



Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan during a visit to Ushakothi Wildlife Sanctuary, at Badarma in Sambalpur district, Odisha



Congress leaders Ranjeet Ranjan and Shama Mohamed at a press briefing at the AICC headquarters, in New Delhi



New Director General of Police of Uttar Pradesh Rajeev Krishna, left, with outgoing DGP Prashant Kumar after he assumed the charge of the office, in Lucknow



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin pays tribute to his father M Karunanidhi as he arrives to participate in the party's General Body meeting in Madurai

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Women BSF personnel patrol the harsh terrain and shifting sands while guarding a border post along the India-Pakistan international border, in Jaisalmer district, Rajasthan, on Sunday

Mukhtar Ansari's MLA son Abbas disqualified from UP Assembly

LUCKNOW: UP MLA Abbas Ansari, son of gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari, has been disqualified as a member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly after he was sentenced to two years in jail in a hate speech case, official sources said on Sunday. Abbas Ansari became MLA for the first time in 2022 by winning the election from the Mau Sadar assembly seat on an SBSP ticket under the Samajwadi Party-led alliance. The seat has now been declared vacant, the sources told PTI. The Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) MLA was sentenced to two years imprisonment by a special MP-MLA court on Saturday in the hate speech case of the 2022 polls.

Five held in Belagavi on charges of gangraping minor girl

BELAGAVI (KARNATAKA): A minor girl was allegedly gang-raped and the act was filmed by the accused to blackmail her at Kakati in Belagavi district, police said on Sunday. Five people have been arrested in this connection while a hunt is on to nab one more. The victim lodged a police complaint on Saturday after the perpetrators allegedly raped her repeatedly and threatened her with the video of the initial assault. According to police, six months ago, the 15-year-old girl was taken to a hilly area and gang-raped. The perpetrators recorded a video of the attack. The complainant alleged that she was lured to the hilly area by her boyfriend.

Terror, extortion module busted in Amritsar with arrest of 2: Punjab Police

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Police on Sunday claimed to have dismantled a terror and extortion module linked to an operative of Pakistan's ISI-backed Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) with the arrest of two men. Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said BKI member Jeevan Fauji was orchestrating an extortion racket, targeting individuals in Punjab's border districts. Two of his associates - Karajpreet Singh, a resident of Verawal, and Gurlal Singh alias Harman, a resident of Goindwal Sahib in Tarn Taran - have been apprehended, he said. Police teams have also seized a .30-bore pistol, along with a live cartridge. The DGP said Fauji had given the pistol to Karajpreet and Gurlal, and directed them to fire at a furniture shop in the Amritsar area. The firing incident was part of an extortion attempt, with Fauji demanding ransom from a relative of the shop owner based in Canada, he said.

Five killed in road crash in Himachal

MANDI (HP): Five people were killed and one sustained serious injuries when the pickup vehicle they were travelling in rammied into the railings of a bridge here on Sunday, police said. The accident took place when the vehicle was on its way from Ludhiana in Punjab to IIT-Mandi. According to preliminary investigation, the driver, who was injured in the accident, lost control over the vehicle and hit the railings of the bridge, police said. Three of the deceased have been identified as Sukhvinder, Umesh and Sagar, all hailing from Punjab, while two others are yet to be identified, they said. The driver has been admitted to a hospital, Mandi SP Sakshi Verma said. Expressing grief over the tragic accident, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has directed the district administration to provide all possible assistance to the families of the deceased and ensure best medical care to the injured, an official statement said. The bodies have been sent for postmortem, police said.

IndiGo, Delta, Air France-KLM, Virgin Atlantic announce partnership

NEW DELHI: IndiGo, Delta Air Lines, Air France-KLM and Virgin Atlantic on Sunday announced a partnership to enhance air connectivity from India to Europe as well as North America. "Linking dozens of cities in the US, Canada, Europe and India, the airlines aim to meet rising demand for international travel while setting new standards for connectivity and cooperation in global aviation," a release said. IndiGo, India's largest airline, is expanding its international network and is set to start flights to 10 overseas cities in the current fiscal ending March 2026. The partnership was jointly announced at a briefing in the national capital by IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers, Delta Air Lines CEO Ed Bastian, Air France-KLM CEO Benjamin Smith and Virgin Atlantic CEO Shai Weiss.

Heavy rainfall triggers floods, landslides in North-East

Over 90,000 affected, 11 killed as floods ravage Tripura, Assam and Manipur

AGENCIES, AGARTALA/GUWAHATI/ IMPHAL: Relentless rain over the past few days has plunged large parts of North East into chaos, with severe flooding reported from Tripura, Assam, and Manipur. Thousands have been displaced, transport networks disrupted and rescue efforts are underway across multiple states to cope with the worsening crisis.

