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ED uncovers forex racket in Goa

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate's (ED) Panaji Zonal Office recently conducted search operations under the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) at the premises of 'Loja Shamu', located at 22, Mapusa Municipal Market in Goa. The action was initiated based on specific intelligence received from the Airport Customs in Goa regarding the seizure of foreign exchange worth \$35,000. Ďuring tȟe search, foreign currency equivalent to approximately Řs 3 lakh, Indian currency amounting to Rs 13 lakh, incriminating chits and records of illegal forex trans-actions, and two mobile phones were seized.

Major fire in Business Park near Mumbai

Mumbai: A major fire broke out this afternoon in an office located in a business park in neighbouring Thane city, with no casualties reported. According to details, the incident occurred at the office of Nikhdeep Plasticars Pvt. Ltd. on the second floor of Centrum Business Square, located in Wagale Estate, Thane. Two fire engines, two pickups, one high-rise fire tender, and one hy-draulic vehicle were deployed to douse the fire, which was brought under control and fully extinguished within two hours.

Rs 1.32 cr contraband seized in one day

Bhubaneswar: The special enforcement squads of Odisha Excise Department has made a seizure of Rs 1.32 crore worth contraband and arrested 41 people after conducting simultaneous raids across the State in the last 24 hours. Since the past one month, the department has embarked on a drive to nab the drug peddlers and illicit liquor traders on a war footing. Yesterday's raids yielded results with contraband worth Rs 1.32 crore seized on the 28th day of operations. Enforcement teams detected 249 cases and arrested 41 persons in a series of raids carried out across the state.

Telangana Govt will stand by journalists: **Minister**

Hyderabad: Telangana Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Rural Water Supply and Women and Child Welfare Minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka today assured that the state government will continue to extend its support to journalists. Speaking at the Journalists Welfare Fund cheque distribution programme held at the Telangana Media Academy Auditorium in Nampally, Seethakka paid tributes to journalists who lost their lives while serving in the profession. She said journalists play a vital role in bringing people's issues to the notice of the government, acting as a bridge between the people and the administration.

Over 2.55 lakh voters to decide new legislator for Ghatshila by election

Ranchi: The final voter list for the Ghatshila Assembly by-election in Jharkhand was released today by District Election Officer and East Singhbhum Deputy Commissioner Karan Satyarthi. According to the updated figures, a total of 2,55,823 voters will exercise their franchise to elect a new legislator from the constituency. The electorate includes 1,24,899 male voters, 1,30,921 female voters, and three voters from the third gender. As per the revision carried out by the district administration, 5,253 new applications were received, of which 5,171 were approved.

Religious ritual turns tragic as three feared drowned in Saryu river

Deoria: Three youths are feared to have drowned in the Saryu River in Uttar Pradesh's Deoria district while collecting water for a religious ritual, an administrative official confirmed today. According to Barhaj Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Vipin Dwivedi, the incident occurred near Narchua village, where an idol of Goddess Durga had been installed as part of ongoing festivities. The youths had gone to the river to fill kalash (sacred vessels) when they reportedly went missing in the water. Rescue operations are currently un-

ICG must go beyond routine surveillance

... be geopolitically ready: Rajnath

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to-day stressed that political instability in India's neighbouring countries is increasingly affecting maritime se-curity, especially in the Bay of Ben-

Addressing the inaugural session of the 42nd Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Commanders' Conference in ICG Headquarters here, he urged the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) to go beyond routine surveillance and maintain a high level of geopolitical awareness, along with the readiness to respond swiftly to external devel-opments, a Defence Ministry state-

He cited frequent developments in Myanmar, Bangladesh, Nepal and other regional nations that impact

ICG's unique mandate of operating at the intersection of external and internal security. While the Armed Forces focus on countering external threats and other agencies handle internal matters, the ICG bridges both spheres seamlessly.

"By patrolling the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), the ICG not only deters external threats but also addresses illegal fishing, drug and arms trafficking, smuggling, human trafficking, marine pollution and irregular maritime activities," he added.

He praised the ICG's role in multiagency coordination with the Navy, state administrations and other security agencies, calling it one of its greatest strengths.

"The seamless manner in which the ICG works in real time with civil administration and other forces strengthens the entire national security architecture. You are no longer just a security provider you are a true force multiplier," he highlighted.

Cremations held in Leh amid restrictions

Amid restrictions, the cremation of 45-year-old former Army man Tsewang Tharchin and another civilian, killed on September 24 during violent protests demanding statehood and inclusion of Ladakh in the Sixth Schedule, was held in Leh today.

Two other slain protesters, Stanzin Namgyal of Igoo and Jigmet Dorjey of Kharanki had been cremated a day earlier. The cremations of Tharchin and Rinchen Dadul, held separately, were attended mostly by relatives of the deceased.

Ladakh Police had intensified security arrangements in Leh town during the cremation, with streets largely deserted except for official vehicles, officials said.

Tharchin, who served in the Army until 2021, was the son of Stanzin Namgyal, also a former soldier who fought in the Kargil War.

