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41 acres of illegal poppy farms destroyed in Manipur

Imphal: Security Forces, in coordination with the Manipur Police, Forest Department, and the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), carried out a series of intensified anti-narcotics and law-enforcement operations across Manipur yesterday, targeting illegal poppy cultivation networks. In a significant operation in the hill ranges of Kotlen village under Kangpokpi Police Station, authorities destroyed approximately 41 acres of illicit poppy plantations. During the raid, teams also dismantled 23 makeshift huts and seized cultivation materials including nine bags of fertilizers, eleven packets of herbicides, four bags of salt, and other tools.

KMB-6 collaterals to open on Dec 14

Kochi: The Collaterals programme of the sixth Kochi-Muziris Biennale (KMB-6) will open on December 14, featuring nine institutes showcasing a wide spectrum of contemporary art practices aligned with the festival's central curatorial theme. The 110-day Biennale, South Asia's largest contemporary art event, begins on December 12 and runs until March 31, 2026. Announcing the details, the Kochi Biennale Foundation (KBF) said the collateral exhibitions spread across Fort Kochi and Mattancherry were selected through an open call. KBF Director of Programmes Mario D'Souza said that the Collaterals have been "reimagined" for the sixth edition, with the jury short-listing nine projects from over 150 submissions.

Punjab: Man wanted in murder case killed in encounter

Amritsar (Punjab): A criminal accused of killing a grocery store owner in Amritsar was killed in an encounter with the Police on Monday. DIG Border Range, Amritsar, Sandeep Goel, said that the wanted criminal Rajan alias Billa was injured in the exchange of fire, following which he was overpowered. "We shifted him to the hospital where he died." Sharing details on the case, on 16th Nov, a man - identified as Sardar Manjit Singh was killed by two bike-borne masked men under Khilchian PS area. Since that day, SSP Suhail Mir had been working on this case along with his team.

Incessant rainfall triggers waterlogging in residential areas in Thoothukudi

Thoothukudi: Continuous rainfall over the past two days has led to widespread waterlogging across several suburban parts of the Thoothukudi district, severely impacting daily life for residents. Multiple neighbourhoods, housing colonies, and narrow streets have been inundated, with rainwater entering residential areas and disrupting normal movement. The stagnant water has created significant challenges for office-goers, school-children, and senior citizens.

Hyderabad doctor dies by suicide after US visa rejection

Hyderabad: A 39-year-old doctor was found dead, allegedly by suicide, at her flat in Padma Rao Nagar in Hyderabad, police said on Monday. The woman's application for a US visa had been rejected, allegedly prompting her to take the extreme step, the Chilkalguda police said. The deceased Dr Kaku Rohini died on Thursday night at the Dharani Surya Sai Apartment where she was staying while preparing for a PG Residency in the US. Police said that, as per a report filed by her mother, Dr Rohini was preparing for the medical PG exam and had secured a PG Residency Seat in the US.

Delhi Police summon three more teachers in Class 10 student suicide case

New Delhi: Delhi Police on Monday summoned three more teachers for questioning in connection with the suicide of a 16-year-old Class 10 student at Rajendra Place Metro Station. Police questioned two other teachers on Sunday, while some students have also been examined as part of the investigation.

Guv Bose visits Indo-Bangladesh border

Kolkata (UNI)

Taking cognisance of media reports about a "reverse migration" of hundreds of alleged illegal immigrants from Bangladesh following the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose on Monday visited the BSF border outpost at Swarupnagar in North 24 Parganas to assess the situation firsthand.

Bose reached Hakimpara in Swarupnagar around 5.15 pm and interacted extensively with local residents and those staying in temporary shelters before speaking with security personnel.

"Is there so much security for this 'reverse migration'?" he asked BSF officials while reviewing the deployment.

His visit came when thousands reportedly gathered near the Hakimpur border point in Swarupnagar, seeking passage back to Bangladesh. Although there has been no official statement, BSF sources indicated

Amid reports of 'Reverse Migration' during SIR drive



ed that many of those assembled may have entered India illegally and now fear that the SIR process could expose their identities.

