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Mahindra More, injured in firing, dies

Nashik: Former BJP councillor in Chalisgaon of Jalgaon district, Mahindra More, who was seriously injured in alleged firing by a group of five unidentified persons, succumbed during treatment in a private hospital here early on Saturday. On Wednesday (Feb 7), a group of five to six unidentified assailants shot at Mahindra More, former BJP corporator of the Chalisgaon municipal council. In this firing, More was seriously injured and was immediately admitted to a hospital at Chalisgaon. The assailants, who had their faces covered, arrived in car on Wednesday evening and straight went inside More's office in the Sindh colony area. After committing the crime, they got into their car and sped away. Following this attack, a police team rushed to the incident spot and registered a police complaint against unidentified assailants.

Senior citizen among 2 murdered in 1 day in Kolhapur

Kolhapur: Two people, including a senior citizen and a youth, were brutally murdered at different places in the district in a single day on Sunday. In an incident, a 65-year-old man was allegedly murdered by a drunken man who struck on his head with a big stick at Kuditre village in Karveer tehsil this morning. Suspected accused Ratan Balaso Bhaskar ran away from the spot after the incident, police said. In another incident, a youth was brutally killed by unidentified person who smashed him with big stones in Smalkaranji town of Hatkangale tehsil this afternoon.

Prolific Odia writer Satakadi Hota passes away

Bhubaneswar: Prolific Odia writer Satakadi Hota, who had served in key positions in Indian Railway, passed away on Sunday due to old age ailments. He was 95. Hota, a retired IRTS officer, had served as the DRM of Khurda Road Division. He was also the Editor of Language Daily Samaya and President of Odisha Sahitya Akademi Hota had written many poems, essays, novels, stories, travel stories, and autobiographies. Born in 1929 at Jagannath Khunta in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district, Hota joined the Indian Railways in 1954. He started his literary career with poems but later shifted to writing stories. He has written several books and novels which included 27 stories, 21 novels, and a book of poems.

Aizawl police arrest 3 for livestreaming sex acts

Aizawl: Mizoram police have arrested three people, including two women, for running porn shows through the social media platform Instagram. The accused allegedly charged fees from the users for showing "live sex." The police arrested the main culprit, who engaged in the sex act with another man, and her female accomplice on Saturday. The arrest came a day after the Mizoram State Commission for Women registered a suo moto case and instructed the cyber police to launch an investigation into the matter. On the same day, the police also arrested another person, a man, who was also allegedly involved in the pornographic show.

R&B Minister demands that KCR apologise

Nalgonda (Telangana): Telangana Roads and Building Minister Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy on Sunday alleged that former Chief Minister, K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) has neglected Nalgonda district, and not initiating any significant developmental work there. Addressing media persons in Nalgonda, Komati Reddy said Nalgonda district has been adversely affected during the BRS regime. Komati Reddy announced a protest on February 13 in Nalgonda town during KCR's public meeting. Expressing dissatisfaction over KCR's performance, Komati Reddy demanded that the former Chief Minister apologise to the people of Nalgonda. He said if KCR wishes to visit Nalgonda, he should metaphorically touch the ground with his nose. Komati Reddy highlighted KCR's unfulfilled promise to complete the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC).

Tension runs high in Tripura over Kokborok language script controversy

Agartala (UNI)
Tension ran high as the Tripura Students Federation-led tribals called an indefinite National Highway and Railway blockade from Monday opposing the decision to allow only Bengali script for writing Kokborok language papers in the secondary and higher secondary board examinations. The Kokborok language is spoken by around 10 lakh tribal people in the state.



The opposition CPI-M has backed the demand of TIPRA Motha's student wing TSF that both Bengali and Roman scripts be allowed for writing Kokborok language answer papers, as is the case with another minority language Mizo.

The higher secondary and secondary examinations in Kokborok are scheduled for March 4 and 7, respectively, when about 10,000 students would write the papers.

While urging the TSF to call off the blockade programme, the CPI-M proposed to hold a peaceful and democratic movement with all sections to compel the government to roll back the decision.

Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha, discussed the matter with senior

tribal BJP leaders, but the meeting was inconclusive. However, BJP Spokesperson Subrata Chakraborty on Sunday said it was a policy matter of the government where the party doesn't have any role.

"We are hopeful the government will come out with a solution because agitation and blockade ahead of the exams will jeopardise the students' interest," he said.

He added that Kokborok does not have a script, and students generally write the paper for the language in the Bengali script. Kokborok-speaking people use Bengali script for communication, and it has been a tradition.

