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INDIA bloc leaders to meet Kharge today

New Delhi: Floor leaders of INDIA bloc will meet Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge at his Parliament House office on Monday. The Winter Session of Parliament begins on Monday. According to party sources, the meeting of the INDI alliance leaders with Congress president and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge will be held tomorrow at 10 am. Leaders of INDIA bloc will discuss the strategy of Opposition parties in the Parliament, sources said. Earlier in the day, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju had convened an all-party meeting. The Winter Session of Parliament will begin from Monday and will conclude on December 20.

Telangana achieves record paddy procurement

Hyderabad: Telangana is on track for record-breaking paddy procurement, following a historic production of 153 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) cultivated across 66.07 lakh acres by 40 lakh farmers, Civil Supplies and Irrigation Minister Capt N Utam Kumar Reddy announced on Sunday. Speaking to the media after a surprise visit to procurement centres in the Huzurnagar constituency, Reddy highlighted the state's robust agricultural performance despite challenges, including the non-functionality of the Kaleshwaram project. He credited the Congress government's proactive measures for ensuring efficient procurement and farmer support. As of November 23, Telangana has procured 21.73 LMT of paddy, valued at Rs 5,040.01 crore. Of this, 16.06 LMT comprises coarse varieties (Doddu), and 5.67 LMT are fine varieties (Sannaalu). To encourage the cultivation of fine varieties, a bonus of Rs 283.25 crore has been announced, with Rs 80.17 crore already disbursed. Payments worth Rs 2,760.22 crore have been released to farmers, surpassing last year's Rs 2,414.23 crore by Rs 345.99 crore. The remaining Rs 2,279.78 crore will be disbursed shortly, Reddy assured.

AP Health Minister visits accident victims in hospital

Anantapur: Minister for Health Satya Kumar Yadav visited the accident victims in the KIMS Saveria hospital here on Sunday and inquired about their health with the doctors. It may be mentioned here that eight agricultural workers were killed when the auto-rickshaw in which they were returning from fields was hit by an APSRTC bus on Saturday evening at Talagasipalali village Garladinne Mandal. As many as five persons were injured in the accident and they were first admitted to the GGH and later shifted to the KIMS Saveria hospital for better treatment. Yadava, accompanied by Collector Vinod Kumar, DMGO Dr.Eebi Devi, and NTR Seva Trust district coordinator Kiran Kumar Reddy, went to the hospital and visited the accident victims who were undergoing treatment. He inquired with the doctors about their condition and directed them to provide the best medical treatment.

Jammu Police acts tough on those renting to Rohingyas without verification

Jammu: In a significant move to curb illegal influx of Rohingya refugees and to ensure public safety, the Jammu Police has identified several instances and likewise registered cases against landlords who have rented their properties undocumented illegal immigrants and pose a potential security threat. The police spokesman said that the Jammu District Commissioner has issued an order making police verification of tenants mandatory for all property owners in the district. "The directive comes in light of increasing concerns regarding the potential threat posed by anti-social elements and unauthorized individuals who may use rented properties for illegal activities," he said. The spokesman said that the Jammu Police have initiated a comprehensive investigation and registered cases, under relevant sections in the Police Station Nowabad against Farman Ali of Bhawani Nagar, Talab Tillo Jammu; and Azam Malik of Ashti Mohalla, Batmalo, Srinagar respectively.

No relief from high pollution levels in Delhi as AQI remains 'very poor'

Agencies, New Delhi

The air quality in the Delhi-NCR remained in the high concerning zone as several areas continued to be in the 'severe' AQI category on Sunday. No relief from high pollution levels in Delhi as AQI remains 'very poor'.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the average air quality index (AQI) in the national capital till 7.30 a.m. was 366, which is in the 'very poor' category. In eight areas, the AQI level remained above 400 and between 500. It was 410 in Alipur, 412 in Anand Vihar, 408 in Nehru Nagar, 404 in Vivek Vihar, and 409 in Wazirpur.

Whereas in other parts of the national capital, the AQI level remained between 300 and above 400. It was 392 in Ashok Vihar, 313 in Aya Nagar, 362 in Burari Crossing, 353 in Chandni Chowk, 354 in



Mathura Road, 356 in Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range, 400 in Dwarka Sector 8, 327 in IGI Airport, 380 in Dilshad Garden, 340 in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, 302 in Lodhi Road, 372 in Major Dhyanchand Stadium, 328 in Mandir Marg, 319 in Najafgarh, 348 in North Campus DU, 371 in Okhla Phase-2, 388 in Patparganj, 370 in Punjabi Bagh, 327 in Pusha, 373 in RK Puram, 382 in Rohini, 382 in Shadipur 385, 357 in Siri Fort and 340 in Sri Aurobindo Marg.

