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CPI leader Chandu Nayak shot dead in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: A shocking firing incident in Shalivahana Nagar Park, Malakpet, Hyderabad, claimed the life of CPI state council member Chandu Nayak (43) today. According to police, a group of three-four assailants arrived in a car around 7.30 am, sprayed pepper in his eyes, and opened fire, killing him on the spot. The brazen attack sent panic among morning walkers, many of whom fled the area in fear.

PM Modi pays tributes to K Kamraj on his birth anniversary



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to K Kamaraj on his birth anniversary today and said that his noble ideals and emphasis on social justice inspire us all greatly. In separate posts on X, PM stated, “Paying homage to Thiru K Kamaraj Ji on his birth anniversary. He was at the forefront of India’s freedom struggle and provided invaluable leadership in the formative years of our journey after Independence. His noble ideals and emphasis on social justice inspire us all greatly.”

Nitish announces Rs 4 lakh compensation to kin of three students who drowned in Gayaji

Patna: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar today announced compensation of Rs 4 lakh each to the kin of the three students who drowned while bathing in a pond in Gayaji . Kumar, deeply moved by the incident, expressed his profound condolences to the families of the deceased students. In an official statement, he described the incident as “deeply saddening and unfortunate.” Kumar directed the administration to provide the compensation amount to each of the bereaved families.

BSE gets bomb threat, nothing suspicious is found

Mumbai: The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) received a threatening email on Tuesday morning claiming that four RDX IED bombs had been planted in its tower building and would explode at 3 PM; however, it turned out to be a hoax, as nothing suspicious was found after a search of the premises was carried out, police said. The email was sent from an ID bearing the name “Comrade Pinarayi Vijayan”, prompting immediate security action. A team of the Mumbai Police and the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS) rushed to the BSE high-rise tower and conducted a search, the official said, adding that nothing suspicious was found.

Rs 5000 crore projects implemented in Kerala's education sector: Minister

Thiruvananthapuram: Construction projects worth Rs 5,000 crore have been implemented in Kerala's education sector since the Left Government came to power, State General Education Minister V. Sivankutty said. Major investments have been made to improve public school infrastructure, including the construction of smart schools and classrooms, renovation of existing buildings, and implementation of other upgrades aimed at reversing declining enrollment, the Minister stated.

Eight Opposition parties call for Odisha Bandh on July 17

Bhubaneswar: Eight Opposition political parties in Odisha today jointly called for a statewide bandh on July 17 to protest the alleged harassment and subsequent death of Soumyashree Bisi, a student of Fakir Mohan Autonomous College, Balasore. The 20-year-old second-year B.Ed student succumbed to burn injuries at AIIMS Bhubaneswar on Sunday night. She had attempted self-immolation on July 12 inside the college campus, allegedly in protest against ongoing sexual and mental harassment by Assistant Professor Samir Sahu. Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) President Bhakta Charan Das told reporters that the bandh call has been supported by eight Opposition parties, including the Left, Samajwadi Party (SP), Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP).

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Nitish cabinet approves target of 1 crore jobs by 2030

Patna (UNI)

In a significant move, the Bihar cabinet today approved creation of one crore jobs and employment opportunities over the next five years (2025–2030) in the state.

The decision was taken in a meeting of the cabinet held here during the day under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

The cabinet, in the meeting sanctioned 30 important agendas paving the way for massive employment and infrastructure development in the state.

To facilitate the ambitious plan to create one crore jobs and employment opportunities over the next five years, a high-level 12 membered committee will be constituted under the development commissioner. The committee will advise the government on employment generation strategies.

The cabinet also sanctioned a one-time additional honorarium of



Rs 6,000 to each of the 77,895 Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and 8,245 BLO supervisors in the state. The one-time honorarium will be in addition to their annual honorarium for conducting the Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls.

A total of Rs 51,68,40,000 has been sanctioned for the one-time honorarium.

While approving the agenda of urban development and housing department, the cabinet sanctioned allocation of Rs 179.37 crore, excluding

service tax, to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited (DMRC) on a nomination basis for the maintenance work of the Priority Corridor under the Patna Metro Rail Project for a period of 2 years and 8 months commencing from August 2025 and ending on March 2028.

Additionally, approval has been given for the lease of a 3 trainset for a period of 3 years for the operation of the Priority Corridor. The total cost for this lease, including other associated costs and Goods and Services Tax (GST), amounts to Rs 21,15,44,646 crore.

Further, the responsibility for managing this arrangement has also been approved to be assigned to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited (DMRC) on a nomination basis.