Meanwhile, on the sixth consecutive day of curfew like restrictions



city wore a deserted look, with police and CRPF personnel deployed in strength and roads sealed off by con certina wire. The mobile Internet services continue to remain sus pended.

Ladakh has remained on edge since Wednesday last, when violent protests broke out during activist Sonam Wangchuk's hunger strike for statehood and Sixth Schedule status after two elderly participants fell ill.

The clashes left four people dead

Bareilly violence: Two more aides of Maulana held

Bareilly: Two more close aides of Maulana Tauqeer Raza Khan, president of the Ittehad-e-Millat Council, were taken into custody, police said on Monday, after violent clashes broke out post-Friday prayers in Bareilly, adding to the simmering tension in the city.

Nadeem, considered Maulana Raza's right-hand man, was arrested by the police. Another close associate and former spokesperson, Nafees, was already detained earlier. Nafees had previously made headlines for a controversial statement in which he allegedly incited violence against the police, saying officers' hands should be cut off. Officials reported that after the arrest of Maulana Tauqeer Raza and seven other accused on Saturday, strict security arrangements were put in place across Bareilly and nearby districts.



Punjab House passes key bills, sparks debates on flood relief, land disputes

The Punjab Assembly today cleared many key bills, including the Punjab Right to Business (Amendment) Bill 2025, which was passed unanimously, expanding the scope of industries covered under the Act. The investment limit has been raised from Rs 25 crore to Rs 125 crore, enabling industries with investments above Rs 105 crore to receive faster approvals.

A special session of the House, called to discuss the flood crisis,

Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan advised MLAs and ministers to uphold decorum in the House, urging them to follow rules and maintain the assembly's dignity. "If we preserve the house's sanctity, it will res-



onate well with the public," he said. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann announced that compensation distribution for crops, livestock, and other losses caused by floods will begin by October 15, ahead of Diwali

a meeting with union Home Minister Amit Shah on September 30 to discuss further relief measures. Tensions flared during the session

as Finance Minister Harpal Cheema accused leader of Opposition Pratap Singh Bajwa of purchasing land inside the Dhussi Bandh for alleged mining purposes. Bajwa refuted the mining purposes. Bajwa refuted the claims, stating the land was legally acquired from a farmer with proper government fees.

He countered, alleging Cheema collects Rs 35-40 crore monthly from distilleries, including Rs 1.25 crore

per distillery.

The session saw further friction when AAP MLA Gurdas Randhawa and Congress MLA Aruna Chaudhary

Assam seeks MHA help to probe Zubeen Garg's death

Guwahati: The Assam government has submitted a formal request to the Ministry of Home Affairs to invoke the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) with Singapore regarding the investigation into the death of renowned singer Zubeen

Garg.
Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced on social media that invoking the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty will facilitate cooperation from Singaporean authorities, enabling access to case details and assistance in bringing the accused to

Zubeen Garg's family filed a com plaint with the Assam police on Saturday, seeking a thorough investiga tion into the circumstances surrounding his death in Singapore.

Kerala Assembly opposes EC's special revision of voters' list

Thiruvananthapuram (UNI)

Assembly today registered its strong opposi-tion to the Election Commission of India's (ECI) move to conduct a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the state's electoral rolls, adopting a unani-

mous resolution that described the step as unwarranted and impracti-Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan,

Commissions directive amounted to a duplication of work when the statutory summary revision process was already underway. He warned that forcing a parallel

exercise would not only confuse vot-

ers but also strain the state's administrative machinery. The voters' list is up-

dated every year as per law. An additional special revision at this stage has no justification and could even undermine the credibility of the process," the Chief Minister said.

Extending support, Opposition Leader V.D. Satheesan said while no compromise could be made on the accuracy of the rolls, the Commission must avoid measures that raise unnecessary suspicion or disrupt the smooth conduct of elections.

'The existing system is sufficient to ensure clean rolls. The sudden decision to introduce another exercise raises questions," he noted.

Heavy rainfall claims ten lives in Maharashtra

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an orange alert for Mumbai and four other districts, including Mumbai suburban, Raigad, Thane and Palghar, warning of heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places.

The warning comes as coastal Maharashtra faces incessant downpour, with Mumbai's rainfall crossng the 3,000 millimetre threshold for this monsoon season.

According to officials, at least ten people lost their lives in rain-related incidents across Maharashtra in over 48 hours, while more than 11,800 people have been rescued from flood-affected areas till late.

The State Disaster Management Department reported that four deaths occurred in Nashik district alone, two deaths each in Dharashiv and Ahilyanagar, and one each in Jalna and Yavatmal districts.



In the past 24 hours ending at logical Department's Colaba coastal observatory registered 101.2 millimetres of rainfall, while the Santacruz observatory received 77.5 millimetres. According to the Brihanmumbai

Municipal Corporation's automatic pour was recorded in the suburbs at an average of 99.44 mil limetres, followed by 80 millimetres average rainfall in the eastern suburbs and 74 millimetres in the island city division.

