



People hold placards in solidarity with Palestinians on International Quds Day, in the Old City of Hyderabad, Telangana



A protestor defaces the signboard of Akbar Road demanding that the road be renamed after Maharishi Valmiki, in New Delhi



Security personnel demonstrate equipment and resources during an army exhibition at Techkriti 2025 organized by the IIT Kanpur, in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh



Gujarat Chief Minister Bhopendra Patel during felicitating of veteran & young artists on World Theatre Day, in Ahmedabad

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A security personnel during an anti-terrorist operation in a remote forested area, in Kathua district, Jammu and Kashmir

UP police busts occult gang in Sambhal; 14 held for fraud, sexual exploitation

SAMBHAL: A gang that duped people with promises of 'Dhan Varsha' through occult rituals and sexually exploited women and girls under the guise of performing rites has been busted in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal, police claimed on Thursday. Fourteen members of the gang, which was active for the past 7 to 8 years across Etah, Agra, and Firozabad, have been apprehended and sent to jail, Sambhal Superintendent of Police (SP) Krishna Kumar Bishnoi said. The case came to light on March 21 when Rajpal approached Dhanari police station, alleging that he was taken to an undisclosed location under the pretense of an occult ritual and barely escaped with his life, Bishnoi said. Police registered a case of kidnapping and attempted murder following his complaint.

Escaping from dogs, man falls into well in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR: A man was stuck in a well for almost 48 hours after he fell into it while trying to save himself from a pack of dogs in Kannad in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar district, a police official said on Friday. Sandip Ghatkade (30) managed to survive by holding on to a rope tied to the edge of the well before he was rescued on Thursday, the Pishor police station official added. "At around 4pm on Tuesday, Ghatkade fell into a 60-foot deep well, which had water till the 10-foot mark, while trying to save himself from dogs. No one saw him fall into the well and his voice would not carry to passersby, leaving him stranded in a precarious position," the official said. "At around 2pm on Thursday, some children from the vicinity came to the well in search of a honeycomb.

Rajasthan CM gets death threat from jail inmate: Police

JAIPUR: Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma received a death threat from a jailed man on Friday morning, police said. This is the fourth time in 14 months that the CM has received a death threat. He allegedly called the Bikaner Police Control Room from a mobile phone and claimed that he would kill the chief minister, SP Kavendra Singh Sagar said. Police reached the Bikaner Central Jail and detained Adil. His motive and how he got hold of a phone is being investigated, the SP said. He said Adil is a drug addict with some mental health issues and has slit his hands previously. The mobile phone was recovered from him. On Wednesday, Deputy CM Prem Chand Bairwa also received a death threat from a Jaipur Central Jail inmate. Three people were detained by the police the next day.

Fire breaks out in girls hostel in Greater Noida

NOIDA: A fire broke out in a girls' hostel in Greater Noida on Thursday evening after an air conditioner (AC) compressor exploded, an official said. No fatalities were reported, but one girl was injured while attempting to escape the fire. The incident occurred in Annapurna Girls Hostel in Knowledge Park 3 after an air AC compressor exploded on the second floor of the building, said Pradeep Kumar, Noida chief fire officer (CFO), on Friday. "The injured girl was admitted to a hospital. She is better now," he added. According to the fire official, as soon as the fire broke out, smoke spread throughout the building, resulting in chaos among the 160 students residing there.

Delhi Police rescues Jharkhand teen trafficked on pretext of job

NEW DELHI: A 17-year-old girl allegedly trafficked from Jharkhand under the pretext of employment was rescued by the Delhi Police from the Rani Bagh area, an official said on Friday. The victim was reported missing by her father who filed a complaint at Rai Deeh police station in Jharkhand's Gumla district, he said. A case under Sections 137(2) (kidnapping), 143(4) (trafficking), and 146 (unlawful compulsory labour) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita was registered on March 1. "The girl was lured to Delhi on the promise of a job but was instead trafficked. On receiving a request for assistance, our team worked swiftly to trace and rescue her," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Vikram Singh said.

