cry, Raut asked.

10 students injured in road accident in J&K's Baramulla

Srinagar: At least 11 students of Army Goodwill School (AGS) were injured today after a mini bus hired by the school overturned at Íjara Pehlipora in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir. The injured were rushed to the Government Medical College (GMC) Baramulla, said an official. "All injured stu-dents were immediately shifted to Government Medical College (GMC) Baramulla for treatment. Their condition is stated to be stable," he said. Police have taken cognizance of the incident and further investigation is un-

Heavy landslide disrupts traffic near Old Kangra **Ghat on National Highway**

Kàngra: A massive landslide near the Old Kangra Ghat on the Kàngra Hoshiyarpur National Highway severely disrupted vehicular traffic, causing significant inconvenience to long-distance travellers late this evening. People heading towards Kangra were seen risking their lives by crossing the debris on foot, even as stones continued to fall intermittently from the hillside. According to reports, a major accident was narrowly averted when a truck driver approaching the landslide site sensed the danger and applied brakes just in time. As a result, vehicles were lined up on both sides of the road, leading to a traffic jam.

Shiv Sena leader urges **Deputy CM Shinde to** relax reservation rules for small plot holders

Pune: Anand Goyal, Pune city organizer of Shiv Sena today urged Deputy Chief Minister and Urban Development Minister, Eknath Shinde, to ease the mandatory reservation of "amenity space" for small plot owners, a rule that he claims is creating significant challenges for economically disadvantaged citizens seeking to build their homes. Goyal highlighted that even when a large plot of land is subdivided into smaller plots of less than 2 hectares, the rule requiring the reservation of amenity space based on the total land area recorded in the 7/12 extract still applies. He further argued that this rule has made construction on smaller plots both difficult and unaffordable

Drone tech boost for fisheries underway: Govt

New Delhi: A prototype drone is being developed by ICAR-Cen-tral Inland Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CIFRI) for transportation of fish and shrimp from production centre to market with a capacity of 70 kg payload under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada (PMMSY), the Government told Rajya Sabha today. Fisheries Research Institutes under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have initiated research programmes on drones and expanding its uses to collect water samples for analysis from openwater bodies and difficult terrains; distribution of feed and medicines into culture systems; biomass estimation; health monitoring, etc, said Union Minister of State, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, George Kurian, in a written reply in Rajya Sabha. The Department of Fisheries has constituted a technical committee to formulate the Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) on application of drone technology in fisheries and aquaculture, said the Minister.

SP chief Akhilesh's reported meeting in a mosque create

political row Lucknow: Politics in Uttar Pradesh heated up today following a reported meeting held by Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilésh Yadav inside a mosque near Parliament House in Delhi on Tuesday. Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya hit out at the SP chief saying the party always violated the Constitution. "The Indian Constitution says we cannot use religious places for political purposes. They do not believe in the Constitution; they al-

ways remain Namaazwadi. VS: The fighter, inquirer, learner and dreamer

Thiruvananthapuram: Passing away of former Chief Minister and Marxist stalwart V.S. Achuthanandan marks the end of a political era, defined by struggle, strife, and a relentless march toward Kerala's social progress.

AAP slams BJP's 'hollow claims' on waterlogging in Delhi

In a role reversal for the BJP and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the ruling saffron outfit is facing criticism on waterlogging in the national capital, with several leaders from the previous government, including former chief minister Atishi, questioning claims of the present dispensa-

The National Capital Region has been experiencing moderate to heavy rains for the past few days that has caused waterlogging in several areas, leading to massive traffic

The AAP has questioned the Rekha Gupta-led government's plan-

"Chief Minister Rekha Gupta ji, where is your proper planning? You made big claims in the media about tackling waterlogging, but today, entire Delhi is drowning, and you're relaxing in your grand palace. The public is now swimming on the roads and inviting all BJP leaders to



join them for a swim," the AAP said

The AAP's comments came as Delhi was lashed by rains that

in waterlogging at many places in the national capital, and disrupting the normal life.

