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Sharad Pawar refuses Z-Plus Security accorded by centre

Mumbai: Nationalist Congress Party (SP) supremo Sharad Pawar on Friday refused the security upgradation provided too him by the union government, saying he was unaware of the reason behind the move. According to Pawar, the Union Home Ministry had upgraded his security status to Z plus category. "A Home Ministry official told me that the government has decided to give three persons Z-plus security, and I was one of them. I asked who the other two were. I was told RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and Union Home Minister Amit Shah," the veteran leader said, adding he has refused the enhanced security cover. The former Union minister's decision to refuse the Z-plus security cover comes a week after he expressed suspicion over the Center's decision to grant him the security upgrade alongside RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Renowned seer Raghavacharya passes away

Jaipur: Raiwasa Peethadheeshwar Raghavacharya, who was part of the Ram Janmabhoomi movement, died of cardiac arrest on Friday morning. He was rushed to hospital where he was declared dead. A pall of gloom descended not only in Sikar but among his followers across the country. The last rites of Raghavcharyaji will be performed in Raiwasa later in the day. In a post on X, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma said, "My heart is deeply saddened to hear the news of the demise of Param Pujya Raiwasa Peethadheeswar Shri Shri 1008 Shri Raghavacharya Ji Maharaj. Maharaj Ji's demise is an irreparable loss for the Sanatan and spiritual world. Your powerful thoughts and inspiration for an ideal life will always prove to be auspicious for humanity. I pray to Lord Shri Ram Ji to provide strength to the bereaved followers to bear this pain. Om Shanti!"

Sikh court Akal Takht Sahib declares Badal 'Tankhaiya'

Chandigarh: Former Punjab Deputy Chief Minister Sukhbir Singh Badal was declared "Tankhaiya" (guilty of religious misconduct) by Akal Takht Sahib. The decision was announced by Jathedar, Akal Takht Sahib Gyani Raghur Singh. Badal has been asked to appear before Akal Takht Sahib within 15 days. Badal accepted the order of high priests and wrote on "X" in Punjabi: "Das bows his head and accepts the order issued by Sri Akal Takht Sahib, the highest shrine of Miri Piri." He added that as per the order, he will soon appear before the Akal Takht Sahib. Badal appeared before Akal Takht Sahib on July 24 after he was summoned by Gyani Raghur Singh in connection with the allegations by rebel Shiromani Akali Dal leaders.

Mizoram CM Lalduhoma leaves for US

Aizawl: Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma on Friday left for the United States to attend 'Mizo Day' in Maryland where he will grace the day as a chief guest, a press communique issued by the chief minister's office (CMO) said. The communique said Lalduhoma accompanied by his spouse Liansailovi, his granddaughter Zodinthari and OSD to CM Jonathan Lahremruata is scheduled to arrive in the US on Saturday. During his stay, the Chief Minister will hold meetings with US state department officials in Washington DC. He is also scheduled to attend a meeting organised by the Chin community in Indianapolis, where a large number of Chin diaspora from Myanmar reside with the population growing to nearly 30,000 in 2023.

Sensex

BSE..... 82365.77 (231.16)
NSE..... 25235.90 (83.95)

Bullion

Gold..... 73150.00 (24 carat 10gm)
Silver..... 88400.00 (1kg)
USD(\$)/INR(Rs)..... 83.84



Weather

Sunrise	Sunset	Day	Night
6.02	6.40	31.2	24.2

Avani Lekhara strikes gold again at Paris Paralympics

Paris (UNI)

Avani Lekhara made history at the Paris 2024 Paralympics on Friday by successfully defending her women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 title, becoming the first Indian woman to win two gold medals in the Games' history.

Lekhara, the Indian para-shooter, scored 249.7 in the final, setting a new Paralympic record and breaking her own previous mark of 249.6, which she had set during her debut at Tokyo 2020.

The 22-year-old secured the top spot ahead of Republic of Korea's Lee Yunri, who claimed silver with a score of 246.8. Compatriot Mona Agarwal missed out on the gold medal round but secured bronze with 228.7, marking India's first two medals at the Paris 2024 Paralympics.



This event marked the first time India achieved a double podium finish in the same event at the Paralympic Games.

"It feels very nice to win another gold medal for my country and to defend my title, very nice," said Avani Lekhara. "It is great motiva-

tion to have Mona [Agarwal] on the podium."

With this victory, Lekhara becomes the second Indian, after javelin thrower Devendra Jhajharia, to win two gold medals at the Paralympic Games. The triumph adds to India's tally, making it the nation's 10th overall gold medal.

Earlier, in the qualifying round, Lekhara finished second with a score of 625.8, while Agarwal placed fifth with 623.1.

The SH1 rifle shooting classification includes athletes with lower limb impairments, such as amputations or paraplegia, who are able to support the weight of the rifle themselves. Avani Lekhara is set to compete in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions SH1 and the mixed 10m air rifle prone SH1 events later in the Games.

NC will repeal PSA if voted to power: Omar

Srinagar: National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah Friday announced that his party will repeal the controversial Public Safety Act (PSA) if voted to power.

The PSA allows detention for up to two years without trial.

"We have promised in our manifesto that if the National Conference voted to power we will repeal the PSA from Jammu and Kashmir," Omar said during a party event in Srinagar.

He emphasized that the PSA has been misused recklessly in the region and should not be allowed to be misused further.

Omar highlighted the difficulties faced by the youth, including being scrutinized for obtaining a passport, accessing bank loans, and securing a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for employment.

Mamata writes to PM again, protests continue

Kolkata (UNI)

Amid ongoing protests in Kolkata, the cease-work agitation by junior doctors in West Bengal government-owned hospitals entered its 22nd day on Friday even as Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee wrote a second letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking a stringent Central law and fixed time-frame for trial in rape and murder cases.

