

IN BRIEF



Seven more cases against Chhota Rajan

MUMBAI
The CBI has taken over seven more cases registered against gangster Rajendra Nikhalje alias Chhota Rajan for further investigation. Charges invoked in the cases range from attempt to murder to extortion to criminal intimidation, officers said.

Six naxals killed in Chhattisgarh

RAIPUR
Six naxals were killed in three separate encounters with the police in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region on Friday night and Saturday, officials said. The encounters took place in Sukma, Bijapur and Dantewada districts. PTI

Truck operator fined ₹6.5 lakh in Odisha

BHUBANESHWAR
The transport authority of Odisha has slapped a penalty to the tune of ₹6,53,100 on a truck operator in Sambalpur district, which is being dubbed as the single-highest imposition in the State. The amount would have been much higher had the truck operator been penalised as per the amended Motor Vehicles Act.

Ex-Customs officer, wife booked in wealth case

MUMBAI
The Central Bureau of Investigation has booked a former Customs officer after his assets were allegedly found to be a staggering 1,293% more than his income as a government employee. The accused retired in August 2018 as an Assistant Commissioner.

E-auction for gifts given to PM Modi starts

NEW DELHI
An e-auction for around 2,700 gifts given to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the past six months was started by the Union Culture Ministry's National Gallery of Modern Art on Saturday. The proceeds would go towards the government's Namami Gange project.

Ships of the desert



Camel fair: A Kachhi Rabari herder leading his camels to an annual fair at Kotda Chakar, near Bhuj in Gujarat, on Saturday. Nearly a thousand camels and sheep are brought to the fair, aimed at invoking the blessings of Goddess Momay Mataji. •VIJAY SONEJI

Alert man saved 8 lives when immersion took a tragic turn

Bhopal Collector presents ₹50,000 to Nitin, a fish seller

SIDHARTH YADAV
BHOPAL

Nitin Batham was whiling away his time by the Lower Lake on Friday when he noticed a 20-foot Ganesha idol about to be immersed by young men crammed in two wobbly country boats. "As they pushed the idol from the boats, and the boats capsized," he says. He quickly ran to the lake, untied a boat, and hopped in, letting his nephew Viren Batham row it furiously towards the mass of flailing arms.

One by one, he saved eight of the 19 who were on the two boats. "By the time we reached the spot, 10 others had already drowned," he says.

Although he dropped out of school after Class 8, Nitin, 28, attended swimming les-



Nitin Batham

sons diligently and took part in numerous competitions. Bhopal Collector Tarun Kumar Pithode presented ₹50,000 to Nitin on Saturday and said his name would be recommended to the Centre for an honour for showing the courage to save so many lives.

Meanwhile, Mukesh Batham, pushes ashore battered idol frames bobbing on the calm waters of the lake. Sprucing up the ghat ahead of the Durga Puja, barely 20 days away, is the next chal-

lenge for the Municipal Corporation.

Each year, ghat-based rituals provide a lucrative opportunity for Bathams, who are the fisherfolk and traditional divers residing on the edge of the lake. Lugging idols from trucks and arranging cranes, to ferrying boats for immersion, they even find work as government rescuers.

"We are called whenever a corpse needs to be retrieved from a water body," says Sanjay Batham, who dived 18 feet into the lake on Friday to get back three bodies, "but now those from our community are being made scapegoats. The poor bear the brunt each time".

On the one hand, Mr. Nitin is being celebrated for his heroism, four fishermen from the community, were arrested on Friday. A day later, three fishermen were rescued after their boat capsized in the lake.

Narmada dam at its highest level, to overflow for first time

Narendra Modi to visit State on September 17, his birthday, to offer prayers

MAHESH LANGA
AHMEDABAD

Gujarat's Narmada dam is set to overflow at its full 138.68-metre height for the first time, after it was completed with the installation of gates in 2017, amid State-wide celebrations the government has planned to mark the event.

As on 5 p.m. on Saturday, the level was at 138.14 metre, just 54 cm below the highest/overflow point.

Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Ltd. (SSNNL) Managing Director Rajiv Kumar Gupta said, "Sardar Sarovar Dam: further storage necessary to control flood situation in Bharuch city due to high tide and 175 villages in three districts. The district administration requested to control outflow. Level



With large amounts of water being released from M.P. dams, SSD is receiving heavy inflow •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

touched historic mark 138 metres today.

"For it to reach the full height will depend on technical and natural factors," he said. "With large amounts of water being released from the Omkareshwar and the Indira Sagar dams in Madhya Pradesh, the dam is receiving heavy inflow."

As per the details shared by the Narmada Flood Control room, the inflow was 8,94,730 cusecs, the outflow 6,30,444 cusecs and 23 gates were open up to 3.9 meters.