Since roads were flooded, and residents posted videos of people swimming on them, the AAP reposted those videos on various so-

cial media platforms, Former Delhi Chief Minister Atishi took a jibe at her successor, "Many congratulations to Chief Minister Rekha Gupta for starting so many swimming pools in Del-

AAP leader Saurabh BhardwaJ, commenting on the flooded roads, said, "free water sports".

Former AAP corporator Geeta Rawat, posted a video of herself in the middle of a submerged road, and asked where local "reel-mak-

ing MLA" Ravinder Singh Negi was. "This is the same NH 24 in Patparganj where you were rowing a boat two years ago. The boat is still rowing today. This means you have failed," she said in the caption.

Maha Minister Kokate must resign: Sanjay Raut

Mumbai: Shiv Sena (UBT) MP San jay Raut has strongly demanded the resignation of Maharashtra Agricul ture Minister Manikrao Kokate questioning why the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Ministers are reluctant to seek his resignation de-

spite widespread outrage.
What is stopping the CM and DCM from asking for Kokate's resignation, even after such public out-

In any case, Kokate must resign, and the CM and DCM must ensure it happens, he insisted.

The controversy erupted after a video went viral sȟowing Manikrao Kokate allegedly playing rummy on his mobile phone during an ongo-ing legislative session. The video was released by NCP (Sharad Pawar faction) MLA Rohit Pawar.

The incident sparked widespread criticism and demands for Kokate's resignation. Kokate later held a press conference to present his side

UP CM Yogi Adityanath performs Rudrabhishek at Mansarovar Temple on Sawan Shivratri



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath performed Rudrabhishek at the Mansarovar temple in Adhiyari Bagh on the occasion of Shravan Shiv-

Observed on the Chaturdashi of Krishna Paksha during the holy month of cant day when devotees seek the blessings of Lord Shiva for health, happiness, and prosperity.

At the revered temple, the chief minister, , who is also the Goraksha Peethadishwar (chief of cow protection) performed Rudrabhishek with water, cow milk, and sugarcane juice following an offering of sacred items, including Bilva Patra, lotus flowers, Durva grass, and other traditional ma-A priest from the Gorakhnath Tem-

ple conducted the ceremony, reciting Mahamantras from the Rudrashtadhyayi of the Shukla Yajurveda Samhita. The chief minister also performed a havan and aarti, as Vedic chants echoed through the premises.

Kiran Kher in trouble: Chandigarh admin issues Rs 13 lakh notice for unpaid govt house rent

Chandigarh (UNI)

Former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Kiran Kher has been served a notice by the Chandigarh administration for failing to clear a hefty outstanding licence fee of Rs 12,76,418. The dues pertain to a government house (T-6/23) allotted to her in Sector 7 during her tenure as an MP.

The notice, issued by the Assistant Controller (F&A) Rents, was delivered to her residence at House No. 65, Sector 8-A, on June 24, 2025.

The notice demands immediate payment of the pending amount, which includes the original licence fee (rent) along with substantial penalties of up to 100% and 200% on



certain components. The administration has warned that failure to settle the dues within the stipulated time will attract an additional 12% annual interest on the total outstanding amount.

Kher has been instructed to make the payment through a demand draft or bank transfer, but only after verifying the details with the cashier to

This development has raised eye brows, as Kher, a prominent public figure known for her contributions to both politics and the entertainment industry, now faces scrutiny over the unpaid dues. The administration's strict stance underscores its commitment to recovering outstanding amounts from allottees of government properties, regardless of their

Keel Laying Ceremony of Yard 16401

New Delhi: The keel-laying ceremony of Yard 16401, first of 06 Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPVs) was held at M/s Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Mumbai on 22 Jul 25. The cereby ĎIG RĤ Nandodkar, TM, CSO (Tech), CGRHQ (NW), in the presence of A Vinod, Executive Director (Ship Building), MDL and other senior officials from the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and MDL. The contract for the

construction of 06 Next Generation OPVs was con-20 Dec 23. cluded on With a range of 5,000 nautical miles and measuring 117 meters in length having a strength of 11 officers



and 110 men, the ship will be capable of achieving a maximum speed of 23 knots. It will also feature state-of-the-art machinery and advanced technological systems, including AI-based predictive maintenance systems, Remote Piloted Drones, Integrated Bridge System (IBS), and Integrated Platform Management System (IPMS). This ship is being indigenously designed, developed, and constructed by MDL under the Buy (Indian-IDDM) category, in line with the Gol's vision of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat.

