



**Jharkhand Assembly Speaker Rabintra Nath Mahto welcomes Guv Santosh Gangwar on the first day of the Budget Session, in Ranchi**



**Students being checked as they arrive to appear for the Uttar Pradesh Madhyamik Shiksha Parishad (UP Board) examinations, in Meerut**



**Police detain Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) and Teachers Aptitude Test (TAT) candidates during a protest demanding their recruitments, in Gandhinagar**



**Women Peacekeeper of the Global South during a meeting with President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi**

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Students perform during a Bharatanatyam programme, in Chikmagalur, Karnataka

**Nigerian woman, autorickshaw driver held with mephedrone worth Rs 1.04 cr**  
**PALGHAR:** A Nigerian woman and an autorickshaw driver were arrested in Palghar allegedly with mephedrone worth Rs 1.04 crore, a senior police official said on Monday. The duo was held on February 22 from Pragati Nagar area in Nalasopara following a tip-off. Assistant Commissioner of Police Madan Ballal said, "We seized 520 grams of mephedrone worth Rs 1.04 crore. They have been charged under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and further probe into the peddling network is underway," the ACP said.

**Odisha man arrested for duping people with promise to double money in 10 months**  
**BHUBANESWAR:** The economic offences wing of Odisha Police arrested a man for allegedly duping people by collecting deposits with the false promise of doubling their money in 10 months, police said. The accused, identified as Dhanajaya Sahoo, was arrested in Hyderabad and brought to Odisha on remand on Monday. A case has been registered against him under various sections of the IPC and the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, police added. He was arrested following a complaint by Govinda Chandra Sahoo of Jajpur district, who had deposited money with Mutual Alliance Global Private Limited, a company owned by Dhanajaya.

**Manipur Governor distributes state Kala Akademi awards**  
**IMPHAL:** Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Monday distributed Manipur State Kala Akademi (MSKA) annual awards and fellowships to distinguished personalities who contributed to Manipuri art and culture in various forms. Speaking at the event at Raj Bhavan, Bhalla said, "I had heard and read about Manipuri art and culture, but today, I have witnessed firsthand why it is renowned across the world." "Manipur is known for its richness and diversity in the field of art and culture. While classical Manipuri dance is renowned worldwide, Lai Haraoba and other folk dances from both the valley and the hills vividly showcase the depth and richness of our ancient cultural heritage," he added.

**Three youths killed as truck hits bike in UP**  
**UNNAO (UP):** Three youths, including two teenage twins, were killed after an unidentified truck hit their motorcycle on the Bihar-Buxar road near Sarai Manihar village in Uttar Pradesh's Unnao district, police said on Monday. The deceased have been identified as Sarfaraz (22) and twin brothers Arbaaz Khan (16) and Adil Khan (16). Additional Superintendent of Police Akhilesh Singh said. According to police, the accidents took place on Sunday night when the trio was returning home from Dighpalganj Pathai in Raebareilly district, where they worked as confectioners.

**MCD announces house-tax waiver for Delhi residents**  
**NEW DELHI:** The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has announced a house-tax waiver scheme, allowing residents to clear their house-tax dues of 2024-25 and have all previous pending taxes written off. The announcement was made at a press conference here on Monday by MCD Mayor Mahesh Khichi, Deputy Mayor Ravinder Bhardwaj. Leader of the House Mukesh Goel and senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh. The AAP-led civic body's proposal, which aims at easing financial burdens on citizens and curbing corruption in tax collection, is set to be passed in the MCD House on Tuesday.

**Three women killed in TN fireworks unit explosion**  
**DHARMAPURI (TAMIL NADU):** Three women were killed in an explosion at a fireworks factory in this district on Monday, with Chief Minister M K Stalin expressing grief over the incident. The incident happened in a private unit at Kambainallur village in this district and the victims were killed on the spot. In Chennai, Stalin expressed grief over the incident and condoled the death of the three women. In a statement, he announced an ex-gratia of Rs four lakh each to the families of the deceased from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.

