptomatic, 49 are mild, eight are moderate and on oxygen, while six have severe symptoms and are receiving oxygen support, four have been admitted to the ICU without ventilators and four patients are on ventilators.

nCoV: 59 new cases in UT

Puducherry: The fresh COVID-19 cases in the Union Territory has increased as compared to 56 cases reported on Tuesday, with 59 Coronavirus cases and one fatality have been recorded in the last 24 hours, ending at 10 AM, on Wednesday. With this, the infection tally rose to 1,27,210 and death toll to 1,849. The lone death was reported in the Puducherry region of the Union Territory. According to the Covid-19 status released by the health department here, of the 4,817 swab sample tests conducted yesterday, 59 persons tested positive for the virus.

Thane reports 201 new Covid-19 cases

Thane: With the addition of 201 new Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours, a tally has surged to 5,62,391 in Thane district, an official said on Wednesday. With five more deaths, a total number of fatalities have reached to 11440. The mortality rate was 2.03 per cent, he added. In neighbouring Palghar district, the COVID-19 case count has gone up to 1,37,250 while the death toll was 3,278 an official from Palghar said.

AP reports 18 fresh Covid cases

Itanagar: Arunachal Pradesh recorded 18 fresh COVID-19 cases during the past 24 hours that took its tally of confirmed cases to 54,942, a senior health official said on Wednesday. On the other hand, 14 more persons recuperated from the ailment in the period that increased the total number of recovered cases to 54,426. The COVID-19 recovery rate has further improved to 99.06 per cent. Of the new infections, Itanagar Capital Complex and West Kameng accounted for five cases each. Three cases came from Namsai, while Lower Dibang Valley and Lower Subansiri contracted two cases each and East Siang one. 15 of the total cases turned out to be asymptomatic and three symptomatic.

Marathwada records 80 fresh Covid-19 cases

Aurangabad: Marathwada region of Maharashtra recorded 80 fresh cases of Covid-19 and 3 fatalities during the past 24 hours, health authorities informed on Wednesday. Details from all the district headquarters collected by UNI showed that out of the eight districts of the region, Aurangabad reported the highest 22 new cases and 2 deaths, followed by Latur which had 15 cases and single death. Beed had 20 cases, Osmanabad had 14 cases, Jalna had 6 cases, Parbhani had 2 cases and Nanded single case.

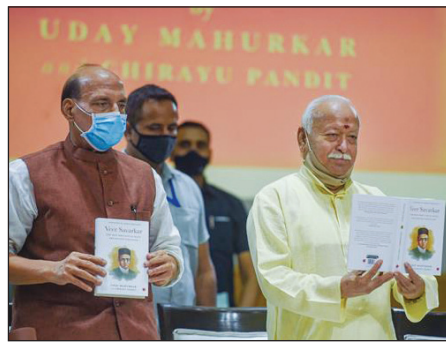
Controversy rages after Rajnath says Gandhi asked Savarkar to file mercy petition

New Delhi (UNI)

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's claim that RSS ideologue Vinayak Damodar Savarkar was asked by Mahatma Gandhi to file a mercy petition with the British government triggered a controversy on Wednesday, drawing sharp reactions from historians, experts and political parties which accused the minister of distorting facts.

The Defence Minister, at an event to launch a book on Savarkar, also known as 'Veer Savarkar', called him the first Indian strategic expert of the 20th Century and said that he has been discredited by people belonging to certain political ideologies.

"Lies have been spread about Savarkar. It is said repeatedly that he filed mercy petitions with the British government, but the truth is that he did not file the petition on his own... It is the right of a prisoner to file a mercy plea... Mahatma Gandhi told him to file a mercy petition, he filed the mercy petition because Mahatma Gandhi told him. He had ap-



pealed that Savarkar should be released, he had said Savarkar would also participate in the freedom struggle like others in a non violent way," Rajnath Singh said.

A letter written to Savarkar by Gandhi in 1920 was shared by several political leaders who accused the defence minister of twisting facts.