Earlier, speaking to reporters in Kolkata, Bose said, "Multiple interpretations are being made of media

reports of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants trying to return after the SIR began in the state. I want to see the ground situation with my own eyes so that I can form an opinion myself."

Calling the SIR a "crucial and im-

DM, SSP to address every citizen's complaint promptly: CM Yogi

Lucknow (UNI)

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday instructed all District Magistrates and Senior Superintendents of Police to ensure that grievances are heard and addressed at the district level itself.

He emphasised that officers must ensure the timely redressal of complaints across all departments.

The instructions were given during a Janata Darshan at his official residence here.

More than 52 individuals from various districts across Uttar Pradesh attended the event to present their grievances. The Chief Minister personally interacted with each complainant, listened to their concerns, and issued directions to en-



sure a prompt resolution.

The complaints presented during the Janata Darshan included issues related to financial assistance, illegal

encroachments, electricity supply, education, policing matters, and other public concerns.

The Chief Minister reiterated that serving and safeguarding the interests of the public is a top priority for the government.

He assured that the administration is committed to addressing all genuine concerns and will continue to support those in need.

Complainants from districts including Gorakhpur, Shamli, Jhansi, and Kannauj shared their issues with the Chief Minister, and he issued immediate instructions for appropriate action.

During the event, CM Yogi also met the children accompanying their parents.

Four minors among 6 of family ill after meal cooked with 'acid'

Kolkata: Six members of a silver-smith's family, including four minors, were taken critically ill in West Medinipur district after consuming a day meal that was accidentally cooked with acid instead of water, a district health official said.

All six were initially admitted to the Ghatal Super Speciality Hospital but were later shifted to the SSKM Hospital in Kolkata as their condition deteriorated.

The incident occurred at Ratneswarbati village under the Ghatal block on Sunday noon when a relative, who had come to visit the family of silversmith Santhu Sanyasi, prepared the meal. Unaware that a container held acid used for melting silver, she reportedly used it in place of water while cooking rice.

Soon after eating, all six members began vomiting and suffering from upset stomach fell critically ill.

AAP's Sanjay Singh concludes march in Prayagraj, vows to fight for social justice

Prayagraj (UNI)

The 'Rojgar do, Samajik Nyay do' march, which began on November 12 from the banks of the Saryu in Ayodhya under the leadership of Aam Aadmi Party Rajya Sabha MP and Uttar Pradesh in-charge Sanjay Singh, formally concluded here on Monday in the Sangam city of Prayagraj.

Singh himself led the march to the river, where he stood in the waters of the Sangam and pledged to continue the fight for employment and social justice.

He stated that his resolve is to completely eliminate unemployment from Uttar Pradesh.

On this occasion, AAP leader Sanjay Singh also sharply criticized the

Chennai (UNI)

In a tragic incident, six people were killed and 60 others, including children, injured when two private buses collided in the southern Tenkasi district of Tamil Nadu on Monday, even as Chief Minister M K Stalin condoled their deaths and announced Rs three lakh solatium to the deceased families.

Police sources said the deceased included five women.

When contacted by UNI earlier, sources at the police headquarters here said eight people were killed in the mishap. However, Mr Stalin, in a press release, while offering his condolences, said six people were killed in the collision that took place at Idaikaal village near Kadayanallur on the Thirumangalam-Kollam National Highway at 1100 hrs.

Acting on informaion, police, fire service and revenue department officials rushed to the spot and shifted



the bodies to the government hospital for post mortem and were also engaged in rescue and relief operations. The local people were also engaged in relief and rescue works.

Ambulances were summoned and the injured were shifted to government hospitals.

The rescue teams battled hard to

Wife of Maharashtra minister's aide found dead; Police case registered against spouse

Mumbai: An FIR has been registered against Maharashtra Minister Pankaja Munde's aide Anant Garje for alleged abetment of suicide after his wife was found dead in Mumbai's Worli area, police officials said.

Dentist Gauri Palve-Garje, wife of Anant Garje, an aide of the Maharashtra minister for animal husbandry, environment and climate change and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, allegedly died by suicide.

