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President Droupadi Murmu with Mizoram Governor General V K Singh (Retd.) during a meeting, in New Delhi

Medium-intensity earthquake jolts Meghalaya,

SHILLONG: An earthquake of medium intensity rocked southern Meghalaya on Tuesday, officials said on Tuesday. No loss of life or property was reported. The earthquake of 4.1 magnitude that rocked South West Khasi Hills district at around 12:30 pm took place at a depth of 10 km, officials from the Regional Seismological Centre here told PTI. The tremor was felt across the state, they said. Meghalaya is situated in high-risk Seismic Zone V.

Gangster shot dead in broad daylight in Jammu

JAMMU: A 37-year-old man affiliated with a criminal gang was shot dead by three members of a rival group here on Tuesday afternoon, officials said. A critically injured Sumit Jandiyal was taken to Government Medical College hospital for treatment, where doctors declared him dead on arrival, police said, adding that the assailants commandeered a two-wheeler at gunpoint and fled. Jandiyal alias Gataru is reported to be the kingpin of the Gataru gang. Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Anand Jain said,

Four women held for attempted robbery, assault in Delhi

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police has apprehended a gang of four women accused of attempted robbery and assault on a lone woman in west Delhi, an official said on Tuesday. "The accused targeted lone women, blocking their paths to snatch belongings, often resorting to violence when confronted," Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Vichitra Veer said. Police received a complaint on January 17 that the gang tried to snatch a woman's purse and her mobile phone. The complainant resisted, leading to a physical altercation that left her injured, the DCP said. Acting on the complaint, an FIR was registered and an investigation was taken up.

Special UP cabinet meeting at Maha Kumbh today

MAHAKUMBH NAGAR (UP): The Yogi Adityanath government will hold a special cabinet meeting at the Maha Kumbh here on Wednesday. According to an official statement issued on Tuesday, all 54 ministers of the UP cabinet have been invited to the meeting, which is expected to approve several significant proposals and schemes for the state. Following the meeting, Chief Minister Adityanath, along with his cabinet colleagues, will take a holy dip in the Sangam, the statement said. The cabinet meeting will be held at Triveni Sankul in Arai, starting at 12 noon, officials said. Earlier, the meeting was planned in the Mela Authority Auditorium, but concerns over VIP security disrupting pilgrims' movement led to the shift in venue, they said.

Delhi HC junks plea against use of EVMs during polls

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday rejected a plea against the use of EVMs in polls reportedly without any reasons. A bench of acting Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhrud and Justice Tushar Rao Gedde dismissed the appeal by Ramesh Chander challenging an order of the single judge observing it had no merit. The single judge last year dismissed the petitioner's plea seeking directions to the Election Commission of India to comply with the mandate of Section 61-A of the Representation of People Act, 1951 before conducting any election through electronic voting machines (EVMs) by assigning specific reasons for its use for each constituency.

BJP MLA, six others booked for demolishing daily wage labourers' homes in Bengaluru

BENGALURU: A case has been registered against BJP MLA Munirathna and six others for allegedly demolishing the houses of daily wage labourers in a slum area in Peenya, police said on Tuesday. The case was registered at the RMC Yard police station on Monday based on a complaint filed by one of the residents, they said. In her complaint, the woman alleged that Munirathna and his associates arrived with a JCB machine and demolished the homes of around 60 families residing near Akkamahadevi Layout, next to Government First Grade College in Peenya, without prior notice.

Police conduct flag march ahead of Erode bypoll in TN

ERODE (TAMIL NADU): The Erode district police conducted a flag march on Tuesday with the participation of local police and paramilitary personnel. The march was held ahead of the bypoll for the Erode East assembly constituency, scheduled for February 5, with DMK, Naam Tamilar Katchi, and 44 other candidates contesting. According to the officials, voting will be held across 237 polling stations. Police have identified nine polling stations—located at Brahma Periya Agraharam, Valayakara Street, Keerakara Street, and Rajajipuram—as sensitive booths where incidents are more likely to occur.

