### Every Marathi who joins BJP is enemy of Maharashtra, says Sanjay Raut

Mumbai: Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut said today that "evéry Marathi person who joins Bharatiya Janata Party" is an enemy of Maharashtra. Raut was reacting to BJP leader Narayan Rane's comment yesterday that the coming together of Raj and Uddhav Thackeray would not make much difference in state politics. The UBT leader said Maharashtra "does not take his words very seriously". "How can people trust a person who has switched his party loyalty thrice and one who cannot run his own party," questioned Raut.

### Mentally ill woman jumps into sea, saved by police in Mumbai

Mumbai: A 53-year-old woman, said to be suffering from some mental disease, jumped into the sea at Bandra Bándstand in city suburb allegedly fearing that someone was chasing her. She was saved by a constable who was posted near the sea, said the police today. Constable Sainath Devde, attached to the Bandra police station and present at the scene, witnessed the incident. He immediately dived into the water and rescued her, said the police in their X post.

### Three schools of nursing in Nagaland upgraded to nursing colleges

Dimapur: The Nagaland health and family welfare department has upgraded three schools of nursing in the state into nursing colleges. The upgraded three schools of nursing are now the College of Nursing at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima, the College of Nursing at District Hospitals lege of Nursing at District Hospital Dimapur, and the College of Nursing at Dr. Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital Mokokchung. In a notification on Thursday, the directorate of health and family welfare said starting from the academic session 2025-26, there will be no more general nurse and midwife (GNM) course as previously conducted by the department.

#### **MP Aruna slams Congress Govt over** urea crisis

Hyderabad: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National Vice President and Mahabubnagar MP DK Aruna on Thursday came down heavily on the Congress governmisleading farmers by spreading false propaganda about a urea shortage in the state. In a strongly-worded statement, Aruna condemned both the state government and BRS leaders for blaming the Centre and alleged that the current fertilizer crisis was entirely due to the mismanagement and negligence of the Congress administration.

### Minor girl's childbirth while sitting for **Board exam**

Bhubaneswar: The National Hu-Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken cognizance of a bizarre incident in Ödisha's Jajpur district, where a Class 10 minor girl gave birth to a baby while appearing for the 10th standard board examinations. Acting on a petition filed by human rights activist and Orissa High Court lawyer Akhand, the NHRC has issued a notice to the Superintendent of Police, Jajpur, seeking an action taken réport within four weeks. The incident took place on February 26, 2025, when the minor girl, a student of Panchayat High School, Rampur under Bari block, developed severe abdominal pain and gave birth to a baby girl at Bari Government Hospital.

### Rifleman injured in accidental firing incident

Srinagar: A rifleman of the Indian Army sustained a gunshot injury in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir last night, after his weapon accidentally misfired, officials said. They said the soldier suffered a gunshot wound to his right foot due to the misfire. The incident occurred during a night ambush laid by Army near Butapatri The soldier was immediately provided first aid and later evacuated to the Army's 92 Base hospital for advanced medical care. His condition is reported to be stable, officials said.

# 5 Lakh in J&K still without pucca houses: Union Minister Shivraj

Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, today said that a survey has identified five lakh names in Jammu and Kashmir who are still without a permanent

Chouhan emphasized the need for proper verification before proceeding with allotments of houses to avoid any discrepancies.

"As per the survey, there are five

lakh more names who should be given houses. We have said that verification should be done first so that there are no discrepancies. Once the verification is completed, the process of providing permanent shelter to our poor brothers and sisters will begin," Chouhan told a press conference in Srinagar.



mitment to ensuring that every citizen, especially the underprivileged, has access to a permanent roof over their heads, in line with the govern-

ment's housing-for-all mission. The Union Minister arrived in Sri-

nagar earlier the day on a two day

The Union Minister, accompa-nied by Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, during the press briefing, lauded the success of

erment initiatives in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission

Highlighting the transformative impact of self-help groups (SHGs), the Minister said that efforts are being made with full seriousness to eradicate rural poverty, especially

"One of the most promising developments in J&K is the fight against rural poverty through the empowerment of our mothers, sisters, and daughters," Chouhan said. "Under NRLM, the initiative to create 'Lakhpati Didis'-women earning over Rs 1 lakh annually—is progressing steadily."

He further announced that the initiative is now moving beyond

### Kharge to attend Cong village presidents' meeting in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: All India Congress Committee (AICC) President Mallikarjur Kharge will be the chief guest at the village presidents' commemoration programme being organised by the Telangana Congress at Lal Bahadur Stadium in Hyderabad tomorrow.

