Journalist Prashant Koratkar sent to judicial custody

Kolhapur: The district and sessions court here on Sunday sent journalist Prashant Koratkar, who allegedly threatened citybased historian Indrajeet Sawant, to judicial custody for 14 days. Upon expiry of five days police custody today, the city police produced accused Koratkar before the court via video link today in the wake of two attempted attacks on him in court premises. After hearing arguments of lawyers of both sides, the holiday court judge sent Koratkar to judicial custody for 14 days. Then, Koratkar's lawyer Saurabh Ghag immediately applied for bail, but the court rejected the application saying it was necessary to put statements of police and public prosecutor on bail application and posted the hearing on his bail plea on

TN Governor RN Ravi inaugurates Kamba Ramayanam fest

Chennai: Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi inaugurated the Kamba Ramayanam festival at Kambarmedu Archaeological site on Sunday evening. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) observes the Kamba Ramayanam festival from today till April 6. The focus of this week-long event is to interact with school/college children and active participation in multiple activities and cultural events in order to inculcate awareness on Kamba Ramayana tradition of said. Kambar, one of the greatest Tamil poet who lived when the Chola power was at its peak. He wrote Ramayana during the 12th century CE, which was presented to scholars at Srirangam. Kamba Ramayanam is known as a classic, unparalleled epic in the history of Tamil literature.

Karni Sena organised gang of criminals: **Prof Ram Gopal**

Etawah (UP): Samajwadi Party's (SP) Chief National General Secretary Prof Ram Gopal Yadav on Sunday launched a major attack on Karni Sena and said that it is an organised gang of criminals. Talking to the reporters in his home district Etawah, Prof Ram Gopal alleged, "Under the protection of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government, Karni Sena is engaged in creating disturbance everywhere without any restraint." Regarding the protest at SP MP Ramjilal Suman's residence, he said that Karni Sena is a gang of organised criminals and they attacked Suman's residence. Ĥe said that police took action against Karni Sena in Gujarat, but it did not protest there, whereas in Agra, it protested at the residence of the SP MP.

Don't offer Eid namaz on streets: Maulana Shahabuddin

Bareilly (UP): All India Muslim Jamaat (AIMJ) President Maulana Shahabuddin Razvi Barelvi on Sunday said that Muslims should not follow the appeal of the All India Muslim Personal Board (AIMPLB) to tie a black band on the hand on the day of Eid. In a statement issued here, Maulana Razvi said, "Muslims should not follow this announcement. Do not tie a black band because this day is a day of happiness; do not turn the day of happiness into sorrow by tying a black band. Pray for the prosperity and progress of your country and family.

Odisha CM launches Antadoya Gruha Yojana

Bhubaneswar: Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Sunday launched the Antadoya Gruha Yojana at Bhawanipatna in Kalahandi district to provide pucca houses to poor people. Addressing a function, the Chief Minister said the scheme would give hope and assurance to every family in rural area to live with dignity. Majhi said on the first day today work order for the construction of 60,000 houses under the scheme has been issued. A target has been fixed to construct more than five lakh houses in the next three years. A budgetary provision of Rs 2600 crore has been made for the implementation of the scheme in the current year. In the next three years Rs 7550 crore would be spent for the purpose.

Society has tested and accepted volunteers of RSS: Mohan Bhagwat

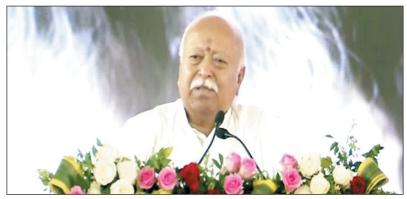
Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday that due to such a long journey, society has seen, tested and accepted the volunteers of the Sangh.

He was addressing a gathering in Maharashtra's Nagpur where Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Madhav Ne-

tralaya Premium Centre.

"With a a long journey, society has seen, tested and accepted the volunteers of the Sangh. As a result, there was a favourable situation, and the obstacles were also removed, and the volunteers are moving ahead," Bhagwat said.

Bhagwat said that in Sangh's philosphy, we say spend 1 hour on self-development and 23 hours for growth of society's growth.



"In Sangh's philosophy, we say spend 1 hour on self-development and 23 hours using that growth for society's welfare. This is our vision, and all our efforts are driven by this

anything for themselves, they just keep doing service, because of this long journey the country saw the work done by the Sangh's workers,"

laid the foundation stone for the Madhav Netralaya Premium Centre

Madhay Netralaya is an eye institute and research centre, which aims to provide world-class Tertiary Ophthalmic services with compassion, precision and innovation.

After laying the foundation stone of Madhav Netralaya Premium Centre at Nagpur, PM Narendra Modi said, ""We have not only doubled the number of medical colleges but also tripled the number of operational AIÎMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) in the country. Additionally, the number of medical seats has also been doubled. Our goal is to serve the community by ensuring that qualified doctors are available to

Modi-Shah will continue to visit Bihar till elections: Prashant

Patna: Founder of Jan Suraaj Prashant Kishor on Sunday camé down heavily on both Prime Minis-Minister Amit Shah, saying they have no concern for the people of Bihar but will continue to visit the state till elections, to fool them.

