



Telangana CM Revanth Reddy speaks on 'One Nation One Election' during the Mathrubhumi International Festival of Letters, in Thiruvananthapuram



Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin during his visit to the Trichy Bird Park, in the Trichy district, Tamil Nadu



Social activist Anna Hazare speaks on the Delhi Assembly result, in Ralegan-Siddhi, Maharashtra



Orchestral conductor and music director Zubin Mehta conducts a performance with the Symphony Orchestra of India in Mumbai

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Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar offers 'chadar' at the Khanqah Maner Sharif during 75th Urs Mubarak, near Patna, on Sunday

**Fire breaks out in Kolkata slum, one dead**  
**KOLKATA:** One person died in a blaze that gutted at least 30 shanties in Narkeldanga area of the metropolis, a fire brigade official said on Sunday. Seventeen fire tenders were pressed into service to douse the flames, which were first spotted around 10 pm on Saturday, he said. The fire left around 200 people homeless, officials said. The charred body of Habibullah Mollah (65) was recovered from a godown adjacent to the shanties, after fire brigade personnel managed to douse the blaze around 3 am, they said. During the day, West Bengal Municipal Affairs Minister and Kolkata Municipal Corporation Mayor Firhad Hakim visited the spot and interacted with locals.

**3 women labourers, child killed as dumper truck falls on them in Gujarat**  
**PALANPUR (GUJARAT):** Three women labourers and a toddler were crushed to death when a dumper truck carrying sand overturned and fell on them in Gujarat's Banaskantha district, police said on Sunday. The incident occurred at Khengarpura village in the district on Saturday evening when a group of labourers was engaged in road construction work, they said. The dumper tried to make its way through a narrow passage and overturned, falling on three women engaged in the road construction work, Deputy Superintendent of Police SM Varotariya said. A child belonging to a labourer's family also died in the incident, he said.

**Kejriwal meets newly elected AAP MLAs, asks them to work for people**  
**NEW DELHI:** A day after AAP was ousted from power in Delhi, party supremo Arvind Kejriwal met its 22 newly elected MLAs at his Ferozshah Road residence here on Sunday and asked them to work for the people. Addressing reporters after the meeting, outgoing chief minister Atishi, who is among the 22 AAP leaders who weathered the BJP storm, said the party will play the role of a constructive opposition and ensure that the saffron party delivers on its promises. Kejriwal directed the newly elected MLAs to serve the people and solve their problems, she said.

**Elderly woman dead, man injured in fire in Pune flat; blaze doused**  
**PUNE:** A 65-year-old woman lost her life and a man sustained minor injuries in a fire in a residential building in Pune's Kondhwa area on Sunday, officials said. The blaze broke out in a fourth floor flat in SunShri building on NIBM road at 3:00pm and was doused sometime later after four fire tenders were deployed, they said. "There were three persons in the flat at the time of the incident. One person managed to get out safely, while a 65-year-old woman and one more man were trapped. They were rescued. The elderly woman succumbed after being rushed to a nearby hospital," senior inspector Vinay Patankar of Kondhwa police station said. "It seems a curtain caught fire from a lighted 'diya' placed on a table. The blaze has been doused. The cause of the fire is being ascertained," a fire brigade official informed.

# Shutting stable door after horse bolted: Cong on Manipur CM's 'belated' resignation

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** The Congress on Sunday described N Biren Singh's resignation from the post of Manipur chief minister as "belated", and said "our frequent-flier" Prime Minister Narendra Modi must visit the state immediately and share with the people his plans to restore normalcy.

**ETHNIC VIOLENCE**

The opposition party's attack came shortly after Singh tendered his resignation to Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla at the Raj Bhavan in Imphal. Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge described Singh's resignation as "shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted". He also blamed Modi as the real culprit of "disdain and apathy" towards the strife-torn state. "It is painful to say that for 21 months, the BJP ignited a fire in Manipur and left the people across communities to fend for themselves," Kharge said in a post on X. "Their rank incompetence and utter disregard for Rajdharm resulted in at least 258 people having died, more than 5,600 arms and 6.5 lakh rounds of ammunition were looted from police armouries, more than 60,000 people displaced and thousands still forced to live in relief camps," he added. Further slamming the prime minister, Kharge said Modi had forgotten that Manipur was a part of India. "It is high time he rejigs his memory and locate the state of Manipur on the map of India!" "Modi ji has not stepped on Manipur's soil since his last election campaign in January 2022, although he had time to visit several foreign countries in between. Now that the chief minister has belatedly resigned, we hope and urge him to visit Manipur and hear the stories of horror from the people," the Congress chief added. He expressed relief that better sense prevailed and that this was not a "2023-like-resignation-dra-

