



Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan during a visit at the National Defence College, in New Delhi



Wreckage of a car after it collided with a parked truck, leaving at least four people died, in Varanasi, Friday



A woman mourns over her loss after a fire broke out in the huts near the gate of the iconic Film City on Thursday, in Mumbai's Goregaon area, on Friday



Staffers of a school give flowers to students who arrive to appear in the Maharashtra Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations, in Mumbai

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Lawyers shout slogans during a protest march over the proposed Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2025, in Lucknow

'Illegal' Bangladeshi immigrant held in Delhi
NEW DELHI: A 47-year-old Bangladeshi national, who has allegedly been staying in India illegally for the last five years, was apprehended from Delhi's Shahdara, an official said on Friday. Shah Ali, a resident of Purvashipa Baroi Khali village in Bangladesh, has been running a tea stall at D-Block in the Seemapuri area of Shahdara, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Shahdara) Prashant Gautam said. Ali was taken to the Foreigners' Regional Registration Office (FRRO) office in R K Puram for legal formalities, the DCP said. He said the man has admitted that he entered India illegally five years ago. "He was previously deported by the Bangladeshi Cell, but re-entered in 2018," Gautam said.

Punjab police bust a target killing module, apprehend 2 operatives
CHANDIGARH: Punjab police on Friday said they have busted a target killing module and apprehended two operatives of a foreign-based gangster from Patiala. Those arrested have been identified as Malkit Singh alias Max, a native of Rodala village in Ajnala, Amritsar, who is currently residing in Sempali village in Fatehgarh Sahib, and Sandeep Singh alias Deep, a resident of Sirhind in Fatehgarh Sahib. "Acting swiftly on intelligence inputs, Patiala Police busted a target killing module and apprehended two operatives of the foreign-based gangster Goldy Dhillon from Rajpura, Patiala. Both accused were tasked with carrying out target killings in Mohali and Rajpura on the directions of gangster Goldy Dhillon," Punjab's Director General of Police, Gaurav Yadav, posted on X.

ED attaches assets of ex-CBI DSP
NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said on Friday that it has attached residential properties worth about Rs 1 crore as part of a disproportionate assets case-linked money-laundering investigation against a former CBI DSP. Rajeev Kumar Rishi, the former deputy superintendent of police of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), was first booked by his own organisation under sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act, the ED said in a statement. According to the statement, it was alleged that Rishi had acquired "disproportionate" assets of Rs 1.44 crore in his name and in the name of his family members during the check period between November 9, 2012 and January 14, 2021. This was 113.36 per cent more than his legitimate income during the said period, the ED said.

Fire breaks out at Kumbh area; tents burnt, no loss of life
MAHAKUMBH NAGAR (UP): A fire broke out at Ganga Complex in Sector 25 of the Kumbh area on Friday afternoon, destroying two tents but there was no loss of life, officials said. The fire department swiftly extinguished the flames, they said. Chief Fire Officer (Kumbh) Pramod Sharma said the fire broke out around 4 pm, and two tents were burnt. There was no loss of life in this incident, he said, adding that the reason for the fire is being investigated.

CRPF flags off 'Bharat Darshan' study tour for 20 Kashmiri youths
SRINAGAR: The CRPF on Friday flagged off a 'Bharat Darshan' study tour of 20 Kashmiri youths from the Budgam district as part of its civic action programme aiming to help them appreciate India's unity in diversity. As part of the Civic Action Programme of the CRPF, commanding officer (CO) of the 43 Battalion R Jayakumar flagged off a group of 20 students from the Budgam District for the five-day 'Bharat Darshan' tour to Delhi-Agra accompanied by a caretaker, an official of the paramilitary force said. He said the tour includes all boarding and lodging facilities, round-trip air tickets, and other logistical support.

One killed in bus-car collision in UP's Sultanpur
SULTANPUR (UP): A 30-year-old man died and six others were injured in a head-on collision between a Uttar Pradesh roadways bus and a car on Ayodhya-Prayagraj Highway here, police said on Friday. Sonu Sahu died on the spot in the accident that took place on Thursday night, they said. Those injured have been identified as Sonu's father Dinesh Sahu (54), Anju (50), Kaushalya Devi (35), Urvashi (35), Ashok Sahu (40) and Pradeep Sahu (55), they said. Ashok and Pradeep are in critical condition. The bus involved in the accident is from Basti depot, the police said. Kurebhar SHO Shardendu Dubey said the body has been sent for post-mortem.

