



VP Jagdeep Dhankhar with wife Sudesh Dhankhar visit an exhibition on the premises of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University



Border Security Force (BSF) Director General Daljit Singh Chaudhary leaves from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), in New Delhi



RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav during 'Tari Vyavsay Mahajutan' programme, in Patna, Bihar



Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav during a press conference at the party office, in Lucknow

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Assam Rifles' first woman dog handler Riflewoman Sreelakshmi PV during her training, on Sunday

Karni Sena hurls tyres at SP leader Suman's convoy near Bulandshahr; no one hurt

ALIGARH: Tyres were hurled, allegedly by Karni Sena activists, at Samajwadi Party Rajya Sabha MP Ramjilal Suman's convoy at the Gabhana Toll Booth on the GT Road between Aligarh and Delhi on Sunday, police said. The attack led to a collision between several vehicles that slowed down at the toll plaza, they said. Police force was deployed at the spot in the wake of the attack. "No one was hurt in the incident," Additional SP City MS Pathak said. Police booked a number of protestors, and Suman was safely escorted from the area, he added. According to police, the SP leader was on his way to Bulandshahr from Agra when the incident occurred. After he crossed the toll booth and entered Bulandshahr district, he was stopped by the police from moving ahead.

Ex-CRPF officer shoots dead daughter, injures son-in-law in Maharashtra

MUMBAI: A retired CRPF officer allegedly shot dead his daughter and seriously injured his son-in-law in Maharashtra's Jalgaon district, some 400 kilometres from here, a police official said on Sunday. The incident took place during a wedding function on Saturday night in Chopda tehsil, the Jalgaon police official said. "Retired CRPF sub-inspector Kiran Mangle (50) shot dead his daughter Tripti with his revolver and seriously injured her husband Avinash Wagh. The couple had married just a year ago and were residing in Pune. They had come here for a wedding of a relative," he said. "He arrived at the wedding venue when he found out that the couple were present. After the shooting, people in the vicinity pinned down Mangle and thrashed him. He has been hospitalised. Mangle has been booked for murder. Further probe into what triggered Mangle's act is underway," the official said.

Three injured, shops vandalised in clash between two groups in Mumbai; 7 arrested

MUMBAI: Three persons were injured, and shops and vehicles were vandalised in a clash between two groups over a petty issue in the eastern suburbs here, following which seven persons were arrested, police said on Sunday. The clash broke out on Saturday night at Golibar locality in Santacruz (east), an official said. He said two groups clashed with each other, during which shops were ransacked and vehicles were vandalised. "Three persons sustained injuries. A CCTV footage of the incident shows miscreants wielding bamboo sticks vandalising shops. We have arrested seven persons so far," he said. A case under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita under sections 189 (unlawful assembly), 191 (rioting) and 115 (assault) as well as others has been registered, the official said.

AAP accuses Delhi govt of 'crippling' public transport system; BJP calls claim 'misleading'

NEW DELHI: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Sunday accused the BJP government has crippled Delhi's public transport system by arbitrarily removing 2,000 buses from the city's roads without any alternative arrangements. However, the BJP called AAP's claims "misleading" saying that the bus routes in Delhi have been rationalized, operations are well-organised, and on May 2, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta will dedicate 400 new buses to the people of city. AAP Chief Spokesperson Priyanka Kakkar accused the BJP of deliberately sabotaging Delhi's once "world-class bus" network to benefit capitalist allies through corrupt tendering practices.

Two labourers injured as under-construction bridge collapses in Bihar

JEHANABAD: At least two labourers were injured when a portion of an under-construction small bridge collapsed in Bihar's Jehanabad district on Sunday, officials said. The small bridge was part of the Ama - Darbhanga Expressway (NH-119D). The injured were immediately taken to the nearest government hospital, where their condition was reported to be out of danger, they said.

537 Pak nationals left India through Attari in 4 days

850 Indians, including 14 diplomats and officials have returned from Pakistan

PTI, NEW DELHI: As many as 537 Pakistani nationals, including nine diplomats and officials, left India through the Attari-Wagah border point in four days beginning April 24 as the exit deadline for the 12 categories of short-term visa holders of the neighbouring nation ended Sunday, officials said.

PAHALGAM AFTERMATH

A total of 850 Indians, including 14 diplomats and officials, have returned from Pakistan through the international border crossing located in Punjab in the last four days.

The 'Leave India' notice to the Pakistani nationals was issued by the government after the terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, on April 22. The officials said that altogether 237 Pakistani nationals, including nine diplomats and officials, left India through the Attari-Wagah border post on Sunday, 81 left on April 26, 191 on April 25 and 28 on April 24.

