



Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan with Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav during a meeting, in Bhopal



Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai speaks during the inauguration of the Administrative Building of Maharashtra National Law University, in Nagpur



AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal speaks during a protest rally against the demolition of slums in the city, at Jantar Mantar, in New Delhi



People take part in a traditional race on a slushy field during Kesard Onji Dina festival, in Mangaluru district, Karnataka

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Former wrestler Babita Phogat rides a bicycle as part of the 'Fit India Sundays on Cycle' initiative, in New Delhi

Gangrape of law student: NCW member visits Kolkata college

PTI, KOLKATA: National Commission for Women (NCW) member Archana Majumdar on Sunday visited the South Kolkata Law College, where a student was allegedly gangraped by three persons, including an alumnus. She claimed that the police could not provide her with the details of the whereabouts of the survivor. "The commission stands beside her," she said, maintaining that the NCW's mandate is to assist a survivor as long as she wants. Majumdar said that it is necessary to speak to her parents as well. "It's a part of the investigation (by the NCW)," she said. She said that the NCW, in such cases, speaks to the survivor as well as the parents and tries to find out what they require, including security, assistance in carrying forward her education, etc. During her visit to the law college, Majumdar was seen having a verbal exchange with the police officers present. An assistant commissioner of police (ACP) present at the college said that apart



BJP activists participate in a torch rally to protest against the alleged gangrape of a law student in her college, in Kolkata

from the NCW member, two others accompanying her were allowed to enter the campus after noting down their mobile numbers. "No videography or still photography will be allowed inside," he said. She later entered the

campus and visited the guard room, where the alleged incident took place on June 25. "I will report that I could not complete my job," Majumdar said. Following the survivor's complaint, the police have arrested the prime accused, an alumnus, along with two students. A guard of the college was also apprehended on Saturday morning, according to the police. The police formed a five-member special investigation team (SIT), led by an assistant commissioner rank officer, to probe the case. Opposition political parties, including the BJP and the Left, have been holding protests over the alleged gangrape, claiming lawlessness in the Trinamool Congress-ruled West Bengal and lack of safety in educational institutions.

Huge explosives haul by security forces in Jharkhand

Include 500 electronic detonators were seized from a Maoist dump set up in Gobargota forest

PTI, SERAIKELA: Security forces seized a huge quantity of explosives from a Maoist dump in a forest in Jharkhand's Seraike-la-Kharswan district, a police officer said on Sunday. The explosives including 500 electronic detonators were seized from a Maoist dump set up in Gobargota forest near Rajijama village, a statement issued by Superintendent of Police Mukesh Kumar Lunayat said. On receiving intelligence input, security forces comprising CRPF 60 battalion, Special Assault Team and district armed forces launched a massive search operation in Gobargota forest and its vicinity. In the course of the operation, security forces stumbled upon a dump set up by Maoists and seized the explosives, which were meant to hinder anti-naxal operation as well as to target the personnel involved in it, the statement said. The security forces also seized five improvised explosive device of 3 kg each, 14 numbers of IEDs of one kg each, 9 pieces of cane bomb (IED) of half kg each, and nine bundles of commercial codex wire. All the explosives were destroyed on the spot by bomb disposal squad. A case under relevant sections of BNS, Explosive Act, UAP Act and CLA Act was registered in this regard, it added.

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4 IITs, 3 IIMs & AMU named in UGC's anti-ragging default list

