



Cong lodges complaint for destroying campaign materials

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No issue with oil payment from India: Russia

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Japan's oldest man dies at 112

Tokyo: A 112-year-old man, recognized as Japan's oldest male, has passed away in Chiba prefecture near Tokyo, local media reported on Thursday. Gisaburo Sonobe, who died in late March, was born on Nov. 6, 1911 and became the country's oldest man after his predecessor died in November 2022 at 111, the national news agency Kyodo reported, citing local authorities. The municipal government of Tateyama, where Sonobe resided, has not revealed the exact date nor the cause of his death at the request of his family, the report noted. On Wednesday, Guinness World Records said that the world's oldest man, Juan Vicente Perez, had died at 114 in Venezuela. Sonobe had been expected to be the next title holder.

India gets first home-grown gene therapy for Cancer

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday launched the country's first homegrown, accessible and affordable gene therapy named "CAR-T cell" to fight against cancer. The CAR-T cell therapy is developed in collaboration between the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, Tata Memorial Hospital and industry partner ImmunACT. "The launch of India's first gene therapy is a breakthrough in our battle against cancer. As this line of treatment, named "CAR-T cell therapy", is accessible and affordable, it provides a new hope for the whole of humankind," Murmu said while addressing the gathering on the occasion at IIT Bombay today.

AAP meets Delhi CEO over BJP's objectionable hoardings

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders on Thursday met Delhi Chief Electoral Officer P Krishnamurthy over objectionable hoardings and posters placed by Bharatiya Janata Party across the national capital. "The BJP has placed many objectionable hoardings across Delhi, at some places they have even used the photo of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal," Delhi Minister Atishi Marlena Singh alleged. "We (AAP) and our legal team filed a complaint against this six days back, but surprisingly no action has been taken yet. It's worrying as it raises questions over the level playing field for Lok Sabha elections," Atishi said.



Rajeev Chandrasekharan files nomination

Thiruvananthapuram: BJP-led NDA candidate Rajeev Chandrasekhar filed his nomination papers before the Returning Officer and District Collector Geromic George here on Thursday. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, who was accompanied by party workers and taking a road show from Peroorkada, said "I am sure that in the next five years, I will be able to do what was not done here for 15 years." He was speaking to the media after filing nominations from Thiruvananthapuram Lok Sabha constituency. Denouncing the politics of falsehood and advocating for a forward-looking approach, Rajeev Chandrasekhar has vowed for a complete facelift of the constituency if he gets elected from Thiruvananthapuram. "After visiting almost all the nooks and corners of the constituency, I have found that the people of Thiruvananthapuram wish for a change", he added.

Sensex

BSE..... 73903.91 (-110.64)
NSE..... 22453.30 (-8.70)

Bullion

Gold..... 68834.00 (MCX 10g.)
Silver..... 76933.00 (MCX 1kg.)
USD(\$)/INR(Rs)..... 83.34



Weather

Sunrise	Sunset	Day	Night
6.11	6.36	37.8	20.0

‘Even if 1% of this happened, it is extremely shameful’: Calcutta HC



Agencies, Kolkata

The Calcutta High Court Thursday said even if 1% of the allegations are true, it is "absolutely shameful" and claims of the state being safe for women fall apart.

Calling the Sandeshkhali violence 'extremely shameful', the Calcutta High Court came down heavily on the ruling Trinamool Congress-led government in Bengal, and underlined that ensuring the safety of citizens falls entirely within their

purview.

Allegations were also made that the Trinamool Congress-led (TMC) West Bengal government had attempted to shield Shahjahan Sheikh, a locally influential party leader accused in the Sandeshkhali case.

The Calcutta HC was hearing affidavits seeking probe into the Sandeshkhali violence. During the hearing Calcutta HC remarked, "even if one affidavit is correct, it is shameful. Even if one per cent is true

it is absolutely shameful. West Bengal says it is safest for women? Even if one affidavit is proven to be right all of this falls," Justice Sivagnanam said, "Entire district administration and ruling party have 100 per cent moral responsibility".

Chief Justice Sivagnanam also strongly criticized the lawyer representing Shahjahan Sheikh, saying, "For 55 days, you were on the run, playing hide-and-seek. Then you took an obscure stance. (Just because) you close your eyes the world doesn't become dark".

After allegedly evading arrest for nearly two months, the suspended TMC strongman Shahjahan Sheikh was apprehended by the West Bengal Police on February 29.

