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### Two dead, over 15 injured as boulder hits bus in Shimla

**Shimla:** A private bus was today struck by rolling stones and boulders on National Highway-5 near Kalimitti, close to Bithal in Shimla district, police said. According to officials, a bus (registration number HP63A 1891), operated by Vishal Travels, was hit by falling debris today, leading to the death of two women. The deceased have been identified as Laxmi Virani, daughter of Ram Charan, a resident of Jalgaon in Maharashtra, and another woman of Nepal origin. More than 15 passengers sustained injuries in the incident and were rushed to MGMSC Khaneri Hospital for treatment.

### Mamata greets tribal people on Karam Puja

**Kolkata:** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee greeted the tribal community on the occasion of Karam Puja, a tribal harvest and fertility festival observed in Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal. It honours Karam Devta, the deity of strength, youth, and vitality. The festival, observed on the 11th day of the lunar month of Bhadra, involves a daylong fast, the gathering of sacred Karam tree branches, community singing and dancing, and the worship of nature and fertility to ensure a bountiful harvest. 'Jay Johar,' Banerjee said while greeting the tribal community across the state, India, and other parts of the world to mark the sacred festival of Karam Puja.

### Bhutan PM Dasho to arrive in Bihar on two-day visit

**Patna:** Bhutan Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay will arrive in Gaya on a two-day visit to Bihar, during which he is scheduled to inaugurate a newly constructed Buddhist temple at Rajgir. Tobgay, along with his wife Tashi Doma, will arrive in Gaya today. He is scheduled to inaugurate the Royal Bhutanese Buddhist Temple along with Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar at Rajgir tomorrow. The temple has been constructed at a cost of Rs 40 crore.

### Three nabbed in Manipur for transporting local liquor

**Imphal:** Manipur Police detained three suspects from the Maklang area in Tamenglong district for transporting 1,800 litres of local liquor in a four-wheeler. They were caught transporting the DIC liquor without valid documents. The accused were identified as Thomas Kamei (44) of Chari-naphang Village, Lily Pamei (40) of Tamenglong Khunjou, and Chinkhuidin Pamei (38) of Tamenglong Main Bazar. Sources said the seized items, including the vehicle, were handed over to the Excise Department yesterday.

### Akhilesh backs injured ABVP activists

**Lucknow:** Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav has sharply reacted against the BJP on the police action on ABVP activists over their protest against a private university near the state capital. The SP president in a rare gesture for the activists of the rival organisation has also demanded a compensation of Rs 1 lakh each for the injured ABVP activists. In a comment , Akhilesh Yadav said, "This is how these BJP people fool around. First they themselves get beaten up in a fight, then they whisper in the ear to apologize and after that they apply 'external' ointment of words on the 'bone deep' injuries".

### Vehicle rams into Ganesh visarjan procession, one dead

**Kanpur:** A tragic accident occurred during the Ganesh Visarjan procession in the Kalyanpur area of Kanpur on Tuesday evening, resulting in the death of a woman and leaving four members of the transgender community injured. According to police reports, the incident took place near the Panki Canal when a vehicle carrying the Ganesh idol lost control. The procession, led by Mannat Maa, a local transgender individual from Maswanpur, featured a group of devotees and two vehicles one with a DJ in the front and the other carrying the idol behind.

# Amit Shah felicitates jawans

## For success in Op Black Forest on Karreguttalu Hill

New Delhi (UNI)

Home Minister Amit Shah today met and felicitated the CRPF, Chhattisgarh Police, DRG and Cobra jawans for their exemplary courage in executing the biggest ever anti-Naxal operation, 'Operation Black Forest', on Karreguttalu hill.

Shah congratulated the jawans for showing valour in making the biggest anti-Naxal operation 'Operation Black Forest' ever conducted on Karreguttalu hill a success, a Home Ministry statement said.

He said that the bravery and valour of the jawans during 'Operation Black Forest' will be remembered as a golden chapter in the history of the anti-naxal operations.

Shah stated that the Modi government is determined to continue its efforts until all Naxalites either surrender, are captured, or eliminated. He affirmed that, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the goal is to make India free of Naxalism.



"Despite the heat, altitude and the danger of IEDs at every step, the security forces made the operation successful with high spirits and destroyed the base camp of the Naxalites. The mater-

ial dump and supply chain of the Naxalites built on the Karreguttalu hill were valiantly destroyed by the jawans of Chhattisgarh Police, CRPF, DRG and Cobra," Shah said.

## Nitish launches Rs 899.46 crore development projects for Gayaji

Gayaji (UNI)

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar today laid the foundation stones for 10 major development projects worth Rs 899.46 crore in Gayaji district, as part of commitments made during his Pragati Yatra.