UP CM Yogi meets tribal youth from MP, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh & Odisha

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath today interacted with participants from Madhya Pradesh, harkhand, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha during the 17th Tribal Youth Exchange Program.

The week-long program, which began on September 25 and will conclude on October 1, has brought together young representatives from across the country.

Welcoming the visiting youth, the Chief Minister congratulated the youth of Uttar Pradesh and urged them to dedicate themselves to the cause of national unity and integrity.

He also extended greetings on the occasion of Sharadiya Navratri and Vijayadashami.

The Chief Minister highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Panch Pran, describing them as the guiding force for building a Viksit In-

He emphasized that such initia-

tives serve not only as platforms for cultural exchange but also as opportunities to strengthen the spirit of unity in diversity.

Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Girish Chandra Yadav was also present at the event.

Speaking about the importance of the program, CM Yogi said it is an integral part of the Prime Minister's "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" campaign, enabling participants to learn, share, and celebrate each other's cul-

Approximately 200 youths from various states are participating in the Lucknow edition of the program this year. The Chief Minister told the youth that while dialects may differ, India's culture remains one.

Tragic accident in Hardoi Speeding magic vehicle kills 5 family members

Hardoi (UNI)

A road accident in Hardoi district claimed the lives of five people, including two women and two children, after a speeding Magic vehicle ran over a family standing by the roadside near the Surasa trisection under Surasa Police Station limits.

The accident occurred around 2:30 PM yesterday when the victims had stopped by the road after attending a mundan (head-shaving) ceremony at Baba Temple. According to the police, the fami-

ly had gathered to perform the mundan of 8-year-old Kartik, son of Mo-

The deceased have been identified as Santram (30), a resident of Jigniya Khurd, Thana Tadiyawan, his

wife Sangeeta (28), Santram's sister Mohini (32), Mohini's daughter Gauri (2), and Vasu (9 months), son of Rajesh from Kannauj and nephew of

According to eyewitness accounts, after the ceremony, some family members were returning by tractor while Santram chose to take his wife Sangeeta, sister Mohini, and

niece Gauri on his motorcycle. At that moment, Mohini's sisterin-law, Seema, handed her 9-monthold son Vasu to Mohini and went to drink water from a nearby hand pump. Suddenly, a Magic vehicle coming from Bilgram lost control and plowed into the family, hitting them and the parked motorcycle, before crashing into a roadside tree.

Goyal praises UP's growth; UPITS 2025 concludes

Greater Noida (UNI)

The third edition of the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS 2025) concluded with a grand closing ceremony, attended by union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal as the chief guest. Goyal congratulated the state government on the event's resounding success, noting that UP-ITS reflects the state's and India's economic, industrial, and cultural potential.

Goyal emphasized the importance of promoting indigenous products, encouraging entrepreneurship, and realizing the vision of a Viksit India by 2047. He praised the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, highlighting the remarkable transformation

in Uttar Pradesh over the past eight years. The union Minister noted that a secure business environment and robust infrastructure have made Uttar Pradesh a preferred destination for investors. He honoured Team UPEPC, Team ODOP, Team CM Yuva Mission,



and Team IEML with trophies for their pivotal

role in making the event a success.

Goyal highlighted UPITS 2025's uniqueness in bringing together ministers, government officials, industry representatives, entrepreneurs, exporters, MSMEs, women entrepreneurs, and startup founders. He emphasized that when all stakeholders come together, it creates the perfect synergy, driving

Uttar Pradesh's development journey The Minister referenced the "GST Savings Festival" announced by Prime Minister Modi, describing the reduction in taxes on everyday items as a significant gift for consumers during Navratri. He noted that this reform will

have a lasting impact on the economy. Goyal contrasted India's current economic growth with the pre-2014 era, citing the UPA government's corruption and economic mismanagement. He credited Prime Minister Modi's consistent reforms for transforming the system, ensuring transparent allocation

of resources, and boosting public confidence. The Minister highlighted Uttar Pradesh's transformation since 2017, when the Yogi government came to power. Law and order were strengthened, investor confidence returned, and a new era of inclusive develop-

Prajwal Revanna moves Karnataka **HC challenging conviction**



Bengaluru (UNI): Expelled JD(S) leader and former MP Prajwa Revanna has approached the Karnataka High Court challenging his life imprisonment conviction for allegedly raping a domestic worker at a house in Holenarasipur, Banashankari.

On August 2, the trial cour

had sentenced Revanna to life imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 11.60 lakh. In his petition, he has sought to set aside both the conviction and the fine, citing legal grounds for appeal. The case is now pending before the High Court. The allegations surfaced after the victim filed a formal complaint, prompt ing a police investigation and subsequent prosecution. The trial drew wide public and media attention due to Revanna's political stature and the serious nature of the charges. Revanna, expelled from JD(S) following the case, now awaits the High Court's scrutiny, which wil review evidence, witness testimonies, and procedural aspects before deciding whether to uphold or overturn the trial court's verdict.