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Bomb threat to Sri Harmandir Sahib's Langar hall triggers high alert

Chandigarh: A bomb threat targeting the Langar Hall of the sacred Sri Harmandir Sahib has triggered a security alert in Amritsar. The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) has filed a formal complaint with the police after receiving an anonymous email warning of a bomb attack using explosives. Confirming the development, Amritsar Police Commissioner Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said, "The SGPC informed us about a threatening email. Taking immediate cognizance, we have registered an FIR and launched an in-

SC rebukes cartoonist booked over caricature of PM, RSS

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday rebuked Indore-based cartoonist Hemant Malviya for his objectionable caricatures of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) while terming his conduct "inflammatory" and "imma-ture." A bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Aravind Kumar expressed disapproval of the cartoonist's conduct saying, "The comedians, cartoonists etc. look at their conduct..." Advocate Vrinda Grover, appearing for Malviya, said the cartoonist will delete the post and make a statement that he was not endorsing the objectionable com-

32 students hospitalised after alleged food poisoning

Nalgonda (Telangana): 32 students of Ashram Ğurukul School were hospitalised after consuming chicken meals on Sunday night and Pulihora rice this morning at Mudigonda, under Devarakonda police station limits in Nalgonda District. The school management shifted them to the hospital, where 13 were initially in serious condition but are now stable. Some of the other students have been discharged from the hospital. The doctors believe that the vomiting and loose motions may be linked to gas formation caused by consuming the Pulihora rice.

Fire breaks out in stationed train coaches at Tirupati Railway Station

Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh): A fire broke out in stationed train coaches_of the Hisar-Tirupati Special Train and Rayalaseema Express at the Tirupati Railway Station yard on Monday, Indian Railways said. According to Southern Central Railway, the fire was dozed and there is no disruption to any of the outgoing or incoming train services from Tirupati Railway Station, the Southern Central Railway said. The incident occurred while taking empty Hisar-Tirupati Special Train into the stabling yard.

IMD issues orange alert for heavy rainfall in 6 districts of HP

Shimla: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an Orange Alert for six dis-tricts of Himachal Pradesh, forecasting heavy to very heavy rainfall over the next two days, while also cautioning about continued rain activity across the state till July 20. According to Sandeep Kumar Sharma, Senior Scientist at the Meteorological Centre, Shimla, moderate rainfall was recorded in the past 24 hours in districts including Shimla, Sirmaur, Kullu, and Mandi.

Mukhtar Ansari gang shooter killed in police enounter

Muzaffarnagar: Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force (STF) said on Monday that a sharpshooter, associated with the gang of Sanjeev Maheshwari Jeeva and , gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari, was killed in an encounter in Muzaffarnagar. Shahrukh Pathan had opened fire on the police, before being gunned down in retaliatory fire, the STF of UP police said. The STF recovered a 9 mm country-made pistol, more than 60 rounds of cartridges and one car from the encounter site, police said.

Karnataka cabinet expansion in Nov, hints Saleem Ahmed

Senior Congress leader and Karnataka Legislative Council Saleem Ahmed today indicated that the much-anticipated cabinet expansion in Karnataka is likely to take place in November, with some ministers expected to voluntarily vacate their positions to make way for new faces.

"Some ministers may step down and inform the party, enabling others to get opportunities. A meeting between the High Command and the Chief Minister will be held to finalise decisions. During that meeting, arrangements will also be made regarding party workers' conventions and the appointment of a new KPCC President," he said.

Responding to speculation over possible changes in the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) leadership, Ahmed clarified that the High Command has firmly

9 killed, 12 injured as mango-laden lorry overturns in Andhra

Rayachoti (AP): In a ghastly road accident, 9 agriculture workers were killed and 12 were injured when a mango-laden lorry overturned at Reddipalli village of Pullampet man-dal in Annamayya district last night. Police said that as many as 21

agriculture workers harvested mango at an orchard at Isukapalli village of Rajampet mandal. They loaded the mangoes on the lorry. The lorry was transporting the mango produce to the mango market yard at Railway Kodur.

The lorry overturned on the bund of an irrigation tank killing nine agriculture labourers and injuring 12 others. The deceased were identified as Chittemma (25), Subba Ratnam (45), Gajjala Durgayya (32), Gajjala Srinu (33), Gajjala lakshmi Devi (36), Radha (39), Gajjala Ramana (42) Venkata Subbamma (37) and Munichandra (38).



any public statements on the issue without prior approval.

"As per Karge Saheb's directions, we have been categorically told not to speak on matters related to the KPCC President. The High Command has laid down guidelines, and we are strictly

following them," he said.

Drawing a sharp distinction between the Congress and the BJP, Ahmed stressed that the Congress functions as a democratic institution. "In our party, there are discussions and deliberations. We have a Congress President, a Working Committee, and small group meetings where collective decisions are taken. This is not a one-man party like the BJP, where Narendra Modi's word becomes final," he asserted.

