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### Three-year-old girl dies after falling under school bus

**Jayashankar Bhupalapally:** A tragic incident occurred in Ambatipalli village of Mahadevpur Mandal on Tuesday morning, where a three-year-old girl lost her life after falling under a private school bus. According to police, the child's mother, Bhagya, had brought her two children to the bus stop — her son Anivith, who was boarding the school bus, and her daughter Sriharshini (3), who accompanied them. In the commotion, Sriharshini accidentally slipped and fell under the bus, resulting in her death on the spot. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation into the incident.

### Teen drowns in Ghaghara River on Naag Panchami

**Ambedkar Nagar:** A tragic incident unfolded on the occasion of Naag Panchami as a teenager drowned while bathing in the Ghaghara (Saryu) River along with his elder brother on Tuesday morning. Despite efforts by local authorities, the boy remains missing, prompting officials to call in a rescue team from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) based in Gorakhpur. The incident took place near the Ram Bagh Ghat under the Jahangirganj area. Nitin Jaiswal, a resident of Shahzerpur village in Phoolpur, Azamgarh, had been living with his maternal grandparents in Ganpatpur since the death of his father Dharmendra Jaiswal before his birth.

### Cong Govt ensuring food security for 3.15 cr people in elangana: Uttam Kumar Reddy

**Huzurnagar:** Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday said that the Congress government is delivering unmatched food security, nutrition, and social justice to over 3.15 crore people—more than 80 percent of the state's population. During a day-long tour of the undivided Nalgonda district, Reddy distributed new ration cards across several constituencies, including Peddavooru, Huzurnagar, Kattangur, Bhudan Pochampally, and Alair.

### SRly gets new DRM

**Chennai:** Mr Shailendra Singh, an officer of the 1995 batch of the Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers (IRSSE), today assumed charge as the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of Southern Railway, Chennai Division. Mr Shailendra Singh brings with him a wealth of experience spanning key technical and administrative roles across Indian Railways. He has previously served as Additional Divisional Railway Manager (ADRM) in the Secunderabad Division and as General Manager at RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RCIL), Secunderabad, according to a Railway release.

### Station master killed in hit-and-run accident

**Unnao:** In a tragic road accident, a 32-year-old man, posted as a station master, died when he was hit by a speeding dumper while returning home on his motorcycle late last night, in the Hasanpur police station area of Unnao district. The victim, identified as Kuldeep Yadav, was a resident of Gudhariya village in the Kakori police station area of Lucknow district, according to reports. Yadav was posted as a station master at the Sonik-Ajgain Railway Station in Unnao.

### Bihar Cabinet approves amended Journalist Pension Scheme

**Patna:** The Bihar Cabinet today approved the amended Journalist Pension Scheme, formation of Bihar Sanitation Workers Commission along with the approval of 41 proposals of various sectors, including youth welfare, sports, dairy development, education, and urban infrastructure. After the cabinet meeting held under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, the Additional Chief Secretary (Cabinet) S. Siddharth told news persons here that the Cabinet approved amendments to the Bihar Journalist Pension Rules, aimed at improving financial support for eligible journalists.

# Monsoon havoc deepens in Himachal

## 3 dead, public utilities crippled as Mandi receives 198.6 mm rainfall

Shimla (UNI)

Relentless monsoon fury continues to devastate Himachal Pradesh, claiming three more lives in Mandi town early Tuesday and leaving a trail of destruction across multiple districts.

With 14 people rescued from a submerged building, the monsoon death toll has now climbed to 167, with 34 people still missing since the rains began on June 20.

Mandi recorded a staggering 198.6 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours, the highest in the state, prompting flash floods and landslides.

A building near Jail Road was flooded with muck and silt-laden water around 3 AM, trapping its occupants. Three people died in the incident, while 14 others were rescued after a prompt operation by local authorities.

This comes weeks after cloud-



bursts in Bugshaid and Tunag devastated the town on June 30 and July 1.

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu expressed deep grief over the deaths caused by the cloud-bursts and said that district officers

reached the site immediately to supervise rescue and relief efforts. He directed the administration to provide all possible assistance to the affected families and assured them of the government's full support.

## Special Court set to rule on 2008 Malegaon Bombing Thursday



Mumbai (UNI)

Nearly 17 years after a fatal explosion tore through the communally sensitive town of Malegaon, a special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court will finally deliver its verdict this Thursday, July 31.

