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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, Boduppall area of Medchal-Malkajigiri 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 Kamarediguda in Vikarabad district. They had married for love and were residing in Boduppall. 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 Kevathiya village under the Mishraulia 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, Vehar, and Tulsi have already started overflowing, while Bhatasa 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 & 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 Gaganyatris 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.

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 pretex.

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 fea-

tures 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. Opposition

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 Mangaluru 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.

Referring to the recent Supreme Court judgement, KTR stated that the MLAs who jumped parties are now struck with fear of defeat.

Speaking at a massive meeting of key BRS workers from the Serilingampally 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 Serilingampally—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 timepass 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."

CISF creates first-ever all- women commando unit

New Delhi (UNI)

In a significant policy initiative aimed at encouraging women empowerment in the organisation, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is all set to induct its first-ever "All-Women Commando Team" into its core operations.

Training of women commandos has already begun at the Regional Training Centre (RTC) in Barwaha, Madhya Pradesh, as per a force official. The specially designed eight-week-long advanced commando course for the women personnel will prepare them for Quick Reaction Teams (QRT) and Special Task Force (STF) duties at high-security establishments and installations guarded by the force.

The programme includes physical fitness and weapons training, live-fire drills under stress, en-

INDIA Bloc VP candidate Sudarshan Reddy arrives, to meet Stalin

Chennai (UNI)

The Opposition Congress-led INDIA bloc common Vice-Presidential candidate Mr Justice B. Sudarshan Reddy landed in Chennai today from New Delhi to seek support from Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin and the MPs of ruling DMK and its allies for the VP polls.

Mr Reddy was fielded against NDA candidate and Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan, who hailed from Tamil Nadu.

Mr Reddy, who arrived at around 1235 hrs from New Delhi, was received at the airport by a host of DMK MPs, including Dayanidhi



Maran, A Raja and others, including TNCC President K.Selvaperumthagai, who is also the Congress Legislature Party leader.

Mr Reddy will meet Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK President M K Stalin, whose party

was a vital cog and a key partner in the INDI Bloc, later this evening and seek the support of his party MPs.

He would also be meeting the leaders of all the alliance parties of DMK, including Congress, MDMK, VCK, CPI, CPI(M) and Makkal Needhi Maiaam of actor-political Kamal Haasan and seek their support for his candidature in the VP polls.

Chisoti Cloudburst: J&K LG meets injured at Jammu hospital

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today visited Government Medical College in Jammu to enquire about the health of citizens injured in Chisoti flash floods.

The team of doctors briefed the Lieutenant Governor on appropriate and specialised treatment and an integrated approach to the care of the injured for their quick recovery.

It was informed that 16 people are presently undergoing treatment at GMC Jammu and being monitored by senior health staff.

Speaking to media persons on the sidelines of his visit, the Lieutenant Governor reiterated the commitment of the administration to trace the 32 persons who are still missing.

Government stands firmly with the bereaved family members who have lost their loved ones.

Champai Soren placed under house arrest over RIMS-2 land dispute

Ranchi (UNI)

Former Chief Minister Champai Soren was placed under house arrest by Ranchi police on Sunday, ahead of plans to plough the proposed site for RIMS-2 in Kanke-Nagdi.

DSP V. Raman confirmed that the measure was taken as a preventive step to maintain law and order. Soren will not be allowed to leave his residence.

Speaking from his home, Soren clarified that his opposition is not to RIMS-2 per se, but to the use of land belonging to local tribal communities.

"There are several government and low-yield plots in Ranchi where



RIMS-2 could be constructed. My protest is to protect tribal land," he said.

He added that his campaign against the land acquisition will continue.

Soren also reported that supporters and family members were detained. People travelling to Ranchi since

Saturday night were stopped or taken into custody, including his son Babulal.

Farmers in Nagdi were similarly prevented from joining the site.

Soren described the house arrest as part of the ongoing movement to safeguard community land, underscoring his commitment to continuing the struggle.



duration-building exercises like running, obstacle courses, rappelling, survival training in forests, and other methods designed to test decision-making and teamwork under adverse conditions.

The first batch of 30 women personnel, who are currently deployed

across various airports—will undergo training up to October 4, which began earlier this month.

The second batch of women personnel will undergo the training from October 6 to November 29.

In its initial phase, at least 100 women from different Aviation Secu-

rity Groups (ASGs) and sensitive CISF units will complete the program.

The Force is committed to making such all-women courses, a regular part of its training calendar.

Inclusion of women in its core capabilities has moved the CISF forward in gender parity and explored a new space on the operational front for the personnel.

The force is also increasing women's recruitment to achieve the Ministry of Home Affairs' target of 10 per cent representation.

Currently, CISF has 12,491 women (which is 8 per cent of its strength), and 2,400 more will be recruited in the coming year.

In times to come, recruitment will be structured to ensure that women consistently make up at least 10 per cent of the entire force strength.