



Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar speaks at the release of the book 'Law & Spirituality: Reconnecting the Bond' at VP's Enclave, in New Delhi



Foreign Secretary of India Vinay Mohan Kwatra during a meeting with senior officials from the US Government



TMC candidate from Murshidabad constituency Abu Taher Khan files his nomination papers for LS elections in Murshidabad district, West Bengal



A woman constable shows her inked finger after casting her vote via postal ballot for the Lok Sabha elections in Bikaner, Rajasthan

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Devotees perform rituals as they participate in a 'Gajan' festival procession at Kalighat Kali temple in Kolkata, West Bengal, on Friday

IAF's dark night airlift, coordination with Army rescues jawan injured in forward area

**NEW DELHI:** An Indian Army personnel, whose hand had got severed while operating a machine at a unit in a forward area, was brought to a Delhi hospital after a 'dark night airlift' by an IAF C-130J aircraft from Ladakh sector, the entire evacuation efforts being a race against time. The incident took place on April 9 and the jawan underwent a 'highly complex nine-hour surgery' for the reimplantation of his hand, including the amputated thumb and index finger, at the Army's Research Referral Hospital here. The injured soldier, who was stationed in the challenging terrain of Ladakh, was first 'swiftly evacuated' to the Military Garrison Hospital in Leh, where he was stabilised by a team of dedicated doctors, they said. Indian Air Force sources said later he was taken to the Leh air base and from there a Super Hercules airlifted him to Palam air force station in Delhi, racing against time, as only a window of 6-8 hours was available for an emergency surgery to "save his appendage".

Wild elephant rescued from well in Kerala

**KOCHI:** After several hours of effort on Friday, the forest department and the police jointly rescued a wild elephant that had fallen into a well inside a private rubber plantation near the forested areas of Kothamangalam in Ernakulam district. The forest department officials and the local police dug a path out of the well, which had no walls, using an excavator and rescued the wild tusker that fell into the well in the morning. TV channels showed the visual of the elephant running away towards the forest after climbing out of the well. Earlier local residents of the area protested against the forest officials, stating that the animal incursions into human settlements are a common occurrence these days and a permanent solution needs to be found. Police removed the protestors from the area. The local people demanded that the elephant be tranquilised and shifted to another part of the forest rather than letting it loose in the same region.

Atishi: Conspiracy being hatched to impose President's rule in Delhi

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Delhi Cabinet minister Atishi on Friday alleged that a big political conspiracy is being hatched by the BJP-led central government to impose President's rule in the national capital.

"Arvind Kejriwal's arrest is a political conspiracy to topple his government. We have learnt from reliable sources that in the coming days, President's rule will be imposed in Delhi. But imposing President's rule in Delhi will be illegal and against the mandate of people," she said at a press conference here.

DELHI CRISIS

Reacting to the AAP leader's charge, the BJP said it was surprising that the fear of President's rule is haunting the AAP, which has 62 MLAs in the 70-member Delhi Assembly.

At the press conference, Atishi claimed that in recent times, many events have taken place that indicate the possibility of the imposition of President's rule in the national capital.

In the last few months, no senior IAS officer has been posted in Delhi, she said.

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Atishi further said the BJP already knows that it cannot come to power in Delhi. "The AAP defeated the BJP in the Delhi assembly elections in 2015 and 2020. That is why they want to topple the Delhi government. However, the imposition of President's rule would be illegal since the Delhi government enjoys a majority. We proved our majority through a floor test on February 17 this year," she said.

Later in the day, Atishi's cabinet colleague Saurabh Bharadwaj spoke in the same vein.

"The BJP and the lieutenant governor are talking about a constitutional crisis in Delhi. This shows that there is a conspiracy to impose President's rule in Delhi. The BJP has been

defeated twice in Delhi in 2015 and 2020 and it knows it cannot form the govt in Delhi. Even if elections are held today, Arvind Kejriwal will win," he said. "President's rule was imposed in Delhi throughout 2014. We had approached the Supreme Court at that time. Subsequently, elections were held and the AAP came to power in 2015.

"People gave them a reply for imposing President's rule. If President's rule is imposed in Delhi, the people of Delhi will again give them a reply," he said.

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva hit out at the AAP, saying it was surprising that the fear of President's rule is haunting the AAP, even though it has a majority in the assembly.

"Atishi's usual false narrative of her victimisation and the 'Operation Lotus' story were replaced by a new story early this morning. Today, she has said that President's rule is likely to be imposed in Delhi," he said.

