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President Murmu greets fellow citizens on eve of Eid-ul-Fitr

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu on Sunday greeted fellow citizens on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr, the President's Secretariat said in a statement. In her message, President Murmu said, "On the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, I extend my greetings and best wishes to all Indians living in India and abroad, especially Muslim brothers and sisters." "Eid-ul-Fitr marks the end of fasting and prayer during the holy month of Ramadan. This festival strengthens the spirit of brotherhood, cooperation and compassion. This festival also promotes social bonding and inspires us to build a harmonious, peaceful and prosperous society. Eid is an occasion to promote the spirit of empathy, compassion and charity," she said.

Gelatin sticks trigger blast at Beed mosque, two held

Mumbai: Gelatin sticks kept allegedly by a man at a mosque triggered a blast in Maharashtra's Beed district early on Sunday, police said. The police have arrested two persons in connection with the explosion that occurred around 2.30 am at the mosque in Ardh Masla village in Georai tehsil, an official said. According to the police, one of the arrested accused had earlier shot a reel with the explosives and a cigarette in his hand before placing them inside the mosque. While no one was injured in the blast, the internal portion of the structure was damaged, he said.

6 dead, 5 injured as tree falls near Gurdwara Manikaran Sahib

Kullu (Himachal Pradesh): At least six people died, and five were injured after a hollow tree was uprooted near the Gurdwara Manikaran Sahib parking area in Kullu on Sunday and fell on them. The Additional District Magistrate (ADM) of Kullu, Ashwani Kumar, said, "Six people died, and five were injured after trees were uprooted near Manikaran Sahib Gurdwara parking in Kullu. Police and rescue teams of the district administration have shifted five injured to the local community hospital at Jari." Kullu MLA Sunder Singh Thakur stated that three victims have been identified.

Maninderjit Singh Bedi takes over after Gurminder Singh's resignation

Chandigarh: Advocate Maninderjit Singh Bedi has been appointed as the new Advocate General (AG) of Punjab, following the resignation of Senior Advocate Gurminder Singh. The notification, issued late Sunday evening, stated that the Governor of Punjab has appointed Bedi under Article 165 of the Constitution of India, effective from the date he assumes charge. Notably, Bedi's appointment comes after Gurminder Singh expressed his intention to resume private practice, marking the fourth AG resignation in Punjab under the Aam Aadmi Party government in three years.

Former judge acquitted in 'cash at door' case

Chandigarh: A CBI court has acquitted a former Punjab and Haryana High Court Judge, whose name figured in an alleged bribery and corruption case 17 years back, Besides Justice Nirmal Yadav, and other accused Ravinder Singh Bhaseen, Rajiv Gupta and Nirmal Singh were also acquitted in the sensational "Cash at Door" case of 2008 by the court on Saturday. One of the accused Sanjeev Bansal passed away in the interim period. Judge Alka Malik acquitted all the accused citing lack of evidence and contradictions in witness statements.

Sensex

BSE..... 77,414.92 (-191.51)  
NSE..... 23,519.35 (-72.60)

Bullion

Gold..... 91,200 (24 carat 10gm)  
Silver..... 1,04,000 (1kg)  
USD(\$)/INR(Rs)..... 85.46



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# Bhakti movement, Sangh ideals saved Indian culture even after foreign invasions: Modi

Nagpur (UNI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday credited the Bhakti movement and ideals of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) for protection of Indian culture despite many foreign invasions.

Speaking after performing the 'bhoomi poojan' of the Madhav Neelaya of the Sangh Parivar here, he said that India was under foreign invasion for hundreds of years, many cruel invaders tried to shake the civilisation and culture of the country, but no one could shake the basic sense of Indianness.

Many movements worked in the country to protect the Indian culture and keep its flame alive, he pointed.

In this, the Bhakti movement played a big role, with the Bhakti Andolan working to keep people's sentiments alive forever, he said.

The Prime Minister further said after the foreign invasions, Swami Vivekananda awakened the youth to a sense of nationalism.

Dr Keshav Hedgewar founded the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh in the country when the Indian freedom



movement was gaining momentum, he recalled and said that the seed planted by Dr Hedgewar and Gurujii a hundred years ago has turned into a banyan tree today.

While highlighting the works of RSS, Modi pointed out how the Sangh has worked to protect the

country and society as well as in preserving Indian culture since its inception. The Sangh's principles and ideals work to strengthen the original spirit of our country, he said, adding that the Sangh is not only a banyan tree but also an evergreen tree of Indian culture.

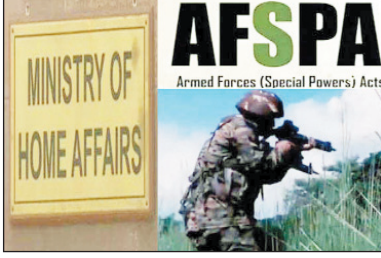
PM Modi launches over Rs 33,700 crore development projects

Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday launched several major development projects in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur, worth over Rs 33,700 crore, spanning sectors such as power, oil and gas, rail, road, education and housing.

PM Modi also distributed keys to beneficiaries under the PM Awas Yojana. The Prime Minister also flagged off the MEMU train service on the Abhanpur-Raipur rail section.