In Tripura, the capital city Agartala witnessed a record-breaking 200 mm of rainfall in just three hours on Saturday night, leading to extensive water-logging and inundation of low-lying areas. One person died after falling into a manhole at Jackson Gate, while another drowning incident was reported in Jirania. Over 10,600 people from 2,800 families were evacuated and housed in 60 relief camps, as three districts — West Tripura, Unakoti, and North Tripura — were heavily affected.



Rescue personnel assist locals in moving to a safer place in Agartala, Tripura



A man carries his goat through a flood-affected area in Assam



An ambulance moves on a flooded road after heavy rainfall, in Imphal East, Manipur

A red alert for extremely heavy rainfall was issued across all eight districts by the state government based on inputs from weather forecasting agencies. Chief Minister Manik Saha cancelled all public engagements to monitor the situation and visited several relief camps.

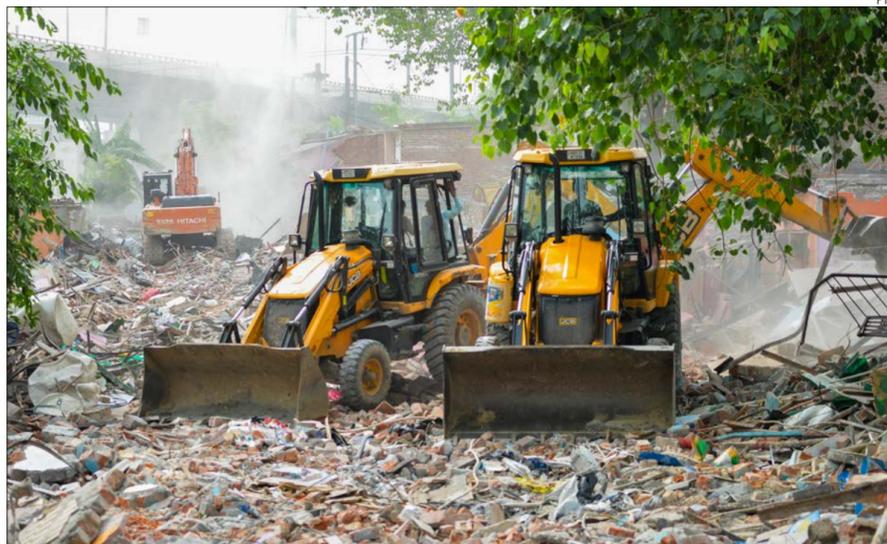
Meanwhile, Assam is grappling with an equally grim scenario. According to officials, over 78,000

people in more than 15 districts have been affected by floodwaters, with 10 major rivers, including the Brahmaputra and Barak, flowing above danger levels. The Central Water Commission (CWC) has issued an orange alert, and the situation continues to deteriorate as rainwater from neighbouring Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh swells local rivers. So far, eight deaths have been reported in the state — five due to landslides and three from flooding. Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke with Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, assuring central assistance. The Northeast Frontier Railway cancelled or curtailed services in flood-hit areas, and ferry operations between Jorhat and Majuli were suspended. A portion of National Highway-17 in Kamrup district has also

been submerged. In Manipur, heavy rain over the past 48 hours has affected 3,802 people and damaged 883 houses, with water levels rising rapidly in Imphal East district. Overflowing rivers breached embankments in Khurai, Heingang, and Checkon, submerging large parts of the capital Imphal. The Imphal and Iril rivers have crossed danger levels, prompting emergency em-

bankment reinforcement efforts. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla and other top officials surveyed affected areas, while the Army and Assam Rifles rescued nearly 800 stranded residents. Reports also indicate 12 landslides, two injuries, and the death of 64 animals across the state. Relief measures are being coordinated by local authorities, with SDRF and NDRF units on high alert.

DEMOLITION DRIVE



Bulldozers raze slum structures at Madras Camp in Jangpura amid heavy security deployment, following court demolition orders, in New Delhi, on Sunday

CBI arrests senior IRS officer in bribery case

PTI, NEW DELHI: The CBI has arrested a senior Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, along with an associate, for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 25 lakh from a pizza chain owner, officials said Sunday.

Amit Kumar Singal, additional director general posted at the Directorate of Taxpayer Services here, allegedly demanded a total bribe of Rs 45 lakh to settle an income tax notice issued to Sanam Kapoor, owner of La Pino's Pizza, they said. The first instalment of Rs 25 lakh was delivered to Singal's residence in Mohali, Punjab on Saturday, where a businessman named Harsh Kotak allegedly received the money on the officer's behalf.

Acting on Kapoor's complaint, a CBI team raided the premises and arrested Kotak. Another team of the central agency arrested Singal, a 2007-batch IRS officer, from his residence in Delhi the same day. The two were produced before a special magistrate in Chandigarh, who remanded them to judicial custody till June 13. Kapoor had entered into a franchise agreement in 2017 with Kotak, who had allegedly partnered with Singal's mother in the venture, the lawyer claimed.