UP: Two brothers sentenced to life in 16-year-old murder case

BAREILLY (UP): A court in Bareilly district has sentenced two brothers to life imprisonment for a murder committed 16 years ago, and imposed a fine of Rs 22,000 on each of them, Additional District Government Advocate (ADGC) Reetram Rajput said on Friday. Two others accused in the case were acquitted over lack of evidence.

RS Chairman Dhankar walks out of Business Advisory Committee meet

Opposition members claimed he left midway due to sharp differences between them and ruling MPs on issues to be taken up

PTI, NEW DELHI: Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar walked out of a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) Friday, with House sources saying that a "lack of decorum" was the reason, but Opposition members claimed he left midway due to sharp differences between them and ruling MPs on issues to be taken up.

According to an opposition leader, the Chairman walked out due to disagreements between ruling and opposition members over the demand for a discussion on "duplicate" voter id (EPIC) numbers, and sending bills for scrutiny by parliamentary committees



not discussed. They said Dhankar decided to walk out as the government and opposition members refused to budge from their respective position on these issues.

The BAC meeting was called to decide the business for the Upper House for the coming week.

According to the senior opposition leader quoted above, their MPs wanted the government to fix the time for debates on issues

like EPIC cards, the Manipur situation and scrutiny of bills. Opposition leaders insisted they are giving notices everyday for discussions on different issues, however, no time was being allotted for those.

The opposition MPs stressed while they supported government business, the issues they are seeking to discuss are not being listed, leading to a standoff between the rival members.

Amid the disagreement,

the Chairman walked out of the meeting, the leader said.

Another opposition leader, meanwhile, said they have conveyed to the Chairman that they are flexible on the rules under which discussion on EPIC can be held, as well as the wording of the notice, but the discussion should be taken up.

The Trinamool Congress, which has been raising the issue continuously in the House with multiple MPs giving notices almost every day, has warned of protests if the debate is not taken up in Parliament.

The BAC meeting was convened on a day heated exchanges were witnessed in the Upper House between treasury and opposition benches over remarks made by Samajwadi Party leader Ramji Lal Suman.

Not all AI apps are safe, tech prone to attacks: Cyber advisory

PTI, NEW DELHI: Not all Artificial Intelligence (AI) apps are safe and users signing up for them should consider using an anonymous account not linked to their personal or professional identity, India's federal cyber security agency has advised.

In its advisory, the Computer Emergency Response Team of India (CERT-In), the national technology arm to guard the Indian Internet space and combat cyberattacks, has underlined "vulnerabilities" in AI design, training and interaction mechanism.

The "vulnerabilities" the latest advisory talks about include technical issues such as data poisoning,

adversarial attacks, model inversion, prompt injection and hallucination exploitation.

"Not all AI applications out there are safe," says the advisory, accessed by PTI.

Artificial Intelligence has become a hallmark of innovation, revolutionising industries ranging from healthcare to communications and it is increasingly used to handle activities traditionally undertaken by humans, it says.

The advisory says AI has accelerated automating of routine tasks, fostering creativity and supporting business functions such as customer services, logistics, medical diagnosis, and cybersecurity.

GOLDEN GRAINS



Workers harvest wheat crop in a field, at a village on the outskirts of Gurugram, Haryana

Muslims in Patna protest Waqf Bill with black armbands during Friday prayers

PTI, PATNA: A large number of Muslims here wore black armbands during Jummah prayers on the last Friday of Ramadan in protest against the Waqf (Amendment) Bill.

Black armbands were distributed outside Jama Masjid (near Patna railway station) and Dariyapur mosque before the prayers, following an appeal by the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB).

In a post on X, the AIMPLB stated, "The AIMPLB appeals to all Muslims to wear a black armband while coming to the mosque on Jumu'atul Wida as a silent and peaceful expression of grief and protest. It is the responsibility of every Muslim in the country to strongly oppose this Waqf Amendment Bill". Talking to PTI, the Imam



Muslims wearing a black badge outside a mosque as they staged a protest against the Waqf Amendment Bill 2024, in Patna, Bihar

of Dariyapur mosque, Muhammad Alam Quasmi, confirmed that the protest was in response to AIMPLB's appeal.

