



**Delhi Minister Ashish Sood at a press conference on achievements after the completion of 100 days of Delhi Govt in New Delhi**



**Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi being greeted by Punjab Congress President Warring upon his arrival at Chandigarh Airport**



**Australian Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles pays homage at the National War Memorial, in New Delhi**



**Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission Arvind Panagariya addresses a press conference, in Lucknow**

## Leaders mourn Bengaluru stampede; BJP blames 'State-sponsored negligence'

**PTI, BENGALURU:** President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Congress top leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday condoled the Bengaluru stampede deaths and the BJP asked the Congress government to own up responsibility for what it called the "state-sponsored negligence."

President Droupadi Murmu said: "The loss of lives in the tragic happening at a stadium in Bengaluru is shocking and heartbreaking. My condolences to the bereaved families and prayers for the speedy recovery of the injured."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the stampede in Bengaluru during the victory celebrations of Royal Challengers Bangalore's IPL triumph as "absolutely heartrending".



**Fans gather during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's felicitation ceremony after winning the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025, in front of Vidhana Soudha, in Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge expressed sadness over the tragic stampede in Bengaluru during the celebrations of Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) victory in the IPL and urged the state government to strengthen safety protocols to avoid such incidents in the future.

Rahul Gandhi said the stampede near Bengaluru's Chinnaswamy Stadium during RCB's IPL victory celebrations is heartbreaking. "My condolences to the families who lost their loved ones. Wishing a swift and full recovery to all those injured. In this hour of grief, I stand with the people of Bengaluru. The Karnataka government must provide all possible support and relief to the affected families," Gandhi said in a post on 'X'.

Meanwhile, the BJP slammed the Congress government and asked Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Home Minister G Parameashwara to own up responsibility.

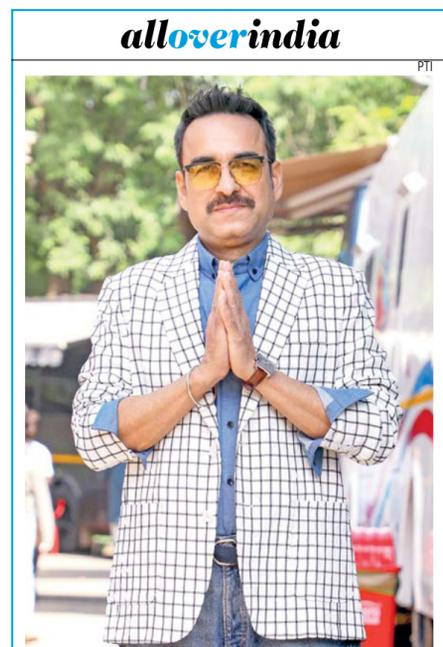
Karnataka BJP chief B Y Vijayendra accused the Siddaramaiah government of pressuring the police and organising celebrations without any preparedness and adequate police deployment.

## Cong slams PM, EAM for silence on Indian students hit by Trump's actions

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"President Trump has made his intentions clear. China has reacted strongly regarding Chinese students. But not surprisingly, our PM and EAM have kept totally quiet," he said. The changes effected by the US in its visa regime have triggered widespread uncertainty among students world-wide, including in India.



**Bollywood actor Pankaj Tripathi poses for a photograph during the promotion of the film 'Metro In Dino', in Mumbai**

## 9 killed, 2 injured as trailer overturns on van in MP's Jhabua

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**People at the accident site where a trailer overturned on a van after losing control, killing 9 out of the 11 people travelling in the van, in Jhabua**

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh pointed out that according to the Ministry of External Affairs, approximately 3,37,630 Indian students went to the USA for higher studies in 2024 and about a third of the foreign students on American campuses are from India.

This means that some three-and-a-half lakh Indian families invested their hard-earned savings or borrowed for the education of their children in the US, he said. "These students, plus

those who went in earlier years, face an uncertain future. Large numbers of students planning to go in 2025 may never get to see their aspirations fulfilled," Ramesh said on X.

## African Swine Fever detected in Assam village

**PTI, MORIGAON:** African Swine Fever (ASF) cases have been detected in a village in Assam's Morigaon district, leading the administration to impose restrictions in the area.

