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**IndiGo Flight From Ahmedabad Reports Engine Fire Before Takeoff; All Passengers Safe**

**Ahmedabad:** An IndiGo flight carrying 60 passengers from Ahmedabad to Diu aborted takeoff at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport when one of its engines caught fire during the takeoff roll. Thanks to the quick response of the flight crew, a Mayday call was issued immediately, and the aircraft was evacuated safely before it could leave the ground. IndiGo confirmed the incident was caused by a technical malfunction and that the plane would undergo thorough maintenance before returning to service. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has launched a formal inquiry as this incident forms part of a recent rise in technical issues in India's aviation sector.

**Three arrested with arms in J&K's Bandipora, case lodged under UAPA**

**Srinagar:** Security forces apprehended three individuals in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district late Tuesday night and recovered arms and ammunition from their possession, officials said on Tuesday. The arrests were made at a checkpoint jointly set up by security forces. According to officials, the suspects attempted to flee upon spotting the naka, prompting a swift chase by personnel. "All three individuals were arrested and some arms and ammunition was recovered from their possession," officials said. A case has been registered at Police Station Aragam under relevant sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). Further investigation is currently underway.

**Three militants nabbed in Manipur**

**Imphal:** Manipur Police apprehended three militants in a crackdown on insurgent activities in the state. An active cadre of PREPAK (Pro) was arrested today from Imphal West district. "From his disclosure two other persons were also apprehended from their respective residences from Imphal West. Their mobile phones and wallets were seized for investigation," police said.

**Heavy rains lash Delhi-NCR, IMD issues red alert**

**New Delhi:** Heavy rains battered parts of Delhi-NCR today morning, causing waterlogging and traffic disruptions. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for the region, warning of moderate to heavy showers, thunderstorms, and gusty winds reaching speeds upto 30-40 kmph. Localities falling under the red alert include Preet Vihar, Shahdara, Seelampur, Vivek Vihar, Ghaziabad, Noida, Faridabad, Palwal, Hodal, Aligarh, Bulandshahr, and Mathura. An orange alert has also been issued for northwest and southwest Delhi, along with neighbouring regions in Haryana and Rajasthan, where light to moderate rain is expected.

**Over 2.2 cr SC students benefited from scholarship schemes in 5 years: Govt**

**New Delhi:** Over 2.2 crore students hailing from the Scheduled Caste category in the country have availed of the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme, while 20,340 students have benefited under the Top-Class Education Scheme over the last five years, the government informed the Rajya Sabha today. Financial assistance and scholarships extended under the PMS and the Top-Class Education Scheme for Scheduled Caste (SC) students have significantly improved access to higher education and contributed to elevating the academic standards among SC communities.

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## Gujarat ATS busts Al-Qaeda Module

**Four terror suspects arrested in multi-state operation**

**New Delhi:** In a significant triumph against terrorism, the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) has dismantled a module linked to the banned terror organization Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), arresting four individuals in a coordinated operation spanning Gujarat, Delhi, and Uttar Pradesh.

The arrests were made following simultaneous raids in Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Delhi, and Noida (Uttar Pradesh). Two of the apprehended suspects hail from Gujarat, one from Delhi, and another from Noida.

According to sources, all four suspects are between 20 and 25 years old. Preliminary investigations by the ATS indicate that these individuals were radicalized by Al-Qaeda's ideology and maintained contact through social media and suspicious applications. They were actively engaged in spreading extremist propaganda online and allegedly plotting terror attacks at multiple key locations across India. The objective, sources suggest, was to carry out bombings at vital installations.

The ATS suspects that their network extends to cross-border terror



**The arrested individuals have been identified as:**

- Mohammed Faiq (Son of Mohammed Rizwan), resident of Farashkhana, Delhi
- Mohammed Fardeen (Son of Mohammed Raees), resident of Fatehwadi, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Saifulla Qureshi (Son of Mohammed Rafiq), resident of Bhoiwada, Modasa, Gujarat
- Zeeshan Ali (Son of Asif Ali), resident of Noida Sector 63, Uttar Pradesh

organizations, from which they may have been receiving instructions and resources. The Gujarat ATS is currently conducting intensive interrogations of the four suspects to un-

cover further links and collaborators. This latest bust follows the arrest of four Bangladeshi nationals connected to Al-Qaeda in Gujarat last year, in 2023.