After the installation and closure of 30 gates in 2017, its maximum height increased from 121.92 m to 138.68 m.

Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, who announced the celebrations, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi would present on his birthday on September 17 to offer prayers at the dam. He said the PM had accepted the invitation to kick-start the celebrations.

To mark the Prime Minister's birthday, the Gujarat government and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party have decided to organise events to commemorate filling up of the dam and other reservoirs.

Mr. Rupani said the State need not require any permission from any authority to fill the dam till its maximum storage capacity, dismissing Madhya Pradesh government's concerns about rising storage level that floods some villages there.

Attack on policeman: four dismissed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Amrinder Singh on Saturday ordered the dismissal of three policemen and a home guard for not coming to the rescue of a Punjab Police Sub-Inspector, who was attacked by a group of drug smugglers in Chogawan village in Tarn Taran on September 13.

The officers and the home guard were dismissed following an inquiry by IG Border into the role of the raiding police party.

An official spokesperson said the Chief Minister was angered by the incident and had said that such "cowardly behaviour" was "unacceptable".

Five people have been arrested so far for the assault on the Sub-Inspector.

Right-wing outfit defaces Babur Road signboard

The organisation calls Babur a foreigner and invader

SAURABH TRIVEDI
NEW DELHI

Fringe right-wing organisation Hindu Sena defaced the signboard of Babur Road at Bengali Market in New Delhi with black paint on Saturday morning.

The outfit has demanded that the name of Babur Road be changed. According to the organisation, the Mughal emperor was a foreigner who attacked India.

Hindu's prerogative

The country belonged to Ram, Krishna, Sant Ravidas and Maha Rishi Valmiki, it said.

A senior police officer said that the patrolling staff noticed the defaced road



A policemen clicking the Babar Road signboard which was blackened in New Delhi. •R.V. MOORTHY

signboard and alerted the Barakhamba police station about it.

"We have received no complaint regarding the de-

placement. We have alerted the civic agency about it and requested them to restore it as soon as possible," said the officer.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely over Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, eastern Rajasthan, western Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Assam, Meghalaya and Gujarat.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.6	35.0	26.0	Kozhikode	2.6	32.4	25.4
Ahmedabad	2.9	29.0	26.1	Kurnool	4.0	34.1	24.8
Aizawl	4.0	29.7	11.7	Lucknow	4.0	34.4	25.8
Allahabad	1.3	33.4	26.4	Madurai	17.5	35.2	22.6
Bengaluru	3.0	30.7	21.2	Mangaluru	2.5	30.3	24.0
Bhopal	34.8	31.3	22.4	Mumbai	23.4	30.9	24.6
Bhubaneswar	33.4	31.3	25.5	Mysuru	31.2	31.2	20.3
Chandigarh	33.7	33.7	26.7	New Delhi	35.2	35.2	27.6
Chennai	34.9	34.9	24.7	Patna	56.0	34.2	25.0
Coimbatore	8.8	33.2	23.8	Port Blair	2.6	27.7	22.0
Dehradun	3.7	31.8	24.5	Puducherry	33.1	33.2	24.2
Gangtok	6.0	20.5	17.2	Pune	14.3	27.6	21.9
Guwahati	3.9	32.7	25.2	Raipur	32.5	32.5	23.6
Hubballi	27.0	32.7	22.0	Ranchi	31.8	31.8	23.0
Hyderabad	32.6	32.6	23.3	Shillong	14.9	23.9	16.5
Imphal	0.2	29.6	21.5	Shimla	23.6	23.6	16.5
Jaipur	1.3	35.8	24.8	Srinagar	31.5	31.5	12.6
Kochi	0.6	30.6	25.2	Thiruvananthapuram	1.6	31.0	24.4
Kohima	7.0	32.7	18.0	Tiruchi	4.8	35.7	24.0
Kolkata	0.2	33.9	27.0	Vijayawada	14.8	34.5	25.0
				Visakhapatnam	4.2	31.3	25.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

CITIES	SO ₂	NO ₂	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	80	74	88	120	120	Red
Bengaluru	9	59	80	101	101	Orange
Chennai	7	11	21	53	53	Green
Delhi	8	47	15	52	176	Yellow
Hyderabad	49	25	13	32	67	Green
Kolkata	6	26	13	32	78	Green
Lucknow	8	35	51	74	74	Green
Mumbai	12	38	7	32	82	Green
Pune	74	8	67	36	36	Green
Visakhapatnam	14	56	31	79	102	Green

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI)
SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.
NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.
CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.
PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease.

NGMA gets ready to reopen renovated Jaipur House

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

After over a year of renovations aimed at restoring its earlier glory, Jaipur House - built as the home of the Maharaja of Jaipur in 1936 and serving as the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) since 1954 - is likely to welcome visitors next week.