The district administration has declared Daponibari village in Dharamtal area as an epicenter of ASF. According to a directive, villages within one kilometre radius of Daponibari will be considered 'infected zones', while those within a 10-kilometre radius will be designated as 'surveillance zones'.

Among restrictions in the infected zone are ban on the transportation of live pigs, pig feed, pork or pork products into or out of the infected zone.

## SC junks Delhi Waqf Board's plea claiming rights on property

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed a plea by the Delhi Waqf Board which claimed that a property in Shahdara area in the capital was a "waqf property" and said a Gurudwara was functioning there since long.

Court, which dismissed its suit for possession of the property.

"The suit alleged that the property in question was a waqf property, being used as a waqf since time immemorial. The apex court, however, said, "There is a Gurudwara functioning out there."

The waqf board counsel referred to the findings of the trial judge in the matter and said a mosque existed there. He said one of the witnesses of the defendant himself admitted that there was a mosque and "some kind of a Gurudwara" was made there but it was not registered.

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## Sikkim landslides: IAF evacuates 33 people, including 2 US nationals

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** The Indian Air Force (IAF) on Wednesday said it has deployed its assets as part of its humanitarian-assistance efforts in the wake of devastating landslides in Sikkim, and evacuated 33 people, including two US nationals, from the remote Chaten region.

"In response to the devastating landslides in Sikkim, #IndianAirForce Mi-17 helicopters rapidly launched #HADR Ops -- airdropping relief supplies, inserting NDRF teams, and evacuating 33 stranded individuals, including two US nationals, from the remote Chaten region. #IAF remains committed to saving lives. #SavingLives #HarKaamDeshKeNaam #HADR-ops," it said.

Earlier in the day, officials said the Indian Army is working relentlessly under

### ASSAM FLOOD TOLL RISES TO 19; NEARLY 6.8 LAKH PEOPLE AFFECTED

**PTI, GUWAHATI:** The flood situation in Assam worsened on Wednesday with the death toll increasing by two, while the number of affected people went up to nearly 6.8 lakh in 21 districts, an official bulletin said. Nine major rivers, including the Brahmaputra, were flowing above the danger level across the state, with the Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) in Guwahati predicting heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places in the state. Dhubri, South Salmara-Mankachar, Goalpara and Kokrajhar are likely to witness thunderstorms with lightning and gusty wind with a speed of 30-40 kmph, the RMC said. Road, train and ferry services continued to be affected in several parts of the state. An Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) bulletin said that the two deaths were reported from Nagaon and Cachar districts. One person was reported missing in Cachar.

extreme weather and hazardous terrain conditions to assist local residents and stranded tourists.

Army personnel have established a walkway to north Sikkim's Lachen

village, which was completely cut off due to multiple landslides triggered by heavy rain in Mangan district, and reached out to 113 tourists stranded there, they said.

## IRCTC deploys AI to curb illegal bookings, blocks 3.5cr fake IDs

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** An unauthorised ticket booking agent now cannot make simultaneous multiple attempts on the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) platform using fake accounts to increase the chances of getting a confirmed ticket for a prospective passenger, officials said on Wednesday.

"In a major step towards bringing fairness in the railway ticket booking system, the IRCTC has deployed AI-based advanced technical solutions to curb unauthorised ticketing practices by detecting and deactivating such user IDs created with disposable (short-dura-

tion) email addresses, and ensuring equal access for all passengers," an IRCTC official told PTI.

The IRCTC has blocked 3.5 crore fraudulent user IDs over the past one year, significantly reducing system congestion on its platform, the official said.

Explaining how unauthorised agents would manipulate the platform, the official said, "Let's presume that a person named A approaches an unauthorised agent to get a ticket booked from Delhi to Agra. The agent will use several disposable email IDs (using domain names available on Google) and mobile num-

bers to create, let's say, 30 profiles on IRCTC platform." He said that during user ID or profile creation, an OTP is sent on the email ID and the agent uses that OTP to verify its authenticity.