The project underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defence production and will significantly contribute to strengthening the nation's strategic autonomy. This initiative marks a key milestone in ICG's ongoing efforts to enhance its operational capabilities and bolstering Coastal Security. The addition of new fleet of NGOPVs will further ensure strengthening the ICG's role in safeguarding India's maritime inter-

UP's tourism sector thrives, set to add Rs 70,000 cr to state's economy

Tourism is fast emerging as a key engine of Uttar Pradesh's economic growth. Officials on Wednesday said as per the estimates by 2028, tourist arrivals in the state are projected to reach 80 crore, with the sector's economic contribution expected to touch Rs 70,000 crore — boosting allied industries such as hospitality and transport, and creating local jobs.

Even excluding the extraordinary influx of 66.30 crore pilgrims during the Prayagraj Mahakumbh, Uttar Pradesh has witnessed a significant rise in tourist arrivals, particularly from domestic travelers. În 2023, the state welcomed 48 crore visitors, with Ayodhya, Varanasi, Mathura, and Prayagraj alone drawing 28.79 crore

Officials said so far in 2025, tourist footfall in these four spiritual hubs has surged to 41.56 crore, underscoring UP's growing stature as a premier destination for religious and cultural tourism. With the inclusion of Ma hakumbh visitors and their reverse movement, total tourist numbers in 2025 are expected to reach record breaking highs.

Projections indicate that by 2028 overall tourist arrivals in the state could climb to 80 crore. Officials said the state is rapidly emerging as a ma jor tourism hub, with cities like Varanasi, Ayodhya, Mathura, Praya graj, Naimisharanya, Gorakhpur, and Vindhyachal (Mirzapur) becoming key destinations.

The Central government has also identified four cities from the state -Varanasi, Ayodhya, Lucknow, and Kanpur — as high-potential cities for development. These cities now enjoy world-class connectivity, thanks to the combined efforts of the "double-

engine government".

Now direct train service from Chandigarh to **Udaipur**

Kurukshetra/Kaithal: A much awaited dream for residents of Kurukshetra and Kaithal region has finally come true. 'Udaipur City -Chaundi-garh Dwisiki Dwishik Express' has got the approval of the Ministry of

Now this important train service will go directly to Chandigarh via Kurukshetra and Kaithal, which will benefit thousands of passengers.

This decision will not only make the journey of passengers easier, but will also open the doors of new possibilities in the field of regional tourism, trade and education. The expansion of the train will get direct rail connectivity from major cities like Ajmer, Chittorgarh and Udaipur to towne like Kaithal Pibowa Ladwa to towns like Kaithal, Pihowa, Ladwa, Shahabad, Thanesar. There is a wave of happiness and enthusiasm in the area after the proposal was approved by the Ministry of Railways.

Indian scientists develop affordable nano-sensor to detect deadly infections in minutes

A team of scientists from the Cali-cut-based National Institute of Technology under the Department of Science and Technology (DST) has developed a highly sensitive, low-cost, portable device for accurately detecting endotoxins that causes sepsis.

Sepsis is a serious medical condition caused by an infection that can lead to multiple organ failure, shock and even death. Early and accurate diagnosis is crucial for timely therapeutic intervention and improving patient outcomes, which in turn directly impact mortality rates. Early diagnosis is possible with the precise and sensitive detection of specific biomarkers.

Endotoxin, a toxic component of the outer membrane of Gram-negative bacteria, acts as a key biomarker, signalling the presence of an in-



fection that could lead to sepsis.

However, its detection could be easier now with the scientists developing eight distinct sensor architectures and a sensitive, low-cost, portable device that can be used at the bedside of the patient in near future, said a statement from the DST.

