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A woman and children cover themselves to shield from the scorching heat on a hot summer day, in Jaipur

5 arrested with drugs worth Rs 6.5 cr in Assam's Sribhumi

GUWAHATI: Five people were arrested with drugs worth Rs 6.5 crore in Assam's Sribhumi district, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. Acting on intelligence inputs, police seized 44,000 yaba tablets from the Veterbond area and arrested the five suspected peddlers, he said. Sarma congratulated the police on the success of the operation. Necessary legal procedures have already been initiated, he said on Thursday night in a post on X. Yaba, meaning 'crazy medicine' in Thai, is banned as it contains methamphetamine, a Schedule II substance under the Controlled Substances Act, and caffeine.

Arunachal to develop WW II museum to showcase history of Burma Campaign

ITANAGAR: The Arunachal Pradesh government will develop the World War II museum at Jairampur in Changlang, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein said, emphasising the region's importance in the Burma Campaign. The museum is located at the historical Stilwell Road, a strategic World War II route. Chairing a meeting here on Thursday, Mein noted the historical significance of the Pangsau Pass and the Stilwell Road. "This area is of immense historical value, and we aim to develop a one-of-a-kind museum to preserve and showcase this legacy while transforming it into a major heritage-cum-tourism hub," he said.

IIT student held for raping 13-year-old girl in Thane

THANE: A student from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur has been arrested for allegedly raping a 13-year-old girl in Maharashtra's Thane city, police said on Friday. The police on Thursday arrested the 23-year-old accused based on a complaint lodged by the girl's mother and registered a case under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act against him, an official said. The accused, who lives in the Kalwa area, allegedly lured the differently abled girl with new clothes and sexually assaulted her, he said. The official said, "The probe team has recovered a video of the sexual assault from the accused's mobile phone, which also contained objectionable videos and photos of other girls."

Pick-up van falls into gorge in Himachal, one killed

UNA (HP): A pick-up van fell into a 24-foot deep gorge near Peer Nigah area of Himachal Pradesh's Una district, leaving one person dead and 29 others injured, police said on Friday. The victims hailing from Majitha area of Amritsar in Punjab were returning after visiting the shrines of Baba Balak Nath and other local pilgrimage centres when the accident took place on Thursday night. Locals brought out the injured persons from the gorge. The injured were rushed to Una hospital where one of them died, while two critical patients were referred to PGI Chandigarh. A case has been registered and further investigations were underway, police said.

Robbers steal gold, jewellery worth Rs 40 lakh in northwest Delhi

NEW DELHI: Police have launched an investigation after a 42-year-old employee of a Chandni Chowk-based jeweller was attacked and robbed of gold and jewellery worth about Rs 40 lakh near Kohat Enclave Metro Station in northwest Delhi, officials said. According to police, the incident took place when the victim, Subhash, and his colleague, Gopal, had gone to the area around 3 pm to show jewellery samples to clients. The robbers struck when Subhash was standing alone outside the metro station with the bag, as Gopal was at a distance, buying something. Seeing an opportunity, two unidentified men attacked Subhash with a knife, snatched the bag and fled towards Rohini.

Condolence

We deeply mourn the sad demise of **YOGESH KUMTEKAR** VELIM, BAPSORA- BETUL We convey our deepest sympathies to his bereaved family. Deeply mourned by:



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Russia says captured another village in Ukraine

AFP, MOSCOW, RUSSIA: Russia's army said Friday its forces had captured another village in Ukraine's northeastern Sumy region, where Moscow has ramped up its offensive in recent weeks.



Burning vehicles parked outside a multistorey residential building destroyed during a Russian drones strike overnight in Kharkiv, amid Russian invasion in Ukraine

Moscow's defence ministry said it had taken control of the village of Yablunivka, around nine kilometres (five miles) from the Russian border, in a drive to create what President Vladimir Putin has called a "buffer zone" inside Ukrainian territory.

The Russian advance comes with Moscow having repeatedly rejected calls for a ceasefire in the

three-year conflict, instead demanding Ukraine give up even more land and shun Western military support if it wants a

peace deal. Russia first tried to capture the regional capital Sumy at the start of its offensive in 2022, before

being pushed back in a Ukrainian counter-offensive later that year.

Kyiv then in 2024 launched its own armed incursion into Russia's western Kursk region, using the Sumy region as the base for its operation.

After recapturing the Kursk territory earlier this year, Putin ordered his army to once again advance across the border to push back Ukraine's troops and equipment.

Russia's defence ministry also said its troops had captured two more villages in the eastern Donetsk region, which Moscow claims to have annexed.

India, China to 'expedite' restarting direct flights

AFP, NEW DELHI, INDIA: India said Friday it had agreed with neighbouring China to "expedite" the process to resume direct flights between them in a sign of further improvement in ties, although no timeline was given.

