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Fresh batch of 6,482 Amarnath pilgrims leaves from Jammu

**Jammu:** A fresh batch of 6,482 pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Yatra amid the chants of 'Bam Bam Bhole' this morning left for the holy cave shrine in South Kashmir Himalayas here from Bhagwati Nagar based Yatri Niwas. Officials said that the pilgrims left from the Jammu base camp in a fleet of 268 vehicles. "A fresh batch of 6,482 pilgrims this morning left for Shri Amarnath Yatra cave shrine in Kashmir from Jammu base camp amid tight security arrangements," they added. They said that 4,129 pilgrims left for Pahalgam and 2,353 for Baltal in a fleet of 268 vehicles comprising light and heavy motor vehicles.

Wait for govt's action on illegal migrants, says Tripura HC

**Agartala:** A division bench of the Tripura High Court today disposed of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking immediate action against illegal migrants settled in Tripura from neighbouring Bangladesh and Myanmar. The court asked the petitioners to wait for the state government's action. The bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice Biswajit Palit heard the PIL jointly filed by Dr Bijay Debbarma, convener of a civil rights body, the Joint Action Committee, and John Debbarma, a student activist affiliated to Twipra Students Federation (TSF).

Bar owner injured in knife attack for refusing free liquor

**Nashik:** A bar owner was injured when two youths attacked him with a knife after being refused free liquor, at Manmad city of the district last night. The bar owner, Kuljit Singh Kant, saved his life as he dodged the attack in time. However, he was injured in the neck. This incident has created a stir among the traders. The traders' federation has condemned the incident and demanded strict action against the accused. The attack was captured on CCTV cameras. The police, taking cognizance of the incident, immediately arrested both the accused and registered a case against them.

Hotel owner injured in bullet firing

**Jalgaon:** A hotel owner was seriously injured in a fire incident in Jalgaon district of Maharashtra. An unidentified assailant shot hotelier Pramod Shriram Baviskar at Chincholi Phata in Yawal taluka yesterday night. Baviskar was subsequently admitted to a private hospital. According to Yawal police, the victim owns a hotel called Chincholi Phata. Last night, when he closed the hotel at 9:30 pm, he was sitting in a car with his friend Ratan Wankhede. While the car was reversing, at that time two youths on a two-wheeler approached him.

Manipur security crackdown: 3 insurgents arrested

**Imphal:** In a series of coordinated counter-insurgency operations, Manipur Police and central security forces have apprehended three active members of banned militant outfits across Imphal West, Kakching, and Bishnupur districts. The operations resulted in the seizure of arms, ammunition, and various incriminating documents yesterday. According to the police, security forces arrested a self-styled member of a proscribed insurgent group from the Mayang Imphal Thana Mamang Leikai area in Imphal West district today.

Four killed, several feared trapped truck accident

**Kabirdham (Chhattisgarh):** Four people were killed today when a truck carrying boulders overturned and plunged into a deep gorge in Kabirdham district of Chhattisgarh, police said. Two others were found seriously injured, while several others are feared trapped under the wreckage. The accident occurred near Agarpani village in the Kukdoor police station area. Police said locals spotted the truck in the gorge in the morning and informed the authorities. Upon arrival, the police recovered four bodies from under the truck and admitted two critically injured individuals to the Kukdoor Community Health Centre.

Planned parenthood crucial for maternal, child health, says Nadda

**New Delhi (UNI)**  
Union Health Minister JP Nadda, on the occasion of the World Population Day today, underscored the importance of planned parenthood in ensuring improved maternal and child health outcomes.  
Observed annually on July 11, this year's theme, 'Healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy for the health and well-being of mother and child', highlights the critical role of informed family planning in public health.  
In a message shared on social media platform X, Nadda stated, "World Population Day serves as a platform to raise awareness about family planning and renew our commitment to addressing population-related challenges." He emphasised that planned parenthood is integral to achieving healthier outcomes for mothers and children.

Karnataka HC stays trial against CM Siddaramaiah



**Bengaluru (UNI)**  
In a significant relief to Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the Karnataka High Court today stayed trial court proceedings in a criminal defamation case filed by the BJP over the Congress' controversial 'corruption rate card' advertisements released during the 2023 Assembly election campaign.

