



Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav addresses the media as he leaves after attending the engagement of cricketer Rinku Singh and SP MP Priya Saroj



Jaipur traffic police personnel patrol on electric self-balancing scooters, near Hawa Mahal, in Jaipur,



LoP in Karnataka Assembly R. Ashoka during a protest against CM Siddaramaiah over the death of 11 people in Bengaluru



A group of tourists participates in white-water rafting on the Beas River near Manali, in Himachal Pradesh as part of adventure activities in the region

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Samajwadi Party MP Priya Saroj and cricketer Rinku Singh during their engagement, in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Tiger, dog trapped in pit near Kerala-TN border, rescue underway

IDUKKI (KERALA): A tiger fell into a deep pit near Maildumpara close to the Tamil Nadu border on Sunday morning while chasing a dog with both the canine and the feline trapped together inside it, the forest department said. Both the dog and the tiger currently appear to be unharmed and steps were being taken to tranquilise the feline prior to taking it out of the pit, a senior forest official said. Photographs aired on TV channels show both animals lying in the pit close to each other. The information about the incident was received around 7am and forest personnel were immediately dispatched to the site which lies between the Tamil Nadu forest reserve and the Periyar sanctuary, the official said.

Five killed, three injured in road accidents in Gujarat

AHMEDABAD: Five persons, among them three teenagers, were killed, and three others were injured in separate road accidents in Gujarat's Surendranagar and Amreli districts, police said on Sunday. Three youngsters died on the spot after their motorcycle collided with a truck around midnight near Dudhrej railway crossing on the Surendranagar-Dhrangadhra road, an official said. The deceased, Divyansh Parmar (18), Imran Movar (16) and Afzal Sipai (22), were residents of Surendranagar town, inspector R M Sangada of 'A' division police station said.

Fire at high-rise in Thane; no casualty

THANE: A fire broke out at a 14-storey residential building in Mumbra area of Maharashtra's Thane district in the early hours of Sunday, civic officials said. There was no report of any casualty, they said. The Sheel fire station reported the blaze at 2.54 am to the disaster control room. The fire originated in an electric duct between the fourth and seventh floors of the A-wing of S K Residency building located near Mumbra bypass, Thane Municipal Corporation's disaster management cell chief Yasin Tadvii said. "The fire was limited to the electrical cable duct and did not spread to any residential flat. No casualty was reported from the site," he said.

Two drug traffickers held with 6 kg heroin in Amritsar

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Police arrested two drug traffickers and recovered six kg heroin from their possession, a top police officer said on Sunday. A case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act has been registered at Police Station Gharinda in Amritsar. "In a significant breakthrough against trans-border narco-smuggling, Amritsar Rural Police recovers 6 Kg Heroin and apprehends two key drug traffickers," Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said in a post on X. Yadav said acting on specific intelligence, a police team intercepted Gurditta alias Kalu and Captain near village Bhakna while they were transporting a high-grade heroin consignment on a motorcycle.

Man commits suicide by slitting throat in UP's Deoria

DEORIA (UP): A 60-year-old man allegedly committed suicide by slitting his throat at a village in Uttar Pradesh's Deoria district on Saturday, police said. While some locals claimed that Ish Mohammed Ansari, the deceased, sacrificed himself on the day of Eid-ul-Azha and left a note that said "I am sacrificing myself in the name of Allah and his messenger", police declined to comment on finding any such document. Ansari used a knife to slit his throat inside a hut outside his home, police said. On hearing his cries, Ansari's family members rushed to the hut and shifted him to the district medical college with the help of police. From there he was referred to the Gorakhpur Medical College, where Ansari succumbed to his injuries, police said.

UP: Former village head shot over old enmity during puja in Mau

MAU (UP): A 60-year-old former village head and Congress worker was injured after being shot at during a ceremonial ritual here on Saturday, allegedly over an old enmity, police said. The incident took place during a prasad distribution event at the house of Nilesh Yadav in Devkali Bishunpur village in the Kopanganj area, they said. Ramesh Rai sustained a gunshot wound to the head and was referred to Varanasi for treatment, a police officer said. Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Mahesh Singh Atri said 25-year-old Ashish Rai, a resident of the same village, allegedly came from behind and opened fire on the former village head.

