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India's strength lies solely in Modi's leadership, asserts JP Nadda



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48 kg heroin worth Rs 240 crore seized in Jalandhar, 3 held

Jalandhar: Jalandhar Commissionerate Police achieved a big success in cracking an international drug syndicate and seized 48 kg heroin worth Rs 240 crore and Rs 21 lakh drug money. Commissioner of Police Swapn Sharma on Monday said that three persons have been arrested in this connection and are being interrogated. The police have also seized three high-end vehicles besides a cash counting machine from the accused. The drug syndicate is spread to Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, Afghanistan and Canada. The syndicate has a presence also in the states of Jammu-Kashmir and Gujarat. The value of the heroin seized is said to be Rs 240 crore in the international market.



Security forces recover large cache of weapons in Nagaland

Kohima: The security forces recovered a large cache of weapons in Nagaland on Monday. The forces have recovered eleven 82 mm mortars, four RCL tubes, ten pistols, 199 radio sets and satellite phones. The operation code name was 'Cloudburst.'

Priyadarshini Rajee campaigns at Shivpuri market, tastes famous 'Paan'

Shivpuri: As the third phase of the Lok Sabha polls draws closer, campaigning has hit a fever pitch. Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia's wife Priyadarshini Rajee Scindia and his son Mahanaaryaman Scindia campaigned in Shivpuri's Kolaras market in support of her husband on Sunday. The Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) has fielded Jyotiraditya Scindia from the Guna seat. While campaigning, she tasted famous 'Paan', sweets, and some other street foods in the area. She also interacted with shopkeepers and traders, urging them to vote.



Fire breaks out at pipe warehouse on Delhi-Agra Highway

Mathura: A massive fire broke out in a pipe warehouse located on the Delhi-Agra Highway on Monday, police officials said. Fire tenders have rushed to the spot to douse the fire, they added. The fire broke out at a godown filled with plastic pipes close to the highway. Fire tenders have been called in. Efforts are on to control the fire. There is no report of any casualties in the incident. People have been evacuated. "We want to control the flames and ensure that property loss is minimal," officials said.

DG NIA visits PHQ Jammu

Jammu: The Director General of the National Investigation Agency, Sadanand Vasant Date, visited Jammu and Kashmir police headquarters at Jammu on Monday, where he held a detailed interaction with J-K Director General of Police, RR Swain and other senior officers, an official statement said on Monday.

Sensex
BSE..... 74671.28 (941.12)
NSE..... 22643.40 (223.45)

Bullion
Gold..... 71445.00 (MCDX 10g.)
Silver..... 80598.00 (MCDX 1kg.)
USD(\$)/INR(Rs)..... 83.32

Weather
Sunrise 5.48 | Sunset 6.47 | Day 40.8 | Night 25.7

Indore Cong candidate Akshay Kanti Bam withdraws nomination

Indore (UNI) Congress candidate from Indore Lok Sabha seat Akshay Kanti Bam withdrew his nomination on Monday.

According to information received from the office of the Indore District Election Officer, Kanti has withdrawn his nomination.

Indore will go to the polls on May 13 in the fourth phase of the Lok Sabha elections. Monday was the last date for the withdrawal of nominations in this Lok Sabha constituency.

The BJP has reposed faith in sit-



ting MP Shankar Lalwani from here. In front of him, Congress had fielded Akshay Kanti Bam in the electoral field. Indore has been considered a BJP stronghold for a long time.

Meanwhile, many pictures are going viral on social media, in which Akshay Kanti Bam is seen with BJP leader and Madhya Pradesh government minister Kailash Vijayvargiya and Indore MLA Ramesh Mendola.

However, there has been no response from the Congress so far regarding this entire development.

"Congress candidate from Indore Lok Sabha, Akshay Kanti Bam is welcomed to the BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, National President J P Nadda, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and State President VD Sharma," Vijayvargiya posted on X.

On the other hand, former chief minister of Madhya Pradesh and BJP nominee from Vidisha seat, Shivraj Singh Chouhan took a dig at the Congress saying the condition of the grand old party had become such that even candidates did not want to be within the party.

9 killed in two-vehicle collision in Chhattisgarh

Bemetara: Nine people were killed, and 23 others injured in a collision between two vehicles in Chhattisgarh's Bemetara district on Monday police said.