## Modi embarks on four-day visit to UK, Maldives to bolster bilateral ties

**New Delhi (UNI)**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today embarked on his four-day visit to the United Kingdom and the Maldives, expressing hope that the tour will bolster economic growth and deepen bilateral ties.

"Leaving for UK, a country with which our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership has achieved significant momentum in the last few years. I look forward to my talks with PM Keir Starmer and my meeting with His Majesty King Charles III," Modi said in his departure comments on X.

He said that with the UK, "our collaboration spans a wide range of sectors, including trade, investment, technology, innovation, defence, education, research, sustainability, health, and people-to-people ties."



Modi is scheduled to hold discussions with his British counterpart, Prime Minister Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer, with a focus on enhancing economic cooperation. "During my meeting with Prime Minister Starmer, we will have the opportunity to further enhance our economic partnership, aimed at fostering prosperity, growth, and job creation in both countries," Modi stated.

He is also expected to have an audience with His Majesty King Charles III during the visit. Following the engagements in London, Modi will proceed to Male at the invitation of Maldivian President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, to participate in events commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Maldives' Independence.

## EC starts preparations for Vice President's election



**New Delhi (UNI)**

Two days after Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned citing health reasons, the Election Commission of India has started preparations to conduct an election for the second highest constitutional post in the country. The central government on Tuesday notified the resignation of Dhankhar, an official communique issued here on Wednesday said.

"The election to the office of the Vice President of India is governed by The Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Act, 1952 and the rules made

thereunder, namely the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Rules, 1974.

Accordingly, the Election Commission of India has already started the preparations relating to the Vice-Presidential Elections, 2025," it said.

The election schedule, it said, would be declared once the required preparations are made by the Election Commission, the official document added. According to the constitution, to fill the vacant post of Vice President, in case the vacancy arises due to death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, the election is organised as early as possible.

The ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has a majority in both the houses of the parliament, which clearly gives it an upper hand in the election as votes from members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha decide it.

**Chhattisgarh BJP leader duped of Rs 41 Lakh in fake appointment racket**

**Raipur:** A senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader in Chhattisgarh has reportedly been defrauded of Rs 41.30 lakh by two individuals who promised to secure him the post of Chairman of the Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation.

The accused, including a woman from Maharashtra and her accomplice from Chhattisgarh, are currently absconding, police said.

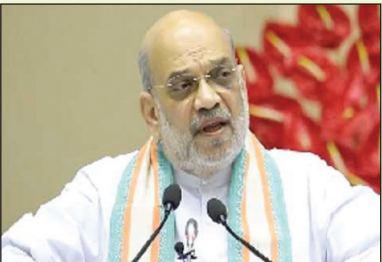
## Shah to unveil National Cooperative Policy 2025 today

**New Delhi (UNI)**

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperative Amit Shah will announce the National Cooperative Policy 2025 here on Thursday.

The new cooperative policy will prove to be a milestone in the cooperative movement of India for the next two decades from 2025-45, an official statement said here today.

The new cooperative policy 2025 aims to revive and modernise the cooperative sector as well as realise the vision of prosperity through co-operation by creating a roadmap at



the grassroots level.

In 2002, the country's first National Cooperative Policy was issued, which gave a basic framework

## Speeding car mows down Kanwar pilgrims

**CM Announces compensation**

**Gwalior:** In a heartbreaking incident late Tuesday night, a speeding and uncontrolled car ran over a group of Kanwar pilgrims walking on foot along the Gwalior-Shivpuri Link Road, killing four devotees and leaving two others in critical condition. The accident occurred near Sheetla Mata Tiraaha.

**Midnight pilgrimage turns fatal**

The victims, all residents of Sidana village in Gwalior district, were returning from Bhadawna after collecting holy water for the ritual of Jalabhishek. A group of over a dozen Kanwar pilgrims had started their return journey on foot when, around 12:30 AM, a high-speed car coming from Shivpuri lost control—reportedly after a tyre burst—and plowed into six pilgrims before overturning on the roadside.



abled by complicit state sponsorship.

In a pointed response to Pakistan, Harish drew a stark contrast between the two nations. "On one side stands India — a vibrant democracy, an ascending economy, and a pluralistic society.

for better management of the economic activities of cooperative institutions. In the last 20 years, many major changes have taken place in the society, country and the world due to globalization and technological advancement. Keeping these changes in mind, it became necessary to formulate a new policy, so that cooperative institutions can be made more active and useful in the current economic scenario and the role of the cooperative sector can be strengthened in achieving the goal of "Viksit Bharat 2047".



