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5 IED bombs recovered in Aurangabad

Aurangabad: The police recovered five powerful IED bombs in a special drive against naxalites in the extremist-dominated Aurangabad district. The sub-divisional police officer of Madanpur, Amit Kumar, said here on Tuesday that a joint search operation of 205 battalions of Cobra and district police had been going on for the past 48 hours in the forest and hills of Madanpur. During the search operation, the security personnel recovered five powerful IED bombs, which were kept with the intention of committing some major crimes. The bomb diffusion squad diffused the bombs.

Two girls drown in flood-waters in Shravasti

Shravasti (UP): Two minor girls drowned in flood water in the Bhinga area of Shravasti district in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday, police sources said here. Police sources said that Jainab (16) and Niari (14), both residents of Sighniya village, worked as labourers in the fields of other farmers. "On Tuesday morning, while going to sow paddy, both the girls drowned while attempting to cross flood water," they said. Police sources said that the bodies have been fished out and sent for postmortem examination.

4 killed, 6 injured after bus overturns

Hardoi: Four people, including three women, were killed and six others were injured when a private bus overturned after ramming into a roadside hut in the Madhoganj area of Hardoi district here in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday, police sources said. Police sources said that the incident took place in Shekhwapur village when the bus going to Unnao from Hardoi overturned after ramming into the hut. "Nankahi (50), Asha (55), Momi-na (40), and Sufiyyaan (15), who were sitting on the cot outside the hut, were killed in the incident," they said. Police sources said that the deceased were buried under the debris after the mud wall of the hut collapsed.

5 die in autorickshaw & car collision

Begusarai: At least five people died and three injured in a collision between an auto rickshaw and a car at Ratan Chowk under the FCI police station area in Begusarai district on Tuesday. According to police, a speeding car collided with the autorickshaw, which was ferrying people from Hathidah to Zero Mile. Five people were killed on the spot in the accident, whereas three others sustained injuries. The injured were admitted to a local nursing home. The identity of the deceased was yet to be ascertained. The bodies have been sent for a postmortem.

4 family members killed in Handwara road accident

Srinagar: In a tragic incident, four members of a family were killed in a road accident in the Handwara sub-district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. The accident took place late last night when a vehicle in which they were travelling skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge. Police on Tuesday said that the four, including two teenage girls, had gone to collect drinking water from a stream at Rajwara late Monday night in a vehicle, the Tata Magic, which skidded off the road and fell deep into a gorge, resulting in critical injuries to the occupants. All the injured were shifted to the nearby Community Health Centre Zachaldara, where doctors declared them dead.

Sridhar assumes charge as SCR CPRO

Hyderabad: A Sridhar assumed charge as Chief Public Relations Officer of South Central Railway (SCR) here on Tuesday. A SCR release said, Sridhar belongs to the 2011 batch of Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS). Prior to the new assignment, he was serving as Deputy General Manager (G), South Central Railway. He succeeds Ch. Rakesh, who has joined as Deputy Chief Vigilance Officer (Traffic & RPF). SCR. Sridhar holds a M.A degree from the prestigious Osmania University. He started his career on Indian Railways as Area Officer at Bhadrachalam, Secunderabad Division of SCR.

Technological developments also create new challenges for humanity: President

Bhubaneswar (UNI)

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday said new technological developments are providing capabilities to human society, but at the same time, they are also creating new challenges for humanity.

Addressing the 13th Graduation Ceremony of the National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) here, Murmu said along with the boon of science, there is always the danger of its curse.

Today, she said very rapid changes are taking place in the field of Science and Technology.

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She said CRISPR-Cas9 has made gene editing very easy and the technology is a huge step towards solving



many incurable diseases.

However, problems related to ethical and social issues are also arising due to the use of this technology, the President said.

Similarly, due to the advances in the field of Generative Artificial In-

telligence, the problem of deep fakeness and many regulatory challenges are coming to the fore, Murmu added.

The President said meaningful education and knowledge is only that which is used for the betterment

and upliftment of humanity and hoped that the students, along with their achievements in their field of work, would also discharge their social duties with full accountability.

She said that Mahatma Gandhi has defined seven social sins, one of which is merciless science. That is, promoting science without sensitivity towards humanity is like committing a sin.

Murmu advised students to always remember this message of Gandhiji and maintain humility and the spirit of inquiry within them.

She said the students are expected to consider their knowledge as a social enterprise and use it for the development of society and the country.

The President said that experiments and research in the field of Fundamental Science often take a lot of time to get the results.

ED raids 14 places in Haryana in VAT scam

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday launched a massive search operation at 14 locations across Haryana as a part of its investigation into a multi-crore VAT scam.