The dead included five women and three children.

The incident took place near Kathia petrol pump under the Bemetara police station area around 2.30 am on Sunday, they said.

All the people were returning to Pathra from Tiraiya village after attending a family function. During this, his vehicle was hit by a pickup.

The collision was so strong that nine people died on the spot. Immediately, the police and administration teams reached the spot, started relief and rescue work, and took the injured to the hospital.

The condition of some of the injured is stated to be critical.

PM Modi launches veiled attack on Rahul, accuses Cong of running 'vasooli' gang

Bagalakote (Karnataka) (UNI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered a fiery speech at a rally in Bagalakote, launching a veiled attack on prominent Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, while accusing the grand old party of operating a 'vasooli' (extortion) gang.

In a pointed statement, Modi asserted that those who indulge in leisure vacations cannot contribute to India's progress, indirectly referencing Rahul Gandhi's recent leisure activities. He stressed the importance of dedication and vision in driving developmental initiatives, highlighting his commitment to transforming India by 2047.

"Those (including Rahul Gandhi) enjoying leisure vacations cannot develop Bharat. To work for the country, one needs to have a vision.



To have a vision, one needs to have devotion. When nothing is present, the outcome is zero. But in the case of Modi, the vision and motto, both stand clear. Modi works 24x7 for 2047," he said addressing a rally ahead of Lok Sabha polls in the remaining 14 constituencies in the

state scheduled on May 7.

The Prime Minister also accused the Congress of running a 'vasooli gang' rather than a government in Karnataka and slammed them for transforming Karnataka from a renowned tech hub to a tanker hub under their rule.

UGC NET 2024 exam postponed, to be held on June 18

New Delhi (UNI)

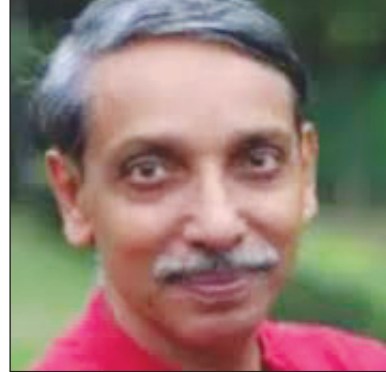
University Grants Commission (UGC) has postponed the National Eligibility Test as the date clashes with the Civil Services preliminary examination.

Earlier, the NET was scheduled to be held on June 16, the date has now been shifted to June 18.

Following the feedback from the candidates, the commission decided to extend the date of examination for UGC-NET June 2024," UGC Chairman, M Jagadesh Kumar said in a social media post on Monday.

NTA will conduct UGC-NET in OMR mode across India on a single day, he added.

The notification regarding intimation of City exam center will be displayed on the official website prior to 10 days of the exam, an official statement said.



The candidates are also advised to visit the NTA website for the latest updates. Earlier on April 21, the UGC chairman said students with four-year undergraduate degrees can now directly appear for the National Eligibility Test (NET) and pursue PhD.

ICG, Gujarat ATS seize fishing boat with 173 kg drugs; two persons held

New Delhi: In a coordinated effort, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) seized an Indian fishing boat in the Arabian Sea carrying 173 kg of narcotics and arrested two perpetrators on board.

Acting on specific and credible intelligence provided by ATS Gujarat, ICG strategically deployed its assets ensuring comprehensive surveillance to intercept the suspected boat, a Defence Ministry statement said.

Subsequent investigations upon intercepting the boat confirmed the accuracy of the intelligence inputs, establishing the involvement of the fishing boat and its two perpetrators in smuggling drugs.

PM Modi wants to end reservation system in country: Rahul

New Delhi (UNI)

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of using privatisation as a weapon to snatch away the rights of the poor and said that he wants to end the reservation system in the country.

On his social media handle X, Rahul Gandhi said, "Reservation means equitable participation of poor, tribals, Dalits and backward people in the country. And Narendra Modi wants to snatch this right from you by using privatisation as a weapon."

Earlier in the day, addressing a press conference here, Congress Chairperson Media & Digital Platforms Supriya Shrinete said that PM Modi till few days back was giving



the slogan of '400 paar', but after the two phases of Lok Sabha elections, the BJP's true colours were exposed.

