



Ex K'taka CM Yediyurappa appears before CID in POCSO case

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Heatwave: Red alert issued in Delhi

New Delhi: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert warning for Delhi as severe heatwave conditions continue to prevail over northern parts of the country, including the national capital. This year, the city witnessed a prolonged heatwave, recording temperatures of 40°C and above for more than 30 consecutive days. "Heatwave to severe heatwave conditions are likely to continue over many parts of North India during the next 2 days and gradually abate thereafter under the influence of an approaching Western Disturbance towards Northwest India," the IMD said on Monday.

Shah to review security situation in Manipur



New Delhi: A day after reviewing the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday was to chair a high-level meeting here to review the security situation in Manipur. The meeting, scheduled to take place at 4pm, was to be attended by senior officials from the Centre, Manipur government, Army and other security forces. The Centre has made it clear that there will be zero tolerance for any terror spawning entities in the country.

Militant killed in J&K's Bandipora

Srinagar: Security forces shot dead a militant in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district, Army said on Monday. They said an unidentified militant was killed in a joint operation which was launched last night at Gurihajin, Aragam in Bandipora, following a specific input. "Based on specific intelligence input regarding presence of terrorists, a Joint Operation was launched by #IndianArmy & @JmukmrPolice on the intervening night of 16-17 June 24 in general area of Gurihajin, Aragam Bandipora; one terrorist eliminated, operation in progress," Army's Srinagar based Chinari Corps said in a post on X.

Re-densification plan of 1250 quarters cancelled

Bhopal: The Commissioner of Madhya Pradesh Housing and Infrastructure Development Board has issued an order on Monday and cancelled the proposed re-densification plan on the land of 1250 quarters located in Bhopal. After the cancellation of the proposal, the alternative site will be examined. As per the order issued on Monday, keeping in view the environmental protection and the existing trees in the area, the proposed project has been rejected after thorough consideration. Along with this, instructions have been given to test other alternative locations. While preparing the alternative proposal, instructions have been given to have extensive discussions with environmentalists, local public representatives and citizens at the initial stage itself. Keeping in view the shortage of employee housing, the plan prepared under the Re-densification Policy 2022 to prepare a preliminary project in place of dilapidated and unusable houses of 1250 quarters Bhopal and presented at the government level has been cancelled.

One dies in cracker unit blast, CM announces solatium

Chennai: One person died in a private cracker manufacturing unit at Mannargudi in Tiruvarur district of Tamil Nadu. In a statement here on Monday, Chief Minister M K Stalin said in the blast that took place yesterday, one worker Satish Kumar (34) suffered serious burn injuries.

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Bullion

Gold..... 71684.00 (MCX 10g.)
Silver..... 89041.00 (MCX 1kg.)
USD(\$)/INR(Rs)..... 83.54

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Eight die as goods train smashes into Kanchanjunga Exp in Darjeeling distt

Kolkata/New Delhi (UNI)

A goods train smashed into the back of a stationary passenger train in West Bengal's Darjeeling district on Monday, killing eight people and injuring over two dozen, Northeast Frontier Railway bulletin said, in an accident that railway authorities blamed on a disregarded signal. The Sealdah-bound Kanchanjunga Express left Agartala on Sunday and was scheduled to reach its destination by Monday evening, when around 8.55 am it met with the accident about 10 km away from the New Jalpaiguri (NJP) railway station, when many passengers aboard were yet to start their day.



Railways Minister visits accident site



Siliguri: Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnav on Monday visited the accident site at Ranidanga and interacted with the injured in the hospital. As per the latest report, nine people were killed and 41 injured after a goods train hit the Sealdah bound Kanchanjunga Exp from Agartala (Tripura) at Ranidanga near Phansidewa in Darjeeling district, about 11 km south of NJP Junction.

The passenger train was hit by a goods train carrying containers between Raninagar and Chaterhat station under the Katihar division of the NFRailway. Four coaches of the rear side of the express train and five wagons of the container train were derailed by the impact of the crash that Chairman & CEO Railway Board Jaya Varma Sinha, said: "Prima facie suggests human error as the cause. The first indications suggest that this is a case of signal disregard. Kavach needs to proliferate, as planned for West Bengal." Both Up and Down lines were impacted causing nine trains to be stranded at various stations on their routes. The central government announced an enhanced ex-gratia of Rs 10 lakh to the next of kin of each deceased. The announcement was made by Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav in a social media post on X. The minister was expected to be at the accident site later in the day.

Vaishnav told reporters after the rescue operations were completed the restoration work was taken up to restore normalcy in the section. Towards grievous and 250,000 for minor injuries," he said. Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the tragedy and announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each for the next of kin of deceased. A compensation of Rs 50,000 for each of those injured in the incident was also announced by the PMO. Driver of the goods train and guard of the passenger express were among the eight dead declared so far in the train accident in Siliguri district. Sinha, confirmed that eight people have died, including three railway officials and five others, in the accident. Meanwhile, in a social media post on X, the Prime Minister said, "The railway accident in West Bengal is saddening. Condolences to those who lost their loved ones. I pray that the injured recover as the earliest. Spoke to officials and took stock of the situation. Rescue operations are underway to assist the affected." He also informed: "The Railways Minister @AshwiniVaishnav Ji is on the way to the site of the mishap as well."

