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Mumbai prepares for Durga Puja

Mumbai: The metropolis and its suburbs — which is home to several lakh Bengali-speaking people — have braced up for Durga Puja far away from West Bengal. The history of Durga Puja in Mumbai, the 'Urbs Prima in Indis', is more than a century old — when travel to this western Indian state from West Bengal increased. In the larger Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), which comprises the twin districts of Mumbai City and Mumbai Suburban and large stretches of the neighbouring Palghar, Thane and Raigad districts of the coastal Konkan region — is home to over 150 to 200 Sarvajanic pujas.

Security forces recover suspected IED, rusted mine in Rajouri and Samba

Jammu: The security forces on Monday recovered a suspected Improvised Explosive Device (IED), a rusted anti-tank mine and a mortar shell in Rajouri and Samba districts of Jammu and Kashmir. Official sources said the security forces recovered one suspected IED along a link road in Saranoo village during a routine patrol. They said that the bomb disposal squad was rushed to the spot and it was defused. In a separate incident, security personnel said a rusted anti-tank mine and mortar shell were defused after they were found by villagers at separate places near Regal Post. The anti-tank mine and mortar shell were defused after the villagers informed the nearby BSF post and in the Bari Brahmana area respectively.

Saibaba devotees condemn attacks on Shirdi Sai temples

Kakinada: The devotees of the Shirdi Saibaba at their meeting here on Monday have condemned the attacks on Shirdi Saibaba temples in the north and appealed to people to denounce those attacks. The Sai devotees Association chaired by Chodiseti Kasi Visweswararao has expressed their resentment over the attacks on Sai temples. Saibaba till 1918 never claimed himself as the God except moving with people sharing their sorrow and problems. During his lifetime Saibaba preached universal brotherhood and respect for all other religions. Hence it is wrong to attack Sai temples under wrong notion they said in a resolution. Baba devotees Kola Narasingarao, Kumanapalli Venkata Subbarao., Mummidi Sathibabu, Gollapalli Pedakapu, Damiseti Srinivas appealed to people all over the country to keep trust in Shirdi Sai and treat him as a Guru.

Remove controversial Rashmi Shukla from DGP's post: Maha Cong

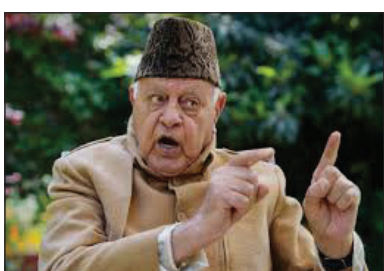
Mumbai: Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) president Nana Patole on Monday reiterated his demand to remove controversial Rashmi Shukla from the post of director-general of police (DGP). Last month, on September 24, the Congress state president had written a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner demanding the removal of DGP Shukla while the CEC was on a tour of the state. He said that such biased officers should be immediately sacked, as it casts a doubt over transparent and impartial conduct of assembly election.

RRIH achieves new milestone in Homeopathic healthcare & research

Gudivada (Andhra Pradesh): The Regional Research Institute (RRIH), Gudivada, under the Central Council for Research in Homeopathy (CCRH) and the Ministry of AYUSH, continues to achieve new milestones in homeopathic healthcare and research. In the past 100 days, RRIH has played a crucial role in advancing homeopathic medicines, enhancing patient care, and significantly contributing to public health programs in Gudivada and surrounding areas, the Institute Officer in charge Dr. Kishan Banoth, said in a release here on Monday. On this occasion, we extend our gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his vision in promoting and propagating AYUSH systems both within India and across the globe.

Absolute challenges for new govt in Jammu & Kashmir: Farooq

Srinagar (UNI) National Conference President Farooq Abdullah on Monday said there would be absolute challenges for the new government in Jammu and Kashmir.



Farooq said this while replying to a question from media persons about what would be the challenges for the new government in Jammu and Kashmir. "There are absolute and so many challenges", Farooq told media persons. The NC President said that in the last ten years, the state has gone far below what it was before. Those challenges have to be met and that has to be done.

"I hope Delhi is going to be positive about it even if we are opposite to them", Farooq said and added, "I hope they will realise". Jammu and Kashmir is a vital

state and crown of India and has two enemies on the borders, the former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister said.

Asked the like-minded people will join his party in forming the next government in Jammu and Kashmir, Farooq said "I hope so..I pray to God..I hope it does happen..and I hope with all these people who want to join us make a strong government, a government which will give people

what they want".

He said, "I am very happy to come together to build a better Jammu and Kashmir. We should shine all over the country". "I am sure they are reach-

ing out to us. We welcome it and you have seen the Peoples Democratic Party Chief Mehbooba Ji's statement which is a very welcome step", he added.

BJP will extend central rule if it fails to form govt in J&K: Omar Abdullah

National Conference Vice-President Omar Abdullah on Monday alleged the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) would like nothing more than to extend central rule if they are not in a position to form a government in Jammu and Kashmir.