The 2008 blast, occurring on September 29 during the holy month of

Ramzan and coinciding with the Navratri festival eve, claimed six lives and left 100 others injured in the Muslim-majority town in Maharashtra's Nashik district.

The protracted legal journey reaches a pivotal moment after the court reserved its orders on April 19. While initially directing the seven accused to appear on May 8 for the judgement, the pronouncement was subsequently rescheduled for July 31.

The complex investigation saw initial handling by the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS), led by the late Special Inspector General Hemant Karkare, who was later killed during the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks. The ATS filed its chargesheet in 2009.

## Five TN fishermen arrested by SL Navy

**Chennai:** In yet another instance, five Tamil Nadu fishermen were arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy today for fishing in their territorial waters, even as Chief Minister M K Stalin, expressing deep anguish over the continuance of such incidents, urged External Affairs Minister (EAM) Dr S Jaishankar to take diplomatic steps to secure their release along with their boats. Police said the five fishermen, hailing from Rameswaram in Ramanathapuram districts, were fishing near Neduntheevu on the high seas, when they were arrested by the Lankan Navy personnel for crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line (IM-BL) and fishing in their waters. The fishermen had ventured into the sea last night when they were arrested this morning and their mechanised boat was seized by the Lankan Navy and taken to Sri Lanka.

## TIPRA Motha stages protest demanding release of supporters

### Involved in attacking BJP leaders



Agartala (UNI)

The ruling BJP's ally in Tripura government, TIPRA Motha, today staged a protest rally in Asarambari in Khowai district, demanding the release of three of its supporters who were remanded to police custody for attacking a BJP gathering on July 27

in Taksapara village during the broadcast of PM's Mann Ki Baat.

Local BJP leaders alleged that the TIPRA Motha leadership was pressuring the homeowner, where the BJP program was held and attacked, to withdraw the FIR filed against a group of TIPRA Motha workers, including the three detained individuals.

According to local sources, another group of Motha supporters has also been threatening the victim's family to withdraw from the legal fight. This comes after Motha founder Pradyot Kishore Debbarman, during a Facebook Live session, urged tribal communities to unite for his mission to secure the rights and privileges of indigenous people.



All these names will definitely be struck off," he said.

Clarifying his reference to "infiltrators," the BJP MLA from Nandigram said that Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs, and Christians who had

## UP set to become first state to get AI-driven road safety experiment

**Lucknow:** Uttar Pradesh is going to be the first state in the country for an AI-driven road-safety experiment. The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Government of India, has issued a formal No-Objection for the Uttar Pradesh Transport Department's Artificial-Intelligence (AI) and Big-Data Analytics-based Road-Safety Pilot Project.

This is the first AI-driven road-safety experiment ever undertaken by a state transport department in the country. The pilot project will be implemented at zero cost (Pro Bono) by the public-sector enterprise ITI Limited in partnership with the global technology firm mLogica. The UP government has already earmarked Rs 10 crore in its 2025-26 budget to establish a 'data-driven administrative model' for the Transport Department, officials said today.

cancel the death sentence that was temporarily suspended earlier."

However, official sources have indicated that this information is not accurate.



## Inaccurate info being circulated in Nimisha Priya case: Official sources

New Delhi (UNI)

Amid reports about cancellation of the death sentence of Nimisha Priya—an Indian national sentenced to death in 2020 by a Yemeni court for the murder of her business partner, Talal Abdo Mahdi—official sources today said such information was inaccurate and did not reflect the current status of the matter.

Recently, a statement from the office of Indian grand mufti Kanthapuram AP Abubacker Musliyar claimed that "the death sentence of Nimisha Priya, which was previously suspended, has been overturned." The statement further said that a high-level meeting held in Sanaa had decided to "completely

## Heavy rainfall affects life in Manipur

**Imphal:** Heavy rainfall lashed the state, affecting normal lives.

Hundreds of families were affected as their houses were inundated by water specially in Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Senapati, Bishnupur, Kakching districts.

According to a state official, about 24 to 26 mm rainfall was recorded in the state.

All the rivers were flowing at normal levels.

According to a resident of Wangkhei the problems were largely due to the absence of a proper drainage system, which has resulted in waterlogging. The water has to be drained out using pumps, he added.

Some roads were also under water; hence, traffic was diverted.

