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IMD issues red alert for heavy to extremely heavy rainfall in 5 districts of Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Saturday issued a red alert for heavy to extremely heavy rainfall in Kerala's Kasargod, Kannur, Kozhikode, Wayanad, and Malappuram districts over the next 24 hours.

57 kg drugs seized in Manipur

Imphal: Manipur Police seized a huge consignment of 57.285 kg, worth about Rs 22 crores in the international market, police said on Saturday.

Youth from UP arrested with firearms

Mumbai: A 20-year-old youth, a native of Saidoli Gharatholi, Budhanpur, District Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh, was arrested by the Anti-Extortion Unit of the Crime Branch of neighbouring Mira-Bhayandar city for illegally possessing two firearms.

Three dead, one seriously injured as dumper truck crushes them

Mumbai: In a major accident in the Govandi Shivaji Nagar area of suburban Mumbai, three youngsters were killed while one person was seriously injured after being run over by a dumper truck on Saturday evening.

Prahar Sanghatana activists protest at Ajit Pawar's program

Pune: Activists of Prahar Sanghatana shouted slogans against Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar and protested here on Saturday demanding justice for Bachu Kadu and state farmers.

NIA chargesheets three people in ULFA (I) Assam IED blast conspiracy

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) chargesheeted three people accused in the case relating to the ULFA (I) conspiracy to carry out multiple IED blasts in Assam on Independence Day in 202.

Fire breaks out in CCS building on Janpath road

New Delhi: A fire broke out in the CCS Building on Janpath Road in New Delhi on Saturday, according to the Delhi Fire Services. Almost 13 fire tenders are currently present at the spot.

Not even fit to sit in Opposition

Joshi slams Kharge

Kalaburagi (UNI) In a scathing attack on Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi on Saturday said the grand old party has lost the people's confidence.

Responding to Kharge's controversial remarks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Joshi told reporters, "We don't need a certificate from Kharge. The people of India decide who should lead them."

"You are not even fit to sit in the Opposition — what nonsense are you talking?" Joshi added, in a blunt remark that is likely to stoke political tensions.

On June 11, the day Prime Minister Modi completed 11 years in office, Kharge accused the PM of lying and manipulating people for votes.

Police arrest 38 in Dhubri post Chief minister's visit

Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday said that 38 people have been arrested overnight in connection with the Dhubri beef incident.

The Chief Minister visited the western Assam town on Friday and reviewed the law and order situation of the district.

On Friday, the government has also brought the Senior Superintendent of Police, Hailakandi, Leena Doley, as the Senior Superintendent of Police, Dhubri.

The Dhubri town in Assam witnessed tension for the last week after prohibited meat and a severed cow head were recovered from a Hanuman temple in the town.



ter Modi completed 11 years in office, Kharge accused the PM of lying and manipulating people for votes. "I have never seen a prime minister who lies so extensively and manipulates to (win) votes," Kharge had said, demanding accountability from the government on several national issues.

Hitting back, Joshi said such remarks were an insult to the democratic mandate.

"After Nehru and Indira Gandhi, only Narendra Modi has returned for a third consecutive term. That itself is the people's verdict. What does it mean when you question it? It's nothing but an insult to India's voters," he stated.

Meanwhile, Joshi also addressed the recent Air India aircraft incident, terming it "deeply unfortunate."

India's active Covid-19 cases near 7,500; 9 deaths

New Delhi (UNI)

India's total active Covid-19 cases approached nearly 7,500 on Saturday, with 269 new infections reported in the past 24 hours until 8 am. The number of deaths was slightly higher than usual, with nine fatalities recorded during the same period.

States like Gujarat, Kerala, and Maharashtra continue to report the highest number of cases. The overall count has been steadily rising over the last few weeks, from just 257 active cases on May 22 to over 7,400 by June 14.

During this time, 11,967 patients have recovered from the virus, the government data shows.

Among the nine recent deaths, four were reported in Maharashtra, three in Kerala, and one each in Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.



Most of the deceased had pre-existing health conditions. Delhi has reported a total of 672 Covid cases so far, with no new infections or deaths in the past 24 hours.

The national capital currently has 757 active cases, according to the latest data.

Fatality wise, in Kerala, three men aged between 61 and 83 passed away, all with serious pre-existing health conditions. Maharashtra reported four deaths involving patients aged 34 to 85, many of whom had other illnesses such as infections, organ problems, or cancer alongside COVID-19.