## Parliament disrupted for third straight day amid ruckus

**New Delhi (UNI)**

For the third consecutive day today, both Houses of Parliament were adjourned after Opposition members created a ruckus in support of their demands, including demanding withdrawal of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in Bihar.

As soon as the Lok Sabha resumed at 2 PM, presiding officer Krishna Prasad Tenneti began the proceedings, but the Opposition members stormed into the well of the House shouting slogans.

Appealing to the protesting members, Tenneti asked them to allow the House to consider the important bill related to the reservation of seats for Scheduled Tribe members in the Goa Legislative Assembly.

**► Rahul Gandhi presses Modi on Trump's ceasefire claims**

**New Delhi:** Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, today intensified his criticism of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, questioning his persistent silence on President Donald Trump's repeated assertions of mediating a ceasefire between India and Pakistan.

Speaking to reporters, Gandhi highlighted Trump's numerous claims, "What statement will the Prime Minister give? He can't say Trump mediated the ceasefire. But the truth is, Trump did, and the world knows it." Gandhi emphasized that Trump has claimed credit over 25 times, yet Modi has offered

no response. "Who is Trump to broker a ceasefire? That's not his job. Yet, Modi hasn't answered. You can't run from this truth."

He emphasised that since this is a matter concerning tribal communities, all members should cooperate. He also pointed out that two days had already been wasted due to the ongoing disruptions. He told the protesting Opposition members, "You have come with placards — this is not appropriate. You don't want to discuss the bill related to the tribes of Goa."

Despite repeated appeals from Tenneti, the commotion continued, prompting him to adjourn the House for the day. Earlier, due to the Opposition's uproar in the Lok Sabha demanding the withdrawal of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in Bihar, the Question Hour and Zero Hour could not be held.

Meanwhile, Trump keeps saying he brokered the ceasefire. Clearly, something is amiss." Gandhi further accused the Modi government of weakening India's foreign policy, stating, "Not a single country has supported us. The Modi government has decimated our foreign policy."

**4 dead, 2 critically injured**



**Victims identified, two battling for life**

Three pilgrims—Dharmendra Banjara, Ramesh Banjara, and Dinesh Banjara—died on the spot. A fourth, Pooran Banjara, succumbed

to injuries at the hospital. Prahlad Banjara and Baba Banjara remain critically injured.

**Car seized, suspects on the run**

Police teams from three stations responded quickly, recovered the victims' bodies from roadside bushes, and seized the overturned vehicle. CSP Hina Khan confirmed that a tyre burst caused the vehicle to veer off course, leading to the tragedy. The occupants fled immediately after the crash. Police have identified the car owner through registration details, and an arrest is expected soon.

**CM expresses grief, announces compensation**

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav expressed deep sorrow over the tragedy and extended condolences to the grieving families. He announced an ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh each for the families of the deceased pilgrims.

## Dr. Kothari removed from environment department amid controversy

**Farewell from ministry, made PS to Governor**

**Administrative Correspondent Bhopal:** Following a prolonged and escalating dispute with the Chairman of SIYA, Dr. Navneet Mohan Kothari has been removed from his post as Principal Secretary, Environment Department. Acting on the directions of Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, the state government has now transferred Dr. Kothari to the Raj Bhavan as Principal Secretary to the Governor.

**Tensions with SIYA Chairman triggered transfer**

The controversy began when SIYA Chairman Shivrinarayan Singh Chauhan accused Dr. Kothari of bypassing regulations and issuing environment-related clearances within SIYA's jurisdiction without proper coordination. Chauhan even recommended an FIR against officials in the Environment Department.

The situation worsened on July 14, when Dr. Kothari had the SIYA office sealed, intensifying tensions. The matter quickly escalated to Chief Secretary Anurag Jain, who informed the Chief Minister—then abroad—of



**Dr. Navneet Mohan Kothari**

the incident. Dr. Yadav immediately ordered the reopening of the office, which was executed the same day.

However, the conflict between Dr. Kothari and the SIYA chairman continued to make headlines, ultimately prompting the Chief Minister to intervene and order Kothari's removal from the department. Dr. Kothari was also holding the additional charge of Environment Commissioner and Director General of EPCO (Environmental Planning and Coordination Organisation).

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