



J&K National Conference President Farooq Abdullah during a party joining programme, at Marh, on the outskirts of Jammu



CPI(M) leader Anadi Kumar Sahu addresses a trade unions rally, at the Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata

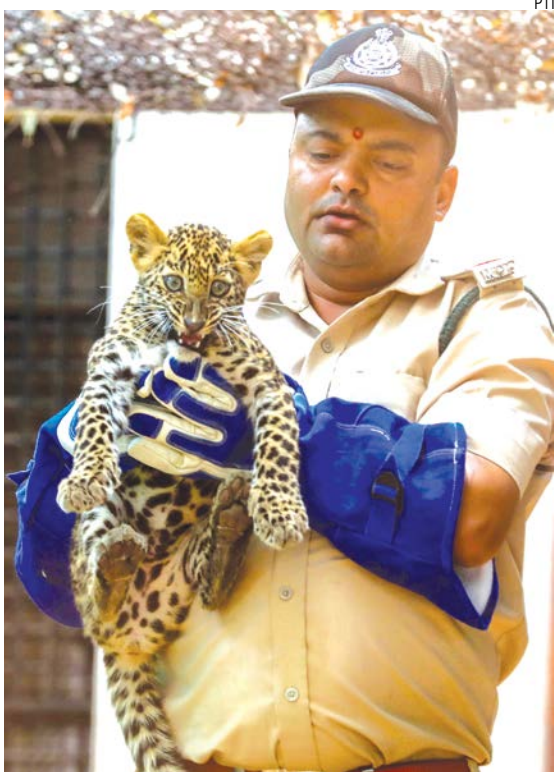


Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis during distribution of Pink e-rickshaws to women beneficiaries at a ceremony, in Nagpur



Bihar Governor Arif Mohammed Khan speaks during a programme, in Patna

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A forest official carries a five-month-old leopard cub for feeding, as it was rescued in the dense forest of Seoni, at the Van Vihar National Park in Bhopal, on Sunday

**Cheetahs Prabhash and Pavak get new home in MP's Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary**  
BHOPAL: Two South African cheetahs, Prabhash and Pavak, who were translocated to Kuno National Park more than two years ago, found a new home on Sunday when Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav released them into the Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary. These six-year-old male cheetahs, originally brought from South Africa's Waterberg Biosphere Reserve to Kuno National Park in February 2023, arrived at Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary, which spans Neemuch and Mandsaur districts, after a road journey. CM Yadav released them in the sanctuary at Basigaon Khemla this evening. He said four more cheetahs, proposed to be bought from Botswana in southern Africa, will also be released in Gandhi Sagar sanctuary.

**UP engineer commits suicide; accuses wife, in-laws of harassment**  
ETAWAH (UP): In a case similar to that of techie Atul Subhash, a 33-year-old engineer allegedly died by suicide in a hotel room near Etawah railway station after sending a video message to his parents in which he accused his wife and in-laws of mentally harassing him over property issues. "If only there was a law for men too. If I don't get justice, immerse my ashes in a drain," Mohit Yadav said in the video message. The deceased, Mohit Yadav, hailed from Nagla Prasadpur village in the Auraiya district of Uttar Pradesh. According to his brother Taran Pratap, Mohit was employed at a private company in Noida, where he met Priya. After a long live-in relationship, the couple married on November 27, 2023, with the consent of both families and without any dowry. After marriage, Mohit and his wife lived separately from their families. Taran claimed that Mohit often complained that his in-laws pressured him to transfer ownership of his house and land in his wife's name.

**IAF's Surya Kiran pilots paint Ranchi sky with tri-colour**  
RANCHI: The Indian Air Force's Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) painted the skies above the Namkum Army Ground in Ranchi with vibrant streaks of saffron, white and green, leaving thousands of spectators spellbound on the final day of an air show on Sunday. Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth, senior defence and administrative officials were present at the event. "People on the ground saluting the vibrant tri-colour in the sky was a spectacular moment. I salute the brave pilots of Surya Kiran for their outstanding exhibition," Seth said. He said that the air show was a milestone.



IAF's SKAT performs in Ranchi, Jharkhand, on Sunday

# Heavy rainfall, landslides wreak havoc in J-K's Ramban; 3 dead

**PTI, RAMBAN/ JAMMU:** Heavy rainfall due to cloudbursts triggered flash floods and landslides in several areas of Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district early Sunday, leaving three people dead and damaging scores of houses and roads, while more than 100 people were rescued.

Traffic on the strategic Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was suspended as the road was blocked at nearly a dozen places between Nashri and Banihal due to landslides and mudslides, officials said.

Hundreds of commuters were left stranded on the 250-kilometre highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country.

A cloudburst struck the Seri Bagna village, resulting in the deaths of three persons, including brothers Aqib Ahmad and Mohd Saqib. The rescue operation in the village was continuing when the last reports were received, officials said.