PTI, NEW DELHI: Four Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and three Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) are on the defaulter list for not complying with anti-ragging norms, according to officials at University Grants Commission (UGC). The UGC has issued show-cause notices to 89 institutions across the country for not submitting mandatory compliance undertakings of anti-ragging norms. On the defaulter list are 17 Institutes of National Importance, including IITs, IIMs, AIIMS and NIDs. The defaulter IITs are - IIT Bombay, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Palakkad and IIT Hyderabad. Similarly, IIM Bombay, IIM Rohtak and IIM Tiruchirappalli are also on the

list. The defaulters also include AIIMS Raebareilly and National Institute of Design - Delhi, Andhra Pradesh and Haryana. "It has come to the attention of UGC that these institutions have failed to submit the mandatory Anti-Ragging undertakings by students and compliance undertakings by the institutions, despite multiple advisories issued by the UGC, follow-up calls from the Anti-Ragging Helpline, and direct interventions by the Anti Ragging Monitoring Agency," said UGC Secretary Manish Joshi. "Adherence to the UGC Regulation on Ragging, 2009 is mandatory for all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Failure to

comply not only violates UGC guidelines but also compromises student safety, particularly in light of increasing concerns about ragging-related distress and campus hostility," he added. The UGC has warned the defaulter institutions of withdrawing UGC Grants and Funding, impacting financial assistance and research projects and de-recognition or withdrawal of affiliation, if the norms are not complied within 30 days. The Anti-Ragging Regulations, 2009 mandate that every student and their parents and guardians must submit an anti-ragging undertaking at the time of admission and at the beginning of every academic year.

Monsoon covers all India; 2 dead in Uttarakhand cloudburst, IMD issues red alert

PTI, NEW DELHI/SHIMLA/UTTARKASHI: A cloudburst in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district early Sunday left two construction workers dead and seven missing as monsoon covered the entire country almost a week earlier than usual, bringing rain in the national capital and other northern states, triggering landslides in several hilly areas and sending rivers into spate. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for heavy rainfall on June 29 and 30 in various districts of Uttarakhand, including Uttarkashi, Rudrapur, Dehradun, Tehri, Pauri, Haridwar and Nainital. Authorities have put the Chardham yatra on hold for a day for the safety of pilgrims. The Shimla Meteorological Centre has also issued a red alert for very heavy downpour in 10 districts of Himachal Pradesh, where the death toll from rain-related incidents climbed to 20 since the onset of monsoon in the state on June 20. In Uttarakhand, a landslide triggered by a cloudburst destroyed the shelters of workers engaged in the construction of a hotel along the Yamunotri National Highway in Uttarkashi district, officials said. There were 29 labourers at the campsite when the landslide occurred washing away around 10 metres of the highway. Twenty of them were evacuated to safety while nine went missing, the district emergency operation centre said. Bodies of two missing labourers were recovered from the banks of the Yamuna River near Tiladi Shaheed Smarak, about 18 km from the place where



Police rescue students trapped in a residential school after its premises got flooded due to heavy rain, in East Singhbhum district, Jharkhand

162 STUDENTS TRAPPED IN INUNDATED RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL IN JHARKHAND

PTI, JAMSHEDPUR (JHARKHAND): At least 162 students trapped in an inundated private residential school in Jharkhand's East Singhbhum district after heavy rain were rescued by the police on Sunday, a senior officer said. The students were trapped in the school located at Pandarsoli on the Haldipokhar-Kowali Road in Kowali police station area since Saturday night after the premises got flooded due to heavy rain. "We received information that 162 students of Lav Kush Residential School were trapped as the school premises were inundated due to heavy rain. As the school building was submerged, the teachers shifted all the students to the rooftop, where they spent the night. He said boats were used for the rescue operation while the NDRF was requisitioned. However, the police team rescued the students before the NDRF team's arrival, he added. Officer-in-charge Kowali police station, Dhananjay Paswan said the single-storey residential school building was completely submerged due to rain.

the landslide occurred, police said. The labourers are said to be of Nepalese origin. NDRF, SDRF and police personnel are carrying out search and rescue operations at the site, District Magistrate Prashant Arya said. The highway was blocked by landslide debris, he said, adding pilgrims returning from Yamunotri have been asked to stay at safe locations due to the blocked highway, he said. The Chardham Yatra has been postponed for a day as a precautionary step and a decision on further travel will be taken after reviewing the weather conditions along the routes on Monday, Garhwal Commissioner Vinay Shankar Pandey said. In Himachal Pradesh, three more deaths were reported in rain-related incidents since Saturday. One person each drowned in Una and Bilaspur districts while a person died after falling from a height in the Shimla district, according to the state emergency operation centre.

