

Briefs

Dr. Kumar Saptarshi passes away

PUNE: Veteran socialist thinker, Gandhian activist, and former MLA Dr. Kumar Saptarshi passed away in a private hospital in Pune on Saturday at the age of 85. Founder of the progressive youth organisation Yuvak Kranti Dal (Yukrand), he dedicated his life to promoting social justice, democratic values, and inspiring generations of youth through numerous social and political movements across Maharashtra.

Bishnoi gang threat to Aamir Khan

MUMBAI: Security has been tightened outside Bollywood actor Aamir Khan's residence in Mumbai after an alleged threat, purportedly issued by the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, surfaced on social media, prompting police to step up surveillance and launch an inquiry. The threat, shared through a viral social media post and an accompanying audio clip, was purportedly issued by individuals identifying themselves as "Aarzo Bishnoi" and "Tyson Bishnoi" of the Lawrence Bishnoi Group. The message accused Aamir Khan of promoting "love jihad" and warned that those allegedly involved in such activities would face "consequences soon." The post claimed that such actions were "against our culture and the country" and asserted that those using their celebrity status to promote them would be dealt with "in our own way."

2026 CWG flag & baton bearers

NEW DELHI: Olympic medalists Mirabai Chanu and Lovlina Borgohain have been chosen to lead the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony of the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced on Saturday that the two stars will serve as India's flag and baton bearers when the Games begin on July 23 at the OVO Hydro Arena.

Temperature	
Max	26.8°C
Min	22.8°C
Gold & Silver	
Gold (10 Gram)	
22 Carat	1,42,500
24 Carat	1,31,100
Silver (Per KG)	2,22,000



Dr. Prakash Joshi, Dr. Lalita Joshi, Dr. B. L. Gagurde, Dr. Bharat Kelkar, and Dr. Suresh Sakhala were honoured with the Jeevan Gaurav Puraskar at the 'Jeevan Sanjeevan Puraskar-2026' ceremony organised by the daily 'Deshdoot' at Nasiklub. Dr. Sharad Dakephale, Dr. Hemant Ostwal, Dr. Digambar Gaikwad, Dr. Sunil Bagrecha, Dr. Ashok Sonawane, Dr. Sharad Mahale, Dr. Vikas Pawar, and Dr. Pallavi Samant were also honoured with the Jeevan Sanjeevan Puraskar-2026. Also present on the occasion, along with the award recipients, were chief guest Dr. Amol Annadate, programme chairperson Dr. Vishal Pawar, daily 'Deshdoot' Editor Shailendra Tanpure, and General Manager (Advt) Amol Ghavare.

Pvt orbital-class rocket Vikram-1 successfully launched

SRIHARIKOTA (AP): After a 35 minute delay first privately developed orbital-class rocket, Vikram-1 was successfully launched in its intended orbit in its maiden flight on Saturday, marking a major milestone in the country's space programme and the next decisive step in India's journey to becoming a global spacefaring nation.

Developed by Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace, the first test flight, named Mission Aagamam (Arrival),



took off from the First Launch Pad at 1205 hrs from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre here at 1205 hrs. After a 36 hours smooth countdown, the 22 m tall rocket, with a lift off mass of 40 tonnes, witnessed a glitch after the automated launch sequence was initiated. After the glitch was rectified, a fresh countdown of 20 minutes was initiated for final check of all systems after which the rocket took off majestically at 1205 hrs from the First Launch Pad amid

cloudy skies. After a flight duration of 15 minutes and ignition and separation of all stages, the rocket precisely reached its intended orbit at a height of 450 km and at an inclination of 60 degrees, as joyous scenes were witnessed at the Mission Control Centre with ISRO Chairman Dr.V.Narayanan exchanging pleasantries with other scientists. "Vikram-1 Mission successfully accomplished", ISRO said after the rocket reached its orbit. Among the mission's symbolic payloads is a handwritten postcard from Prime Minister Narendra Modi bearing the words "Vande Mataram".

Wangchuk hospitalised amid hunger strike

NEW DELHI: Social activist Sonam Wangchuk was shifted by Delhi Police from Jantar Mantar to Safdarjung Hospital early on Saturday after completing 20 days of an indefinite hunger strike over the alleged NEET paper leak and his demand for the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Police said the move was made on medical advice and in compliance with Delhi High

Court directions due to Wangchuk's deteriorating health. However, his family and supporters termed it a forcible removal and staged fresh protests. Wangchuk's wife, Gitanjali J. Angmo, alleged he was shifted without prior intimation and insisted that no oral or intravenous treatment be administered without the family's consent. Doctors said Wangchuk had lost over 9 kg since beginning his fast on June 28 and was



showing signs of dehydration, low potassium and metabolic abnormalities. Despite medical advice, hospital authorities said he refused intravenous fluids, oral rehydration solution and other medications, though he remains under continuous monitoring and counselling. Following his removal, Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke began an indefinite hunger strike, alleging police used force during the operation and calling for the protest movement to continue. Later, a woman threw an ink-like liquid at Dipke while he was addressing supporters at Jantar Mantar. She was detained by police, and the motive behind the act is under investigation.

