



Several teachers stage a protest demanding regularisation of their jobs, at Khanapara, in Guwahati, Assam



Public Prosecutor V S Vineeth Kumar talks to the media after pronouncement of punishment in the Sharon Raj murder case, in Thiruvananthapuram



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla being greeted by Bihar CM Nitish Kumar before the 85th All India Conference of Presiding Officers (AIPOC), in Bihar



Bollywood actors Salman Khan and Aamir re-create Andaz Apna Apna scene on sets of Bigg Boss 18, in Mumbai

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The Golden Berlinale Bear trophy for the upcoming International Film Festival Berlinale is pictured after it was produced at the Hermann Noack fine art foundry's production site in Berlin. The Berlinale, running February 13-23, ranks along with Cannes and Venice among Europe's top film festivals

Mexico counts 24 bodies in latest mass grave find

GUADALAJARA: A mass grave discovered last December in a suburb of Guadalajara with dozens of bags of dismembered body parts contained the remains of 24 people, Mexican authorities said Sunday. Six of them - a woman and five men - have been identified. They were reported missing between 2021 and 2023, the office of the state prosecutor of Jalisco state said in a statement. The remaining 18 have yet to be positively identified, and a search is under way for the culprits. More than 450,000 people have been murdered countrywide since Mexico launched a major offensive against drug cartels in 2006. The deaths, as well as the disappearance of tens of thousands of others, has been blamed largely on organized crime. Jalisco is the Mexican state with the highest number of missing persons - 15,382 by the end of last year, according to the authorities.

Sanjay Roy gets life term till death for rape, murder of RG Kar doctor

Victim's parents, political parties express dissatisfaction with verdict

PTI, KOLKATA: A Kolkata court on Monday sentenced Sanjay Roy to life imprisonment until death after he was convicted of raping and murdering an on-duty doctor at the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, rejecting demands for the death penalty saying it was not a "rarest of the rare" crime.

Additional District and Sessions Judge in Sealdah, Anirban Das, had on Saturday found Roy guilty of committing the crime against the postgraduate trainee doctor on August 9 last year. The heinous crime triggered nationwide outrage and prolonged protests in West Bengal.

The court also ordered Roy to pay a Rs 50,000 fine and directed the state government to pay compensa-



A policeman runs along the prison van carrying Sanjay Roy, a police volunteer, to produce him at a court where he was sentenced to life in prison after finding him guilty in the rape and killing of a trainee doctor last year, in Kolkata, India

tion of Rs 17 lakh to the family of the deceased doctor.

Judge Das stated that the crime did not fall under the "rarest of the rare" category, which justified the decision to not give the death penalty to the convict.

"The CBI prayed for the death penalty. The defence

lawyer prayed that a jail term be given instead of the death penalty...This crime does not fall under the rarest of the rare category," the judge said.

Roy, a former civic volunteer with the Kolkata Police, was found guilty under Sections 64 (rape), 66 (punishment for causing death),

CBI FAILED TO LOOK INTO LARGER CONSPIRACY: CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

PTI, KOLKATA: Members of civil society organisations and film personalities, who had protested for a long time the rape and murder of an on-duty medic in RG Kar hospital in August last year, on Monday alleged that the CBI did not look into the angle of "larger conspiracy in the case leading to only one person being punished by a court."

Their accusation came hours after the trial court in Kolkata sentenced Sanjay Roy, the sole convict in the case, to life imprisonment till death in the case.

They alleged that besides Roy, other people were also involved in the crime but the investigating agency did not focus on the "larger conspiracy".

"Only one person could not be behind the crime and the punishment of a single person cannot do justice to the victim's family," said Satabdi Das, writer and social activist and one of the initiators of a platform that gave the call for 'Reclaim the night' by women.

and 103(1) (murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Roy's mother kept herself confined to her home and refused to meet reporters to

comment on the verdict.

"I don't wish to say anything. I am ashamed of everything. You please go away," she said before bolting the main door from inside.

Telangana student shot dead in US

PTI, HYDERABAD: A 26-year-old student from Telangana was allegedly shot dead in the US by unidentified persons, his family members said here on Monday.

K Ravi Teja, had gone to the US in 2022 and was looking for a job after completing his MS course eight months ago, they said, and urged the government to help in bringing back his mortal remains here as early as possible.

"I have come to know that my son was shot dead. My appeal to the government is to send back the mortal remains as early as possible. I am not able to speak anything else," his grieving father told reporters.

"Whether I will be alive or not till that time (the body arrives)," his father said, fighting back tears.

Teja had told his father that he would come back home after securing a job.

voice of the world

'America is back': New-look WH website

PTI, WASHINGTON: The White House website had a new look with the bold banner headline "America is back" seconds after Trump was sworn in as the 47th president of the United States on Monday.

"Every single day I will be fighting for you with every breath in my body. I will not rest until we have delivered the strong, safe and prosperous America that our children deserve and that you deserve. This will truly be the golden age of America," is the message with a signature from Trump, 78, on the front page of the White House website.

The social media accounts of the White House - X, Facebook and Instagram - also had a new look.

The website has brief bios of Trump, First Lady Melania Trump and Vice President J D Vance. The



President Donald Trump speaks after taking the oath of office during the 60th Presidential Inauguration in the Rotunda of the US Capitol in Washington

White House has posted six issues for now.

