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## Private Bus catches fire near Kashedi Ghat

Ratnagiri: A major accident was averted early morning near Kashedi tunnel when a private passenger bus travelling from Mumbai to Malvan caught fire due to an overheated tyre. The bus, carrying around 50 passengers headed to Konkan for the Ganesh festival, was completely gutted in the blaze. The incident occurred when most passengers were asleep. The driver noticed smoke and flames near the tyre and immediately stopped the bus, safely evacuating all passengers.

## Pregnant woman brutally murdered by husband

Hyderabad: A gruesome incident has come to light in Balaji Hills, Boduppal area of Medchal-Malkajgiri district, where a 25-year-old pregnant woman was brutally murdered by her husband. The deceased was identified as Swathi. The couple—Mahender Reddy and Swathi—hailed from Kamareddiguda in Vikarabad district. They had married for love and were residing in Boduppal. According to police, frequent disputes between the two escalated into the brutal killing. In a shocking act, Mahender murdered Swathi, dismembered her body and packed the parts in bags, allegedly to dispose of them.

## FIR against ex chairperson of Aligarh Municipal Corporation

Agra: A case has been registered against Sajda Begum, former chairperson of Aligarh Municipal Corporation. Agra Vigilance has registered a case in the case of disproportionate assets. After the investigation lasted for about two years, Vigilance registered a case in Agra on August 23. According to sources here on Sunday vigilance started investigation against Sajda Begum from April 20, 2023. Vigilance conducted a thorough investigation. On March 20, 2025, the report was submitted to the government. According to the FIR lodged in Vigilance, Sajda Begum had shown her income as about Rs 23.83 lakh while she spent Rs 50.61 lakh.

## Jilted lover kills father, injures girl and her mother

Siddharth Nagar: A tragic incident occurred in Ghatwadih Kevaliya village under the Mishrauli police station area of Siddharth Nagar on Saturday evening, where a man brutally killed his neighbour and seriously injured three others before fleeing the scene. The incident took place as the accused was trying to lure the victim's daughter, but on refusal, he attacked them. According to police and local sources, the accused, Mukesh Kumar Nishad, a resident of the same village and reportedly related to the victims, entered the home of Ramkala Nishad (50) at approximately 7 PM.

## Mumbai's water stock raises to 97pc

Mumbai: Mumbai's water stock received a major boost following consistent monsoon rainfall, with the total live storage in the city's seven lakes reaching 1,385,751 million litres, which amounts to 97.8% of their total capacity, officials said here on Sunday. According to data recorded by the Hydraulic Engineer's Department, on 24 August, lakes such as Modak Sagar, Vihar, and Tulsi have already started overflowing, while Bhatia and Middle Vaitarna have partially released water through their gates.

## BJP's Shone George slams Cong for opposing EWS Quota for Christians

Kottayam: Kerala BJP Vice President Adv. Shone George today launched a sharp attack on the Congress, accusing it of adopting an "anti-Christian stance" by opposing the Centre's decision to extend Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) reservation benefits to Christian students in medical and dental courses. George alleged that the Congress had been "completely swallowed by religious fundamentalist and extremist organisations" and claimed its opposition to the EWS quota was proof of this.

## India sees space as future of tomorrow's economy, security, energy &amp; humanity: Rajnath Singh

New Delhi (UNI)

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said that India does not see space exploration just as a domain of research but as a critical pillar of tomorrow's economy, security, energy and humanity.

Highlighting the country's expanding presence in space, Rajnath Singh said, "We do not see space only as a field of research, but as the future of tomorrow's economy, security, energy, and humanity. We're steadily advancing beyond the Earth's surface into new frontiers of space. We've already marked our presence from Moon to Mars, and today, the nation stands fully prepared for missions like Gaganyaan".

The Minister felicitated Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, Group Captain PB Nair, Group Captain Ajit Krishnan, and Group Captain Angad



Pratap who are part of Gaganyaan, ISRO's maiden space flight mission, at an event here, a Defence Ministry statement said.

Rajnath described the four Gaganyaatris as gems of the country

and pioneers of national aspirations.

He termed the achievement as not merely a technological milestone, but a new chapter in Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

"India proudly stands tall among

the world's leading space powers. Its space programme is not confined to laboratories and launch vehicles. It's a reflection of our national aspirations and global vision. From Chandrayaan to Mangalyaan, we have demonstrated that even with limited resources, an unlimited willpower can transform the most challenging goals into remarkable accomplishments," he said.

He pointed out that the technologies derived from space, be it communication satellites, weather monitoring, or disaster management are delivering services to every village and every field across India and emphasised that India cannot stay behind in the space journey. In the coming times, space mining, deep space exploration, and planetary resources will redefine the course of human civilisation, he said.