Kishor said that Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Shah were seen expressing special love and affection for the people of Bihar. Both the leaders would continue to do so till the assembly elections in the state, he added.

"In reality, the Modi-Shah duo have no concern for the people of Bi har and they are just keeping their eyes on votes ", Jan Suraaj leader said, adding that after Bihar assembly elections, they would start visiting Tamil Nadu and West Bengal as assembly elections would also be held there. Modi-Shah were only interested in their political gains and nothing else, he remarked.

IAF to participate in multi-national air exercise INIOCHOS-25 in Greece

The Indian Air Force (IAF) will participate in Exercise INIOCHOS-25, a prestigious multi-national air exercise hosted by the Hellenic Air Force at Andravida Air Base in Greece.

The exercise will take place from March 31 to April 11, an IAF state-

The IAF contingent includes Su-30 MKI fighters along with combat enabler IL-78 and C-17 aircraft.

INIOCHOS is a biennial multinational air exercise hosted by the Hellenic Air Force. It serves as a platform for air forces to hone their skills, exchange tactical knowledge, and strengthen military ties.



The exercise will integrate multiple air and surface assets from fifteen countries under realistic combat scenarios, designed to simulate modern-day air warfare challenges

Through this exercise, the IAF looks to enhance international coop-

eration, synergy and interoperability among participating Air Forces. This exercise will provide an opportunity to train in planning and executing tics in complex air warfare scenarios, and gain insights into operational best practices. With all operations conducted from Andravida, IAF's participation will not only strengthen its operational capabilities but also contribute to mutual learning and enhanced coordination among participating countries.

ÎAF's participation in INIOCHOS-25 reflects its commitment to global defence cooperation and operational excellence.

Dreaded criminal killed in joint operation by UPSTF, Jharkhand police

A contract killer and a member of mafia Mukhtar Ansari gang was killed in a joint operation by the Special Task Force (STF) of Uttar Pradesh Police and Jharkhand Police in Jamshedpur, an official spokesman said here on Sunday.

The spokesman said that UPSTF Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Dharmesh Kumar Shahi was seriously injured in the encounter and has been admitted to the hospi-

He said that late on Saturday night during a joint operation by STF UP and Jharkhand Police in Govindpur area of East Singhbhum district of Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), dreaded criminal Anuj Kanaujia was injured



in the encounter, "Anuj, who had committed serious crimes like murder, robbery, dacoity and worked as contract killer for Mukhtar Ansari and other gangs, died during treatment," he said.

Yatnal accuses Karnataka BJP of betraying Hindus

Vijayapura: Days after his expulsion from the BJP, Karnataka MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal on Sunday accused the party of failing to protect Hindu interests and hinted at launching a new political outfit dedicated to Hindutva.

Yatnal alleged that the state BJP had compromised its ideological core for political convenience, leaving many Hindu activists disillusioned. "Many Hindu workers have urged me to form a 'Hindu Party' as they no longer trust the BJP to safe-guard their interests," he told reporters in Vijayapura.

Despite his harsh criticism of the state leadership, Yatnal maintained that he still regarded the BJP as his "mother" and bore no ani-mosity towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Communal hate campaign against 'Empuraan' deeply disturbing: Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan

Agencies, Thiruvananthapuram Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Sunday strongly con-demned the Sangh Parivar for "unleashing communalism through widespread hate campaigns" against the Malayalam movie 'L2 Empuraan' that features superstar Mohanlal.

The Chief Minister, who watched the movie a day before, said that the Sangh Parivar leaders are angered about the film because it referenced "one of the most brutal genocides the country has ever seen.

'I saw tȟe film Empuran, which is leading the Malayalam film industry to new heights. I saw the film at a time when the Sangh Parivar is unleashing communalism through widespread hate campaigns against the film, its actors and crew," Vijayan wrote in Malayalam in a post on so-



cial media platform Facebook.

"The fact that the film references one of the most brutal genocides the country has ever seen has angered the Sangh Parivar, its planners. Not only the followers, but even leaders of the BJP and RSS are raising public The Chief Minister said that violent calls to destroy and ban artwork

and artists are the latest manifestations of fascist attitudes. There have even been reports that the producers are being forced to re-censor and edit the film under

fear created by the Sangh Parivar is

worrying. It is not a good thing for

democracy for communalists to de-

stroy a work of art and viciously attack artists just because it has taken a stand against communalism and depicted its horror," he said. In a democratic society, the freedom of expression of a citizen must be protected. Violent calls to destroy and

ban artwork and artists are the latest

manifestations of fascist attitudes

UP Guv, Yogi extend greetings to people on **Eid-ul-Fitr**

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath have extended their heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all the people of the state on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

In her congratulatory message, the Governor wished everyone, especially the Muslim brothers and sisters, happiness and prosperity, and said that this festival of Eid gives the message of brotherhood, love, and social unity.