Similarly, 116 Indians, including one diplomat, returned from Pakistan on Sunday through the international land border crossing; 342 Indians, including 13 diplomats and officials, came back on April



A security personnel checks the passports of Pakistani nationals as they arrive at the Attari-Wagah border to move to their country, near Amritsar, on Sunday

26; 287 Indians crossed over on April 25; and 105 Indians returned on April 24, the officials said.

Protocol Officer at the Attari border Arun Mahal said that between April 24 and 27, a total of 537 Pakistani nationals crossed over to Pakistan through the Attari-Wagah border while 850 Indians returned from Pakistan.

Some of the Pakistanis might have left India through airports too, the officials said, pointing out that

since India does not have direct air connectivity with Pakistan, they might have left for other countries.

The deadline for exiting India for those holding SAARC visas was April 26. For those carrying medical visas, the deadline is April 29.

The 12 categories of visas whose holders have to leave India by Sunday are — visa on arrival, business, film, journalist, transit, conference, mountaineering, student, visitor, group tourist, pilgrim and group pilgrim.

Canadian detained for hoax bomb threat on IndiGo flight

PTI, VARANASI: Panic broke out at Varanasi airport after a foreign national aboard a Bengaluru-bound IndiGo flight claimed he was carrying a bomb, police said on Sunday.

The incident took place on Saturday night, police said, adding that the passenger, a Canadian, has been detained.

Security sleuths are questioning the man, officials said.

Following the bomb scare, the aircraft was moved to the isolation bay for a thorough inspection, but no explosive material was found, said Puneet Gupta, Director of the airport.

Gupta said the IndiGo

crew promptly informed the Air Traffic Control (ATC) about the threat after the passenger's claim.

The flight was grounded and inspected as per standard security protocols. After receiving clearance from security agencies, the aircraft departed for Bengaluru on Sunday morning, officials said.

"Flight 6E 499 operating from Varanasi to Bengaluru on April 26 was delayed due a bomb threat received before takeoff. As per protocol, the aircraft was taken to an isolation bay, passengers were safely disembarked and all standard operating procedures were followed," IndiGo said in a statement.

Massive fire at ED office in Mumbai

No one hurt; files, equipment feared damaged



Firefighters douse a fire which broke out at the ED office building in south Mumbai's Ballard Estate area, on Sunday

PTI, MUMBAI: A huge fire broke out at the Enforcement Directorate's office building in south Mumbai in the early hours of Sunday, though no one was hurt in the incident, officials said.

A Mumbai Fire Brigade official said the Level III (major) blaze at Kaiser-I-Hind building in Ballard Estate area was doused around 2:10pm after a sustained operation of 12 hours during which eight fire engines, six jetties, water tankers and other equipment were deployed.

The fire, which broke out on the fourth floor of the five-storey building housing the ED office, raged for hours and was brought under control around 12.15 pm, when it was covered

from all the sides.

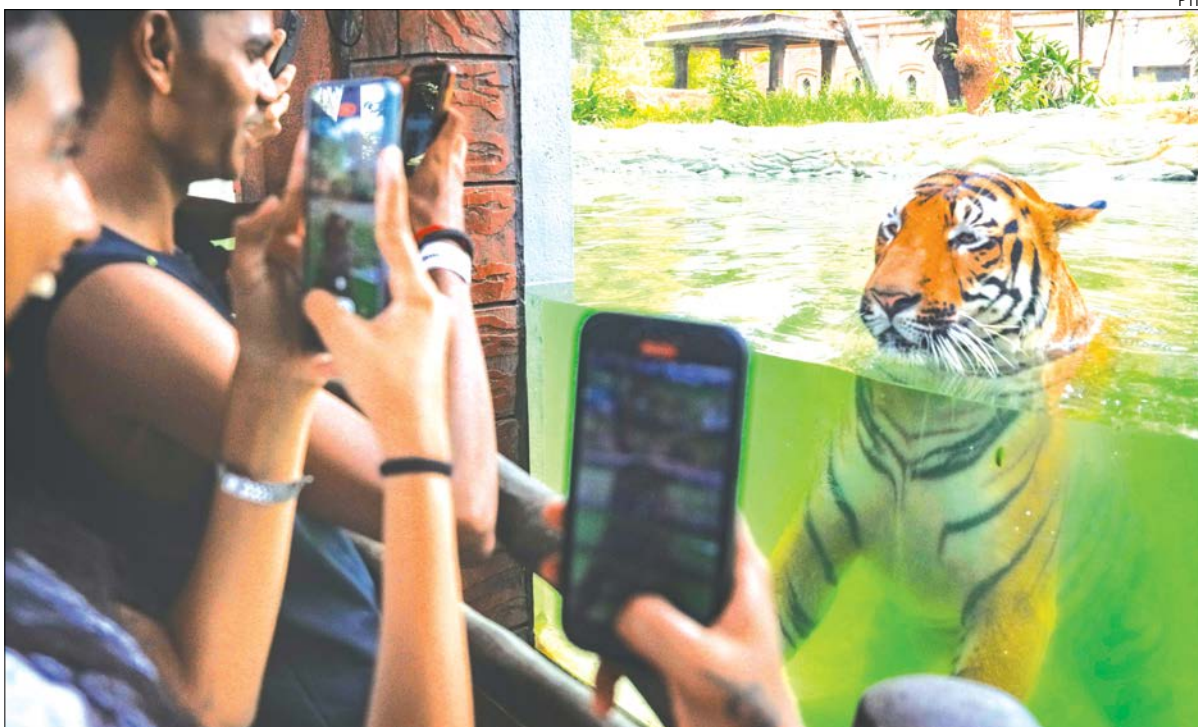
Ravindra Ambulgekar, chief fire officer of Mumbai Fire Brigade told PTI that the fire was confined to the fourth floor and mezzanine floor of the building, but the presence of files and furniture intensified it.