"During his first administration, President Donald J. Trump passed record-setting tax relief for the middle class, doubled the child tax credit, and eliminated job-killing

regulations at a historic rate," it said.

The American people saw more money in their pockets, witnessed record low poverty in his first administration, and President Trump is committed to using his second

WAVE OF TRUMP-DEMANDED DEPARTURES HITS SENIOR LEADERSHIP AT STATE DEPT

AP, WASHINGTON: A large number of senior career diplomats who served in politically appointed top leadership positions at the State Department have left their posts at the demand of the incoming Trump administration, which plans to install its own people in those positions, according to current and outgoing US officials. Personnel changes in the senior ranks of the department, like those at all federal agencies, are not uncommon after a presidential election, and career officials serving in those roles are required, just as non-career political appointees, to submit letters of resignation before an incoming administration takes office.

term to usher in an economic revival by lowering taxes and creating more jobs for American workers, it said.

"President Trump will champion No Tax on Tips, No Tax on Overtime, and will work tirelessly to make permanent the historic tax cuts he was able to deliver to the American people in

his first term. President Trump understands that putting more money in the pockets of the American people is the key to economic prosperity and will stop at nothing to make that a reality for all," the White House said.

It said that President Trump created the most secure border in US histo-

ry during his first time and seeks to restore our borders and reclaim national sovereignty.

He has promised to do this by ending catch and release, declaring war on the drug cartels, restoring Remain in Mexico policies and empowering law enforcement and border officials to restore our border to its secure state, it said.

The White House said that Trump would keep America out of unnecessary foreign wars, improve its military readiness and defend the nation from all threats and dangers.

He will modernise the military, extract ideology from the Armed Forces, and replace the failed policies of never-ending war and regime change with a bold vision of peace through strength.

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Palestinians returning to Rafah find their homes destroyed



Displaced Palestinians return to Rafah, a day after the ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas came into effect, Gaza Strip

AP, RAFAH (GAZA STRIP): Palestinians returning to their homes in Gaza's southernmost city of Rafah after the ceasefire found homes and neighbourhoods flattened after eight months of Israel's military offensive.

We found destruction, destruction," said Mohamed Abu al-Kheir, a Palestinian man who shelters in a tent in the city of Khan Younis. "There is nothing to live in. There is no furniture or anything."

Associated Press footage showed large swaths of Rafah turned into rubble. People were seen searching the remains of their homes. Others searched two military vehicles that Israeli forces left behind when they withdrew from the area.

"Who wants to live in such destruction? No one will come to live here," said

Mahmoud Khamis, another Rafah resident whose house was destroyed.

Lebanese man confesses to passing information to Israel

Judicial and security officials in Beirut say a Lebanese man has confessed on giving information to Israel about the Hezbollah group in return for money and has been referred to the country's prosecutors.

The three judicial and three security officials said Monday that the man, who is from the border village of Beit Lif, crossed into Israel recently where he gave information about Hezbollah posts and some members in the area before returning to Lebanon.

He entered and left Israel with the help of an Israeli drone that led him into the way from where he crossed the border.

Nigeria tanker blast death toll rises to 98

AFP, LAGOS: Nigerian rescuers on Monday raised the toll from the explosion of a petrol tanker truck that killed people rushing to gather fuel from 86 to 98.

Saturday's blast also injured 69 people after the tanker flipped over on a road in the centre of the country, said Abdul-lahi Baba-Arah, Director General of the Niger State Emergency Management Agency (NSEMA).

Around 20 shops were also destroyed in the flames, with the truck carrying 60,000 litres of gasoline.

CULTURAL PRIDE



Attendees wearing traditional clothes dance during the Selcuk Camel Wrestling Festival in the town of Selcuk, near the western Turkish coastal city of Izmir

New case of mpox detected in England, risk to population remains low

PTI, LONDON: A new case of Clade Ib mpox has been detected in England but the risk to the wider population remains low, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) said on Monday.

The case was detected in East Sussex, south-east England, and the individual who had recently returned from Uganda is now under specialist care at Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust in London.

In Uganda, there is currently community transmission of Clade Ib mpox. This is the sixth such case logged in England since Oc-

tober last year.

It is thanks to clinicians rapidly recognising the symptoms and the work of our specialist laboratory that we have been able to detect this new case, said Dr Meera Chand, Deputy Director at UKHSA.

The risk to the UK population remains low following this sixth case, and we are working rapidly to trace close contacts and reduce the risk of any potential spread, she said.

Clade Ib mpox has been circulating in several African countries in recent months and imported

cases have been detected in a number of countries, including India, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Sweden and the United States.

The UKHSA said close contacts of the latest case in England are being followed up by UKHSA and partner organisations. Contacts will be offered testing and vaccination where needed to prevent further infections and they will be advised on any necessary further care if they have symptoms or test positive.

Common symptoms of

mpox include a skin rash or pus-filled lesions, which can last 2 to 4 weeks. It can also cause fever, headaches, muscle aches, back pain, low energy and swollen lymph nodes.

The infection can be passed on through close person-to-person contact with someone who has the infection or with infected animals and through contact with contaminated materials. Anyone with symptoms should continue to avoid contact with other people while symptoms persist, the UKHSA said.