14 Maoists killed along Odisha-Chhattisgarh border

PTI, RAIPUR/BHUBANESWAR: Fourteen Naxals, including a top leader of the CPI (Maoists) who was carrying a reward of Rs 1 crore, were killed in a joint operation by central and state police forces along the Chhattisgarh-Odisha border. Union Home Minister Amit Shah Tuesday termed the encounter as "another mighty blow to Naxalism" and asserted the Narendra Modi government's resolve for a Naxal-free India and the joint efforts of the security forces to eliminate the menace from the country. Chhattisgarh's Gariaband district superintendent of police Nikhil Rakhecha said of the deceased, one has been identified as Jairam alias Chalpati, a central committee member of the

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CPI (Maoist), who was carrying a bounty of Rs 1 crore. The identity of the remaining cadres was yet to be ascertained. Giving details of the incident, police said two women Naxalites were killed during a joint operation on Monday along the Chhattisgarh-Odisha border. A large cache of firearms, ammunition and IEDs, including a self-loading rifle, were recovered from the encounter site. A fresh exchange of firing took place late Monday night and it continued till

early hours of Tuesday in a forest under the Mainpur police station areas (Chhattisgarh) along the Chhattisgarh-Odisha border, in which 12 more Naxalites were gunned down. With this, the total number of Maoists killed in the operation went up to 14, police said. Intermittent exchange of firing in the area was underway on Tuesday too and the number of Maoist casualties may increase, they said. A joint team of security personnel from the Dis-

trict Reserve Guard (DRG) of the Chhattisgarh Police, CoBRA commands of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Special Operation Group (SOG) personnel from the Odisha Police were involved in the operation. The operation was launched on the night of January 19 based on intelligence inputs about the presence of Maoists in the Kularighat reserve forest of Chhattisgarh, just 5 km from the border of Odisha's Nuapada district. Hailing the security forces, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said under the BJP-led double-engine government at the Centre and the state, Chhattisgarh will get rid of the menace by March 2026.

Landslides, flash floods on Indonesia's Java island leave 17 dead, 8 missing

PTI, JAKARTA: Indonesian flash floods or buried rescuers recovered the bodies of at least 17 people who were swept away in

Java, officials said Tuesday. Eight people were missing. Torrential rains on Monday caused rivers to burst their banks, tearing through nine villages in Pekalongan regency of Central Java province, as mud, rocks and trees tumbled down on mountainside hamlets, said Bergas Caturarsi, who heads the local Disaster Management Agency. He said rescue workers by Tuesday had pulled out at least 17 bodies in the worst-hit village of Petungkriyono, and rescuers are searching for eight villagers who are reportedly still missing. Eleven injured people managed to escape and were rushed to nearby hospitals, Caturarsi said. Television reports on Tuesday showed police, soldiers and rescue workers used excavators, farm equipment and their bare hands to sift through the rubble looking for the dead and missing in devastated villages, while others carried victims on bamboo stretchers or body bags to ambulances or trucks. Bad weather, mudslides and rugged terrain hampered the rescue operation, Caturarsi said, adding that people who were fishing in the river and those who were taking shelter from the rain were swept away by flash floods. National Disaster Management Agency spokesperson Abdul Muhari said flash floods swept away villagers and vehicles passing through devastated villages and triggered a landslide that buried two houses. The disaster also destroyed two main bridges connecting villages in Pekalongan district.

FROM PAGE 1 YOU'RE FIRED! TRUMP STARTS WEEDING OUT OPPONENTS

In a post after midnight, Trump said four people had already been 'FIRED!' from advisory roles. He made it clear they were the tip of the iceberg as he seeks to quickly tighten his grip on the government bureaucracy.

"My Presidential Personnel Office is actively in the process of identifying and removing over a thousand Presidential Appointees from the previous Administration, who are not aligned with our vision to Make America Great Again," he posted.