Congress terms PM's insensitivity to Manipur crisis as 'truly shocking'

PTI, NEW DELHI: With fresh violence rocking parts of Manipur, the Congress on Sunday targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his "insensitivity" to the suffering of people in the state.

In a post on X, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the pain, distress, and agony of the people of Manipur continues unabated as five districts of Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Kaching, and Bishnupur in Manipur have been rocked by violence in the last 24 hours.

A day after violent protests erupted in Manipur over the arrest of a leader of Meitei outfit Arambai Tenggol, the situation remained tense on Sunday with the administration imposing prohibitory orders and suspending internet services in five Imphal valley districts, police said.

Prohibitory orders have been clamped in Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Bishnupur and Kakching



A man removes a structure from burning items after violent protests erupted in Manipur over the arrest of a leader of Meitei outfit Arambai Tenggol, in Imphal, Manipur

districts, while internet and mobile data services, including VSAT and VPN facilities, have been suspended in these valley areas.

Hitting out at the government, Ramesh claimed that in February 2022 the BJP "engineered a majority for itself alone" in the assembly elections.

"But less than fifteen months later from the night of May 3, 2023 Manipur was

made to burn. Hundreds of innocent men, women, and children were killed. Thousands were displaced. Places of worship were destroyed," he said.

On June 4, 2023, the Congress leader said the Union Government set up a three-member Commission of Inquiry. That Commission has been given repeated extensions to submit its report and the



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latest deadline given to it is November 20, 2025, he noted.

On August 1, 2023, Ramesh said the Supreme Court observed that there had been an "absolute breakdown of constitutional machinery" in the state for the past two months.

"The Union Home Minister went through the motions of visiting Manipur while the PM maintained

absolute silence refusing to say anything and meet anybody from the state.

"President's Rule, however, has made no difference," Ramesh said.

He claimed the Governor himself has been forced to travel from Imphal airport to his residence by helicopter. Law and order in many parts of the state remains in a state of peril, he added.

Active Covid cases in India cross 6k-mark

PTI, NEW DELHI: India's active Covid case tally crossed the 6,000 mark with 769 new infections being reported in the last 48 hours, according to the Union health ministry data released on Sunday.

Kerala continues to be the most affected state, followed by Gujarat, West Bengal and Delhi, according to the ministry.

Due to the rising Covid cases, the Centre is conducting mock drills to check facility-level preparedness and has instructed all states to ensure availability of oxygen, isolation beds, ventilators, and essential medicines, official sources had said.

There are 6,133 active Covid cases in India, and six more deaths have been reported in the last 24 hours, the ministry said. Official sources have maintained that most cases are mild and managed under home care.

Since January this year, 65 deaths have been reported in the country. There were a total of 257 active patients in the country on May 22.

FOLK VIBRANCE



Tribal artists perform a traditional dance during the 'Pahan' (Tribal Priest) convention, in Ranchi

K'taka CM defends holding RCB felicitation at Vidhana Soudha despite police warning

PTI, MYSURU/BENGALURU: Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday defended the decision to go ahead with the RCB victory celebration in front of Vidhana Soudha, saying no untoward incident happened there.

The CM's reaction came to the DCP (Vidhana Soudha security) letter written before the event warning against holding felicitations at Vidhana Soudha "hastily", surfaced now.

The CM, however, clarified that the event at Vidhana Soudha was organised by the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), and that he attended the programme as he was invited. On June 4, along with a felicitation to the RCB on IPL victory at Vidhana Soudha, a celebration was also organised at the Chinnaswamy cricket stadium, where a large number of people thronged, leading to stampede, in which eleven people died and 56 were injured.

A letter by DCP (Vidhana Soudha security) on June 4 to Secretary to the government, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR), warning against organising the event hastily, and also highlighting that they did not have enough personnel to organise security for such an event, where a large number of people would gather, at

short notice, has surfaced.

The letter was in response to DPAR seeking his opinion on holding the felicitation event on the grand stairs of the Vidhana Soudha to honour the RCB players.

