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4 killed in bus-truck collision in Kannauj

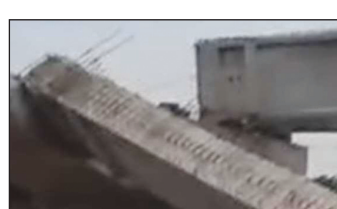
Kannauj: Four people were killed, and 30 others injured when a bus collided with a truck in Uttar Pradesh's Kannauj district on Tuesday, police said.

Sisters burnt alive in Punjab slum fire

Bathinda (Punjab): Two sisters died of burn injuries while several others were injured in a blaze that broke out in the slums of Oriya colony here in the Punjab district early Tuesday.

Cong fields Anshul Avijit from 30-Patna Sahib seat of Bihar

New Delhi: The Indian National Congress (INC) on Tuesday named Anshul Avijit as its candidate from 30-Patna Sahib constituency of Bihar for the upcoming Lok Sabha election.



Under-construction bridge collapses in Telangana

Peddapalli (Telangana): An under-construction bridge collapsed at Odedu, Muttaram Mandal, in this district on Monday midnight.

258 candidates in fray for LS polls in 3rd phase

Mumbai: Around 59 candidates in Maharashtra withdrew their nominations for the third phase Lok Sabha elections, which are scheduled for May 7 in 11 constituencies.

Infiltration from neighbouring country continues unabated in Bengal: Shah

Raiganj/Malda (UNI)

Stating that illegal entry from the neighbouring country continued unabated in West Bengal, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday assured the people of the state that once the BJP is voted to power, it would stop infiltration of people from Bangladesh.

Addressing an election rally in favour of BJP candidate Kartik Pal, Shah said besides opposing the CAA, the Mamata Banerjee government prevented having an AIMS in this North Dinajpur district, which was shifted to Kalyani.

"I assured you that once you vote the BJP candidates this time and ensure the third term for PM Narendra Modi in 2024, an AIMS will be set up in north Bengal," Shah said and appealed to the voters to make sure 30/35 seats for the saffron party.

In the past ten years Modi worked



for the poor people and the Centre was carrying distribution of ration for some 80 crore of people, has set

up 12 crore toilets, over four crore PM awas yojana, distributed ten crore Ujala gas and extended potable

water to over 14 households across the country.

Shah said to ensure Bengal free from violence, "We need PM Modi once again."

He said the state was only one in the country where some 200 people were murdered in Panchayat poll 2023 and bloody violence took place in each and every poll held in the state under the TMC regime.

"Ma, Mati, Manus for the slogans for which the TMC came to power now turned into Sandeshkhali for mothers and sisters, (Mati) is being converted into a shelter for

Bangladeshi and Manus is being murdered and being corrupted," Shah explained.

He said the TMC leaders, who used to stay in small homes, have now built 4/5 storey high rises and owned costly vehicles owing to having ill gotten money.

Rajnath Singh slams Congress over their anti-minority remarks on PM Modi

Agencies, Gautam Buddha Nagar

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday attacked the Congress saying it had a history of dividing society based on religion.

The defence minister was speaking at a rally in Gautambudh Nagar on Tuesday.

Attacking the Congress over their allegations against Prime Minister Narendra Modi of being anti-minority, he said the BJP has never done politics to divide the society.

"I have known PM Narendra Modi for a long, and he has never done politics on the basis of religion or created a rift among religions. He has always given respect to all religions," he said.

He was addressing a public meeting in Dadri's Bisada village.



Singh's public meeting has been considered very important as the district will go to the polls on April 26.

In his address, he said Congress in their manifesto has promised property survey if they come to power. It

is an attempt to divide the resources of the country, and Congress should clear position on it.

"I remember on December 9, 2006, then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, in his address at the National Defence Council meeting said that minorities especially Muslims, have first rights on resources of the country. I say everyone should have equal rights on anything," he said.

"Under the Congress government rule institutes like Jamia Milia Islamia and Aligarh Muslim University scrapped reservations for SC and STs and several commissions were formed by Congress that recommended a 27 per cent reservation for OBC that should also include a six per cent quota for Muslims and two per cent for minorities," he said.

Farooq expresses concern over PM Modi calling Muslims 'infiltrators'

Srinagar (UNI)

National Conference President Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday expressed concern over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech calling Muslims "infiltrators".

He said Islam and Allah teaches to do good with everybody.

"Islam never teaches to suppress the other religion rather directs to respect like we are doing our own. It will never happen, Prime Minister... that a son of the soil will snatch the 'mangal Sutra' of his mother or sister", Farooq asked.

The former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister said "If you kill a person it would be the death of humanity..is that possible".



"I am a Muslim, but my religious book Quran never teaches me to hate others. I love Muslims as much as I love to Hindu and Sikh. I understand that everyone should develop so that the nation can move forward", the NC President said.

This election would be the last, Farooq said the question is what is appearing before us. They (BJP) want one nation, one election.

21 billionaires have more wealth than 70 cr Indians: Ramesh



New Delhi (UNI)

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Tuesday said that the Prime Minister will never tell the country that 21 billionaires combined have more wealth than 70 crore Indians today.

Taking to his social media post X, the party general secretary in-charge

communication alleged, "More than 40% of the wealth created in the country from 2012 to 2021 has gone to just 1% of the population".

While slamming the government, Ramesh also alleged that in the last ten years, public assets sold have gone to one or two companies only.