India prioritises safety of international students: MEA on KIIT incident

PTI, NEW DELHI: The government on Friday said it was deeply saddened by the recent death of a Nepalese student at an institution in Odisha, and asserted that it accords "high priority" to the safety, security and well-being of all international students in the country. In response to a query related to the incident at private engineering college KIIT in Bhubaneswar, external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the ministry has been in "constant touch" with the Odisha government and the KIIT authorities since the matter came to light. "We have also maintained close contact with the Nepa-

NEPALESE GIRL DEATH: KIIT FOUNDER SAMANTA, OTHER FUNCTIONARIES APPEAR BEFORE ODISHA GOVT PANEL
PTI, BHUBANESWAR: Senior officials of Odisha-based Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), including its founder Achyuta Samanta, on Friday appeared before the state government's high-level committee investigating the alleged suicide of a Nepalese engineering student and subsequent attack on students from the neighbouring country. Former BJD MP Samanta arrived at the state guest house ahead of his scheduled 6:30 PM hearing. A day earlier, he had apologised to the parents of Nepalese students over the incident. Earlier in the day, Congress MLAs in the Assembly demanded his arrest, blaming him for the KIIT fiasco. The three-member inquiry committee, led by additional chief secretary (Home) Satyabrata Sahu, is tasked with examining the circumstances leading to the student's suicide on February 16, the alleged high-handedness of the institute's administration, and the decision to suspend specific students and shut down the institute for them. The panel, which includes the secretaries of higher education and women & child development departments, had earlier visited the KIIT campus and spoken to Nepalese students who claimed mistreatment by institute staff for staging protests. lese authorities. Pursuant to our outreach, several steps have been taken by the Odisha government as well as the KIIT institute to address the situation," he said.

Odisha Police has made several arrests, the MEA spokesperson said. The police on Thursday arrested five more staff of the private engineering college on the charge of assaulting Nepalese students while they were vacating the hostel following a direction of the institute authorities. Police have so far arrested 11 people, including an engineering student who was booked for allegedly abetting the suicide of the 20-year-old Nepalese woman in her hostel room earlier. Following her death, the Nepalese students had staged demonstrations demanding justice.

ED slaps Rs 3.44 cr penalty on BBC WS India; fines 3 directors

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate has levied a penalty of more than Rs 3.44 crore on BBC World Service India for alleged contravention of foreign direct investment (FDI) regulations, agency officials said on Friday. The federal probe agency also fined three of its directors with more than Rs 1.14 crore each as it issued an adjudication order against the British broadcaster under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). The adjudication proceedings were initiated after a show-cause notice was issued on August 4, 2023, to BBC WS India, its three directors, and the finance head for various "contraventions" under the said law. BBC WS India, which is a 100 per cent FDI company, engaged in uploading/streaming news and current affairs through digital media but "did not" reduce their FDI to 26 per cent, and kept it at 100 per cent in "gross violation" of the regulations issued by the government of India, sources said.

GOLDEN REFLECTIONS



Fishermen row their boats across the Dalpat Sagar Lake during sunrise, at Jagdalpur in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh

Naga Talks: Centre's emissary Mishra meets NSCN-IM leaders

PTI, DIMAPUR (NAGALAND): The Centre's emissary for Naga talks, A K Mishra, on Friday held a closed-door deliberation on Naga talk with the NSCN-IM, sources said. Mishra, who is also the Advisor for Northeast in the Ministry of Home Affairs, conducted the meeting with the top leadership of the NSCN-IM for about an hour in Chumoukedima district. The details of the meeting, however, were not revealed. Mishra, along with the Joint Director of the Intelligence Bureau had a series of meetings with various Naga political groups during his two-day stay in Dimapur before leaving for Delhi this evening.

