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Four arrested with 4 kg heroin in Amritsar

Amritsar (Punjab): The Amritsar counter-intelligence (CI) has busted a narco-terror module by arresting four drug peddlers from the government hospital in Naraingarh, Chheharta. Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said on Sunday that four kilograms of heroin has been recovered from the arrested accused. The accused have been identified as Navjot Singh alias Sahil, a resident of Tarn Taran Road, Amritsar, Sukhwinder Singh, a resident of Tarn Taran Road, Amritsar, Gurpreet Singh, a resident of Sheron, Tarn Taran, and Aniket, son of Rajpal, a resident of Krishna Mandir, Naraingarh, Amritsar.

4 killed in blast at house in Haryana's Jhajjar

Chandigarh: Four people including two children and a woman were killed while another was injured in an explosion at a house in Bahadurgarh of Jhajjar district, police said on Sunday. The police said that Harpal Singh, in whose house the blast occurred, was injured and has been admitted to Rohtak PGI. Four members of his family, his wife and three children, were killed on the spot. Police along with forensics have reached the spot and a thorough investigation was underway. According to the police, the initial investigation suggests that it was not an LPG cylinder blast. An internal unit of airconditioner has been found damaged, however technical investigation was required to ascertain the cause of the blast.

SFs recover arms, ammo from terrorist hideout in Doda

Jammu: Security forces have recovered arms and ammunition from a terrorist hideout unearthed in the woods of Bhalra area of Bhaderwah in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir. Official sources here on Sunday said that during a routine search by the joint team of army, Special Operations Group (SOG) and police on Saturday evening, they recovered one pistol, three magazines and rounds of AK assault rifle from the hideout in Bhalra forest area of Bhaderwah. "The search operation was launched on specific inputs regarding movement of suspects in the area," they added.

Two young sportspersons die after train hits motorcycle in UP

Chandauli (UP): Two young sportspersons were killed when a motorcycle while crossing a closed railway gate was hit by a train in Alinagar area of Chandauli district here in Uttar Pradesh on Sunday, police sources said here. Police sources said that Pramod Paswan (24), a resident of Arari village in Chakia, lived in his maternal home in Dayalpur. "He was a football player and used to go to play every day in the ground near Tarajivanpur village," they said. Police sources said that on Sunday morning, Pramod was going for practice along with his friend Akash Yadav (22) on a motorcycle. "While crossing the closed railway gate near Tarajivanpur railway crossing, the motorcycle was hit by a MEMU train. Both the youths died on the spot," they said.

Four members of a marriage party killed in Bihar

Begusarai: At least four members of a marriage party were killed and five injured in a road accident near Khatopur Chowk under Lakho police station in Bihar. Police said here on Sunday that the vehicle carrying the marriage party hit a road divider. In this accident, four members of the marriage party were killed on the spot and five injured. According to police, the victims were returning from Sahebpur Kamal block after attending a marriage ceremony. The deceased could not be identified yet. The injured were admitted at the local Hospital.

RSS is guardian for every govt, not just BJP: Hosabale

Bengaluru (UNI)
Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) General Secretary Dattatreya Hosabale on Sunday addressed recent media reports suggesting a rift between the RSS and the BJP, asserting that the RSS serves as a "guardian for every government."
In light of discussions regarding the RSS-BJP relationship, Hosabale emphasised that electoral assessments are routine. "The assessment has already been done by the people of the country. RSS is also a part of the nation. And if we play the role of a guardian, then we are a guardian for every government," he stated.
His remarks come amid media reports highlighting differences between the two organisations. However, RSS publicity in-charge Sunil Ambekar has reportedly downplayed the concerns.



Hosabale also addressed the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, noting that the government has formed a joint parliamentary committee to examine the issue.
"So far, it has proceeded in the right direction. We will see how the government and Parliament handle the matter," he added. The bill has been a focal point of discussions on religious trust governance and land

ownership rights.
Aurangzeb's legacy not in tune with India's ethos: RSS
Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Sarkaryavah Dattatreya Hosabale on Sunday asserted that Mughal ruler Aurangzeb does not align with the ethos of Bharat, stating that national icons should be those who contribute positively to the country's unity and cultural heritage.
He emphasised that opposition to historical figures like Aurangzeb is not based on religion but stems from concerns over national cohesion.
Addressing the media at the Akhil Bharatiya Pratinidhi Sabha here, Hosabale underscored the need for the "decolonisation of the mind," arguing that while India attained political independence in 1947, remnants of mental colonisation continue to influence historical narratives.