"The RCB cricket team has a fan following across the country. Organising the event in a hurry on the grand stairs of Vidhana Soudha will lead to lakhs of cricket fans arriving at Vidhana Soudha. This will lead to problems in bandobast since there is a shortage of officers/personnel in Vidhana Soudha security division," the DCP's letter said.

As the RCB fan following is huge, police personnel from outside the city will be required for bandobast and it will require time, he further said, both law and order and the traffic police will have to coordinate for a mega event like this and there is not enough time.

The officer said if the event is organised, the issue of online or offline passes for visitors to Vidhana Soudha should be completely stopped.

Also, as there are chances of the secretariat staff getting their family members for the event, an order should be issued aimed at ensuring that this doesn't happen. It also sought a holiday in the afternoon for secretariat staff to ensure that they too don't come there.

Man arrested for bomb threat on two trains

PTI, VARANASI (UP): The Government Railway Police (GRP) on Sunday arrested a man in connection with a bomb threat on two trains on June 2, according to police.

The accused, identified as Rajesh Shukla, had falsely claimed over phone that bombs had been planted in Kashi Express and Kamayani Express trains, causing an alarm.

Station House Officer of GRP Rajaul Nagar said that Shukla was arrested on Sunday near an over-bridge of platform number 10 in Varanasi. The mobile phone used to give the false information has also been recovered from the accused, the GRP said.

9-year-old girl's body found in suitcase in Delhi, family alleges sexual assault

PTI, NEW DELHI: A nine-year-old girl was allegedly raped, killed and her body stuffed in a suitcase at a neighbour's house in north-east Delhi's Dayalpur area, triggering protests by her family members and locals.

The girl's body was found on Saturday evening. Police and paramilitary personnel were deployed in the area on Sunday to maintain law and order.

Police said the perpetrator of the heinous crime seems to have fled after stuffing the body in the suitcase. Senior police officers said all angles are being probed, including sexual assault.

"We are awaiting the autopsy report to confirm the cause of death. Teams have been formed to nab the ab-

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sconding accused. We are taking this matter with utmost seriousness," a police officer said.

The girl, a resident of Nehru Vihar, had gone to give ice to a relative living nearby around 7 pm on Saturday, her family members said.

When she did not return home for a long time, her parents began searching for her. According to the victim's father, they approached several relatives and neighbours, but no one had seen her after her brief visit to the relative's house.

"She had only gone to deliver ice to our relatives. They said she stayed for five minutes and left. But she never came back. We looked everywhere. Finally, someone told us that she was seen entering a house nearby. That is where we found her in a suitcase," the girl's father said.

He said when he went to the house, it was locked. He broke the lock and entered the house. Inside, he found his daughter stuffed in a bloodstained suitcase.

The family members rushed the girl to a local clinic, but the doctor asked them to take her to a hospital immediately. At the Jag Pravesh Chandra Hospital in Shastrji Park, doctors declared her brought dead, her father said.

IAF airlifts kidney, cornea; multi-organ donation saves lives of five

PTI, NEW DELHI: Five persons received a new lease of life after a brain dead patient's organs were sent across different parts of the country, with one kidney and a cornea being airlifted by an Indian Air Force aircraft from Bengaluru to Delhi.

The Indian Air Force (IAF), in a post on X, shared details of the coordinated operation and photographs of the airlift on Saturday.

"The IAF enabled life-saving multi-organ retrieval and critical transplants at



different locations, undertaken through Command Hospital Air Force Bangalore (CHAFFB) today," the post said.

The donor, declared brain dead on Friday, became the

"source of new life for five individuals", it added.

According to the IAF, one kidney and a cornea were flown to the Army Hospital (Research & Referral) in Delhi. The other kidney

and cornea, as well as the first skin harvest, were transplanted at CHAFFB in collaboration with a medical team from Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru.

The liver was successfully transplanted at Glenageles BGS Hospital, it said.

"This seamless operation was executed with Jeevansarthakathe Karnataka, reflecting the exceptional commitment and medical expertise of the Armed Forces medical community," the IAF said in the post.