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**Attack on Sikh in Kaithal, 2 nabbed**

**Kaithal:** Two persons, who allegedly attacked a Sikh youth after calling him "Khalistani" have been arrested by the Kaithal CIA-1 team, police said on Saturday. According to police, the accused have been identified as Ishu and Sunil. The police nabbed them by identifying their bike number with the help of CCTV footage. Police said according to the primary investigation both the accused, in a bid to overtake, had confronted the victim Sukhwinder Singh. There was some altercation and they hit him with the bricks. Further investigation was underway.

**27-year-old woman killed in Mirzapur**

**Mirzapur:** The body of a 27-year-old woman was recovered under mysterious circumstances in Halia area of Mirzapur district in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday, a senior police officer said here. Superintendent of Police Abhinandan said that Suman went missing on Friday. "On Saturday morning, her body was recovered near fertiliser warehouse. Her throat was slit with a sharp-edged weapon by unidentified persons," he said. He said that the dog squad and forensic team inspected the spot. "The body has been sent for post-mortem examination. A team has been constituted to trace the killers and they will be arrested soon," the SP said.

**J&K: Biker, pillion rider die in road accident in Baramulla**

**Srinagar:** A 26-year-old motorcyclist and his pillion rider died in a road accident on Saturday in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district. Police said the accident took place at Tappar Pattan along the Srinagar Baramulla national highway between a motorcycle and Tavera, resulting in critical injuries to the two persons riding on the motorbike. "The two injured were shifted to Trauma Hospital Pattan, where both were declared dead on arrival," police said. The motorcyclist was on his way to Srinagar when the accident took place. Officials identified the duo as Abdul Rehman Qureshi of Handwara Kupwara and Anesh Soni of Punjab.

**2 women, girl child crushed under Koyna Express**

**Kolhapur:** Three persons - two women and a girl child - died when they were run over by the Koyna Express at Vikram Nagar, a suburb of the city, on Saturday, Maharashtra police said. The three victims were walking on the railway track in the Vikram Nagar area, when the train hit them at high speed. All three died on the spot. The bodies got so mangled that they were yet to be identified, an officer at the Shahupuri police station said. The police were also investigating whether it was a case of suicide or accident.

**One arrested for theft at a shrine in J&K's Baramulla**

**Srinagar:** Police on Saturday said that it has solved a case of a theft at the shrine in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district by arresting the accused. On Friday, Police Post Old Town Baramulla received a written application from the Intizamia Committee of Masjid Madina Dargah Aaliya Old Town Baramulla stating that some thieves had looted a donation box during the night. In this regard case u/s 479 IPC was registered in Police Station Baramulla and investigation was started. "During the investigations, and technical analysis of the case, the accused was identified as Waseem Ahmad Chichek, son of Abdul Gaffar resident of Lal Baab Sahab Arampora Sopore and was arrested for the offences committed," police said.

**History-sheeter arrested after encounter with police in Moradabad**

**Mordabad:** A history-sheeter was arrested after an encounter with the police in Katgarh area of Moradabad district in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday, a top police officer said here. Superintendent of Police (City) Akhilesh Bhadauria said that on Saturday morning the police had an encounter with a criminal near Kalyanpur turn. "On being chased, the criminal opened fire on the police team.

# Nodal officers should be appointed for every project: Yogi Adityanath

**Gorakhpur (UNI)**

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday directed that a nodal officer should be assigned for each project and they should give a weekly progress report. While reviewing development works and law and order with public representatives and officials, the CM said that senior officials should review each project every 15 days and there should be a meeting with public representatives once a month to discuss the progress of a project.

He said every project should have a set deadline and should be completed within the stipulated time in a quality manner. He also inquired about the current progress of projects from various departments, including the Public Works Department, Irrigation Department, Municipal Corporation, Water Corporation, Gorakhpur Development Authority (GDA), and Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA).