Pradhan v/s Stalin: DMK sticks to two-language policy

PTI, NEW DELHI/CHENNAI: The language row involving the BJP-led Centre and the ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu intensified on Friday with Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan asking the southern state to rise above politics, while the regional party hit back saying it won't budge from its 2-language policy. 3-language policy involving Hindi in return for its due share of central funds. Alleged Hindi imposition has been a sensitive subject in Tamil Nadu, and the DMK successfully led a massive anti-Hindi agitation in 1965 during which a number of pro-Tamil activists killed themselves, mostly by self-immolation, against imposition of the language. Main opposition AIADMK also hit out at the Centre over NEP. On Friday, Pradhan wrote to Stalin, asking him to rise above political differences and think about the interests of young learners who will benefit from the new NEP. He was responding to a letter Stalin wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday. The CM had said linking two centrally sponsored initiatives -- Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and PM SHRI Schools -- with the NEP was fundamentally unacceptable. Pradhan said, "the letter sent to PM is a complete negation of the spirit of cooperative federalism promoted by Modi government. Hence, it is inappropriate for the state to view NEP 2020 with a myopic vision and spin progressive educational reforms into threats to sustain their political narratives." Tamil Nadu and the central government have been at loggerheads over the implementation of NEP in the state, with the DMK government accusing the education ministry of stopping funds for crucial schemes.

Court rules late-night messages to unknown woman as obscene

PTI, MUMBAI: A sessions court here has ruled that sending messages like "you are slim, look very smart and fair, I like you" to an unknown woman at night amounts to obscenity. The Additional Sessions Judge (Dindoshi) D G Dhole made these observations while upholding the conviction of a man booked for sending obscene messages on WhatsApp to a former corporator. The obscenity must be judged from the perspective of an "average person applying contemporary community standards", noted the order of February 18. The court noted that pictures and messages were sent to the complainant between 11 pm and 12.30 am with content like "you are slim", "you are looking very smart", "you are fair", "my age is 40 years", "are you married or not?" and "I like you". No married woman or her husband who are "reputed and (former) corporators" would tolerate such WhatsApp messages and obscene photos, particularly when the sender and the complainant do not know each other, the court said. "Nothing has been brought on record by the accused that there was any relationship between them," it said. The judge held that the messages and the act amounted to an insult to the modesty of a woman. Earlier, the accused was convicted by a magistrate court here in 2022 and sentenced to imprisonment for three months. He subsequently challenged the decision in the sessions court. Among other grounds, the accused claimed he was implicated falsely in the case over political rivalry.

'Both hands intact' guideline for pursuing MBBS reeks of ableism: SC

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday said the National Medical Commission (NMC) guidelines requiring students with specified disabilities to have "both hands intact" to pursue MBBS course was "completely antithetical" and reeked of "ableism". A bench of Justices B R Gavi and K V Viswanathan observed the guidelines prescribed "both hands intact, with intact sensations, sufficient strength and range of motion" to be essential for eligibility in the medical course. "This prescription of 'both hands intact...' is completely antithetical to Article 41 of the Constitution; the principles enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the salutary provisions of the RPwD Act (Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016)," said the bench. The court went on to add, "It also indicates a classification which is overbroad and glorifies 'ableism'. It propagates that persons with typical abilities and with faculties similar to what the majority may have or somehow superior." This was precisely what the Directive Principles of State Policy, the United Nations Convention and the 2016 Act abhor, it added. The apex court referred to its verdict passed in October last year which asked the NMC to issue revised regulations and guidelines in supersession of the guidelines of May 13, 2019 with regard to admission of students with specified disabilities under the Act with respect to MBBS course. It said pursuant to the verdict, the NMC assured the top court in another matter that it would constitute a new committee of domain experts to comply with the judgement.

Six poachers held in Odisha's Sambalpur

PTI, SAMBALPUR (ODISHA): The Odisha Police on Friday arrested six suspected poachers from Mahulpali area in Sambalpur district, an officer said. Firearms, pellets and similar arms were seized from their possession during investigation, he said. A case in this regard was registered at Mahulpali police station.

CHANGE IN NAME
I ROSY D'COSTA, r/o H.NO.5/214 UMTA VADDO CALANGUTE BARDEZ GOA.403516 like to change my name from ROSY DA COSTA TO ROSY D'COSTA Hereafter in all my dealings and documents I will be known by the name ROSY D'COSTA.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public is hereby informed that my clients, Carmen Lina Flavia De Almeida, Mitesh Noronha, Santosa Noronha, Siddharth Noronha and Sertorio Noronha are the co-heirs of the estate left behind by Late Mr. Jacinto Luis Noronha which includes the property bearing survey No 251/1 of Neura o Grande village, known VODDA BHAT, admeasuring an area of 1,52,000 sq. mts. In view of the public notice dated 05/02/2025 issued by Mrs. Alvida D. P. S. Fernandes, from Mormugao, published in the Herald on 05/02/2025, it has come to light that some persons are trying to claim the above mentioned said property illegally and without the consent of my clients and in violation of their rights. Public is hereby cautioned that no one should enter into any agreement or deed of sale or transaction with respect to the said property bearing survey No. 251/1 of Neura O Grande village or part thereof without my client's written consent or participation and if any one transacts in violation of this notice, then such a transaction, be it in the form of an agreement or deed of sale or lease, mortgage or any other deed shall do so at his/her own risk and the same shall not be binding on my client and the said transactions, if any shall be null and void. Sd/- Adv. Aires Pinto Furtado 22/02/2025

