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Nitish greets journalists on National Press Day

Patna: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Sunday extended his warm greetings to the journalists and media professionals on the occasion of national press day. In his message to the media share on X, Kumar said that the occasion commemorates the establishment of the Press Council of India, the apex body responsible for preserving the freedom of the press and maintaining standards in media. Highlighting the significance of the day, he said that it represents India's long-standing tradition of free, fair and responsible journalism.

Severe cold wave grips Jharkhand

Ranchi: A sharp cold wave continues to sweep across Jharkhand, with chilly north-westerly winds from the hills causing a sudden and significant drop in temperature across several districts. In Ranchi's McCluskieganj, the mercury has plunged to 6°C, marking the lowest temperature of the season so far. Gumla has also recorded a minimum of 6.2°C. Over the last 24 hours, many districts have experienced a fall of nearly 7 degrees, prompting increased concern for vulnerable groups such as the poor, elderly, and children.

Two killed, six injured in bus-truck collision in Telangana

Jangaon: Two people were killed on the spot and six others injured when a Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) bus collided with a sand-laden truck in Jangaon district on Sunday morning. The accident occurred in Nidigondla, Raghunathpalli Mandal. Police said the accident occurred while the bus was traveling from Hanamakonda to Hyderabad. The deceased have been identified as Navjeet Singh, a resident of Hanamakonda, and Om Prakash, a resident of Hyderabad. The injured were taken to a local hospital for treatment. The front portion of the bus was damaged in the collision.

Delhi's AQI stays 'very poor'

New Delhi: National capital's average air quality index (AQI) level continued to reel under the 'very poor' category today with a reading of 386, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) daily bulletin said. According to the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) forecast, the national capital's air quality is likely to be in the 'Very Poor' category up to Sunday, and may deteriorate to 'Severe' between Monday and Tuesday. "The outlook for the subsequent six days: The air quality is likely to be in the Severe to Very Poor category," IITM's air quality early warning system for Delhi said. According to the IITM, the wind speed in the city was calm on Saturday evening.

Massive fire engulfs banquet hall in Gorakhpur

Gorakhpur: One person was hospitalised after a massive fire broke out at a restaurant and banquet hall in Uttar Pradesh's Gorakhpur in the early hours of Sunday, a fire department official said. Fire tenders were rushed to the spot to douse the flames. Gorakhpur CFO, Santosh Kumar Rai, detailed the incident, stating that four fire tenders reached the Atharva Veda Banquet Hall to control the situation. "On 16 November, early in the morning, Fire Station Golghar received a call reporting a fire at the Atharva Veda Banquet Hall, opposite the Faiz Museum, under the jurisdiction of Thana Ramgarh Tal. I reached the spot along with four fire tenders," he said.

Winter session of Bengal Assembly likely from first week of December

Kolkata: The winter session of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly is likely to begin in the first week of December, after the state government decided to defer the sitting in view of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Earlier, the session was scheduled to start on November 14, and was later tentatively shifted to November 22 but finally it was decided that it is likely to begin in the first week of December.

After poll debacle, Lalu family splits; Rohini's allegations shake RJD

Patna (UNI)

The crushing defeat suffered by the RJD in the Bihar Assembly elections has now exposed deepening internal conflict within Lalu Prasad Yadav's family, casting a shadow over the party's future.

Lalu's daughter Rohini Acharya "quit politics, disowned her family," and returned to Singapore late on Saturday, alleging that she was abused for questioning the reasons behind the party's debacle.

Before leaving Patna, she launched a sharp attack on the RJD's de facto chief Tejashwi Yadav and his trusted aides Sanjay Yadav and Rameez Nemat Khan.

"The entire party is asking why we lost. But people like Sanjay and Rameez are avoiding the questions. If he (Sanjay Yadav) wants to be Chanakya, then it is Chanakya who will have to face the questions," she said.



