

People being treated after falling sick due to food poisoning, at **Government Coronation** Hospital, in Dehradun district, Uttarakhand



Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers agitating demanding an increase in their honorarium, in Thiruvananthapuram



SIT Chief ADGP AS Rai after addressing a press conference during an investigation into the Colonel Pushpinder Singh Bath assault case, in Patiala



Flame and smoke rise up after a fire broke out at a market, near the Varanasi Cantt railway station, in Uttar **Þradesh**

all<mark>over</mark>india



Smoke and flam billow out after a fire broke out in the luggage coach of a train, in Narmadapuram, Madhya

Chowk named after ex-IAF pilot who saved J B Patnaik from mob fury

MUMBAI: A municipal corporation in western Maharashtra has named a 'chowk' after a former Indian Air Force pilot who received the Shaurya Chakra for saving then Odisha chief minister J B Patnaik from mob fury. An official of the Sangli-Miraj-Kupwad City Municipal Corporation said the civic body has named the Kolhapur Road Akashwani Chowk in Sangli city as "Wing Commander Prakash Navale Chowk" after the brave pilot. In 1982, Navale, then Flight Lieutenant, was awarded the 'Shaurya Chakra' for saving the life of Patnaik, then Odisha CM, from mob fury in Gopalpur. The award citation read: In this action, Flight Lieutenant Prakash Navale displayed determination, courage and presence of mind. Had he not flown out the VIP at that critical time, the situation could have taken a grave turn and could have resulted in serious consequences to the VIP and further break-down in the law and order situation.

UP: Minor among two killed in collision between bike, pickup vehicle

PRATAPGARH (UP): A 17-year-old boy among two youths died in a head-on collision between a motorcycle and a pickup vehicle on Lucknow-Varanasi highway here on Monday, police said. The incident occurred around 10 am in front of Dr. Jai Mangal College, Inspector Abhishek Sirohi said. Dilshad (17), Mohammad Kaif (18), and Mohammad Arif (18) were critically injured in the accident, he said. Police rushed to the spot and took them to a medical college, where doctors declared Dilshad and Kaif dead, Sirohi said. Arif was referred to SRN Hospital in Prayagraj in critical condition, he added. The police said they have seized the pickup vehicle but its driver managed to flee. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem.

Train manager helps passenger recover bag with laptop, documents

NEW DELHI: A train manager of New Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express helped a passenger recover his bag containing an expensive laptop and crucial documents, which he forgot in the train on Sunday. According to railway officials, the traveller boarded the train at New Delhi Railway Station and settled down on his seat, only to realise that he had entered the wrong train. He hurriedly got out, leaving behind his leather bag, which contained an Apple laptop and several official documents. A coach attendant noticed the unclaimed bag and alerted train manager RD Meena, who made multiple announcements inside the train. "When he got no response, Meena informed the Railway Protection Force in Ambala and Ferozpur, so that if anyone makes a complaint through the grievance redressal mechanism, he can get a favourable response," said Paramdip Singh Saini, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Ferozpur Division.

Clash between two groups in Nuh after Eid prayers, five injured

GURUGRAM: A clash between two groups from the same community after Eid prayers in a village in Nuh left more than five injured on Monday. According to police, the incident, which occurred at 9 am, was a fallout of an old rivalry between groups led by individuals Rashid and Sajid in Tirwada village. After getting information, teams from several police stations reached the village and restored order. A police team has been deployed in the village to ensure peace, officials said. The violence started after members of one group, who were going home after offering Namaz at an Idgah, had an altercation with some people from the other side. The two groups then attacked each other with sticks. After police reached the spot, the violence stopped and the injured were rushed to a hospital. The police said there is an old dispute between Rashid and Sajid groups in which cases had been filed against both parties earlier.

Coast Guard seizes Rs 80 lakh worth sea cucumbers in Tamil Nadu

CHENNAI: The Indian Coast Guard on Monday said it has seized an "illegal consignment" of sea cucumbers worth Rs 80 Lakh near Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu. According to an official release here, the Coast Guard action was based on intelligence input about the likely transshipment of contraband off the South Uchipuli seashore near Rameswaram on Sunday. "The Indian Coast Guard's nearby unit at Mandapam swiftly launched an anti-smuggling operation. The intelligence team of the ICGS Mandapam promptly diverted the Air Cushion Vehicle (ACV) H-197 to conduct extensive surveillance in the area." "During the operation, it sighted and recovered five drums containing sea cucumbers, weighing approximately 200 kg (wet weight). The estimated market value of the seized consignment is approximately Rs 80 lakh," the release said. This successful interception underscores the Coast Guard's unwavering commitment to anti-smuggling, anti-poaching and preserving marine biodiversity, the release said, adding that the force remains vigilant and proactive in safeguarding marine ecology and preventing illegal exploitation.