Flights were halted after the Covid-19 pandemic and a subsequent deadly clash in 2020 between their troops on the Himalayan border.

"The two sides agreed to expedite steps involved in resuming direct air services," New Delhi's foreign ministry said in a statement.

It came a day after the country's top career diplomat Vikram Misri met Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Sun Weidong in India.

In Beijing, foreign min-

istry spokesman Lin Jian said China had "a positive attitude" towards resuming flights after five years.

"Resuming direct flights between China and India is conducive to personnel exchanges and cooperation between the two sides and is in the common interests of both sides," Lin told a regular press conference in Beijing.

New Delhi and Beijing first announced in January an in-principle agreement to restart flights.

The neighbours also agreed to take "practical steps for visa facilitation and exchanges between media and think tanks", the ministry's statement added.

About 500 monthly direct flights operated be-

tween China and India before the pandemic, according to Indian media outlet Moneycontrol.

There are already regular flights between India and Hong Kong.

India and China are intense rivals competing for influence across South Asia.

At least 20 Indian and four Chinese soldiers were killed in the 2020 skirmish in a remote stretch along their 3,500-kilometre (2,200-mile) high-altitude frontier.

India then moved closer to the United States-led Quad alliance - which also includes Japan and Australia - which seeks to counter China's growing influence in the Asia-Pacific region.

India extends funding to ferry service linking Sri Lanka

PTI, COLOMBO: India has decided to extend the LKR 300 million financial assistance for another year to support the passenger ferry service between Kankesanthurai in Sri Lanka's north and Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu.

"This extension is in line with India's continued commitment to enhancing regional connectivity and strengthening people-to-people linkages between the two nations," the High Commission said.

Since its resumption in August 2024, the ferry service has facilitated the movement of over 15,000 passengers, reinforcing cultural, economic, and social exchanges between the two countries.

Bangladesh's Yunus meets key party leader in London

AFP, DHAKA, BANGLADESH: Bangladesh's interim leader Muhammad Yunus met in London on Friday with the leader of the South Asian nation's key party that many expect to be the frontrunner in elections next year.

Tarique Rahman, 59, the son of former prime minister Khaleda Zia, is the acting chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), which is widely seen as likely to sweep elections that Yunus said will be held in April.

The exact date of the elections remains a stick-



Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus and acting Bangladesh Nationalist Party chairman Tarique Rahman shaking hands during a meeting in London

ing point but they will be the first in the nation of around 170 million people since a student-led revolt ousted former premier

Sheikh Hasina in August 2024, ending her iron-fisted 15-year rule.

Yunus and Rahman were shown smiling and shaking

hands in the meeting in London, according to photographs released by the government press team, although relations between the caretaker government and the BNP have been rocky.

Yunus's government warned last month that political power struggles risked jeopardising gains that have been made, saying that holding elections by mid-2026 would give them time to overhaul democratic institutions.

Under pressure from political parties, including the BNP, Yunus said this month that polls will be held in April.

Safety, mission integrity top priority: ISRO

PTI, NEW DELHI: ISRO on Friday said safety and mission integrity were its top priority as NASA and Axiom Space said they were working to address an issue related to a leak at the International Space Station.

Zvezda module observation causing the delay.

India's return to space-flight as part of the Axiom-4 private mission has run into further delay as NASA announced on Thursday that it was examining a leak onboard the ISS' Russian module.

"NASA and Axiom Space are postponing the launch of Axiom Mission 4 to the International Space Station," a NASA statement said.

The astronauts were originally scheduled for lift-off on May 29, which was put off to June 8, June 10 and June 11, when SpaceX, the providers of the launch rocket and the space capsule, detected a liquid oxygen leak in the Falcon-9 rocket.

Former NASA astronaut and director of human spaceflight at Axiom Space, Peggy Whitson, will command the commercial mission, while Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla will serve as pilot.

AXIOM-4 DELAY

India's Shubhanshu Shukla along with three other astronauts are scheduled to travel to the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the Axiom-4 commercial mission that has now been put on indefinite delay, as space agencies address various issues that have cropped up ahead of the launch.

"Safety and mission integrity remain our top priorities," ISRO Chairman V Narayanan said in a post on X.

He said ISRO is working closely with Axiom Space, NASA and SpaceX, as they responsibly address the ISS

LORD I'M COMING HOME

Jose Menezes
(GP Complex, Peddem road, Mapusa)

Born: 06.12.1960
Died: 27.05.2025

Beloved Son of Late Martin Menezes & Late Maria Angela Fernandes. Husband to Fatima Mary Fernandes & Loving Father to Joy and Joshua Menezes. Loving Brother to Clara / Feliza / Augustin / Edwin. Brother in Law to Brenda / Luis / Lawrence / Gleeson / Linda / Gretta / late Johnny.

Passed away peacefully in UK.