**19 pilgrims injured as bus overturns in UP**  
**KAUSHAMBI (UP):** Nineteen people were injured when a bus carrying devotees returning from the Maha Kumbh overturned in Uttar Pradesh's Kaushambi district on Monday. Station house officer (SHO) of Kadam Dham police station, Dharendra Singh, said the pilgrims from Sagar and Damoh districts in Madhya Pradesh had come to take a dip at the Triveni Sangam in Prayagraj.

**32 AAP MLAs, ministers in touch with me: Punjab Cong leader Bajwa**

**PTI, CHANDIGARH:** Punjab Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa Monday claimed that 32 AAP MLAs were in touch with him to switch sides. Hitting back, the ruling AAP's state unit president Aman Arora claimed that it was Bajwa who made an "advance booking" to join the BJP.  
 Speaking to reporters outside the Punjab Assembly, Bajwa also claimed that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann was in touch with the BJP. "When (Arvind) Kejriwal decides to remove him, he (Mann) will pack his bags and join them (BJP)," he claimed.  
 The leader of the opposition in the state assembly asserted that in his 45 years of political experience, he has never made any wrong statement. "We had earlier said the Congress does



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not have any intention to topple this (AAP) government," he said.  
 "I am saying this again, 32 MLAs are in touch with me. Not only MLAs, but even ministers are in touch with me. Aman Arora is also aware of this matter," claimed Bajwa.  
 "They (AAP MLAs) all know that this is their last term. They are looking for new parties to get tickets. I am in touch with them (32 MLAs). We will see who is to be brought in, who is

likely to win the polls and who is not. It will happen at an appropriate time."  
 Lashing out at Mann, the Qadian MLA claimed that the chief minister remained "absent" from the House on the first day of the two-day session of the Punjab Assembly, which began here on Monday.  
 Cabinet Minister Arora slammed Bajwa for his claims and alleged that it was the leader of the opposition who would join the BJP. "Bajwa Ji's joining the BJP is almost certain. He has already made his advance booking with the BJP," he said in a post on X.  
 Arora said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi should ask Bajwa what he was doing in Bengaluru a few days ago and which senior BJP leaders he met.  
 Later in a statement, Arora lashed out at Bajwa, alleging that the Qadian MLA switching over to the BJP is almost certain. The AAP leader accused Bajwa of betraying the people's mandate and focusing solely on his personal ambitions.  
 "Partap Bajwa has already secured his advance booking with the BJP. I urge Rahul Gandhi to question Bajwa what he was doing in Bengaluru recently and which senior BJP leaders he met there?" Arora posed.

**WILD ELEGANCE**



A parrot perches on a 'Palas' flower, in Bastar, Chhattisgarh

**NIA court convicts husband, wife in Naval espionage case**

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** A man and his wife have been convicted and sentenced to simple imprisonment by the NIA special court, Visakhapatnam, in the high-profile Naval espionage case linked with Pakistani intelligence agencies, according to an official statement.  
 The court sentenced Abdul Rehman and his wife Shaista Qaiser to five and a half years of simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs 5,000, it said.  
 They will have to undergo an additional one-year imprisonment in case of default in payment of fine, the court ordered in its judgement, pronounced after the two pleaded guilty, said the statement issued by the NIA.

**Border row: Karnataka Home minister urges restraint**

**PTI, BELAGAVI (KARNATAKA):** Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara on Monday urged restraint in the wake of the resurfacing of the border row with neighbouring Maharashtra over the Belagavi conductor assault episode and said neither side should precipitate the matter further.  
 Meanwhile, state Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy met the bus conductor Mahadevappa Hukkeri, who was assaulted in Belagavi allegedly for not speaking in Marathi to a passenger and expressed his support to him.  
 The attack on the bus conductor has once again reignited the decades-old border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka.  
 There have been attacks on bus drivers and conductors

nataka because we should not allow this to grow further," he said.  
 Parameshwara emphasised that Karnataka takes immediate police action in such cases and urged Maharashtra to do the same.  
 Meanwhile, Ramalinga Reddy stated that his department and the people of the state stand by Hukkeri.  
 The incident occurred in Balekundri here on Friday. According to Hukkeri, a minor girl boarded his bus along with a male friend and when he asked them to buy tickets, her friend replied in Marathi. When he replied that he did not understand Marathi and asked them to respond in Kannada, the person immediately called his friends and attacked him and the driver, Hukkeri told police.

