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Father, son electrocuted, woman injured in Telangana

Bhadrachalam (Telangana): In a tragic incident, two people, a father and son, died due to electrocution, and a woman sustained injuries in Yellapuram village of Illandu Mandal in Bhadradri Kothagudem district in the early hours today. According to police reports, Erramma (50) received an electric shock after accidentally coming into contact with a broken live wire. In an attempt to save her, her husband Enugu Narasiah (55) and their son Praveen (30) rushed to her aid but were fatally electrocuted on the spot.

Flash flood alert in 5 **Himachal districts**

Shimla: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a flash flood guidance bulletin warning of low to moderate flash flood risk across select areas of Chamba, Kangra, Mandi, Shimla, and Sirmaur districts in Himachal Pradesh over the next 24 hours. The alert, issued by the IMD's Hydromet Division, covers the period till 11:30 AM on June 26, citing the likelihood of intense rainfall over a few watersheds and vulnerable neighborhoods. The bulletin higȟlights the possibility of surface runoff and inundation in some fully saturated and low-lying areas due to expected rainfall. While the risk remains moderate, residents and local authorities are advised to remain cautious and stay updated with realtime weather updates.

NHRC notice to UP top cops in jail custody deaths

New Delhi: The National Hu-Rights Commission (NHRC) today said it has taken suo motu cognisance of the reported deaths of three prisoners in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. The top rights body has issued notices to the state's Director General of Prisons and the District Police Commissioner, calling for a detailed report within two weeks. The report is expected to include the inquest and post-mortem examination reports, the initial health screening details of all three prisoners, as well as the magisterial enquiry reports, said the NHRC in a statement here. According to media reports, three prisoners died in state custody in Varanasi on June 15 and June 16, 2025.

Three women killed, four injured in road accident

Phagwara: A tragic road accident near the village of Chhichhowal on the Phillaurthe lives of three women, all belonging to a single family, and left four others, including a child, seriously injured today. The collision occurred between an autorickshaw and a speeding Xylo car, reportedly coming from the wrong side of the road. According to eyewitnesses and the injured autorickshaw driver, he was transporting passengers from the village of Jhandapeer to Phillaur when the accident oc-

Fire in Mumbai commercial building; no injury

Mumbai: A fire broke out today early this morning at the Windsor Building located on CST Road, Santacruz (East) in city suburb with no injury reported. According to fire bridge sources, the fire was confined to electric wiring, electric installation, furniture, server panel, panel battery, office records, etc.in an area about 1000-1500 sq feet in RMC office on 7th floor. The fire was brought under control within an hour with no injuries or ca-

sualties reported. Heavy rain likely in Telangana in next 24 hours: Met

Hyderabad: Heavy rain is likely to occur at isolated places in Komaram Bheem Āsifabad, Mancherial, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, and Bhadradri Kothagudem districts of Telangana during the next 24 hours, the Meteorological Centre said today. In a daily weather report here, it said that thunderstorms accompanied by lightning are likely to occur at isolated places in strong surface winds ranging from 30-40 kmph and are likely to prevail at isolated places in all districts of the state during the next five days.

Cabinet approves Rs 5,940 cr revised Jharia Master Plan



The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi today approved the revised Jharia Master Plan (JMP) for addressing issues related to fire, land subsidence, and rehabilitation of affected families in the Iharia coalfield. The total financial outlay for the implementation of the revised plan is Rs 5,940.47 crore. The phase wise approach shall ensure that handling of fire and subsidence and rehabilitation of the affected families will be done on priority basis from the most vulnerable sites,

The revised JMP lays emphasis on sustainable livelihood generation for families being resettled under the plan. Targeted skill develand income-generating opportunities will be created to ensure economic self-reliance of the rehabilitated families.

Furthermore, a livelihood grant of Rs one lakh and access to credit support of up to Rs three lakh through an institutional credit pipeline will be extended to both Legal Title Holder (LTH) families and Non-Legal Title Holder (Non-LTH) families.

In addition, comprehensive infrastructure and essential amenities— such as roads, electricity, water supply, sewerage, schools, hospitals, skill development centres, community halls, and other common facilitiesare to be developed at the resettlement sites. These provisions will be implemented as per the recommendations of the committee for implementation of the revised Jharia Master Plan, ensuring a holistic and humane rehabilitation approach.

