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Bengaluru University renamed after **Manmohan Singh**

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Legislative Assembly today passed the Karnataka State Universities (Amendment) Act, 2025, renaming Bengaluru City University as Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University in honour of the former Prime Minister. The bill, cleared by a voice vote, mandates that the new name be reflected in all official records and references of the institution. The move is a tribute to Dr Singh's role in shaping Bengaluru's in-frastructure during his tenure as Prime Minister. In June 2006, he laid the foundation for major projects such as the Bangalore–Electronic City Elevated Highway, a key link between the city and its IT corridors, and oversaw the six-laning of the Bengaluru–Nelamangala stretch of NH-4, which included a fourkilometre elevated section.

Police book two cases over online hate posts

Udupi: The Udupi district police in Karnataka have registered two separate cases relating to online hate speech and provocative social media posts, officials said today. In the first case, filed on August 16, Mahesh Shetty Thimarody was booked by Brahmavar police for allegedly posting defamatory remarks against BJP national general secretary (Organisation) B L Santosh on a Facebook page. He is also accused of using abusive language against a Hindu religious leader, which, according to the com-plaint filed by Udupi Rural BJP Mandal president Rajeev Kulal, could incite hostility between

Roof collapses in Tonk's school

Tonk (Rajasthan): The roof of a classroom of Rajkiya Balika Uchh Madhyamik School collapsed on Tuesday in the Kakor area of Rajasthan's Tonk, officials said. Speaking to reporters, Uniara Sub-Divisional Officer Shatrughan Gurjar stated that the room where the incident occurred was locked at the time. The official further informed that no injuries were reported during the incident. "The room, where the roof collapsed, was completely locked. School authorities have been directed to completely shut the rooms where there might be damage or the possibility of such incidents and keep the children away from such areas... No adult or child has been hurt in the incident... All school authorities have already made arrangements to prevent entry at areas where walls or roofs are damaged and might collapse..." the official said.

Delhi Police detain two Nigerian women for overstaying visas

New Delhi: Continuing its crackdown on illegal immigration, Delhi Police detained two Nigerian women for overstaying their visas, officials said on Tuesday. According to police, a patrolling team from Nihal Vihar police station noticed the women in the Sunday Bazar area and stopped them for questioning. During checking, it was found that their visas had expired, and they were staying in Delhi (India) illegally in violation of visa norms. When asked, they failed to provide any valid reason for their unauthorised stay, police said. Both women of Nigerian nationality were immediately apprehended and taken to Nihal Vihar police station.

Minor boy dies after boulder falls on house in Pithoragarh

Pithoragarh (Uttarakhand): A 12-year-old boy died, and four others were injured after a boulder fell on a house in Gram Devat, Pithoragarh, early Tuesday morning, as per the Uttarakhand Police. The incident happened around 1:52 AM. Rescue teams from the fire department, police, and SDRF quickly reached the spot and pulled the boy out from under the debris. In a post on X, Uttarakhand Police shared, "On 19.08.2025 at 1:52 AM, a stone fell on a house in Gram Devat, Pithoragarh. Immediately, FIRE, police, and SDRF teams reached the spot and carried out rescue operations. A 12-year-old boy had died. He was extracted by the rescue teams jointly by removing debris and stones. 4 people sustained minor injuries."

India, China agree to maintain momentum in bilateral ties as Wang Yi meets Jaishankar

India and China agreed to maintain the momentum of their bilateral re-

the momentum of their bilateral relationship as the two countries mark 75 years of diplomatic ties.

The consensus today emerged during talks between visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar in New Delhi hankar in New Delhi.

The highlights of the meeting were shared by Chinese Ambassador to India Xu Feihong in a post on X.

According to Chinese state media Xinhua, the discussions touched on the rapidly changing global environ-ment, challenges to free trade, and the role of India and China as major

developing powers.

