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Journalist Prashant Koratkar sent to judicial custody

Kolhapur: The district and sessions court here on Sunday sent journalist Prashant Koratkar, who allegedly threatened city-based 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 April one.

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 Tamil Nadu, a PIB release here said. Kambam, 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. He 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 Bareilly 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

Agencies, Nagpur
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 Netralaya Premium Centre.
“With 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 philosophy, 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 very principle,” he said.

“The Swayamsevaks don’t ask anything for themselves, they just keep doing service, because of this long journey the country saw the work done by the Sangh’s workers,” he further said.

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

New Delhi (UNI)
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 statement said.
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 cooperation, synergy and interoperability among participating Air Forces. This exercise will provide an opportunity to train in planning and executing combined air operations, refine tactics 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.

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

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 safeguard 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 animosity 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 condemned 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 the 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 social 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

Dreaded criminal killed in joint operation by UPSTF, Jharkhand police

Lucknow (UNI)
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 hospital.
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.

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 occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

BSF, ANTF nab narcotics smuggler; 545g heroin seized

Agencies, Amritsar (Punjab)
In a well-coordinated joint operation, the Border Security Force (BSF) intelligence wing and the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF), on Sunday successfully apprehended a narcotics smuggler and seized a packet of suspected heroin near Kathunanagal 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 motorcycle from his possession, the statement added.



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 Mizos.

“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 nature.”
“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-being.”
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 suffered 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.”