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PM Modi extends greetings on Navroz

New Delhi: On the auspicious occasion of Navroz, the Parsi New Year today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi conveyed his heartfelt wishes to the community and the nation. Taking to the social media platform X, the Prime Minister expressed, “Warm wishes on the commencement of the Parsi New Year! We are all proud of the enduring contributions of Parsis to our nation. May this year bring happiness, prosperity and good health to all. Navroz Mubarak!”

BJP MLA files complaint against AIMIM leader's 'meat party'

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: BJP MLA Sanjay Kenekar has filed a formal complaint with Police Commissioner Praveen Pawar seeking action against AIMIM leader Imtiaz Jilil, for “openly inviting people to eat meat” during the holy month of Shri Krishna Janmashtami and on the festival day itself. The complaint demands registration of a case against the former MP. This follows Jilil's protest on Independence Day (August 15) against municipal meat shop closures. As state president of AIMIM, he hosted a “Chicken Biryani and Mutton Qorma” party at his residence, inviting municipal commissioners to demonstrate against the bans.

Maha: Flood alert for villages along 3 Latur rivers

Latur: The Latur District Disaster Management Authority issued an alert for villages along the Manjara, Terna, and Tawarja rivers as dams in the district near full capacity due to increased rainfall in catchment areas. Water storage at Manjara dam has reached 70 per cent, Lower Terna Dam 88 per cent, and the Tawarja medium project in Ausa taluka 73 per cent, with substantial inflows continuing. Authorities anticipate these dams may reach full capacity soon, necessitating water release into the river basins. Residents, farmers, and citizens in riverside villages are urged to take special precautions.

PAC constable dies in accidental firing in Sitapur

Sitapur: A constable of the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) lost his life today after sustaining bullet injuries while on duty at the Central Reserve Store in Sitapur. The deceased, identified as Himanshu Singh, was posted to a watchtower when the incident occurred. According to preliminary reports, his INSAS rifle discharged three rounds while he was on duty. Singh was found wearing earbuds at the time of the incident and is believed to have been on a phone call. Colleagues rushed to the spot after hearing gunshots and immediately took him to the district hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Yellapur road accident: Three dead, seven injured

Karwar: Three people were killed and seven others critically injured when a KSRTC bus crashed into a stationary truck on the highway near Itinabail in Yellapur taluk yesterday night, police said. The KSRTC bus, which was travelling from Bagalkot to Mangaluru, rammed into a Kerala-registered truck that had broken down and was parked on the roadside. Among the deceased are two women – identified as Neelavva (38) and Gourijavva (43). The third victim, a man, is yet to be identified.

SF seize over two kg heroin, arrest militants in Manipur

Imphal: In a major drug bust, Manipur Police and CRPF jointly arrested two individuals, Jenarul Mia from Maldah District, West Bengal, and Deba Das from Karbi Anglong District, Assam, and seized more than two kilograms (2.066 kgs) of suspected heroin powder yesterday. Meanwhile, security forces arrested a militant yesterday in Soibam Leikai, Imphal East district. Security personnel recovered a cache of arms and ammunition, including a 12-bore double-barrel gun, magazines for INSAS LMG and SLR rifles, live rounds of various calibres, tear smoke shells, anti-riot cartridges, stun shells, and numerous empty cartridges.

Cong calls ‘Voter Adhikar Yatra’ a historic fight to protect India’s democratic rights

New Delhi (UNI)

Ahead of the launch of the ‘Voter Adhikar Yatra’ from Sasaram, Bihar, the Congress today described the upcoming campaign — which will also see the participation of Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi— as a historic struggle to protect the fundamental right to vote.

Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters here, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera said, “whenever Rahul Gandhi has embarked on a yatra, Indian democracy has turned a page. This yatra will be no different. It is a milestone in our collective struggle, a moment that can reshape the future of democracy in this country”.

He said, “the yatra is more than just a political journey. It is a movement to preserve freedom, ensure



justice, and safeguard identity”. Talking about the yatra, Khera said it will cover 1,300 km over 16 days, beginning on August 17 and ending with a massive rally in Patna on September 1. Senior INDIA bloc leaders including Rahul Gandhi and

Tejashwi Yadav will participate. Khera described the march as a fight for the fundamental principle of ‘One Man, One Vote’. “Voting is sacred. It’s a festival of democracy. We cannot allow it to be hijacked,” he said.

Big conspiracy going on to divide Hindu society in name of caste: Uma Bharti

Aonla (Bareilly) (UNI)

Senior BJP leader and former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Uma Bharti today alleged that there is a big conspiracy going on to divide the Hindu society in the name of caste.

“We do not have to get into these circles. To strengthen the Hindu society, the backward and Dalits will have to come forward. They will have to be given equal participation in society and power. Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji had done a lot of work for decisive participation in power, society and governance,” she claimed.

On Vote Chori allegations by the opposition, Uma Bharti said, “We promote ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas,’ and earn everyone's votes honestly. Threatening or stealing votes only happens when people in the city



aren't giving their support at the ballot.”

Bharati was addressing a function here on Saturday after she unveiled a grand statue of Veerangana Avanti Bai Lodhi on her birth anniversary

CBI arrests accused absconding for 26 yrs in Saudi Arabia murder case

Chennai: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) today said it has arrested an accused who had been absconding for 26 years after committing a murder in October, 1999 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The arrested accused was identified as Mohammad Dilshad, a CBI release said. The CBI had registered a local prosecution case in the April 2022 on the request of authorities from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

It was alleged that Mohammad Dilshad had committed the murder of a person at the premises where he was working as Heavy Motor Mechanic cum Security Guard, in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

It was further alleged that after committing the murder the accused Md. Dilshad had fled away to India and since then he was untraceable.