The situation was no better in other NCR cities. The AQI in Faridabad was 309, Gurugram 240, Ghaziabad 312, Greater Noida 304 and in Noida it was 309. A layer of smog was visible in the whole of the Delhi-NCR. As per the CPCB, AQI between 0-50 is considered 'good', 51-100 is 'satisfactory', 101-200 is 'moderate', 201-300 is 'poor', 301-400 is 'very poor' and 401-500 is 'severe'.

The anti-pollution measures under Stage 4 of the Graded Response Action Plan are currently in place to address the deteriorating air quality. The measures include a ban on the entry of trucks, except for those carrying essential items or using fuels such as LNG, CNG, BS-VI diesel, or electric power. Construction at public projects has also been stopped.

Delhi court asks ED's special director to appear, takes serious view of counsel's conduct

Agencies, New Delhi

Delhi's Rouse Avenue court has issued a notice to Special Director of Directorate of Enforcement (DoE) to appear before the court after it took a serious view of the conduct of the counsel for DoE. The Special Director has been asked to specify the stand in relation to seeking adjournment without showing extreme necessity by its counsel.

The court has issued notice while dealing an application seeking release of case property where the case has been already quashed by the Supreme Court in March, 2024.

Special CBI Judge Jitendra Singh on Saturday issued notice to the Special Director to appear on November 25. The court issued notice after taking a serious view of the conduct of



counsel for DoE in seeking adjournment.

"As the Counsel for the DoE has failed to specify the reason for seeking adjournment and has simply stated that he has been asked by the higher-ups to do so, I am constrained to issue notice to worthy

Special Director to appear and specify the stand of DoE with regard to the present application and to verify as to whether its counsel has been acting and conducting the case as per their instruction," Special Judge said in the order dated November 23.

The court also said, "The response of worthy Special Director is further necessitated to initiate appropriate action for upholding the dignity of the court."

The court issued notice to Special Director while dealing with an application of Anjaneya Hanumantiaiah in a money laundering case. It was submitted by the counsel for the applicant that the ECIR qua the applicant has already been quashed by the Supreme Court by the order of March 5.

Adani tarnishes credibility of the country globally: Congress

Patna: Referring to the recent American action against Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani, Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee President Akhilesh Prasad Singh alleged that Adani tarnished the country's credibility globally by committing irregularities and loot within the country and abroad under the patronage of the Modi government at the centre.

Singh alleged here on Sunday that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has consistently described Adani as a nexus supported by the Modi government which Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its allies denied, however, the recent American action has established Adani's activities under the protection of the Central Government.

Telangana Police boost NDPS conviction rates

Hyderabad (UNI)

In a significant stride towards achieving a "Nasha Mukh Telangana," the Telangana Police have reported a notable increase in convictions under the NDPS (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances) Act in 2024.

Out of 226 cases adjudicated this year, 39 cases (17 percent) resulted in convictions, reflecting a marked improvement in the state's drug enforcement efforts. Units such as Mahabubabad, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Warangal, Khammam, Cyberabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, and Karimnagar have shown exceptional performance in this regard.

Convictions this year include cases resulting in significant imprisonment terms, with 17 persons receiving 20-year sentences in four cases, 19 persons sentenced to 10 years in



11 cases, and others receiving varying sentences ranging from six months to 12 years. This success highlights the effectiveness of coordinated efforts in combating drug-related crimes.

Director General of Police (DGP), Dr Jitendra, commended the tireless dedication of Investigation Officers, Court Duty Officers, and Public Pros-

Stalin to launch Vizhuthugal

India's first one stop rehab centre for disabled

Chennai (UNI)

In yet another unique initiative of the DMK government for the welfare of the differently-abled people, 'Vizhuthugal' (meaning Roots in English), India's first one stop rehabilitation centre for the disabled will be inaugurated by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Monday.

This will be the first of the 273 centres, being set up under the TN Rights Project of the Department for the Welfare of Differently Aabled Persons, and support by the World Bank.

The centre was refurbished at a cost of Rs 3.08 crore and will be inaugurated by Mr Stalin in the presence of Health and Family Welfare Minister Ma. Subramanian, and Minister for Social Welfare and Women Em-



powerment Ms Geetha Jeevan. The Centre offers six rehabilitation services under one roof for differently abled persons. They included Optometry, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Psychological Counselling, Audiology and Speech Therapy and Special Education.

