



Former union minister and BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad addresses a press conference at the party office, in Patna



Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat speaks during 'Yoga Connect', a global summit organised to mark ten years of celebrations in New Delhi



Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu with Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol addresses a press conference, in New Delhi



Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra after inaugurating a Smart Anganwadi, part of the Aspirational District Programme in Wayanad

Six plane crash victims identified on basis of DNA samples: Officials

PTI, AHMEDABAD: Authorities at the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital have so far identified eleven victims of the June 12 Air India plane crash through DNA testing and started the process to hand over the bodies to their relatives, officials said on Saturday.

Speaking at a press conference, Dr Rajnish Patel, professor of surgery at the government-run B J Medical College, said the mortal remains of one victim were handed over to the family on Saturday while those of another two victims will be handed over

by the day's end.

"DNAs of 11 victims of Ahmedabad plane crash have matched with kin so far," he said.

The civil hospital will contact the families as soon as a DNA match is found, and they should not rush to the hospital, he added.

The bodies of eight victims, who were identified by their relatives and did not need DNA profiling, have already been handed over to their families by the hospital, officials had said earlier.

Alok Pandey, Relief Commissioner and Revenue Secretary of Gujarat, said the deceased from the state hailed from 18 of the 33 districts.

As many as 230 teams were formed to coordinate with the families and the kin of 11 foreign nationals who died in the tragedy too have been contacted, he said.

The victims included 241 of the 242 passengers and crew members on board the London-bound flight. One passenger miraculously survived.

MANGALURU PLANE CRASH SURVIVORS RECALL HORROR, GRATITUDE 15 YEARS ON

PTI, MANGALURU (KARNATAKA): Fifteen years after the tragic crash of Air India Express flight IX 812 in Mangaluru airport, which killed 158 people, a survivor of the accident, K Pradeep, still recalls the day with solemn reflection and quiet gratitude. That aircraft overran the runway on May 22, 2010 and crashed. Pradeep, now a civil contractor in the city, visits the crash memorial at Kulur every May 22. He lays flowers at the plaque, stands in silence for the lives lost, and offers prayers. "It was the charity work done by my parents and their blessings that saved me," he told PTI, recalling the horrific moment when the Boeing 737 aircraft failed to stop and plunged into a gorge. After paying tribute, he also visits temples to thank the divine for what he calls a miraculous escape. Another survivor, Usman Farooq, who now works with an ambulance service, also believes his survival was due to divine intervention. He remembers how the portion of the aircraft near the wing, where he was seated, broke apart just in time to allow his escape. Farooq said he owes his life to the Almighty and sees his work in emergency services as a way of giving back.

Doctors on Saturday said around 270 bodies have been brought to the hospital from the air crash site so far.

The sole survivor, Vishwas Kumar Ramesh, is stable, recovering well and absolutely out of danger, Dr Patel told reporters, adding that most of the

injured persons have been discharged and "one or two" are in critical care.

The London-bound Air India flight from Ahmedabad crashed into the premises of the B J Medical College hostel complex in the Meghanagar area moments after taking off from the Sardar Vallabh-

bhai Patel International Airport on Thursday afternoon.

As many of the bodies are burnt beyond recognition or damaged otherwise, authorities are carrying out DNA tests to establish the identity of the victims.

In order to expedite the DNA matching process, Gujarat Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi held a meeting with the officials of the state Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) on Saturday.

"Apart from forensic experts from all over Gujarat, several experts sent by the Centre are working round the clock to match DNA samples. As soon as the results come, we send them to the civil hospital so that families can claim the bodies," he told reporters.

"As of Friday, relatives of nearly 220 deceased persons had approached the police to give their samples," said police inspector Chirag Gosai, who is handling the affairs at the post-mortem room. They are sent to BJ Medical College, he added.