Rahul retains Rae Bareilly Lok Sabha seat, Priyanka to contest from Wayanad



New Delhi: Rahul Gandhi has retained the Rae Bareilly Lok Sabha seat, while the vacated Wayanad seat will be taken up by Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, announced Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge on June 17. On Priyanka Gandhi contesting the Wayanad seat, Rahul Gandhi stated, "You are now going to

have two MPs, I will keep visiting. She is going to be a very good representative of people of Wayanad. People of Wayanad gave me support, energy to fight at a very difficult time." Commenting after Kharge's announcement, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said, "I am very happy to be able to represent Wayanad and I will not let them feel Rahul Gandhi's absence. I will work hard and I will try my best to make everyone happy and be a good representative." She further noted, "I have a very old relationship with Rae Bareilly and Amethi and it cannot be broken. I will also help my brother in Rae Bareilly. We will both be present in Rae Bareilly and Wayanad."

Nitish directs authorities to frame law to check question paper leak in exams

Patna (UNI)

Taking cognizance of the irregularities and question paper leak incidents in the competitive examinations, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday directed the authorities to frame a strict law to check them. During a high level meeting attended by Deputy Chief Ministers and the higher authorities of various departments, Kumar said here that a strict law was required to check question paper leak and any other irregularities in the examinations held for the appointments. For maintaining complete trans-

parency in the competitive examinations, he instructed to frame a stringent law and asked the authorities to bring a related proposal in the next assembly session. Reviewing the progress of the targets fixed for providing government jobs and employment under seven resolves part two, the Chief Minister instructed to accomplish the target and provide the rest of the jobs within a year under mission mode. Kumar asked the authorities to prepare a work plan to achieve the target of providing 10 lakh government jobs and 10 lakh employments during a period of 5 years commencing from

EAM, NSA hold talks with visiting US NSA Jake Sullivan

New Delhi (UNI)

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and NSA Ajit Doval on Monday held discussions on bilateral, regional and global issues with visiting US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan. EAM posted on X that the India-US strategic partnership will continue to advance strongly in the Modi government's new term. "Delighted to welcome US NSA @JakeSullivan46 in New Delhi today morning. A comprehensive discussion on a broad range of bilateral, regional and global issues. "Confident that India-US strategic partnership will continue to advance strongly in our new term." The US NSA is in Delhi to hold talks with his Indian counterpart Ajit



Doval on implementation of the ambitious India-US Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET). The US NSA is expected to call on Prime Minister Modi. Meanwhile, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval also held talks with his visiting US counterpart Jake Sullivan, with the discussions focused on implementation of iCET. The two top security officials also

deliberated upon global and regional issues of mutual interest. This is the first visit by a high-level US delegation to India post the re-election of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the third successive term. PM Modi met US President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the G7 in Apulia, Italy, last week. On Tuesday, the NSAs will address participants at an India-US iCET Roundtable with Industry CEOs, organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry. Sullivan is on an official visit to New Delhi from June 17 to 18. The iCET was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the Quad summit in Tokyo in May 2022.

CDS Anil Chauhan visits Jammu, reviews security

Jammu (UNI)

The Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan on Monday reviewed the security situation and operational preparedness across the Jammu region during his day-long visit here. Official sources said that the CDS reviewed the security situation in the Jammu region during a high level meeting at the White Knight Corps (16 Corps) based here at Nagrota. He was briefed about the operational readiness and security scenario in the region by the top Army Commanders in the backdrop of

back to back terrorist attack last week. His visit comes a day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a meeting in the national capital and took a review on prevailing situation in the Jammu and Kashmir. amidst of stone-pelting by the two groups. Several scribes were heckled and asked to delete photos they took on their smartphones. At least 10 bikes and one SUV were vandalized by the mob during the clash. Superintendent of police Sagarika Nath rushed to the site with force and held discussions with both the warring groups. Five platoons of police forces were deployed and prohibitory orders under section 144 CrPc has been imposed to prevent further deterioration of the law and order situation.



Hizbul militant arrested in J&K's Handwara



Srinagar (UNI)

Security forces arrested a Hizbul Mujahideen militant in Jammu and Kashmir's Handwara sub district, police said on Monday. He was in touch with a Pakistan-based handler. Zakir Hamid Mir, a resident of Kachri, Chougul was arrested in a joint operation of forces which was launched last night. He said further investigation in the case is continuing.

"Yesterday, we got an input about the presence of a terrorist who was waiting to carry out a terror attack. Following which a joint operation with Army's 30 RR and other security forces agencies was launched. During the operation the terrorist was arrested," Superintendent of Police, Handwara Dawood Ayoub said. He added a Chinese pistol, a hand grenade and two magazines of a pistol were recovered from the Hizb's possession. The SP said Zakir Mir was in touch with the Pakistan-based handler Zahoor Ahmad Mir of Mirtigam Handwara, who is linked with Hizbul Mujahideen.

Tension prevails in Odisha after clash between two groups

Balasore (Odisha) (UNI)

Tension prevailed in the communally sensitive area under the Town police station limits of Balasore on Monday following a clash between two groups, after a group noticed a red fluid in a drain, suspected to be of slaughtering of cows. Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Mahi took a serious view of the situation and directed the Balasore District Collector to maintain law and order, peace and harmony in the area. He said Odisha is a peaceful state and under no circumstances peace and law and order would not be allowed to be dis-



turbed. Majhi appealed to all concerned to maintain brotherhood and maintain peace in the area. At least two policemen sustained injuries when they were caught in the

midst of stone-pelting by the two groups. Several scribes were heckled and asked to delete photos they took on their smartphones. At least 10 bikes and one SUV were vandalized by the mob during the clash. Superintendent of police Sagarika Nath rushed to the site with force and held discussions with both the warring groups. Five platoons of police forces were deployed and prohibitory orders under section 144 CrPc has been imposed to prevent further deterioration of the law and order situation.