NCC remains instrumental in motivating cadets to contribute in nation-building: Maj Gen Bevli

Jammu (UNI)

Additional Director General (ADG) of the NCC Directorate Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh, Major General Anupinder Bevli on Sunday said that the National Corps Cadets (NCC) remains instrumental in motivating cadets to contribute in nation-building.

"NCC continues to be the fulcrum of youth engagement in India. Beyond its role as a feeder organization for the uniformed forces, NCC remains instrumental in motivating cadets to actively participate in social causes and contribute to nation-building efforts," Major General Bevli highlighted in his address on the occasion of the 76th National Cadet Corps (NCC) Day.

A series of impactful activities were organized under the aegis of



the NCC Directorate, Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh.

The NCC Day serves as a reminder of the enduring values of discipline, leadership and service to the nation that the organization instils in

the youth of India.

The day was marked by a commitment to service, patriotism and the enduring spirit of the NCC.

The cadets actively participated in blood donation camps, donated 829 units of blood and carried out wreath-laying in war memorials at Reasi, Udhampur, Paloura, Rakhmuthi and Jammu.

One of the highlights of the day was the wreath-laying ceremony at the Balidan Stambh, Jammu, where a solemn tribute was paid to the valiant Ex NCC cadets who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation.

A wreath was laid on behalf of all ranks of the Directorate, as a symbol of respect and remembrance for their selfless contributions to India's freedom and security.

Ganga Sevadoots to ensure clean, safe, and plastic-free Maha Kumbh

Prayagraj (UNI)

In a bid to make Maha Kumbh a clean, safe, and plastic-free event the Prayagraj Mela Authority has launched a training program for 'Ganga Sevadoots' to ensure the event's success.

Around 1,800 'Ganga Sevadoots' will be trained in batches of 250, focusing on cleanliness, sanitation, fire safety, disaster management, and inspections.

The training, which began on Sunday, will run until November 29 at the District Panchayat Auditorium in Prayagraj, under the guidance of Chief Development Officer Gaurav Kumar and Kumbh Mela Special Officer Akanksha Rana.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's commitment to a clean and safe Maha Kumbh will be significantly sup-



ported by the Ganga Sevadoots. The Prayagraj Mela Authority is training approximately 1,800 Ganga Sevadoots to play a crucial role in ensuring the success of the event.

Explaining the training programme, Kumbh Mela Special Officer Akanksha Rana said that about 1,800 Ganga Sevadoots are being trained in batches of 250.

Fresh snowfall shuts strategic Mughal road in J&K

Srinagar (UNI)

The higher reaches of Kashmir valley experienced a fresh snowfall while some plains received rains resulting in closure of several strategic roads on Sunday, officials said.

The historical Mughal road connecting south Kashmir's Shopian district with the twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu division, was closed for vehicular traffic as a precautionary measure following the snowfall on Peer Ki Gali on Sunday, traffic police officials said.

Gurez-Bandipora road was also shut for vehicular traffic due to accumulation of snowfall on the Razdan top and other connected roads of the north Kashmir district. The traffic on Sonamarg-Kargil road has also been suspended due to slippery conditions, they said.

The overnight snowfall covered the ski resort of Gulmarg in north



Kashmir Baramulla district in a white blanket, much to the delight of the tourists staying there.

Reports of snowfall were received from Karnah in frontier Kashmir district of Kupwara. Leh in the Union

Territory of Ladakh also received the season's first snowfall on Sunday.

Barring the picnic spot of Koker-nag in south Kashmir the day temperature marginally dropped and recorded below normal at all the

weather stations of the valley on Saturday. Srinagar recorded the maximum temperature at 12.3°C and it was 1.6°C below normal on the previous day.

The minimum temperature recorded during the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday at various Kashmir weather stations was 2 to 6°C above normal except at Gulmarg.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 1.5°C and it was 0.4°C above normal for the valley of meadows during this period of the season. The Meteorological Centre Srinagar predicted that the weather generally will remain cloudy with the possibility of light rain/light snow over higher reaches and at isolated places till forenoon today.

The weather is likely to remain generally dry till the end of November.

Delhi Court acquits man accused of murdering woman in 1998

New Delhi: Delhi's Saket District Court recently acquitted a man accused of stabbing a woman to death 26 years back in 1998. The accused had absconded and was declared a proclaimed offender by the Court.

He was arrested in the year 2022 from his native village in Dausa Rajasthan after 24 years of the incident. An FIR was registered in the police station Okhla Industrial Area in March 1998.

Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Rajneesh Kumar Gupta acquitted Niranjan of the offence of murder of Maya.

The court said that the prosecution has failed to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt against the accused for the offence punishable under Section 302 IPC.