According to Xinhua, Wang Yi said that in today's world, the changing situation is evolving rapidly, unilateral bullying practices are rampant, and free trade and the international order face severe challenges.

Nitish hands over appointment letters to 5,353 candidates on compassionate grounds

Patna: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar today distributed appointment letters to 5,353 dependents of deceased teachers and non-teaching staff of government schools, recruited on compassionate grounds.

Kumar symbolically handed over

the appointment letters to select candidates in a function held here at the Chief Minister's Secretariat. While distributing the appointment letters, Kumar expressed confidence that the newly appointed employees would work with "honesty, sincerity, and dedication" in carrying out their responsibilities. The appointees include 4,835 school clerks and 518 school attendants, marking one of the largest rounds of such appointments in recent years.



Wang Yi stressed that as the two largest developing countries with a combined population of more than 2.8 billion, India and China "should demonstrate a sense of global responsibility, act as major powers, set an example for developing countries in pursuit of strength through unity,

and contribute to promoting world multipolarisation and democratisation of international relations." He noted that it is imperative for both sides to have "correct strategic perceptions", view each other as partners rather than rivals, and invest resources

NSA Ajit Doval meets Chinese FM Wang Yi, says PM Modi to attend SCO Summit in Beijing

India and China today stressed the importance of peace along the border and said stronger engagement between the two countries is in the long-term interest of ''Asia's two largest neighbours."

National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval and visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi who held talks here on the border issue, also noted the upward momentum in bilateral relations. The NSA noted the "upward momentum" in bilateral ties, highlighting peace and tranquillity along the borders since last year's talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Kazan. He underlined the role of both leaders "China is ready to build more consensus with India. We should properly settle specific issues at the borders and we should increase mutual trust through strategic communication," he added.

"Our Prime Minister will be visiting for the SCO Summit shortly. Therefore, I think these high-level talks assume very special importance," Doval said. Doval also pointed out that 2025 marks the 75th anniversary of India-China diplomatic relations. "It's time to celebrate. With this new energy and momentum, and with the maturity and responsibility shown by our diplomatic teams, missions, and our armies on the borders, we have been able

to achieve this progress," he said.

LS adjourned for the day amid Opposition uproar over Bihar SIR

Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day after Opposition members today created a ruckus over Special Intensive revision (SIR) of electoral roll in

When the presiding officer Dilip Saikia resumed the House proceedings at 4 PM after three adjournments, the Opposition members again entered the well of the House

Amid the ruckus, the House also passed the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025, by voice vote, without discussion.

Earlier, presiding officer Krishna Prasad Tenneti resumed the session at 2 pm following two earlier ad-



journments, but Opposition members soon were on their feet raising slogans and disrupting the House. They entered the well of the House with placards and shouted slogans. Despite the disruption, the presiding officer tried to carry on with the pro-

He called BJP MP Nishikant Dubey to continue the special discussion started the previous day on Amid the uproar, Dubey spoke

and criticised the Congress party, accusing it of not respecting scientists and avoiding the discussion.
He said, "Parliament is holding a

discussion to honour space scientists, but Congress is evading it because it has harmed the country's space research organization, ISRO."

Dubey also mentioned a 2012 report alleging a Rs 2 lakh crore loss to the government and accused Congress of neglecting scientists and research institutions.

Will back Rahul as PM candidate in next Lok Sabha elections: Tejashwi

Nawada: RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav today declared that his party would back Congress leader Rahul Gandhi as PM candidate in next Lok Sabha elections. Yadav made the announcement in a public meeting here during Voter Adhikar Yatra being led by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

Ongoing Special Intensive Revision(SIR) of Electoral Rolls had jeop ardized the right to franchise to mil lions of voters due to large-scale ir regularities and Gandhi vigorously raised the issue to protect democrat

ic rights of the people, he added. "Our party will back Rahul as PM candidate in next Lok Sabha elec tions," RJD leader said adding that i was time to oust NDA government from power in Bihar in next state assembly elections to be held in Octo-ber-November this year.

