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Arunachal CM allocates portfolios to his Council of Ministers

Bangladesh MP murdered in Kolkata to ensure party ticket for rival: Report



Narco-terror network busted in Kupwara, 3 arrested

Srinagar: Security forces busted a narco-terror network in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district by arresting three suspects, police said on Saturday. Police said, following an input that a person was trying to sell heroin, a joint trap with the Army was laid in the border area of Karnah Kupwara, and two persons were apprehended with approximately 500 grams of heroin. The police identified the two as Shafeeq Ahmad Sheikh of Khawarpara Karnah and Tariq Ahmad Malik of Baghballa.

PM Modi holds bilateral meetings with Italian PM Meloni, Japanese PM Kishida at G7



Apulia/New Delhi (UNI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral meetings with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and Japanese PM Fumio Kishida on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Italy. He also met German Chancellor Olaf Scholz.

On his meeting with his Italian counterpart and G7 host, the PM posted on X that they held discussion on areas like commerce, energy, defence and telecom.

"Had a very good meeting with PM @GiorgiaMeloni. Thanked her for inviting India to be a part of the G7 Summit and for the wonderful arrangements. We discussed ways to further cement India-Italy relations in areas like commerce, energy, defence, telecom and more. Our nations will work together in futuristic areas like biofuels, food processing and critical minerals."

A statement issued by the MEA said that PM Meloni congratulated PM Modi for his third consecutive term as Prime Minister. PM Modi thanked PM Meloni for the invitation to participate in G7 Outreach Summit and conveyed his appreciation for the successful conclusion of the Summit.

"The two leaders noted with satisfaction the regular higher political dialogue and reviewed progress of the India-Italy Strategic Partnership. While expressing happiness at growing trade and economic collaboration, they called for ex-

panding commercial ties in clean energy, manufacturing, Space, S&T, telecom, AI and critical minerals to build resilient supply chains. In this context, they welcomed the recent signing of a MoU on Industrial Property Rights (IPR) which provides a framework for cooperation on patents, designs and trademarks."

PM Modi departs for India after concluding G7 visit

Apulia/New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi departed for India after concluding a successful visit to Italy for the G7 Summit, during which he participated in the Outreach Summit and held bilateral meetings with several world leaders. In a post on X, the PM said: "Had a very productive day at the G7 Summit in Apulia. Interacted with world leaders and discussed various subjects. Together, we aim to create impactful solutions that benefit the global community and create a better world for future generations. I thank the people and government of Italy for their warm hospitality." The MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal in a post said the visit saw deepening of India's partnership with countries participating in the summit.

Eight killed as vehicle falls into deep gorge

Mishap in Uttarakhand, rescue operations on

Dehradun (UNI)

Eight people were killed after a tempo traveller fell into a deep gorge on the Badrinath Highway, five kilometers from Rudrapur district in Uttarakhand on Saturday.

A total of 23 people were travelling in the vehicle. The vehicle was enroute to Chopta from Noida when the accident occurred.

On receiving the information, the police adminis-

tration, district disaster management, NDRF, and other teams have started rescue operations at the spot.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has expressed grief over the accident. He said very painful news was received about the accident of a tempo traveller in Rudrapur. Teams of the local administration and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) are engaged in

relief and rescue operations.

The injured have been sent to the nearest medical center for treatment. The District Magistrate has been ordered to investigate the incident.

Dhami said, "I pray to God to give place to the souls of the deceased at his feet and give strength to the bereaved family to bear this immense pain. I pray to Baba Kedar for the speedy recovery of the injured."

Four criminals loot over Rs 17 lakh from Axis Bank in Bihar

Patna: Four criminals, carrying weapons, looted Rs 17,36,000 from Axis Bank branch under Bihta police station area in the state capital on Saturday. According to police, four criminals entered the branch of the bank located near Devkuli turning and took the employees and the customers in their captive at gunpoint. The criminals looted the amount and fled from the spot. The matter was being investigated. A massive manhunt has been launched to nab the criminals.

Chhattisgarh: 8 Naxalites killed, two jawans injured in encounter



Narayanpur (UNI)

At least eight naxalites were killed, one jawan martyred and two jawans injured in an encounter between police and Naxalites since the last two days at Kutul area in Abujmahad of Narayanpur on the border of Chhattisgarh-Maharashtra states.

The encounter between police and Naxalites resumed again on Saturday morning in Kutul area.

Inspector General of Police of Bastar Range P Sundarraj said that the Reserve Police Force, Chhattisgarh, Armed Force, and Tibet Border Security Force Jawans are involved in the joint anti-Naxalite operation in Narayanpur, Bastar, Kondagaon, Kanker, Dantewada districts on Wednesday.