The cabinet also approved the proposal to transfer a total of 112 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) — including 81 ITIs (with 3,020 created posts) established under the 'Estab-

lishment of New Industrial Training Institutes' scheme and 31 Women ITIs (with 855 created posts) under the 'Establishment of New Women ITIs' scheme to the Non-Plan Head under the category of Establishment and Other Committed Expenditures, along with a total of 3,875 sanctioned posts.

Several large-scale infrastructure projects cleared by the cabinet include Bhagalpur Ganga Path Project, a 40.8 km road between Sultanganj-Bhagalpur-Sabour with a budget of Rs 4,850 crore and Munger Ganga Path Project, a 42 km stretch between Munger-Bariarpur-Ghorhat-Sultanganj, sanctioned at Rs 5,120 crore.

Following the discontinuation of the non-financial education policy, the state has allocated Rs 394.41 crore for assistant grants to teachers and education workers in aided secondary and higher secondary schools for the fiscal year 2025-26.



Amarnath Yatra: Fresh batch of over 6000 pilgrims leaves from Jammu base camp

Jammu: Amid rains, a fresh batch of more than 6000 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 248 vehicles.

"A fresh batch of 6388 pilgrims this morning left for Shri Amarnath Yatra cave shrine in Kashmir from Jammu base camp amid tight security arrangements," they added.

Minimum auto fare hiked to Rs 36 in Bengaluru

Bengaluru: In a move aimed at addressing a long-standing demand from autorickshaw drivers, the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) of Bangalore Urban District has announced a revision in autorickshaw fares within the limits of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

The revised fares will come into effect from August 1.

As per the new fare structure, the minimum charge for the first two kilometres will increase by 20 per cent — from the current Rs 30 to Rs 36. Beyond this, passengers will be charged Rs 18 per kilometre, up from Rs 15.

A night fare surcharge of 50 per cent will be applicable between 10 pm and 5 am.

Rahul slams BJP over Odisha student's death, calls it “system-orchestrated murder”

New Delhi (UNI)

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi today strongly condemned the tragic death of a young student in Odisha, calling it a “murder committed by the BJP’s system.”

In a post on X, Gandhi alleged that the student, who had bravely spoken out against sexual harassment, was repeatedly threatened, harassed, and humiliated instead of receiving justice.

“Those who were supposed to protect her were the ones who kept breaking her spirit,” Gandhi said, adding that the “BJP-led system continually shielded the accused while failing to support the victim”.

He further claimed that the girl was driven to set herself on fire due to relentless mental torture and the ab-



sence of justice.

“This is not a suicide; it’s a murder orchestrated by the system,” he stated.

Gandhi also accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of maintaining silence amid growing violence and injustice against women in the country.

tions. After being elected unopposed as party president of the state unit, Rajya Sabha member Samik Bhattacharya, known for his coolness and fine oration, has been uniting the ranks and file in the organization to gear up the brigade for the 2026 poll. Former state president Dilip Ghosh, who had been sidelined for party mainstream activity, especially after his visit to Digha, responding to Mamata Banerjee’s invitation for the inauguration of the Jagannath temple on April 30, will be seen at the PM rally in Durgapur on July 18. Ghosh, under whose presidential term BJP gained 18 Lok Sabha seats in 2019, was conspicuously seen missing in PM’s Alipurduar meeting on May 29 and during the election of Samik Bhattacharya recently.



Durgapur (UNI)

The BJP leadership in West Bengal is making all the arrangements to welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, as it assumes much significance for the saffron party, which is eyeing to oust Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in the 2026 assembly elec-



Kharge meets Dhankhar, stresses need for productive Rajya Sabha session

New Delhi: Ahead of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, met Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar today, emphasising the need for a productive session in the Upper House. In a post shared on X, Kharge said, “The Opposition wants a productive Rajya Sabha session from July 21st. For that to happen, a number of strategic, political, foreign policy, and socio-economic issues that are of great public concern need to be debated and discussed.” Describing the meeting as “fruitful,” Kharge said, “Today, I called on the Hon’ble Chairman of the Rajya Sabha and had a fruitful conversation.”

Dr. Vasant Khalatkar Honored with the Dr. B. C. Roy National Award

The Dr. B. C. Roy National Award is the most prestigious recognition in the field of medicine in India. It is presented annually on 1st July – National Doctors' Day by the Hon'ble President of India. This year, the award has been conferred upon Dr. Vasant Khalatkar, a renowned pediatrician from Nagpur and the National President of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), in recognition of his outstanding medical service.

The award committee highlighted his notable contributions through community-based initiatives like “Bye-Bye Anemia” and “IAP Ki Baat – Community Ke Saath”.The award ceremony was held on 13th July in Delhi, where Dr. Khalatkar received the honor.