As part of the livelihood support measures, a dedicated Jharia alternative livelihoods rehabilitation fund is to be established to promote livelihood-related activities. Skill development initiatives will also be carried out in collaboration with Multi Skill Development Institutes operating in the region.

Cabinet nod to set up global potato centre in Agra

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given nod to a proposal from the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to set up an international potato centre at Agra, Uttar

The major objective of this investment is to increase food and nutrition security, farmers income, and job creation by improving potato and sweetpotato productivity, post-harvest management and value-addi-tion," Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told reporters after the Cabinet meeting here.

Union Cabinet approves Pune Metro Rail phase-2 project

New Delhi; In a major boost to Pune's urban transport in-Narendra Modi today approved the Pune Metro Rail Project Phase-2, with an esti-mated cost of Rs 3,626.24 crore. The 12 km extension, spanning two elevated corridors will connect key city areas, including fast-developing suburbs like Chandani Chowk, Bavdhan, Kothrud, Kharadi, and Wagholi, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said in a media briefing here

after the Cabinet meeting. He said two new corridors will extend the existing Vanaz-Ramwadi metro line, enhancing across Pune. connectivity

UP govt inks MoU with NDDB to boost farmers' income and animal husbandry

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath today reaffirmed his government's commitment to increasing the income of milk producers producers, strengthening rural economies built around livestock, and ensuring high-quality dairy products

Speaking at an event, he said, "The Uttar Pradesh government is working with full dedication to make the state's dairy sector selfreliant, technologically equipped, and profitable for farmers.

Tĥe day marked a significant milestone as the Uttar Pradesh Cooperative Dairy Federation (PCDF) signed a crucial MoU with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for the operation of three dairy plants in Kanpur, Gorakhpur, and Kannauj, along with a animal feed production facility in Ambedkar Nagar.

Multi-layered security to make Amarnath Yatra safe: IGP Kashmir

With the annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra set to begin on July 3, security forces in Jammu and Kashmir have put in place elaborate, multi-layered arrangements to ensure the safety and smooth conduct of the pilgrimage, which draws thousands of devotees to the holy cave shrine located in the Himalayas.

Addressing media after a mock exercise in south Kashmir, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir, Vidhi Kumar Birdi, said that this year's Yatra will be held under heightened vigilance and deeper security coordination compared to previous years. "As compared to last year, this time we have multi-layered and indepth security arrangements to make the Yatra safe and comfortable

Soami Satsang Dera on the Nation-

al Highway near Goraya when a

high-speed truck hit a stationary

tipper loaded with gas cylinders, causing the tipper to fall off the fly-

over, police and eyewitnesses said.

an explosion as the tipper was car-

rying nearly 350 gas cylinders.
The impact left the truck and

tipper drivers, and a cleaner in-

jured. Bystanders quickly alerted

the highway control room. ASI

Jaswinder Singh of the Road Safety

Force, along with his team, swiftly

reached the spot and barricaded

the area to prevent further acci-

The injured were identified as

truck driver Gurdaval Singh of

Ludhiana and tipper driver Sahil of

The accident could have led to



for the pilgrims," Birdi said.

To streamline security operathe entire Yatra arrangements has been divided into multiple zones and sectors, spanning both the Pahalgam and Baltal tracks. Each zone has a dedicated security layout, and today Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) drills were carried out to test readiness and refine emergency response pro-

tocols. "The drills have been conducted across the valley, including base camps, road stretches, interior sections, and other key locations. The aim is to enhance coordination among all security units and ensure that everyone knows their specific responsibilities in case of any contingency," the IGP explained.

According to officials, the mock drills involved joint participation from J&K Police, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), emergency response units, disaster management authorities, medical teams, and traffic regulators. The coordinated simulation exercises focused on quick response, evacuation, and communication efficiency in case of any security threat or natural emergency like landslides or cloudbursts.