Yogi directed that the registration of land for acquired development projects should be expedited and compensation should be distributed as soon as possible. "Any delay in this process will be unacceptable," he said. He emphasised that a Nodal Officer should be assigned to supervise each construction project to ensure they are completed on time

and with quality. "The nodal officer should provide weekly progress updates to senior officials. Public representatives should be involved in monitoring all projects. Officials should meet with public representatives every month to inform them about the progress of development works and consider their suggestions," he said.

The CM said that the monsoon season is approaching and it is crucial to ensure there are no water logging issues anywhere when it rains. "Over the past few years, good work has been done to address the problem of waterlogging, but continuous efforts are needed to achieve excellence in this area," he said.

He directed the officials to complete the cleaning of all drains on time and emphasised the need to focus consistently on the God-dhoiya Nala project to mitigate water logging issues.

## Youth shot dead by brothers in Baghpat

**Baghpat:** A 32-year-old youth was shot dead by his elder brothers in Baraut area of Baghpat district here in Uttar Pradesh, a police officer said on Saturday.

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Narendra Pratap Singh said late on Friday night, Yashveer was shot dead by his brothers Udaiveer and Omveer in Gurana village.

"The accused killed their younger brother because they were not happy with his marriage," he said.

He said prima facie, it has come to light that the deceased were four brothers. "After the death of their eldest brother Sukhveer, the family members married his wife Ritu and Yashveer, but his two brothers were not happy with it," he said.

The ASP said Yashveer worked as a bus driver in Delhi.

"On Friday night, when Yashveer returned from duty, Omveer and Udaiveer shot him dead. The accused have been detained and are being quizzed," he said.

## Tripura to stock at least 50,000 units of blood

**Agartala (UNI)**

The Tripura government has set a target to keep a stock of at least 50,000 units of blood in the blood banks; Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha said on Saturday. Saha, who flagged off the state's first Blood Collection & Transportation Van, said: "The present blood collection is around 40,000 units from the donors, but steps have been taken to increase the collection through social organisations, clubs and colleges.



"Our target is to keep a stock of 80,000 units in the blood banks. Now infrastructure for collecting and transporting blood from distant locations has been created to cater to the growing demand," he said. While urging people to participate in voluntary blood donation activities, the Chief Minister said before starting a surgical procedure a surgeon keeps at least two units of blood in stock.

## Arunachal CM allocates portfolios to his Council of Ministers

**Itanagar (UNI)**

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Saturday allocated portfolios to his newly sworn-in Council of Ministers, keeping with him key departments like Hydropower, PWD, General Administration and other departments not assigned to any Minister.

Khandu had taken oath as the 11th Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the third consecutive time on Thursday last along with his Council of Ministers after his party, BJP, returned to power for the third time on the trot. Eight of the 12-member Khandu Cabinet are first timers with Dasanglu Pul being the lone female Minister. Seven others are Pasang Dorjee Sona, Biyuram Wahge, Nyato Dukam, Gabriel Den-



wang Wangsu, Balo Raja, Kento Jini and Ojing Tasing.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein has been re-assigned the key Finance, Planning and Investment portfolios, besides being entrusted with Tax & Excise, State Lotteries, Economics & Statistics, Power and Non Conventional Energy Resources. Mama Natung, former Environment & Forests Minister, has

been tasked with the all-important Home and Inter State Border Affairs Departments this time along with the Public Health Engineering & Water Supply, and the Department of Indigenous Affairs.

Biyuram Wahge has been allocated the Health & Family Welfare, and Water Resources Departments, while former Speaker Pasang Dorjee Sona, who got ministerial berth for the first time, has been entrusted with Education, Rural Works, Parliamentary Affairs, Tourism, and Libraries. Journalist-turned-politician Gabriel D Wangsu has been provided with Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Dairy Development, Fisheries, Food & Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology, and Consumer Affairs departments.