Later, speaking to the media at Patna Airport, Rohini said, "I no longer have a family. Ask Sanjay Yadav, Rameez, and Tejashwi... They removed me from the family because they don't want to take responsibility for the loss. If I take the names of Sanjay and Rameez, I get thrown out

of the house, insulted, and beaten with slippers..."

Rohini's grievances were not only against Sanjay Yadav and Rameez Nemat Khan, but also against Tejashwi's silence. When she raised questions about Sanjay Yadav's alleged conspiracies, interference in the

family, discrimination in seat selection, and the growing influence of outsiders in the RJD, Tejashwi Yadav did not comment publicly.

After Rohini's departure, her sisters Rajlakshmi, Ragini and Chanda also left Patna for Delhi with their children, further highlighting rising tensions within the RJD chief's family.

Tej Pratap Yadav, who was earlier sidelined by both the RJD and the family, came out openly in support of Rohini Acharya, saying, "Whoever insults our sister will face Krishna's Sudarshan Chakra."

"Where she (Rohini Acharya) stands, she is absolutely right. As a woman, a mother, a sister, what she has done is something hardly any daughter or mother could do. She will always be remembered. Her name will be written in golden letters in the pages of history," he added.

NCP suffers setback as assembly president switches allegiance

Beed (UNI)

In a significant political development, Dr Yogesh Kshirsagar has stepped down from his position as the Nationalist Congress Party's Beed assembly constituency president and relinquished his primary membership. His resignation, sent by email to state NCP president Sunil Tatkare on Sunday has generated considerable movement within party circles ahead of the municipal elections.

Dr Kshirsagar stated that he had consistently been excluded from local decision-making processes, adding that despite repeatedly raising this concern with senior leadership, no corrective steps were taken. Having originally joined the NCP in



the presence of Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, he expressed gratitude for the trust placed in him and said he had worked sincerely to promote the party's ideology among grass-

roots workers.

Beed's political environment has undergone notable changes in recent months, with internal divisions becoming evident during candidate selection discussions for the upcoming municipal polls. Dr Kshirsagar reportedly disagreed with fellow office bearers on candidate distribution, and despite intervention from District President Rajeshwar Chavan, no consensus could be reached.

This latest resignation reflects earlier instances of intra-party turbulence, recalling the period when a group including Amar Naikwade and Farooq Patel had left the NCP before returning and expressing support for MLA Dhananjay Munde and former MLA Amar Singh Pandit.



Fifteen workers still trapped after mine collapse

Sonbhadra (UNI)

Around 15 workers are still trapped inside the debris, and rescue operations are proving extremely challenging due to water accumulation inside the mine and the poor condition of the access route, officials said on Sunday.

The accident occurred in the Billi Markundi mining area of Obra, where a section of the Krishna Mining Stone mine collapsed on Saturday evening. Rescue teams have deployed heavy machinery to create a passage by laying stones and gravel to reach the collapse site.

Acting on the directions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, senior officials rushed to the spot.

ADG Zone Piyush Mordia, Superintendent of Police Abhishek Verma, Commissioner of Mirzapur Rajesh Prakash, and IG RP Singh inspected the site and reviewed rescue efforts.

So far, one body has been recovered, identified as Raju Singh, son of

Triveni Singh, retrieved around 4 am. Officials have confirmed at least two deaths, while some reports suggest the toll may be three. All routes leading to the mining zone have been sealed by the police, and entry has been restricted.

Villager Chhotu Yadav, whose two brothers Santosh and Indrajit are among those trapped, has filed a complaint against the mine owner and partner, demanding strict action.

The incident occurred around 4 pm, on Saturday when several workers were operating nine compressors during drilling. Suddenly, a massive portion of the hill, over 150 feet high, collapsed. Two workers managed to escape, but many were buried under the falling debris.

Rescue operations began around 8:15 pm, after adequate lighting was arranged due to darkness. Teams from NDRF, SDRF, and Fire Services are engaged in the operation.

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