"Most of the public assets and resources sold in the last ten years have gone to one or two companies - economists have shown that the growing monopolisation of the economy has led to higher inflation," the Rajya Sabha MP said in his post.

He said that around 64% of the total goods and services tax (GST) in the country comes from the poor, the lower middle classes, and the middle classes.

Rahul must talk politics, can't dodge CAA to please BJP: CM Vijayan

Kannur (UNI)

Kerala Chief Minister and CPI(M) politburo member Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday came down heavily on his INDI alliance partner and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi whom he appeared to be unhappy with for not being vocal about the Citizenship Amendment Act.

He also slammed the Election Commission for their biased approach and not taking action against PM Narendra Modi for his reported "hate speech" at a recent poll rally.

"Rahul Gandhi should talk about the politics of the country. Rahul did not speak against CAA to please BJP," the Left leader said addressing a "Meet the press" at the Kannur Press



Club on Tuesday, where he also expressed confidence that the CPI(M) led Left Democratic Front (LDF) will achieve mega victory in the Lok Sabha election from his state.

There is a pro-left wave seen across the state, as per what he has

seen after campaigning across all the 20 parliamentary constituencies, he added.

Vijayan said the 2024 general elections are crucial in order to save the nation from a great impending danger, as it plays an important role in safeguarding the constitutional rights as well as gives an opportunity to punish the Narendra Modi-led NDA government for implementing anti-people and communal agenda over the past 10 years.

He said, all the core values of the Constitution are under threat while a BJP-led Union government is in power, so the people should think wisely and vote in favour of a secular front government.

5 anti-national activists booked under PSA in Kashmir

Srinagar: Police have booked five alleged anti-national activists under Public Safety Act (PSA) in Kashmir.

Police said three accused anti-national activists identified as Maqсад Ali Kohli resident of Navarunda Uri, Mohammad Usman Bhat of Sahora Uri & Ghulam Nabi Wani have been booked under PSA after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority.

Two others identified as Ghulam Din War, a resident of Naidkhai Sumbal and Firdous Ahmad Khan of Ward No.6 Nebrapora Bandipora were booked under PSA for their continuous involvement in Anti-National activities, Bandipora police said on X.

Ratan Tata receives prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award

Mumbai: Renowned industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus of the Tata Group, was honored with the prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award recently.

The ceremony was attended by Tata Group Chairman N. Chandrasekaran and three-time Grammy Award winner Ricky Kej, among others. The award was presented by the Founder of KIIT and KISS Achyuta Samanta.

Ratan Tata, usually reticent about accepting accolades, agreed to accept this award following a personal request from Achyuta Samanta, recognizing the importance of the KISS humanitarian honour. The award was announced in 2021, but Tata was unable to receive the award then because of the COVID pandemic.



In his acceptance, Tata expressed his gratitude towards KISS and its founder. "I am extremely happy to receive this honour. This is the most significant moment of my life", he remarked.

"Ratan Tata is a revered name in India, and he is truly a good person. Being able to honour him today with this award is a privilege for us", said Samanta.

"Ratan Tata's social work and leadership have been influencing me since my childhood. I have respected and liked him from a young age. My father was an employee of Tata Company. Since then, I have respected and liked Ratan Tata," he stated.

Initiated in 2008 by Achyuta Samanta, the KISS Humanitarian Award is the highest honour of KIIT and KISS dedicated to recognizing individuals and organizations that embody the spirit of humanitarian work worldwide. Previous recipients of this prestigious award include a diverse group of global leaders, Nobel laureates, and notable figures from various sectors, showcasing the award's broad international appeal and respect.

High-profile candidates battle it out in triangular contest in Thrissur Lok Sabha



Thrissur (Kerala)

Kerala's Thrissur Lok Sabha constituency, where high-profile candidates are in the fray this time, is going to witness a fierce triangular contest between BJP, Congress and the CPI.

BJP has fielded actor-turned-

politician Suresh Gopi for the second time, hoping that his charisma as an actor will bring the party more votes beyond what they get from the traditional BJP supporters. Sensing the heat of the competition, Congress and the Left announced candidates who enjoy strong grass-level sup-

port.

While Congress has fielded K Muralidharan, son of the late Congress doyen K Karunakaran whose pocket borough was once Thrissur, the ruling Left Democratic Front nominated former Agriculture Minister in the previous LDF government in the state, VS Sunilkumar.

The constituency, where both Congress-led UDF and CPM-led LDF interchangeably won multiple times in the past seven decades, is currently held by Congress. Though the Congress's first choice for Thrissur was its sitting MP TN Prathapan, it had to rethink the choice when K Padmaja Venugopal, Karunakaran's daughter, defected to the BJP.

Youth being arrested in south Kashmir ahead of LS election: Mufti

Srinagar (UNI)

People's Democratic Party (PDP) President Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday alleged that youth are being arrested from south Kashmir ahead of the Lok Sabha election.

The PDP President is contesting from Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary seat against the National Conference candidate Mian Altaf, Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Mohammad Saleem and Apni Party's Zafar Manhas.

"I came to know that youth from Anantnag, Bijbehara, Pulwam and Shopian are being arrested ahead of the Parliament election", Mehbooba told media persons in south Kashmir. She said that nobody is talking about them or who will talk.

The former JK Chief Minister said



that PDP is the lone party who will raise the issues of the youth in the Parliament. What are the challenges and issues Jammu and Kashmir facing today who will raise them in the Parliament.