

IN BRIEF



Gandhi's statue desecrated in Jharkhand
HAZARIBAG
A statue of Mahatma Gandhi, erected here in 1948, has been desecrated by miscreants, officials said on Sunday. The statue was built at the Gandhi Ghat by the bank of the Konar river where ashes of Gandhi were immersed. "The statue at Kumbhartoli locality has been damaged in the night of February 8. A new statue will be erected there soon," Hazaribag Deputy Commissioner Bhuvanesh Pratap Singh said. PTI

Ahmedabad factory fire toll rises to 7, say police
AHMEDABAD
The death toll in the Saturday's cloth factory fire here in Gujarat mounted to seven on Sunday with the recovery of two more charred bodies, police said. The police also booked six officials of the factory, under the Section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and other sections of the IPC, and arrested three of them on Sunday. A huge fire erupted at the Nadan denim factory in Narol on Saturday. PTI

M.P. villagers set ablaze bus involved in accident
KHANDWA
Villagers in Khandwa in Madhya Pradesh on Sunday set ablaze a bus after it hit a motorcycle killing two people and injuring one, the police said. The incident took place near Dodwada village on Khandwa-Indore Road, said sub-divisional officer of police K.P. David. Mayabai and her nephew Shiram were killed, while her husband Akhilesh was injured when the bus hit their vehicle from the rear. PTI

A record in West Bengal madrasah exam

Close to 18% of the 70,000 students expected to take the school-leaving exam are Hindus

SUVOJIT BAGCHI
KOLKATA

A record number of Hindu students are among the nearly 70,000 expected to sit for the school-leaving examination of the West Bengal Madrasah Board from Monday. Nearly 18% of the students registered for the High Madrasah examination, or Standard X examination, are Hindus. In 2019, 12.77% of the students who appeared for the examination were non-Muslim, said Abu Taher Kamruddin, president of the West Bengal Madrasah Education Board.

"In the past couple of years, we are witnessing a 2%-3% rise in the number of students appearing for the examination," he said. But the figure usually comes



More takers: The Madrasah education follows the Secondary Education Board's syllabus almost entirely. ■ R.V. MOORTHY

down "a little" because not all the registered students will sit for the examination, he told *The Hindu*. "Even then, the final figure is expected to be 2-3% more than last year's," he added. A large number of students have enrolled themselves in madrasahs up to Class X, challenging the mis-

conception that only Muslim students study in these institutions.

"In Purulia, Birbhum and Bankura districts, we have four big madrasahs, where non-Muslim students outnumber the Muslim students," Mr. Kamruddin said. The madrasahs follow the Secondary Education Board's syllabus "almost entirely".

Streams of education
The school education under the Madrasah Board has two streams: the High Madrasah, where Arabic is optional, and Senior Madrasah, which teaches theology.

"The non-Muslims mainly enrol themselves in High Madrasah as it follows the Secondary Board's syllabus,"

Mr. Kamruddin said.

An observer of primary education said the number of students under the Secondary Board is huge, a reason enough for parents to admit their children to schools under the Madrasah Board, especially in rural areas.

There are over 600 government-funded Madrasahs in the State. They were studied in the past by experts from across the world for their unique characteristics. One of them is to admit girls.

"Last year, a little less than 60% students, both Muslims and non-Muslims, who appeared for the examination, were girls," Mr. Kamruddin said.

Experts say the drop-out rate among the boys, however, remains very high.

Bus touches low-hanging power cable in Odisha, 10 killed

Many passengers sustained high voltage shocks

STAFF REPORTER
BERHAMPUR

Ten persons, including five women, were electrocuted to death and more than 25 were injured when the bus in which they were travelling in came in contact with a low-hanging 11KV power transmission cable at Mendarajpur under the Golanthara police station area of Odisha's Ganjam district on Sunday.

Around 45 passengers in the bus were travelling from Dankalpadu village to Chikarada to attend a pre-wedding function. The groom was travelling in a car. While proceeding on the Golanthara-Tulu road, the metal goods



Fatal shock: The bus which caught fire after coming into contact with a power cable in Ganjam district on Sunday. ■ PTI

carriage on the top of the AC sleeper bus came into contact with the cable hanging on a side of the narrow village road near Mendarajpur. According to Chief Fire Officer, southern range, Sukant Sethi, the passengers received high voltage shock.

Till Sunday evening, nine patients were under treatment in hospital, while nine others injuries were shifted to SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack. A 11-year-old boy died on the way to Berhampur, increasing the death toll to 10.

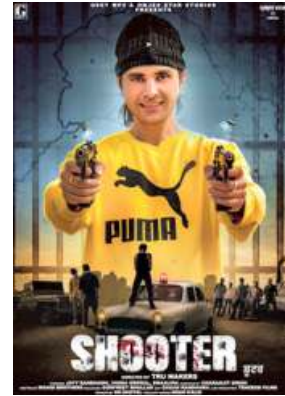
Punjab bans *Shooter* for 'promoting violence'

Film based on life of gangster Kahlwan

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

The Punjab government on Sunday ordered a ban on Punjabi movie *Shooter*, which is based on the life and crimes of notorious gangster Sukha Kahlwan on the ground that it promotes violence, heinous crimes, extortion, threats and criminal intimidation.

In a statement, DGP Dinkar Gupta said the matter of banning the controversial movie was discussed with Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Friday, along with a proposal from ADGP Intelligence Varinder Kumar. The movie's trailer, released on January 18, suggested that the film was highly



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radical.

The DGP had been asked to look into the role of the promoters, directors and actors.

Mumbai exhibition to trace history of Air India

Photographs of the national carrier through the years will be on display from February 13 to 16

JHELUM BHATTACHARYA
MUMBAI

Air India might be on the block, but the rich history it carries will be the focus of Maharaja of the Skies — An Indian Heritage, a pictorial exhibition on the journey of India's national carrier.