The funeral cortege will leave his residence (TODAY) 14th June 2025 at 3:45 p.m. St. Jerome's Church, Mapusa-Goa for a Eucharist celebration followed by the burial.

Family & Friends please accept this as the only intimation

LORD I AM COMING HOME

MARIANO FERNANDES
(Ex. P.W.D. Asst.Plumber - Ward IX Sub-Division III) Virabhat - Curtorim

Born : 17-02-1956
Died : 13-06-2025

Beloved husband of Roquesinha Fernandes. Funeral mass will be held at St. Alex Church, Curtorim on 14th June 2025 (Today) at 4 p.m. followed by burial.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

DEATH

In Loving Memory

Irene Ulla Carin Quiterio De Souza

Gama Vaddo, Parra

DOB: 28.12.1955
DOD: 08.06.2025

Most loving wife of Nicholas Quiterio, beloved mother/mother-in-law of Rebecca / Anders and Lennie / Christine, and doting grandmother of Tim, Emil, Iselin.

Passed away peacefully on 8th June 2025.

The funeral cortege will proceed directly to St. Anne's Church, Parra, at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, 15th June 2025 for Eucharistic celebration at 4:30 p.m., and thereafter, burial.

In lieu of flowers, it was the wish of Ulla that donations may be made to the Conference of St. Anne - SSVF.

Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

LORD I AM COMING HOME

Born 06/04/1950
Died 12/06/2025

EDMUND JOAQUIM XAVIER D'CUNHA
(Ex. Group Instructor of Industrial Training Institute)

Son of late Sebastiao Roque D'Cunha and late Ida P. Couto e D'Cunha. Beloved Husband of Olimpia Dos Doris Colaço e D'Cunha. Brother / Brother-in-Law of Edna, Elma / Daniel Colaço, Edwin / Sandra D'Cunha and Eva / Inacio Antao. Brother-in-Law of Bella / Edwin Fernandes, Luiza Colaço and Simon Colaço. Uncle of Denver/Evette Fernandes and Denbe/Mariliza Fernandes.

Funeral Cortege will leave his residence at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, 14th June, 2025 (TODAY) to Immaculate Conception Church, Moira for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.

Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation. Empathy Ambassadors 9022290801 / 7558653211

In Loving Memory of

Eva D'Silva

With deep sorrow and profound love, we announce the passing of Eva D'Silva, a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and the heart of our family. She passed away peacefully at the age of 80, on June 11, 2025.

Eva was a devoted mother of her three daughters Edel, Crisilda and Rowena, a constant pillar of strength and guidance in their lives. She embraced her role as Nana with deep affection, raising her grandchildren Rushayne, Yohan and Jaden, showering them with love and wisdom. Her heart extended even further with the arrival of her great-grandson, Callum, whom she adored dearly.

A woman of quiet grace and simple joys, Eva found great peace in tending lovingly to her flowers and plants. Her garden was a reflection of her soul: vibrant, warm, and full of life.

Eva never missed an opportunity to show her love whether through thoughtful cards sent on every birthday and Christmas or through the cherished time she spent with her family. Her warmth, kindness and presence will be missed more than words can express.

Her funeral will be held on Sunday, June 15, 2025 at 3:15 pm at St John Baptist Church, Povacao, Benaulim.

Forever in our hearts, her memory will continue to bloom like the garden she so lovingly tended.

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LORD I AM COMING HOME

JOSE FIGUEIREDO
Raidor Quelossim Cortalim Goa
Born: 30/3/1974
Died: 13/6/2025

Son of late, Inacio Piedade Figueiredo & Luisa Dourado. Bro/Bro-in-law of Joaquim & Nancy, Alina & Socrates, Milagres & Milagrina, Nazareth & Carmina, Soccorina & Francisco, Loving uncle of Mackenzie, Safira, Mezvila, Sanifa, Sany, Macallister, Mabel, Nadia, Skyla.

Funeral cottage will leave his residence on Sunday 15th June 2025 at 3.15 P.M to Our Lady of Sick Church Quelossim for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.

Relatives, Neighbours & Friends Accept This As The Only Intimation

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Conceicao Jose Patricio Mendes (Patrick)
(Nagoa - Bardez)

Close to our hearts you will always stay.

Born: 11.02.1937
Died: 13.06.2025

Beloved husband of Serafina Mendes. Father / father-in-law of Franco / Egídia, Seby / Priti, Magdalena (Maggie) / Mavon & David. Grandfather of: Merville, Dylan, Liora, Candice, Leann, Nathan & Sarah.

Funeral Cortege will leave the residence H. No. 68, Fuldem Vaddo, Nagoa, Bardez, Goa Today (Saturday) 14th June 2025 at 3:00 p.m. to Holy Trinity Church Nagoa, Bardez, Goa for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.

Relatives and Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.