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Flights between Kullu and Chandigarh to resume after two years

Shimla: Alliance Air is resuming air service between Kullu and Chandigarh after nearly two years in the ongoing winter season, facilitating travel for both tourists and residents. Bhuntar Airport Bhuntar AGM Anil Kumar said that Alliance Air flight from Bhuntar to Chandigarh Airport is proposed from November 7. The Kullu-Chandigarh air service had been suspended since November 2023. The resumption will also boost tourism. According to reports, the 72-seater ATR 70 aircraft will operate three days a week — Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

ED summons TN film actors Srikanth, Krishna Kumar

Chennai: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned Tamil film actors K Srikanth and Krishna Kumar for questioning in a money laundering investigation linked to an alleged cocaine trafficking case. Both the actors were arrested and released on conditional bail by the Madras High Court for allegedly hosting a drug party where cocaine, a banned narcotics drug, was said to have been supplied. Reports said while Srikanth is scheduled to appear before the ED on October 27, Krishna Kumar has been asked to appear on October 28 for questioning. Their statements will be recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Labourer beaten to death over property row in Amethi

Amethi: A 60-year-old labourer returning home after a day's work was beaten to death with sticks and sharp weapons in Amethi, police said, adding three assailants fled the scene following the attack last night. Police have launched an investigation into the incident, which has once again brought Gungwachh village into the spotlight. According to the complaint filed late at night by the victim's brother, Dharmaraj, two individuals, neighbour Ravi Kashyap and his sister's son-in-law, Hubalal alias Deepak, have been named as the main accused.

Mumbai AQI improves after overnight rainfall

Mumbai: Following a round of overnight rainfall, Mumbai today got temporary relief from the recent heat and pollution; it also dramatically improved its air quality. Real-time data from AQI.in showed Mumbai's overall Air Quality Index (AQI) at just 47 this morning, placing it in the 'Good' category. This marks a significant recovery from the poor air quality levels witnessed earlier in the week, when post-Diwali pollution and stagnant winds had pushed the city's AQI into the unhealthy range.

CPM demands Rs 5,000 cr relief package for Himachal

Shimla/Mandi: The Mandi District Committee of the CPI(M) has demanded the Centre declare the rain and landslide tragedy in Himachal Pradesh a national disaster and sanction a special package of Rs 5,000 crore to the state. In a meeting held under the chairmanship of state secretariat member Dr Omkar Shad, the party expressed deep concern over the widespread destruction caused by the recent monsoon across Himachal Pradesh. The party alleged that while the state government had announced a relief package, most of the affected people were still awaiting compensation, and only a few have received immediate assistance.

Police station in-charge injured during idol immersion in Ballia

Ballia: Station House Officer (SHO) of Nagara police station, Ajay Kumar Tripathi, was seriously injured after being struck by a DJ trolley while responding to complaints about loud music in a Muslim locality during the idol immersion procession following Lakshmi Puja in Nagara town, police said today. According to reports, the SHO got trapped between the moving DJ trolley and a wall, being dragged for nearly five meters before the vehicle stopped.

President urges women to lead India's growth at St. Teresa's College centenary

Kochi (UNI)

President Droupadi Murmu urged young women to take the lead in shaping a developed India by 2047, while addressing the centenary celebrations of St. Teresa's College, here today.

Describing the centenary as a proud milestone, the President said St. Teresa's College has played a historic role in promoting women's education and social transformation in the country.

"This institution has been spreading the light of knowledge among women for a century and transforming lives with steadfast commitment to values and nation-building," she said.

Referring to the founder, Mother Teresa of St. Rose of Lima, the President said the college has carried forward her noble ideals through its academic and social initiatives.

Highlighting Kerala's pioneering contribution to women's empower-



ment, President Murmu recalled that three of the 15 women members of India's Constituent Assembly — Ammu Swaminathan, Annie Mascarene, and Dakshayani Velayudhan — were from Kerala.

"Their voices enriched the Constitution with progressive ideas on

social justice, equality and fundamental rights," she said.