The event was graced by distinguished guests including Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences (Government of India), Mr. Pravesh Verma, Minister for Public Works, Law & Justice, and Irrigation (Delhi Government), and special invitee Dr. Anil



Goyal, MLA, Delhi.Also present on this occasion were Dr. Dilip Bhansali, President of IMA, Dr. Sabari Dutta, Dr. R. Ashokan, Dr. Piyush Jain, Dr. Anil Kumar Nayak, Dr. Vasant Lunge, and many of Dr. Khalatkar's colleagues, along with IAP members including Dr. Alok

Bhandari, Dr. Kiran Agrawal, Dr. Lalan Bharti, Dr. Ajay, Dr. Mukesh Dhankar, Dr. Manish Gupta, Dr. Pankaj Garg, Dr. Jaleel, Dr. Somu, Dr. Gurmeet Singh, Dr. Raj Ghotekar, Dr. Ajit Deshmukh, and Dr. Gurmeet Bansal.

The award is named after the

Indian DJ Expo 2025 at Bharat Mandapam from 31 July

New Delhi: Indian DJ Expo 2025 celebrating its 10th year will be hosted from 31st July to 2 August 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, Delhi. This annual exhibition, which has been playing the role of an aggregator for India's Music, Events and Entertainment business for a decade, will showcase more than 500 top national and international brands showcasing the latest technologies, products and trends related to Pro Sound, Pro Light, Pro AV, DJ Gear, Public Address, LED Display Solutions and Special Effects.

DJ Expo convener Manuel Dias says “the 10th DJ Expo, which will run till August 2, will provide an unmatched opportunity to experience cutting-edge technology and products first hand. Whether you are into Music Production, Events Production or the Entertainment Technology marketplace, it is a must visit Exposition for you. For the Sound & Light



rental companies there will be a wide range of Pro Audio, PA, Lighting, LED Screen products on display, with 150 plus Exhibitors offering their established and renowned brands.

Adds Manuel Dias “the main objective of the expo has been to support small and medium enterprises and encourage the spirit of entrepreneurship in India. Like every year, this time too the DJ Expo will shed

light on new and big business opportunities and future investment possibilities in the industry. The expo allows industry professionals to boost their business by exploring exciting new products, advanced integration options and unprecedented growth while taking advantage of live demonstrations, hands-on workshops and expert panels featuring top industry professionals.

Surjewala meets ministers, agenda unclear: Dr Parameshwara

Bengaluru (UNI)

Amid a flurry of behind-closed-door meetings between senior Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala and Karnataka ministers, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara has clarified that while internal evaluations are not unusual, there is no clarity on the specific nature or agenda of the current consultations — especially as some senior ministers like him have not yet been summoned.

Addressing the media today, Dr Parameshwara distanced himself from speculation that the meetings were part of a structured performance review. “These kinds of internal assessments have always happened — even during SM Krishna’s tenure, we submitted reports on departmental work,” he said.

However, he noted that the current round of interactions lacks uniformity. “No such questions have been asked of



me yet. I haven't gone inside. We haven't been called. If they ask, I will answer,” Parameshwara stated, underscoring a sense of detachment from the proceedings.

His remarks come at a time when several ministers and MLAs have met with Surjewala, triggering speculation of mid-term reviews, possible reshuffles, or tightening of election preparedness for upcoming Zilla Panchayat, Taluk Panchayat, and urban local body polls.

President Murmu cautions against misuse of advanced technologies

Cuttack (UNI)

President Droupadi Murmu today emphasized the need for caution in the use of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, 3D Printing, and Cloud Computing.

She said these innovations have significantly transformed the way we think and work.

Addressing the convocation ceremony of Ravenshaw University, the President remarked that this is an era of science and technology, and it is essential to remain vigilant about the misuse of these advanced tools.

Highlighting the historical significance of Ravenshaw College, she said it played a pivotal role during the freedom struggle and was closely linked to the movement for the formation of the state of Odisha.

The institution, she added, has



consistently contributed to the advancement of education and women's empowerment.

President Murmu noted that many illustrious alumni of Ravenshaw have brought pride to the na-

tion as freedom fighters, educationists, writers, philosophers, political leaders, social reformers, scientists, and artists.

She expressed happiness over the university's achievements in research, innovation, and inclusivity. The President acknowledged its collaborative efforts with industry partners through consultancy services and technology transfers.

She lauded the role of the university's 'Centre of Design, Innovation and Entrepreneurship' in promoting ideation, translational research, and entrepreneurial development.

The President also appreciated Ravenshaw's focus on increasing student enrollment from tribal areas, underprivileged communities, and persons with disabilities (divyangjan).