Cabinet clears Rs 8,307 cr Bhubaneswar Ring Road project under HAM

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, today approved the construction of a 6-lane access-controlled Capital Region Ring Road (Bhubaneswar Bypass) in Odisha, spanning 110.875 km.

Addressing a press conference here, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the project will be exe-cuted under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) with a total capital investment of Rs 8,307.74 crore.

He said currently, connectivity between Ramesnwar to Tangi on the existing National Highway experiences significant congestion due to high traffic volumes, passing high traffic volumes, passing through highly urbanised cities Khordha, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack.

The Minister said upon completion, the bypass will play a pivotal role in regional economic growth, strengthening connectivity between major religious and economic centres and opening new avenues for trade and industrial development.

The project will also generate approximately 74.43 lakh person-days of direct and 93.04 lakh person-days of indirect employment, and will open new avenues of growth, development and prosperity in surrounding regions. To address these challenges, the project is proposed to be developed as 6-Lane Access-Controlled Greenfield Highway. The project will provide significant benefit to Odisha and other eastern States by diverting heavy commercial traffic away from Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Khordha Cities.

BJP questions Kejriwal over

school threat allegations,

links to AAP leader

NGO associated with her.

vestigating the source.

The statement comes in response

to recent comments made by Kejriwal

on the sensitive issue of bomb threats

received by schools in the capital.

Sachdeva described these anonymous

threats as a global phenomenon that

law enforcement agencies, including

the Delhi Police, handle with serious-

ness by prioritizing security before in-

cidents where minors were found re-

sponsible for issuing such threats.

He specifically alleged that in one in-

stance, the father of the involved mi-

nor had links to an NGO associated

The BJP leader referenced past in-

The project alignment integrates with three major National Highways (NH-55, NH-57 and NH-655) and one State Highway (SH-65), providing seamless connectivity to key economic, social, and logistics nodes

Additionally, the upgraded corridor will enhance multi-modal integration by connecting with 10 economic nodes, four social nodes and five logistic nodes, providing enhanced multimodality with one major railway station, one airport, one proposed Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP), and two major ports. It will facilitate faster movement of goods

Cabinet approves Rs 1,507cr Greenfield Airport project at Kota-Bundi

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, today approved the proposal of Airports Authority of India (AAI) for the development of Green Field Airport at Kota-Bundi in Rajasthan at an estimated cost of Rs1507 crore. Addressing a press conference here, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the Government of Rajasthan has transferred 440.06 hectares of land to AAI for the development of a Greenfield Airport, suitable for operation of A-321 type aircraft. He said that the project includes construction of a terminal building spanning an area of 20,000 sqm capable of handling 1000 Peak Hour Passengers (PHP) with annual capacity of two Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA), runway 11/29 of dimensions 3200m x 45m, apron with seven parking bays for A-321 type aircraft, two link taxiways, ATC cum technical block, fire station, car park and allied works. Kota's prominence in educational and industrial sectors makes the Greenfield Airport a critical infrastructure project, aimed at addressing the anticipated traffic growth in the region. The existing Kota Airport is under the ownership of AAI. It comprises a runway (08/26) of dimensions 1220 m x 38 m, suitable for Code 'B' aircraft (such as DO-228), and an apron capable of accommodating two such aircraft.

LS to translate proceedings in all 22 scheduled languages: Birla

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla today announced that the proceedings of the House will now be translated into all 22 languages listed in the eighth schedule of the Constitution. As the Lower House met, Birla said, "I am very pleased to inform the House that we are now providing translation of the proceedings in all the languages mentioned in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution."

The Speaker said that until now, the Lok Sabha proceedings were translated into Hindi, English, and 18 other languages including Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Kannada, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu.

He added, "Now, with the inclu-

sion of Kashmiri, Konkani, and Santali, we are providing translation in all the languages mentioned in the Constitution. Even as some members disrupted the proceedings over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR)



of the electoral roll in Bihar, the Speaker appealed for cooperation, highlighting the significance of the achievement.