The demand for Roman script for Kokborok, especially writing in board exams, might have created problems in holding the exams and evaluating the answer scripts as well,

he said. The problem cropped up with the statement of the President of Tripura Board of Secondary Education (TBSE), Dr. Dhananjay Ganchoudhury, that only Bengali script for Kokborok language would be allowed for the exams.

He is also alleged to have said if any answer script of the language is found in Roman, there would be legal complications.

His comments led to strong reactions among the tribals and TSF leaders demanded Gan Chowdhury's removal from the post of TBSE President and that Roman script be allowed for writing the exams in Kokborok.

They alleged that such a statement from any academic authority is considered "sedition and highly motivated against a community".

BJP will register great win in LS elections in Kashmir: Ravinder



Srinagar (UNI)
There is a BJP wave in Kashmir valley and it will win all the seats in the upcoming parliamentary elections, the party's Jammu and Kashmir President Ravinder Raina said on Sunday. "I am sure that BJP will register a great win in the upcoming Parliamentary elections in Kashmir valley", Raina told media persons in south Kashmir's Gulgam district.

Though there is no official word as yet, there is a likelihood that Raina will contest the elections from the Anantnag constituency.

"There is a wave of BJP in Kashmir valley as Prime Minister Narendra Modi helped the poor people and those living below poverty", he added. He said Prime Minister Modi restored peace and prosperity and huge development is going on in Kashmir. Reacting to the Pakistan elections, Raina said, "Pakistan is our neighbouring country where elections were held but the media reports from that country suggest that these were rigged". He said Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party-backed independents were leading in the elections.

Businessman kills mother, son, commits suicide

Agra: A 45-year-old businessman hanged himself and committed suicide allegedly after killing his mother and minor son in New Agra area of Agra district here in Uttar Pradesh, police sources said here on Sunday.

Police sources said that Tarun Pratap Singh alias Jolly, a resident of Lawyers Colony, owned a pipe business.

"On Sunday morning when Tarun's maid reached the house she found all the doors open. When she reached inside she found Tarun's body hanging from the ceiling," they said.

Police sources said that when the maid entered another room, she found the bodies of Tarun's mother Brajesh Devi (65) and son Kushagr Chauhan (12). "After hearing the cries of the maid the neighbours reached the spot and informed the police," they said.

Sameer Wankhede moves HC against ED's money laundering case

Mumbai (UNI)
Former Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) zonal director Sameer Wankhede has moved the Bombay High Court challenging the money laundering case registered against him by the Directorate of Enforcement (ED).



The ED registered a money laundering case against Wankhede based on an FIR by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) alleging that the officer demanded Rs 25 crore from actor Shah Rukh Khan not to include his son's name in the Cordelia cruise drug bust case.

In his plea, Wankhede, a 2008 batch IRS officer of the Customs and Indirect Taxes cadre, has alleged that the ED case is a "counter blast" to his complaint against NCB's Deputy Director General Gyaneshwar Singh.

He has also claimed the case "smacks of malice and vendetta" and urged the court to grant protection from any coercive action by the central agency.

He has also sought that the ED be restrained from conducting the probe until the HC decides on his second petition.

Gurukul school student's death raises suspicion

Suryapet (Telangana): A 17-year-old girl student of a Gurukul School died under suspicious circumstances at Imampet in the district on Saturday night, police said.

According to the police, the girl student from Indiramma Colony in Suryapet town was pursuing a second-year Intermediate course at Gurukul School, Imampet. On Saturday evening, she participated in the freshers' day celebrations. Around 10 pm., the hostel warden called the girl's parents, informing them of her deteriorating health and urging them to come to the government hospital in Suryapet.

Moments later, they were notified that their daughter's condition had worsened, and upon reaching the hospital, they received the news of her death.

The parents said they had a video call with their daughter during the freshers' day celebrations, just minutes before the warden's call.

UP MLAs pay obeisance to Lord Ram on request of Yogi, Speaker

Ayodhya (UP) (UNI)
MLAs from different political parties, except Samajwadi Party (SP) members, along with the ministers in Uttar Pradesh government on Sunday visited Ayodhya and paid obeisance to Lord Ram in his newly constructed temple on the call of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana.



Accompanied by ministers and legislators from the ruling coalition, members of opposition parties, including the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) and Congress joined in the collective reverence for Lord Ram.

The buses provided by the Transport Corporation resonated with the chanting of Ramdhun, while the vehicles were adorned with vibrant flowers, setting a serene atmosphere. To enhance the comfort of the jour-

ney, arrangements for refreshments were made, and each MLA received a thoughtful token of remembrance, including a diary, a pen and a calendar.

For many, this pilgrimage marked a historic milestone, culminating in the realisation of a dream cherished

for centuries, the construction of the grand temple of Lord Ram.

