



President Droupadi Murmu during the Beating Retreat ceremony, at Vijay Chowk, in New Delhi



Delhi Chief Minister and AAP leader Atishi during a rally ahead of the Delhi Assembly elections, in New Delhi



Tarzan, a horse from 1 (O) R&V Sqn NCC, Bhuvneshwar, the first-ever recipient of the DGNCC, during the commendation for his exceptional service



Congress leader Jairam Ramesh speaks to media during the release of the party's manifesto for the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections, in New Delhi

# CHAOS AND CONFUSION AT KUMBH

AFP, PRAYAGRAJ: Journeying across India for the pinnacle celebration of the Hindu calendar, Laxmi and her family were sleeping by the roadside Wednesday as they waited to cleanse themselves in the sacred Ganges river.

All of a sudden they were violently roused in the middle of the night by police officers, who smacked them with wooden sticks and ordered them to clear a path for other pilgrims.

The officers were frantically trying to make way for a surging throng of devotees that would imminently spill over crowd control barriers and crush the dozing masses on the other side.

"A large crowd surged forward, pushing and trampling us," Laxmi, shell-shocked and huddled under a thick woollen shawl in the morning cold, told AFP.

"In that chaos, my sister-in-law lost her life."

Laxmi is among millions of people who flocked to the northern city of Prayagraj for the Kumbh Mela, a six-week festival of worship and ritual bathing meant to cleanse the faithful of sin.

Wednesday marks one of the holiest days in the festival, coinciding with an alignment of planets in the solar system, when saffron-clad holy men lead crowds into the water at



the confluence of the Ganges and Yamuna rivers.

But the Kumbh Mela has a woeful safety record and celebrations have once again been overshadowed by a stampede, this time fatally crushing at least 30 pilgrims.

Even before the latest incident, the festival's attendees fumed over what they said was poor crowd management.

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Pandey complained that he had been forced to walk more than 25 kilometres to and from the festival site



Devotees in a state of panic after a stampede broke out during the Mahakumbh Mela, at Sangam in Prayagraj, on Wednesday

because of onerous restrictions on vehicle traffic by organisers.

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Reserved pathways and cordoned-off areas reserved for eminent attendees have been a source of vehement complaint at the festival for reducing the



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Officers for preventing them from moving about the festival grounds on foot, while they gave priority travel to distinguished guests in cars.

Others, including Prayagraj local Rekha Verma, pointed the finger at heavy-handed tactics by "rude and abusive" police officers to keep immense throngs of devotees in line.

"Police are using force to control the crowd and that's why this happened," she said.

But on the ground it was unclear how much power police had to keep order, with the Uttar Pradesh state government estimating tens of millions of people scattered around the festival site.

Even after news of the stampede spread, a mass of people slid under gates and jumped fences to move towards the riverbed, shrugging off aggressive orders from officers to turn back.

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pilgrim Nirmala Devi told AFP. "We have children and elderly people with us," she said. "We are headed back home, safety is important."

Organisers have been eager to tout the technological advancements introduced for this year's edition of the Kumbh Mela.

That includes an extensive artificial intelligence-assisted surveillance system meant to give advance warning of dangerous crowd crushes.

"The government said again and again on TV that the arrangements it had made were sufficient but we now see that they have failed," university student Ruchi Bharti told AFP.

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## Mismanagement, VIP culture, self-promotion: Oppn slams Centre

PTI, NEW DELHI: The opposition on Wednesday hit out at the Centre and the Uttar Pradesh government over the Maha Kumbh stampede, with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi saying that mismanagement and administration's special focus on VIP movement were responsible for the tragic incident.

Gandhi also said "VIP culture" should be reined in and the government should make better arrangements to fulfil the needs of common devotees at the Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said "half-baked arrangements, VIP movement, paying more attention to self-promotion and mismanagement are responsible for this". Such arrangements despite spending thousands of crores of rupees are condemnable, he said.

At least 30 people were killed and 60 others injured in the stampede that broke out at the Maha Kumbh Mela in the early hours of Wednesday, officials said.

The pre-dawn stampede at the Sangam area broke out as millions of pilgrims jostled for space to take a holy dip on Mauni Amavasya, considered one of the most auspicious days during the mela.

Opposition leaders in Uttar Pradesh targeted the Adityanath government over the stampede. Samajwadi Party president

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Akhilesh Yadav demanded that the management of the world's largest religious event should be immediately handed over to the army.

