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Ayush minister
Jadhav opens Delhi
Health Expo

New Delhi: Union Minister of State for Ayush Prataprao Jadhav said that government plans to launch a national health screening programme. He was speaking at the inauguration of the three-day 7th International Health and Wellness Expo at Pragati Maidan in Delhi, an official said on Friday. Jadhav presided over the inauguration ceremony of the event organised by the Namo Gange Trust and emphasised the government's commitment to promoting a healthy India. "The Ayush Ministry is planning to soon launch a nationwide health screening and checkup programme to detect diseases at an early stage and help maintain people's well-being," the minister said.

DMK worker dies
after self-immolation

Madurai (Tamil Nadu): A 70-year-old DMK worker, who had attempted self-immolation in front of the house of Madurai North MLA G. Thalapathi at Thiruparankundram here on Thursday, succumbed to burn injuries at Government Rajaji Hospital (GRH) here early on Friday. Police said I. Ganesan, alias 'Managiri' Ganesan, a resident of Managiri locality in the city, was allegedly frustrated over being sidelined by senior party functionaries in party affairs. He went to meet Mr. Thalapathi, who is also DMK's Madurai urban district secretary, to address his grievance. However, he doused himself with petrol, which he brought in a can and set himself ablaze.

PM to flag off 3 Vande
Bharat Express
trains today

Chennai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off three Vande Bharat express trains, including two in Southern Railway, via video conferencing from New Delhi on Saturday. A Southern Railway release here today said the inaugural services of Vande Bharat Express Trains between Dr MGR Chennai Central and Nagercoil and Madurai and Bengaluru Cantonment will be launched tomorrow. Mr Modi will also flag off the inaugural Meerut-Lucknow Vande Bharat Express. In Southern Railway, ceremonial functions will be held at Dr MGR Chennai Central and Madurai Junction.

Delhi Police rescues
minor girl from
Indo-Nepal border

New Delhi: The central district team of Delhi Police has arrested as many as five kidnappers and rescued a minor girl from the Indo-Nepal border on Friday. Technical and manual surveillance led to the arrest of the accused. The minor has been handed over to the family. The child was arrested because her paternal uncle was under the debt of her maternal uncle and the accused identified as Krishan. Earlier on Tuesday, a kidnapping incident was reported at Police Station IP estate in which the complainant stated that his daughter left home at about 8:30 pm to go to the general store.

ODOP gets a new
flight through
e-commerce: Yogi

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday said that e-commerce is the beginning of a new era and it has made the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme famous in the country and the world. Sharing the experience of ODOP sellers on the occasion of the virtual inauguration of Flipkart's warehouse in Unnao and Varanasi, the CM said, "By working on various aspects including design, technology, market, we focused on packaging and export, but the work of giving it more momentum happened when Flipkart Group joined us and when it started providing services as an e-commerce platform, the ODOP scheme was seen gaining fame not only in the state but also in the country and the world."

“Cash is King” mentality broken by
advent of digital transaction: PM Modi

New Delhi (UNI)

Lauding the efforts of the fintech industry for improving the financial inclusion in India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the mentality of "Cash is King" has been broken as FinTech has played a significant role in democratizing financial services.

"The trinity of Jan Dhan, Aadhaar and Mobile have broken down the mentality of 'Cash is King' and made way for approximately half of the digital transactions in the world taking place in India," Modi said addressing the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024 in Mumbai.

The Payments Council of India, the National Payments Corporation of India and the Fintech Convergence Council are jointly organizing the Global Fintech Fest 2024.

"India's UPI has become a major example of Fintech in the world" the Prime Minister said adding that it has enabled 24 X 7 banking services



in every village and city in all weather conditions.

Recalling the Covid pandemic, Modi said that India was one of the handful of nations in the world where the banking system remained uninterrupted.

The Prime Minister highlighted the 10th anniversary of Jan Dhan Yojna a few days ago and said that it has become a huge medium for women empowerment.

He informed that more than 29 crore bank accounts have been set

up for women so far opening up new opportunities for savings and investments.

He further added that the largest microfinance scheme, Mudra Yojna, was launched on the philosophy of Jan Dhan accounts and has disbursed a credit of Rs 27 trillion so far and 70 percent of the beneficiaries of this scheme are women.

Cautioning about the dangers of a parallel economy for the world, the Prime Minister remarked that Fintech has played an impactful role in denting such a system and credited the emergence of transparency.