Teen who shot viral video of Ahmedabad plane crash records statement as witness

KOZHIKODE CRASH SURVIVOR RELIVES TRAUMA AFTER AHMEDABAD TRAGEDY

PTI, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: He is still finding it hard to come to terms with the horrendous memories he had on board a crashed aeroplane around five years ago. The jerking sounds, screams of children and a call from a fellow passenger from behind to pray to the Almighty were still part of his nightmares, said Ashique, a Keralite man who had a narrow escape in the flight crash that happened at Kozhikode airport in 2020. The tragic plane crash in Ahmedabad, which killed 241 people on board a London-bound Air India flight on Thursday, brought the horrors of the Kozhikode flight accident back to the minds of people, including Ashique.

He came with his father to give a statement as a witness. He was then sent away with his father. No arrests or detentions have been made," the Crime Branch said.

Talking to reporters, Aryan said the crash happened 24 seconds after he started recording. "I felt very scared because of what I witnessed. My sister was the first one to see my video, who then informed my father. I had no idea the flight would crash," he said.

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Red Alert in Coastal Ka'taka

PTI, MANGALURU (KARNATAKA): The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for coastal Karnataka, including Dakshina Kannada district, where heavy rainfall since Saturday afternoon has disrupted daily life.

Several low-lying areas of Mangaluru city have reported waterlogging. Roads beneath the Pumpwell flyover were submerged, causing severe traffic disruptions. A bus broke down at a flooded street, prompting passengers and locals to push it to the roadside. Roads on Car Street, Lower Bendur, Kottara and few other low lying areas have reported heavy inundation and flooding.

The red alert remains in effect until the morning of June 16, with authorities warning of continued heavy rainfall across the Dakshina Kannada district.

Four Naxalites killed in MP encounter include 3 women

Security forces had received intelligence inputs about the presence of a group of Maoists belonging to GRB division. Acting on the tip-off, a joint search operation was launched by Hawk Force, district police, and CRPF personnel. During the operation, the Maoists opened fire on security personnel with an intention to inflict casualties and loot their weapons

— Aditya Mishra, Superintendent of Police

which a large number of police officers and jawans are engaged, is still underway, he said. "Hearty congratulations to our indomitable, courageous soldiers and senior police officers of the state for this success," CM Yadav added.

Talking to PTI over the phone, Balaghat Zone Inspector General of Police Sanjay Kumar said efforts to identify the deceased Naxalites were on.

The operation against the Naxalites is still on, he said from the spot located in Roopjhar police station limits, about 40 km from the district headquarters.

The operation was launched following intelligence inputs about their movement received last evening, he said. Superintendent of Police Aditya Mishra said the Maoists killed were hardcore cadres of the MMC zone's GRB division, adding that efforts are underway to ascertain their identities.

"Security forces had received intelligence inputs about the presence of a group of Maoists belonging to GRB division. Acting on the tip-off, a joint search operation was launched by Hawk Force, district police, and CRPF personnel. During the operation, the Maoists opened fire on security personnel with an intention to inflict casualties and loot their weapons," Mishra said.

Skoda Auto outlines framework to boost India growth plan

Team Herald

PANJIM: The year 2025 marks an important milestone for Skoda Auto worldwide, celebrating 130 years of rich history and 25 exciting years in India. Building on the strategy of getting closer to customers, Skoda Auto India has outlined a slew of key brand, product, network, and customer-centric initiatives to drive momentum in the Indian market.

Ashish Gupta, Brand Director, Skoda Auto India, said, "India is the most important growth market for Skoda Auto outside Europe. We are focused on building a strong, future-ready brand with strength of purpose, clarity of vision, and agility of execution. Our product offensive strategy is in tune with evolving consumer needs and aspirations, fuelling our journey of progress. We are getting closer to customers, strategically expanding our network, and reinforcing our legacy of quality, safety, and value. With the



wheels in motion across all our business imperatives, 2025 will be the year where we significantly strengthen the brand and surge ahead in India."

According to a press release, Skoda Auto India's product offensive strategy includes an 'SUV for Everyone' and enhancing its sedan heritage. With the Kylaq, Kushaq, and Kodiaq catering to every SUV aspiration and price point, Skoda Auto India will also build its sedan legacy driven by the Slavia and a soon-to-be-launched 'global icon'.

