

## 4 terrorists, two soldiers killed in J&K encounters

PTI, SRINAGAR: At least four terrorists were killed and two soldiers laid down their lives in twin encounters in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, officials said.

The encounters took place in Frisal Chinnigam and Modergam areas of the south Kashmir district.

The officials said two soldiers lost their lives while battling the terrorists.

They said contact with terrorists was established during a cordon and search operation in the Frisal Chinnigam area. In the exchange of fire there so far, four terrorists have been killed, the officials said, adding their bodies have been sighted.**Pg 12>>**

## Hathras stampede: Key accused, two others held

PTI, NOIDA: Devprakash Madhukar, the main accused in Hathras stampede, was arrested from Delhi by Uttar Pradesh Police which claimed he was the main organiser-fundraiser for the July 2 'satsang' and suspected that self-styled godman Bhole Baba's events were "funded" by a political party.

Claiming that some political parties had recently contacted Madhukar, the police said political connections and money trail would be probed and 'strictest possible' action would be taken if any party is found involved in the activities. **Pg 7>>**

# Oppn questions Maha govt over Rs 11 crore reward to cricketers

**Asks Chief Minister Shinde to pay the amount from his own pocket; BJP accuses Opposition of politicising the issue**

PTI, MUMBAI: Opposition Congress and Shiv Sena (UBT) in Maharashtra have raised question marks over the Eknath Shinde-led dispensation's announcement of giving Rs 11 crore reward to the T20 World Cup-winning Indian team, and alleged that by doing so, the government wants to pat itself on the back.

The opposition parties said that while they were proud of the cricketers' achievement, there was no need to give Rs 11 crore from the State coffers and asked the chief minister to pay the amount from his own pocket.

BJP legislator Pravin Darekar, however, hit back at the Congress, accusing it of politicising the issue.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Friday announced Rs 11 crore cash reward for the Indian cricket team. The announcement was made in the Vidhan Bhavan (state legislature complex) here, where four Mumbai players from the team -- captain Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav, Ya-

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shasvi Jaiswal and Shivam Dubey -- were felicitated.

Talking to reporters later, Leader of Opposition in the State assembly, Vijay Wadettiwar, said, “What was the need to give Rs 11 crore from the State coffers? This is to pat your own back... Let the coffers get empty... Let the poor die. But the government wants to pat its own back.”

Shiv Sena (UBT) MLC and Leader of Opposition in the legislative council, Ambadas Danve, said, “Giving Rs 11 crore to players from the State coffers was not needed. Everybody is proud of their achievements and

they get adequate prize money. The CM should have given Rs 11 crore from his own pocket.”

Speaking to a Marathi news channel on Saturday, BJP MLC Darekar said, “Vijay Wadettiwar's mindset is distorted and shallow. The entire country rejoiced in the T20 men's team winning the World Cup, and everybody is happy.”

“People have seen how cricket fans gathered in large numbers to shower their love on the cricketers (during the victory parade) at the Marine Drive. But Wadettiwar wants to politicise even this event,” he said.

## SEARCHING FOR SURVIVORS



Officials and others during a rescue operation following a building collapse, in Surat, Gujarat, on Saturday. A person was killed and three to four others were still feared trapped, officials said. The structure collapsed around 2.45 pm

# Pooja Sharma's lawyer alleges political interference in investigations

## Anticipatory bail plea hearing adjourned to July 8

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PANJIM: The hearing on Pooja Sharma's anticipatory bail application in the alleged Assagao house demolition was again adjourned to Monday, July 8, even as the applicant's lawyer stated that there was political interference in the investigations.

On behalf of the applicant, Senior Counsel Surendra Dessai along with Advocate Pavithran A V

### 'POLITICISED PROBE'

» The counsels submitted that the investigation is politicised

» Mentioned that the Chief Minister went to Assagao, then two local MLAs, husband and wife (\*Michael Lobo and Delilah) came there

» Alleged that govt wanted to arrest Pooja due to political pressure

» Reiterated that their client was innocent and that there was pressure from authorities to arrest her

» Claimed Pooja was not involved in the demolition of the house on June 22 and she did not even visit the State

presented the case before the Principal District and Sessions Court, Panjim.

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# Labourer's death at Loutolim: Murder case lodged, suspended Ponda police personnel under scrutiny

## Maina-Curtorim Police set to record statements of three suspended cops to uncover the truth

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MARGAO: The Maina-Curtorim Police registered a case of murder in connection with the death of Kanhaiya Kumar Mondal, a 32-year-old labourer from Bihar, whose body was found on the road in Loutolim.

