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MUSTREAD 2 killed, 2 injured in car accident

New Delhi: Two young men lost their lives, while two others sustained injuries after their car crashed into a tree in the National Capital's Naraina area in the early hours of Sunday, a Delhi Police official confirmed in a statement. According to Delhi Police, the accident occurred around 2:45 AM when a Ciaz car, carrying four individuals, lost control and collided with a tree. Emergency services rushed all four occupants to the hospital, where two were declared dead on arrival. The deceased have been identified as Lakshit Negi (22), a resident of Hari Nagar, who was engaged in his family business, and Yash Verma (21), also from Hari Nagar, who was involved in his family's steel business. The injured individuals have been identified as Yash Gupta (22), son of Arjun Gupta, a resident of Hari Nagar who works in a cloth factory, and Himanshu (23), a resident of Tihar Village, Hari Nagar.

Modi pays floral tribute to RSS founder

Nagpur: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who arrived in Maharashtra's Nagpur on Sunday, paid floral tribute to RSS founder Keshav Baliram Hedgewar at Smruti Mandir. The prime minister will attend the series of programmes here during the day today. The prime minister was welcomed by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis at the airport. Around 4000 police forces have been deployed in Nagpur city today. Ŝtate BJP Spokesperson Sandeep Khardekar said that the prime minister will participate in various programmes, including the laying of the foundation stone of the state-of-the-art Madhav Ne-tralaya. Modi will also visit the Deekshabhoomi before leaving for Chhattisgarh, said Khard-

SIT files chargesheet in ADM Naveen Babu suicide case

Kannur: The Special Investiga-tion Team (SIT), probing the death case of Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Naveen Babu, filed a chargesheet in the Magistrate court. The charge-sheet, running into over 400 pages and testimonies of 82 witnesses, was filed before JFCM-1 after five months and 15 days. The charge-sheet stated that the words of former District Panchayat President P P Divya prompted him to commit suicide and also said P P Divya is attended the farewell meeting without an invitation with an aim to humiliate Naveen Babu. Divya also arranged a local visual channel to telecast the function, and it was circulated the visuals from her own mobile

AP govt clears financial help for 3,456 people under CMRF

Vijayawada: On the occasion of Telugu New Year Ugadi, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Mr N Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday gave consent to the release of Rs 38 crore benefitting 3,456 people from the poorer sections of society. A release from the CM's Office said Naidu cleared the file related to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) to come to the rescue of these people from poor families who are facing financial constraints after undergoing medical treatment. Since the Naidu Government came to power, Rs 281.38 cr has been released to benefit 23,418 people

under CMRF. Tripura CM chairs meeting to review progress of centrally sponsored schemes

Agartala: Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha on Saturday chaired the State-Level District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting for the financial year 2024-25 to review progress of centrally sponsored schemes and development programs across the state. "The State-Level District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting for the fi-nancial year 2024-25 was held today under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura at the State Secretariat," as per a Tripura Chief Minister's office release.

Don't let Jungle Raj return in Bihar, vote for NDÁ again: Shah

Gopalganj/Patna (UNI)

Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah on Sunday asked people of Bihar, not to allow return of "Jungle Raj" in the state and vote for formation of the NDA government again in the assembly elections later this year.

Addressing a rally organised by his party here, Shah said people of Bihar had not forgotten the "Jungle Raj" during the RJD

regime for 15 long years since 1990. He asked them not to allow the return of "Jungle Raj" and instead ensure the NDA government retained power in the October-November

"RJD regime was marred by a series of scams including flood relief scam, coaltar scam and fodder scam ", the BJP stalwart said, mentioning thatincidents of loot, kidnapping,

Rajasthan Diwas celebrated at Arunachal Raj Bhavan

Itanagar: In the true spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat,' Rajasthan's State Foundation Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Arunachal Pradesh Raj Bhavan here on Sunday. The event, graced by Arunachal Governor Lt General (Retd) KT Parnaik, highlighted the strong cultural ties between Rajasthan and Arunachal Pradesh.