The women of Sandeshkhali in North 24 Parganas district have accused Shahjahan and his aides of grave excesses and atrocities. Multiple women on the island accused Shahjahan and his aides of "land-grab and sexual assault" under coercion.

Accused of Sandeshkhali perpetrators will be severely punished : PM



Cooch Behar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi kickstarted his maiden election rally in Bengal on Thursday, assuring the people of the state that the perpetrators, especially of Sandeshkhali, will be punished severely and appealed to the electorate to vote as a leader without fear.

Addressing a mammoth "Vijay Sankalp Divas" at Rash Mela ground in support of BJP candidates Nitish Pramanik and Manoj Tigga for the Cooch Behar and Alipurduar Lok Sabha seats in north Bengal, Modi said it was only the BJP which can stop atrocities against women in Bengal.

DRDO, SFC successfully flight-tested Agni-Prime ballistic missile



New Delhi (UNI)

The new generation ballistic missile, Agni-Prime, was successfully flight-tested from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.

The flight-test was conducted by Strategic Forces Command (SFC), along with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

at around 1700 hrs on Wednesday, an official statement said on Thursday.

The test met all the trial objectives, validating its reliable performance, as confirmed by the data captured by a number of range sensors deployed at different locations, including two downrange ships placed at the terminal point.

The launch was witnessed by the Chief of Defence Staff, Chief of Strategic Forces Command, and senior officials from DRDO and the Indian Army.

Meanwhile, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, while congratulating the DRDO, SFC, and the Armed Forces for the successful test, said that the successful development and induction of the missile will be an excellent force multiplier for the Armed Forces.

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Secretary, Department of Defence R&D, and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat appreciated the efforts of SFC and DRDO for the successful flight test.

SC restores caste certificate of MP Navneet Kaur

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday allowed the appeal of Amravati MP Navneet Kaur Rana, who won the 2019 Lok Sabha election from a constituency reserved for Scheduled Castes, and set aside the Bombay High Court's judgment which had not accepted her Caste certificate as valid.

A Bench comprising Justice JK Maheshwari and Justice Sanjay Karol said that the Scrutiny Committee had validated Rana's caste certificate after due application of mind and on considering relevant documents. Further, all parties were heard and the principles of natural justice complied with. The High Court's interference with the Committee's findings was not merited.

The Apex Court reversed the Bombay High Court judgment which set aside her Scheduled Caste certificate and restored the validation order passed by the Scrutiny Committee.

Delhi HC refuses to entertain plea seeking removal of Kejriwal from CM's post

New Delhi (UNI)

The Delhi High Court on Thursday refused to entertain the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking to remove Arvind Kejriwal as Chief Minister of Delhi but says 'personal interest should be subordinate to national interest'.

A Division Bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora refused to entertain the plea noting that a similar Public Interest Litigation was earlier rejected by the Court.

The Court while hearing the Public Interest Litigation filed by Vishnu Gupta, president of Hindu Sena said that he could approach the Lieutenant Governor with his plea, adding to let the democracy take its course.

"How can we declare that the government is not functioning? The LG

Chronicle Reporter, Bhopal

In a heart-wrenching incident in Indore, a youth, embroiled in one-sided love perpetrated a horrific act resulting in the loss of three lives, including his own.

The distressing saga unfolded at a temple on Thursday, where a youth, identified as Abhishek Yadav, took drastic measures after his advances towards a girl named Sneha Jat were spurned. Accompanied by her cousin, Deepak Jat, the girl had visited a temple, where both she and her cousin became victims of Yadav's misguided affection.

After the firing incident, there was chaos in the temple. The incident happened between 1 and 2 pm.

According to the police, the girl Sneha Jat, resident of Juni Indore, had come to have darshan in the temple with her cousin Deepak Jat, resident of Agar Malwa.

The youth Abhishek Yadav had earlier called Sneha and Deepak for a meeting at Swaminarayan temple. There he shot both the boy and the girl. After this he came to Arihant College and told the guard there that



is fully competent to decide it. He (LG) does not need our guidance. We are no one to advise him. He will do whatever he has to under the law," Justice Manmohan observed.

The Court further said that it would not interfere in the issue and petitioners' remedy lies before the President of India or the LG.

Three Rajiv case convicts deported back to Sri Lanka after 33 years

Chennai: After 33 years, three convicts in the former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, who were released by the Supreme Court, were deported back to Sri Lanka.

All the three—Murugan alias Sriharan, Robert Payas and Jayakumar—were Sri Lankan Nationals.