Calcutta HC asks for report from Centre on Bengali migrant workers 'pushed back' into Bangladesh

**Kolkata (UNI)**  
The Calcutta High Court today directed the Union Home Ministry to submit a detailed report on whether migrant workers from West Bengal had been sent to Bangladesh.  
The court also instructed Chief Secretary Manoj Pant to remain in contact with his counterpart in Delhi to gather information about the workers.  
The court has also directed the Centre to submit a detailed report on the entire matter before it comes up for the next hearing on Monday.  
The directive from the division bench of the Calcutta High Court was issued during a habeas corpus hearing concerning six migrant workers from Birbhum who had gone to Delhi for work. The petitioner alleged that some of them, including a family with an eight-year-old child, were sent to Bangladesh.  
The lawyer appearing for the petitioners claimed that on June 18 last month, six individuals were detained in the K.N. Katju Marg area under the Rohini Police District in Delhi.  
After being detained, they contacted their families and informed

Assam CM clarifies stand on NRC notice to West Bengal man

**Guwahati:** Two days after West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee slammed her Assam counterpart for trying to extend the National Register of Citizens (NRC) to Bengal, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma clarified that the issue is related to a judicial process.  
Banerjee reacted strongly after a person from Dinhatra under Coochbehar claimed to have received a notice from the NRC authorities in Assam asking him to prove his citizenship. The individual Uttam Kumar Brajabasi claimed that he has been a resident of Dinhatra for the last 50 years. I am shocked and deeply disturbed to learn that the Foreigners Tribunal in Assam has issued NRC notice to Uttam Kumar Brajabasi, a Rajbanshi, resident of Dinhatra in Cooch Behar for over 50 years.

Rahul slams Odisha BJP govt for 'handing over state resources to billionaires'

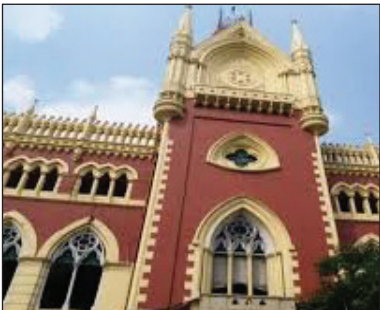
**Bhubaneswar (UNI)**  
Congress leader Rahul Gandhi today launched a scathing attack on the BJP government in Odisha, accusing it of handing over the state's land, water, forests, and other resources to a handful of billionaires, including Adani and Ambani.  
Addressing a 'Sambidhan Bachao' rally at the Baramunda Ground here, Gandhi alleged that the current government does not belong to the people, but to industrialists like Adani and a few other billionaires who, he claimed, are now running the state government.  
"This government has handed over land, mines, forests, and water



Highlighting this year's slogan, "The right age to become a mother is when the mind and the body is ready," the Health Minister called for increased awareness around physical and emotional preparedness for parenthood. "This underscores the importance of informed and empowered decisions with both physical and emotional readiness," he noted.  
Nadda further stated that through public health facilities, including Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, the Central Government is working to deliver essential family planning services

Three dead, two critical after snakebites in Palamu

**Palamu:** Three persons, including two close relatives of Medininagar MLA Alok Chaurasiya, died in separate snakebite incidents in Jharkhand's Palamu district late last night. Two others are reportedly in critical condition.  
In the first incident, which occurred in Narsinghpur Pathra village under Chainpur police station limits, a venomous snake bit Prem Chaurasiya—son-in-law of MLA Alok Chaurasiya's brother Bhisim Chaurasiya—and his two sons, Arjun Kumar and Dev Kumar, while they were sleeping.  
The three were initially rushed to Medinirai Medical College and Hospital, from where they were referred to RIMS, Ranchi, due to their critical condition. However, they were later taken to Navjeevan Hospital in Tumbagara, where Arjun and Dev were declared dead on arrival.



them that they had been arrested by Delhi Police on suspicion of being Bangladeshis.  
They urged their families to come to Delhi quickly and help secure their release.  
Upon hearing this, the family members immediately set out for Delhi. However, upon arrival, they were informed by the K.N. Katju Police Station that those detained on suspicion of being Bangladeshis had been handed over to the BSF (Border Security Force) and 'pushed back' into Bangladesh.  
The family members alleged that the police have not provided any information regarding from where in West Bengal the pushback occurred. They also stated that they have contacted the state labour department regarding the matter.