## Indian coast guard hosts blood donor drive

**New Delhi:** On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, the Indian Coast Guard Headquarters, in coordination with AIIMS and AFTC, New Delhi organized a highly successful Blood Donor Drive.



The drive was inaugurated by Inspector General T Sashi Kumar, TM, Deputy Director General (HRD), Coast Guard Headquarters along with Dr. Hem Chandra Pandey, Head of the Department of Transfusion Medicine, AIIMS New Delhi. Embracing the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's slogan, "20 years of celebrating giving; Thank you, Blood

donors," the event saw 50 healthy donors in New Delhi successfully donate blood after undergoing proper requisite screening. Further, to commemorate World

Blood Donor Day Indian Coast Guard also conducted Blood donation camps at Gandhinagar, Porbandar, Okha, Paradip, Goa, Jakhau, Mundra, Frazerganj and

various other places.

The campaign aimed to thank and recognize the voluntary donors who contribute to the health and well-being of millions of people around the world. Their selfless acts of donating blood are crucial in saving lives and supporting healthcare systems.

The Indian Coast Guard extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the voluntary donors and partners involved in making this event a resounding success. This initiative reflects the spirit of community service and commitment to saving lives, aligning with the core values of the Indian Coast Guard.

## Work faithfully for holistic & inclusive development of every citizen: Guv

**Itanagar (UNI)**

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt General (Retd) KT Parnaik on Saturday exhorted the newly-elected Members of the State Legislative Assembly to faithfully and tirelessly work for the holistic and inclusive development of every citizen of the state.

Addressing the members during the first session of the 8th Legislative Assembly here, the Governor said, "Your efforts must focus on inclusive development, ensuring that no one is left behind. It is your duty to ensure the well-being of our citizens and to create opportunities for all, irrespective of their socio-economic background."

The mandate given by the people reflects a clear desire for continued development, policy stability, and good governance, he pointed

out and exhorted the legislators to strive to build a prosperous and vibrant Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor further advised them to focus on "Embedded Systems of Development" to ensure good quality of design, aesthetics, utility, and sustenance, by maintaining the highest standards of probity, transparency, and accountability in all projects they undertake.

Noting that clean and dynamic governance will be the harbinger of equitable social welfare, health, education, and above all a state of 'Gross State Happiness', Parnaik said, "I am sure that a 'Vision Document' for the State enumerating broader goals and the principles to achieve them will prove an invaluable guide for the continued progress of our beloved State."

## 'Reasi Terror Attack: 10 patients discharged, 5 responding well to treatment'

**Jammu (UNI)**

The Narayana Hospital on Saturday said that out of 15 critically injured patients admitted to SMVD Narayana Hospital at Katra following a horrific terror attack on a pilgrim bus in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir on June 9, ten patients have already been discharged, with five remaining under observation and responding well to treatment. "The doctor team's swift response and advanced medical capabilities were on full display during this crisis, exemplifying their unwavering commitment to their mission of serving patients and keeping them first. Their tireless efforts and expertise ensured that every possible measure was taken to save lives. This dedication to

patient well-being is a cornerstone of Narayana Health's philosophy, and this event serves as a powerful testament to their commitment," the hospital authorities said in a statement. The release further stated, "Following the horrific terror attack on a pilgrim bus in Reasi on June 9, SMVD Narayana Hospital in Katra sprang into action, providing critical care to the victims. Over 40 people were injured, with 10 suffering gunshot wounds. Fifteen critically injured patients were quickly transferred to SMVD Narayana Hospital. A dedicated emergency team led by Dr. Sonia Dogra (Emergency Medicine), Dr. Suhail Khuroo (GI Surgery), and Dr. Vikas Padha (Orthopaedics) immediately mobilized."

## Odisha CM directs Health Dept to investigate Kashipur death cases

**Bhubaneswar (UNI)**

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Saturday directed the State Health Department and the Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC) to investigate and determine the reasons for the deaths in Manuspadar village in the Kashipur block of Rayagada district.