According to letters which have been reproduced in a book - The Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi, published by the Publications Division, Savarkar had written of Gandhi on January 18, 1920,

saying the 'Savarkar brothers' had already spent ten years in jail.

"It is now clear that the Indian Govt have decided not to release them. Please let me hear from you as to how to proceed in such circumstances," the letter said. Gandhi in a reply on January 25, 1920, said, "I have your letter. It is difficult to advise you. I suggest, however, your framing a brief petition setting forth the facts of the case bringing out in clear relief the fact that the offence committed by your brother was purely political.

"I suggest this in order that it would be possible to concentrate public attention on the case. Meanwhile, as I have said to you in an earlier letter. I am moving in the matter in my own way. Yours sincerely," Congress leader Jairam Ramesh slammed the minister for twisting what Gandhi had said.

"Rajnath Singh-ji is amongst the few sober & dignified voices in Modi Sarkar. But he doesn't seem to be free of RSS habit of rewriting history. He has given a twist to what Gandhi actually wrote on Jan 25 1920," he said in a tweet.

Sharad Pawar accuses Central Govt of vendetta politics

Mumbai (UNI)

NCP supremo Sharad Pawar on Wednesday fired verbal salvos at the BJP-led Centre, alleging that the saffron party is indulging in vendetta politics.

Talking to media persons here, he averred, "The BJP-led Centre is misusing central agencies like the ED, IT, CBI, NCB and others to take political revenge pan India."

He continued, "The central government is misusing its power by not just targeting the NCP leaders but most senior political leaders are also on the radar. Such things have never happened in the past."

"I have completed 54 years in politics, worked in the central as well as state governments. During our regime, we never worked as a biased government," the veteran politician asserted.



Also four times Maharashtra CM, Mr Pawar told, "The agency officials are like guests, they should work as per norms."

Condemning the Lakhimpur Kheri violence he said, "Such incident is unfortunate. Even after six days of incident, the Uttar Pradesh government didn't react till the Supreme Court took cognisance of the matter."

"UP CM Yogi Adityanath should take responsibility about the incident because

the culprit had killed the farmers," he sought.

Mr Pawar asserted that BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis' viewing firing on Maval farmers and Lakhimpur Kheri case under the same lens is a skewed proposition.

"The Maval incident was done by the police and there was no role of any political party. While, the Lakhimpur incident was a BJP-sponsored incident. Even after several days of the case the government has failed to take any action as the suspect was the son of Union minister of state for Home Ajay Mishra."

"The MoS was continuously giving statement to the media that his son was not at the incident spot. This comparison shows the mentality of BJP against farmers," he added.

NIA arrests 4 in J&K Terrorism Conspiracy Case

Srinagar (UNI): Four suspected over ground workers and militant associates were arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) during the probe of Jammu and Kashmir Terrorism Conspiracy Case. A NIA spokesman identified the four as Waseem Ahmed Sofi of Chattabal, Tariq Ahmed Dar of Shergarhi, Bilal Ahmed Mir of Parimpora and Tariq Ahmed Bafanda of Rajauri Kadal — all from Srinagar.

"Preliminary investigation has revealed that the arrested accused persons are terror associates/OGWs of various proscribed terrorist organisations and have been providing logistical and material support to terrorists and facilitating them in their nefarious design," the spokesman said.

He said the case pertains to information received regarding hatching of conspiracy both physically and in cyberspace for undertaking violent terrorist acts in J&K and other major cities including New Delhi, by cadres of proscribed terrorist organisations Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), Al Badr and similar other outfits and their affiliates such as the Resistance Front (TRF), People Against Fascist Forces (PAFF).

Video exposes graft, groupism in K'taka Cong ahead of byelections

Bengaluru (UNI)

Ahead of byelections in the state, Karnataka Congress on Wednesday faced a major embarrassment as its leaders disclosed crores of rupees amassed by KPCC President DK Shivakumar and his aides by means of corruption as depicted in a video that has gone viral on social media.