Govt set to table Waqf bill, opposition dubs it unconstitutional

PTI, NEW DELHI: Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiiu asserted on Monday that the government is fully prepared to table the amended Waqf bill in Parliament, as he accused some political parties and organisations of seeking to foment unrest in society and mislead people over its provisions.

With Parliament reconvening on Tuesday following the weekend and Eid holiday, he said the timing of the bill's introduction will be decided following consultations after Parliament meets but he wants it passed as soon as possible.

The ongoing Budget session of Parliament is scheduled to end on April 4, and the bill will have to be passed by both the Lok Sabha as well as the Rajya Sabha to become a law.

The government has indicated that it will discuss with leaders of different parties on Tuesday the timing of the Bill's introduction. It is likely to be first introduced in the Lower House, probably on Wednesday.

Opposition parties are strongly opposed to the bill, slamming it as unconstitu-



The Waqf Amendment Bill is expected to be re-introduced during the ongoing session of Parliament

WAQF AMENDMENT BILL TAKES CENTRE-STAGE DURING EID PRAYERS IN K'TAKA

PTI, BENGALURU: The issue of the Waqf Amendment Bill took center stage during Eid-ul-Fitr celebrations in some parts of Karnataka on Monday, with people, including Minister Rahim Khan, offering special prayers sporting black armbands to express their protest against the Centre's move. According to the information available, believers sported symbols of protest during the prayers held in Bidar, Mandya and Belagavi. In Bidar, Minister Khan, who holds sports and youth empowerment portfolio, reached mosque with his followers wearing black armband and offered prayers at the Eidgah Maidan.

tional and against the interest of the Muslim community. Several leading Muslim organisations have been rallying support against the by a Joint Committee of Parliament and approved with several amendments.

Speaking to reporters, Rijiju accused some political parties and organisations, a

CATHOLIC BISHOPS ORGANISATION BACKS WAQF AMENDMENT BILL, URGE POLITICAL NEUTRALITY

PTI, NEW DELHI: An organisation of Catholic Bishops on Monday came out in support of the amendments to the Central Waqf Act, contending that some of its provisions were inconsistent with the Constitution and secular democratic values of the country. The Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) also urged political parties to adopt an unbiased and constructive approach to the issue. The remarks from the leading body of Christian clerics come at a time when the government is pushing to bring the Waqf (Amendment) Bill for consideration of Parliament in the ongoing Budget Session. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said the government was ready to bring the Waqf (Amendment) Bill before Parliament and accused some organisations of "misleading Muslims".

clear reference to the opposition and Muslim bodies, of resorting to lies to mislead society and stoke tensions, while insisting that the bill is in the interest of Muslims.

Muslims were urged to wear black armbands during Ramzan and Eid to express their opposition to the proposed law, he said, asserting that inciting them to hit the streets is not good for the country.

Rijiju said it is being alleged that the government will snatch Muslim

properties like mosques and graveyards if the bill becomes a law, dismissing it as propaganda and noting that the bill to regulate Wagf has been in existence since the British era.

He said a similar campaign was started against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and asked if a single Muslim has lost citizenship since the law came into existence.

He urged the opposition to study the bill in detail and then engage in discus-

BJP, Cong spar over Waqf protest in MP

PTI, BHOPAL: Black armband protests against the Union government's Waqf (Amendment) Bill and a placard expressing solidarity with embattled Palestine amid Eid celebrations in Madhya Pradesh on Monday triggered a war of words between the ruling BJP and the opposi-

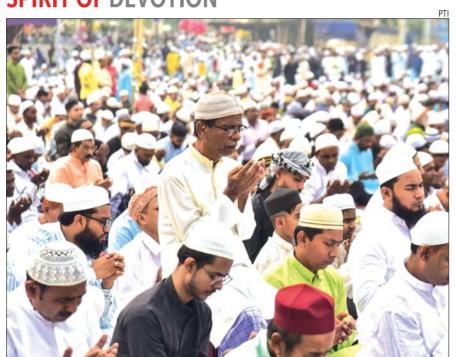
tion Congress. Eid was celebrated with traditional fervour in the state during the day, though some community members wore black armbands to protest against the central government's move to amend the Waqf Act, while at one place in Bhopal eyewitnesses claimed seeing a group holding an 'I stand with Palestine' placard.

