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Police averts dacoity with arrest of five including 3 ex-NDFB cadres

Itanagar: The East Siang District Police in Arunachal Pradesh on Saturday claimed to have averted a dacoity in the Pasighat market area with the arrest of five individuals...

Kewal Singh Pathania lays foundation stone of Rs 1 crore in Dharamshala

Dharamshala: Deputy Chief Whip in the Assembly and Shahpur MLA Kewal Singh Pathania laid the foundation stone of the Kut to Chamyara road to be constructed at a cost of nearly Rs 1 crore in village panchayat Bhitlu of the development block Rait.

JC instructs officials to control rising prices of vegetables, essentials

Kakinada: Joint Collector S Ram Sunder Reddy has asked the officials to take stringent steps to control the rising prices of vegetables and essential commodities.

Free successful kidney transplant surgeries started in Tanda Medical College

Kangra: Dr. Rajendra Prasad Medical College Tanda is setting new dimensions in health facilities. This sentiment was expressed by Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation Chairman and Tourism Corporation Chairman (Cabinet Rank) R.S. Bali at Tanda Medical College while addressing a press conference in the medical library on Saturday.

Thennarasu attends Pre-budget meet convened by Nirmala, takes up TN issues



Chennai (UNI) Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu on Saturday urged Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to release the pending GST and other dues to the State, besides sanctioning funds for the Chennai Metro Rail Project-Phase Two and other issues concerning the State in the Union Budget.

At the pre-budget meeting con-

vened by Ms Nirmala in New Delhi, copies of which were released to the media here, he started his speech by congratulating her as she would soon become the first Finance Minister in the Country's history to present seven consecutive Budgets.

Stating that this meeting is an integral part of fiscal federalism, Mr Thennarasu said in the 2021-22 budget, Ms Nirmala had announced the Chennai Metro Rail Phase-2, as

a central sector project, at a cost of Rs.63,246 crore and the foundation stone for it was also laid by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Chennai on November 21, 2020.

"While this project has been recommended by the Public Investment Board (PIB) on August 17, 2021, it is awaiting approval of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) for the last three years. Pending this approval, the entire expenditure is being borne by the State from its own funds", he said. The delay in approval is making a severe impact on the state finances and has slowed the pace of implementation of this Project, causing hardships to the people of Chennai, he said and urged the Union Government to immediately sanction the project, as originally envisaged, and ensure adequate provisions are made in the Union Budget 2024-25.

Every possible measure taken to ensure Amarnath yatra is smooth, safe, and hassle-free: LG Sinha



Srinagar (UNI)

Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said on Saturday that they are taking every possible measure to ensure the Amarnath yatra is smooth, safe, and hassle-free.

The Amarnath yatra begins on June 29.

LG Sinha performed the 'Pratham Puja' to mark the ceremonial commencement of the Annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

"Today performed the 'Pratham Puja' to mark the ceremonial commencement of the Annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. Sought Baba

Amarnathji's blessings and prayed for the good health, progress, and well-being of all the people," Sinha said in a series of posts on X.

"We have brought in a qualitative improvement in the overall Yatra experience for devotees, and there has been significant enhancement in essential facilities, infrastructure, and security. This year Yatra will start on June 29th," he added.

He said officials of the Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board and concerned departments are committed to providing better facilities and services for pilgrims.

BJP demands CBI inquiry into Kallakurichi hooch tragedy

New Delhi (UNI)

The BJP on Saturday slammed the Tamil Nadu government over the Kallakurichi hooch tragedy and demanded CBI inquiry into the incident. The death toll in the tragedy rose to 54 with four more persons succumbing after consuming spurious liquor at Karunapuram. The victims include 48 men and six women.

Addressing a press conference here, BJP leader Anil Antony said, "BJP first of all, as a party demanded the resignation of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition and Excise Minister S Muthusamy with immediate effect. We also want a CBI inquiry and we are fighting for that."

"However, here the responsibility

is not just for one person... BJP also requested the CM to look into the prohibition policy. The Tamil Nadu BJP has announced Rs one lakh as compensation to family of each deceased," he added. Hitting out at Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, he said, "We want to ask all these INDI alliance partners of the DMK why they are silent on this issue."

He said, "There is a very clear collusion between the perpetrators of the hooch tragedy in Tamil Nadu and the government authorities."

BJP leader Anil Antony said "Our entire state unit is fighting to get justice for the victims in Tamil Nadu and to ensure the well-being, health and safety of our brothers and sisters in Tamil Nadu."