**PTI, KOLKATA:** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested two key accused, including the mastermind, in Bengaluru's Rameshwaram Cafe blast case from West Bengal, a development that triggered a war of words between the BJP and the state's ruling TMC.

RAMESHWARAM CAFE BLAST

While the BJP alleged that the TMC has turned West Bengal into a "safe haven for terrorists", Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said the accused were arrested due to the state police's prompt action. The accused, Abdul Matheen Ahmed Taahaa and Mussavir Hussain Shazib, were staying in a lodge near Kolkata under assumed identities, a statement issued by the NIA said.

Taahaa was the mastermind behind the planning and execution of the blast while Shazib placed the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) at the cafe, they said.

The two accused were on the run since the explosion rocked the IT city of Bengaluru on March 1.

"It was Abdul Matheen who also worked on the escape plans and managed to evade arrest all these weeks for himself and his co-ac-



Combo photo of accused in the Bengaluru Cafe blast case being brought to be produced at court by NIA officials, in Kolkata, on Friday

cused. The duo, along with their co-accused Maaz Muneer Ahmed, were also involved in terror cases earlier," the NIA said.

"On Friday, the anti-terror agency finally traced the duo to Kolkata, working in coordination with various other central sister agencies and state police departments of Karnataka, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, UP, Delhi, AP and Telangana," it said.

On finding out that the "terrorists" were staying in a lodge near Kolkata under assumed identities, the NIA requested the West Bengal

Police to secure the accused and the latter responded promptly, leading to a successful culmination of the search operation and apprehension of both "terrorists", it added.

Taahaa and Shazib were produced before a special NIA court in Kolkata after their arrest. The court granted three-day transit remand of the accused to the agency, the statement said. Several customers and hotel staff members were injured, some of them grievously, in the blast that caused extensive damage to the property.

At 39.4 deg C, Delhi sees hottest day since Jan

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Mercury rose to 39.4 degrees Celsius in Delhi on Friday, recording the highest maximum temperature since January, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

The national capital recorded 39.1 degrees Celsius on April 11, the second highest maximum temperature so far this season.

According to IMD data, the maximum temperature in Delhi has been near 40 degrees Celsius for the past four days.

The relative humidity oscillated between 72% and 26% during the day.

BEATING THE HEAT



A labourer drinks water on a hot summer day at a grain market in Rajasthan, on Friday

Three injured in Manipur gunfight

**PTI, IMPHAL:** Three persons were injured in a gunfight between armed village volunteers and unidentified gunmen at Pelyang village in Manipur's Tengnoupal district on Friday, officials said.

"There was a gunfight between Meitei and Kuki insurgents at Pelyang village in Tengnoupal district, around 25 km from the boundary of Thoubal at Heirok," police said.

"Three Meitei insurgents sustained injuries, but they are currently stable. The incident took place under Machi police station in Tengnoupal district. Meitei women have taken out rallies in some areas in protest against the attack by Kukis," police added.

Meanwhile, additional state and central police forces have been rushed to the area to bring the situation under control, they said.

In another development, unknown men torched a saw mill near Pallel in Kachhing district adjacent to Thoubal district in the early hours of Friday.

"Fire tenders were rushed to the spot but the mill was gutted," police said. Security forces have launched operations to arrest the perpetrators, police said.

Crackdown begins against unfit school buses

Committee to probe incident

**PTI, CHANDIGARH:** A special drive were conducted across Haryana on Friday to crack down on school buses plying without necessary documents and valid permits, a day after six children were killed and 20 sustained injuries in an accident in Mahendragarh district.

HARYANA ACCIDENT

Haryana Chief Secretary T V S N Prasad issued stringent directives to the civil and police administration to check within the next 10 days, the fitness of all school buses in their districts even as a committee was set up to probe the factors leading to the accident.

According to officials, all concerned departments, including the traffic police, on Friday carried out special drives across the state to check whether school buses plying on the roads were following all norms and had necessary documents like roadworthi-

ness, pollution under check, and valid permits.

Meanwhile, Prasad chaired an emergency meeting and was informed by Additional Chief Secretary, School Education, G Anupama that the Mahendragarh district municipal commissioner has assumed control over the management of the school whose bus was involved in the accident.

The meeting, conducted via video conference and convened to reinforce safety measures in schools, saw participation from divisional commissioners, deputy commissioners, range additional DGPs, commissioners of police, and district SPs, an official statement said.