ma", referring to Singh's earlier offer to resign if it helped solve the conflict and bring normalcy. Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi said Singh was forced to resign due to mounting public pressure, the Supreme Court's (SC) intervention and his party's plan to move a no-confidence motion in the assembly.

"For nearly two years, the BJP's Chief Minister Biren Singh instigated division in Manipur. Prime Minister Modi allowed him to continue despite the violence, loss of life, and the destruction of the idea of India in Manipur — Rahul Gandhi, LoP in the Lok Sabha", he added. He, however, said the most urgent priority was to restore peace in the state and work to heal the wounds of the people. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi must visit Manipur at once, listen to the people and finally explain his plan to bring back normalcy," he said. AICC general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said the Congress was all set to move a no-confidence motion against Singh and his council of ministers in the Manipur Assembly on Monday. "Sensing the climate, the Manipur chief minister has just resigned. This was a demand that the Congress has been making since early May 2023, when Manipur erupted," he said in a post on X. "The chief minister's resignation was belated. The people of Manipur now await a visit by our frequent-flier prime minister who is off to France and the US now -- and who has found neither the time nor the inclination to go to Manipur these past 20 months," Ramesh said. AICC general secretary in-charge organisation KC Venugopal said it had been clear to the world since May 2023 that Singh's position as Manipur chief minister was untenable. "It was also evident that he was unfit to remain in his post, yet the central government continued to shield him despite growing demands for his removal," he said in a post on X. "For over 20 months, he fuelled chaos, exacerbating the civil war-like situation in Manipur. His inaction and active role in instigating violence cost many precious lives — lives that could have been saved had he been removed earlier," he added.

## Gehlot for diplomatic action on Bangladesh Hindu attacks

**PTI, JAIPUR:** Former Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot on Sunday said the Centre should take diplomatic steps to stop 'atrocities' on Hindus in Bangladesh. Soon after his statement, BJP state president Madan Rathore hit out at the Congress leader saying the party has once again "remembered Hindus" after the drubbing in Delhi. He said that the central government is making diplomatic efforts to stop violence in Bangladesh. Gehlot's remarks came after Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh on Friday said in a written response in the Lok Sabha that since August last year, reports have cited deaths of 23 Hindus and 152 incidents of attack on Hindu temples in Bangladesh. "It is unfortunate that despite such a situation, the Indian government has not yet deemed it appropriate to make any statement on global platforms, or put pressure on Bangladesh," Gehlot said in a post on X. "The government should take diplomatic steps to stop the atrocities being committed against Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh," he added. Rathore in a statement alleged that the Congress during the Delhi polls refrained from making any such statement due to fear of losing its vote bank, but was now out peddling "pseudo-Hindutva." "Those who always talk about appeasement have also started talking about Hindus' interests, this is a good thing," Rathore said.

**RITUAL IN MOTION**



Tibetan Buddhist monks participate in Kangyur (the Tibetan name for the Buddhist sutras) procession at Mahabodhi temple in Bodhi Gaya, on Sunday

## Delhi, air quality slips back into 'poor' category

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** It was a warm and sunny day in the national capital on Sunday with a decrease in wind speed pushing Delhi's air quality back into the 'poor' category. The city recorded a maximum temperature of 27.4 degrees Celsius, four degrees above normal and the highest so far this year, surpassing the 27 degree Celsius recorded on January 31. The air quality, which had remained in the 'moderate' category for 2 days, slipped back into the 'poor' category on Sunday.