Police said that the number of Naxalites killed in the encounter is likely to increase. Police had received information that a large number of Naxalites are present in Kutul, Farasbeda, and Kodtameta areas.

After receiving the information, about 1400 soldiers from Jagdalpur, Dantewada, Kondagaon, and Kanker of the Bastar division have been engaged in the operation.

The joint team of police and soldiers has surrounded the hideout of Naxalites. Even a day before, there was intermittent firing with the joint team of soldiers.

Police officials said that detailed information will be available only after the return of the soldiers.

Union Minister Suresh Gopi calls Indra Gandhi 'mother of India'

Trishur: Union Minister Suresh Gopi on Wednesday described former PM Indra Gandhi as the "mother of India" and late Congress Chief Minister K Karunakaran as a "courageous administrator". The BJP leader also called Karunakaran and Marxist veteran E K Nayanar as his "political gurus".

Gopi was speaking to reporters after visiting the memorial of Karunakaran, "Murali Mandiram" located in Punnunnam here.

Interestingly, Suresh Gopi had won Thrissur Lok Sabha constituency by dashing the hopes of Karunakaran's son and Congress leader K Muraleedharan who finished third in a triangular contest in the April 26 polls.

Urging mediapersons not to add any political connotation to his visit to Karunakaran memorial, the BJP leader said he came here to pay his respects to his "guru".

He said like Nayanar and his wife Sarada Teacher, he had close relations with Karunakaran and his wife



Kalyanikutty Amma also.

He had visited Nayanar's home in Kannur and renewed his relationship with his family members on June 12. Gopi said as he viewed Indra Gandhi as "bharathathinte mathavu" (mother of India), Karunakaran was the "father of the Congress party in the state" for him. He explained that describing Karunakaran as the "father" of the Congress in Kerala was not a disrespect to the founders or co-founders of the grand old party in the southern

state. The actor-turned-politician also hailed the administrative capabilities of the Congress veteran and dubbed him as a "courageous administrator" of his generation. He further said though he had expressed his desire to visit the Murali Mandiram in 2019 also, the veteran's daughter Padmaja Venugopal, who recently defected to the BJP, discouraged him due to political reasons. Later, Suresh Gopi also visited the famous Lourde Mata Church in the city and offered prayers.

He and his family's presentation of a golden crown to the idol of St Mary during his daughter's marriage was used by his political opponents to target him, alleging that it was not made of yellow metal but copper. Gopi won the Thrissur Lok Sabha seat, opening an account for the BJP in Kerala.

Thrissur had witnessed a three-way contest for the Lok Sabha polls, with major candidates from the Congress, BJP, and CPI locked in a neck-and-neck battle.

Uddhav says LS win a beginning, Sharad Pawar thanks PM Modi for creating 'conducive atmosphere' for MVA

Nagpur: Addressing the first joint press conference of the Maha Vikas Aghadi after the victory of the alliance in Maharashtra in the recent Lok Sabha polls, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Saturday said the victory in the Lok Sabha was just the beginning and not an end and asserted that MVA will contest the upcoming Assembly polls together and will win.

The Assembly polls in Maharashtra are slated to take place later this year. Speaking at the press conference, NCP(SP) chief Sharad Pawar took a jibe at Prime Minister Naren-



dra Modi, stating that he thanks the PM for creating a conducive atmosphere for the MVA in the state by campaigning in the polls.

"Whenever PM Modi campaigned, held rallies and roadshows,

we have won. So I feel it is my duty that we should thank PM Modi for creating a conducive political atmosphere for the alliance," Pawar said while speaking in the joint press conference in South Mumbai which was also attended by Uddhav, and Congress's Prithviraj Chavan and Balasaheb Thorat.

"The Modi government has now become the NDA government and there is no guarantee about how long this government will continue," Uddhav said, adding that "MVA will contest the polls unitedly and will win the upcoming polls together."

Indus Water Treaty: 'Neutral Experts' with India, Pak delegation visiting J&K

Jammu (UNI)

In view of the "Neutral Experts," along with a delegation from India and Pakistan to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the government on Saturday appointed 25 liaison officers.

It is learned that the visit, starting from June 17 to 28, pertains to the provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT).

As per the order issued by the General Administration Department, the administrative officers in the government have been asked to report to the offices of the Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir, Power Develop-



ment Corporation, Jammu, and Srinagar, respectively, for a briefing about their duties and responsibilities during the visit of the delegation. Notably, the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) is a water-distribution treaty between India and Pakistan, arranged and negotiated by the World Bank, to use the water available in the Indus River and its tributaries.