"However, after authentication, the email ID becomes invalid but the profile remains. Now, these unauthorised agents use such multiple profiles to book a ticket for A. So there are 30 requests or attempts to enhance the chance to book a ticket for A only. They also use bots (automated software applications that perform repetitive tasks) for this purpose," he added.

### Over 12 shops destroyed in fire at market in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur

**BILASPUR (CHHATTISGARH):** More than a dozen shops were gutted after a fire broke out at a market in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur city early on Wednesday, police said. The blaze erupted at around 3 am at Sanichari Bazar located under City Kotwali police station limits. No person was reported to be injured in the incident, Station House Officer (SHO) Vivek Pandey said. After being alerted, fire tenders were rushed to the spot, he said. Before the blaze was brought under control in the morning, 12 to 15 business establishments, including a godown, garments shops and an eatery, were gutted, the official said. The assessment of losses due to the fire was yet to be done, he said. Prima facie, it seems a short-circuit triggered the fire, the official said, adding an investigation was underway.

### UP: 3-yr-old girl raped in Banda; accused arrested after brief encounter

**BANDA (UP):** Police have arrested a 24-year-old man after a brief encounter for allegedly raping a three-year-old girl in Uttar Pradesh's Banda district, officials said on Wednesday. Banda SP Palash Bansal said the toddler was found missing on Tuesday afternoon following which a missing person's report was registered at the Chilla police station. During the search, police rescued the girl in an injured condition from a nearby forest and admitted her to a government hospital, the officer said. On questioning some suspects who were taken into custody, it was found that the accused, a youth living in the victim's neighbourhood, took the girl into the forest where he allegedly raped her, the SP said.

### Meerut: 8 snakes rescued from house where villagers killed 52 serpents on Sunday

**MEERUT (UP):** Two days after the residents of Samouli village in Meerut district killed 52 snakes that crawled out of the courtyard of a farmer's house, forest officials rescued eight snakes from the same house under the Daurala police station limits, officials said on Wednesday. According to the forest department, the non-venomous snakes were safely removed by a rescue team after they were found at the residence of Mahfooz Saifi on Tuesday night. Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Rajesh Kumar told PTI on Wednesday that the rescued snakes appeared to be of non-venomous species. The recurring incidents have triggered panic in the village, with locals demanding a permanent solution to the issue.

### 2 nabbed over house blast in Meerut, hunt for 3rd on

**MEERUT:** Two men were arrested here in connection with the illegal storage of explosive materials, following a blast in a two-story house in the Jahidyan locality, police said on Wednesday. Hunt for a third, also involved in the act, is on, they said. According to police, on Tuesday, a blast ripped through a house in the Jahidyan locality, causing severe damage to the building and also neighbouring structures. Superintendent of Police, City, Ayush Vikram Singh identified two locals, Shahid and Shadab, and their brother-in-law, Shadab, as the culprits behind the explosion. "They were allegedly storing explosive substances without a licence in the affected house," he said.

### Rs 6.89 lakh ganja seized from taxi in Thane; 4 held

**THANE:** Police have seized 34 kg of ganja valued at Rs 6.89 lakh from a taxi in Maharashtra's Thane district and arrested four persons in this connection, officials said on Wednesday. Acting on a tip-off, the police intercepted the taxi carrying three persons at Mahajanwadi in Mira Gaokhan area on May 29. "A thorough search of the vehicle led to the recovery of 34.484 kg of ganja," Mira Bhayander-Vasai Virar Police's Assistant Commissioner of Police, Dr Vijaykumar Marathe said. The seized contraband is estimated to be valued at Rs 6,89,680 in the illegal market, according to police.

### UP: 1 dead, another injured as iron mesh collapses at bridge construction site

**BARABANKI (UP):** A labourer was killed and another seriously injured when a heavy iron mesh collapsed during the construction of a bridge here at the Jamuria drain on Ayodhya Road, police said on Wednesday. The local administration has ordered an inquiry into the incident. The incident occurred around 5 pm on Tuesday as a group of seven to eight workers were erecting an iron framework at the construction site of a new bridge replacing old, dilapidated structures on the Lucknow-Ayodhya old highway near Patel Tiraha.