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A woman with her children crosses a waterlogged road after heavy rainfall, in Ahmedabad, on Tuesday

Truck owner, driver killed in road accident in Jabalpur

JABALPUR: Two persons were killed and another was injured when a speeding truck loaded with chillies collided with a stationary dumper in Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur district on Tuesday, police said. The accident occurred at Mohla trisection under Sihora police station limits in the morning. Sub- Divisional Officer of Police (SDOP) Parul Sharma said. The truck carrying chillies from Jabalpur to Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh crashed into the dumper parked on the roadside, she said. The impact of the crash was so severe that truck owner Jitendra Chourasia and driver Monu Kori, both residents of Unnao in Uttar Pradesh, died on the spot, the SDOP informed. A 20-year-old man sitting in the stationary dumper was injured in the accident, Sharma said.

Consultative meeting to deliberate Naga political issue on Sep 12

KOHIMA: The Nagaland government has convened a meeting of ministers, MPs and other stakeholders on Thursday to deliberate on the long-standing Naga political issue, an official notification said. It is scheduled to take place at the chief minister's residence here at 10 am. The chief minister, deputy chief ministers, Assembly Speaker, state MPs and all the legislators will be present in the meeting, the notification said. The state government has also urged the president and two representatives from the Central Nagaland Tribes Council, Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation, Tenyimi Union Nagaland, Naga Students' Federation, among other organisations, to attend the meeting.

Odisha reported deaths of 55 tigers during last 10 years: Forest Minister

BHUBANESWAR: Odisha Forest Minister Ganesh Ram Singkhuntia on Tuesday told the Assembly that as many as 55 tigers died in the state during the last 10 years. The deaths were reported between 2014-15 and 2023-24 fiscals, he said. In a written reply to a query by BJP legislator Tankadhar Tripathy, the minister said 48 leopards and seven tigers died due to various reasons, including poaching, accidents and natural deaths in the last 10 years. During the period, two Royal Bengal Tigers died of poaching, while three were killed in various accidents like drowning, slipping from mountains and infighting. One tiger died of natural causes. The reason behind the death of another tiger is unknown, he said.

Congress conspiring for years to end reservation, says Mayawati

LUCKNOW: Latching on to Rahul Gandhi's remarks on the issue of reservation, BSP chief Mayawati on Tuesday claimed that the Congress is conspiring to end reservation and asked people belonging to the deprived sections to be cautious in the wake of his "dangerous" statement. The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister was reacting to Gandhi's remarks that Congress will think of scrapping reservations when India is a fair place, which is not the case right now. The BSP chief said the Congress never implemented OBC reservation nor conducted caste census when it was in power. "Now it is dreaming of coming to power under its cover (of doing caste census). Beware of this drama of theirs (Congress), which will never be able to conduct caste census in the future," she said on X.

Woman arrested after she grabs doctor by collar, hurls footwear at him

CHIKKAMAGALURU (KARNATAKA): Doctors and staff at the Araluguppe Mallegowda District Hospital here staged a protest on Tuesday by shutting down the outpatient department after a woman allegedly grabbed a physician by his collar and hurled a footwear at him. According to official sources, when the doctor, Venkatesh B S, was on duty at the emergency unit of the government hospital, a person named Irfan, who was injured in a scuffle, came for treatment. "When the Doctor was examining Irfan, a group of people, who were the patient's relatives, gathered there and were making noise. When the Doctor asked everyone else other than the patient to go out, an argument broke out. One of the injured patient's kin named Taslim, who was apparently enraged, removed her footwear and hurled it at the Doctor, she subsequently grabbed him by the collar and pulled him," they said.

Man dies in road accident in Punjab's Hoshiarpur, villagers hold protest

HOSHIARPUR: A man died while his mother and his brother suffered serious injuries after a private bus hit them on the Jalandhar-Pathankot National Highway in the Dasuya town of this Punjab district, police said on Tuesday. Sukhwinder Singh, his mother and his brother were walking when they were allegedly hit by the bus. Singh died on the spot while his brother and their mother were taken to a hospital with serious injuries, they said. Following the accident, the bus driver and conductor abandoned the vehicle and fled, the police said. Later, villagers blocked traffic on the highway for more than an hour, demanding compensation and a government job for a family member of Singh.

Haryana poll battle heats up as Saini, Bhan file nominations

BJP, AAP release candidate lists

PTI, CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI: Haryana poll battle intensified on Tuesday with prominent leaders including Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and state Congress president Uday Bhan filing their nominations for the October 5 assembly elections, even as the ruling BJP released its second list of 21 candidates.

The AAP, which could not forge an alliance with the main opposition Congress in the state, also released its second and third lists of 20 candidates for the polls on Tuesday, fielding former minister Chhatar Pal Singh from Barwala a day after he switched over from the BJP.

Chief Minister Saini filed his nomination papers from the Ladwa constituency. He was accompanied by Union minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Kurukshetra MP Naveen Jindal.