Taking a direct swipe at Prime Minister Modi, Ahmed alleged that the BJP functions under a dictatorial model. "In BJP, dictatorship exists. Whatever Narendra Modi says becomes binding on all leaders. That is his personal statement, not a collective one," he said, repeatedly emphasising the phrase "That is his personal statement" several times for rhetorical effect.

Surjewala accuses BJP of insulting Kannadigas

Senior Congress leader and AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala today alleged that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is "habitually insulting" the people of Karnataka and treating the state as a "money minting machine", rather than respecting its interests.

Speaking to reporters, Surjewala said, "This is not just an insult to the Chief Minister of Karnataka, but to seven crore Kannadigas. The BJP treats Karnataka not as a partner in development, but only as a source of

He accused the central government of financial injustice by claiming that for every rupee collected in GST from Karnataka, only 13 paise is returned. "The Union Government has failed to release the promised Rs 5,300 crore for the Upper Bhadra project and has not cleared key irrigation and drinking water projects like the Krishna Water Tribunal



and Mekedatu," he said.

Surjewala also took aim at Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, criticising the toll policies being implemented in Karnataka. The Kalasavalli–Ambargondlu bridge that is being constructed is being portrayed as free but the people of Karnataka will end up paying fifty times its cost through toll collections.

SC told Centre has exhausted options to save Kerala nurse sentenced to death in Yemen

The Central government on Monday informed the Supreme Court that it has exhausted all possible options to save Kerala nurse Nimisha Priya, who has been sentenced to death in Yemen for the murder of a Yemeni national.

During the hearing of a plea seeking directions to use diplomatic channels to save Priya from execution (Save Nimisha Priya International Action Council v. Union of India), Attorney General (AG) R Venkataramani told a bench of justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta that the government has explored all methods, including negotiations, but nothing has worked so

The AG submitted, "Negotiating link has also been done. There is a



point to which Government of India can go. We have reached it. We also told the public prosecutor if the execution could be suspended. But it has not worked out. Nothing matters to the Yemen government.

'We did not go much public about it. We also got involved with a sheikh influential there, it did not work out. We got an informal communication that execution would be put in abeyance, but we don't know if it will work out. This is not an area where the government can be asked to do something beyond a defined limit.

Justice Mehta observed that the petitioner claims blood money has been arranged.

The AG responded, "But they say it is a question of honour and they don't accept it. We don't know if it changes with more money. But as of now, it is at a standstill." The petitioner's lawyer submitted that good samaritans are not able to do anything since it involves Yemen.

Violence erupts during BJP bandh in Khejuri

Kolkata: Tension gripped West Bengal's Khejuri area in East Midnapore district on Monday during the 12-hour bandh called by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to protest the alleged unnatural deaths of two resi-

The bandh saw road blockades vandalism, clashes with police, and widespread disruption to daily life.

The protest was sparked by the deaths of Sujit Das (23) of Purba Bhangonmari and Sudhir Chandra Paik (65) of Jhantihari, who died on Friday night while attending a Muharram-related cultural event in

According to the police, the two men were electrocuted after a halogen lamp fell from a pole at the event site. Locals supported this version, stating that a lighting fixture collapsed on the victims.

Won't be stopped, says Omar Abdullah

As he climbs wall to visit martyrs' graveyard



Srinagar (UNI)

Resisting police personnel who were stopping him from visiting Naqash-band Sahib in Srinagar's old city, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah along with his party

leaders scaled a wall and paid tributes to Kashmiri protesters who were shot dead by Maharaja Hari Singh's Dogra forces on July 13, 1931.

A day after widespread restrictions and house detentions, Omar, accompanied by his father and National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah, the Deputy Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers, and senior party leaders, visited the Martyrs' Graveyard and offered Fatiha and floral tributes.

Launching a scathing attack on the Lieutenant Governor-led administration for attempting to stop National Conference leaders from visiting Nagashband Sahib, Abdullah claimed that the "unelected government" tried to prevent him from reaching the Naqshband Sahib shrine, where the graves of the 1931 martyrs are located. In a series of posts on X, he said, "The unelected government tried to block my way forcing me to walk from Nawhatta Chowk. They blocked the gate to Nagshband Sb shrine forcing me to scale a wall. They tried to physically grapple me but I was not going to be stopped today."

Nitish Kumar needs five more years to ruin Bihar: Kishor

Taking on Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for the "complete collapse of law and order", Jan Suraaj leader Prashant Kishor today accused Nitish government of failing to address the state's employment crisis. Bihar will go Assembly polls are due in a few months.

Speaking to the media in Madhepura, Kishor slammed Kumar's promise to provide one crore jobs in the next five years, questioning what his government has achieved in the past 20 years.

In a sarcastic manner, Prashant Kishor said, "Now Nitish Kumar needs another five years to completely ruin Bihar on the employment front."He also took a dig at Leader of Opposition Tejaswi Prasad



Yadav, who claims to have provided five lakh jobs during his 17-month tenure as Deputy Chief Minister.