In a statement, MP minister Vishvas Sarang said attempts to incite violence by spreading divisive rhetoric will not be tolerated.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi stirred emotions in Parliament with a Palestine bag, he said, adding opposition leaders should be ashamed of stooping so low for appeasement politics.

The MP sports minister said opposing the Waqf (Amendment) Bill without reading it is wrong.

SPIRIT OF DEVOTION



People offer namaz on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr festival, in Guwahati, Assam

Naxal woman with ₹25 lakh bounty killed

DANTEWADA (CHHATTISGARH):

woman Naxalite, carrying a reward of Rs 25 lakh on her head, was killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region on Monday, an official said.

The gunfight broke out at around 9 am in a forest along the border of Dantewada and Bijapur districts, located in the region, when a team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxalite operation, Dantewada Superintendent of Police Gaurav

The operation involving personnel of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) was launched in the forests of

Geedam (Dantewada) and Bhairamgarh (Bijapur), he said.

After the exchange of fire stopped, the police found the body of a woman Naxalite, identified as Renuka alias Chaite alias Saraswati, resident of Warangal in neighbouring Telangana, the official said.

Renuka, a special zonal committee member of Naxalites, was in-charge of the press team of Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee - the strongest formation of Maoists. he said.

An Insas rifle, other weapons and explosives were also recovered from the encounter site, the official said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT on behalf of our client, we are investigating the title of SHRIKANT V. NAIK and INDIRABAL SHRIKANT NAIK in respect of residential house bearing Unit No. A-1, comprising of ground + 1 upper floor and terrace, admeasuring 273.10 square meters or thereabouts, in Vision Luxuria at Badem Road, Assagao, Bardez - Goa 403 507, as more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder and along with 5 (five) fully paid up shares of Rs 100/- (Rupees Hundred) each bearing nos. 01 to 05 (both inclusive) issued under Share Certificate no. 01 dated April 30, 2018, by the Vision Luxuria Cooperative Housing Maintenance Society Limited ("said property").

Any person having any share, right, title, benefit, interest, claim, objection and/or demand in respect of the said property o any part thereof by way of sale, transfer exchange, assignment, mortgage charge, gift, trust, muniment, inheritance, occupation, possession, tenancy, sub-tenancy, leave and license, license, care-taker basis, lease, sublease, lien, maintenance, easement, covenant, release, relinquishment, grant, or any other method through any conveyance deed, devise, bequest succession, family arrangement settlement, memorandum o understanding, litigation, Decree or Order of any Court of Law, caretaker basis, contracts/ agreements permanent alternate accommodation agreement, allotment, agreement for sale, booking form, reservation letter development rights, partnership or encumbrance of otherwise of whatsoever nature, are hereby required to make the same known in writing along with documentary evidence to the undersigned at the address mentione below within 21 (Twenty-One) Days from the date of publication of this notice of such claim/s, if any, with al supporting documents, failing which the claim demand right title interest dispute or objection, if any, of such person shall be treated as waived/ abandoned and not binding on our clients

SCHEDULE

Residential house bearing Unit No. A-1 admeasuring 229.57 sq. mtr., built-up area along with car porch admeasuring 17.94 sq. mtr., and an open terrace admeasuring 25.59 sq. mtr., in total admeasuring 273.10 sq. mtr. or thereabouts, in Vision Luxuria at Badem Road, Assagao, Bardez - Goa 403 507 forming part of Vision Luxuria Cooperative Housing Maintenance Society Limited, situated at land bearing Survey No. 17/1, of Village Assagao identified as Quinze Adicoes or Badem, situated at Assagao within the limits of Village Panchayat Assagao, Taluka Bardez and Registration Sub District of Bardez District Noth Goa, Goa which property is described in the office of Land Registral Bardez under no. 9548 of book B-25. The Residential house bearing Unit No. A-1 comprises of ground + 1 upper floor.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2025 **RASHI KAPOOR MEHTA** PARTNER, UNIVERSAL LEGAL High Court, Bombay

161/162, A wing, Mittal Court, Jamnalal Baiai Marc

Cybercriminals defraud Odisha's ex-IT minister of Rs 1.4 crore

PTI, BHUBANESWAR: An associates used to pose Odisha MLA and former information technology minister has lost Rs 1.4 to cyber fraud in around oneand-a-half months, a senior police officer said here on Monday.