The raids are underway by ED's Chandigarh Zonal office. The raids targeted three Haryana Civil Service officers and several private individuals suspected of involvement in the scam.

The three Haryana Civil Service officers being raided by the ED are Ashok Sukhija, Narender Kumar Ranga and Gopi Chand Chaudhary. According to sources, the search operation is aimed at unearthing evidence of money laundering and other financial irregularities linked to the scam.

The ED officials are scouring the premises for documents and records related to the alleged fraud.

The Value Added Tax (VAT) scam is believed to have caused a significant financial loss to the state exchequer, with estimates suggesting a shortfall of around Rs 70 crore.

Jammu terror attack: U'khand mourns its five martyrs



Dehradun (UNI)

Five soldiers from Uttarakhand were martyred in a terrorist attack in Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir, and Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama on Tuesday led residents of the state in paying homage to the brave-

hearts. Dhama expressed his condolences, praying for the souls of the martyrs.

The soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice are Rifleman Adarsh Negi from Thati Dagar in Kirtinagar Block, Naib Subedar Anand Singh from Rudraprayag, Havildar Kamal Singh from Lansdowne, Naik Vinod Singh from Tehri Garhwal, and Rifleman Anuj Negi from Rikhanikhla.

The news of their martyrdom has left their families devastated and grief has engulfed their villages.

The terrorist attack occurred in the Barnood area near Janda Nala in Bhadnota, Billawar sub-district of Kathua.

Terrorists ambushed an Army vehicle, resulting in the deaths of five soldiers and leaving five others severely injured.

Nadda meets Kerala BJP leaders

Thiruvananthapuram: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National President Jagat Prakash Nadda will attend an expanded executive meeting of the Kerala BJP here, a party source said on Tuesday.

Nadda, who arrived at the Thiruvananthapuram airport, was given a rousing reception by party workers. Later, he attended an important organizational meeting.

This is the first visit to the state by BJP National President following the Lok Sabha elections.

It is noteworthy that in the recent Lok Sabha elections, BJP not only opened its seat tally in Kerala but also increased its vote share significantly.

The party made gains in nearly a dozen Assembly constituencies and contested directly on several Lok Sabha seats, including Thiruvananthapuram and Pathanamthitta.

ED case: Arvind Kejriwal to appear in court on July 12

New Delhi (UNI)

A Special Court in Delhi on Tuesday took cognizance of the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) supplementary chargesheet and issued production warrants against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and others in a case related to the city's excise policy.

Special Judge Kaveri Baweja after taking cognizance of the additional set of charges issued a production warrant for Kejriwal and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for appearance before the court on July 12.

The ED had earlier filed the main chargesheet on May 17 naming as accused both the AAP and Kejriwal, who was arrested by ED on March 21.

The probe agency claimed that a criminal conspiracy was hatched by



AAP leaders, including Kejriwal and others, for creating loopholes in the excise policy to favour some liquor sellers in 2021-22.

Kejriwal is currently in the judicial custody in connection with CBI and ED cases.

BJP slams Cong minister for Instagram reel amidst Karnataka crisis

Bengaluru: In a startling revelation, another Congress Minister, Zameer Ahmed Khan, was seen striking poses for Instagram reels, seemingly indifferent to the state's mounting problems. This incident has drawn widespread criticism, painting a picture of a government more interested in social media appearances than governance.

The Karnataka BJP on Tuesday vehemently rapped the stark indifference of the Ministers, even as the state grapples with a severe health crisis. A dengue and Zika outbreak has claimed the lives of 7-8 people, including children, and the healthcare system is overwhelmed. Yet, there is a glaring absence of proactive measures from the government, as the party pointed out.

Citing ILO report, Mallikarjun Kharge targets Centre on unemployment

Agencies, New Delhi

Citing an International Labour Organisation report claiming that "83 per cent of unemployed in the country are youth", Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday held Prime Minister Narendra Modi solely responsible for shattering the dreams of crores of youth in the last ten years.

In a long series of tweets, Kharge said, "Modi Govt may be refuting independent economic reports like Citigroup on unemployment, but how will it deny government data? The truth is that Modi Govt is solely responsible for shattering the dreams of crores of Youth in the last



10 years!". Kharge added: "The latest government data punctures their claims - According to NSSO's Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE). In the manufacturing sector, 54 lakh jobs

have been lost in unincorporated units in 7 years! (Between the year 2015 to 2023). In 2010-11, 10.8 crore employees were employed in unincorporated, non-agricultural enterprises across India, which has become 10.96 crore in 2022-23 - that is, a marginal increase of only 16 lakh in 12 years!"