She appealed to help the poor and the needy on this occasion, so that happiness comes in their lives too and we can move towards a strong and prosperous society.

CM Yogi has also extended her heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the people of the state on the occa-

"Every Kerala MP must support Waqf Amendment Bill": Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Agencies, Thiruvananthapuram Kerala BJP President Rajeev Chandrasekhar has called on all Members of Parliament from Kerala to support the Waqf Amendment Bill, stating that it is crucial for addressing landrelated issues faced by the fishing community in Munambam.

Speaking at a press conference, he welcomed the Kerala Catholic Bishop Council's (KCBC) public appeal for MPs to back the proposed amendment.

"The Kerala Catholic Bishop Council has issued a press release appealing to all MPs of Kerala to support the Waqf Amendment Act that is being proposed to be introduced in Parliament. The BJP Kerala and the NDA Kerala welcome this appeal," Chandrasekhar stated.



He pointed out that the people of Munambam, a coastal area near Cochin, have been protesting for several months over alleged attempts by the Waqf to claim their land. "Several hundred families in Munambam, a fishing community, are facing land-grabbing attempts,

and they have been protesting and striking for months. The Waqf Amendment Bill squarely addresses their pain and concern," he said.

Chandrasekhar criticized opposition leaders, including Congress' Priyanka Gandhi, Ernakulam MP Hi-bi Eden, and the Indian Union Mus-lim League (IUML) MPs, for not speaking up on the issue. He urged them to support the amendment in the interest of the affected families.

"From Priyanka Gandhi, who was recently parachuted into Kerala, to Hibi Eden and the Muslim League MPs representing the state, I join the Catholic Bishops in urging them to support the Waqf Amendment Bill. They must protect the constitutional rights of the people of Munambam, whose land is being taken away."

BSF, ANTF nab narcotics smuggler; 545g heroin seized

In a well-coordinated joint operation, the Border Security Force (BSF) intelligence wing and the Anti-Nar-cotics Task Force (ANTF), on Sunday successfully apprehended a narcotics smuggler and seized a packet of suspected heroin near Kathunangal Toll Plaza in Amritsar Rural, according to a BSF press statement.

Acting on specific intelligence inputs regarding the movement of a smuggler linked to foreign-based associates, the operation was meticulously executed during the night hours. The suspect was intercepted, and upon searching, security personnel recovered one suspected heroin packet weighing 545 grams (gross) along with a Bullet motorcy-cle from his possession, the state-



The apprehended smuggler is a resident of Sodhi Nagar village in the Ferozepur district. During initial questioning, he admitted to having connections with a foreign-based narcotics syndicate. As per the BSF statement, this successful operation is a part of ongoing coordinated efforts between the BSF and Punjab Police to curb smuggling activities along the International Border.

Border restrictions eased: Mizoram-Myanmar trade, travel resume

Aizawl: In a significant development, the movement of people and goods between Mizoram and Myanmar has been relaxed at Zokhawthar in Champhai district, bringing relief to residents on both sides of the border.

The Assam Rifles personnel, who had been restricting movement since January 1, are now allowing people to cross the bridge over the Tiau river without hindrance. While Indian vehicles are still not permitted to enter Myanmar without prior permission, coolies are ferrying goods across the border. Commodities like Nutrela soya chunks, edible oil, and lentils are being transported from India to Khawmawi in Myanmar's Chin state. In return, soft drinks, snacks, and other eatables, including sunflower seeds, are being brought into Zokhawthar.

The relaxation of restrictions has also led to an increase in tourist activity, with many visitors, including non-tribal Indians, flocking to Rih Dil, a heart-shaped lake considered sacred by the Mi-

"Union Carbide leakage was mega environmental negligence": VP Dhankhar Agencies, New Delhi

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Sunday underlined that the Union Carbide Leakage of 1984 was a "mega environmental negligence" and said that even after four decades, families suffered generation after generation, genetic disorders and groundwater

contamination. According to a release, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar said, ' Long before sustainability became a global buzzword, much long before....India lived it for centuries, where every Banyan tree was a temple, every river a goddess and best an unknown concept in a civilisation that worshipped secularity. Our Vedic literature is a goldmine for nurturing Mother Earth and propagating harmony between man and na-

"India's DNA carries the only



vaccine against ecological collapse, conspicuous consumption. We only have to read what is there in our goldmine", he added.

Addressing the valedictory session of the National Conference on Environment- 2025 at Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi, Dhankhar said,

"Developed nations must transcend the political boundaries in environmental thinking. Adopting models where planetary health becomes foundational to human prosperity and well-be-

ing."
Recalling the Bhopal gas tragedy of 1984, Dhankar said, " The Bhopal gas tragedy lesson is still unlearned. The Union Carbide Leakage of 1984. It was mega environmental negligence. Even after four decades, families suf-fered generation after generation, genetic disorders and groundwater contamination.....Just imagine how pathetic the lack of awareness is. We did not have an institution like NGT. We did not have a regulatory regime that could address the issue. Things would have been very different if there had been a regulatory regime of the current level then.