"Yes, following an appeal by the AIMPLB, people wore black armbands during the last Friday of Ramadan," he said.

Quasmi also urged Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Ku-

mar to oppose the Bill, saying, "We appeal to the CM to oppose this Waqf (Amendment) Bill. His party, JD(U), should not support this Bill in Parliament." The AIMPLB had recently organised a maha dharna in Patna against the Bill, urging Nitish Kumar to reconsider his party's stance on the legislation.

Women's safety a joke in Odisha, claims Cong

PTI, BHUBANESWAR: Senior Congress leader Pawan Khera Friday claimed that women's safety has turned out to be a "joke" in Odisha, alleging there is no end to the rise in the crimes against women in the state during both the previous BJP and the current BJP regimes.

At a press conference here, Khera, the AICC Media & Publicity department chairman, and state Congress president Bhakta Charan Das attacked the BJP dispensation for not announcing a House Committee to inquire into the rise in the crimes against women in the state.

Delhi govt to enact law for cow conservation, protection

PTI, NEW DELHI: The BJP government in Delhi will bring a law for the conservation and protection of stray cows in the city.

Urban Development Minister Ashish Sood made the announcement during a discussion on the issue of stray cows and other animals across the city in the Delhi Assembly on Friday.

"We will bring a law for cow conservation and protection after due deliberations, ensuring there is no confusion between different departments. Relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) will also be studied for incorporation into the law," Sood said.

He emphasised that the legislation would address concerns over

cow welfare while also maintaining civic order by preventing stray cattle from roaming the streets.

"The proposals reflect the sentiments of the House and resonate with the people of Delhi, who uphold Sanatan values. Every member has engaged with this issue deeply and sensitively," he added.

Customer can pay service charge on food bills voluntarily, restaurants can't impose it: Delhi HC

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Friday held the payment of service charge on food bills was voluntary and restaurants couldn't impose it on customers.

Pronouncing the verdict, Justice Prathiba M Singh dismissed two petitions of the restaurant bodies challenging the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) guidelines prohibiting hotels and restaurants from mandatorily levying service charge on food bills.

The mandatory collection of service charge on food bills was violative of con-

sumers rights and contrary to law and consumers were not barred from tipping voluntarily if they wished to do so, the court held.

The court added the mandatory collection of service charge on food bills was "misleading" and "deceptive" as it gave an impression to the consumers that they were imposed in the form of service tax or GST.

Such a practice amounts to "unfair trade practice" and the amount cannot be mandatorily added in the bill, it said.

Federation of Hotels and Restaurant Associations of

India (FHRAI) and National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI) had moved the court in 2022 by filing two separate petitions.

The court upheld the guidelines and imposed Rs 1 lakh cost each on the petitioners to be deposited with the CCPA towards consumer welfare.

Underscoring society's interest as paramount, the court said the rights of consumers as a class would prevail over the rights of restaurants.

The court held that the CCPA was not merely an advisory body but was em-

powered to issue guidelines for prevention of unfair trade practices and for protecting consumer interest.

The CCPA is an authority empowered to pass the guidelines under CPA 2019. Issuing guidelines is an essential function of CCPA. The same has to be mandatorily complied with by all the restaurants, the court said.

The court had on December 13, 2024 reserved its verdict. The guidelines, issued by the CCPA on July 4, 2022, were stayed by the high court later that month. The counsel for FHRAI

said the CCPA had no power or jurisdiction to impose such a ban, without following the principles of natural justice.

"Merely holding a meeting with the industry body is not in compliance with natural justice and the guideline could only be advisory in nature," the counsel argued.

He said service charge was levied on customers for the benefit of the restaurant staff, in line with the fundamental right of the owners to carry on any occupation, trade, or business.

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