The NC leader was reacting to the statement made by the Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) Chief Abdul Rashid Sheikh popularly known as Engineer Rashid, who during a press conference during the day had said whosoever will get the majority should not form the government until the statehood is restored in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The man goes to Delhi for 24 hours and comes back to play straight into the hands of the BJP," Omar posted on X (formerly twitter).

Rashid during the press conference also revealed that he had been to Delhi for two days.

ED raids premises of AAP MP in Punjab, Haryana



Chandigarh (UNI) The Enforcement Directorate on Monday conducted searches at the premises of realtor and Aam Aadmi Party's Rajya Sabha member Sanjeev

Arora across multiple locations in Punjab and Haryana, sources said.

Sources said that the searches were conducted at many places in Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Gurugram.

A financier and former minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu's close aide Hemant Sood's properties were also raided.

Arora, in a post on social media, said he did not know the reason behind the ED action but he will fully cooperate with the agency.

AAP leader Manish Sisodia criticised the ED action and, in a tweet, alleged that Modi (PM Narendra Modi) has once again unleashed his enforcement agencies to target an AAP leader.

Odisha CM Majhi urges Centre to provide CAPF to combat Naxals in Odisha

Bhubaneswar (UNI) Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Monday urged the Centre to deploy 12 companies of CAPF (Central Armed Police Forces) for a period of two years to prevent infiltration and eradicate Naxalites from the state in a time-bound manner.



Speaking at a meeting convened by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi on left-wing extremism, Majhi also requested that the Central Forces not be withdrawn from the LWE (Left-Wing Extremism) areas.

The Chief Minister said that to counter the Naxalites, the state government has raised three battalions of ex-servicemen under the OSSF (Odisha Special Striking Force) and

that vacancies in other ranks of the police are being filled in a time-bound manner.

He added that until the newly recruited forces are deployed on the

Activist files police complaint against Karnataka minister for tampering with evidence

Bengaluru: RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna on Monday lodged a formal complaint with Karnataka Director General of Police Alok Mohan, accusing Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh of an attempt to tamper with crucial documents linked to the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam.

The complaint alleged that Suresh flew to Mysuru by helicopter shortly after the MUDA scam surfaced and took key files, sparking concerns of evidence tampering.

"I believe these files have been destroyed, and this needs a thorough investigation," Krishna stated, warning that he would approach the court if action is not taken by authorities.

Krishna has been a vocal critic of the illegal allocation of sites worth Rs 5,000 crore by MUDA, and this latest complaint adds to the growing pressure for a full investigation into the alleged scam.

Maha: HC grants AB to Shinde Sena leader

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court on Monday granted anticipatory bail to Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena leader Waman Mhatre in connection with an alleged offensive remark he made against a female journalist who was reporting on the Badlapur sexual abuse case.

Mhatre was booked under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and also under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Atrocities) Act for allegedly making derogatory remarks against the woman journalist during the protest against the sexual assault on two minor girls in Badlapur school by a male cleaning staff inside the school premises. While granting the bail, a single-judge bench of Justice Sandeep V Marne said, "I have allowed the application and granted anticipatory bail to the applicant."

Power to Lt Guv to nominate five members in Assembly 'unconstitutional', 'undemocratic': Karra

Srinagar (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Congress President Tariq Hameed Kara on Monday termed the power to nominate five members in the new Assembly by the Lieutenant Governor as "unconstitutional" and "undemocratic."



Karra made these remarks in reply to a question about the power to nominate five members in the new Assembly by the Lieutenant Governor in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The constitution of India clearly mentions that even if the President of the country has to nominate members for the Rajya Sabha cannot do arbitrary and under the constitution he has to go through the advice of the government that is represented by the cabinet," Karra told media persons in Srinagar

Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir to nominate five members for the new Assembly, it is in my view unconstitutional and undemocratic."

"How could it happen where a President of India could not have the arbitrary powers and a Lieutenant Governor would be given such powers," Karra questions.

Asked if Congress is in contact with the People's Democratic Party (PDP) regarding the formation of Government, Karra said, "I have maintained right from the day one that every person, every organisation, every political party who are on the same page to put BJP out of the corridors of power in Jammu and Kashmir, our doors are open for them."

Court extends judicial custody of Amanatullah Khan till October 21

New Delhi: The Rouse Avenue court on Monday extended the judicial custody of AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan until October 21 in the Delhi Waqf Board Money laundering case. Amanatullah was produced through video conferencing from Jail.

He was arrested on September 2, by the ED in the Delhi Waqf Board Money laundering case. He has been arrested in connection with purchase of Rs. 36 Crores property in Okhla.

Special judge Vishal Gogne extended Judicial custody of Amanatullah Khan in judicial after hearing submissions of ED and defence counsel.

Special public prosecutor (SPP) for the Enforcement Directorate (ED) sought judicial custody of AAP MLA Amanat Ullah Khan.