The post-mortem report revealed that the deceased had four stab injuries on the abdomen and one on the neck, raising the suspicion of murder. Initially believed to be a hit-and-run case, the injuries on Kanhaiya's body have left police puzzled about the events leading up to his death. Key

“We are in the process of investigation and the culprit will be booked. We will find out whether the deceased had enmity with someone

–Santosh Dessai, Sub Divisional Police Officer

“A truck from Karnataka, which may have been involved in the hit-and-run, had been transported to Goa. The forensic team will examine it to match injury marks found on Kanhaiya's body

–Jaspal Singh, Director General of Police

“A case of murder under Section 302 of the IPC has been registered as the murder was reported prior to the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) which came into effect on July 1, and the investigation is ongoing. All necessary evidence will be collected to get to the root of the case

–Sunita Sawant, South Goa Superintendent of Police

questions include how he ended up in Loutolim after being questioned by the Ponda police, who dropped him off, and where exactly this occurred. Maina-Curtorim Police are set to record statements from three

suspended Ponda police officers to uncover the truth.

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into effect on July 1, and the investigation is ongoing. All necessary evidence will be collected to get to the root of the case,” said South Goa SP Sunita Sawant.

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# North Bihar town celebrates Kanishka Narayan making it to UK Parliament

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PTI, MUZAFFARPUR: The UK parliamentary elections may have disappointed a lot of Indians over Rishi Sunak losing power, but a north Bihar town is celebrating the success of a son of the soil.

Kanishka Narayan, an MP of the Labour Party which has returned to power after a decade and a half, has his roots in Muzaffarpur, situated about 70 km from the state capital.

“The mood is upbeat in our housing complex, where many distinctly remember having seen Kanishka as a toddler,” said Jayant Kumar, Director of the city-based Shri Krishna Law College.

“Kanishka was born in Muzaffarpur and studied at a local school till standard III. His parents thereafter moved to Delhi. They shifted to Cardiff when the boy was 12 years old. Both his father and mother Chetana Sinha worked as solicitors in the UK

–Jayant Kumar, Kanishka Narayan's uncle & Director of Shri Krishna Law College

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Kumar's younger brother Santosh is the father of the 33-year-old MP representing Vale of Glamorgan, who entered politics after giving up a career in the British civil services.

“We hail from a village in Goraul block of adjoining Vaishali district. A passion for law runs in our blood. Our late father Kr-

ishna Kumar had founded the law college here,” said the proud uncle.

He recalled Kanishka was born in Muzaffarpur and studied at a local school till standard III. “His parents thereafter moved to Delhi. They shifted to Cardiff when the boy was 12 years old. Both his father and mother Chetana Sinha worked

as solicitors in the UK,” Kumar said.

“We look forward to better relations between the UK and India given the Labour Party's soft stance towards our country and migrants living in Britain. That a member of our family has the opportunity to do his bit is icing on the cake,” he said.

Kumar said he was filled with excitement at the prospect of meeting his nephew in a new avatar.

“The UK has always been like a second home. I have spent four years of my student life in Wales. My daughter and son-in-law live there. It is an extended family,” said the uncle.

# ‘Dubai style’ SGPDA retail fish market breeding filth and mosquitoes; fisherwomen say even Sonsoddoo is better

Lament that this is a telling reflection of the way we have got used to living in filth, as the authorities concerned, the sopo contractor and the SGPDA lethargically sleep over the stinking issue

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MARGAO: The South Goa Planning and Development Authority's (SGPDA) retail fish market, which was touted as a Dubai style fish market, by the local MLA, is in a filthy condition

## GOA MARKETS OF DESTRUCTION

tion and its vicinity is a breeding ground for swarms of mosquitoes, with its stinking water and open gutters. The flooring is slippery and many buyers have fallen and had to be taken to the South Goa District hospital for treatment.

The internal metal gutter

### UNHYGIENIC CONDITIONS

- » SGPDA retail fish market, touted as a Dubai style fish market, by the local MLA, is in a filthy condition
- » Its vicinity is a breeding ground for swarms of mosquitoes, with its stinking water and open gutters.
- » The flooring has turned slippery and many buyers have fallen and had to be taken to the SGD

### for treatment

- » The stink has forced customers to buy fish sold by the roadsides
- » The fish and wet waste dumped is not collected for days, by Margao Municipal Council (MMC) raising a stomach wrenching nauseating stink.
- » The SGPDA market chairman never visits the place to see the condition

covers have bent upwards and stones are kept on them to keep them down. The stink keeps away customers forcing them to buy fish sold by the roadsides, as a result Goan fisherwomen suffer losses.

The fisherfolk say the

market has gone from bad to worse over the last few years due to lack of maintenance. The drains are open and full of black filthy water, breeding mosquitoes.

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Wastewater and open drains have caused the entire market to stink

“There is no cleanliness in the market. The floor tiles are broken and get slippery. Many people have fallen and have been rushed to the hospital using an ambulance. The SGPDA chairman never visits this place. This fish waste dumped by the roadside is not cleared. Because of the stench, people buy fish from lamanis who sit by the roadside. They sell fish from morning till 10 pm

–Fatima, a fish vendor



Thermocol boxes, fish and other wet waste dumped outside the SGPDA retail fish market

“This market has become filthy. Sonsoddoo is better than this. Moving around or sitting here is nauseating. We are earning our daily bread in spite of all this. We are poor people, please help us. There is no proper water supply here

–Bibiana Miranda, another vendor