India, SKorea agree to work together in AI, semi-conductors, shipbuilding, defence

New Delhi (UNI)

India and South Korea today agreed to set new industrial ambitions, in high-tech sectors such as AI, semi-conductors, clean energy, shipbuilding and defence industry, following talks between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his visiting Korean counterpart Cho Hyun.

EAM Jaishankar, during their meeting here today, expressed thanks for Seoul's condemnation of the April 22 Pahalgam terrorist attack as well as for FM Cho Hyun's meeting with the Indian parliamentary delegation that visited ROK as part of India's global outreach on Operation Sindoor.

EAM Jaishankar also expressed happiness in welcoming Cho Hyun



back to India as “an old friend and a new colleague” – as Cho Hyun was Ambassador to New Delhi from 2015-17. He was appointed foreign minister on July 19, 2025.

In a post on X, the EAM said he

Cong renews call for GST 2.0

In a renewed push for a comprehensive tax reform, the Congress today reiterated its demand for a complete overhaul of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, calling for a “radically transformed GST 2.0.”

Congress has also demanded that the Union government release an official discussion paper on the subject soon to enable a wider and informed national debate.

The party emphasised that such a transformation is critical for reviving economic growth, spurring private consumption, and boosting investment.

After historic journey to ISS, Shux boards flight to India, to land today

Chennai (UNI)

After piloting the Axiom-4 Mission and becoming the first Indian to visit the International Space Station (ISS) where he conducted microgravity experiments for 18 days, decorated Indian astronaut and Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is heading back to India.

Shux has boarded a flight to India at Texas and is expected to reach tomorrow. Soon after his arrival, he was expected to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and share his memorable experiences and the experiments conducted at ISS, with him.

Authorities are planning to accord a rousing reception to him to celebrate the success of the historic mission to ISS.

Shukla was one of the astronauts shortlisted for the first Human

Khadse, Mahajan in war of words over lynching case

Jalgaon: Former minister Eknath Khadse has alleged that the investigation into the lynching of Suleman Rahim Khan Pathan (21) in Jamner, Jalgaon district, is not progressing in the right direction.

Responding to this, state minister Girish Mahajan said sarcastically, “Whoever Khadse names, we will arrest. If he wishes, I am even ready to present myself before the police and get arrested.”

Pathan was allegedly dragged out of a café where he was sitting with a friend and beaten by a mob of 10–12 people, leading to his death, on August 11.

A special investigation team is probing the case, and nine people have so far been arrested.

Meanwhile, Mahajan also criticized AIMIM MP Imtiaz Jaleel for organizing a non-vegetarian feast at his house on Independence Day, despite the ban on meat sales in several cities.



spaceflight Gaganyaan mission scheduled to take place by the end of next year. As he boarded the flight, Shux penned an emotional note reflecting on his year long experience as part of the mission and said he was eager to return to India and share his experiences with all.

Ajit Pawar hits back at Rohit Pawar: ‘First, manage your own party’

Kolhapur: Deputy Chief Minister and NCP leader Ajit Pawar launched a sharp attack on MLA Rohit Pawar of the Sharad Pawar-led breakaway faction, saying, “some people are under the illusion that they have become big leaders. They should first manage their own party instead of giving us free advice,” he said.

Rohit Pawar had alleged that Ajit Pawar no longer had control over his faction and that one group, leaning towards the BJP, was constantly conspiring to defame him.

He also pointed out that despite Ajit Pawar removing Suraj Chavan from his post over the assault on Chhava Sanghatana leaders, Chavan was later indirectly rewarded with a bigger position which Rohit Pawar termed as part of a conspiracy.

Jan Suraaj will bring Muslims into Bihar’s political mainstream: PK

Patna (UNI)

Jan Suraaj Party founder Prashant Kishor popular as PK today accused the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) of politically exploiting Muslims for decades and said that his party would bring the community into the political mainstream.

Addressing Muslim representatives from various districts of Bihar at a special programme held here in Haj Bhawan, Kishor said Muslims had been voting for RJD's lantern (the party symbol) for decades out of fear of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He alleged that while Lalu Prasad Yadav's party sought Muslim votes by instilling fear, it never gave the community adequate participation in power.

He further claimed that RJD even



fielded Hindu candidates in constituencies where Muslims constituted more than 25 percent of the population, reducing the community to a mere vote bank. Later, Muslims supported Nitish Kumar, but even his party, Janata Dal (United), failed to do justice to the community when it came to ticket distribution during elections.

Transformation in BMC polls inevitable, says CM Fadnavis

Mumbai: Change in the upcoming Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) elections is inevitable, the pot of corruption will break and a pot of development will begin, said Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

Addressing the media after the Parivartan Dahi Handi Festival at Worli's Jamboree Maidan, Fadnavis said, “for so many years, everyone knows where the cream from the BMC's pot was going. But this election will bring certain changes and after that, we will make sure Mumbai-kars get all the proper civic facilities.”

With Ganeshotsav and Dahi Handi festivals seen as key opportunities for politicians to connect with people, this election season has intensified political outreach across the city.