Seven of them developed by Dr. N. Sandhyarani, Professor, NIT and her team employed electrochemical detection and one utilized optical detection. "In all the sensors, appropriately modified nanomaterials

such as gold atomic clusters or nanoparticles, CuO, or Cu nanoclusters, MoS2, reduced graphene oxide, or carbon nanotubes were used for enhancing the sensitivity,"

said the statement.
In a paper published in the journal Langmuir, the team has demonstrated a highly sensitive electrochemical sensor chip designed for the selective detection of Lipopolysaccharide (LPS), which is compatible with a portable analyzer for on-site detection. The sensor is fabricated using functionalized CNT (fCNT) and copper(I) oxide nanoparticles (Cu2O)

The specific binding of endotox-in to LPS-binding Aptamers or polymyxin B was used to improve selectivity. All the sensors have exhibited high selectivity and detected endotoxin in the presence of other interfering compounds.

HC orders action against encroachments on Kiratpur-Manali four-lane

Shimla: The Himachal Pradesh High Court has directed the Deputy Commissioners of Bilaspur, Mandi, and Kullu districts to initiate immediate action against illegal constructions and submit compliance reports be-

fore the next hearing. A division bench comprising Chief Justice G.S. Sandhawalia and Justice Ranjan Sharma observed that if encroachments on this highway built at a cost of crores are not checked, its utility will be severely

compromised. Bilaspur Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar, on Monday, filed an affidavit in compliance with the court's July 1, 2025, order and offered an unconditional apology. He informed the court that 49 encroachments have already been removed in Bilaspur district, including 4 in Sadar, 14 in Ghumarwin, 29 in Jhanduta, and 2 in Nainadevi.

India sending medical team to treat victims of Dhaka plane crash

India is sending a team of burnspecialist doctors and nurses to Dhaka to treat the victims of the devastating plane crash, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced

today.

"The team with necessary medical support are scheduled to visit Dhaka shortly to treat the victims.",

said the statement issued tonight. They will make an assessment of the condition of patients with recommendation for further treatment and specialised care in India as necessary." the statement added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has condoled the loss of lives in the tragic air crash on July 21 in Dhaka and conveyed assurances of support and assistance.



The Bangladesh Air Force training jet crashed into Milestone School and College in Dhaka's Uttara neighborhood killing at least 31 people, including 25 children, and injuring more than 170 others. The crash occurred shortly after takeoff due to a mechanical failure, military officials

The Chinese-made F-7 BGI jet took off from A.K. Khandaker Air Force Base at 1:06 p.m. local time (0706 GMT) for a routine training mission. Moments later, the aircraft experienced a technical malfunc-

The pilot attempted to steer it toward a less populated area, but the jet struck a two-story building on the school campus, triggering a massive explosion and fire. The pilot was among those killed. Authorities continue to investigate the mechanical failure that led to the tragedy.

Dy CM Udhayanidhi Stalin to inaugurate IN2TN IP Conclave on July 30

Chennai (UNI)
Tamil Nadu Deputy
Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin will inaugurate the 1st "Innovate in Tamil Nadu (IN2TN) IP

Conclave" here on July 30. The Conclave "Intellectual Powerhouse: Transforming Tamil Nadu into the Innovation Capi-tal of India" and hosted by Tamil Nadu

Technology (iTNT) Hub aims to foster industry-Academia collaborations. "Intellectual Property (IP) is the cornerstone for Deep Tech and Emerging Tech startups. Over the last three vears, Tamil Nadu has been the leader in patent filing in India with 20,000+,

mote IP commercialization; showcase

mainly driven by Deep Tech innovations. IN2TN is curated to enhance IP awareness; facilitate tech transfer; pro-



tions," TN IT Minister Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan

Detailing the high-lights of the IP conclave, iTNT in an official release today said academia's role in pioneering cut-ting-edge technologies and preparing the next generation of innovators;

How corporates can leverage open in novation models to adopt new technologies; Exploring how emerging technologies can connect academia & industry, driving global innovation; Shed insights into evaluating patent strength as a critical factor for investment in deep-tech startups and ex-plore latest developments in international intellectual property, key trends, challenges, strategies for effective IP protection, and commercial-