Thackerays' possible alliance sparks talks between Amit Shah and Shinde

**Mumbai/ New Delhi (UNI)**  
The recent unity between Uddhav and Raj Thackeray over opposition to the imposition of Hindi in education has prompted serious strategic discussions within the BJP.  
Senior leaders in the ruling Mahayuti alliance revealed that Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde held a detailed meeting about the potential impact of a Thackeray brothers' alliance in the upcoming municipal elections.  
The trigger was a government decision to make Hindi compulsory from the first grade under the three-language policy. In response, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray shared the same stage for the first time in 19 years, voicing strong opposition. During the 'Marathi Victory rally', Uddhav hinted at a long-term alliance, stating, "We've come together to stay together".  
This development has alerted



across the country. These efforts, he said, are "empowering families and paving the way for a healthier India."  
Meanwhile, the United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) State of World Population Report 2025, released earlier this week, noted that 36% of Indian adults experience unintended pregnancies, while 30% face an unfulfilled desire for more or fewer children. Alarming, 23% experienced both.  
Commenting on the report, Dr Sombir Ray, Unit Head at CK Birla Hospitals, CMRI, Kolkata, described the figures as indicative of broader systemic issues related to reproductive health access, education, and empowerment. "I think this is not just a statistic, but it is indeed millions of families going through emotional, financial, and physical consequences of either a lack of timely information or support.

J&K cops conduct raids to uncover cross-border terror funding



**Srinagar (UNI)**  
Jammu and Kashmir Police's State Investigation Agency (SIA) today conducted simultaneous search operations at three suspected locations in Union Territory to unravel a complex conspiracy involving cross-border funding through cryptocurrency, designed to fuel terrorism.

Cong reaffirms commitment to 42 per cent BC quota

**Minister Prabhakar urges unified support**  
**Hyderabad (UNI)**  
Telangana BC Welfare Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar on Friday reiterated the Congress party's unwavering commitment to 42 per cent reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in Telangana, stating that the party has remained consistent from the Kamareddy Declaration to the legislative enactment.  
Speaking to the media at Gandhi Bhavan, he emphasised that this major social reform is a result of the vision of Rahul Gandhi, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, and TPCC working president Mahesh Kumar Goud.  
Ponnam recalled that the Congress government, which assumed office on December 7, 2023, passed a resolution in the Telangana Legislative Assembly on February 4, 2024, to conduct a caste census — a key demand for ensuring social justice.



Dhanbad observes Population Day with awareness rally

**Dhanbad:** To mark World Population Day, the Dhanbad district administration on Friday organized an awareness rally aimed at promoting family planning and population stabilization.  
The rally commenced from the Sadar Hospital and was flagged off by Civil Surgeon Dr. Alok Vishwakarma.  
Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vishwakarma emphasized that the rally seeks to sensitize communities about the importance and accessibility of family planning services.  
A special campaign has been launched from today and will continue till July 30, 2025. During this period, all government hospitals across the district will offer a range of family planning services.

Sandeep Choudhary says AI crash a signal from the universe

**Ahmedabad:** In a moment described by international commentators as historic and unprecedented, Sandeep Choudhary, President of the India Chapter of Save Earth Mission, captivated a global audience at the Global Vision Unveiling event in GIFT City by decoding the recent Air India Flight AI 171 crash live on stage in under three minutes.  
Choudhary, long recognised as a pioneering environmentalist and thought leader, drew upon a mix of numerology, cosmic theory, and pattern recognition to present what he described as "a universal communication through numbers."  
His analysis, which links the flight number, date, and time of the crash,

along with seemingly coincidental elements, has garnered worldwide media attention and sparked intense debate among scientists, spiritualists, and the general public. Said Choudhary, "this was not chaos, it was code. The universe speaks in numbers, in frequency, vibration, and energy. AI171's tragedy was not just an aviation failure but a moment of cosmic alignment. And I decoded it the instant I saw the numbers."  
Choudhary also spoke about three miraculous signs from the flight, including the survival of one Bhagavad Gita, the survival of one passenger, and that one person missed the flight. He remarked that 1 + 1 + 1 = 3, which points to a divine trinity.