He said that digital technology has introduced transparency in India and gave the example of the implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer used in hundreds of government schemes that has prevented leakages in the system.

"Today, people can see the benefits of aligning with the formal banking system", he reiterated.

HP: Jai Ram Thakur says cops
keeping eye on home with drone



Shimla (UNI)

Leader of Opposition (LOP) Jai Ram Thakur on Friday accused the Himachal Pradesh government of deploying a drone for surveillance over

his official residence at Ramchander Chowk in Shimla.

Raising the issue during question hour in the Assembly, Thakur said, "Setting such a precedent of snooping on Opposition leaders is highly dangerous."

He alleged that the drone was operated from the residence of the Superintendent of Police (SP), Shimla, nearby.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu refuted Thakur's allegations, suggesting that if surveillance were occurring it might be the handiwork of central agencies like the Enforcement Directorate (ED) or the Central Bureau of Investigation, not the state government. He assured that the government would probe the matter.

After SC rap, Telangana
CM apologises for
Kavitha bail remark

Hyderabad: In response to the recent rap from the Supreme Court, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy reaffirmed his highest regard and full faith in the judiciary.

In a tweet, the Chief Minister stated, "I have the highest regard and full faith in the Indian Judiciary. I understand that certain press reports dated August 29, 2024, containing comments attributed to me have given the impression that I am questioning the judicial wisdom of the Court."

His clarification came a day after he alleged that Bharat Rashtira Samithi leader K Kavitha got bail in the Delhi Excise Policy case from the Supreme Court as part of a deal between her party and the Bharatiya Janata Party. The Supreme Court had rapped the Chief Minister for questioning her bail.

BJP membership drive aims to enroll 10 cr
members nation-wide: Bandi Sanjay

Hyderabad (UNI)

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay on Friday stated that the BJP's membership drive aims to enroll 10 crore members across the country.

Speaking at a membership registration workshop held at Shubham Convention Hall in Nagole on Friday, Sanjay Kumar highlighted that the BJP is the largest political party in the world. He urged party workers in Telangana to maximize membership by encouraging people to join the BJP by giving a missed call to 8800002024.

"The BJP received 77 lakh votes in the last MP election in Telangana. Our goal is to convert these 77 lakh voters into BJP members," he said.

The Minister added that the success of leaders like Prime Minister



Modi and himself are due to the tireless efforts of party activists. "The BJP's membership goal will only be achieved if our workers reach out to the masses."

He called for one lakh new members to be recruited from the Old City, emphasizing the transformation of the Old City into a "New City." Sanjay promised that those who ex-

ceed membership registration targets set for each morchha would be honoured by the Prime Minister.

Criticising the Congress, the Union Minister said, "The Congress is the party that divided the country. It has betrayed the nation with its family rule and monarchical trends, as seen with Article 370, the Babri Masjid issue, and minority acts."

He contrasted this with the BJP, which, according to him, has sacrificed ministerial positions for ideology and freed 25 crore people from poverty by implementing Deen Dayal Upadhyaya's Antyodaya philosophy. Bandi also praised former Prime Minister Vajpayee for implementing nuclear weapons for national defence and credited Modi for abolishing Article 370, following in the footsteps of Shyamaprasad Mukherjee.

Suvendu slams clarification of Mamata on medics strike

Kolkata (UNI)

Leader of Opposition in West Bengal Assembly Suvendu Adhikari on Friday slammed West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for her clarification on the striking government junior doctors.

Banerjee on Thursday taking to X said she has detected a malicious disinformation campaign in some media which has been unleashed with reference to her speech she made during TMC's students wing foundation day on Wednesday and clarified that she has not uttered a single word against the medical students or their movements.

"I totally support their movement. Their movement is genuine. I never threatened them, as some people are accusing me of doing. This allegation is completely false," she maintained.



Countering the CM's clarification, Adhikari said there was no malicious disinformation campaign against her as the media "calling spade a spade."

"Don't mince your words. There's

no malicious disinformation campaign against you. The media is calling spade a spade," the BJP leader said on his X handle.

"You have threatened the agitating Medical Students & Junior Doctors and warned them about taking action against them if they continue their agitation. You even tried to scare them of the dire consequences including their career getting hampered if you lodge FIR against them," the Nandigram MLA said.