Addressing the media at Gandhi Bhavan today, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Presi dent and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud said the event is expected to witness the participation of around 40,000 Congress leaders and workers, including village, mandal, and district presidents, Ministers, MLAs, MPs, and Corporation Chairpersons.

Kharge will also address the gath ering under the theme Social Justice Samara Bheri and will give key directives to the village-level Congress presidents to strengthen the party at

Taking a sharp dig at BRS MLC K Kavitha, Goud described her recent letter to AICC President Kharge as "strange and ironic."

## Big relief to Aditya Thackery in Disha Salian death case: 'No evidence of murder and rape'

The Mahrashtra government and Mumbai police have denied that celebrity manager Disha Salian, former manager of late actor Sushant Singh Rajput, was raped and murdered in 2020, the year when the Uddhav Thackeray government was in

The police have stuck to their five-year-old stand, which is considered a major relief to Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Aditya Thackery. Disha's father had filed a petition in the Bombay High Court seeking the court nod for a probe by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) or CBI, alleging foul play and political pressure involving the junior Thackeray and a former city police commissioner, among others.



In response to the petition, senior inspector of Malvani police station Shailendra Nagarkar on Wednesday filed an affidavit stating that the plea seeking to transfer the probe to the CBI and action against the SIT apcrime should be rejected.

Nagarkar has given details of what reportedly happened on the crucial night when Disha's body was found. He said the post-mortem report was "conclusive in nature and mentions no signs of sexual and, or, physical

Since questions were raised about the investigation, the government had appointed an SIT which endorsed the findings of the earlier in-

There were six CCTV cameras installed at vital points in the premises of Regent Galaxy building. All the CCTV footage were carefully observed for the duration between June 4, 2020 to June 9. Nothing suspicious or objectionable was noticed.

### Kishor Barman inducted as cabinet minister in Tripura Agartala (UNI)

Kishor Barman, BJP MLA from Nalchar constituency in Sepahijala district, was sworn in as a cabinet minister in the Tripura government

The oath-taking ceremony took place at the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan in Agartala, where Governor N. Indrasena Reddy administered the oath of office and secrecy.

With Barman's induction, the strength of Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha's council of ministers has now risen to 12, the maximum permissible under the constitutional cap for the 60-member Tripura Assembly.

The cabinet expansion comes a day after CM Saĥa met Governor Reddy, reportedly to finalise the in-



This is the first cabinet reshuffle since the BJP returned to power for a second consecutive term in the March 2023 assembly elections.

# Mamata writes to Shah

### On stringent law to curb cyber crimes, provocative social media content



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today dashed off a letter to Union home minister Amit Shah expressing deep concern about the rising impact of provocative social media content and cyber crimes, suggesting the need for a stringent law.

She pointed out that increasing

dissemination of provocative content on sections of social media platforms and the alarming rise in cyber crimes are posing serious challenges to public peace and the social fabric

"In recent times, it has been observed that incendiary narratives, misleading stories, and fake videos circulating on social media are contributing significantly to the aggravation of criminal tendencies among certain sections of society," Mamata pointed out in her two-page letter to the Home minister

"This is a collective challenge rejuiring urgent and coordinated action to safeguard public order, national unity, and the integrity of our democracy," the Bengal CM said.

#### JD(U) slams Prashant for his promise to lift liquor ban in Bihar

**Patna:** JD(U) today slammed "Jan Suraaj " leader Prashant Kishor for his promise to lift liquor ban in Bihar, saying it was reflection of anti students and anti poor mindset.

Senior JD(U) leader and Bihar Excise and Prohibition Minister Ratnesh Sada told media persons here that liquor ban was imposed in Bihar, to protect interests of students, women and poor.

Liquor ban in Bihar was appreciated all across the country and demands were also raised in several states to take similar measures there,

"It is unfortunate that Jan Suraaj leader Kishor has promised to lift liquor ban in Bihar if voted to power, as it is reflection of his anti students, anti poor and anti women mindset,"

### Samik Bhattacharya elected unopposed as BJP's Bengal chief the post. He will lead the party into



Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Samik Bhattacharya has been declared president of the BJP's West Bengal unit.

by BJP's national returning officer, Ravi Shankar Prasad, after Bhattacharya was elected unopposed to the 2026 assembly elections.

The announcement was made at the Science City auditorium in the city, amid the blowing of conch shells and ululation by women members of the party.

Prasad stated that only one

nomination was received from Bhattacharya, which proved the party's discipline, similar to 20 other states where elections were held unopposed.