Birla emphasized that India's Par-liament is the only one in the world where translation is available simultaneously in 22 languages. "We should be proud of our democracy and Constitution. We are the world's largest democracy, and this inclusivity reflects our strength. I hope you of the House," he said.

Eight policemen suspended after dance video goes viral

Jaunpur: A video showing a dance performance to a Bollywood number during a Janmashtami celebration at Badlapur Police Station has gone viral on social media, leading to disciplinary action against several police personnel. On Tuesday, eight policemen were suspended in connection with the incident.

Earlier, Superintendent of Police (SP) Dr. Kaustubh had already suspended the Station House Officer (SHO), Arvind Kumar Pandey, for

negligence. The incident took place during Janmashtami celebrations where most police stations across the district organized devotional events featuring tableaux, dances and performances of bhajans (devo tional songs). However, in Badlapur, the event took a different turn when dancers performed to the Bollywood song "Mujhe Nau Lakkha Manga De which is typically played at local orchestras, instead of a devotional

SC says Delhi paralysed if it rains for 2 hours Questions toll collection when commuters stuck in jams for hours

New Delhi: Delhi BJP President Agencies, New Delhi

Virendra Sachdeva today called on The Supreme Court, while hearing a Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader case on toll collection at the Arvind Kejriwal to clarify his position Paliyekkara toll plaza in Kerala, oband whether he has questioned felserved that even two hours of rainfall low party leader Atishi̇́ regarding alcan bring Delhi to a standstill and leged links between a minor involved questioned why commuters should in making school bomb threats and an be made to pay when they remain stuck in traffic for several hours.

A bench comprising Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and Justices K Vinod Chandran and NV Anjaria observed while hearing an appeal filed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the concessionaire, Guruvayoor Infrastructure Ltd., challenging a Kerala High Court order suspending toll collection at the Paliyekkara toll plaza for four weeks.

"În Delhi, you know what happens... if it rains for two hours, the entire city gets paralysed," the bench remarkeď.

The court also asked why a commuter should be asked to pay Rs 150 in toll if it took 12 hours to travel just



stretch of National Highway 544.

"In fact, some payment has to be made by the NHAI to commuters for their patience and the fuel they lost in the traffic block," Justice Chandran said, noting that a road expected to take one hour was taking eleven more due to poor conditions. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta,

appearing for NHAI, submitted that the traffic block had been caused by an overturned truck.

To this, the bench replied that the accident was not an "act of God" but was caused by a pothole.

'The road is in such a state of disrepair," Justice Chandran observed, adding that commuters were being forced to pay toll despite being stuck

" It (overturning of the truck) was not an act of God but fell into a pothole. The road is in such a state of disrepair. A road which is expected to take one hour takes 11 more hours, and they have to pay a toll as

well," Chandran noted. The apex court has reserved its verdict on the plea against the Kerala High Court's August 6 judgement, which ordered the suspension of toll collection at the Paliyekkara plaza due to the bad condition of the Edappally-Mannuthy stretch of NH 544.

Couple arrested after blast kills UP man in Bengal's Madhyamgram

Kolkata: Police have arrested a cou ple in connection with the late-night explosion that killed a 25-year-old man from Uttar Pradesh outside Madhyamgram High School in North 24 Parganas, West Bengal.

The deceased, identified as Sac chidananda Mishra, a resident of Uttar Pradesh, is suspected to have been in an extra-marital relationship

with the woman. Investigators believe he allegedly

came to Madhyamgram with the intention to kill her husband but died when the explosive device he was carrying went off accidentally.

According to police reports, Mishra had met the woman on social media, and the two developed a romantic relationship."

The incident occurred around 1 am on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday as the victim, Sachchidananda Mishra, was walking with a bag in front of Madhyamgram High School.





















