









WEATHER WATCH



Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

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IN BRIEF



A.P.'s exports grew despite pandemic: Jagan... Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has said that despite a global economic downturn and the COVID-19 pandemic, exports from Andhra Pradesh have grown by 19.4% (value) in the past couple of years, leading to an improvement in the contribution to national exports.

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Karnataka mulls bringing in law on religious conversion

It is fine if a person voluntarily adopts a religion, says Karnataka Home Minister



Home Minister Araga Jnanendra informed the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday that the State government had been holding discussions on enacting a law to prevent religious conversion through inducement. The Minister was responding to a question by Goolihatti Shekar (BJP) during zero hour on the alleged largescale conversion of Hindus and Muslims to Christianity.

Jnanendra said, "It is fine if a person voluntarily adopts a religion. But religious conversion by inducements is incorrect, and this could also lead to communal disharmony." He claimed that "forced religious conversion is rampant" in Karnataka.

TRS, Congress supporters clash outside Revanth's home

TRS workers try to lay siege to Congress leader's residence

The Twitter war between Municipal Minister K.T. Rama Rao and Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president A. Revanth Reddy spilled over to the streets when Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) and Congress cadres clashed at Mr. Reddy's residence on Tuesday, pelting stones and attacking each other with sticks.

A group of TRS workers tried to lay siege to Mr. Reddy's residence in Banjara Hills, and burn his effigy while protesting against his remarks on Mr. Rama Rao. TRS workers reached the place raising slogans against the Congress leader. Congress supporters clashed with them.

ISRO case: Rasheeda, Hasan seek damages

They were jailed in espionage case

Mariyam Rasheeda and Fauzia Hasan, foreign nationals who were imprisoned in Kerala during the investigation of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) espionage case, have moved the Supreme Court seeking compensation from the police officers who allegedly tortured them.

The duo has sought ₹2 crore each from the 18 police officers who have been arraigned as accused. The CBI had booked the cases after a report filed by the Justice D.K. Jain Committee that was appointed by the Supreme Court to look into the allegation. The petition was moved before the top court through the CBI.

SC reserves order on plea by sister of Gauri Lankesh

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved for judgment a petition filed by the sister of slain journalist Gauri Lankesh against the dropping of organised crime charges against a man accused of harbouring her alleged killers.

Kavitha Lankesh had moved the court challenging a Karnataka High Court decision to drop charges under the Karnataka Control of Organised Crime Act (KCOCA) of 2000 against accused Mohan Nayak, who is accused of harbouring Gauri's killers.

He was also accused of being a critical member of an "organised crime syndicate". The question before the court is whether a person, against whom there is no evidence of being part of a syndicate in the past, can be identified as a member of that crime gang and booked under the KCOCA.

The High Court had quashed KCOCA charges against Nayak on the ground that he had no prior chargesheets under the KCOCA to prove that he was part of the "continuing unlawful activities" of the crime syndicate allegedly behind Gauri's murder. senior advocate Husefa Ahmadi, appearing for Ms. Kavitha, submitted there was no dispute about the involvement of a crime syndicate in the murder of Gauri Lankesh.

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T.N. HC upholds ban on crash guards, bull bars

Implement ban universally, State told

Mohamed Imranullah S. Chennai... The Bench also said the notification pointed out that fitting of crash guards or bull bars was in violation of Section 52 of the Motor Vehicles Act of 1988, which prohibits alterations at variance with specifications mentioned in the registration certificate of the vehicle concerned.

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IN BRIEF



Raj Kundra out of Mumbai jail after bail

MUMBAI Businessman Raj Kundra on Tuesday walked out of a Mumbai jail, a day after a magistrate's court here granted bail to the key accused in a pornographic films case...

Sonowal files nomination for Rajya Sabha seat

GUWAHATI Minister for Shipping, Ports, Waterways and Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal on Tuesday filed his nomination papers for a Rajya Sabha seat...

Three tonnes of ganja seized in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR The Odisha police on September 20 seized more than three tonnes of ganja during vehicle checks across the State...

Police arrest 453 land brokers in Assam

GUWAHATI More than 40 days after Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma asked the Revenue and Disaster Management department officials to eliminate middlemen from land-related work...

India's R value below one in mid-September

It stays above one in Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

The R value, which reflects how rapidly the COVID-19 pandemic is spreading, dropped to 0.92 by mid-September after going over one in August-end...

However, the R values in a few major cities - Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Bengaluru - still remain over one...

The reproduction number, or R, refers to how many persons an infected person infects on an average...

The R values in Maharashtra and Kerala are below one, giving much-needed relief to these States with the highest number of active cases...

The overall R value was 1.17 at the end of August. It declined to 1.11 between September 4 and 7...



Surveillance efforts: Most States are continuing to maintain their COVID-19 testing rates.

has remained under one.

"The good news is that India's R has continued to be less than one, as is that of Kerala and Maharashtra, the two States having the highest number of active cases..."

who calculate the R value.

According to the data, the R value of Mumbai stands at 1.09, Chennai 1.11, Kolkata 1.04, and Bengaluru 1.06.

According to the Health Ministry, the recovery rate currently stood at 97.75%. The weekly positivity rate (2.08%) had been less than 3% for 88 days, it said.

Central Vista: 600 more workers to be deployed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Tuesday said 600 more workers would join the Central Vista Avenue redevelopment project...



The work is expected to be completed ahead of the R-Day parade next year.

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"3,400 workers working day & night on site to compensate for the time lost due to rains. 600 more workers will be added to the work-

ECI to send voter guides in Braille

Visually challenged persons who have newly registered to get personalised letter

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Tuesday unveiled a letter and voter's guide in Braille to be sent to newly enrolled visually challenged voters...