Bhattacharya replaced Union Minister Sukanta Majumdar, who was present to welcome his successor. Leader of Opposition Suvendu Bhattacharya. Both Majumdar and Adhikari had supported Bhattacharya's candidature.

### Magisterial probe ordered into Bhattakufar building collapse

**Shimla:** The district administration today ordered a magisterial inquiry into the collapse of a five-storey building in Bhattakufar, allegedly linked to the ongoing four-lane construction between Kaithlighat and

In a high-level meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Anupam Kashyap, a committee was constituted under Additional District Magistrate (Law and Order) Pankaj Sharma to investigate the incident.

The committee will assess the causes behind the building collapse, determine the extent of damage, and recommend relief measures for the affected families. The panel will also examine whether other nearby structures are at risk due to slopecutting related to the road expan-

# Kharge flays Modi govt over China 'pulling officials' from Indian manufacturing sector

New Delhi (UNI)

Congress president Mallikariun Kharge today targeted the Modi government over news reports that China has recalled its officials from India's manufacturing sector.

In a post on X, Kharge accused the government of compromising national interest and economic security in the name of foreign investment and policy schemes.

According to reports, China has pulled back its officials from India's manufacturing sector. Isn't it true that the Modi government, having failed entirely on its 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' promises, laid out the red carpet for Chinese companies and eased visa rules for Chinese nationals — all while forgetting the sacrifices at Doklam and



the PLI scheme?" Kharge asked. The Congress chief further criticised the government for remaining silent as China imposed strict restrictions on the export of rare earth magnets and minerals to India. These materials are vital for key sec-

tors such as automobiles, electric vehicles, defense production, and high-security currency printing.
"Isn't it true that the Modi govern-

ment has taken no concrete steps in response? Chinese officials haven't even granted official appointments or approvals to delegations from India's automobile industry," Kharge added.

Highlighting another serious concern, Kharge alleged that China has stopped exporting speciality fertilizers to India in the past two months, while continuing supply to other

India depends on China for 80% of its speciality fertilizer imports, which are crucial for the productivity of fruits, vegetables, and other highvalue crops.

### over Assam, Meghalaya, Konkan & Goa

Southwest Monsoon active

Pune: The Southwest Monsoon has been active over Assam and Meghalaya and Konkan and Goa, India Meteorological Department (IMD) said

It has been subdued over Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh and Tamil

Rain or thundershowers have occurred at most places in Odisha, east Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Konkan and Goa, coastal Karnataka and Ker-

These have occurred at many places in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya, Sub Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Úttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, west Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Gujarat region, Madhya Maharashtra, south interior Karnataka and Lakshadweep.

# Meghalaya govt ready to resume peace talks with HNLC, says Dy CM

Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister incharge Home, Prestone Tynsong said the government was ready to resuming peace talks with the proscribed Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC).

The HNLC, a militant group in Meghalaya, withdrew from the tripartite peace talks with the Centre and the state government in January 2024, citing "general demands and general amnesty" to their cadres have not been met.

'The door to talks with the HNLC is still open and the government is ready to talk to them. It is up to them to decide. If they want to contact us, we are ready," Tynsong told reporters



on Wednesday.

On the recent surrender of two HNLC cadres to the Meghalaya Police, he said, "their decision to surrender was because they realised that being in the outfit would not

The two HNLC cadres — the Dibarius Jyrwa (32) and Ridor Lyngdoh Nonglait (30) who escaped HNLC's hideout in Bangladesh — cited frustration over being assigned only menial and cultivation-related tasks for over 15 months.

Appealing to other HNLC members to surrender, Tynsong highlighted the benefits of rejoining the main-

"I appeal to other members also to kindly follow the footsteps of the two persons, who recently surrendered before the police," the Deputy Chief Minister said.

### SIA raids two locations in Anantnag over non local labourer's killing

Srinagar (UNI)

Jammu and Kashmir's Police State Investigation Agency (SIA), Kashmir today conducted search operation at the premises of two suspects in Anantnag district in a case related to the killing of a non local labourer last

A labourer from Bihar Raja Sah was shot dead from a point-blank range by terrorists at Jablipora in the Bijbehara area of Anantnag district on April 17, 2024.A case was later registered at Police Station Bijbe

Police said that the searches were carried out in Bijbehara as part of an ongoing investigation into the brutal killing of Raja Sah

They said the searches were aimed to uncover critical evidence to



unravel the conspiracy behind this heinous crime and identify accomplices involved in the case registered under Section 302 IPC, 7/27 Arms Act, and 13, 16, and 20 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of Po lice Station Bijbehara.

The meticulously planned searches were executed with precision, adhering to legal procedures.