Skoda Auto India continues with its vision of expanding to tier II and tier III markets. From over 165 cities today, the brand targets being present in over 200 cities this year. The company has already grown from 120 custom-

er touch points in 2021 to over 290 today, with an aim for 350 touch points by the end of 2025, the press release further states.

Skoda Auto India has a clear intent to further strengthen business complementors like its certified pre-owned business to power its growth. While it already caters to government agencies and other fleets, the brand will focus on renewed actions at garnering further growth from these avenues, while enhancing corporate and rural channels, it adds.

Together with expanding the quantity of customer touch points, Skoda Auto India is focusing on the quality of the purchase and ownership experience by increasing loyalty and building trust, the release states.

Cholera detected in Odisha; diarrhoea toll rises to 5

PTI, BHUBANESWAR/JAJPUR (ODISHA): With the death toll due to diarrhoea rising to five on Saturday and 1,500 others being infected with the water-borne disease in Odisha's Jajpur, the Centre rushed three separate expert teams to study the ground situation in the district where some cases of cholera have also been detected, officials said.

The Jajpur district administration has cancelled Raja festival holidays for government officials and also banned community feasts on the occasion as the disease spread to fresh areas.

"In view of the diarrhoea outbreak in different parts of the district, the holidays from June 14 to 16 are hereby cancelled. All offices in Jajpur district will remain open as usual and the services of employees will be utilised in case of exigency," the order issued by the district collector said.

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Sr. No. 1: Name of Work: Repairs of damaged ballast retainer of bridges in Karwar Region of KRCL. (Tender No: KR/KW/OL/W/2024/80/RB/RT-1). **Cost of the work in Rs. (Excluding GST):** ₹ 27,70,983.93/- **Closing Date & Time:** 30/06/2025 at 15:00 Hrs.

Sr. No. 2: Name of Work: Elimination of defective welds in SEN/MAO Section. (Tender No: KR/KW/OL/W/2025/27/RB). **Cost of the work in Rs. (Excluding GST):** ₹ 12,20,117.71/- **Closing Date & Time:** 30/06/2025 at 15:00 Hrs.

For further details, contact Office of Sr. Regional Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. Karwar, Karnataka. For more details visit (<https://www.ireps.gov.in>)

COMUNIDADE OF LOUTOLIM LOUTOLIM, SALTETE - GOA - 403718

NOTICE

The above mentioned Comunidade is hereby convened for General Body Meeting to be held on Sunday 29th June 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the office premises of the LoutolimComunidade in order to discuss and deliberate/opine on the following agenda.

AGENDA

1. To discuss and deliberate upon encroachment and illegal construction by Loutolim Village Panchayat in land bearing Sy.No.90/1 belonging to the Comunidade of Loutolim.
2. To opine on aforamento granted by Comunidade for specific purpose that have been since sold/Leased and / or where the purpose of grant have been changed and where further land of Comunidade is encroached upon.
3. To discuss and deliberate on repairs and maintenance works proposal to be carried out to the Comunidade building.
4. To opine on development of Comunidade property bearing Sy.No.578/4, 569/1,570/1 (P) & 90/1 (P) into residential plots to be granted on aforamento basis with first preference to needy components of the Comunidade.
5. To discuss and deliberate upon an application dated 15/04/2025 received from Mr.HipolitoD'costa requesting financial assistance in 3 cases filed in the court by Hipolito and other components in 2014 to reclaim vast Comunidade properties fraudulently usurped and/or encroached upon.
6. To opine on change of classification / reservation of land bearing L.R.No.LXXXI in the livre de Tombo in terms of present use of the said lands.
7. To discuss & Deliberate upon auction of sluice gates belonging to the Comunidade being conducted by Tenants Associations wherein a circular has been issued by the Mamlatdar to Tenants Associations demanding payment of 20% of annual auction amount to the Mamlatdar.

Therefore allthe Joneiros/shareholders of the above Comunidade are hereby requested to remain present for the meeting.

The President, Blaise Do Socorro Brito
Comunidade of Loutolim

The Clerk/Escrivao, Keshav B. Naik
Comunidade of Loutolim