One of those fired was retired general Mark Milley from an infrastructure advisory body. Milley was chairman of the joint chiefs of staff during Trump's first presidency but became one of the Republican's most prominent critics after he tried to overturn the 2020 election.

The acting head of the Department of Homeland Security separately announced the firing of Coast Guard chief Linda Fagan, who was appointed under Democrat Joe Biden and was the first woman to head one of the six branches of the US military.

Trump was inaugurated Monday in the Capitol's ornate Rotunda, with ceremonies forced indoors due to bad weather for the first time in decades.

Only a select group was able to attend in person, rather than the usual massive crowd on the Mall for inaugurations. In an unprecedented display of influence from America's super-rich, major tycoons including Elon Musk and Amazon's Jeff Bezos were among those with the best seats.

After taking the oath, 78-year-old Trump -- the oldest person ever to be sworn in as US president -- signed a blizzard of executive actions intended to transform the country.

These included pulling the United States from the Paris climate accord and the World Health Organization, while pardoning hundreds of supporters convicted of crimes while attacking the Capitol four years ago in the attempt to overturn the election.

- Media relations - Trump attended a prayer service at Washington's National Cathedral on Tuesday, where just last month he had joined outgoing president Biden and the other living ex-presidents for the funeral of late president Jimmy Carter.

Newly installed White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said Trump would also make a "big infrastructure announcement" later, although she did not say what this would be.

One thing not happening Tuesday was a traditional daily White House press briefing by the top spokeswoman, who indicated that - as during his first term - Trump himself would do the messaging.

"I can confirm the American people won't be hearing from me today, they'll be hearing from the leader of the free world once again. President Trump will be speaking to the press later at the White House," she told Trump-friendly Fox News.

Trump likes to berate the "fake news media" and call journalists "the enemy of the people" but also encourages intensive press coverage - in stark contrast to the media-shy Biden.

MULTIPLE RULES FLOUTED TO CONVERT ALDONA LAND, CLAIM PETITIONERS

According to the petitioners, official records show that the land was used for paddy cultivation from 1977 to 1986, with only two years of interruption.

Direndra Phadte from Ecocim, Bardez, who is the petitioner in the case along with Jose Maria Miranda from Borda, Margao, further accused Mendonca of hiding key information. He presented evidence showing that in 2019, Mendonca applied for a house number and a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for an electricity connection to the Aldona VP, indicating that the structures were built only in 2019, not in 1973 as claimed. The petitioners argue that it is impossible for structures to exist on a paddy field during the same period when it was being used for farming.

They also point out that Mendonca did not obtain an Occupancy Certificate for the structures and failed to get the necessary development permits from the Town and Country Planning (TCP) Department, as required under the Goa Town and Country Planning Act.

The petitioners have filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking to revoke the TCP Department's notification from March 14, 2024, which approved the land conversion. They also demand the removal of the "illegal" structures and the restoration of the paddy field to its original condition.

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Rememberance
50th Death Anniversary
PIE DADE
LUDGERO
BERZY LOPES
Year after year,
your spirit lives on in me
when my mom died,
she became an angel in heaven.
From your loving son Kewin & family
Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navlim, 9850473904

MONTH'S MIND
EVARISTO DIAS
SONARVADDO - NAGOA SALCETE
 (Ex-Assistant Account officer of Joint Directorate of Accounts South branch)
 There will be Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Evaristo on **Thursday, 23rd January 2025**, at **8:30 am** at **Our Lady of Succour and Good Success Church, Nagoa**, followed by prayers and blessings at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife: **Agneta Messias Fanny Vaz** (Ex-Head Clerk of Joint Directorate of Accounts South branch), Children **Avianca Dias, Arantxa/Aldrian Dsouza, Grandson Abhishek**.
Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

A TEARFUL FAREWELL
We deeply mourn the sad demise of our beloved friend
CAMILO REMEDIOS (CAMU)
 :- Loutolim :-
A trusted friend like you is a jewel. You will be missed but not forgotten. Memories to be cherished.
and convey our heartfelt sympathies to his bereaved family.
From:
M/S CRYSTAL ROCKS DANCE FLOOR
 (Loutolim-Goa)
Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao. Ph. 9823022194