Quoting Ammu Swaminathan's 1949 speech in the Constituent Assembly, the President noted that India was among the few nations to have enshrined equal rights for women in its Constitution.

Jairam challenges PM on reservation legacy during Karpoori Thakur's village visit

New Delhi (UNI)

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits the village of Karpoori Thakur today, senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh has posed three sharp questions to the government, targeting its record on social justice and caste-based policies.

In a post shared on X, Ramesh's pointed queries focus first on the historic 1978 decision by Karpoori Thakur to grant 26 percent reservation to backward classes, a milestone in India's social justice movement.

He asked: "Is it not true that your party's ideological predecessors—the Jan Sangh and RSS—openly opposed his reservation policy? Were derogatory and hate-filled slogans not raised against Karpoori Thakur Ji on the streets by the Jan Sangh-RSS during that time?"



Did the prominent leaders of the Jan Sangh-RSS camp not play a significant role in destabilizing and toppling the Karpoori Thakur government during that period? Will the Prime Minister today apologize on behalf of his ideological predecessors for that historic mistake?"

His second question centered on the government's refusal to conduct a caste census.

The second question addresses the government's stance on the caste census.

Ramesh accused the ruling party of insulting the rights of Dalits, backward classes, extremely backward classes, and tribals by labeling Congress's demand for a caste census as an "urban Naxal agenda."

He noted that the government refused to conduct a caste census despite demands in Parliament on July 20, 2021, and the Supreme Court on September 21, 2021, and asked: "Can you deny that your government has deliberately ignored this legitimate demand of crores of people from the majority deprived sections for a long time?"

CM Fadnavis orders suspension of police officer in Satara case

Satara: The suicide case of a woman doctor at Phaltan Sub-District Hospital in Satara has taken a new turn. It has emerged that the doctor wrote the reason for her suicide on her own hand, alleging sexual assault and mental harassment by two individuals.

The revelation has sent shockwaves across the district police force. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis inquired about the case from Satara District Superintendent of Police (SP) and immediately ordered the suspension of the police officer concerned, along with strict action against the accused.

Following the CM's instructions, Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) Gopal Badne has been suspended. Satara SP Tushar Doshi said a case has been registered in the matter.

Security lapse during President Murmu's visit to Pala

Kottayam: A security breach occurred during President Droupadi Murmu's visit to Pala when three youths managed to enter a restricted route on a motorcycle, bypassing police security arrangements.

According to reports, the incident took place yesterday while strict traffic restrictions were in place for the President's convoy.

The trio allegedly rode past the security barricades before police personnel could intercept them. The issue came to light after visuals of the incident went viral on social media.

The Pala police have launched an investigation into the matter.

HC withdraws protection to Suwendu Adhikari, clears way for FIRs

Kolkata (UNI)

In a major setback for leader of the Opposition Suwendu Adhikari, the Calcutta High Court today withdrew the legal protection granted to him in 2022, paving the way for the state police to file FIRs against him without seeking prior permission of the court. The order came from the bench of Justice Joy Sengupta, which observed that the earlier protection was only an interim arrangement and "no interim order can continue indefinitely."

The protection was granted by Justice Rajasekhhar Mantha's bench in December 2022 while staying 26 FIRs lodged by the state police.

The ruling had also made court permission mandatory for any fresh FIR against Adhikari.

Reacting to the judgment, Trinamool Congress spokesperson Ku-

Hundreds of unborn girls killed in CM's district: BJP's Ravikumar

Bengaluru: BJP leader N Ravikumar today sharply criticised the Karnataka government for failing to tackle female foeticide, law-and-order lapses, farmer suicides, and corruption, insisting that these pressing issues must be addressed before any discussion on a chief minister designate.

Hundreds of unborn girls are being killed in Mysuru, the chief minister's home district, yet the Karnataka government remains silent, Ravikumar charged, demanding immediate action before any discussion on a chief minister designate.

Speaking to the media here, he said the state must first tackle female foeticide, calling out Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao for failing to curb the gruesome practice.