Violence dips, drug seizures rise in Manipur under President's rule



PTI, IMPHAL: Manipur has witnessed a significant decline in violence, with a sharp drop in civilian deaths and injuries and a marked increase in drug seizures since the imposition of President's rule in February, officials said. Besides, Manipur Police, Assam Rifles and other paramilitary forces are also working tirelessly to recover thousands of weapons looted from police armouries following the outbreak of violence in May 2023, they said. Despite the relative calm, challenges remain for the security forces to recover thousands of lost arms and

addressing the activities of the banned valley-based terrorist groups involved in extortion and petty crimes, they added. The recent crackdown on cadres of Meitei outfit Arambai Tenggol, accused of allegedly engineering violence against the Kuki people and indulging in large-scale violence within the valley, has also been helpful in bringing a sense of peace in certain parts of the state, officials said. Recently, a dismissed police head constable of Manipur Police and a prominent Arambai Tenggol leader Asem Kanan Singh and four associates were arrested in

2 militants arrested in Manipur

PTI, IMPHAL: Security forces arrested two militants belonging to proscribed outfits from Manipur's Bishnupur and Tengnoupal districts, police said on Sunday. The arrests were made on Saturday. One active cadre of the banned Kangleipak Communist Party (Taibanganba) was apprehended from his residence at Oinam Ushakhangdabi in Bishnupur, while a member of the outlawed Peoples' Liberation Army was held in Tengnoupal along the India-Myanmar border, a police officer said. a joint operation of Manipur Police and the CBI.

Mullaperiyar dam shutters opened as water level rises after heavy rain

IDUKKI: Authorities opened 13 shutters of the Mullaperiyar Dam on Sunday, releasing water into the Periyar River as the water level neared full capacity. Each shutter was raised by 10 centimetres, and around 250 cusecs of water per second is now flowing out, according to information provided by the Tamil Nadu Water Resources Department to the Kerala authorities. The shutters were opened at 11.35 am after the water level in the 128-year-old dam crossed 136 feet. The water level rose due to the heavy rainfall in the dam's catchment areas over the past few days. The move follows days of preparation by the Idukki district administration after Tamil Nadu, which operates the dam, indicated it might open the gates once the water level reached 136 feet.

Two shot at during clash between two groups in Bihar

PATNA: Two persons sustained gunshot wounds during a brawl between two groups of people in Patna's Gaurichak area on Sunday, police said. Those injured were identified as Shiv Prakash and Aditya Kumar. Speaking to reporters Patna Sadar Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO-2) Satyakam said, "Preliminary investigations have revealed that two groups entered into a fight at Jujharpur village in Gaurichak police station area on Sunday morning." During the clash, some suspects fired at Shiv Prakash and Aditya Kumar and fled the spot, he added. Police reached the spot and took the injured to the nearest government hospital, the SDPO said, adding their condition is reported to be out of danger. A case has been registered and a manhunt launched to nab the accused, he added.

Jharkhand: Brown sugar worth Rs 60 lakh seized, 2 arrested

CHATRA: Two people have been arrested and 286 gm of brown sugar has been seized from their possession in Jharkhand's Chatra district, police said on Sunday. The accused, identified as Abhimanyu Kumar Sao (20) and Nitesh Kumar (19), were arrested during a drive near a football ground in Gidhour police station area on Saturday evening, they said. Chatra Superintendent of Police (SP) Sumit Kumar Agarwal said the estimated market price of the seized brown sugar would be around Rs 60 lakh. He said an electronic weighing machine and five mobile phones were also seized from their possession.