"Upcoming Delhi budget will be for the people, by the people": Delhi BJP President



Agencies, New Delhi
Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva on Sunday said that the upcoming budget of the government in the national capital will be "a budget for the people and by the people". He added that his party's government would take Delhi forward in its developmental path.
"The upcoming budget will be for

the people, and it will have all the promises which we made in the Sankalp Patra...We will take Delhi forward and develop it. This will be a budget for the people and by the people," Sachdeva said.
"The Chief Minister (Rekha Gupta) also continuously takes suggestions from the people regarding the people. We are also getting help from the central government," he added.
The Budget session of the eighth Delhi Legislative Assembly will commence on Monday and the first budget of the newly elected Delhi government will be presented a day later.
Delhi Legislative Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta said that the session will commence tomorrow in the Assembly Hall, Old Secretariat in the national capital. "Tomorrow is the first day of the Budget Session. The budget will be presented on March 25. The CAG report will also be tabled during the budget session," Vijender Gupta told media here on Sunday.

Police search residence of banned DFP member in north Kashmir

Srinagar: Police have conducted a search at the house of Democratic Freedom Party member for association in Handwara sub district of Jammu and Kashmir.
The Government of India had in October 20a3 declared 'Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party' (JKDFP) as an 'Unlawful Association' under Section 3(1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) 1967.
Police said as part of continuing efforts to tighten the noose around anti-national elements, they conducted a search at the residence of a DFP member Farooq Ahmad Dar of Turpora, Handwara, for his association with a banned organization.
Acting on reliable information, a police team raided the house of Farooq Ahmad Dar late last evening.

Congress non committal on its alliance with RJD in next Bihar assembly elections: Khera

Patna (UNI)
Congress on Sunday kept cards closed to its chest on the issue of alliance with RJD in the next Bihar assembly elections, saying a decision about it would be taken and communicated to all at an appropriate time.
Chairman of media and publicity of Congress Pawan Khera told media persons here that the decision on alliance with RJD would be taken at an appropriate moment and communicated to all. It was not necessarily to reply to the question on alliance and media would also be informed about it at an opportune moment, he added.
Khera said that he was concerned about the deteriorating health conditions of Chief Minister Kumar. The health condition of Bihar was more



important than that of Chief Minister Kumar, he stressed.
Congress leader said that as per the CAG report, medicines were not available in government hospitals of Bihar. Similarly, there was a vast

shortage of doctors, nurses, and other para-medical staff in government hospitals, making it difficult for patients to get treatment, he added.
"Chief Minister Kumar was in fine health when he was with Grand Alliance but after joining hands with BJP again last year, his health conditions deteriorated", Khera pointed out. No one had seen Nitish behaving this way as being done by him presently when he was part of Grand Alliance in Bihar, he remarked. He parried the question of whether his party would like Nitish to return to its fold again, saying a reply to such questions could be given later.
Congress and RJD have been contesting Lok Sabha and Assembly elections for long barring few occasions.

Rajeev Chandrasekhar as new Kerala BJP President

Thiruvananthapuram: Former Union Minister of State Rajeev Chandrasekhar will replace K Surendran as new Kerala BJP President. Party's central observer Pralhad Joshi, who is in Thiruvananthapuram, chaired the core committee meeting of the State BJP, sources said on Sunday.
Rajeev Chandrasekhar will submit his nomination at the BJP state committee office before 3 pm. The scrutiny of the nominations will take place at 4 pm. The official announcement of the new president will be held after the State committee meeting on Monday.
Rajeev Chandrasekhar is a former Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology. He also contested as BJP candidate against Congress party's Shashi Tharoor in the previous Lok Sabha election from Thiruvananthapuram seat.

Societal mindset towards SC/ST should change: Kerala Guv



Thiruvananthapuram (UNI)
Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar on Sunday said the social mindset towards Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) should change for the real uplift of them.
Inaugurating the Dalit Progressive National Conclave here, the

Governor pointed out that change of religion or faith does not alter the basic living conditions of the deprived.
He also called for concerted action to be undertaken to bring real tangible improvement in their lives.
Observing that Dr. Ambedkar's life was one of great suffering and it holds a lesson for the present day, he said his life and message takes him beyond Bharatratna and takes him to Viswaratna.
He said the birthday of Dr. Ambedkar should be celebrated by all and not confined among SC ST communities alone. Honouring Padma awardee Lakshmi Kutty Amma and long time Parliamentarian Kodikunnil Suresh, the Governor wishes Lakshmi Kutty Amma, long years in the service of the nation.