More accessible: A voter guide in Braille and a booklet on voter awareness were released on Tuesday.

The Braille language version of the letter to new voters and the guide were released by the ECI on Tuesday during a virtual national conference on accessible elections.

In August, the ECI had said it would be sending a

welcome kit of sorts to newly registered electors, including a personalised letter, a pledge for ethical voting and a guide along with their vo-

ter's ID card. During the conference, Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra said on Tuesday that there was a need for a "pleasant

and dignified polling experience" for persons with disabilities and that their suggestions would be taken into account while framing rules for accessible elections.

"Based on suggestions received from different stakeholders, a resolution was adopted to pave the way forward to further streamline the policy framework on 'Accessible Elections', for future elections," the statement said.

Seer death: Adityanath promises action against guilty

Top disciple booked, taken into custody

OMAR RASHID LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said those found guilty in the death by alleged suicide of prominent Hindu seer Swami Narendra Giri would be punished after an independent investigation.

Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav, who along with Mr. Adityanath visited Prayagraj to offer final respects, demanded that a probe be conducted by a sit-



Floral tribute: Yogi Adityanath paying his respects to deceased seer Narendra Giri at Prayagraj on Tuesday.

ting judge of the Allahabad High Court.

Giri was known to have had friendly ties with both

the BJP and the SP. The police have booked Anand Giri, who had been a close disciple of Narendra Giri till they

had a public fallout earlier this year, for abetment of suicide. He has been brought to Prayagraj for questioning after being detained in Haridwar with the assistance of the Uttarakhnad police.

Anand Giri, a self-styled yoga guru who was arrested in 2019 in Australia for allegedly molesting two women but later acquitted, was named in a note recovered from the room in the Baghambari Mutt where Narendra Giri's body was found hanging from a fan, said the police.

In Prayagraj, Mr. Adityanath said Narendra Giri's death was an "irreparable

loss for the religious and spiritual world". Evidence related to the death had been collected and a team of senior officers was probing the matter.

Court probe sought

Mr. Akhilesh Yadav said only an investigation by a sitting High Court judge would "bring out the truth". He demanded to know what kind of "mental pressure" Giri was under at the time of the incident and the "circumstances" leading up to his death.

bulldozer was going to be run over his land," he stated in a veiled allegation that the BJP government was planning to demolish his properties.

'Falsely implicated'

Before being detained by police, Anand Giri said he was being falsely implicated in the case and claimed that his guru had been "murdered as part of a conspiracy" by those who siphoned off money from the Baghambari Mutt and the Bade Hanuman temple.

SAARC Ministers' meet unlikely

KALLLOL BHATTACHARJEE NEW DELHI

A meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the member countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), scheduled to be held on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, is unlikely to take place, the government of Nepal, the current chair of SAARC, has confirmed.

It is understood that disagreement over the representation of Afghanistan has led to the cancellation of the meeting. The meeting of SAARC Foreign Ministers at the UNGA had become contentious over the recent years because of differences between India and Pakistan regarding cross-border terrorism, among other issues.

Bone of contention

The Hindu has learnt that the initial understanding among the members was that during the meeting, the chair for Afghan Foreign Minister would remain empty. However, former Pakistan High Commissioner to India Abdul Basit has stated in a social media post that the issue of representation of Afghanistan "in the meeting became the bone of contention".

The Taliban captured power in Kabul on August 15 but the political set-up has not yet gained international legitimacy.

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Grid for crossword puzzle 13358.

- 15 Bad bug, greed and envy (8)
17 First royal breaking ties (8)
21 Dossier about ULFA Terrorist leaders is empty (6)
25 Thief? I can become a leader (9)
26 Boy bored by love song (5)
27 Dreamt about sickly place where one keeps running without getting anywhere (9)
28 One bets on these female partners (5)
29 Hot? No? Let's play (6)
30 Mouse Girl! Be free! (6)
ACROSS
1 Trace out heart of Virgo constellation (6)
5 Partly problematic and trivial (6)
10 A groovy sort of gun (5)
11 Very lawful alternative for a person at bar (9)
12 Disturbing aspect, quietly ignored system in India (5)
13 Pure and intuitive sort, one very liberated (9)
14 Popular site away from coast (6)
DOWN
2 Saying "No fur sale" vigorously (7)
3 Neither moving into that place (7)
4 Naughty squire is daring! (6)
5 The hollow plate used as painter's tool (7)
6 Braver, quietly unassuming and more fortunate (7)
7 Took turns to read about keeping time (7)
8 What one pays outside to do training (8)
9 Good free network (4)
16 Seer eyes gals lecherously (8)
18 Talk bombastically about 'I' & 'Me!' Habit! (7)
19 He doesn't believe in field trips (7)
20 It's not a bad place (7)
22 Kin are mostly confused (7)
23 One is real product of the promised land (7)
24 A new goal changing an old way (6)
25 Winning by divide and rule in the end! (4)

SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzle grid with difficulty rating stars.

Solution to puzzle 13357 and solution to yesterday's Sudoku.

FAITH

Ramayana's superiority

To understand the Vedas, we need the help of the Itihasas and Puranas. There are eighteen Puranas, and these are classified as satvika, rajasa and tamasa Puranas...

Vishnu Purana has a special quality. In other Puranas, a question is asked to Brahma about a specific devata. For instance, when a question is asked about Agni, Brahma extols Agni and the result is the Agni Purana...

The Itihasas were written at the time the events described took place. The authors also are characters in the stories. Of the two Itihasas, Ramayana is superior. It may be argued that Mahabharata is superior as it contains Bhagavad Gita and Vishnu Sahasranama...