PM to release 17th installment of Rs 20k crore under PM-KISAN on June 18 in Varanasi

New Delhi (UNI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the 17th installment of PM-KISAN Yojna of about Rs 20,000 crore on June 18 from his Parliamentary constituency Varanasi.

"Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will be visiting Varanasi on June 18, 2024, for the release of the 17th installment of the PM KISAN scheme to the farmers and granting certificates to more than 30,000 self-help groups as Krishi Sakhis," said Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare will organize the event in coordination with the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Addressing the media here Chouhan thanked the Prime Minis-

ter for entrusting him with the responsibility of an important department like agriculture and said that agriculture is the most important basis for fulfilling the resolve of a developed India.

He said that agriculture is the foundation of the Indian economy. Even today, most of the employment opportunities are created through agriculture.

Today farmers are filling the granaries of the country, the Minister said adding that even earlier, agriculture and farmers have been the top priority of Prime Minister Modi, due to which many steps were taken for the welfare of farmers and even now, after assuming office, the Prime Minister first signed the 17th installment of Kisan Samman Nidhi to be released to the farmers.

GSAT-N2 mission to enhance India's broadband infra

Chennai (UNI)

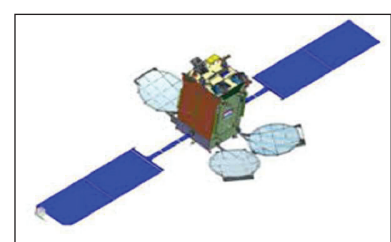
The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is gearing up for the launch of communication satellite GSAT-N2 that would enhance the broadband services and in-flight connectivity across the Indian region.

The satellite, with a lift-off mass of 4,700 kg and with a mission life of 14 years, is at present undergoing vibration tests.

The mission launch date was yet to be announced by ISRO and in all probability it is likely to take place either in the first week or second week of July.

The dates are expected to be officially announced in the coming days once all pre-launch tests are completed.

ISRO on Saturday announced that GSAT-N2 (GSAT-20) is a Ka-band



High throughput communication satellite of NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of ISRO. GSAT-N2 is the 2nd Demand Driven satellite of NSIL.

GSAT-N2 is set to enhance broadband services and in-flight connectivity (IFC) across the Indian region.

This satellite, featuring multiple spot beams and wideband Ka x Ka transponders, aims to support a large subscriber base with small user terminals, significantly boosting sys-

tem throughput through its multi-beam architecture which allows frequency reuse.

ISRO has so far launched close to 20 GSAT communication satellites in to Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO), mostly from Kourou in French Guyana.

GSAT-N2 too will be launched by SpaceX, USA.

As part of Space Sector reforms announced by the Union Government during June 2020, NSIL was mandated to build, launch, own and operate satellites in "Demand-driven mode" for meeting service needs of the user.

As part of this, NSIL successfully undertook its 1st Demand-driven satellite mission, GSAT-24 during June 2022, wherein the capacity onboard the satellite was fully secured by M/s TataPlay.

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Terror handler operating from PoK declared as proclaimed offender in JK's Baramulla

Srinagar: A terror handler, operating from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, was declared as a proclaimed offender in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, police said on Saturday. A police spokesperson said that the court of 1st Additional Sessions Judge, Baramulla declared Ghulam Hassan Reshi a resident of Baderkoot, as proclaimed offender on the application moved by Baramulla Police. "The terror handler Reshi is involved in case FIR no: 4/2008 u/sec 2/3 EMICO Act, 120B, 121 of Police Station Tangmarg. The terror handler is presently at PoJK/ Pakistan and is working with a terrorist outfit," police said.

Left Front names three candidates for July 10 by-poll in Bengal

Kolkata: The Left Front has announced three candidates for the four assembly seats in West Bengal, which go to by-poll on July 10. While CPI(M) nominee Arindam Das is to contest from Ranaghat (South-SC), Maniktala candidate is Rajib Majumdar of the party is the candidate in Maniktala seat and AIFB's Gouraditya Biswas to contest from Bagdad in Nadia district. The LF has not yet selected its candidate for Raiganj Assembly constituency.

Two NSCN(IM) militants arrested in Tirap dist

Itanagar: Security forces on Saturday arrested two hardcore cadres of the Naga militant group, NSCN(IM), in the Tirap district of Arunachal Pradesh and recovered one 9mm pistol and 4 mobile phones from their possession. The arrestees identified as self-styled (SS) Lt Khunliam Sumpa and SS L/Corporal Jenlong Sopong aka Jenlong Wakthom were allegedly involved in extortion activities in Khonsa town of Tirap during the recently concluded general elections to Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly, sources said.

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