Congress confident of victory in upcoming local body elections: TPCC Chief He stressed that the Congress

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud today asserted that the Congress party is fully prepared for the upcoming local body and Jubilee Hills by-elections, expressing confidence that the party will secure a clear victo-

Speaking to the media at Gandhi Bhavan, he said the recently concluded PCC and PAC meetings strategies for the Greater Hyder-Municipal Corporation (GHMC) elections and by-polls. Goud reiterated Chief Minister

Revanth Reddy's stance, saying the Congress is ready to compare its 18-month rule with the ten-year rule of the BRS, which he described as riddled with failures.

era has proven to be a "golden period," particularly for farmers, cit ing the Rs 9,000 crore deposited into farmers' accounts within nine days under the Rythu Bharosa scheme as a landmark achieve

He stated that the local body elections in the state would be held as per the Court's verdict and reaffirmed the Congress party's commitment to implementing reservations for the Backward

He criticized the silence of BJI leaders on the BC reservation issue and said the Congress is determined to give BCs their due political representation.

A final decision on BC reserva-tions in local elections will be taken soon, he added.

SC to hear Thiruchendur temple priest's Truck hits gas cylinderladen tipper in Punjab plea on July 1 over consecration timing Phagwara: A major road accident was averted today near the Radha

The Supreme Court today agreed to hear on July 1 a petition filed by the Vidhayahar (chief temple priest) of the historic Arulmigu Subramaniya Swamy temple in Thiruchendur, Tamil Nadu, challenging the Madras High Court's approval of the conse-cration (Kumbhabhishekam) cere-mony timing fixed by an expert com-

The plea, filed by R. Sivarama Subramaniya Sasthrigal, contends that the High Court erred in allowing the ceremony to be conducted on July 7 between 6 a.m. and 6.47 a.m., as recommended by a court-appointed Agama expert committee.

The petitioner asserts that auspicious time should be 12.05 p.m.



capacity as Vidhayahar of the temple. The matter was mentioned orally before a bench of Justice KV Viswanathan and Justice NK Singh urgent listing. Viswanathan, upon learning that the temple in question was Thiruchendur's famous Subramaniya Swamy Temple, remarked, "It is a good tem-

During the exchange, the judge

time last year as well, to which the counsel confirmed and added that even the High Court had previously recognized the Vidhayahar's authority in such matters.

However, this year, the counsel explained, the High Court had constituted a committee to determine the

Justice Viswanathan, after examining the High Court's order on a digital device presented by counsel, noted that the High Court had specifically directed the temple administration to follow the traditional procedure of seeking written opinions from the Vidhayahar, with clear indication of whether a Pattolai (astrological chart/timing) is a draft or final ver-

Three policemen suspended in bank loot case in Samastipur

Samastipur: A total of three police men were suspended with immediate effect for dereliction of their duties in connection with an ac cused escaping out of police cus tody involved in the bank loot case of Maharashtra Bank in Samas tipur district of Bihar.

Police said here today that jewellery worth crores of rupees was looted from the Kashipur branch of the Bank of Maharashtra under the Bidupur police station area in Samastipur district.

One accused, Chandu Paswan, arrested in this connection on June 20, had escaped from police custody, taking advantage of the slack ness of policemen on duty, convincing them to free him to attend a call of the nature for a few minutes, police added.

Landslide cripples rail link in Assam's hill section; NFR at work



Guwahati (UNI)

Train services in the Lumding-Badarpur Hill section of Assam have come to a halt after a massive landslide triggered by relentless rains damaged nearly 100 metres of

railway track, officials said. The collapse of a slope from the line caused extensive disruption, severing a key lifeline that connects the Barak Valley with the rest of Assam and the northeastern region.

The Northeast Frontier Railway

(NFR) has launched a round-theclock restoration operation to re-

open the vital stretch. More than 25 heavy machines, including JCBs, excavators, and dumpers, are at work, supported by approximately 200 labourers and engineers on the ground. The Divisional Railway Manager of Lumding, along with other senior NFR officials, is directly overseeing the effort, which has been described as a race against time, a statement

A high-level coordination meeting was held on June 24 to strategize the restoration plan. It was attended by Assam's Chief Secretary, the General Manager of NFR, and senior officials from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and other Central agen-

Traffic restored on Jammu-Srinagar NH, labourer rescued from **River Tawi**

Jammu: The traffic has been restored on the strategic Jammu-Srinagar national highway, while a labourer was rescued from River Tawi in the heart of Jammu City to-

day. The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was closed early morning when heavy rains triggered a mud-

slide near Řamban. "The men and machinery were immediately pressed into service,

and the traffic was restored on the highway," said police. They said that the stranded ve-

hicles are being cleared.