With the latest fatalities, five people have lost their

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lives in rain-related incidents in the Jammu region in two days. Two people, including a woman, were killed and another woman was injured when they were struck by lightning in the Arnas area of Reasi district late on Saturday.

The officials said about 40 residential houses were damaged after a flash flood hit Dharam Kund village. Ten houses were fully damaged while the rest suffered partial damage.

More than 100 trapped villagers were rescued by police personnel who rushed to the site despite the continuous downpour, they said.

Several vehicles were swept away in the flood caused by an overflowing stream, officials said.

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Vehicles stuck in the debris after heavy rain triggered flash floods in Ramban, J&K, on Sunday

report to the chief minister," Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary said in Ramban after he visited the affected areas accompanied by NC MLAs Arjun Singh Raju (Ramban) and Sajad Shaheen (Banihal).

A senior government official said there has been massive damage in the entire district due to heavy

rain, cloudbursts, high-velocity winds, landslides and hailstorms.

"We are monitoring the situation and an assessment will be carried out later to provide assistance to the affected population. Our priority at the moment is to safeguard lives," said the senior official, who did not wish to be named.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the loss of lives and said that all possible assistance is being extended to the affected families.

The district administration, State Disaster Response Force and rescue teams were on the job to ensure

swift relief, Sinha said.

"The purpose of my visit is to convey to the people that Omar Abdullah led government stands with them in this hour of grief," the deputy chief minister said in Ramban.

He said a detailed report will be sought from the deputy commissioner and every attempt will be made to compensate the losses suffered by the people.

A traffic department spokesperson said vehicular movement on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was stopped from both sides due to landslides, mudslides and shooting stones at multiple places between Nashri and Banihal.

He said the rain was continuing along the highway and commuters were advised not to travel on the arterial road till the weather improved and the road cleared.

A stretch of the road near Panthiyal was also swept away, the officials said and added all the stranded people were moved to safety.

## MURSHIDABAD RIOTS CPI(M) demands judicial probe Bengal LoP warns of 'bulldozer treatment'

**PTI, KOLKATA:** The CPI(M) on Sunday demanded a judicial probe into the recent communal riots in West Bengal's Murshidabad district, accusing the ruling TMC and the opposition BJP of colluding to engineer the violence for political gains ahead of the 2026 assembly elections.

The BJP, on the other hand, warned of "bulldozer treatment" against the perpetrators if the party formed the next government in the state after the polls.

National Commission for Women (NCW) chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar called upon the state government to "act urgently" to address the grievances of the riot-hit people, particularly women, and said the panel is preparing a report which will be submitted soon to the Centre with copies to top state officials.

Sounding the bugle for the 2026 election campaign from a mega rally of CPI(M)'s frontal organisations at the Brigade Parade Grounds here, party state secretary Mohammed Salim alleged that the TMC and BJP were engaged in "competitive communal-

ism" to divert public attention from pressing issues such as unemployment, price rise and corruption.

The veteran Left leader alleged that both the BJP and the TMC were "helping each other" to polarise voters in the run-up to the 2026 polls.

"We want a judicial probe into the Murshidabad riots to bring out the truth. The TMC and BJP are engaged in competitive communalism, which is nothing but a desperate ploy to shift focus from the real issues affecting the common people," Salim said.

Leader of the Opposition in the state assembly Suwendu Adhikari, in a rally in Purba Medinipur district, cautioned against efforts being made to ensure the flight of Hindus from Muslim-majority Murshidabad.

Accusing the TMC of abetting such attempts by the fundamentalist 'jihadis', the BJP leader asked Hindus to remain united and cast their votes with an eye to ensuring "their existence was not at stake and protecting their religious identity".

He also asserted that if the BJP came to power

## 16 militants arrested in Manipur, arms recovered

**PTI, IMPHAL:** A total of 16 members of several proscribed outfits have been arrested in the last 48 hours in Manipur, police said on Sunday.

Two cadres of the banned United National Liberation Front (Pambei) were apprehended from Napetpalli Andro road near Nongdam village in Imphal East district on Saturday.

They were allegedly involved in extortion, a senior officer said.

Security forces arrested one member of the outlawed Kangleipak Communist Party (Taibanganba) from Ningthoukhong Ward No 13 in Bishnupur district on Friday, he said.

Two cadres of the proscribed KCP (MFL) were apprehended on the same day from Salam Mamang Leikai Ketuki Lampak in Imphal West district, the officer said, adding that they were also allegedly involved in extortion.

The state police arrested one cadre of the proscribed Prepak (PRO) from Kyamgei Heibong Makhong area in Imphal East district on Friday, he said.

One cadre of the banned Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL) was taken into custody from the Imphal East district.