"Moreover you have issued threats to create anarchy in Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, Assam, entire North Eastern India, UP and even creating unrest in Delhi for toppling an elected Govt," Adhikari said.

The BJP leader said that every Bengali knows the meaning of the phrase ("phonsh kara") - hissing sound made by a snake.

NC views J&K as its personal
fiefdom: Mehbooba Mufti

Srinagar (UNI)

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President Mehbooba Mufti on Friday hit out at the National Conference saying she was surprised that the latter views J&K as their personal fiefdom.

Mufti was responding to NC Vice President Omar Abdullah's comment on banned Jamat-e-Islami that fielded their former workers as Independent candidates in the upcoming Assembly election.

Omar, while welcoming their participation, had said that till recently it was haram (prohibited) and now it was considered halal (permissible) by them.

"I'm astonished that the National

PK promises to bear
educational expenses of
students below 15 years

Patna: Founder of "Jan Suraa" mission, Prashant Kishor promised to bear the educational expenses of all students below the age of 15 years and also Rs 2000 as monthly old age pension if his party, to be launched on October 2, is voted to power in the 2025 Assembly election in Bihar.

Prashant Kishor popularly known as PK, promised that a system would be evolved to ensure that the state government could bear the educational expenses of all students below the age of 15 years in all schools, even in private schools in Bihar.

The government would bear expenses of books and uniforms of all school students even in private ones, if his party was voted to power in the assembly election, he assured.

"At present, state government is spending Rs 50,000 crores every year on education but not even 50 students have got its benefits", PK said, adding that the system he was trying to evolve, is not available in any state of the country. "Nitish Kumar government is giving Rs 400 per month as old age pension which is like drop in ocean", he said.

Ramdas Soren takes oath as Jharkhand minister

Ranchi (UNI)

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader and Ghatshila legislator Ramdas Soren on Friday took oath as a minister in the Hemant Soren government in Jharkhand.

Governor Santosh Gangwar administered the oath of office and secrecy to Ramdas Soren.

Ramdas Soren has been made a minister in the Jharkhand government in place of Champai Soren, who quit the party after a brief tenure as the state's Chief Minister.

Jharkhand ministers as well as leaders of JMM allies Congress and Rashtriya Janata Dal attended the function held at Raj Bhawan.

Jharkhand Chief Secretary L Khingte read out the letter appointing Ramdas Soren as minister. After this, the Governor administered the oath of office to Ramdas Soren as a Cabi-



net minister.

Former Chief Minister and Minister of Water Resources Department and Technical Education Department Champai Soren resigned from the post of minister on August 29 and his resignation was accepted by

the Governor.

The Cabinet Secretariat and Monitoring Department issued a notification saying that Champai Soren ceased to be a state minister and a member of the council of ministers with effect from August 29.

Prez Murmu to unveil
book on Maha
Legislative Council

Mumbai: President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the book titled 'Requirement and Importance of the Upper House' at the legislature's Central Hall to mark the centenary of the Maharashtra Legislative Council on September 3.

The President will also present the "Outstanding Parliamentarian" and "Outstanding Speech" awards to selected members of both the Houses.

According to the official press statement here on Friday, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Rahul Narvekar, and Deputy Chairman of the Legislative Council Neelam Gorhe will also be present.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Assembly, Maharashtra Branch, is the earliest branch established (1952) in the state legislatures of the country.



Conference views J&K as their personal fiefdom. It is they who started this halal and haram system in Jammu & Kashmir," the former Chief Minister told reporters in Srinagar.

Structural consultant arrested
for Shivaji statue collapse

Kolhapur: A structural consultant involved in installation of the now-collapsed statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Rajkot Fort in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg district was arrested early Friday morning from Kolhapur city's Shivaji Peth area, police said.

Consultant Chetan Patil was arrested in a culpable homicide case registered against him and sculptor Jaydeep Apte, a resident of Thane, for the collapse on August 26, police said.

Soon after the incident, official had claimed the 35-foot metal statue, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi last December, crashed due to strong coastal winds.

The incident caused embarrassment to the Bharatiya Janata Party-led state government with the Opposition parties alleging corruption in the construction of the statue. Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar later sought a public apology for the incident and assured to rebuild the statue.

On Friday, Pawar visited the Fort along with Member of Parliament Sunil Tatkare and took stock of the situation at the collapse site.