According to the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), the Urban Unemployment Rate is at 6.7%. (Q4, FY24). Modi Govt beats the drum of employment generation in the Formal sector by showing EPFO data, but even if we assume that data to be true, it has seen a 10% decline in new jobs in 2023.

"Has request for dropping misleading ads on social media been acceded?": SC to Patanjali

Agencies, New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked Patanjali Ayurved to file an affidavit to determine whether the request made to social media platforms for dropping off the misleading advertisements has been acceded to.

The court directed Patanjali Ayurved Ltd to file an affidavit mentioning that the request made to the social media company for the removal of advertisements has been complied with and all 14 medicinal products have been removed.

The court directions came when it noted the Patanjali Ayurved sub-



mission on an affidavit that the sale of those 14 products whose manufacturing has been suspended by the

Uttarakhand State Licensing Authority were stopped.

Meanwhile, the top court also appointed Shadan Farasat as amicus in the matter.

In the meantime, the Indian Medical Association informed the Supreme Court that an apology for his controversial remarks regarding the Patanjali hearing has been published in various media platforms and its website too.

Senior Advocate PS Patwalia apprised the bench of justices Hima Kohli and Sandeep Mehta that when the IMA website is opened, there is a pop-up of this apology.

Bengal gears up to hold byelection to 4 assembly seats on July 10

Kolkata (UNI)

The stage is set for Wednesday's bye-election to the four assembly seats in three districts of West Bengal. The contest revolves around the ruling Trinamool Congress and the principal opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as far as the recently concluded Lok Sabha election result is concerned.

Of the four Assembly constituencies, three seats—Ranaghat Dakshin in Nadia district, Bagdah in North 24 Parganas district, and Raiganj in North Dinajpur district—were won by the BJP, and Maniktala in central Kolkata was bagged by the TMC in the 2021 Assembly poll.

Two killed, 2 injured in blast at fireworks factory in TN

Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu): Two workers were killed and two others, including a woman, sustained serious burn injuries in an explosion at a licensed private fireworks factory at Kalayarkurichi village near Sivakasi in this Southern district on Tuesday.

Police said the explosion occurred due to friction when the workers were handling highly inflammable chemicals used for making a fancy variety of crackers at Supreme Fireworks Factory.

The deceased were identified as Muthumurugan (46) and Mariappan (45). Two other workers Saroja (56) and Sankaravel (58), who sustained severe burn injuries were rescued from the factory and given first aid at the Government Hospital at Sivakasi.

Transforming healthcare in Jharkhand's Godda

Adani Foundation initiatives are helping over 80,000 residents in 300 villages

Located in the northeastern part of Jharkhand state, Godda has a population of more than 13 lakhs. For years, the district has been struggling with the lack of an efficient healthcare infrastructure. Access to quality healthcare facilities has been a distant dream for many who stay in this region, which is rich in natural resources.

With about 2,000 villages, the district has 14 primary health centres and six referral government hospitals, including the district headquarters Sadar Hospital. But most of these facilities struggle with overcrowding, lack of resources and trained professionals. Malnutrition, water-borne diseases and malaria are common ailments among Godda residents.

Even today, many residents have to travel to state capital Ranchi, about 330 km away, or other bigger



towns for specialised treatment and care.

With an aim to improve healthcare facilities in Godda, the Adani Group - which operates the Godda power plant -- through its CSR

wing, has been carrying out several projects since 2016.

The initiatives mainly cater to the villages close to the power plant and the neighboring Sahibganj district. Local social organisations and

communities have also stepped up to support these initiatives, many of which are specifically designed for children, new mothers, and the elderly.

The Adani Foundation initiatives are supporting more than 80,000 residents in nearly 300 villages of the region.

One such initiative is focused on taking primary healthcare services to the doorsteps of residents. The Adani Foundation runs a mobile healthcare unit (MHCU) and it has partnered with HelpAge India and Wockhardt Foundation to operate three more units, each of which has a team of a doctor, a pharmacist, an ANM, and a Social Protection Officer.

In the 2023-24 fiscal the four MHCUs together catered to 66,142 patients, including 16,953 children, from Godda and Sahibganj districts.

KLIP works to be completed by Dec 2025: CM Reddy

Mahabubnagar (Telangana): Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has announced that the Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) works should be completed by December 2025.

On Tuesday, the Chief Minister launched developmental works worth Rs 396.09 crore and laid foundation stones for numerous development projects worth Rs 353.66 crore in Mahabubnagar district.

Later, Reddy held a review meeting at the Mahabubnagar Collectorate, discussing the district's development with officials. Topics covered included irrigation, education, and healthcare.

During the meeting, he emphasized the importance of timely completion of the KLIP and stated that he would review the project's progress monthly. He issued crucial instructions to the officials, clarifying that the project must be completed by December 2025.