Majhi directed the concerned authorities to take all possible steps to normalize the situation.

At least five deaths were reported in Manuspadar, a remote village in the Kashipur block of Rayagada district, over a period of one month.

The Chief Minister has also directed the Panchayati Raj Department to provide drinking water



supply and construct a motorable road to the village at the earliest.

A state-level team visited the village, conducted door-to-door screening and treatment, and carried out necessary investigations, official sources said.

Health teams are visiting daily

and closely monitoring the situation.

Sources said the first four deaths were not brought to any health facility or health worker and were cremated at the community level. They are suspected to be cases of diphtheria.

In the case of the fifth death, samples were sent to RMRC for testing on Saturday, and they have been confirmed to be diphtheria.

A prophylactic dose of antibiotics has been given to all susceptible persons in the community, and the symptomatic patients are responding to treatment, the sources said.

The situation is under control, the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) sources said.

## Criminals have no caste: Giriraj

**Patna (UNI)**

Union Textile Minister Giriraj Singh categorically said that the criminals do not have any caste.

After he arrived at Jaiprakash Narayan International Airport on Saturday, Singh told newsmen that the criminals do not belong to any caste.

Retorting sharply at the statement of former Bihar Deputy Chief Minister and RJD leader Tejaswi Prasad Yadav who had stated that Yadavas in Bihar were selectively being shot, Singh said that the criminals do not have any caste and the crime should not be viewed in a particular frame.

Reacting to the statement of Yadav who had said that the "government was on the wheelchair," the BJP leader said that the person whom the people put on the wheelchair with a rattle in hand was issuing such irrational statements. Tejaswi Yadav on the majority of the



occasion was seen on the wheelchair during the campaign of the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections.

Yadav had alleged that the crime was increasing for which he had blamed the NDA government. He had alleged that the people belonging to the Yadav caste were selectively being targeted in the state.

Referring to the importance of the portfolios allocated to the Ministers from Bihar in the Union Cabinet, Singh said that along with the Agriculture Ministry the Textile portfolio was the second major em-

ployment-generating department. Expressing satisfaction at the representation of Bihar in the Union Cabinet, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made 8 ministers from Bihar. Singh said the entire team of the Textile Ministry has arrived here from Delhi to explore the potential of the state. The team would also discuss the possibilities of generating employment in the state.

Singh said that the union government in coordination with the state government would give a new height to Bihar in which the textile ministry would play a major role.

Earlier the Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh and Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi had stated that those who were indulged in criminal activities will certainly face the wrath. They had said that the crime and the criminals should not be linked with any caste.

## Pongte elected as Arunachal assembly Speaker, Kardo Nyigyor as Deputy Speaker

**Itanagar (UNI)**

Three-time BJP MLA from Changlang North constituency, Tesam Pongte was on Saturday elected unanimously as the Speaker of the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly.

The moment after the House assembled for the second and last day's business, Pro-tem Speaker Ninong Ering announced Tesam Pongte to have been elected unopposed as the Speaker of the 8th Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh as there was no other nomination received from either party for the post.

Pongte's name for the Speaker's post was proposed by Chau Zingnu Namchoom and seconded by Hayeng Mangfi.

Congratulating Pongte on being elected as new Speaker and inviting him to assume the charge,

Ering said, "I hope that he will prove it right his election to this prestigious chair."

After assuming the chair, an immensely grateful Pongte, 49, expressed his gratitude to

the Chief Minister, Council of Ministers and all members of the House for unanimously electing him for the coveted post.

The new Speaker assured that he will do his best to uphold the dignity of the chair and the democratic traditions. He also said that he belongs to each and every member and will do justice with all in the House.

Pongte further stated that the office of the Speaker will always be guided by the rules of procedures and conduct of business of the House, and the best parliamentary convention and tradition.