She alleged that the BJP's nefarious intention to change the Constitution and end reservation has been exposed before the people of the country.

SC asks Delhi CM Kejriwal why he has not filed bail application before trial court

New Delhi (UNI)

The Supreme Court on Monday asked Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who has been arrested in a money-laundering case related to the alleged excise policy scam, why he has not filed a bail application before the trial court.

A bench comprising Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta was hearing the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convener's plea challenging his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

"You did not move any application for bail before the trial court?" Justice Sanjiv Khanna asked senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, who appeared before the court on



behalf of the Delhi Chief Minister. To this Dr Singhvi replied we have filed this the plea challenging the arrest by ED.

Sandeshkhali: SC rebuke for Bengal on opposing CBI probe against pvt person

The Supreme Court Monday asked the West Bengal government their reason for opposing a CBI investigation into the Sandeshkhali incident and questioned the state government's move approaching the top court to protect an individual's interest. A Bench comprising Justice BR Gopal and Justice Sandeep adjoined till July 2024, a Special Leave Petition, filed by the State of West Bengal against the Calcutta High Court's order.

India summons Canadian Deputy High Commissioner

New Delhi (UNI)

India on Monday strongly protested the raising of separatist pro-Khalistan slogans at a Sikh community event in Toronto attended by Canadian PM Justin Trudeau, and summoned the Canadian Deputy High Commissioner in that context.

The Canadian Deputy High Commissioner was today summoned to the Ministry of External Affairs office here and conveyed the Government of India's "deep concern and strong protest at such disturbing actions being allowed to continue unchecked at the event", a statement said.

The MEA said that the incident

"illustrates once again the political space that has been given in Canada to separatism, extremism and violence".

"Their continued expressions not only impact India-Canada relations but also encourage a climate of violence and criminality in Canada to the detriment of its own citizens," the MEA said.

The government's move came hours after a video surfaced showing Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau addressing hundreds of Sikhs in Toronto on the occasion of Khalsa Day on Sunday, even as some people from among the crowd were raising pro-Khalistan slogans in his presence.

Delhi Police summons Congress leaders, social media over fake videos of Amit Shah

Hyderabad: The Delhi Police issued a summons on Monday to Congress leaders in Telangana and its social media handlers regarding fake videos about Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

According to party sources, Congress official spokespersons Asma Thasmeen, party Social Media In-charge Manne Sathesh, as well as Congress leaders Naveen and Shivakumar, received notices from the Delhi Police. Additionally, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was reportedly served a notice as well.

21 Indian naval ships patrolling Red Sea amid Houthi attacks: Jaishankar

New Delhi (UNI)

India currently has 21 of its naval ships patrolling in the Red Sea area to provide protection to international shipping, amid the continuing attacks by the Houthis in the region, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Monday.

During a talk at Kirori Mal College in Delhi University on his book 'Why Bharat Matters', Jaishankar said that during Covid India was relevant to the world by providing vaccines to many countries, and today it is similarly helping out in the Red Sea.

"Like today in the Red Sea with the firing of missiles on ships, 21 of our ships are in service out there who are protecting international shipping. And they keep trade costs down, because if you can protect

shipping then you keep insurance costs down, and the shipping cost is less," he said.

His comments come days after Houthis missiles hit a crude oil tanker headed for India.

Jaishankar also said that how India does at home and the decisions taken are watched keenly by the world.

"How we handled Covid and took the right decisions that enabled us today to become the fastest growing large economy of the world, and the manner in which we secured our citizen's safety, like during Ukraine war, how we brought out our students safely" was seen by the world. "The Indian passport is looked at with greater respect today," he added.

He said that India today has



shaped up into "a country that has the ability to stand up for itself, stand up to pressure, and radiate its own persona and culture".

He also said that the "North Eastern region is today actually getting the political, economic and develop-

ment attention that it has long lacked".

"And with the attention and the resources and with better governance and connectivity to the world, and with special interest which countries like Japan and Southeast Asia are evincing, we are at the cusp of something really wonderful," he added.

Jaishankar said that every part of India has "some external connection to the world and we need to tap it", referring to India's ancient links to the world.

"We have lost our own sense of history and it is important to recover it and appreciate it. Many of these are deep connections between North East India and Southeast Asia," he added.