Congress MP Deepender Hooda addresses a public meeting during filing of nomination papers by party candidate Geeta Bhukkal ahead of Assembly polls, in Jhajjar, on Tuesday

A total of 127 candidates filed their papers on Tuesday, taking the number of nominations submitted so far to 277, officials said.

Congress' Bhan and Jan-nayak Janta Party's Digvijay Singh Chautala filed their nominations from Hodal

(SC) and Dabwali seats, respectively. Former finance minister Capt Abhimanyu filed his nomination from the Narnaund seat.

Former Haryana minister Rao Narbir Singh and BJP leader Mukesh Sharma filed their nomination



JJP leader Dushyant Chautala with ASP leader Chandra Shekhar Azad during his nomination filing procession in Dabwali, Haryana, on Tuesday

papers from Badshahpur and Gurgaon, respectively. Sharma was accompanied by Gurugram MP and Union minister Rao Inderjit Singh. Before filing his nomination, CM Saini held a road-show in Ladwa and also drove a tractor.

Speaking to reporters, Khattar expressed confidence that the BJP will form the government for a third time in Haryana. "Voters have made up their minds to form a BJP government for a third time."

India-funded projects to continue in Bangladesh: Interim govt adviser

PTI, DHAKA: A top adviser of the interim government said Tuesday that India-funded projects are "very important" and will continue under the new administration in Bangladesh. Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed also said that Dhaka looks forward to "enhanced cooperation" with New Delhi during his meeting with Indian High Commissioner Pranay Verma here, the state-run BSS news agency reported.

"Already, the projects they (India) have with us are big projects, and we'll continue those, as those are not small projects and we'll take another big project for the benefits of

ours..." the report quoted him as saying.

"We'll not stop on whatever we have got, and we'll talk about those projects...funding of the projects and also their implementation part," he added.

The financial adviser's remarks come amid concerns about the timely implementation of projects funded under India's three lines of credit following the ouster of the Sheikh Hasina-led Awami League government last month after a mass uprising.

Indian envoy Verma said New Delhi has not stopped any of its line of credit projects to Bangladesh as those are major projects.

Spain seizes more than one million ecstasy pills

AFP, MADRID: Police in Spain on Tuesday said that they had seized more than one million ecstasy pills and other narcotics worth more than 25 million euros.

They called it the biggest ever seizure of synthetic pills in the country.

Officers arrested nine people as part of the operation in the southern city of Malaga and the holiday island of Ibiza suspected of belonging to "one of the main criminal organisations involved in the introduction of synthetic drugs in Spain, which operated in different parts of Europe," police said in a statement.

Delhi LG reviews enforcement of 3 new criminal laws in national capital

PTI, NEW DELHI: Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena reviewed the implementation of the three new criminal legislations in the national capital and directed the chief secretary to form a committee of all stakeholder departments to expedite recruitments, Raj Niwas officials said on Tuesday.

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The LG expressed satisfaction over the status and pace of the roll out of the new laws in the meeting that was held on Monday.

"He asked the chief secretary to form a committee of all departments concerned so as to expedite the recruitment process of

permanent employees by smoothening out processes," said an official.

Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) came into effect from July 1, replacing the colonial-era Indian Penal Code (IPC), Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and Indian Evidence Act respectively.

On the decision in the last meeting with regards to expeditious procurement of Mobile Forensic Vans by Delhi Police and FSL, it was informed that 15 vans had already started working, another 15 were expected to be in place by the end of September and for another six vans, tenders had been

flooded by FSL on August 31.

Directorate of Prosecution, which had been facing space crunch, had flagged the issue in the last meeting and the LG had issued directions to make space available for them at the earliest, the official said.

It was informed that 13,000 sq ft of space was being made available to the Directorate at DMRC Building at Shastrri Park.

The National Informatics Centre (NIC) has submitted a purchase intent of Rs 40 lakh for resolving technical glitches and availability of ample online storage space so that draft change sheets prepared by Delhi Police can be sent to the Directorate of Prosecution through online mode only.

Guest teachers hold protest in Bhopal demanding regularisation of service

PTI, BHOPAL: A large number of guest teachers staged a protest in Bhopal on Tuesday demanding regularization of service and better pay.

The protest lasted for 6 hours and organisers claimed about 8,000 guest teachers participated in it. Leader of opposition in the Madhya Pradesh Assembly Umang Singhar of the Congress also reached out to the protesting guest teachers and accused the BJP government of not fulfilling promises made to them.

The guest teachers had announced to hold a protest march to Chief Minister Mohan Yadav's official residence, but police stopped them at Ambedkar Park.

The protesting teachers



Police in action against Madhya Pradesh Guest Teachers who were staging a protest demanding regularisation of their jobs, at Ambedkar Ground, in Bhopal, on Tuesday

were demanding that they be given appointments for 12 months and be regularized on the basis of service they have rendered.

Talking to reporters, Singhar alleged the ruling BJP took votes by

giving false assurances to guest teachers.

Now, no representative of the government is ready to even meet them, which is unfortunate, said the Congress legislator.