Rajasthan recorded one death of a 70-year-old woman suffering from severe lung infection while Tamil Nadu reported one death of a 73-year-old man who had multiple health issues including high blood pressure, strokes, and kidney problems.

Health officials emphasize the importance of caution and early medical intervention, especially for those with underlying health concerns.

Ravi Shankar slams Rahul for remark on ceasefire

Patna (UNI)

Former Union Minister and senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad on Saturday slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his remark on ceasefire of operation Sindoor, saying he has no understanding of foreign policy.

Prasad told media persons here after his return from European countries to make them aware about stand of India on terrorism and sinister design of Pakistan to patronize it, told media persons that as leader of parliamentary delegation, he had visited Italy, France, Britain, Denmark, Belgium and other countries to brief their leaders on the issue.

It was an exercise carried out on the directive of Prime Minister Narendra Modi so that entire world could know the stand of India on terrorism and mischief being created by our neighbouring country Pakistan and also why operation Sindoor was launched after Pahalgam terror attack, he added.

BJP leader, to a query of media persons on remark of Rahul Gandhi targeting Prime Minister Narendra



Modi for his silence despite US President Donald Trump claiming to have mediated for ceasefire of operation Sindoor, said he had no understanding of foreign policy. No BJP leader had ever embarrassed the Government of India on issue when country was engaged in military operation with Pakistan or any other country, he added.

"As national spokesman of BJP, I had not uttered even a single word causing embarrassment to Manmohan Singh government after 26/11 terror attack on Taj hotel in Mumbai", Prasad said adding that statements given by Gandhi, were being appreciated in Pakistan.

AP: 85 pc of assurances implemented so far: Minister Parthasarathy

Vijayawada: Minister for Housing and I&PR K Parthasarathy has said that the Chandrababu Naidu headed Government has fulfilled 85 percent of 'Super Six' assurances given to the people.

Addressing a press conference here on Saturday, the Minister announced that one more flagship scheme 'Annadatha Sukhibhava' would be implemented during the month of June.

"The Naidu headed coalition is committed to fulfill all the assurances given to the people before the elections. So far 85 percent of the welfare schemes have been fulfilled and the rest of the welfare schemes will also be implemented soon," the Minister stated.

NIA opposes bail relaxation for PDP's Waheed Para

Srinagar (UNI)

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has strongly opposed a plea filed by MLA and People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader Waheed Para seeking relaxation of his bail conditions.

In a detailed objection submitted to the Special NIA Court in Jammu, the anti-terror agency said Para's plea is not maintainable and needs to be dismissed as "intention of the applicant/ accused is to flee from the clutches of law."

PDP's Para is leader of the Legislature Party in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly. Para had been jailed for around 19 months under sections of



Unlawful Activities Prevention Act in 2020 and was released on bail by the J&K High Court in 2021.

While granting bail, Para was directed not to leave the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir without the prior written permission of the court during the period of bail.

Para, who represents the Pulwama assembly segment, was one of three legislators from the party who won the elections last year. The MLA had pleaded before the court that he may be allowed to travel to any part of the country citing his constitutional obligation as a legislator.

India dissociates from SCO statement condemning Israel over Iran attacks

New Delhi (UNI)

India today dissociated from the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) statement on the Iran-Israel conflict, saying New Delhi has already articulated its position, and that it did not participate in the discussions on the SCO statement.

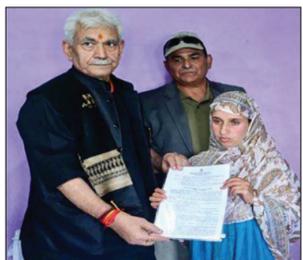
Notably, India's response came after the SCO statement today expressed "serious concern over the escalating tensions in the Middle East and strongly condemned the military strikes carried out by Israel on the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran on June 13, 2025."

India, in its statement today, said that its position on the matter has been articulated on June 13, and remains the same. "We urge that chan-



nels of dialogue and diplomacy be utilised to work towards de-escalation and it is essential that the international community undertake endeavours in that direction.

LG Sinha hands over job letter to braveheart Adil's wife in Anantnag



Srinagar (UNI)

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Saturday, visited the family of Syed Adil Husain in Anantnag and handed over an appointment letter to his wife on compassionate grounds.

