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Stampede at prayer meet in UP kills 113

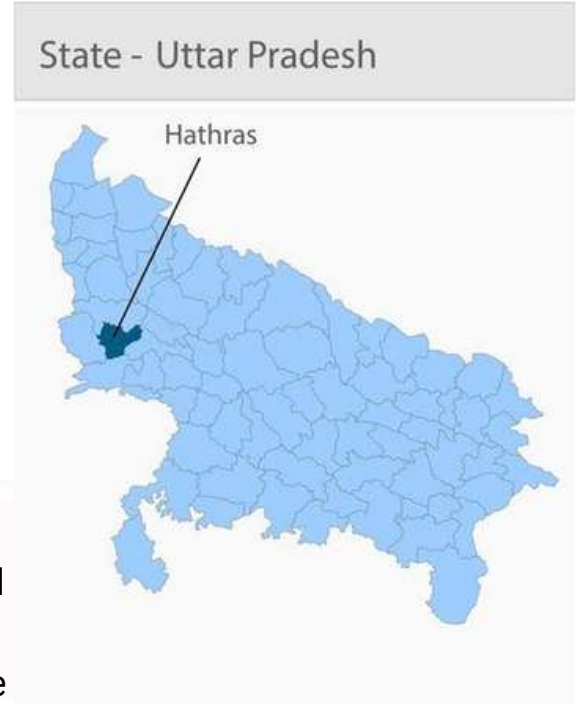
At least 116 people died in a stampede at a prayer meeting in Hathras . Of the deceased 7 are children , 1 man and the rest were women .

Authorities said that More than 1.2 lakh people had gathered at the site of Fulari village in Hathras , UP . The permission granted was for half of that .

The event was organized by Godman Narayan Sarkar Hari .

Stampede occurred when the crowd rushed to touch the feet of Narayan Sarkar Hari at the end of Satsang .

UP CM Yogi Adityanath has formed a committee to investigate the cause of the event



Jaishankar to represent India in place of Modi at SCO summit in Kazakhstan

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar reached Astana to participate in place of Modi . The SCO summit will be held on July 3-4 . Belarus is the new member to be included this time .

Leaders of other countries has reached Astana .

This includes Chinese president Xi Jinping , Russian President Vladimir Putin and Pakistan PM Shahbaz Sharif .

Non participation of PM Modi is thought to be because he had to share dias with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Pakistan PM .

India and Pakistan has confronted many issues including terrorism at the SCO summit .

On Tuesday EAM S Jaishankar met Kazakh foreign minister Murat Netlue . EAM on X posted “ discussed our expanding strategic partnership and increasing engagement with central Asian countries “ .

The topics to be discussed during the summit is environmental issues , connectivity , fighting terrorism and regional development . Situation in Afghanistan is also expected to be discussed . On Thursday , SCO will adopt the Astana declaration .





Fact check unit needed to protect people from fake news : Center to Bombay High court

Tie breaker judge on Tuesday listened to arguments by the Government in the Fact Checking Unit (FCU) case .

Solicitor General Tushal Mehta said that FCU will prevent people from false information . Right to know and right not to misled is equally important as right to freedom of speech under Article 19 (1) (a)

He sighted examples from social media . In one example he said that fake news tha ₹350 will be deducted from those accounts who do not vote was spread . Such fake news is very bad for people . He said that many state governments such as Kerala and Uttarakhand has its own FCUs. He also cited case if US elections where fake news was a very big concern .



Under the Information technology act under (digital.media and ethics code) there is provision of FCU . Center earlier had enrolled PIB as FCU . But the Supreme Court (SC) has upheld this till Bombay High court pronounced its verdict .

In April Petitioners Kunal Kamara and others had cited that the government want to bring censorship to ban on anything that it does not want people to know , discuss and debate .

The next hearing of the case will be on July 25 , 26 .

AMCA prototype to be ready by 2028 - 29

First prototype of India's fifth generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA) , Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) is expected to be released in 2028 -29 .

Production is expected to be from 2032 -33 . Induction is expected from 2034 , Official sources said .