Scolding isn't abetment to suicide, says SC

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has discharged a man who was accused of driving a student to suicide by scolding him.

The accused, in charge of a school and a hostel, had scolded the deceased following a complaint by another student. After the incident, the student hanged himself in a room. A bench of Justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah and Prashant Kumar Mishra stated that no ordinary person could have imagined that a scolding would result in such a tragedy.

The top court set aside an order of the Madras High Court, which had refused to discharge the teacher for the offence of abetment to suicide under Section 306 of the Indian Penal Code.

"Having considered the matter in its entirety, we find it a fit case for interference. As has rightly been submitted by the ap-

pellant, no normal person could have imagined that a scolding, that too based on a complaint by a student, would result in such a tragedy due to the student so scolded taking his own life," the bench said.

The SC said such scolding was the least to ensure that the complaint made against the deceased by another student was taken note of and remedial measures were effected.

"In the considered opinion of this court, under such admitted factual position, no mens rea (knowledge of wrongdoing) can be attributed to the appellant, much less, with regard to abatement of suicide committed by the deceased," the bench said.

The man had submitted that his response was justified and was merely a chiding as a guardian to ensure that the deceased did not repeat the offence.

Bihar: Rape victim dies at hospital

Cong accuses Nitish govt of being insensitive

PTI, PATNA: A girl, who was battling for life after being raped in Bihar's Muzaffarpur recently, died at a state-run hospital on Sunday, police said.

The minor was raped on May 26 in her village in Muzaffarpur and brought to the Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH) on Saturday in a critical condition, an official said.

The rape victim, referred to PMCH, was left waiting in an ambulance for several hours on Saturday, allegedly due to the unavailability of a hospital bed, state Congress president Rajesh Ram alleged.

A purported video of the incident had gone viral on social media, exposing the "insensitivity of the government and the hospital administration, he claimed. PTI couldn't independently verify the authenticity of the video.

Reacting to the incident, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, in a post on X on Sunday, wrote, "The brutality against a minor Dalit girl in Muzaffarpur and the subsequent negligence in her treatment is extremely shameful. If she had received timely treatment, her life could have been saved. But the double-engine government was negligent not only in providing security but also in saving her life. We will not sit quietly until the victim's family gets justice. Strict action should be taken against the culprits and negligent officers

— Rahul Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in the LS

should be taken against the culprits and negligent officers." Ram was present at the PMCH along with the party's media cell Bihar in-charge Rajesh Rathore during the admission of the rape victim on Saturday.

"The girl died this morning. Her throat and chest were brutally slashed by the accused. He had also attempted to kill her by slitting her throat. Her vocal cords were damaged, and she was unable to speak. The accused was arrested," a police officer said.

The state Congress chief on Sunday claimed, "It is a heart-wrenching incident and an insult to our state, headed by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar."

GST collections above Rs 2 lakh cr for second straight month

PTI, NEW DELHI: Gross GST collections remained above the Rs 2 trillion mark for the second month in a row, rising 16.4% in May to over Rs 2.01 lakh crore.

Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection had touched a record high of Rs 2.37 lakh crore in April. In May, 2024, the mop up was Rs 1,72,739 crore.

In May, 2025, gross revenues from domestic transactions rose 13.7% to about Rs 1.50 lakh crore, while GST revenue from imports grew 25.2% to Rs 51,266 crore. Total gross GST revenues stood at Rs 2,01,050 crore in May, 2025. Gross Central GST revenues

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— M S Mani, Deloitte India Partner

stood at Rs 35,434 crore, State GST revenues at Rs 43,902 crore and Integrated GST at about Rs 1.09 lakh crore. Revenues from Cess was at Rs 12,879 crore.

Total refunds issued during the month dipped 4% to Rs 27,210 crore. Net GST mop-up in May stood at about Rs 1.74 lakh crore, a 20.4% year-on-year growth.

Deloitte India Partner M S Mani said the wide variations in the growth of GST collections across

states require a thorough analysis across the sectors that are important in each state.

While large states like Maharashtra, West Bengal, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have reported collection increases of 17% to 25%, similar large states like Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have shown increases of up to 6%.

Some states like Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan have shown median increases of 10%.

"Hence, the average growth across the country does not appear to be uniformly reflected across states possibly due to sectoral or seasonal factors which require a deeper data based analysis," Mani said.

Price Waterhouse & Co LLP Partner Pratik Jain said 16% growth in GST collections in the month shows a renewed upward momentum after a few months of growth in the range of 11 to 12%.

"If the growth continues in this range for the next couple of months, it might provide the cushion for the government to look at rate rationalisation on which a lot of work has already been done," Jain said.