**BJP leader George jailed for hate speech**

**PTI, KOTTAYAM (KERALA):** A court in this district remanded BJP leader P C George to judicial custody on Monday in a hate speech case after sending him to police custody until 6 pm the same day.  
 The Erattupetta Municipal Magistrate Court rejected George's bail application earlier in the day. He was shifted to a prisoner's facility at Kottayam Government Medical College after a medical examination.  
 He was subjected to questioning by senior police officers, police sources said.  
 George, a former MLA, surrendered before the Court around 11 am. The case was taken up for consideration at 12.30 pm, followed by arguments from both sides.

After hearing the submissions, the court adjourned the case for further consideration at 2 pm.  
 George's lawyer argued that the BJP leader did not "incite religious hatred or hurt religious sentiments", asserting that custodial interrogation or evidence collection was unnecessary.  
 The prosecution, however, presented details of George's previous cases, stating that he had violated bail conditions.

**CHANGE IN NAME**

I, Santana Fernandes r/o H. No. 19, Ratwaddo Navelim Salcete Goa 403707 has changed my name from Santana Gomes to Santana Fernandes. Hereafter in all my dealings and documents I will be known as Santana Fernandes  
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I, GAVIN MELISTON SOUZA, r/o H. No. 157, Mastimol Civil Court, Police Station, Canacona, South - Goa, 403702, has changed my name from GAVIN MELISTON D SOUZA to GAVIN MELISTON SOUZA.  
 Hereafter, in all my dealings and documents, I will be known by the name GAVIN MELISTON SOUZA.  
 Sd/- GAVIN MELISTON SOUZA

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Dated 25.02.2025  
 Notice is hereby given to the public at large that my client is intending to purchase a plot of land, plot namely plot no. 7, admeasuring an area of 2,000 sq.mtrs., surveyed under survey no 24/1-AB of village Nanus described in more detail in the schedule herein under written. Any person having any right to the SAID PLOT or any part thereof by way of ownership, co-ownership, easementary, prescription, licence, inheritance, gift, lease, tenancy, mortgage, agreement or by any other document may lodge their claims and objections if any, to the said proposed sale to my client with documentary evidence in support of such claims and objection within 10 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 the notice period without any reference to such claims and objections from any person whatsoever.  
**SCHEDULE**  
 All that Plot namely Plot namely Plot No 7, admeasuring an area of 2,000 sq mtrs, surveyed under survey no 24/1-AB of village Nanus carved out of the landed property known as "MALUXICHEM MOLL", situated at Nanus, Goa, within the area of Valpoi Municipal Council, Taluka and Sub District of Sattari, District of North Goa, State of Goa, described in the Land Registration Office of Salcete under No. 10510 of Boob-27 new series, and bounded as under:- East: by the drain or rivulet; West: by PWD Public road; North: by Plot no 6 of the same property; South: by property surveyed under survey no 31/1.  
 Sd/- Adv. Nayim Khan  
 Advocate  
 Margao-Goa.