Reduce stamp duty for rent agreements: CM directs officials

Lucknow (UNI)

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday directed to reduce the stamp registration fee for rent agreements of residential, non-residential, and commercial properties and suggested creating different brackets for this and simplifying the agreement process.

During a high-level meeting with the officials of the Stamp and Registration Department, the CM gave the necessary guidelines regarding the Online Registration Rules 2024.

He said that an online system for stamps and registration is crucial for ease of living and better record and data management. "Preparations should be made regarding this as soon as possible, and a draft



should be readied and presented," he said.

Yogi emphasised that the entire system of codification, e-registration, and e-filing under the Online Registration Rules 2024 should be transparent. "E-registration should

be carried out through government agencies and RERA-approved builders. Additionally, the work of e-filing should be done through bank file 6 (1), rent agreements of up to 12 months, and any documents under sections 18 and 89 of the Registration Act 1908," he said.

He said that in Phase-1 of e-registration, government agencies, including development and industrial development authorities, should be given approval for sale deeds, agreements, and lease deeds.

"Presentations and approvals should be managed by the nodal officers of these government agencies. Additionally, the photos and signatures of the parties involved should be captured digitally or electronically.

YSRCP degraded Andhra Assembly reputation: Naidu

Vijayawada (UNI)

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday said in the Legislative Assembly that the Jagan Mohan Reddy-headed previous government marred the ethical values of the legislature turning it as a platform for personal attacks and blaming others.

Naidu in his maiden address to the House regretted that the previous dispensation turned the Assembly into a 'Kaurava Sabha' only to level baseless allegations passing highly objectionable comments against the leaders and even their family members. "I have entered this highly respectable House with all the blessings of the people," the CM said.

Recalling the highly derisive comments made against the then Opposition (the TDP) Chandrababu Naidu said that now the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) won 164 seats which comes to 1+6+4=11 that the



YSRCP has won in the 2024 election. This is the number that the YSRCP has inside the Assembly, he added.

Pointing out the comments made against the Jana Sena chief, Pawan Kalyan, that the YSRCP would not allow Pawan Kalyan even to touch the gates of the Assembly, Chandrababu Naidu said that now the Jana Sena has emerged victorious in all the seats that the party has contested. "The Deputy Chief Minister, Pawan Kalyan, knows where to win and where to bow down," the Chief Min-

ister lauded. In an oblique reference to the YSRCP, the Chief Minister stated that the people have given a mere 11 seats to the party which claimed 'why not 175' and said that this is 'God's script'. Alerting the members of the House not to function with arrogance, Chandrababu Naidu told them to utilise the floor of the House only to discuss the people's problems. Observing that entering a legislative House is a rare opportunity, Chandrababu told the members to always remember what they should do for the people as this is a sacred responsibility for all the MLAs. Informing the MLAs that the whole State is observing what the members discuss on the floor of the House, he regretted that when some objectionable comments were made against him and his family members on the floor during the previous regime he was not given the mic even to protest.

Cong Govt plans to establish health tourism Hub in Telangana

Hyderabad (UNI)

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced that the Congress government is planning to set up a health tourism hub in the state, with the Basavatarakam Indo American Cancer Hospital & Research Institute (BIACH&RI) playing a prominent role in the project.

Speaking at the 24th Foundation Day celebration of BIACH&RI on Saturday, Reddy commended the hospital's efforts in providing cancer care to millions of patients over the past 24 years.

He acknowledged the vision of the late N T Rama Rao, whose initiative was furthered by Nara Chandra Babu Naidu to provide world-class cancer care to the underprivileged. Reddy expressed

confidence that the hospital's continued dedication would earn the blessings of N T Rama Rao and assured state government support whenever required.

Reddy also mentioned the tenure of Nara Chandra Babu Naidu as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, noting that he now has the opportunity to compete with Naidu in terms of development and welfare initiatives. He expressed hope that the two Telugu states, by competing with each other, would set a global example in development and welfare.

BIACH&RI Chairman Nandamuri Balakrishna extended special thanks to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for renewing the hospital's land lease, which had been pending for the last five years.

AIADMK stages walk out, boycotts TN Assembly over liquor tragedy row

Chennai (UNI)

The main opposition AIADMK staged a walk out from the Tamil Nadu Assembly and boycotted the day's proceedings over the Kallakurichi liquor tragedy issue.

Soon after the day's proceedings began with the reading of Tami couplet Thirukkural by Speaker M.Appavu, the AIADMK members, who came to the House clad in black shirts for the second successive day, raised the liquor tragedy row.