Man killed in elephant attack in Chhattisgarh

DHAMTARI: A 35-year-old man was trampled to death by a wild elephant at a village in Chhattisgarh's Dhamtari district, a forest official said on Sunday. The attack occurred on Saturday evening in Lilar village under the Dhamtari forest range when the victim, Devcharan Nishad, was heading to a farm with another villager, the official said. He said the duo spotted the animal, and while the other man managed to flee, the elephant picked him Nishad and trampled him to death. After being alerted about the incident, forest personnel reached the spot and sent the body for post-mortem, the official said. He said an immediate aid of Rs 25,000 was provided to the kin of the deceased, and the remaining compensation will be disbursed once the necessary formalities are completed.

Teenager held for raping minor in UP

BULANDSHAHR: A 14-year-old boy was apprehended for allegedly raping a seven-year-old girl here, police said on Saturday. According to police, the incident occurred on the evening of June 17 when the girl had gone to fetch water near her house. The accused, a resident of the same village, allegedly raped her, police said. In the police complaint, the girl's father said that following the incident, he called the accused's father. However, he allegedly threatened to kill the survivor and abused him on the call, police said. Based on the complaint, a case was registered against the accused and his father.

Bengal: Three family members killed in Ansol house fire

KOLKATA: Three members of a family were killed when a fire broke out at their Ansol house in West Bengal's Paschim Bardhaman district early on Sunday, a senior police officer said. According to their neighbours, the fire started around 2 am on the ground floor of the standalone building. Upon seeing the flames, security guards from a nearby apartment complex, along with local residents, rushed to the scene and tried to douse the blaze. A fire tender also reached the spot soon after, the officer said.

Cong appoints 58 observers for Bihar polls

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Congress on Sunday named 58 observers for the Bihar Assembly polls as the party stepped up efforts to get battle ready for the elections later this year. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge appointed 58 AICC observers for the polls which included the likes of Wing Commander Anuma Acharya (ret'd), Ali Mehandi, Ashok Chandna, Manoj Yadav, Nadeem Javed, Shoaib Khan, Akhilesh Yadav, Virender Yadav, among others.

HPV virus major factor for rise in cancer cases among Indian youth, say doctors

PTI, NEW DELHI: A growing number of oncologists across India have expressed concern over Human Papillomavirus (HPV) becoming a major contributing factor in the rise of cancers in young Indians, particularly among those in their twenties and thirties. With increasing cases of cervical, oral, and oropharyngeal cancers linked to HPV infection, experts believe India is on the brink of a preventable cancer crisis if urgent measures are not implemented. Dr Ashish Gupta, Chief of

Medical Oncology at Amerix Cancer Hospital, New Delhi, said, "HPV-related cancers are striking far earlier than we used to see. Patients in their twenties are coming in with cervical, oral, and throat cancers -- many of which could have been avoided entirely with timely vaccination and proper awareness." "What's most heartbreaking is that HPV is preventable, yet many families and individuals are not even aware of the risk," Dr Gupta said. Unlike other cancers

that develop over decades, HPV-related cancers in young people often progress rapidly and silently. Prevention through vaccination and early screening should be treated with the same urgency as any national health emergency. "We need a focused, stigma-free, countrywide campaign that reaches schools, colleges, and parents," Gupta said. The virus, which spreads primarily through intimate skin-to-skin contact, is known to be one of the most common sexually transmit-

ted infections globally. While the body clears most HPV infections on its own, certain high-risk strains can persist and lead to cancer. In women, it is the leading cause of cervical cancer, while in men and women alike, it is now strongly linked to oral, anal, and throat cancers. What troubles experts further is the lack of awareness and the social stigma that surrounds HPV discussions in India -- leading to poor vaccination rates and negligible screening coverage.

Dr Shubham Garg, Senior Oncologist at Dharamshila Narayana Superspeciality Hospital said, "HPV-related cancers don't give you many symptoms early on. That's why routine screening is so vital. A young woman with no symptoms may already have precancerous changes in the cervix. Similarly, oral HPV infections in men often go unnoticed until they present with full-blown tumors. Without education, vaccination, and routine checkups, we're allowing preventable cancers to spread unchecked."