In a separate incident, a labourer was rescued by the State Disaster Rescue Force (SDRF) team from River Tawi Waters in the Nowabad

No one involved in drugs smuggling will be spared: Kejriwal, after arrest of SAD leader Majithia

Chandigarh/New Delhi (UNI)

Amidst controversy over Punjab Vigilance Bureau raids and the subsequent arrest of Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia, Aam Aadmi Party national convener Arvind Kejriwal said today that the AAP government's message was clear - whoever was involved in drugs smuggling, howsoever big, none would be spared.

Kejriwal, in a video statement, without naming anyone or directly referring to Majithia, said the drugs menace was everywhere be it in Delhi, Haryana, Ğujarat or Goa, but it was the Punjab government which was taking action, from arresting to bulldozer action,

He claimed that people of the state, especially from villages, were

praising his government's action. The Punjab Vigilance Bureau



(VB) conducted a raid on the Amritsar residence of Bikram Singl Majithia, a senior SAD leader and former Punjab minister, and sub sequently arrested him in connection with a disproportionate assets

The raid was reportedly linked to findings from an ongoing investigation into a 2021 drug-traffick-

ing case against Majithia.

Vaccine uptake decline puts millions of children at risk: Lancet report

Globally, millions of kids are at heightened risk of deadly diseases due to stalled or reversed vaccina-tion coverage majorly due to health inequalities, hesitancy and growing misinformation, a report published in The Lancet has warned.

It flagged that global immunisation targets for 2030 as envisioned by the WHO in 2019 through the immunization Agenda will not be achieved without "transformational improvements in

If major progress in rolling out jabs to billions of children in all corners of the globe over the last five decades has prevented the deaths of 154 million chil-



dren, since 2010, progress has slowed and, in some areas of the world, reversed, said the report based on the voluminous data, collected from over 1,000 sources across 204 countries.

Measles

rates have dropped in 100 countries, and 21 of 36 high-income nations, including the US, UK, France, and Japan, have seen declining coverage for essential vaccines such as those for diphvaccination theria, tetanus, whooping

cough, and polio, said the report published on Tues-

day.
The Covid-19 pandemic disrupted vaccination efforts, further leaving millions of children vulnerable to preventable diseases. Dr. Jonathan Mosser, a lead author of the study, highlighted that despite past successes, significant numbers of children remain either under-vaccinated or not vacci-

nated at all. In 2023, it pointed out, more than half of the world's 15.7 million unvaccinated children were living in just eight countries including

The analysis indicated that accelerated progress will be necessary to achieve the 2030 target of halving the number of zero-dose children compared to 2019 levels, with only 18 of 204 countries and territories estimated to have already met

this target as of 2023. "Two-thirds (65%) of the zero-dose children that need to be reached by vaccination between 2023 and 2030 live in sub-Saharan Africa (4.28 million) and South Asia (1.33 million).'

Country-wise, in Nigeria, 2.48 million children remained unvaccinated followed by India (1.44 million), the Democratic Republic of Congo (882,000), Ethiopia (782,000), Somalia (710,000), Sudan (627,000), Indonesia (538,000), and Brazil (452,000).

ED confiscated properties of over Rs 636 cr in Bengal school service scam

Kolkata: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has confiscated movable and immovable property of Rs. 27.19 crore belonging to arrested Prasanna Kumar Roy, a middle man, allegedly involved in the West Bengal Centra School Service Commission (Group C & D staff) recruitment scam of 2016, official sources said.

The property was held in the name of three tea estates of Prasanna Kumar Roy. The tea estates are Samsing Organic Tea Pvt Ltd, Yangtong Organic Tea Pvt ltd and Bamandanga Tea Estate Pvt Ltd. The attached properties consist of bungalows, factories, plants & machineries and a fleet of vehicles.

"These properties were acquired from the cash collected from various undeserving candidates for their illegal appointments to the post of Group-C & D staff," the ED statement said.