IN EVERLOVING MEMORY OF
2nd Death Anniversary **3rd Death Anniversary**

SANTAN THOMAS DIAS
 MUNDEL VASCO

LENNIE DIAS
 MUNDEL/RANGHAVI
 There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the souls of our beloved **LENNIE AND SANTAN THOMAS DIAS** on **Thursday 23rd January 2025 at 8.15 am** at **St. Andrews Church Vasco** followed by prayers and blessing of the grave offered by their sorrowful Families.
RELATIVES & FRIENDS KINDLY ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION

Month's Mind
In the loving Memory of

BORN: 11/05/1974 **DEATH:** 24/12/2024
MILAGRES MASCARENHAS
CARIAMODDI CURCHOREM GOA
 S/o Late Caitano Rosario Mascarenhas and B/o Late Gloria Mascarenhas
'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.'
 John 11:25
 There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the Soul of our beloved **Brother**, at **Guardian Angel Church, Curchorem** on **23rd January 2025** (Tomorrow) at **8.00 am** followed by prayers at the grave. Offered by his sorrowful Mother: **Aurora**, Wife: **Saya**, Sisters/Brothers-in-law: **Fransquinha / Wilson, Caitani/ Sebastiao (Botu), Veronica/ Minino, Antoneta/Felix, Nieces/Nephews: Delsy, Aaron, Presley, Sancia, Sarah & Neriah**.
RELATIVES & FRIENDS, KINDLY ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION

DEATH
POBRES FERNANDES
AMONA - QUEPEM
BORN: 15/05/1943 **DIED:** 21/01/2025
 Husband of **Rosalina Mascarenhas**; Father / Father-in-law of **Martha / Late Rosario Martin, Cancy / Cosme, Late David / Saviana, Telly / Jesmita, Viston / Farina**; grandfather of **Maisha, Mackenzie, Macklen, Preston, Darren, Raisa, Meznie, Trisha, Jesvira, Fronick and Vasilisa**.
 Funeral Cortege will leave his residence on **Wednesday, 22nd January 2025 (Today)** at **3:30 pm** for **Holy Cross Church, Quepem** for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.
Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

RETURNED TO THE LORD
JOSEFINA CARDOZO
GUIRIM - NUVEM (EX-MOMBASA)
BORN: 03rd DECEMBER 1942 **DIED:** 21st JANUARY 2025
You showered your love and blessings upon us, until you breathed your last. A mother with a golden heart, your love for us all has been steadfast.
 Beloved wife of **Late Miquelinho Cardozo**; Mother/ Mother-in-law of **Florina (Flavy)/ Peter, Anna/ Salsvius, Late Bernard (Benny)/ Liberata**; Grandmother of: **Suzan, Bradley, Myron and Milvon** and Great-grandmother of **Eliana**.
FUNERAL DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In loving memory of

LUDGERA CARMELINA CARVALHO
 (3 Years)
 (Agar Vaddo, Calangute)
We can't find words to describe how valuable you'll were to us. The death of you'll will remain to be the greatest loss in our life. May God grant you'll eternal rest and peace. Amen.
 Mass for the soul of **Ludgera Carmelina Carvalho** on **23rd January 2025 at 7:45 a.m.** at **St. Alex Church, Calangute**.
Beloved wife of: late Joseph Avito Carvalho,
Loving Mother / Mother - in - law of: Dominic / Estefania Carvalho, Carmelina (Conny) / Agnelo Fernandes, Maria Carvalho / Ivon D'souza, Anthony / Jessica Carvalho,
Doting Grandmother of: Andrea / Ollancio Soares, Martha & Sebastian Carvalho, Carlton & Calvin D'souza, Azariah & Jerasia Carvalho,
Great Grandmother of: Michai Joseph & Reelaiah Soares.
RELATIVES, NEIGHBOURS AND FRIENDS KINDLY ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION.