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Two found dead as fatal shooting rocks Karnataka

Hassan: A tragic incident unfolded on Thursday in the Hoysalanagar locality in Hassan district of Karnataka, as bodies of two individuals were discovered, both succumbing to gunshot wounds, according to police officials. As of now, the identities of the deceased remain unknown. Upon receiving the distressing report, Superintendent of Police (SP) Mohammed Sujitha promptly arrived at the scene and assumed control of the investigation, ensuring thorough scrutiny of the circumstances. Offering insights into the preliminary findings, SP Sujitha disclosed, "Initial inquiries indicate that a conversation between the two individuals took a deadly turn when one of them brandished a weapon, resulting in a fatal outcome."

Phondaghat police seize over Rs 38 lakh cash from a car

Kolhapur, Sindhudurg: Phondaghat check post police found Rs 38 lakh in a car, during a check operation early this morning. According to Phondaghat check post police in Sindhudurg district, a police team stopped a car on suspicion, which was on its way to Kolhapur. After searching, police found a cash amount of Rs 38,67,900 in the car. Police detained two persons, who had contradictory answers about the cash. Preliminary inquiry said the cash belonged to a Kolhapur-based businessman and was carried to Kolhapur by two persons to avoid GST. Police handed over the cash to the Revenue Department to take further action.

Passenger dies as trailer hits luxury bus

Kolhapur: A 56 year-old passenger was killed on the spot while 11 others were injured in Maharashtra when a trailer hit a luxury bus early Thursday near Mahad on the Mumbai-Goa national highway. According to police, a luxury bus of Ghatkoper-Kamathe (Mumbai) parked in front of Poladpur rural hospital was hit from the rear by a speeding container trailer. The injured, including the driver, was admitted at Poladpur and Mahad hospital. Six are said to be serious. The victim was identified as Ravindra Yashwant Sankpal.

Three persons killed in road accident at Malappuram

Malappuram: Three people from a family were killed in a road accident, after the autorickshaw they were traveling collided with a Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus at Muttipadi, about 3 Km away from Malappuram town, on Thursday. Police identified the deceased as Asharaf (45), his wife Sajitha (37), and their daughter Fidha (15), residing at Olamathil near Pulpatta in the district. Asharaf and Fidha died on the spot, while Sajitha succumbed to injuries on the way to Manjeri Medical College hospital (MCH). All the bodies were kept at MCH Manjeri for post-mortem. The incident occurred when the autorickshaw came on the wrong side, after losing control of the wheels, and collided with the KSRTC bus proceeding to Service Station at Malappuram.

Metro to ply in Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Gaya and Bhagalpur

Patna: Bihar government has approved the plying of Metro in Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Gaya, and Bhagalpur. The Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar held here on Thursday gave its green signal for plying of metro in Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Gaya, and Bhagalpur. The work was in progress to start the Metro services in Patna and now the Cabinet approved the metro services for four other important cities of the state. The cabinet also gave its green signal for the monsoon session of the Bihar legislature commencing on July 22 and concluding on July 26. The cabinet also sanctioned Rs 1500 crore for Diesel subsidy to the farmers. The Other decisions taken by the cabinet prominently include appointment on 98 posts in sports department, establishing of sports club in every panchayat and construction of houses for 750 poor families on PPP mode.

Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina arrives today on two-day state visit

New Delhi/Dhaka (UNI)

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will pay a two-day state visit to India on June 21-22, at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Several agreements and MoUs are set to be inked during her visit.

This will be the first incoming bilateral State Visit after the formation of the Modi government following the 18th Lok Sabha elections.

During the visit, apart from holding bilateral consultations with Prime Minister Modi, Prime Minister Hasina is scheduled to call-on President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar.

EAM is scheduled to call-on the Prime Minister of Bangladesh on Friday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was among the international leaders who attended the swearing-in ceremony of the Prime Minister and



the Union Council of Ministers on June 9, a statement said.

According to Daily Star of Bangladesh, the two sides are set to discuss issues such as water, port and defence.

Fresh loans from India under a new framework will also be on the agenda of the bilateral talks as Bangladesh grapples with a crunch in foreign currency reserves, it said quoting sources. Besides, the in-

tense fighting in Rakhine State, in Myanmar, will feature prominently during the delegation-level meeting between the two sides.

The issue of funding for the 'Teesta River Comprehensive Management and Restoration Project' will feature prominently in the talks, the daily said, citing sources.

The agreement was finalised in 2011, but could not be inked due to opposition from West Bengal.

The Economic Relations Division sought a \$983.27 million loan from China to implement the Teesta project, which includes river dredging, setting up reservoirs and building townships along the river.

On October 13, 2022, then-Chinese ambassador to Bangladesh Li Jiming said his country was serious about implementing the project, but also had a sense of reluctance due to sensitive issues surrounding it.

Minister Lokesh's roadmap for reviving Andhra Education sector

Vijayawada (UNI)

Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education, IT and Electronics, Nara Lokesh is ready with a roadmap to revive the state academic sector that was apparently neglected in the YSRCP regime, be it amenities for poor students, filling up professors post, reopening schools or returning certificates confiscated on pending dues.

The young leader focused on the problems being faced by the poor students before assuming charge at the State Secretariat and conducted a meeting with the senior officials of the Education Department on June 15 at his residence.

In a release here on Thursday, Lokesh said that when the officials informed him that textbooks were not being supplied to the Intermediate students of the government

colleges, Lokesh asked how the students could pursue their studies without the textbooks.

He immediately ordered the officers to take measures to supply not only the textbooks and notebooks but also other necessary material to the students.

He was told that the total expenditure for supplying the textbooks, notebooks and other material would be around Rs 33 crore, the Minister without even thinking for a minute, asked them not to bother about the expenditure but to initiate immediate measures to supply all the material to the students.

IT Minister Lokesh even took measures to issue the necessary GO within a matter of three days and now measures were being initiated to supply the books and other material on a war footing to students.

Curfew relaxed for four hours in trouble-torn Balasore

Balasore (UNI)

The curfew clamped in the Balasore municipality area since midnight of Monday, following a violent group clash between the two communities, was relaxed for 4 hours from 7 AM till 11 AM on Thursday.

The district administration relaxed the curfew to enable the residents of the town to buy vegetables and do necessary marketing of essential commodities.

As shops and commercial establishments were opened, the people were seen in a buying spree to purchase their day today required items, mainly vegetables.

The rate of most of the vegetables has gone skyrocketing in the town as the authority has sealed all the entry points to the town.

Official sources claimed that no untoward incident was reported during the last 24 hours.



Bengaluru (UNI)

Karnataka BJP President Vijayendra Yediyurappa on Thursday vehemently criticised the Siddaramaiah-led government for its recent attempt to arrest Ajeet Bharti, a prominent activist and supporter of the Hindu cause.

He labeled the move as a "dictatorial" action aimed at silencing dissent and intimidating opposition voices. The arrest attempt has sparked outrage within the BJP, which has accused the state government of misusing law enforcement agencies to target political opponents rather than addressing

critical issues of law and order. Taking to X, Vijayendra stated, "The @INCKarnataka government's attempt to arrest @ajeetbharti for whimsical reasons is purely dictatorial. @BJP4Karnataka will stand solidly with @ajeetbharti & provide all the support needed to fight this case."

According to him, this incident exemplifies the current administration's governance failure, portraying Chief Minister Siddaramaiah as a figurehead manipulated by external forces. The opposition party has called for immediate action to address the law and order situation and to cease the politically motivated harassment of activists like Ajeet Bharti.

Vijayendra also claimed that under the current administration, Karnataka has witnessed a significant rise in criminal activities, including high-profile murders and harassment of women, which the government has allegedly neglected.



The Internet service, however, remained suspended and only those having lease lines are allowed to use the service.

So far 45 people from both communities have been arrested and sent to judicial custody while around 50 people have been de-

tained for violating the curfew guidelines.

In addition to 34 platoons of Odisha State Armed Police Forces(OSAP), 6 companies of BSF have been deployed to maintain law and order situation in the town.

Arunachal Raj Bhavan celebrates WB Diwas

Itanagar (UNI)

In the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', the state foundation day of West Bengal was celebrated with traditional Bengali fervor and traditions at the Raj Bhavan here on Thursday. Governor Lt General (Retd) KT Parnaik and his wife Anagha Parnaik participated in the celebration along with the people of West Bengal residing in the state.

The Governor greeted the West Bengal communities residing in Arunachal Pradesh on the special occasion. He also conveyed good wishes to the people of West Bengal on behalf of all Arunachalis. The governor complimented the Bengali communities for their substantial contribution to the developmental progress of Arunachal Pradesh. He said that the people of the state are proud of them. The Governor, while recalling the cultural and natural richness of West Bengal, said that the



land of Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekananda, Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, and many other prominent people of Indian history has always inspired other states of the nation. He said that West Bengal, which is one of the leading states of the country, has been a prominent seat of art and culture, literature, and knowledge.

A cultural program reflecting the rich cultural heritage of Bengal was

presented on the occasion by the participants.

The students of Nriyangan Dance & Music Academy, Itanagar, performed the song 'Dhono Dhanvye Pushe Bhora' and group dance 'Bhanu Singher podaboli' while Jashita Roy Karmakar and Ishita Das presented a Bengali folk dance and Krishna Choudhury and Swarnali Majumdar performed a traditional Bengali dance number.

One injured in firing in HP court complex

Shimla (UNI)

An undertrial in the former Congress MLA Bamber Thakur attack case was injured on Thursday in a firing incident near the Bilaspur court in Himachal Pradesh, police said.

Deputy Commissioner of Bilaspur, Abid Hussain Sadik, confirmed the incident. He said police nabbed the accused.

