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Man kills three daughters, ends life due to mounting debts

Chennai: In a shocking incident, a 36-year-old man hacked to death his three young daughters and later committed suicide at Rasipuram in Namakkal district of Tamil Nadu due to mounting debts. Police sources said Govindaraj had borrowed higher amount as loans for constructing a new House. Unable to pay them back, he was facing huge debts and was in a depressed condition. Late last night, he hacked his daughters Prakithi (9), Rthika (7) and Devasri (3) to hacked to death and later committed suicide by consuming poison. The incident came to light this morning. Police acting on information, broke open the doors and retrieved the bodies and shifted them to government hospital for post mortem.

Telangana minister meets Nitin Gadkari

New Delhi/Hyderabad: Telangana Roads and Buildings Minister Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy met Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi today to discuss the progress of national highway projects in Telangana and seek central support for key initiatives. The meeting was attended by MPs Suresh Shetkar, Gaddam Vamsi Krishna, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Raghurami Reddy, and government special representative Jitender Reddy. During the discussions, the minister requested central assistance for the double-decker corridor being constructed from LB Nagar to Hayat Nagar on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada National Highway. He also sought support for the greenfield highway project connecting Hyderabad and Amaravati.

CBI arrests MCD official in bribe case

New Delhi: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) today said that they have apprehended an Upper Division clerk of MCD Nazafgarh Zone for allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 50,000 from a man for releasing his gratuity amount. The CBI registered the case yesterday against the accused Upper Division Clerk (UDC) Dal Chand on allegations that the accused demanded 10 percent of the total amount i.e. Rs. 8,38,565/- as a bribe from the complainant for releasing the gratuity amount and if he (complainant) did not pay the bribe money than the remaining rest balance will also not be released. After negotiation, the accused agreed to accept the bribe amount of Rs. 50,000 as a reward for releasing the gratuity amount of Rs. 8,38,565 and also for processing the release of the remaining gratuity amount.

SBI ATM theft attempt foiled

Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar: Four unidentified thieves fled after a failed attempt to steal an ATM from a State Bank of India branch in Shahnoorwadi, Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar, Maharashtra, police said today. A case has been registered under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita sections pertaining to theft, mischief, and criminal conspiracy. According to officials, the group arrived in an SUV between 3 am and 4 am yesterday. They tried to pull out the cash machine by attaching it to their vehicle with a yellow belt. When this method proved unsuccessful, they damaged CCTV cameras inside the ATM cabin and attempted to pry open the dispenser using screwdrivers before ultimately abandoning the heist.

Mother gets life term for killing minor daughter

Shimla: A Nahan court has sentenced a mother to life imprisonment for murdering her minor daughter. The court of Additional Sessions Judge Gaurav Mahajan on Tuesday pronounced this sentence after declaring the accused, Aruna Chauhan, guilty. The verdict was pronounced under Sections 302 and 182 of the Indian Penal Code. According to Public Prosecutor Rashmi Sharma, on the night of 2 November 2020, the accused brutally beat his daughter with an iron rod in the bathroom of his house in Paonta Sahib, causing serious injuries to the girl. After this, she was locked in the bathroom. The next day, on November 3, the accused took the girl to the hospital, where doctors declared her dead.

NDA resolution hails armed forces for Op Sindoor & Mahadev

Lauds Modi leadership

New Delhi (UNI)

The ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) today unanimously passed a resolution celebrating the success of Operation Sindoor and Operation Mahadev. “The NDA Parliamentary Party salutes the unmatched courage and unwavering commitment of our armed forces, who showed heroic valour during Operation Sindoor and Operation Mahadev. Their courage highlights their unflinching devotion to protecting our nation. We pay our deepest condolences and respect to those who lost their lives in the Pahalgam terror attack,” the resolution stated. The NDA Parliamentary Party also lauded the leadership displayed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during these times. “His unwavering resolve, vision-



ary statesmanship, and resolute command have not only steered the nation with purpose but also ignited a renewed spirit of unity and pride in the hearts of all Indians,” the resolution added. Through military might and res-