Mumbai Fire Bridge upgraded the fire to Level III (major) at around 4.17 am.

Explaining why it took long to douse the fire, Ambulgekar said that poor ventilation caused the smoke to get clogged inside the building, which in turn posed great difficulties to firefighters during entry.

Firefighters had to break down doors and smash windows to gain entry into the structure, Ambulgekar said.

KEEPING THEM COOL



Visitors click pictures of a tiger at the Byculla Zoo, in Mumbai, on Sunday. In the extreme heat this summer, zookeepers are taking various steps including water fountains and increased shade to mitigate the impact of extreme heat on zoo animals

MP: Eleven dead as van hits bike, lands in well

PTI, MANDSAUR: A speeding van plunged into a water-filled well after hitting a bike in Madhya Pradesh's Mandsaur district on Sunday, leaving 11 persons, including a biker and a rescuer, dead, police said.

The incident occurred in the Narayangarh police station area. PM Modi expressed grief over the accident and announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh from PMNRF to the next of kin of each deceased. The injured would be given Rs 50,000.

"Saddened by the loss of lives in an accident in Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh. Condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. May the injured recover soon," Modi stated on X.

Ratlam range Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Manoj Singh said 13 persons were travelling in the van.

"Four of them were rescued while nine others died. A villager, identified as Manohar, who descended into the well for rescue, also died," he said, adding that the body of a victim of the accident is yet to be pulled out of the well.

Prima facie, the van driver lost control of the wheel after the vehicle hit a bike and fell into the well. The bike rider was also killed, he said.

Senthil Balaji, Ponmudy resign as Tamil Nadu ministers

So, you (Senthil Balaji) have to make a choice between the post and the freedom. Such drastic findings are recorded against you in capacity as a minister — Supreme Court

PTI, CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu Ministers V Senthil Balaji and K Ponmudy have resigned from the M K Stalin-led state cabinet and the Governor has accepted the same, the Raj Bhavan said on Sunday.

Governor R N Ravi has approved Chief Minister Stalin's recommendation on their resignation, a Raj Bhavan communiqué said.

Opposition AIADMK claimed victory for its protests against Ponmudy, while its ally BJP said the "removal" of the two from the state cabinet was "late."

Senthil Balaji, facing ED probe in a cash-for-jobs scam in an earlier AIADMK regime, had been asked by the Supreme Court on Wednesday to make a choice "between post and freedom" as it had warned him of cancelling bail if he did not step down as minister.

"When you were a minister, categorical findings have been recorded against you in the manner in which you brought about settlement and the proceedings are quashed. Grant of bail does not mean power to influence wit-

nesses. In the past, you have influenced witnesses," the bench had said.

The top court, as a result, offered him a choice. "So, you have to make a choice between the post and the freedom. Such drastic findings are recorded against you in capacity as a minister," the bench had said while hearing pleas to recall Balaji's bail on the ground that he influenced witnesses in the case.

Balaji was sworn in as a minister by Ravi on September 29, 2024 after being granted bail by the

SC. He had earlier resigned in February 2024, months after remaining as a minister without portfolio in the wake of his June 2023 arrest by the ED.

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