Addressing the function organised to mark the event, Kumar said the projects, aimed at boosting infrastructure, connectivity, irrigation and education.

Kumar reiterated his government's commitment to the holistic development of Gaya, noting that the projects being launched will not only improve road connectivity and urban infrastructure but also



strengthen education and irrigation facilities.

Giving details of the projects, he said it cover a wide range of sectors including Bara Dam Renovation in Imamganj block at a cost of Rs 3.61 crore, expansion and restoration of Moratal Mukta Pain under Batsapur Weir Scheme costing Rs 77.60 crore, construction of a flyover at Mufassil Mor in Gaya town estimated at Rs 349.22 crore, railway overbridge at Bageshwari Gumbt on Gaya-Manpur section, worth Rs 90.16 crore, widening of Gaya-Paraiya-Guraru-Aurangabad Rafi Ganj road, at a cost of Rs 104.72 crore.

### Govt sets up cabinet panel to review NICE project

**Bengaluru:** Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara today said a cabinet sub-committee has been constituted to review the affairs of the Bengaluru-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor Project undertaken by Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprises (NICE), even as the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probes alleged irregularities in land acquisition.

Dr Parameshwara told reporters here that the panel is examining issues of land acquisition, utilisation, toll collections, construction delays and repeated violations of the framework agreement.

"This project started in 2008 and is still ongoing. Only 42 km of the peripheral road has been completed, while the link road and township plans remain incomplete. Though land was handed over, NICE has not fully utilised it," he said.

## What measures have you taken against caste rallies: HC asks centre and state

Lucknow (UNI)

The Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court today asked the Central and State Government as to what measures they are taking to stop caste based rallies. The court has given time to both to file their reply and has fixed the next hearing for the second week of October.

Earlier, the court had given the Central Government a chance to present its reply in the matter.

Along with this, the court had also asked the petitioner to file the details of caste rallies that were organised by political parties during the last 10 years on a fresh affidavit.

The division bench of Justice Rajan Roy and Justice Manjeev Shukla gave this order on the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) of local advocate Motilal Yadav. Earlier, in this case,

the court had sought reply from the parties including the Central and State Government, Central Election Commission and four political parties Congress, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Samajwadi Party (SP) and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP).

Petition in this regard was filed in the year 2013, the petitioner said that there is a flood of caste-based political rallies in Uttar Pradesh.

Political parties are conducting caste rallies indiscriminately by naming them 'Brahmin Rally', 'Kshatriya Rally', 'Vaishya Sammelan' etc. Such rallies undoubtedly accentuate social divisions.

In fact, on July 11, 2013, the court in an important order had immediately banned the rallies of political parties being conducted on the basis of castes in the entire UP.

"Artificial Intelligence and Industrial Revolution 4.0, will further change the work culture", she said.

"In such a dynamic environment, those who can adapt and learn new skills will become leaders of change", she added.

Observing that CUTN'S stated mission was to build "a strong character and nurture a value-based transparent work ethics", the President exuded confidence that the students of this University will extend that ethical aspect from work to the rest of life. "That will develop in them the sensitivity, which is what we need today," she added.

Highlighting the importance of lifelong learning, Ms Murmu said it was worth remembering that being a student is a lifelong affair.

Mahatma Gandhi, for example,

### Karnataka BJP MLA booked for insulting top policewoman

**Bengaluru:** Karnataka Police today registered a First Information Report (FIR) against Harihara BJP MLA BP Harish for allegedly insulting Superintendent of Police (SP) Uma Prashanth, claiming she "acted like a pet dog" of Congress leaders in Davanagere district.

The FIR was lodged at KTJ Nagar police station following a complaint by the SP, and the MLA has been booked under Sections 132 (public servant disobeying law, with intent to cause injury to any person), 351(2) (assault or criminal force on public servant), and 79 (offence committed by member of assembly or council).

The remarks by MLA Harish came during a programme organised by the Reporters' Guild in Davanagere today.

## NHRC takes suo motu cognisance of infant's severed head found with stray dog near Patiala hospital

New Delhi (UNI)

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken suo motu cognisance of a media report regarding a stray dog seen carrying the severed head of an infant near the Government Rajindra Hospital in Patiala district, Punjab.

The incident, which occurred on August 26, has raised serious concerns over alleged lapses in hospital security, sanitation, and general negligence.

As per the media report published on August 27, patient attendants have alleged that stray dogs frequently roam freely within the hospital premises, pointing to long-standing issues of poor infrastructure and inadequate management, as per the NHRC statement here today.

Taking note of the gravity of the

incident, the Commission observed that, if true, the reported facts amount to a serious violation of human rights.