The celebration featured an array of vibrant performances that showcased Rajasthan's rich heritage. The Governor actively participated in the cultural program and interactive sessions, reinforcing the message of na-

tional unity and cultural harmony.

Addressing the gathering, the
Governor emphasized that celebrating the foundation days of other states fosters national amity and strengthens the fabric of unity in di-

Chirag terms "Muslims offering

namaz on streets" useless subject



murder and crimes were the order of the day during the RJD regime.

RJD chief Lalu Prasad had no concern for the people of Bihar and he remained engaged only in settling his own family members including wife, sons and daughters, he said.

Both sons of Lalu were Ministers in Bihar and now they are MLAs, wife

Rabri Devi was Chief Minister of Bihar, a daughter is Rajya Sabha MP while another daughter had contested Lok Sabha elections last year",

Continuing his attack on Lalu, he said the RJD supremo was himself a Minister in the Sonia- Manmohan government but did nothing for Bihar. Only 2.80 lakh crore was given by the Centre to Bihar when Lalu was Minister in the Sonia-Manmohan Singh government which was in power for ten years, he pointed out. When Prime Minister Narendra

Modi was voted to power in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, his government had given Rs 9.23 lakh crores to Bihar in ten years since 2014, he stated.

The former BJP chief said the RJD regime in Bihar was also infamous for incidents of booth capturing by

Mizoram's Lai Council political crisis deepens



The Lai Autonomous District Council (LADC) in Mizoram is facing a prolonged period of political uncertainty, as the date for a special session to determine the majority of the Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) executive committee, led by V. Zirsanga, remains undecided.

In a recent development, T. Za-

switched allegiance to the ZPM legis lature party, was elected as Chairman of the LADC in a one-day special session presided over by pro-tem Chairman C. Biakthansangi 1. Biak thansangi, a nominated woman member of the district council, was appointed as pro-tem chairman by the state governor, Gen. VK Sinha.

V. Zirsanga, appointed by the state governor, took oath as the 19th Chief Executive Member (CEM) of the LADC on February 27. Lawngtlaidistrict DC Cheemala Siya Gonal

kunga, the lone BJP member who

district DC Cheemala Siva Gopal Reddy administered the oath. Nine members of the district council, belonging to the ruling ZPM, were also sworn in as executive members of the executive committee headed by CEM Zirsanga on March 17. However, the political crisis esca-

lated with the resignation of executive member BN Thangpuia over portfolio allocation issues.

Mother and three children drown in village tank

Kamareddy (Telangana): A tragic incident occurred at Venkatapur Agra-haram in Yellareddy Mandal, Kamareddy district, where a mother and her three children drowned in a

According to police reports, the deceased were identified as Mounika (26) and her children—Maithili (10), Akshara (9), and Vinay (7).

The incident occurred on Satur-day evening while Mounika was washing clothes, and the children ventured into the tank for a swim. Unfortunately, they accidentally drowned, and in an attempt to save them, Mounika also lost her life.

Upon receiving information from locals, police arrived at the scene on Sunday morning and retrieved the bodies from the tank.

A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway, police

Anjuman appeals to authorities for unhindered Eid prayers at Srinagar's Eidgah

The Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid (AAJM) on Sunday called upon the authorities not to interfere or put up obstacles but instead ensure the smooth conduct of Eid congregational prayers at Eidgah ground in

Eid-ul-Fitr, which marks the end of the fasting month of Ramazan, will be celebrated either on Monday or Tuesday depending on the sighting of the crescent on Sunday.

In a statement, the AAJM expressed hope that the authorities will not create any interference or obstacles and will facilitate the smooth conduct of Eid prayers at Eidgah, respecting the religious sentiments and rights of the people.