Organised by the Society for Culture and Environment, the three-day exhibition will be held at the Nehru Centre in Worli between February 13 and 16. The event will be inaugurated by Air India Chairman and Managing Director Ashwani Lohani.

Meera Das, secretary of the Society for Culture and Environment, who has curated the exhibition, said there



Glimpse of the past: There will be 125 panels displaying Air India's archived photographs. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

would be 2,200 photographs and eight posters on display. These include the Air India calendar being created.

The exhibition will have 10 sections, namely The Beginning, JRD, Art Collection,

Fleet and Engineering, Service Mission, Maharajah, Booking Offices, Advertising and Promotion, Inflight Services, and Cargo. There will be 125 panels displaying Air India archived photographs.

Among the photographs on display will be those from a wedding that took place on an aircraft.

In-flight wedding
"Visuals from an in-flight wedding arranged by jeweller Laxman Popley in 1994 as a gift to his son and daughter-in-law will be on display. The aircraft was beautifully decorated and the guests were given specially-designed tickets and boarding passes. All this will be there for visitors to see," said Uttara Parikh, a former management trainee who went on to retire as deputy commercial director of advertising and promotions and product de-

velopment, Air India. Ms. Parikh is helping in bringing out the national carrier's history through this exhibition.

Post the wedding, the airline presented free tickets to the newly-weds to Switzerland. Also on display will be photos of dresses designed by the late Roshan Kalapesi, who designed crew outfits with a pink theme to represent Jaipur. For her work, Kalapesi was gifted a ticket to London and back. Ms. Parikh said artist B. Prabha had done a series of paintings on Indian Women as a theme in 1956. The airline bought these paintings for ₹87.50 with an idea to promote them on the menu cards.

GRP constable carries man to ambulance on shoulder

Policeman realises stretcher would take time to arrive

DHAIRYA GAJARA
MUMBAI

A constable with the Government Railway Police (GRP) saved the life of a Mumbai resident by hoisting him on his shoulder and carrying him to the ambulance without waiting for a stretcher.

According to GRP officials, Prakash Gachhe, 45, got off a train at Ghatkopar station around 9 a.m. on Friday. He felt a pain in his chest and started calling for help. Constable Dhananjay Gawli, posted with the Kurla GRP, was on duty at the time and rushed to his assistance.



Constable Dhananjay Gawli carrying passenger Prakash Gachhe to the ambulance.

"An announcement was made for a stretcher to pick up Mr. Gachhe, but I realised that none of the stretcher

bearers were around and he was in too much pain. I picked him up on my shoulders and took him to the ambulance, which was standing outside the railway station. He was rushed to Rajawadi Hospital," Mr. Gawli said.

Mr. Gachhe was admitted to the medical intensive care unit, where doctors said he would be kept under observation for a few days.

"When Mr. Gachhe was brought in, his blood pressure was normal and no untoward symptoms were seen. The patient is stable," a doctor said.

Poacher held, confesses to killing 20 tuskers

STAFF REPORTER
BHUBANESWAR

Odisha's Forest Department personnel have arrested a poacher who reportedly confessed to having killed 20 elephants, mostly tuskers, in his lifetime.

Babuli Mahalik, a shooter in a wildlife smuggling gang, was caught based on a tip-off. "After receiving information about the smuggling gang, we had constituted a team which was tasked to follow its members in disguise. He [Mahalik] was fi-

nally picked up from his home in Durgaprasad village near Narsinghpur in Cuttack," said Sasmita Lenka, Divisional Forest Officer, Athagarh.

Antlers, guns seized
Deer skins, antlers and a country-made guns were seized from his possession. The gang used to follow elephant herds before zeroing in on one tusker.

"They generally set up camp deep inside the forest or atop a hillock to keep a

tab on the herd. They then separate a tusker from its herd and shoot down the animal at an isolated spot," Ms. Lenka said.

The poacher charged ₹30,000 for every bullet he shot. Mahalik was arrested from Boudh district for a wildlife crime in 2019. "During the interrogation, he confessed to having killed 20 elephants in the past. In 2018, he and his accomplices were responsible for the beheading of two elephants in our division," Ms. Lenka

said. The crime branch of the Odisha police were also investigating the poaching of two elephants in Athagarh.

The gang is known to sell tusks in the neighbouring Nayagarh district. Forest Department officials have expanded their probe to find out how the gang operates.

In another case, two persons were arrested by the Forest Department officials for their alleged involvement in an elephant poaching case in Subarnapur district on Saturday.

Bareilly gets back its 'jhumka' at last

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BAREILLY

Jhumka and Bareilly became synonymous after a 1966 chart-buster on the jewellery in which actor Sadhana gave a feisty dance performance. The city has finally got a fanciful 14-ft 'jhumka', embellished with colourful stones and the city's famous 'zari' embroidery, installed and is expected to be a major attraction for visitors.



A view of the 20ft high dangler, 'Bareilly ka Jhumka.' ■ PTI

The Asha Bhosle song *Jhumka gira re, Bareilly ki bazaar mein* immortalised the connection between the city and the piece of je-

wellery. Also known as Manjha city, Bareilly has been manufacturing kite-strings for over a century, but the jhumka has carved out a

niche, prompting the Bareilly Development Authority to conceive the project.

Unveiling the structure, Union Minister and Bareilly MP Santosh Gangwar said visitors would finally be able to associate the landmark 'jhumka' in the city with the ever-green song.

"I had never been here in the past. But I have definitely heard *Jhumka gira rey*," he said. He recalled another Bhosle song *Surma bareilly waala* (kohl manufactured in Bareilly), *ankhiyon mein aisa daala* from film *Kismet*.

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