Punjab: Sarpanch elected unopposed shot dead in Tarn Taran



Chandigarh (UNI) A Sarpanch elected unopposed was shot dead by three unknown motorcycle-borne assailants in

Thakkarpura village of Tarn Taran on Monday, police said.

Sources said Rajvinder Singh alias Raj Talwandi, who had the backing of the state's ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) was elected unopposed from village Talwandi Mohar Singh.

His car was stopped by three men, who first reportedly congratulated him and then shot him dead. Two other persons, who were with Raj at the time of the incident, were injured. They have been hospitalised.

Punjab cabinet minister Laljit Singh Bhullar has expressed grief over Raj's killing and said the culprits should be nabbed soon.

The Panchayat elections are scheduled for October 15.

Eight injured in gas cylinder explosion

Jalgaon: Eight people were injured, six of them seriously, following explosion of a household gas cylinder at Kasoda in Erandol taluka of the district.

The explosion occurred in the house of one Anil Puna Marathe, a farmer, at Kasoda in Erandol taluka, on Sunday evening due to leakage of gas after installation a new gas cylinder, causing a sudden fire. Due to the incident, Anil Marathe and his other family members ran out of the house, police said on Monday.

Upon hearing the news of incident, the neighbours gathered thinking that the farmer's cotton was on fire. When they went near the door of the house to check, there was a sudden big explosion of the gas cylinder in the house.

Investigate if laxity led to colliery blast: Suvendu

Kolkata (UNI)

West Bengal Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari on Monday demanded a police investigation to find out if any laxity led to a blast at a colliery in Birbhum district in the morning in which he claimed seven people were killed.



He said among the seven people killed, four were tribals.

Adhikari said several people have been injured in the blast at Gangaramchak Mining Pvt Ltd Colliery in Bhadulia village area of Khayrasole Block, under the Lokpur PS in Birbhum district.

The huge blast happened when

explosives were being transported to the colliery from the truck, which almost crumbled with roof blown away, he said.

The body of the driver and other deceased split into pieces beyond recognition, he said.

LG Saxena criticises Delhi Gov for 'open manholes, heaps of garbage' in South Delhi

Agencies, New Delhi

Delhi Lieutenant Governor (LG) Vinai Kumar Saxena on Monday criticised the Aam Aadmi Party-led government for the 'open manholes, heaps of garbage, and mismanagement of electrical wires' in the Rangpuri, Aya Nagar, and Jaunapur areas of South Delhi.



LG Saxena's statement followed his inspection of these areas on Sunday, during which he blamed the Delhi Government for the 'mismanagement' in the capital, which has created hazardous conditions for residents.

He remarked, "Yesterday evening, during the inspection of Rangpuri, Aya Nagar, and Jaunapur in South Delhi, following persistent requests from local residents, a shocking example of the failure and mismanagement of the Delhi Government was once again evident. The alarming situation, with a maze of electric

wires hanging dangerously, women carrying pipes for drinking water, open manholes, heaps of garbage, and sewer water flowing through the streets, is unforgivable."

"Thousands of people living here are deprived of basic amenities. There is encroachment, and garbage piles up in the narrow streets. Pits filled with drain and sewer water, and a haphazardly scattered network of pipes make life miserable. Even today, essential services like sewage, drinking water, and proper roads remain unavailable in the nation's capital," he added.

The LG further attacked the Delhi government, highlighting issues such as 'lack of drainage and permanent water lines.'

Due to the absence of proper drainage, people are living amid foul smells and diseases caused by waterlogging in densely populated areas like Rangpuri.

Two trainee SIs arrested in 2021 police recruitment exam paper leak case

Agencies, Jaipur

The Special Operations Group (SOG) has arrested two trainee sub-inspectors (SIs) from the Rajasthan Police Academy (RPA) in connection with the alleged 2021 Rajasthan Police SI recruitment exam paper leak case, officials said on Monday.

The arrested trainee SIs have been identified as Dinesh Kumar and Priyanka Kumari—both siblings and residents of Jalore district. They were produced in court and sent to police custody till October 11.

Their father, Bhagirath, is absconding, officials said. SOG ADG VK Singh said that trainee SIs Priyanka and her brother Dinesh, both natives of Jalore, have been arrested as part of the investigation in the case.

The duo used the leaked paper to pass the exam, and authorities were interrogating them further. According to officials, the siblings allegedly received the question paper through mafia member Bhupendra Saran's brother, Gopal Saran, a suspended sub-inspector in Jaipur. They were shown the exam paper in a car at



the 200 ft Bypass area.

Gopal was selected as an SI in 2014 after clearing the recruitment exam in 2011.

In the same case, Santoshi, sister of Manju Bishnoi—who was arrested earlier from Barmer—has also been caught.

Chhammi Bai, alias Samita, allegedly trained and appeared for the exam as a dummy candidate. She has been involved in not only the SI recruitment exam but other exams as well. She is currently in police custody and on remand until October 10, officials said.