Returning from Ajmer, Nashik's pilgrims meet with accident

Two killed, five injured

NASHIK: Two pilgrims from Nashik were killed and five others critically injured on Saturday after their Innova (MH 05 CV 1001) met with a horrific accident near Shirpur Phata in Dhule district while returning from Ajmer Sharif in Rajasthan. Police said the driver lost control of the vehicle, which broke through the highway divider, entered the opposite lane, and



collided head-on with a truck. The impact completely mangled the car.

of Firdous Colony, New Nashik, succumbed to his injuries during treatment. Nawaz had been married just three months ago, while Babloo is survived by his parents, wife, and son. The injured—Sabir Shaikh (16), Sahil Shaikh (26), Mohsin Shaikh (32), Aien Shaikh (22), and Kaif Shaikh (22)—were admitted to a nearby government hospital, where they are undergoing treatment. Highway police and local residents carried out the rescue operation, while traffic on the highway was affected for some time following the accident.

Mohinuddin alias Babloo Rafiq Sayyad (28) of Ganeshnagar, Wadala, died on the spot, while Nawaz Sadiq Shaikh (28)

LS Speaker clears Sena (UBT) MPs' merger

NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Saturday approved the merger of six Shiv Sena (Uddhv Balasaheb Thackeray) faction MPs with the Shiv Sena led by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. With the merger, the strength of the Shinde-led Shiv Sena in the Lok Sabha has increased from seven to 13 MPs. The Speaker also approved separate seating for 20 rebel TMC MPs, who have joined the Nationalist Citizens Party of India (NCPI). However, there is no clarity yet on their demand for formal recognition as members of the NCPI.

Iran strikes US assets in Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan

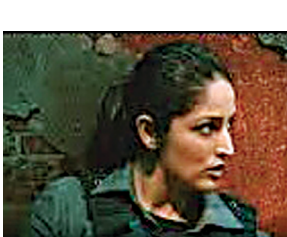
TEHRAN: Iran on Saturday said it had targeted US military assets in Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan, as air raid sirens sounded across parts of the Gulf amid a sharp escalation in tensions following a fresh round of US strikes on Iran. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said in a statement that its forces carried out simultaneous missile and drone attacks on American military facilities, including bases and logistical sites in the three countries. The Iranian Army said the attacks were conducted during the 11th and 12th phases of its "Operation Thunderbolt", targeting what it described as the deployment site of US reconnaissance aircraft and helicopters in Bahrain and US

Army support centres in Kuwait using Arash drones. "The security and independence of Iran are a red line," the Army's public relations department said, warning that any further action against Iran would be met with "decisive and costly responses" proportional to the level of aggression. The statement added that "any miscalculation by the enemy would trigger a severe reaction," saying Iranian forces would remain prepared to confront threats while relying on public support. The IRGC separately claimed that its forces had targeted US military positions in Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan as part of the 20th wave of its "Nasr 2" operation. (More details on P-2)

72nd National Film Awards

Article 370 best film; Yami, Kartik, Mammootty best actor

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Saturday announced the winners of the 72nd National Film Awards at the National Media Centre in New Delhi, honouring the finest achievements in Indian cinema for films certified by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) between January 1 and December 31, 2024. The awards, selected by an 11-member national jury headed by filmmaker Jayaraj, evaluated 161 films across 24 Indian languages, celebrating excellence in feature films, non-feature films,



technical crafts and writing on cinema. Political thriller Article 370 emerged as the biggest winner of the year, clinching the prestigious Best Feature Film award, while its lead actor Yami Gautam was named Best Actress in a Leading Role. The film also earned Shashwat Sachdev the Best Music Direction (Songs) honour, sharing the award with GV Prakash Kumar for Amaran. The Best Actor award was shared by Kartik Aaryan for his performance in Chandu Champion and Malayalam superstar Mammootty for Bramayugam. Rajkumar Periasamy won

the Best Director award for Amaran, while actor-filmmaker Randee Hooda received the Best Debut Film of a Director award for Swatantrya Veer Savarkar. Nag Ashwin's futuristic blockbuster Kalki 2898 AD was adjudged the Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment, and 35-Chinna Katha Kaadu, directed by Nanda Kishore Emani, won the Best Children's Film award. Among the acting honours, Sanjay Mishra was named Best Supporting Actor for Bhakshak, while Sachana Namidass (Maharaja) and Ropashree Varkady (Mithya) shared the Best Supporting Actress award. The Best Child Artist honour went jointly to Arundev Pothula, Riddhiman Banerjee, Topomoy Deb,

Gitashree Chakraborty and Athish S. Shetty for their performances in 35-Chinna Katha Kaadu, Onko Ki Kothin and Mithya. The awards also highlighted the diversity of Indian regional cinema. Srikanth was named Best Hindi Film, while, Mukkam Post Bombilwadi won in Marathi, Raayan in Tamil. In the screenplay and music categories, Bandireddi Sukumar won Best Screenplay for Pushpa 2: The Rule, sharing the honour with Yogesh Deshpande for Swargandharva Sudhir Phadke. Venky Atluri received the Best Dialogue Writer award for Lucky Baskhar. GV Prakash Kumar also won Best Background Score for Amaran, while Manoj Muntashir was honoured for Best Lyrics for the song Jaane Do from Maidaan.

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