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I JUSTINA AVELINA CRASTO E DSILVA. R/o. Hno-218, Soco Vaddo Assolna Ambelim Salcete Goa. Would like to change my name from JUSTINA AVELINA CRASTO E SILVA TO JUSTINA AVELINA CRASTO E DSILVA hereafter in all documents and dealing will be known by the name JUSTINA AVELINA CRASTO E DSILVA.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is given to the general public that my client TERRAVASTA BUILDING LLP is desirous of purchasing, free from encumbrances and subject to marketability of title from MIS KANUGA REALTORS AND CONSTRUCTION CO. PVT. LTD., a registered company incorporated under the Indian Companies Act, 1956, having its office at Reg. Office at K22 8, A Lane, W-12, Sainik Farm, New Delhi, 110062; ALL THAT immovable property known as Prabhru Vaddo, admeasuring an area of 529 Sq. mts., surveyed under Survey No. 3702-B of Village Calangute, along with all that building project known as Flamingo, constructed therein, situated at Calangute, within the limits of Village Panchayat of Calangute, Taluka and Sub District of Bardez, of the North District of the State of Goa, bearing House No. E-4/205C and described in the Land Registration Office under No. 1744 at folio 175 of Book B New and enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office at Mapusa under Matriz No. 77 and which is described hereunder. Any person/entity (corporate or otherwise), having any right, title, interest, benefit, claim or demand in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift, lease, tenancy, license, assignment, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, family arrangement / settlement, encumbrance, inheritance, bequest, easement, possession, maintenance, development, rights, order / decree / judgement of any court or any other agreement, understanding or otherwise howsoever to the said property may lodge their claims and objections if any to the said proposed sale, are given notice to make the same known in writing with supporting documents to the undersigned at the address given below within 14 (Fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice failing which it shall be deemed that there are no claims or objections from any one to the said proposed sale in favour of my client and that my client shall thereafter be free to complete the sale on the expiry of this notice period without any reference to such claim and objections from any person whatsoever and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived and/or abandoned. SCHEDULE (DESCRIPTION OF THE SAID PROPERTY) ALL THAT immovable property known as "Prabhru Vaddo", admeasuring an area of 529 sq. mts., surveyed under Survey No. 3702-B of Village Calangute, along with all that building project known as Flamingo, constructed therein, situated at Calangute, within the limits of Village Panchayat of Calangute, Taluka and Sub District of Bardez, of the North District of the State of Goa, bearing House No. E-4/205C and described in the Land Registration Office under No. 1744 at folio 175 of Book B New and enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office at Mapusa under Matriz No. 77 and which is bounded as under: ON THE NORTH: By an Access; ON THE SOUTH: By property bearing Survey No. 3705; ON THE EAST: By property bearing Survey No. 3702; ON THE WEST: By an Access. Dated 21.02.2025 Sd/- Adv. Sairaj Ulhas Bhaje 507, Citi Centre, Patto, Panaji, Goa 403001 Ph: 7972286100

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
On behalf of Konkarn Railway Corporation Ltd., Principal Chief Engineer, invites Open Tender Single Bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work. **Name of Work:** Complete Track Renewal (P) using Contractor's own PQRS machine between Loliem and Harwada stations from Km. 484/600 to 515/000 for approximately 27 km length including long chainage of 1.4 km but excluding tunnel, points crossing under the jurisdiction of Senior Engineer, Karwar in Karwar Region, in Karnataka state over Konkarn Railway. **Tender Notice No.:** KR-W-1-58-2024-21. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 5,46,99,376/- (Excluding GST). **Closing Date/Time:** 17/03/2025 upto 15:00 hrs for submission of on line offers/bids. **Completion Period:** Eighteen months including monsoon. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit <https://ireps.gov.in> website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.