China coal production threatens climate goals: Study

AFP, BANGKOK: China's planned expansion of coal mining threatens the country's climate goals and risks vastly increasing its methane emissions, a study warned on Tuesday.

The warning comes as research shows concentrations of the powerful greenhouse gas are rising at an accelerating pace.

China is the world's top emitter of greenhouse gases and remains heavily reliant on coal despite installing renewable energy capacity at record speed.

It aims to peak its planet-warming emissions by 2030 and reach net zero three decades later.

Avian flue: Poultry farmers quarantined in Odisha

PTI, KENDRAPARA (ODISHA): At least five poultry farmers were quarantined by the health department of the Odisha government on Tuesday after avian flue-affected chickens were found in their poultry farms in Kendrapara district, an official said.

The avian flu outbreak in the poultry farms in Kendrapara district was confirmed on Sunday after samples collected from ten dead chickens in Andara and Balia Gram Panchayats under Derabish block tested positive for the disease.

"We collected swab samples from five poultry owners on Tuesday and sent them to the Regional Medical Research Center (RMSS) in Bhubaneswar for testing. They were quarantined as a precautionary

measure." Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO) Dr Anita Patnaik said.

The process of culling chickens in the district continues for the fourth day.

"We have already culled around 10,000 chickens in the district. We advised people not to take chickens," said Additional District Veterinary Officer, Kendrapara, Dr Mrutyunjay Mohanty.

Meanwhile, the forest department has stepped up surveillance of birds in Bhitarkanika, Satabhaya, Hukitola and other major habitats. The avian species have already arrived in the water bodies and mangrove forest this monsoon season to lay eggs, said the Divisional Forest Officer of Rajnagar Wildlife (mangrove) Forest Division, Sudarshan Gopinath Yadav.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT BLAMES 28 CONTRACTORS FOR DILAPIDATED ROAD CONDITIONS IN GOA

Activist Xencor Polgi pointed out that when the President or Prime Minister visits the State, the roads are done up on a war-footing, but when idols of Lord Ganesh are brought and taken out for immersions, nobody is bothered to do up the roads so that the devotees can take the clay idols home safely without breaking. This is a shame on governance, he opined.

It may be recalled that on August 14, the Chief Minister had stated that the road contractor will have to repair the potholes within the defect liability period and that even PWD engineers will also be held responsible for road accidents caused due to potholes on roads.

According to Sawant, more than 100 contractors were issued show cause notices for standard works after potholes surfaced on the roads built by them. He had also added that all roads in the State would be pothole-free before Ganesh Chaturthi.

Meanwhile, the Integrated Management System giving details of contractors, the road constructed by them and the length of the road built will be put in place from October 1 this year.

Transportation of e-auctioned ore likely from Oct: The Chief Minister said that two mining blocks will resume operations from next month while, the public hearing on three mining blocks is likely to be held by September-end and the same blocks are expected to be

operational from December this year. One mining block leased to Vedanta Ltd in the first phase of e-auction had already commenced its operations.

On the other hand, details of the 30th e-auction of extracted iron ore will be announced within the next three to four days, Sawant said, adding that from October transportation of e-auction materials will resume.

Also the first phase of the dump auction will start from September. As per dump handling policy, the Chowgule Company has been allowed to handle the first dump which was lying in the private property. The applications of other mining companies who had applied for handling of dump on private properties will be cleared soon, Sawant added.

HOPE GUV SPEAKS ON 'CORE ISSUES' THAN DECLINE IN CHRISTIAN POPULATION: CONG

He did not speak on the involvement of the former DGP in the Assagao house demolition case. He chose to keep quiet when residents of Anjuna were protesting against loud music. Governor must speak on this, Kawthankar said.

GSPCB TEAM VISITS MIRAMAR, CARANZALEM BEACHES; COLLECTS SAMPLES OF PLASTER OF PARIS IDOLS AND WATER

People prefer the PoP idols as they are lighter in weight when compared to the clay idols. The problem is that the PoP idols do not dissolve in water.

Meanwhile, speaking to O Herald, State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) Chairman Mahesh Patil said, "A team was sent to collect samples of idols and water. We will put them to test to know whether the idols were made of PoP or clay. Water samples will also be tested to determine level of contamination. The report is likely to be ready in three or four days."

BIHAR NATIVE HELD FOR RAPING MINOR AT OXEL

An offence has been registered at the Anjuna Police Station under Section 65(2) of BNS, Section 8(2) of Goa Children's Act 2003 and Sections 4, 8, 12 of POCSO Act 2012.

DIARRHOEA CLAIMS FIVE WORKERS AT MOBOR, CUTBONA JETTIES

Some workers have tested positive for diarrhoea and it appears that all are related to it, he added. The affected workers are aged between 19 and 50. However, the outbreak has not yet affected the local population, he said.

Ten patients are presently admitted to Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMC), Bambolim, while 15 are admitted to the South Goa District Hospital, Margao.

The DHS has been supplying oral rehydration solution (ORS) to workers and medicine kits have also been supplied to boat owners. It has initiated containment measures in association with boat owners and local village panchayats.