The police arrested seven people - four from Karnataka and three from Tamil Nadu - in connection with the case.

The former minister, who lodged a police complaint in this regard January, however, claimed that a friend of his had been using his trading account and lost the money.

The accused and their

as trade analysts and persuade people to invest money into initial public offerings (IPOs), shares, and other forms of trading, promising them high returns, the police officer said.

During the investigation, the cybercrime unit of the Crime Branch found that the accused people fraudulently obtained Rs 1.40 crore from the complainant between November 13, 2024 and January 1, 2025, he said.

He, however, did not name the complainant stating it may hamper the investigation.

Manipur conflict result of illegal immigration, drug menace: Biren Singh

PTI, IMPHAL: Former Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh on Monday claimed that the conflict in the state was a result of multiple challenges including drugs, illegal immigration and the destruction of forests.

In a post on X, Singh also took a swipe at Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, asking him if he was aware of the alarming rise in the number of illegal villages in the state.

More than 250 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in Manipur in ethnic violence between Meiteis and Kuki-Zo groups since May 2023. Amid rumblings within the state BIP seeking a change of leadership in strife-torn

SIX DRUG TRAFFICKERS, 4 POPPY **CULTIVATORS ARRESTED IN MANIPUR**

PTI. IMPHAL: Six alleged drug traffickers and four poppy cultivators have been arrested in separate incidents in Manipur's Kangpokpi district, police said on Monday. The six drug traffickers were arrested in connection with a case registered against them in Kangpokpi police station. They were identified as Khaikahao Kipgen alias John (40), Letgoumang Touthang alias Amon (33), Aabi Baral (28), Jitten Kharka (22), L H Ranirou (42) and Leah Chao (44), a police statement said. Brown sugar, concealed in 174 soap cases, and a four-wheeler were also seized from their possession on Saturday. Four others, meanwhile, were arrested in connection with a case registered against them for indulging in illegal poppy cultivation in Songjang village in Kangpokpi district, it said.

Manipur, N Biren Singh resigned as chief minister on February 9 and he quit hours after meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

The Centre had imposed President's rule in the state on February 13 after N Biren Singh resigned as chief minister.

HC rejects decision denying HIV positive personnel promotion, appointment in paramilitary forces Justice Shalinder Kaur, held

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court has held that authorities are under a legal obligation to provide "reasonable accommodation" in employment to those suffering from HIV, and rejected the denial of promotion and appointment to three men in the paramilitary forces who were found pos-

In the present case, two petitioners - constables in Border Security Force and

itive for the virus.

- were denied promotion while the third petitioner, a constable on probation in the Border Security Force, was denied appointment in 2023.

The petitioners contended that they were denied their respective promotions and appointment solely on the ground of their HIV positive status, which was in violation of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired

Central Reserve Police Force Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control), Act (HIV Act).

Granting relief, a bench headed by Justice Navin Chawla said the HIV Act protected HIV-positive persons against discrimination in matters of employment unless the employer was able to "certify" the administrative or financial hardship for not providing such a person a reasonable accommodation.

The bench, also comprising

category on account of being HIV positive. The court said such a

the petitioners were "wrong-

ly denied" promotion and the

same could not be refused to

them only because they were

not in the "SHAPE-1" medical

denial would defeat the protection granted to them under the HIV Act and directed the authorities concerned to review the issue of their promotion.

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED

Tender Notification No.CO-16031(11)/10/2023-COMM On behalf of Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., Chief Commercia Manager invites offers for award of following contracts:

1. Setting-up, Operations and Management of Executive Lounge at Mangaon, Kankavali, Kudal, Sawantwadi, Karmali, Bhatkal Karwar and Murdeshwar Stations over Konkan Railway

2. Setting-up. Operations and Management of Station Transit Lounge Facility at Thivim Railway Station over Konkan Railway.

Tender Schedule: Sale of Tender forms: From 01/04/2025 to 02/05/2025 Pre-Bid Meeting on: 07/04/2025. Last date of submission of tenders or 02/05/2025 upto 17:00 hrs. Opening of tenders on 02/05/2025 at 17:30 hrs. For more details, please visit www.ireps.gov.in