olute leadership, justice was delivered, it said, reaffirming that “India does not forget nor forgives terror.” The resolution hailed Operation Sindoor's decisive strike on Pakistan-based terror camps. The US designating The Resistance Front (TRF), responsible for the Pahalgam attack, as a Foreign Terrorist Organisation (FTO) and Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT), and the BRICS Joint Declaration condemning the Pahalgam attack while vowing to “ensure zero tolerance for terrorism and reject double standards in countering terrorism,” reflect a diplomatic win for India and its rising clout on the global stage. PM Modi was felicitated by NDA MPs for the success of Operations Sindoor and Mahadev during the NDA Parliamentary Party meeting in the national capital. On April 22, the Pakistan-based

terrorist group The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of the Lashkar-e-Taiba, carried out a brutal attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. The attack resulted in the cold-blooded killing of 26 innocent tourists, who were segregated and targeted based on their religion. The resolution recalled Prime Minister Modi's statement made on April 24 in Madhubani, Bihar: “Today, from the soil of Bihar, I say to the whole world: India will identify, track, and punish every terrorist and their backers. We will pursue them to the end of the earth. India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism. Terrorism will not go unpunished. Every effort will be made to ensure that justice is done. The entire nation is firm in this resolve. Everyone who believes in humanity is with us. I thank the people of various countries and their leaders, who have stood with us in these times.”

PM Modi likely to visit Dum Dum in August

Kolkata: With West Bengal Assembly elections just round the corner, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is intensifying its political activities in the state, with party insiders indicating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Dum Dum in the third week of August. State BJP sources said that preparations are underway to finalise the Prime Minister's itinerary. “Coordination is ongoing with the Prime Minister's Office. Two grounds near Dum Dum Airport have been shortlisted for the rally, and one will be finalised shortly. We are hopeful that the PM will be available for the proposed date,” said a senior member of the BJP's state committee. This would mark the Prime Minister's third visit to West Bengal in just four months. On May 29, he addressed a rally in Alipurdwar in North Bengal, followed by another one in Durgapur on July 18. Both visits combined administrative programmes with political outreach, signalling the BJP's aggressive push ahead of the crucial state polls.

‘Not aligned with BJP, Cong, or any alliance’: Mayawati clarifies



Lucknow (UNI)

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati has firmly clarified that her party is aligned with neither the BJP-led National Democratic Al-

liance (NDA) nor the opposition INDIA bloc led by the Congress. Responding to media speculation about the BSP moving closer to the BJP, Mayawati issued a strong rebuttal on social media platform X, reaffirming her party's independent stance. “The Bahujan Samaj Party is not with the BJP, Congress, or any other political alliance. Our party has always worked with an independent ideology based on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's principle of ‘Sarvajan Hitay, Sarvajan Sukhay’ (for the welfare and happiness of all),” Mayawati said. She also criticized sections of the media, accusing certain journalists and news channels of having a biased mindset against Dalits, Adivasis, and backward communities.

About 1.65 lakh bitten by stray dogs in Kerala, 17 dead in last five months

Thiruvananthapuram: In a shocking health concern, over 165,000 people have been bitten by stray dogs in Kerala in the past five months alone, and despite timely vaccination, 17 victims, including children, have died. This reflects a serious failure of Kerala's public health system and shortcomings in vaccine distribution, and shows that rabid and dangerously aggressive stray dogs pose a threat to the lives of children, Congress leader and Idukki Lok Sabha member Dean Kuriakose said in a release today. Demanding that sub-divisional magistrates be given the authority to shoot and kill aggressive stray dogs, the MP said he had raised the issue in the Lok Sabha under Rule 377.