Led by Leader of the Opposition and AIADMK General Secretary Edappadei K Palaniswami, the AIADMK members were on their feet and disrupted the proceedings.

They also wanted to discuss this important issue and wanted that the Question Hour should be suspended.

However, the Speaker refused permission stating that Question Hour will be held for one hour as per the rules and urged the AIADMK members not to disrupt the proceedings.

He also said time would be given to the Opposition leader to speak after the Question Hour.

After making a vain bid, the AIADMK members staged a noisy walk out blaming the DMK regime for the tragedy and later decided to boycott the day's proceedings.

Under-construction YSRCP office building demolished

Vijayawada (UNI)

The YSRCP state party office building, which was under construction, was demolished by the officials on Saturday.

The construction of the YSRCP party office began when the party was in power. It was being constructed at Sitanagaram in Tadepalli mandal near here. The officials made it clear that the building was being constructed without taking required permissions from the departments concerned.

Sources said that the then Jagan Mohan Reddy headed government allocated two acres of land on lease to the YSRCP for constructing a building for the party. The Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) officials issued



notice to the YSRCP leaders concerned earlier and on Saturday the officials demolished the under construction building.

Official sources made it clear that the YSRCP did not apply for a

plan either for the construction of the building. TDP leader Pothineni Srinivasa Rao complained to the officials on the illegal construction of the party office by the YSRCP.

KTR lashes out at CM Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad (UNI)

BRS Party Working President and former Minister K T Rama Rao (KTR) has strongly criticised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and accused him of spreading falsehoods.

KTR stated that even Joseph Goebbels, the infamous propagandist, would be appalled by the blatant lies propagated by Revanth and his government.

In a statement on Saturday, KTR emphasised that it was the BRS that truly understood and fought for the aspirations of the Telangana people for 60 years, while the Congress party ignored these aspirations and suppressed and killed thousands of youngsters.

KTR highlighted that since Revanth assumed the post of CM, the citizens of Telangana have witnessed the collusion between Congress and BJP to undermine the state's interests. He reiterated that under the leadership of KCR, the BRS has consistently opposed the



sale of coal blocks in Telangana and has never participated in any auctions. In contrast, the Congress Party shamelessly participates in these auctions, betraying Telangana's interests.

KTR noted that although the BJP government at the centre unilaterally auctioned Telangana's coal blocks, no mining has commenced due to BRS's strong opposition. The companies allocated these blocks

have been unable to progress, thanks to BRS's steadfast stance.

Furthermore, KTR pointed out that the two companies mentioned by Revanth also secured mines in Takli, Jena, and Bellora in Maharashtra when the Congress-Shiv Sena government was in power, reminding Revanth not to overlook this fact.

KTR accused the Congress and BJP governments of acting as partners in crime by compromising Telangana's rights, properties, and resources. He asserted that the people of Telangana are aware of how Congress failed to protect the state's riparian rights, and now, with Revanth's cooperation with the BJP, the plan to privatise Singareni is exposed.

KTR emphasised that Telangana's history will not forgive Revanth, his deputy Bhatti Vikramarka, and Central Minister Kishan Reddy for their roles in auctioning the state's coal mines.

SW Monsoon to further advance in Gujarat in next 3-4 days

Pune (UNI)

Conditions are favourable for further advance of Southwest Monsoon into some more expanse of north Arabian Sea, Gujarat, remaining areas of Maharashtra, some more chunks of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and some sites of east Uttar Pradesh during next 3-4 days, forecast the India Meteorological Department on Saturday.

The SW Monsoon was weaker over Arunachal Pradesh and Rayalseema.

Heatwave conditions prevailed in isolated pockets of southwest Uttar Pradesh on Friday (yesterday).

Day temperatures were markedly above normal (5.1 degree Celsius or more) at isolated places of west Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat.

They were appreciably above

norm (3.1 to 5.0 degree C) at isolated locales of east Uttar Pradesh, east Madhya Pradesh, Saurashtra, Kutch, Bihar and Jharkhand.

They were above par (1.6 to 3.0 degree C) at a few sectors of Konkan and Goa; at isolated locations of Uttarakhnad, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Gangetic West Bengal, Telangana, Vidarbha, Marathwada and Madhya Maharashtra.

They were markedly below normal (5.1 degree C or less) at a few segments of Himachal Pradesh; at isolated terrains of Jammu-Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan, Muzaffarabad, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, west Rajasthan and west Madhya Pradesh.

They were appreciably below norm (3.1 to 5.0 degree C) at isolated corners of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.