In a letter dated August 29, which was shared on X, Chief Minister Banerjee said, "I would reiterate and earnestly request to kindly consider a stringent Central legislation and exemplary punishment on heinous crimes of rape/rape and murder with mandatory provision for disposal of cases in a specific time-frame by the trial authorities."

She had written her first letter to



the PM on August 22.

A series of protest marches were taken out on Friday in Kolkata by political parties, including Trinamool students' wing and BJP women's wing, and civil society while R G Kar Hospital doctors continued their agitation to seek justice in the alleged rape and murder of their 31-year-old lady colleague.

2-day Joint Commanders' Conference at Lucknow from September 4

New Delhi: The first two-day Joint Commanders' Conference (JCC) will be held at the Headquarters Central Command, Lucknow from September 4. The Conference will be attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, an official statement said.

Themed 'Sashakt aur Surakshit Bharat: Transforming the Armed Forces', the conference will serve as the pivotal platform for undertaking internal 'process reforms' within the armed forces.

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan will inaugurate the Conference on September 4, which brings together the apex level hierarchy from the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Forces.

India's GDP growth slows down to five-quarter low of 6.7 pc in Q1

New Delhi (UNI)

India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth slowed down to five-quarter low of 6.7% in April-June quarter (Q1) of current financial year 2024-25 but the country remained the fastest-growing major economy globally.

Election related disruptions and heatwaves during the June quarter seem to have taken a toll on economic growth during the period under review.

"Real GDP (gross domestic product) or GDP at constant prices in Q1 of 2024-25 is estimated at Rs 43.64



lakh crore, against Rs 40.91 lakh crore in Q1 of 2023-24, showing a growth rate of 6.7%," said Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in a statement.

As per the official data, nominal GDP or GDP at current prices in Q1

PM apologises for Chhatrapati Shivaji statue collapse in Maha

Mumbai (UNI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday apologised for the collapse of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj statue at Rajkot Fort in Maharashtra, saying the Maratha emperor was not 'just a king but an adorable deity for us'.

"Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is not just a king for us. He is an adorable deity for us. I bow my head and apologise to Maharashtra and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj for the incident that happened in Malvan."

"We don't use great men for politics," said the Prime Minister at the foundation stone laying function for the Rs 76,000 Crore Vadhaven port in neighbouring Palghar district.

"When I came here I bowed my head at the feet of Shivaji Maharaj and asked for forgiveness. People who consider Shivaji Maharaj as an adorable deity are worried (after the fall of the statue). I also apologize to those who worship such an adorable deity. Our culture is different. For us, nothing is bigger than Aradhya Dai-vat" said Modi.



"When in 2013 BJP confirmed me as the Prime Ministerial candidate, the first thing I did was to go to Raigad Fort and sit in front of the Samadhi of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and pray and start a new journey of national service," the PM said.

"India's great son Veer Savarkar is abused.

They (opposition) crush the sentiments of the patriots. Even after insulting Savarkar, they do not apologise. They go to court, but they do not repent. This is their tradition."

PM Modi to visit Brunei, Singapore from Sep 3-5

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be visiting Brunei Darussalam from Sep 3-4, in the first ever bilateral visit by an Indian Prime Minister to the Southeast Asian nation. He will then travel to Singapore from Sep 4-5 at the invitation of Prime Minister Lawrence Wong.

PM Modi will be visiting Brunei at the invitation of Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah. The visit coincides with the 40th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic ties between India and Brunei.

During the Singapore leg of his visit, Prime Minister Modi and Singapore PM Lawrence Wong will review the progress of the bilateral Strategic Partnership and exchange views on regional and global issues of mutual interest.

1984 riots case: Court orders framing of murder charges against Tytler

New Delhi (UNI)

A Delhi court on Friday passed an order for framing of murder charges against former Union Minister and Congress leader Jagdish Tytler in a 1984 anti-Sikh riots case in which three persons were killed. The court listed the matter for September 13 for physical appearance of Tytler in the matter.

Special Judge Rakesh Syal, after hearing arguments on behalf of Prosecution and Defence Counsel, passed the order to frame charges under sections 143 (unlawful assembly), 147 (rioting) 153A (promoting enmity between different groups), 188 (disobedience of the order duly promulgated by a public servant),



295 (injuring or defiling a place of worship), 436 (mischief by fire or explosive substance with intent to destroy house), 451 (house trespass), 380 (theft in dwelling house), 149 (common object), 302 (murder) and 109 (abetment) of Indian Penal Code(IPC).

APPSC paper leak fiasco: CBI files 3rd supplementary chargesheet

Itanagar: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a third supplementary chargesheet against an accused in the Court of Special Judge, CBI Cases, Yupia, Arunachal Pradesh, concluding an investigation of a case related to the alleged leakage of a question paper of an examination conducted by the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) for the post of Assistant Engineer (Civil).

It was revealed that the aforesaid accused, Pasang Kotin Ezing, had issued the cheque of Rs 5 lakh to an accused middleman on behalf of her son Loth Ezing (candidate) for acquiring the leaked questions of the AE (Civil) Examination, 2022, the CBI said on Friday.

The middleman and the candidate were chargesheeted earlier in the initial chargesheet filed on December 8, 2022, along with six others, including a then teacher of a private coaching institute and then Deputy Secretary-cum-Deputy Controller of Examinations of APPSC.

Further investigation was kept open to look into other aspects of the case.

Accordingly, during further investigation, the first and second supplementary chargesheets were filed on January 31, 2023, and March 30, 2023, against a private person and then the Dy Controller of Examinations of APPSC, Arunachal Pradesh, and a private person, respectively.