The video depicts a conversation between former Parliamentarian VS Ugrappa and KPCC Media Coordinator M Salim before/after a press conference held at KPCC office Tuesday.

Salim is heard saying that Shivakumar is a "collection giraki" (cash collector) and alleged that he made more than Rs 53 crores through corrupt means. He is also heard saying that the KPCC President speaks like a drunkard, but Opposition Leader Siddaramaiah speaks with a stentorian voice.

On the other hand, Ugrappa is heard saying that Shivakumar has not delivered as KPCC president, though he and other leaders had



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proposed his name for the coveted post. He also clarified that he does not agree to Salim's corruption charges against Shivakumar and did not speak anything negative against the KPCC president.

"Shivakumar is a very authentic leader and whatever wealth he has

amassed has been through his business. He is not corrupt in any way," he said. He further clarified that his remarks on Shivakumar's performance should not be taken in a negative sense. "It only meant that Shivakumar could have performed even better," he added.

In a damage control act, KPCC Working President Saleem Ahmed said the party has suspended Salim for his disparaging comments and action would be taken against Ugrappa if he is found guilty of anti-party activities.

He swept the corruption charges levelled by Salim against Shivakumar under the carpet by saying that it was a private conversation and the allegations made thereof are baseless.

Taking advantage of the development, Karnataka BJP, in their Twitter handle, hinted at the fissures in the Congress party, alleging that the video could be a part of a master plan orchestrated by Siddaramaiah to overthrow Shivakumar from the post.

Three Maoists killed in Malkangiri gun battle

Bhubneswar (UNI)

Three Maoists, including a lady, killed in exchange of fire with the security forces on Tuesday in Tulasi forest range under Mathili police station limits in Odisha's Malkangiri district were carrying cash rewards of Rs.10 lakh on their heads. Odisha DGP Abhaya who visited Malkangiri after the anti Maoist operation, said all the three red rebels were the active members of the banned outfit.

The deceased cadre Maoists cadres were involved in numbers of violent incident targeting security forces in the past as well as murder of innocent civilians.

One of them has been identified as Area committee secretary Anil @ Sodi, of Sudhakonda village under Kalimela police station of Malkangiri district. He was working as Secretary of Gumma AC under AOBSCZC and carrying a cash reward of Rs.5 Lakh on his head.

The second Maoist identified as Sony, a resident of Chhattisgarh was working as ACM of Uday (CCM) protection team under AOBSCZC. She was carrying a cash reward of Rs.4 Lakh.

The third one has been identified as Chinna Rao who was work-



ing with the Aruna protection team and was carrying a cash reward of Rs.1 Lakh.

The operation has assumed prime importance in the backdrop of on-going process of peaceful development in the area.

The DGP has once again appealed to other active cadres and militias of Maoists party to leave the path of violence and surrender themselves, avail of the generous surrender and rehabilitation package announced by Odisha government. He had appealed to the Maoists to join the mainstream and become the part of on-going peaceful development of this area,

undertaken by the odisha government

Police sources said based on specific intelligence about the movement of armed maoist cadres for carrying out anti-national & subversive activities, a joint special anti-naxal operation involving teams of SOG, DVF of Odisha Police and BSF, was launched in the general area of Tulsi pahad under Mathili PS limits of Malkangiri district on October 10 last

While this operation was going on, police parties were fired upon by armed Maoists cadres forcing the police party to retaliate in their self-defence. This exchange of fire took place near Jajbhata jungle bordering Chhattisgarh under Mathili PS limits on Tuesday at about 5.50 AM. During subsequent search operations three unidentified dead bodies, two male and one female of armed CPI (Maoist) cadres were recovered from the area. On further search operation, one SLR rifle, one INSAS rifle, SLR Magazine and INSAS magazine, Maoists Kit Bags, Electric Detonator, IED Mechanism, remote control for IED, Maoists literature and other materials were recovered from the spot.