PM Modi laid the foundation stone of NTPC's Sipat Super Thermal Power Project Stage-III (1x800MW) in Bilaspur, worth over Rs 9,790 crore. He also dedicated three power transmission projects of POWER-GRID under the Western Region Expansion Scheme (WRES) worth over Rs 560 crore.

## Centre extends AFSPA in parts of Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, and Nagaland for six months



Agencies, New Delhi

The Central government on Sunday announced the extension of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in parts of Manipur, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh for another six months following a review of the law and order situation in these regions.

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) made the announcement through separate notifications extending AFSPA in parts of the three states starting from April 1, 2025.

In Manipur, the entire state has been declared a 'disturbed area' under AFSPA, starting from April 1,

2025, except for areas under the jurisdiction of 13 police stations across five districts.

The police stations in Manipur that have been exempted from the AFSPA are Imphal, Lamphel, City, Singjamei, Patsoi, and Wangoi in Imphal West district; Porompat, Heingang and Iribung in Imphal East district; Thoubal in Thoubal district; Bishnupur and Nambol in Bishnupur district; and Kakching in Kakching district.

The MHA made the announcement, citing the need to maintain public order and ensure security in the region. "The Central Government after review of the law and order situation in the state of Manipur, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (28 of 1958) declares the entire State of Manipur, excluding the areas falling under the jurisdiction of the 13 (thirteen) Police Stations of 5 districts, as 'disturbed area' for a period of six months with effect from April 1, 2025," the MHA notification reads.

## Flight from Jaipur makes emergency landing in Chennai following tyre damage

Chennai: A SpiceJet flight from Jaipur, with 82 passengers on board, made an emergency landing at the Chennai airport after it suffered a minor tyre damage on Sunday.

Airport sources said all the passengers were safe.

The flight SG-9046 left Jaipur airport at around 0200 hrs and landed safely at 0546 hrs, reports quoting a statement from SpiceJet Airlines said.

After take-off and when the flight was ready for airborne, the Air Traffic Control (ATC) authorities informed the flight crew about a piece of tyre found on the runway.

Despite this, the flight continued to destination as all operations and other parameters were found to be normal by the flight crew.

## Myanmar quake death toll hits 1,700

Agencies, Bangkok

The toll from Myanmar's earthquake continued to rise on Sunday, as foreign rescue teams and aid rushed into the impoverished country, where hospitals were overwhelmed and

- Teams from India, China, Singapore, Thailand on the ground
- Hospitals in hard-hit parts struggling to cope, says UN agency
- Some residents say government assistance scare, lack machinery for rescue work

some communities scrambled to mount rescue efforts with limited resources.

The 7.7-magnitude quake, one of Myanmar's strongest in a century, jolted the war-torn Southeast Asian



nation on Friday, leaving around 1,700 people dead, 3,400 injured and over 300 missing as of Sunday, the military government said.

The junta chief, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, warned that the number of fatalities could go up and his administration faced a challenging situation, state media reported, three days after he made a rare call for international assistance.

## Convocation is truly a pledge of service: Governor Honorary D.Litt. conferred upon CM Yadav



Bhopal: The 29th convocation ceremony of Vikram University, Ujjain, was held on Sunday in the esteemed presence of Governor Mangubhai Patel and Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav. The event, hosted at the Golden Jubilee Auditorium, saw the con-

ferral of honorary D.Litt. degrees upon Chief Minister Dr. Yadav and Heartfulness Institute founder Shri Kamlesh Patel. Additionally, degrees were awarded to 70 students, 99 received medals, and 2 researchers were conferred

with D.Litt. degrees.

Governor Patel expressed his delight in participating in the convocation ceremony of Vikram University. Congratulating all the students receiving their degrees, he wished them a bright and successful future. He emphasized that a convocation ceremony is, in essence, a pledge of service and that success in life requires strict discipline.

Highlighting Ujjain's unique identity on India's map in education, religion, literature, culture, science, and trade, the Governor recalled the legendary story of Lord Krishna, who came to this sacred land to receive education.

Governor urged the graduating students to always respect their parents and teachers. He emphasized that parents make sacrifices to provide for their children's education and upbringing, and thus, serving them is the first step toward serving society and the nation. He stressed that being a responsible citizen contributes to the nation's progress.

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## Blast in Putin's luxury limo near FSB HQ sparks assassination fears

Agencies, Moscow

A luxury limousine from Russian President Vladimir Putin's official car fleet exploded in central Moscow, sparking renewed concerns about his security, The Sun reported. The incident has intensified fears of internal threats within the Kremlin. A video of the burning limo has surfaced online, showing thick black smoke billowing from the vehicle.

The explosion occurred just days after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky suggested that Russia could suffer a major setback in the war and amid rumors surrounding Putin's health, The Sun noted. Zelensky also made a bold claim regarding Putin's fate, stating, "Vladimir Putin will die soon," calling it a "fact," as per a report by The Mirror. He further urged the United States to maintain pressure on Moscow.

The £275,000 Aurus Senat limousine, a hallmark of Russia's political elite, was engulfed in flames near the



FSB headquarters in Lubyanka. Witnesses reported that the fire started in the engine before spreading inside the vehicle. People at nearby restaurants rushed to assist before emergency crews arrived. While the exact cause of the explosion remains unclear, no injuries have been reported so far, The Sun stated.

The luxury limousine is reportedly managed by the Presidential Property Department, responsible for Putin's transport.