Kishan Reddy slams Congress & BRS over delimitation propaganda

Hyderabad (UNI)
Union Minister and Telangana BJP President G Kishan Reddy on Sunday accused the Congress and BRS of misleading the public on the issue of parliamentary constituency delimitation.
Speaking to the media at the state BJP office in Nampally, here, he stated that these parties, along with the DMK, are spreading false propaganda to create unnecessary fear and political confusion.
Reddy clarified that the Central Government has not yet initiated discussions on delimitation in Parliament or the Cabinet.
He dismissed allegations that the Modi government intends to discriminate against southern states, labelling them as baseless and politi-



cally motivated.
Reddy asserted that the BJP is committed to the development of all regions and that any changes in constituency boundaries would follow due constitutional processes, including a census and consultations with experts and state governments.
He accused the DMK of using the

delimitation issue as a distraction from its corruption and governance failures in Tamil Nadu.
Reddy also criticized Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and BRS leader KT Rama Rao (KTR) for attempting to mislead the public for political gain.
He alleged that Congress, BRS, and DMK have formed an opportunistic alliance to prevent the BJP from gaining ground in the South.
Reddy reiterated that the Modi government has been working for over a decade with a vision of national development and inclusive governance. He urged people to reject the false narratives being spread by "family-run and corrupt parties" and reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to fair and transparent governance.

AIMPLB announces nationwide 'agitation' against Waqf Amendment Bill

Agencies, New Delhi
All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) on Sunday announced a nationwide agitation against the proposed Waqf Amendment Bill.
A statement issued by Mohd Vaqar Uddin Latifi, Office Secretary of the (AIMPLB) said, "Following a massive and successful protest in Delhi on March 17, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) has announced a nationwide agitation against the proposed Waqf Amendment Bill.
SQR Ilyas, spokesperson of AIMPLB and Convener of the Action Committee Against the Waqf Bill, expressed gratitude on behalf of the Board to all Muslim organizations, civil society groups, and leaders from Dalit, Adivasi, OBC, and other minority communities.
"Without the grace of Allah and the united support of these groups, the success of the Delhi demonstra-



tion would not have been possible," he said. He also extended thanks to the opposition parties and Members of Parliament who not only participated in large numbers but also firmly rejected the proposed legislation.

The statement stated that the AIMPLB's 31-member Action Committee has resolved to adopt all constitutional, legal, and democratic means to "oppose" what it has termed a "controversial, discriminatory, and damaging" bill. "As part of

the first phase of the agitation, large protest sit-ins have been planned in front of the state assemblies in Patna on March 26 and Vijayawada on March 29"
It said that the senior leadership of the AIMPLB, along with representatives of national and state-level religious and social organizations, will participate in these demonstrations.
"Leaders from civil society, prominent personalities from other minority communities and key figures from Dalit, Adivasi, and OBC sections have also confirmed their participation."
"Despite the issuance of whips by various political parties requiring MPs to attend the ongoing Parliament session, invitations have been extended to opposition members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to attend the sit-ins," the statement said.

Curfew lifted across Nagpur, restrictions eased in four areas

Nagpur: Curfew has been lifted across Nagpur, with restrictions eased in the last four affected areas on Sunday, officials said.
"Restrictions have been relaxed in Kotwali, Tehsil, Ganeshpeth, and Yashodhara Nagar from 3 PM on Sunday," Nagpur Police Commissioner Ravinder Singal said.
The decision was made after law enforcement agencies reviewed the situation, he added.
Earlier on Saturday, authorities had lifted the curfew in Pachpaoli, Shantinagar, Lakadganj, Sakkardara, and Imamwada. Besides, restrictions were temporarily relaxed in Kotwali, Tehsil, and Ganeshpeth between 7 PM and 10 PM.
On Saturday, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said that any damage caused during the



violent clashes in Nagpur on March 17 will be recovered from the rioters.
Addressing a press conference, Chief Minister Fadnavis said, "Whatever damage has happened will be recovered from the rioters. If they do

not pay the money, then their property will be sold for the recovery. Wherever required, bulldozers will also be used."
Hamid Engineer, the working president of the Minorities Democratic Party, was arrested late on Friday night in connection with the Nagpur violence case. Lohit Matani, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Nagpur, confirmed the arrest.
The Nagpur Court on Friday directed a medical examination for Fahim Khan, the prime accused in the Nagpur violence case, following his claims of ill-treatment by the police.
His magisterial custody remand (MCR) was recorded, and the court reserved the right for police custody remand (PCR).

12 CPI-M leaders injured in an attack in Tripura

Agartala (UNI)
The opposition CPI-M in Tripura on Sunday threatened to launch a statewide agitation unless police arrest all the FIR-named accused persons immediately for attacking their public meeting and brutally assaulting a dozen of its leaders on Saturday late hours.
On Sunday, Party State Secretary and Leader of Opposition Jitendra Chaudhury alleged that Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha failed to protect the political parties' rights and security of Tripura's people. Under BJP's

rule law and order has collapsed and all criminals, and anti-social elements took shelter in the saffron party, and police became puppets in the hands of BJP goons, he alleged.
According to report, a group of BJP workers under the leadership of Ramnagar Mandal president Amitabha Bhat-tacharjee resorted to an attack with arms on a pre-scheduled public meeting in Joynagar area of the city bordering Bangladesh in the presence of a large contingent of security personnel.