The trio, who were prematurely freed from prison and then lodged at a special camp in Tiruchi, were deported to Sri Lanka last evening after completing all the formalities, fulfilling their long time wish.

They were escorted to Chennai from Trichy amid tight security and flew home by a Sri Lankan Airlines flight.

Their advocate, P. Pugazhendhi, who facilitated their release from the special camp by submitting the required documents, also accompanied them to Sri Lanka.

Despite Tamil Nadu's Department of Home and the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer, Chennai, approving the release of Murugan, Robert Payas, and Jayakumar a few weeks ago, they could not be released immediately as they did not have travel documents.



he was feeling uneasy and asked for water. The guard told him about the water kiosk of the college.

Abhishek went towards the college water kiosk and shot himself.

There were around 150 students in the college during the incident. According to the police, none of them could be saved and all three of them have died.

Accused is resident of Sehore

It was revealed that the girl's cousin brother Deepak was studying in Oriental College. The accused is said to be originally a resident of Sehore district. No further information was available about him. Police is trying to ascertain from where Abhishek Yadav got the pistol. A country made pistol has been used in the incident. It has come to light that Abhishek Yadav loved the girl one-sidedly.

The girl had even refused to talk to him. It is said that he had called the girl Sneha and her cousin for having a talk. Meanwhile, when an argument broke out, he opened fire in the temple premises itself. Sneha's sister, who reached the spot after the incident, became unconscious after seeing her sister's dead body. Sneha had also told her relatives about the young man. She had also talked about being upset with the youth.

2 Pakistanis among 3 terrorists arrested by ATS

Lucknow: Two Pakistani nationals along with a Jammu and Kashmir resident were arrested by the Anti Terror Squad (ATS) of Uttar Pradesh police from Sunauli on the Indo-Nepal border, an official spokesman said here on Thursday.

The official said there has been intel for sometime about Pakistani nationals poised to enter India through the Indo-Nepal border with the help of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI).

"Acting on the information the Gorakhpur unit of ATS arrested two Pakistani nationals Mohammad Altaf Butt, Syed Gaznaffar along with Nasir Ali a resident of Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

"During initial interrogation Altaf Butt told the ATS that he was born in Jammu and Kashmir and after the Kargil War he went to Pakistan with a Hizbul Mujahideen militant to train for Jihad," he said.

Kejriwal asks AAP MLAs to visit their constituencies daily

Aam Aadmi Party convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, in a message from Tihar jail on Thursday, directed his MLAs to visit their constituencies on a daily basis to ensure that the citizens of the national capital do not face any issues.

Addressing the media, Kejriwal's wife, Sunita, read out the AAP chief's message to all MLAs, stating, "the people of Delhi should not face any kind of problem due to my being in jail." "Every MLA should visit his area every day and discuss the problems of the people and solve them," she said.

Congress and INDIA bloc would provide guarantee of MSP to farmers and secure rights of citizens: Rahul

Agencies, New Delhi

As the country heads for Lok Sabha polls, Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi asserted that the country is currently standing at a crucial juncture and the time has arrived to take the right decision.

He said that if the INDIA bloc comes to power then it would provide a guarantee of MSP to farmers and secure the rights of citizens.

Taking to X Rahul Gandhi shared, "The country is currently standing at a crucial juncture! Every section will have to recognize the difference between those who 'make the country' and those who 'destroy the country'."

He said that Congress and the INDIA bloc meant employment to youth and a secured constitution.

He further posted, "Congress and INDIA mean youth's first job confirmed, guarantee of MSP to farmers, every poor woman will become a



millionaire, minimum Rs 400 per day for workers, caste census and economic survey and secured constitution and rights of citizen."

He further stated that if the BJP came to power then it would mean unemployment and a debt burden on farmers.

He further said, "And, BJP means unemployment confirmed, a debt

burden on farmers, insecure and disenfranchised women, forced and helpless labourers, discrimination and exploitation of the underprivileged and dictatorship and sham democracy. Your future is in your hands, think, understand and take the right decision."

Congress leader and incumbent MP Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday submitted his nomination papers for the Wayanad parliamentary constituency in Kerala for the Lok Sabha elections, starting from April 19 in seven phases across the country.

Kerala, one of the few states where the Congress still has a strong presence, sends 20 parliamentarians to the Lok Sabha.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Rahul Gandhi won from Wayanad with a huge margin of over 4.31 lakh votes; the highest margin in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls in Kerala.