The injured was identified as Saurabh Patial, the main accused in the attack on former Congress MLA Bamber Thakur.

Patial had come to the court for a scheduled appearance following his bail in the assault case approximately one and a half months ago. Unknown assailants opened fire at Patial as he approached the

court. In the chaos, Patial managed to run towards the court, seeking refuge. The firing shattered the glass of several vehicles in the vicinity, adding to the commotion.

Promptly responding to the incident, the police arrived at the scene, and Patial was immediately rushed to a local hospital before being transferred to AIIMS for advanced treatment due to the severity of his injuries.

DSP Madan Dhiman, who is leading the investigation, reported that the police successfully apprehended one suspect, while another remains at large.

The authorities have launched an intensive search operation to locate the absconding individual.

Surama Padhy elected Odisha Assembly Speaker

Bhubaneswar (UNI)

BJP MLA from Ranapur, Surama Padhy, was elected unopposed as Speaker of the Odisha Legislative Assembly on Thursday.

Padhy is the second woman, after BJD's Pramila Mallik, to become the Speaker of the Odisha Assembly.

Pramila Mallik, who was holding the position of Revenue and Disaster Management Minister in the Naveen Patnaik government, resigned from the post on September 21, 2023, and was elected unopposed as the Speaker of the Odisha Legislative Assembly on September 22, 2023, becoming the first woman to occupy the Speaker's post.



A two-time MLA, Surama Padhy was first elected to the State Assembly from the Ranapur Assembly seat in the 2004 elections and served as the Minister of State for Cooperation from May 18, 2004, to March 9, 2009, in the BJD-BJP coalition government headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

A Master's degree holder in Home Science and a Law graduate,

she joined the BJP in 1988 and served as the State BJP Mahila Morcha President from 1998 to 2000. She subsequently became the BJP Mahila Morcha National President for two years starting in 2002.

Surama Padhy filed her nomination for the post on Wednesday and was elected unopposed as no other political parties fielded a candidate against her.

The BJP, which formed the government in Odisha for the first time, has a clear majority of 78 MLAs and the support of three Independents in the 147-member house. The BJD has 51 members, while the Congress has 14 MLAs and the CPM has one member.

TN Spurious liquor tragedy, toll rises to 34, Jud probe ordered, solatium announced

Chennai (UNI)

In one of the most ghastly incidents, the toll in spurious liquor tragedy at Karunapuram village in Kallakurichi district mounted to 34 on Thursday morning, even as the Tamil Nadu government ordered a judicial probe into the incident and announced solatium of Rs ten lakh each to the bereaved families.

Reports received here said that nearly 70 people were being hospitalised.

So far 22 bodies have been identified and were handed over to the families after pot mortem.

According to reports, the sad point was that there was almost death in every street of the village where a pall of gloom descended since yesterday after the locals consumed spurious liquor sold in sachets on Tuesday night and com-



plained of committing and irritation.

Several of them swooned, the reports said.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister MK Stalin expressed anguish and shock over the death of 34 people in the tragic incident and announced a solatium of Rs ten lakh each to their families.

Promising stern action against those who supplied the methanol that has caused the deaths, Mr Stalin said so far four people were ar-

rested in connection with the incident.

Recalling that action has been taken against the police personnel, who had acted lethargic in the incident and that the probe has been transferred to the CB-CID, Mr Stalin also announced an assistance of Rs 50,000 each to those undergoing treatment at the hospital.

After holding discussions with senior government and police officials, Mr Stalin ordered a judicial probe into the incident headed by retired High Court Justice P Gokuldass and asked him to submit a report within three months.

Meanwhile, Leader of the Opposition and AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami visited the spot and consoled the victims.

BJP, Cong conspiring to privatise Singareni through mines auction: BRS

Hyderabad (UNI)

BRS Working President K.T Rama Rao (KTR) on Thursday accused both the BJP-led Central dispensation and the Congress-run Telangana government of "undermining" Singareni by opting to auction coal mines in the state instead of allocating them directly to Singareni.

In a media conference here, KTR criticised the state's Congress government for participating in the mine auctions instead of demanding direct allocation to Singareni.

Union Minister of Coal and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy will launch the 10th round of Commercial Coal Mining auction for 60 coal blocks in Hyderabad on Friday in the presence of Minister of State for Coal and Mines Satish Chandra Dubey, Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Coal Ministry Secretary Amrit

Lal Meena.

The state government's participation in the auction contradicts their previous stance of opposing the auction and seeking direct allocation from the Central Government to Singareni, KTR said.

He also reminded the public that the present Chief Minister, then PCC President, had written a letter to the Central Government asking for the cancellation of the Singareni mines auction and requested direct allocation to Singareni.

KTR questioned the Chief Minister's silence over the Central Government's auction of mines in the Singareni area.

He accused both BJP and Congress of "conspiring to damage the prospects of Telangana State since they won the Lok Sabha elections (8 MPs each by BJP and Congress), leaving no voice to safeguard the state."