## Low pressure over Bay of Bengal: Odisha govt issues alert

Bhubaneswar: The Odisha Government today alerted collectors of over 20 districts to keep the administrative machinery ready in view of a fresh low-pressure system forecast by the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

The IMD has predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall, along with thunderstorms and lightning, across Odisha from August 25 to 28, due to a fresh low-pressure area likely to form over the northwest Bay of Bengal off Odisha-West Bengal coasts within the next 48 hours.

Both orange and yellow warnings have been issued for several districts till August 28. The forecast indicates heavy rain, thunderstorms with lightning, and gusty surface winds reaching 30-40 kmph across at least 20 districts. In response, the Office of the Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) has advised all concerned districts to remain vigilant and keep emergency measures in place.

## Sexual allegations rock Kerala Cong MLA Rahul



Thiruvananthapuram (UNI)

Congress MLA from Palakkad and former Kerala Youth Congress president Rahul Mamkootathil has been hit by a storm of sexual misconduct allegations, forcing him to step down from his party post and triggering demands for stronger disciplinary action.

The controversy broke out last week when several women, including an actress, a writer, and a trans activist, accused Mamkootathil of harassment and abusive behaviour.

The actress alleged that the MLA repeatedly sent her sexually explicit and harassing messages and invited her to hotels under false pretenses.

The trans activist claimed that Mamkootathil confided a disturbing "rape fantasy" during conversations and suggested meeting her in Bengaluru or Hyderabad.

Another woman, whose identity

has been withheld, accused him of luring her with promises of marriage, sexually assaulting her, and later pressuring her to undergo an unsafe abortion.

A purported audio clip that surfaced on social media allegedly features Mamkootathil threatening a woman and her unborn child after she refused to terminate her pregnancy.

These accounts, coming from different individuals, have shaken Kerala's political landscape and raised serious questions about accountability within the Congress party.

On August 21, Mamkootathil resigned as Kerala Youth Congress president, saying his decision was meant to avoid distracting the party during a crucial political period.

He insisted that his resignation did not amount to an admission of guilt and maintained his innocence. The allegations have put the Congress in a tight spot.

CPI(M) leader M. V. Govindan said the charges appeared grave, but it was up to Congress to decide whether Mamkootathil should continue as MLA.

## YouTuber Sameer appears before police in Dharmasthala case

Beltangady: YouTuber MD Sameer, accused of spreading false propaganda against Dharmasthala through an AI-generated video, appeared before the Beltangady police today in compliance with a court directive.

Police said a case had been registered against Sameer at the Beltangady station for allegedly making false allegations, provoking people, misleading the investigation, and creating fake AI videos against Dharmasthala.

Before his arrest, Sameer had secured anticipatory bail from the Mangalore court, which instructed him to appear before the police within two days. Sameer, accompanied by three lawyers, presented himself at the station, bringing along documents and material related to his YouTube videos.

## KTR dares CM Reddy to seek fresh mandate for defected MLAs



Hyderabad (UNI)

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) today challenged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, daring him to ask defected MLAs to resign and recontest if they truly believed they have public support.

He said Revanth should present the record of his 20-month rule to the people and face by-elections as a referendum on his governance.

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Speaking at a massive meeting of key BRS workers from the Seringampally constituency here, KTR declared, "Even though a few leaders betrayed the movement, our workers

have kept the pink flag close to their hearts."

KTR stated that the MLAs who defected—including from Seringampally—did so for selfish gain, not for the people. "If Congress truly believes it's working for the people, let these MLAs resign and face by-elections. Win again if you can," he challenged.

He criticised Revanth Reddy for engaging in frivolous and time-pass politics, filing cases one day against KCR and the next against himself.

KTR said that Revanth Reddy has done absolutely nothing for Hyderabad and added, "even if a few leaders have betrayed the party, our loyal workers have never let go of the pink flag—and that is our greatest strength."

## Domestic dispute turns tragic in Sambhal

Sambhal: A serious domestic incident in the Murav Tola locality of Bahjoi on Sunday morning led to the death of a 26-year-old man and left his wife critically injured.

The deceased, Karan Maurya, originally a resident of Dilgaura village in Bahjoi police station area, had been living in Murav Tola for the past few months. About four months ago, he entered into a love marriage with Sapna, a woman from Mahrola village in the Islampur police station area of Badaun district. The couple had been living independently since their marriage.

On Sunday morning, Karan's younger brother, Nihal Singh, who works at a cosmetic shop in Bahjoi and often visited for personal chores, arrived at the house around 8 a.m.

He found the main gate locked from inside.

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