Ashok Maruti Pavle, the father of the deceased, has filed a complaint against Anant Garje, alleging that his daughter was tortured and harassed by her husband.

Garje has surrendered at Worli Police Station after the complaint was filed.

portant" exercise of the Election Commission of India, he added, "If there are any grievances, I believe the EC will address them. I hope everything goes well. All's well that ends well."

Addressing concerns surrounding the SIR drive, the Governor had said in a program yesterday that there was "no need to panic," adding, "The Election Commission is strong enough and has a balanced outlook. All issues will be examined properly and solutions will be found. What is required is free and fair elections in this country."

Responding cautiously to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's allegations about deaths and excessive workload among Booth Level Officers (BLOs), Bose had said, "It is better to avoid immediate reactions. What the chief minister is saying will be closely examined. We need a Hinsha-Mukta Bengal (violence-free Bengal) and a Bhraastachar-Mukta Bengal (corruption-free Bengal)."

Hate speech FIR registered against BJP leader Ajay Shyam

Shimla (UNI)

Himachal Pradesh Police have formally registered an FIR against BJP leader Ajay Shyam in an alleged hate speech case that has generated significant public concern.

The FIR (No. 0067/2025), lodged at Police Station Kumarsain on November 22, follows a detailed written complaint submitted by Shimla resident Atul Sharma.

Shyam, who contested the 2022 Assembly election from Kumarsain on a BJP ticket, has been booked under Sections 299, 352, 353(1)(c), and 196(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, provisions dealing with deliberate religious insult, promotion of communal enmity, provo-



cation likely to disturb public order, and assertions prejudicial to national integration.

The alleged incident took place on November 17 at Kyara in Theog, where Shyam addressed a gathering in the presence of school children.

The FIR reproduces portions of the speech that the complainant alleges constituted hate speech, blasphemy, and an attempt to undermine Hindu/Sanatani religious traditions.

In his extensive written complaint, Sharma termed the situation a "cultural emergency," alleging deliberate provocation and historical distortion intended to foment communal disharmony.

5 Gujarat tourists die as bus plunges into gorge in Tehri

Dehradun: Five people died and seven others were injured when a bus carrying 29 tourists from Gujarat plunged into a gorge in Tehri district on Monday afternoon, police and Uttarakhand disaster response sources said.

Rescuers backed by State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and police saved 17 tourists while the injured were admitted to two hospitals. The accident occurred near Kunjapuri temple in the Narendranagar hills of Tehri district. According to information shared by the District Disaster Management Department, all 29 passengers aboard the bus were tourists from Gujarat.

BJP slams Congress, Akhilesh Yadav over alleged anti-national statements

New Delhi (UNI)

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla on Monday sharply criticised Congress leader Udit Raj and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, accusing them of making statements that "undermine India's sovereignty" and "insult the wisdom of the people."

Poonawalla said Akhilesh Yadav made "deplorable comments" against the constitutional position and the Prime Minister, while Udit Raj had gone a step further by claiming that India would "break and become enslaved" if the BJP were allowed to govern.

Accusing the Opposition of crossing all limits in political rivalry, Poon-

awalla said, "They are the same people who said we are fighting against the Indian state. They question our Indian Army, demand proofs on operations like Sindoor, surgical strikes, Balakot airstrikes, and attempt to break the morale of our forces."

The BJP leader further alleged that some Opposition figures speak against India on international platforms, portraying the country as undemocratic and even seeking foreign intervention. "They challenge the country's sovereignty abroad and demand intervention into India. Now, see how these people are insulting the janta, because the janta ultimately elects the BJP or the Prime Minister," he said.



Andhra govt to issue all-in-one Smart Family Cards

Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh government is planning to implement Family Benefit Management System treating each family as a unit and issue smart family cards by June.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu conducted a review meeting in the secretariat at Amaravati, near here on Monday, on Family benefit management system and directed the officials to utilize the system for empowerment of families.

He directed the officials to update the data of welfare schemes and civic services being provided to people and incorporate them in Smart Family Cards. The Chief Minister directed the officials to make arrangements to issue smart family cards with QR code to 1.4 crore families by June.