With a focus on preserving its architectural heritage, the renovations have also led

to more space for exhibiting art in the building. NGMA director Ritu Sharma said while earlier many of the 50 rooms in Jaipur House were out of bounds for visitors as they were used to store artworks, now the entire building would be used for exhibitions. Storage has been moved out into the adjacent buildings in the complex constructed more recently.

"It is more of a restora-

tion, not renovation as it has been in-tune with the heritage of the structure. For instance, cooling was an issue so we placed the air-conditioning units on the ground so as not to damage the beautiful arches of the building," she said.

While the restored Jaipur House is expected to open on September 17 with an exhibition of around 1,000 works of Padma Shri awar-

dee and Gandhian Upendra Maharathi, the treasures housed by the NGMA, including works by Amrita Shergil and M.F. Hussain, are expected to be displayed only next year as the building would remain under the care of the Central Public Works Department for finishing touches.

Culture ministry sources said PM Modi had visited the site on August 15.



The building was built in 1936 as the home of the Maharaja of Jaipur.

More whistling villages: MP stirs problem of plenty for Meghalaya

Mothers call their children by a tune in 23 villages

RAHUL KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI

A Rajya Sabha member appears to have struck the wrong note for a cluster of villages in Meghalaya by singing paeans to one of them in the Parliament.

Almost a month ago, the Bharatiya Janata Party's Rakesh Sinha asked the government to ensure the inclusion of Kongthong village in the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage for preserving its practice of giving each child a unique tune - called jingwai iawbei in the Khasi language - instead of a name.

Not amused
This has not amused 22 other villages around Kongthong that have a similar practice of mothers composing a tune for her child until they attain a certain age to be called by "normal" names. "We are happy for Kongthong. But the world should take note that it is



People hope that attention to the whistling tradition would ensure better facilities.

not the only whistling village. Out of the 53 villages in the Khat-ar Shnong area, 23 communicate through whistling and calling each other by a tune. Only one village should not get recognition," said Kynthew Khongshei, the sordar or headman of Mawshuit village.

Khat-ar means an area belonging to 12 clans of the Khasi community and Shnong means village. The area comes under the Sohra Hima (a kingdom-like traditional administrative unit) headed by a syiem or chieftain.

Sohra is the local name for Cherrapunjee in East Khasi Hills district.

"Villages such as Mawshuit, Khrang, Mawmang, Mawsawmah and Warbah have had the same tradition as Kongthong. So all these villages deserve to get the same focus as Kongthong," Freeman Syiem, the chieftain of Sohra, told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Syiem said he would coordinate a meeting among the heads of the 23 musical villages and the government if the move for the UNESCO tag takes concrete shape.

The heads of the other villages hoped the world's attention to their whistling tradition would ensure at least a road like the one to Kongthong.

In 2017, UNESCO had put Turkey's whistled language on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in need of urgent safeguarding.

The UN body said that whistled language is a method of communication that uses whistling to simulate and articulate words.

Rape survivor gives pen drive with videos to SIT

Chinmayanand's home searched

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SHARJAHANPUR

The postgraduate student who has accused BJP leader Chinmayanand of rape on Saturday gave a pen drive containing 43 videos to the SIT to support her allegations.

The woman was asked by the SIT to submit whatever evidence she had against the former Union Minister. The special investigation team questioned the student on Friday and collected evidence from Chinmayanand's bedroom here, sources said on Saturday.

The SIT, formed on the orders of the Supreme Court, had brought the woman to Chinmayanand's home on Friday morning where they continued the probe for around five hours, the sources said.

The special team has called the student's mother for questioning on Saturday, they said.

Chinmayanand, whose organisation runs several colleges, was questioned for about seven hours at the police lines here on Thursday night and his bedroom was sealed, they said.

A team of forensic experts was also present at the residence. The woman alleged that important evidence has been removed from Chinmayanand's bedroom and it now wears a new look.

Woman, child killed by villagers

STAFF REPORTER
BHUBANESWAR

Witch-hunting reared its ugly head again when a woman and her five-year-old daughter were killed by fellow villagers in Odisha's Sundargarh district. Their bodies, packed in sacks, were thrown into the swollen Brahmani river.

While the body of the woman was recovered four days after the murder, the girl's body was still not traceable. The woman's husband, who escaped from the attack, described the horrifying incident to the police.

Sundargarh police registered a case sou motu after recovering the body from a river ghat in Bonai area. According to police, the incident had taken place in Rabanjhola village under Chandiposh police station limits on September 9.

Villagers had held Gangi Kerketa and her five year daughter responsible for their 'misfortune'. They branded Gangi as a witch and decided to eliminate the family.

After killing the two, the villagers had thrown bodies into the river. The husband of the woman identified the body. Many male members in the village have fled fearing arrest.

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