"Hundreds of unborn girls are being killed in Mysuru, the Chief Minister's home district, yet the government and Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao remain silent. Immediate action must be taken to stop this gruesome practice," Ravikumar told reporters here.



nal Ghosh said, "In a landmark ruling, the Calcutta High Court has withdrawn the protection granted to the leader of the Opposition. The court rightly observed that no one can enjoy such immunity without a defined time frame, and therefore it has been lifted." The Leader of the Opposition could say anything because the state government was helpless against this protection.

CPI criticises PM SHRI

Flags risk of 'RSS agenda' creeping into Kerala's educational system

Thiruvananthapuram: The Communist Party of India (CPI), the second-largest ally of the CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) in Kerala, has reiterated its opposition to implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) through the Prime Minister Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) initiative in the state, asserting that it reflects the "ideological agenda of the RSS."



CPI State Secretary Binoy Viswam said that both the CPI and CPI(M) at the national level consider the NEP incompatible with their vision for public education. CPI(M) General Secretary MA Baby has expressed a similar stance.

Viswam clarified that the release of PM SHRI funds is directly linked to NEP implementation. "The funds will not be disbursed without fully executing the National Education Policy," he said, noting that the NEP is highlighted as the most critical pillar in PM SHRI program documents. Responding to media queries, he underlined that CPI(M), being ideologically opposed to the RSS, will not support programs aligned with its agenda.

The opposition from CPI and the Kerala Sasthra Sahitya Parishad has put CPI(M) on the defensive. CPI has maintained that it will not allow Left-oriented policies to be diluted.

Our aim is to empower every student of JK to realise one's potential: LG

Srinagar (UNI)

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said that universities and colleges in Jammu and Kashmir are building an inclusive and innovation-driven academic ecosystem to empower students and contribute to Viksit Bharat 2047.

The Lieutenant Governor was delivering the inaugural address at the NEP Conclave-2025, which was organised by the Higher Education Department.

Speaking at the event, the LG applauded the efforts of all the stakeholders for speedy implementation of National Education Policy. He said, it is a matter of pride that Jammu Kashmir is among the first in the country to implement the National



Education Policy across all higher educational institutions in the union Territory.

Sinha also stated that universities and colleges in Jammu Kashmir are

building an ecosystem that will be a catalyst for innovation and ground breaking research.

"We are building a future-ready academic ecosystem, one that is inclusive, innovative and impactful. Our aim is to empower every student of Jammu Kashmir to realise their potential, uphold the spirit of Viksit Bharat 2047 and emerge as a proud contributor to the nation's growth story," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu Kashmir is building the movement around the vision of reforming and strengthening the higher education landscape for an uncertain world.

Jyotiraditya Scindia addresses Rural Postal Conference in Kevadia

Agencies, Narmada (Gujarat)

Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya Scindia, addressed the Rural Postal Conference held in Kevadia, Gujarat, on Friday.

Addressing rural postal employees from across the state, he said they are not just postal employees but the heartbeat of India, delivering service, communication, and trust to every village and home, a press release said.

The Union Minister also said that the postal employee are, "The unbreakable link between the Government of India and every citizen, fulfilling their commitment to service even in the most challenging geo-



graphical conditions." "They reach where roads don't go, where networks don't reach, but their service connects the country even there. They are the compassion

that brings a smile to an elderly person's face upon receiving their pension letter; they are the warmth that illuminates a daughter's life through the 'Sukanya Samridhhi Yojana,'" he added.

Scindia informed that more than 27,000 rural postal employees are working in Gujarat, who delivered over 5.69 crore postal articles and managed more than 40 lakh savings accounts last year. He said that when the spirit of service transforms into determination, even the impossible becomes possible.

Scindia said that the Indian Post is no longer just a service for letters and parcels; today it has become the country's largest "Digital & Financial

Inclusion Network". He informed that the department is now also providing banking, insurance, savings, pension, and mutual funds KYC services.

The Union Minister also stated that the department will soon launch a delivery service through Speed Post within 24 to 48 hours, providing citizens with a more accurate and reliable postal service.

Scindia said that the time has come not just for support, but for partnership. When every branch post office becomes a new center of governance, when every parcel business increases tenfold, then we need not just employees, but agents of change.