Adil, was the only Kashmiri

among the 26 people killed in the deadly terror attack at Baisaran in Pahalgam on April 22. He was shot while courageously attempting to stop the terrorists from targeting tourists.

After meeting the family, Sinha said the whole country is proud of the bravery of Adil.

"We had decided to visit the family of Aadil. The J&K administration and MHA had given financial assistance. Today, his wife has been given a permanent job in the Fisheries Department in Anantnag itself," Sinha said.

"The government job to martyr Adil's wife symbolizes our deep gratitude, and I've assured his family members of concrete measures and continuous support so that they may live a life of dignity," he added.

Sonam asked a co-passenger in bus not to watch Raja Raghuvanshi murder case news

Shillong (UNI)

Sonam Raghuvanshi, the prime accused in the murder of her husband Raja Raghuvanshi, had allegedly asked a co-passenger in a bus not to watch the Raja Raghuvanshi's murder case news on her mobile.

"I saw her at Varanasi Cantt bus stand being dropped by two masked men, and then she approached me asking if there were any alternative communications to Gorakhpur. I told her that a train leaves in the morning for Gorakhpur at 3 AM," Ujala Yadav, a co-passenger of Sonam claimed.

Yadav further claimed that Sonam somehow didn't take the train and got into the bus from Varanasi Cantt, leaving for Gorakhpur. "Incidentally, she sat beside me in the same bus," Ujala told UNI over the phone from Uttar Pradesh on Saturday.

During the journey Ujala was watching the news on her mobile phone. "I was watching the Raja



Raghuvanshi murder case news on the mobile phone, but Sonam, my co-passenger, suddenly interrupted me and asked me why I was watching such useless news," Ujala said.

Later Sonam asked for Ujala's phone to make a call. "I gave her my phone. However, she did not make the phone call and deleted the number that she had tried to connect," Yadav informed.

"I got down about 7-10 km before Ghazipur at Saidpur. I had a death in my family, so I was going home from Lucknow, where I am pursuing my studies," Yadav said.

The next day, Yadav claimed, she saw the news about Sonam's arrest, and she identified her from her outfit.

National Consumer Helpline gets 5.41 lakh complaints

New Delhi (UNI)

The National Consumer Helpline has received 5.41 lakh complaints to date this year, with 23 per cent originating from Southern States, according to an official statement here.

Of the 28.54 lakh cases filed nationally, only 5.62 lakh remain pending, with Southern States contributing to just 13.34 per cent of the pending cases. Nidhi Khare, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, said while addressing a workshop in Chennai recently, added the statement.

Khare further noted that Karnataka and Kerala commissions have consistently disposed of more cases than they have received, and several district commissions have achieved

23 pc from southern states: Government



100% disposal rates over the past three consecutive years.

At the workshop themed "Consumer Protection in the Southern States/UTs", Khare emphasised that the digital era calls for adaptive legal and technological frameworks, highlighting that over 11,900 cases have been heard through virtual courts.

In addition, she introduced e-Jagriti, an AI-powered unified platform designed to integrate key systems such as e-Daakhil and Confonet.

The platform offers features like chatbot-based case registration, multilingual access, and support for both legal professionals and differently-abled users.

During the inaugural session, Jus-

tice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi, President of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NC-DRC), discussed the expanding scope of the Consumer Protection Act and the growing trend of litigation moving from traditional courts to consumer commissions.

The workshop featured four thematic technical sessions and two parallel discussions, chaired by Justice Sahi and co-chaired by Khare.

The sessions focused on strengthening consumer grievance redressal across critical sectors, including digital innovations through e-Jagriti, real estate and insurance grievance mechanisms, and medical negligence redressal, as per the statement.

Congress leaders slam AAP, BJP during 'Save Constitution' rally

Hoshiarpur: Punjab Congress chief and MP Amarinder Singh Raja Warring and Leader of Opposition Pardeep Singh Bajwa on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the AAP-led Punjab government and the BJP-led Centre during the 'Samvidhan Bachao Muhim' (Save the Constitution campaign) rally held in the Sham Churasi constituency. Addressing party workers, Warring alleged that the BJP was attempting to alter the Constitution and said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had firmly opposed such moves ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. He said the campaign to protect the Constitution, drafted by Dr BR Ambedkar, was gaining momentum across the country.