The unity displayed by the government and MLAs from across the political spectrum was hailed as a momentous occasion, attributing it to CM Yogi's visionary leadership.

Amit Shah in K'taka to discuss LS election strategy



Bengaluru (UNI)
Karnataka BJP President Vijayendra Yediyurappa on Sunday said Union Home Minister Amit Shah will draw up a strategy for general elections during his meetings with the state party leaders.

He also said the meeting will liberate upon issues related to coordination between BJP and its ally JDS at the ground level in the run-up to the Lok Sabha election this year.

Seat-sharing arrangements with JDS may also be discussed. Both parties allied for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Karnataka. Amit Shah arrived in Mysuru early in the morning to take part in meetings with Karnataka BJP core committee members and leaders of BJP's Mysuru cluster.

In the last general elections, BJP had won 26 of the total 28 Lok Sabha seats in the state, including Sumalatha Ambareesh, an independent supported by the party from Mandya.

The Congress and JDS had secured one seat each.

Shackles of slavery shatter when devotion, power mingle: Yogi

Pune (UNI)
Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday said that when devotion and power mingle, shackles of slavery shatter while describing Maharashtra as a land of both.



Addressing a gathering on the eighth day of Shri Geeta Bhakti Amrit Mahotsav organised in Alandi, Pune, the UP CM said, "It was here that Guru Samarth Ramdas provided his guidance to the brave Chhatrapati Shivaji. When devotion and power mingle, the shackles of slavery shatter. This is what we have witnessed in Ayodhya with the construction of a grand and divine Ram Temple after 500 years of bondage. With the company of saints and the efforts of Prime Minister Modi, we all have

been witnesses to the historical date of January 22. The new and grand Ayodhya is inviting you all."

During the ceremony, he presented an Angavastra and an idol of Lord Ganesha to Swami Govind Dev Giri,

along with releasing a souvenir commemorating the saint's life. He was also felicitated by Shankaracharya Vijayendra Saraswati with traditional Angavastra and Prasad.

Reflecting on the occasion of Swami Govind Dev Giri's 75th birth anniversary, Yogi expressed his admiration for the saint's lifelong dedication to Vedic Sanatan Dharma and his invaluable contributions to Hindu society.

He shared his long-standing desire to visit Alandi, a place he had read about in his childhood while studying the Dnyaneshwari. At the age of just 15, Dnyaneshwar Ji Maharaj did the work of showing a new path to the devotees by preaching Dnyaneshwari.

Hectic political activity in Bihar before trust vote today

Patna (UNI)
A day before Chief Minister Nitish Kumar seeks trust vote for his newly formed NDA government in the Assembly, political activities intensified in Bihar on Sunday with the ruling and opposition parties trying to keep their MLA strength intact and attempting to dent the other side to gain advantage during the floor test.

While the Congress has sent 16 of its 19 MLAs to Hyderabad to insulate them from any attempt of poaching by BJP, the main opposition RJD huddled all its legislators at the residence of former Deputy Chief Minister Tejaswi Prasad Yadav after calling them on the pretext of a crucial meeting on Sunday.

Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee (BPCC) President Akhilesh Prasad Singh tried to defend the decision to send party MLAs to Hyderabad saying they were there to congratulate the newly formed government. Other leaders of Congress said that they were enjoying a holiday and lighter moments in Hyderabad.

Three MLAs of the party did not accompany their colleagues to Hyderabad citing personal reasons.

On the other hand, RJD member of Rajya Sabha Manoj Jha defended his party's decision to keep its MLAs at the residence of Tejaswi, saying they had decided to spend their time together before the crucial

trust vote of Nitish Kumar government on February 12.

There was nothing wrong if arrangements were made for food and lodging of party MLAs at the residence of Tejaswi, if they expressed their desire to spend time together there, he pointed out.

Jha told media persons that as per the circulated agenda of the Bihar Assembly, the issue of no confidence against Speaker Awadh Bihari Chaudhary was to be taken up in the House before the trust vote of Chief Minister Kumar on Monday.

According to recent judgements of the Supreme Court delivered in Maharashtra and Arunachal Pradesh case, majority of the total

"Good governance now a reality in J-K": LG

New Delhi: Comparing greater investment, tourism, and job creation in Jammu and Kashmir, after the Centre abrogated the special status of J-K under Article 370 on August 5, 2019, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Saturday that good governance has now become a reality for Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing the 'Sushasan Mahotsav 2024' organized by Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini in New Delhi, Sinha highlighted the transformation, stating, "There was no relation between good governance and J-K for a very long time since independence. In my 40 months of personal experience, J-K is now being counted among states having good governance, which I am considering a big achievement," Sinha said.