It has accordingly issued notices to the Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, and the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Patiala, directing them to submit detailed re-



Chennai (UNI)

On the second leg of the TN Rising European visit, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin led a series of high-level meetings in the London, culminating in signing of MoUs with top firms spanning defence and aerospace, shipbuilding intelligence, renewable energy, textile technology and design and Exeter Varsity, attracting significant investments to the state after holding discussions with Rolls Royce about its expansion plans in TN.

These MoUs were aimed at leveraging the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) to deepen sectoral collaboration and attract high-quality international investments to the



remained a student all his life, learning languages like Tamil and Bangla, scriptures like the Gita, and skills like making sandals and spinning of Charkha, and so on and the list is practically endless in his case, she said.

## CAA in Assam: Only three granted citizenship so far, says CM Sarma

Guwahati (UNI)

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma today said only three people have been granted Indian citizenship in the state so far under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA). The announcement comes amid years of political unrest and speculation that the CAA would open floodgates for lakhs of migrants from Bangladesh to settle in Assam, altering its demographic balance.

"Till now, only three people have received citizenship under the CAA in Assam," Sarma told media at an official function. He revealed the state government had received 12 applications, of which three were approved while nine remain pending.

Referring to the public uproar that accompanied the passage of the Act, Sarma said, "There was a huge hue and cry that 20-25 lakh people would get citizenship in Assam. Now, you decide whether it is relevant to discuss the CAA when only 12 applications have been received."

One of the earliest beneficiaries



was Dulon Das, a 50-year-old man who, in August 2024, became the first person in Assam to obtain Indian citizenship under the law.

The Citizenship (Amendment) Act was passed by Parliament in December 2019 with the stated aim of granting citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Christians, and Parsis fleeing religious persecution in Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, provided they entered India before December 31, 2014.

## SC issues notice on alleged child swapping case after DNA test raises doubts

New Delhi (UNI)

The Supreme Court today issued notice in a Special Leave Petition (SLP) seeking an inquiry into allegations of child swapping at a private hospital in Chhattisgarh after a DNA test revealed that out of two children given to the petitioners, only one girl matched their parentage while the other did not.

The petitioners contend that the mother had delivered a boy and a girl but was informed by the hospital that she had given birth to two girls. The SLP was filed through AoR Chand Quereshi, with advocate Ashok Kumar Panigrahi appearing for the petitioners.

A bench of Justice Manoj Misra and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan observed, "Therefore, it was a clear case of child

swapping. In such circumstances, according to the petitioners, investigation ought to have been directed after a thorough inquiry, whereas the High Court summarily dismissed the petition without examining the aspects."

The petitioners had earlier moved the Chhattisgarh High Court, seeking a preliminary inquiry into their complaint and registration of an FIR against the concerned doctor and hospital. They also sought recovery and custody of their allegedly kidnapped child.

While the DNA test confirmed that one girl was biologically theirs, the other girl's DNA did not match. However, an enquiry committee of six doctors reported that all hospital records were in order and found no proof of child theft.

### Protest ends: Mumbai returns to normalcy

**Mumbai:** Mumbai which came to a standstill for five days following Maratha protest returned to normalcy today. The protest led by activist Manoj Jarange-Patil demanding 10 per cent reservation in education and jobs for the Maratha community, disrupted daily life in parts of the city.

However heavy traffic was witnessed in the city today as it returned on track.

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) Undertaking restarted bus services from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) days after halting operations due to the protest.

The recommencement of services brought much-needed relief to commuters who had been walking to workplaces in Nariman Point, Backbay, and Colaba, since protesters blocked several major junctions around CSMT in recent days.

hours after landing in UK on his arrival from Germany after successfully inking 26 MoUs committing over Rs 7,000 crore investments, represent long term strategic steps for Tamil Nadu in sectors of high value and future relevance in positioning the state as a national and global leader across niche domains.

After extensive discussions with the top honchos of leading firms, MoUs were signed with Lloyds List Intelligence, Wilson Power and Distribution Technologies, Britannia RFID Technologies India, University of Exeter and Ecole Intult lab committing significant investments which would create enormous job opportunities.

### 170 trainee policemen suffer food poisoning at Solapur Training Centre

**Solapur (Maharashtra):** Suspected food poisoning affected 170 trainee policemen at the Police Training Centre in Maharashtra's Solapur this morning.

Fifteen of the affected trainees were receiving treatment at the Civil Hospital whilst 155 others were discharged after receiving first aid, sources said.

The incident came to light when trainee policemen began experiencing vomiting and nausea during the morning hours.

Police Training Centre Principal Vijaykumar Chavan said 1,350 students are currently undergoing training at the centre and stated that some trainees felt uneasy this morning.