It is very important that unfit buses be promptly replaced with new ones and trained drivers be engaged by schools to ensure safe transportation. If any school fails to comply with the instructions, strict and exemplary action be taken against those responsible, the chief secretary directed.

NIA probe into Kannur blast necessary, says Cong in Kerala

**PTI, PALAKKAD:** The Congress in Kerala on Friday alleged that the police investigation into the recent blast of a country-made bomb in Kannur district has not been satisfactory, and demanded an NIA probe into the case.

On April 5, a country-made bomb exploded while it was being put together at Panur in Kannur, killing one person and injuring three others. It has stirred the political waters in the state ahead of the LS polls on April 26.

Senior Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala said it was the National Investigation Agency (NIA) that probes incidents related to blasts and bomb-making as it was created for that purpose, and therefore that agency should probe the Kannur blast as well.

"The recent blast in Panur in Kannur district should be probed by the NIA as the ongoing investigation by the Kerala Police is not satisfactory," he said.

He claimed that only an NIA probe would be able to unearth the facts and reveal the actual culprits behind the incident.

Chennithala said that another reason for seeking an NIA probe into the case is that Kerala Chief

Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and CPI(M) State Secretary M V Govindan have allegedly made moves to save the accused.

The Congress leader also claimed that the country-made bombs were going to be used against the UDF as the Left front feared defeat in the Lok Sabha elections.

Congress candidate from Vatakara LS constituency Shafi Parambil, meanwhile, sought the intervention of the Election Commission to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections in the state.

Drawing attention of the EC to the blast, Parambil alleged in his letter that the making of country-made bombs was "meticulously planned and organised under the sponsorship of district and state level CPI(M) leadership".

He also alleged that the police probe in the case was "shabby and lackadaisical due to political intervention".

"It is very evident that the aim of the accused is to strike terror by causing death or injury to political opponents by using bombs or other explosives, and the said act is clearly a precursor to acts that could and would invite section 15 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Power of Attorney given by my client Mrs. Neha Prabhu, daughter of Mr. Ramesh Prabhu Aijaonkar, Resident New Jersey, United States of America that the specific power of attorney dated 17/03/2019 executed before notary public of New Jersey, U.S.A before Bhavna R. Parikh on 17/03/2019 and before Rudra Dutt Upadhyay, the Assistant Consular Officer, Consulate General of India, New York, U.S.A in favour of her brother Mr. Nikhil Ramesh Prabhu Aijaonkar, son of Mr. Ramesh Prabhu Aijaonkar, major of age, residing at H. No. 822, near Old Chowgule Colleg, Vidyannagar, Margao, Goa has been revoked by deed of revocation executed before Consulate General Of India, New York, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024 and attested before the Addl Collector of South Goa on 26/3/2024. The Powers of the said Mr. Nikhil Ramesh Prabhu Aijaonkar having been thus terminated, he has no authority whatever to transact any business or act in any way on my clients behalf so any person transacting any business with him will do so at his own risk as to consequence.

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Any person /bank /financial institution/s having any claim against the said Villa or any part thereof by way of tenancy, mortgage, gift, inheritance, maintenance, trust, attachments, easements, liens, lease or otherwise are hereby given notice to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned, at the address given below, within FIFTEEN DAYS from the date of publication hereof otherwise the sale of the scheduled VILLA shall be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived and the same shall not be binding on my client, thereafter.

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ALL THAT Villa bearing Villa No. 54, known as "AQUA FORTIS", admeasuring 278.25 square meters super built up area consisting of Ground plus First Floor in the project AQUA BAY, along with proportionate undivided share equivalent to 472.00 square meters in the amalgamated properties viz (i) ALL THAT Property known as "BORMA" or "BOROM" admeasuring 40,800.00 sq. mts., bearing Survey No. 210/1, described in the Land Registration Office of Salcete under No. 1356 of Book B No. 4 of New Series and (ii) ALL THAT Property known as "MANUEL FRANCISCO FRANCISCACHEM BATT" or "MUTAY GRANDE" or "FRANCISCACHEM BATT" or "TARITIEM", admeasuring 21,470.00 sq. mts., bearing Survey No. 206/6, described in the Land Registration Office of Salcete under No. 1354 of Book B No. 4 of New Series, situated at Sancoale, within the limits of Village Panchayat of Sancoale, Taluka and Registration Sub-District of Mormugao, District of South Goa, in the State of Goa and is bounded as under:-

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