It also strongly urged that no attempt should be made to disallow

While talking to a section of the

media, Paswan categorically termed

the subject as "meaningless and ir-

relevant" and said that there are sev-

eral other major issues that need to

be discussed. Any discussion on

such an irrelevant topic unleashes

an atmosphere of tension in society, distracting from more significant na-

Regarding his prominent and major alliance partner BJP, taking up

this issue, Paswan said that religious

issues are a matter of personal belief

and the religious values of everyone

Branding any such move as polit-

ally motivated, the LIP leader said

that such an attitude would divide

society and suggested refraining

from making any comment on issues

tional concerns.

should be respected.

related to religious beliefs.

the prayers, as witnessed on Shab-e-Qadr and Jumat-ul-Vida, which caused widespread resentment and hurt among the people.

"It is expected that such actions will not be repeated on this sacred

occasion," the Anjuman said. Authorities barred prayers at the historic Jamia Masjid in Srinagar on Shab-e-Qadr, one of the most auspicious nights of the Islamic calendar.

The restrictions were also extended to Friday congregational prayers on Jumat-ul-Vida, the final Friday of the holy month of Ramzan.

Siddaramaiah to visit Delhi amid honeytrap row

Bengaluru (UNI)

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's upcoming visit to New Delhi on April 2 gains significance amid the political storm surrounding an alleged honeytrap attempt on Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna and a purported 'supari' plot against his son, MLC Rajendra.

With growing pressure on the government to act decisively, Siddaramaiah is expected to discuss the developments with senior Congress leaders in the national capital.

The controversy erupted after Rajanna claimed that nearly 48 politicians across party lines had been targeted in similar honeytrap schemes. The minister has formally requested Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara initiate an investigation, adding another layer of political tension ahead of the Karnataka Chief Minister's four-day visit.

Besides addressing this crisis, Sid-



daramaiah is set to push for significant political changes within the Karnataka Congress unit. Party insiders suggest that he will advocate Shivakumar as Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president, with Satish Jarkiholi emerging as a potential succes-

Reports indicate that the Congress leadership is keen on appointing a leader from a Scheduled Tribe background to strengthen its outreach among these communities ahead of the local body elections.

Shivakumar, however, has reacted strongly to these developments, asserting that he remains committed to the party and its leadership. "I have always followed the decisions of the high command. My focus is on ensuring the Congress wins the maximum number of seats in the up coming elections," he said. Political analysts suggest that the move to replace him could intensify factional rivalries within the state Congress

Minister, has already engaged with the Congress high command and will accompany Siddaramaiah on

Gaurav Gogoi writes to PM Modi, claims 'irregularities' in Assam Cooperative Apex Bank

Agencies, New Delhi

Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking a probe into the alleged financial irregularities at Assam Cooperative Apex Bank.

Reacting to the controversy revolving around Muslims offering namaz on the streets, Union Food Process-

Chirag Paswan branded it as a use-

less issue, saying that people have

been offering namaz on the streets

The letter, dated March 20, was posted by Gogoi on his X handle on Sunday. "I have written a letter to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji about the need for an inquiry into the financial irregularities at Assam Cooperative Apex Bank because the state government is busy arresting and intimidating the Assamese media," wrote Gogoi on X.

In the letter, he has cited the arrest of senior journalist, saying that "the unfolding developments raise serious questions about the functioning of the bank, the misuse of legal provisions, and suppression of press freedom in Assam'

Gogoi says in the letter that on March 25, 2025, the journalist was covering a protest outside the Assam State Co-operative Apex Bank and was detained by police.

The Congress leader says that the Chief Minister of Assam serves as the Director and that BJP MLA Shri

- Gogoi cites journalist arrest in letter to Modi
- Alleges Rs 150 crore bank cost surge under BJP-led manage-
- Claims IT vendor contract lapses since 2024
- Links CM Himanta Biswa Sarma as bank director

Biswajit Phukan is the Chairman. "The grounds of his arrest initially included false accusations of castebased abuse, which were debunked when the Magistrate found no evidence of such allegations in the informant's statement. Despite being



granted bail, he was re-arrested the next day under exaggerated charges of robbery and trespassing into the bank to steal confidential documents. These actions strongly indicate an attempt to silence a journalist reporting on alleged irregularities," the letter reads.