## Vadodara boat capsizes: SC orders Rs 1.2 crore compensation for harni lake Boat tragedy victims



"Taking note of the submission, the Deputy Collector, Vadodara shall release the aforesaid sums to the parents of the deceased children and the family members of the two deceased teachers on a rational basis," the Court ordered. The disbursement is to

## Ludhiana hosts ceremony to mark revival of bullock cart races

**Chandigarh:** Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann today attended a felicitation ceremony in Mahima Singh Wala village, Ludhiana, to celebrate the revival of traditional bullock cart races.

Addressing the gathering, CM Mann emphasised the state government's commitment to preserving Punjab's cultural heritage, stating that the iconic Kila Raipur games, held since 1933, are a vital part of Punjab's legacy.

"Who are we to stop these traditions?," he remarked.

Mann highlighted his government's efforts to protect heritage and acquire private institutions, contrasting this with previous administrations that sold off public institutions by showing them as loss-making.

He also announced that traditional games involving dogs and pigeons would be permitted, provided they remain free of any drug-related activities.

be completed within six weeks.

In a significant relief to the contractor firm, the apex court stayed the Gujarat High Court's order that had directed M/s Kotia Projects to deposit nearly Rs 4 crore as full compensation for the victims of the tragedy.

The Supreme Court issued notice on the Special Leave Petition (SLP) filed by the contractor challenging the High Court's decision, which held the firm solely liable and rejected its plea to involve insurance providers and joint venture partners.

The State of Gujarat informed the Court that the compensation amount was calculated using principles from the Motor Vehicles Act, in the absence of any specific legislation dealing with compensation in boat accident cases.

## Convicted murderer arrested after 41 yrs on run in Bulandshahr

**Bulandshahr:** In a significant breakthrough, the Kotwali Dehat police have arrested a convict who had been absconding for 41 years after being sentenced to life imprisonment in a murder case.

The convict, Sardar Khan, was apprehended on Monday from his residence in Gangrua village, acting on a tip-off from an informant. Confirming the arrest on Tuesday, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Dinesh Kumar Singh said that a murder occurred on January 5, 1981.

Sardar Khan, along with co-accused Irshad (son of Sahib Dadkhan) and Pappu Tyagi (resident of Walipura Nahar), had stabbed Ganesh Dutt of Gangrua village to death following a dispute that broke out while consuming alcohol.



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Referring to the recent case involving his son-in-law Pranjal Khe-walkar, Khadse claimed that the so-called rave party was a planned conspiracy to malign his image. "Why am I being defamed to such an extent? What exactly is the reason behind this campaign?" he questioned.

## Former minister Khadse slams govt, police over rave party allegations

Jalgaon (UNI)

Former Maharashtra Minister Eknath Khadse has launched a scathing attack on the state government and police, questioning the legitimacy of calling a private gathering of seven people a 'rave party'.

"There was no music, no lighting, no dancing. If this is what defines a rave party, then even a group of five to seven people at any home would be considered a rave party," Khadse said, addressing a press conference.

Khadse expressed outrage over police surveillance despite having never used narcotics. "Why are the police keeping tabs on me? Even during my press conference, two plainclothed officers were present. I even saw police standing outside my house. Are they going to sit on my shoulders now?" he asked sarcastically.

## City mosques halt Fajr Azan loudspeakers

**Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar:** Mosque committees across Aurangabad have unanimously decided to suspend the use of loudspeakers for the pre-dawn Fajr Azan at nearly all city mosques. The action implements the Supreme Court's directive prohibiting widespread religious calls using loudspeakers between 10 pm and 6 am.

The landmark decision follows intensive consultations between Police Commissioner Praveen Pawar and religious leaders, forging an amicable solution to a potentially contentious issue. It comes in response to the Supreme Court's May 13 verdict, which imposed time restrictions on loudspeaker use for religious purposes to balance funda-

mental religious rights with citizens' right to undisturbed rest during night hours.

Commissioner Pawar had proactively issued comprehensive instructions to all religious institutions, including mosques, temples, gurudwaras and churches, urging voluntary compliance with the court's order.

Demonstrating early initiative, many mosque committees removed external loudspeakers between July 22 and July 24, even before formal implementation began. Religious leaders acknowledged the legal requirement, expressing their commitment to maintaining the sanctity of the call to prayer through alternative means.