Yadav also said that those who claimed "world-class arrangements" in the Maha Kumbh should resign from their posts taking moral responsibility for the stampede.

"In order to re-establish faith in the system among the saint community and devotees who have come to the Maha Kumbh, it is necessary that the administration and management of the Maha Kumbh should be immediately handed over to the army instead of the UP government," he said on X.

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posts taking moral responsibility for the people killed in this accident," he said. BSP supremo Mayawati said the incident was saddening and worrisome.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee offered her condolences to the bereaved families.

Banerjee in a post on X emphasised the need of "maximal planning and care" to handle huge assemblies such as the Kumbh, citing her experiences of organising the annual Gangasagar Mela in West Bengal.

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren also offered his condolences to pilgrims who lost their family members in the stampede.

Soren hoped that the Union government would investigate the incident thoroughly and take necessary steps to prevent such accidents in the future.

"We all must learn from such tragedies and ensure proper safety arrangements in the future so that such incidents do not happen again," he said

Congress chief Kharge said the news of "many people losing their lives" and many getting injured due to the stampede on the banks of the Tirthraj Sangam during the Maha Kumbh is extremely heartbreaking.

"Our deepest condolences to the families of the devotees and we wish for the speedy recovery of the injured," he said.

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"Many important 'shahi snans' are still left, so the central and state governments should wake up now, and improve the system so that such unpleasant incidents do not happen in future," Kharge said.

"The arrangements for accommodation, food, first aid and movement of devotees etc., should be expanded and VIP movement should be reined in. This is what our saints and sages also want," he said.

Kharge urged Congress workers to help the victims in every possible way.

## Nitesh Rane demands ban on burqa at board exams

PTI, MUMBAI: Maharashtra minister and BJP leader Nitesh Rane on Wednesday sought a ban on wearing burqa during the next month's Std 10th and 12th examinations of the state board, raising concerns of security and examination malpractices.

He also demanded a ban on the burqa at educational institutions, stating that religious attires should be confined to homes and religious places. Rane wrote a letter in this regard to Maharashtra school education minister Dada Bhuse.

"Students appearing for the 10th and 12th board exams should not be permitted to wear a burqa. If necessary, female police officers or female staff should be appointed to conduct checks. These exams are crucial for students' future, and they must be conducted transparently, free from any malpractices such as cheating.

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whether electronic devices or other means are being used to cheat. In case of any untoward incident, it could lead to social and law-and-order issues, affecting many students," said the BJP leader in the letter.

Rane said the burqa should be banned in educational institutions and examination centres.

No religion should receive special treatment, he said, adding that a religious attire should be restricted to home and places of worship.

## Saif stabbing: Court remands accused in 14-day judicial custody

PTI, MUMBAI: A court here on Wednesday refused the city police custody of the Bangladeshi national arrested for allegedly stabbing actor Saif Ali Khan, and sent him in judicial remand noting that there was no fresh ground to extend his police custody.

The Bandra magistrate's court after perusing the application submitted by the police seeking further custody said no fresh ground was made out.

"Further police custody, at least at this stage, is not justified," said Judicial Magistrate (First Class) Komal Sing Rajput.

Citing the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita provisions, the court told the investigating officer that if there was any new development, police can again seek the accused's custody for the remaining period within permissible time.

As per the new criminal laws, police can seek a person's custody for up to 15 days. It can be at a stretch, or in parts during a period of 40 or 60 days from the



Accused Mohammad Shariful Islam being brought to a court by police personnel in Mumbai, on Wednesday

tention of robbery in the early hours of January 16. When confronted by Saif (54), the accused allegedly stabbed him multiple times and fled.

He was arrested on January 19 from neighbouring Thane.

Islam's father in Bangladesh, however, claimed that the man seen in the CCTV footage of the staircase of the actor's building was not his son, who he said has been falsely implicated.

On Wednesday, the police pleaded for extension of the accused's remand

Ali Khan's building and photograph of the accused have been sent to a forensic science laboratory for running facial recognition tests, it said.

The clothes worn by the accused while committing the crime and during his escape, the weapon and the tools used in the crime, a "gamcha" (towel) and a bag have been sent to the forensic laboratory for chemical analysis, the court was told.

The people who helped Islam enter India from Bangladesh were yet to be traced, the police said.

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