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**PUBLIC** in general are notified that my client intends to purchase from Mr. FRANKLIN XAVIER DE MELLO alias FRANKLIN XAVIER DE MELLO alias FRANKLIN XAVIER DEMELLO, and his wife Mrs. OLINDA LUIZINHA FERNANDES E DEMELO, both residents of H. No. 33, Rua Bernardo Da Costa, Opp Dr. Menezes Nursing Home, Margao, Salcete, Goa and MR. WILSON FERNANDES alias ANTONIO COLUMBANO WILSON DAS DORES FERNANDES alias WILSON ANTONIO COLUMBANO DAS DORES FERNANDES, and his wife Mrs. MARIA LUIZA GONSALA GRACIAS alias MARIA LUIZA FERNANDES, both residents of H. No. 12, Nagvado, Betalbatim, Salcete, Goa a Property in the schedule hereunder:-  
**SCHEDULE**  
 All that landed property being a plot of land admeasuring 276 sq mts and plot of land admeasuring 235 sq mts referred to as Plot 1 & Plot 2 respectively forming part of larger property known as "VOLANTOY" or "VALANTOI" consisting of coconut trees and other trees situated at Betalbatim Village, Salcete Taluka, District of South Goa, State of Goa bearing land registration no. 20833 found recorded at pages 266 of Book no. B-53 and bearing land revenue Matriz predial no. 565, and surveyed under survey no. 87 sub division 23 A & 87 sub division 19-B of Village Betalbatim, Salcete, Goa and bounded as follows respectively:-  
**NORTH:** Plot 1 By 6 mtrs road & Plot 2 By property bearing survey no. 87 sub division 19-B-1 respectively  
**SOUTH:** Plot 1 By Nullah and property bearing survey number 86 sub division 1 & Plot 2 By Nullah and property bearing survey no. 86 sub division 1 respectively  
**EAST:** Plot 1 By property bearing survey number 87 sub division 23A-2 & plot 2 By 6 mtr road beyond which lies property bearing survey number 87 sub division 23 A respectively  
**WEST:** Plot 1 By property bearing survey number 87 sub division 19-B & plot 2 By property bearing survey number 88 sub division 4 respectively.  
 As such any person/s, Banks or Financial Institution/s having any claim, title, right or interest in the above mentioned property by way of sale, lease, agreement, mortgage, tenancy, lien, charge, usufruct, inheritance, exchange, attachments, gift or otherwise shall make it known to the undersigned at the below mentioned address with documentary evidence within 5 days from the date of publication of the notice failing which it shall be presumed that all such claims, rights, interest, objections if any are waived and that my client shall be free to purchase the said property and no objection/s and or/claim/s of any nature shall be entertained thereafter.  
 Date: 25th February, 2025  
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**Segregating waste at source important for environment: SC**

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday said segregation of waste at source was of "vital importance" for the environment and asked the NCR states for the compliances made in adherence to the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.  
 A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan said the non-compliance in adhering to the 2016 Rules had affected all cities in the country.  
 "In one of the orders, we have observed that all smart city projects are in progress. How the cities can become smart without compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules?" the bench asked.  
 The National Capital Region (NCR) comprises Delhi and certain districts of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. If there was no proper segregation of waste, the court said, even waste-to-energy projects would create more pollution.  
 Senior advocate Aparajita Singh, the amicus curiae in the pollution matter, referred to solid waste management in the NCR while flagging the low percentage of segregation of waste.  
 She said sending unsegregated waste to waste-to-energy plants

caused more pollution.  
 "As rightly submitted by the amicus curiae, the segregation of waste at source is of vital importance for the environment. If there is no proper segregation, even waste-to-energy projects will create more pollution," the bench said.  
 The NCR states were ordered to file affidavits dealing with the compliances of all the urban local bodies with the provisions of the 2016 Rules so far. They have been asked to file the affidavits by end of March following which the matter would be taken up.  
 The bench has also asked the states to set out a comprehensive plan for waste management along with timelines and implementing agencies and said, "Needless to add that the affidavits will state compliance in relation to all urban local bodies within the NCR." The authorities were asked to set out the "best practices" they proposed to follow for solid waste management.  
 The bench in the meantime directed the Central Pollution Control Board to submit a report on the impact of waste-to-energy projects on the environment.