Tension in Cooch Behar as Suwendu Adhikari’s convoy attacked amid political face-off

Kolkata (UNI)

Leader of the Opposition in West Bengal, Suwendu Adhikari, faced a violent protest today when his convoy was allegedly attacked by hundreds of Trinamool Congress (TMC) supporters at Khagrabari—the entry point to Cooch Behar town. The incident occurred while Adhikari was en route to a political programme that had been cleared by the Jalpaiguri Circuit Bench of the Calcutta High Court. His bulletproof vehicle sustained damage during the attack. Despite a visible police presence, TMC supporters waved black flags and raised slogans to block the convoy. According to Cooch Behar district TMC president Abhijit Dey Bhowmik, the party had organised



protests at 20 locations across the district to oppose Adhikari's visit. Tensions escalated as the convoy entered Khagrabari where the crowd allegedly turned violent, targeting

Adhikari's vehicle. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel and local police eventually brought the situation under control, allowing the BJP delegation to proceed.

Senior BRS leader joins BJP ahead of local polls

Peddapalli: In a significant boost to the Bharatiya Janata Party in Telangana, senior BRS leader Nalla Manohar Reddy, along with 300 workers from both the BRS and Congress, joined the BJP during a party workers' meeting held in Peddapalli district today. BJP Telangana State President N Ramchandra Rao welcomed the new entrants by draping party scarves over their shoulders. Addressing the gathering, Ramchandra Rao said the BJP is steadily gaining ground in the state, as people are disillusioned with the “corrupt governance” of the BRS and the “anti-people policies” of the Congress. He accused the Congress of failing to address key public issues and recalled how BJP, under its former state president Bandi Sanjay, consistently fought against the BRS regime.

Bus strike hits people, CM focused on Rahul event: BJP

Bengaluru (UNI)

With Karnataka's rural school and college students stranded amid a transport strike, BJP state president Vijayendra Yediyurappa today placed the spotlight on the Congress government's failure to manage the crisis, saying that while students suffer, Congress leaders including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM D K Shivakumar are busy preparing for Rahul Gandhi's upcoming protest rally in Bengaluru. “In remote villages today, children are unable to attend schools or colleges as state-run buses simply aren't running—rural students are bearing the brunt of bureaucratic and financial failure,” Vijayendra said, blaming the state government's financial mismanagement for the transport shutdown.



He noted that while thousands of citizens struggle to access basic transport, the top leadership of the ruling Congress, including the Chief Minister, is focused on arrangements for Rahul Gandhi's rally, showing misplaced priorities during a time of statewide distress.

Bandi Sanjay to appear before SIT on Aug 8 in phone tapping case

Hyderabad: Union Minister Bandi Sanjay will appear before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) on August 8 in connection with the ongoing phone tapping case. In a letter to the police, Sanjay confirmed his presence along with his personal staff on the same day. According to party sources, Sanjay has reportedly collected crucial information and evidence from central intelligence agencies regarding the alleged tapping of phones, including those of judges and even private conversations in homes. He is likely to submit this evidence to the SIT during the questioning.

SC continues hearing pleas against UP’s Banke Bihari Temple Trust Ordinance

New Delhi (UNI)

The Supreme Court today, continued hearing a batch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Uttar Pradesh Shri Bankey Bihari Ji Temple Trust Ordinance, 2025, which seeks to regulate the administration and development of the historic temple in Vrindavan. A Bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi heard arguments from both sides and suggested the formation of an interim committee headed by a retired High Court judge to oversee the temple's administration until a final decision is rendered. The petitioners, represented by Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, have opposed the Ordinance and also sought an injunction against the al-



leged diversion of temple funds for the proposed Banke Bihari Corridor Project.

Sibal raised concerns over what he called “complete government control” over temple management,

as indicated in a chart presented by the state. “This chart shows complete government control,” Sibal submitted, urging the Court to allow petitioners to file counter-suggestions. Justice Kant assured, “We'll address that.” Accepting Sibal's request, the Court adjourned the matter to August 8 and asked both parties to propose names of a retired judge to head the interim oversight panel. Appearing for the Uttar Pradesh government, Additional Solicitor General (ASG) KM Nataraj argued that the Ordinance had no connection with earlier writ petitions and was aimed purely at improving temple management in light of increasing footfall and fund mismanagement concerns.