Gogoi claims in the letter that media reports suggest that the bank has been operating without a formal contract with any IT vendor since June 2024, raising serious security and operational concerns.

Banking infrastructure costs allegedly surged from Rs 28 crores in 2018 to nearly Rs 150 crores in 2025, with Rs 14 crores allegedly funnelled to KPMG under suspicious circum-

A complaint was reportedly submitted to the Central Vigilance Commission on January 30, but the state government has remained unre-

In a March 3 directive, the Assam government's Cooperation Department instructed the Registrar of Cooperative Societies to investigate the allegations and submit a report within 15 days. However, protestors dismissed this as a mere formality, alleging that the government was shielding those involved, Gogoi says

Sajibu Cheiraoba celebrated in Manipur

Imphal: Sajibu Nongma Panba Cheiraoba was celebrated in Manipur here on Sunday.

The festival heralds the end of a year and the beginning of another year. Celebrated on the first day of the Manipuri Sajibu month, people offered food and vegetables to the Almighty for a bountiful and peaceful new year.

Offers were made to Ibudhou Sanamahi and Leimaren and inside the family. Outside the main gate, offerings were also made to all the gods and the goddesses who rule the

outside realm. As a tradition, people climb religious places like Koubru, Thangjing, and Cheiraoching; however, pilgrimages and offerings at the holy places have stopped since May 3, 2023, as all religious places have been occupied by Kuki militants and the roads have been blocked.

AP CM reiterates commitment to eliminate poverty

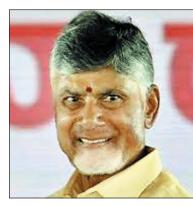
Vijayawada (UNI)

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu asserted on Sunday that his ultimate goal is to create a society free of poverty.

As part of this vision, he is launching the 'P4' initiative.

He wished that the Telugu New Year 'Sri Vishwavasu Nama Šamvatsara' Ugadi festival would bring new hope and happiness into people's

The AP state government had organized Ugadi celebrations at Tummalapalli Kalakshetram in Vijayawada, in which Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu participated. He offered special prayers and attended the Panchanga Sravanam (Astrological predictions for the year) conducted by Padma Shri awardee Madugula Nagaphani Sharma.



The Chief Minister also released almanacs from TTD (Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams), Agriculture Department, and Horticulture Department. Additionally, he unveiled the State Cultural Department's annual events calendar.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister pointed out that Indian culture and traditions are unique and must be preserved. Forgetting

history means losing our identity. The Telugu New Year Ugadi reminds us of Pachadi (a traditional festive dish) and Panchanga Sra-

Naidu mentioned that he shared his vision with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and actor-politician, deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, to make Andhra Pradesh and India stronger and wished that India becomes a global leader, with Telugu people playing a crucial role in the country's progress. Naidu criticized the previous YSRCP led government, saying that Andhra Pradesh suffered heavily in the last five years.

Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025 to kick off on April 1

Agencies, New Delhi

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, under the leadership of Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment Mansukh Mandaviya, is organising the Viksit Bharat Youth Parlia-

ment from 1st to 3rd April 2025, the ministry said in a release on Sunday.

This event, a reimagination of the traditional Youth Parliament, serves as a powerful platform to connect young individuals with politics and public policy, fostering their engagement in governance and nationbuilding.



For the first time since COVID-19, all District Nodal Rounds (300) were conducted in person, greater participation and direct engagement. Over 75,000 young

people from every State and Union Territory submitted their video entries through the MY Bharat portal, show-

casing their enthusiasm and commitment to shaping the nation's fu-The entire selection process was

conducted digitally, reflecting the growing integration of technology in



