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TRS president election on Oct 25: Rama Rao

Hyderabad (UNI)

Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) Working President and Minister K T Rama Rao on Wednesday announced that the election to the party President post will be held at Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC) in Madhapur here on October 25. Talking to newsmen at TRS Bhavan here, Mr Rao said that the party election to the coveted President post had been postponed during the last two years due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Considering the improvement of Covid-19 situation in the state, the TRS has decided to hold party president election this

year.

He said that as per the guidelines of Election Commission of India (ECI), the election schedule will be announced on October 17 and added that on the same day, a combined Legislature meeting will be held in which MPs, MLAs, MLCs will take part.

Prof Srinivas Reddy will be the Returning Officer (RO). Nominations will be received from October 17 to 22. Scrutiny of nominations will be on October 23 and the last date for withdrawal of nominations is October 24.

Mr Rao said the party president will be elected during the TRS General Body meeting to be held on October 25.

At 15,823 India sees slight rise in daily Covid cases

New Delhi (UNI)

Amid the ongoing festival season, India has registered 15,823 new Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours, which is 1,500 more than what was recorded a day earlier, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare data on Wednesday. There has also been rise of 1.33 per cent in the death rate.

"Due to the pandemic, 226 deaths have also been reported in the last 24 hours, whereas the recovery rate has touched 98.06 per cent, stated the Ministry.

The number of deaths also rose from 181 reported on Tuesday and on Wednesday added 45 more deaths than a day back registering a rise of 1.33 per cent.

The Ministry said a total of 22,844 patients have recovered in the last 24 hours taking the cumulative tally of recovered patients, since the beginning of the pandemic to 3,33,42,901.

The active caseload presently stands at 2,07,653 which is the lowest in 214 days. Active cases presently constitute 0.61 per cent of

the country's total positive cases.

"The daily positivity rate is 1.19 per cent, which is less than 3 per cent for last 44 days, whereas weekly positivity rate is 1.46 per cent which also remains less than 3 per cent for the last 110 days now," the Ministry reported.

On the vaccination front, the ministry, said, with the administration of 50,63,845 vaccine doses in the last 24 hours, India's Covid-19 vaccination coverage exceeded 96.43 crore (96,43,79,212) as per provisional reports till 7 a.m. Wednesday. "This has been achieved through 94,26,400 sessions," it said.

Meanwhile, the testing capacity across the country continues to be expanded as a total of 13,25,399 tests have been conducted in the last 24 hours, taking the total cumulative tally to over 58.63 crore.

The data suggested that, more than 97.79 crore vaccine doses have been provided to States/UTs so far through the direct state procurement category.

Uthra Murder Case: Court awards double life sentence to Sooraj

Kollam (UNI)

Additional Sessions Court-VI here on Wednesday awarded double life sentence to Sooraj, an accused in the murder of his wife Uthra, which created a sensation in Kerala.

Judge M Manoj sentenced Sooraj, who forced a poisonous snake to bite Uthra with an intention to kill her.

The murder was committed with the intention of extorting money from the family of Uthra who was subjected to dowry harassment.

The 25-year-old Uthra died of snakebite at her husband's house in Anchal on May 7, 2020. Her husband bought snakes, first a viper and then a cobra, to kill her.

A large number of people reached the court to hear the verdict. Uthra's father Vijayasanen and brother Vishu were also present in the court. A large number of policemen was also deputed in the court premises.

The second accused, snake-catcher Suresh, turned an approver as he had submitted an application claiming that he was un-



aware of the murder motive while supplying snakes to first accused Sooraj.

The prosecution, which produced 87 witnesses, 286 pieces of documentary evidence and 40 other pieces of evidence during the trial, sought death sentence for Sooraj saying that the crime was brutal. Earlier, Kerala DGP Anil Kant hailed the police for completing the probe in a time bound manner by collecting all circumstantial evidence.

This was one of the shining examples of how a complicated case was investigated and proved, he added.