Kishor demanded transparency lease the names and contact numbers of those who actually got these jobs. Let the public verify whether those claims were true or just politi-

Shah's inaction against Pinarayi indicates a CPM-BJP deal: KPCC President Sunny



Thiruvananthapuram (UNI)

Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee President Sunny Joseph today alleged that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has taken no action against the Pinarayi Vijayan led state Government despite calling the regime corrupt, indicating a political deal between the BJP and CPI(M).

Though Amit Shah, during his visit to Kerala, listed several instances of corruption in the state government, the central investigation agencies under his ministry probing these cases do not appear sincere in proving his claims, the Congress leader claimed.

"Amit Shah must now explain the status of investigations by central agencies into cases such as the Dollar Smuggling, Gold Smuggling, Exalogic, and LIFE Mission scams. These probes have virtually come to a standstill. Who gave the order to halt these investigations? Wasn't it Amit Shah himself? Instead of taking real action, he is now deceiving the public with mere political rhetoric," the KPCC President alleged.

FM college principal arrested; protests escalate Balasore (UNI)

Police today arrested Dr. Dillip Ghosh, Principal of E.M. Au-tonomous College, Balasore, in connection with the recent self-immolation attempt by a second-year Integrated B.Ed student.

Earlier on Saturday, police arrested Samir Kumar Sahu, Head of the

Odisha self-immolation case

Department of Education at the college, who was named as the prime accused in the case. The student had alleged serious mental and sexual harassment by Sahu.

Both Ghosh and Sahu were suspended hours after the girl attempted self-immolation on the college campus. The incident triggered widespread protests throughout the



day by various political parties and organizations, including the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and the Congress.

Demonstrators submitted memoranda to district authorities demanding a fair investigation, strict action against the accused, and the resignation of Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Higher Education Minister Suryabanshi Suraj.

The student and youth wings of the BJD staged a demonstration in front of the college, seeking justice for the victim. Protesters also burnt effigies of the Chief Minister and the Higher Education Minister in protest against the government's handling of

The BJD women's wing, after holding a meeting at Gandhi Smriti Bhawan, submitted a memorandum to the DIG (Eastern Range), demanding a thorough investigation into the self-immolation attempt.

Senior BJD leaders including former minister Pratap Jena, Snehangi ni Chhuria, and district MLAs along with other former legislators and public representatives, addressed

the gathering. They alleged that under the BJPled government, crimes against women have surged, with a disturb-

ing rise in violence and atrocities.

BJP not tempting or threatening anyone to switch sides: Bawankule

Mumbai: Maharashtra Revenue Minister and BJP leader Chandrakant Bawankule today said that leaders and workers from Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray faction) are joining the BJP not because of any inducement or pressure, but because Uddhav Thackeray himself is not in

touch with his grassroots workers. "Uddhav doesn't meet his workers. He's unable to take care of them. That's why they are coming to BJP on their own,", Bawankule said. "We are neither luring anyone nor threaten-

ing them to join us," he said. The BJP's strength lies in its active outreach and grassroots work. We have 137 MLAs who are constantly in touch with the people and solving their problems.

Axiom-4 capsule undocks from ISS, Shukla's crew begins return journey Bengaluru (UNI)

In a defining moment for global space collaboration, the SpaceX Dragon capsule undocked from the International Space Station (ISS) today, carrying four astronauts, including India's Shubhanshu Shukla, back to Earth after completing a landmark

18-day mission in orbit The undocking, initially slated for 4:15 pm IST, was delayed by about 30 minutes, beginning instead at 4:45 pm IST. The crew is now expected to splash down off the coast of California around 3:00 pm IST on Tuesday, July 15, with weather conditions re-

ported to be favourable. The capsule will enter the Depart Burn 0 stage before the capsule enters the Depart Burn 1 stage. The capsule will then embark on a journey back to Earth.



The Axiom-4 mission, commissioned by the Houston-based private firm Axiom Space in collaboration

hailed as a major leap in commercial and international spaceflight. Alongside Shukla, the Dragon capsule is bringing back veteran NASA astro-naut Peggy Whitson, ESA engineer Slawosz Uznanski, and Hungarian Air Force pilot Tibor Kapu.

The mission had originally been scheduled for a 14-day duration, with a return on July 10. However, splashdown was delayed both due to adverse weather and the need to conclude crucial scientific experiments onboard the ISS. The extra days proved invaluable for research, with the crew completing over 60 experiments spanning human physiology, biotechnology, and sustainabili-

Among the standout studies were investigations into myogenesis

(muscle formation), bone degeneration, microalgae viability, stem cell development, and the cultivation of edible sprouts in microgravity, all vital to making deep-space missions feasible and to enhancing medical science on Earth.

Before undocking, the astronauts spent more than an hour inside the Dragon capsule, adjusting to the descent environment, a symbolic transition from the weightlessness of space to the gravity-bound journey

This mission stands out not only for its scientific ambition but also for its geopolitical significance. It reflects a growing shift where publicprivate partnerships and multinational teamwork are setting the stage

for the next generation of space exploration