Children sit among the debris at the site, a day after a building collapsed in Mustafabad area of New Delhi, on Sunday

## Day after building collapse, MCD takes action against officials

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Locals in Mustafabad on Sunday performed the last rites of the 11 victims in the Mustafabad building collapse incident as the MCD cracked the whip against erring officers, a day after the tragic incident.

The AAP-BJP blame game continued as the menace of illegal constructions in densely populated areas of the city, was exposed by the building collapse early morning on Saturday that claimed 11 lives and left several injured.

The bodies of the victims were handed over to the families on Sunday after-

noon following which their bodies were buried at New Mustafabad graveyard.

The victims included Tehseen (60) and his six family members including three children.

Danish, a local of the area, said, "It's a very sad atmosphere in the area. We are still very disturbed by the incident. We knew most of them and now they are no more. Most of the people from Tehseen's family are dead. It is very unfortunate."

Many people attended the last rites of the deceased and extended their support to the bereaved families.

Meanwhile, authorities are trying to clear the remaining debris from the collapse and also checking if any other buildings have been damaged.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi launched a crackdown on illegal high-rise constructions in unauthorised colonies and took strict disciplinary action against erring engineers.

Officials of the civic body said that a junior engineer, who was posted in the area between March 2019 and August 2021 and had faced multiple disciplinary proceedings earlier, was "removed" from service.

## ‘Entire Political Hypocrisy’: Congress slams BJP

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** The Congress on Sunday described the BJP disassociating itself from the criticism of the Supreme Court by its MPs Nishikant Dubey and Dinesh Sharma as "damage control" and asserted that the minimum action against them should be their expulsion from the party.

The opposition party also asked why no action had been taken against the two MPs and why no show-cause notices were issued to them.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said the distancing of the "outgoing BJP president" from the "atrocious remarks" made by two MPs on the chief justice of India (CJI) carried little meaning.

"These MPs are repeat offenders when it comes to hate speech and are very of-

ten used by G2 to attack communities, institutions, and individuals. The outgoing BJP president's clarification is nothing but damage control," Ramesh posted on X.

"It will fool nobody. This is Entire Political Science reflecting itself as Entire Political Hypocrisy," he said.

But the "outgoing BJP president" is totally silent on equally unacceptable remarks on the judiciary that are continually made by one of its very distinguished appointees to a high constitutional position, Ramesh said and asked what he had to say about those remarks and if the BJP subscribed to them.

The former Union minister further asked, "If the continued silence of the prime minister on these repeated attacks on the Indian Constitution is not tacitly supportive of them, why has no action been taken against these two MPs? Has Nadda ji issued show cause notices to these two MPs?"

## National Herald case aimed at intimidating Cong: Kharge

**PTI, BUXAR (BIHAR):** Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday charged the Modi govt at the Centre with trying to "intimidate" his party by framing top leaders such as Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald case.

Slamming the central government on the Waqf issue, Kharge alleged that the recent amendments in the Act were part of the "BJP-RSS conspiracy" to divide the people.

"We are not afraid of anyone, and nor shall we bow down before anyone," Kharge said.

## Senior citizen dragged in MP hospital Doctor sacked, health official suspended

**PTI, CHHATARPUR:** A viral video of a septuagenarian being dragged by two men in a government hospital in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatarpur district has led to termination of services of a doctor, who has also been booked in a police case, and suspension of a senior health official.

The incident took place on April 17 when Uddhav Singh Joshi (70), a resident of Naugaon town, had come to the district hospital in Chhatarpur for his wife's medical check-up.

In the viral video, two men can be seen holding the hands of Joshi and dragging him.

"I remained in the queue for a long time after getting the time slot slip. When my turn came, Dr Rajesh Mishra objected and then slapped and kicked me," Joshi alleged while speaking to reporters.

Refuting the allegations, civil sur-

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geon GL Ahirwar said the place was overcrowded and Dr Mishra objected because Joshi had broken the queue.

While notices were issued to Mishra and Ahirwar earlier in the day, stricter action followed later in the evening.

National Health Mission (NHM) director Saloni Sidana terminated the services of Dr Mishra, a contract doctor of orthopaedics.

Ahirwar was placed under suspension by the state health department for the carelessness in this episode and failing to control subordinates.

Earlier, district collector Parth Jaiswal had issued a show-cause no-

tice to Ahirwar for ignoring his directives regarding submitting a report about the incident.

On the basis of a report submitted by the sub divisional magistrate, Jaiswal has asked the health department to take action against Mishra. Following the collector's recommendation, National Health Mission director Sidana had served a notice to Mishra.

Collector Jaiswal also recommended termination of State Red Cross Society employee Rajendra Khare in connection with the incident, the official added.

Another official said a 'zero FIR' was registered against Mishra at Naugaon police station under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) sections 115(2), 296, 3(5), 351(3). The FIR has been transferred to Chhatarpur's Kotwali police station, he added.