## Chhattisgarh: 11 women among 31 Naxalites killed

**PTI, BIJAPUR (CHHATTISGARH):** In one of the deadliest blows to Naxalites in Chhattisgarh, security forces on Sunday gunned down 31 rebels, including 11 women, in a fierce encounter in the state's Bijapur district, police said. Two security personnel were also killed and as many injured in the face-off, they said. More than 650 security personnel entered the Indravati National Park area from different sides and eliminated 31 Naxalites in their den, Chhattisgarh's Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma said. With this success, 81 Naxalites have been neutralised by security forces in separate encounters in Chhattisgarh so far this year, compared to 219 in 2024. CM Vishnu Deo Sai said the end of Naxalism in Chhattisgarh and the country is certain. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the state will get rid of Naxalism by March 2026, he asserted. The latest gunbattle took place on a forested hill along the border of Madded and Farsegarh police station areas when personnel from different security forces during an anti-Naxal operation, Inspector General of Police, Bastar Range, Sundarraj P said. Acting on inputs about the presence of Maoists belonging to their national park area committee, per-

sonnel from state police units District Reserve Guard (DRG), Special Task Force (STF) and Bastar Fighters had launched the operation on February 7, he said. At around 8 am on Sunday, an intense exchange of fire broke out on the hill, a part of the Indravati National Park. The intermittent gunfight lasted till around 4 pm, he said. "So far, bodies of 31 Naxalites, including 11 women, clad in 'uniform' have been recovered from the encounter site. Besides, a huge cache of weapons, including AK-47, INSAS, SLR and .303 rifles and Barrel Grenade Launchers (BGL), and explosives have also been seized from the scene," the official said. DRG Head Constable Naresh Dhruv and Constable Vasit Ravte from the STF were killed in the gunfight and their mortal remains have been brought to Bijapur district headquarters, he said. While Dhruv was a resident of Balodabazar-Bhatapara district, Ravte hailed from the Baldo district in the state. Constables Jaggu Kalmu (DRG) and Gulab Mandavi (STF) suffered injuries during the encounter. They were airlifted to Raipur and admitted at a hospital there, Sundarraj said, adding that their condition was stated to be out of danger. Reinforcement of DRG, STF, Bastar Fighter and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has been rushed

## Silent rally in Kolkata demands justice for RG Kar victim on her birthday

**PTI, KOLKATA:** Doctors and people from all walks of life on Sunday took part in a silent rally to mark the first birthday of the RG Kar hospital medic since her death last year, and demanded justice for her. The rally, which started from College Square near the Calcutta University campus, was halted at the gate of the state-run medical facility in north Kolkata by security personnel. A large contingent of Kolkata Police personnel outside the hospital and CISF jawans inside its premises were deployed. Officials spoke to the participants, who had wanted to walk to a point inside the premises, where a plaque was put up in memory of the medic by her colleagues. The CISF has been guarding the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on an order of the Supreme Court, following the post-graduate trainee's rape and murder that had sparked a nationwide outrage and protests. The day also marks completion of six months of the crime that took place on August 9, 2023. The parents of the victim also participat-



Members of Nagarik Samaj stage a protest demanding justice for the Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital victim, at Balurghat in Dakshin Dinajpur district, on Sunday

ed in another rally in North 24 Parganas district to commemorate her birthday. Maintaining that they were not satisfied with the probe conducted by the CBI in the rape-murder incident, the parents said they want "anyone else involved in the crime to be arrested and legal proceedings initiated". Following investigation and trial, a ses-

rally was a silent one in view of the Class 10 West Bengal school board examinations starting Monday. The West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front also set up an 'Abhaya Clinic', a health camp, in North 24 Parganas district, to mark the birthday of their colleague. "Over 110 patients have already availed services at 'Abhaya Clinic', and each one of them were handed a sapling. Our sister loved plants and had dedicated her life to serving people," a junior doctor said. "The culprits have robbed us of our joy. We used to celebrate her birthday at night after she returned from work. We also feel that our daughter should not have taken admission at the RG Kar medical college to pursue further education. Now, our only mission in life is to seek justice," the victim's parents said. Meanwhile, around 200 protesters of the 'Abhaya Manch' also demonstrated at the Kolkata Book Fair ground in Salt Lake for around half-an-hour. Led by activist Rimjhim Sinha, they assembled in front of the Little Magazine pavilion in the evening.

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