In March cabinet committee of Security (CCS) had cleared AMCA .

Indigenous under AMCA will be a major boost to the Indian defense industry . India wont have to procure fighter jets such as the Rafale .

AMCA



Hindenburg refutes SEBI's allegations on its Short selling .

Hindenburg research refuted allegation by SEBI . SEBI has alleged on Monday that Hindenburg used a US asset manager to use non-public information to set up its short between against Adani group last year .

SEBI says 6 entities including Hindenburg , Kingdom capital and a Mauritius based fund set by Kotak Mahindra Bank violated rules .

Hindenburg made 4.1 mn dollar gross revenue in ' gains related to Adani shorts ' via a investor relationship .

SEBI has released a show cause notice against Hindenburg .

Hindenburg on Tuesday termed the show cause notice as ' nonsense ' and an attempt to silence and intimidate .

Bihar govt moves SC against HC orders quashing 65 % of quota

The Bihar government moved to the Supreme Court on Tuesday against Patna High Court (HC) order to ' set aside ' the increase in reservation quota .

World: _____

Nepal's largest parties strike a deal to oust Prime Minister

Nepal's two largest political parties have reached a deal to oust Prime Minister Prachanda . The two latest political parties in the Nepalese parliament are : Nepali Congress (NC) of Sher Bahadur Deuba and Communist Party of Nepal – Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN UML) whose President is KP Sharna Oli . CPN UML is currently a coalition partner with PM Prachanda . NC and CPN UML have struck a deal to share power , and hold the PM Post alternatively.



In 275 member National Assembly , the seats of NC , CPN UML and Maoist Party (Prachanda) are 89 , 78 and 32 respectively. The majority required in 138 . NC and CPN UML combinedly have 167 seats which is well above the majority mark .

PM prachanda said that he would not quit and rather face the vote of confidence .

Prachanda has faced a vote of confidence four times in a brief period of one and half years of prime minister starship .

Beijing Manila hold talks after maritime standoff

A crucial meeting was held in Manila to ease the standoff in the South China Sea .

In a meeting between Philippines Foreign under secretary Theresa Lezaro and Chinese Vice President Che Xiadong “ affirmed their commitment to de-escalate from the South China sea .

The Philippines will be relentless in protecting their interest in the South China sea , Philippines said during the talk .

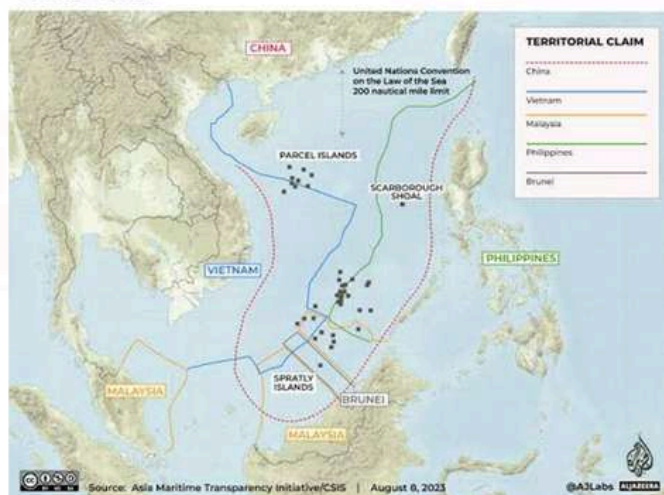
The two sides signed an agreement to improve communication during an emergency at sea .

China and Philippines are facing each other repeatedly at Second Thomas Shoal and Scarborough Shoal mainly in the South China sea .

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Overlapping claims

China claims 90 percent of the South China Sea as its sovereign territory, but is opposed by Southeast Asian states and Taiwan. The sea is strategically vital; it has rich fishing stocks, likely oil and gas deposits, and is where \$3 trillion of trade transits annually.



Norway arrests man over attempted spying over China

The person is a Norwegian citizen , who had just returned from China ,when he was arrested .

Israel bound Gaza following evacuation order which will affect 2.5 lakh residences

Israel's army has released an evacuation order . Under this Gaza citizens east of Khan Younus near the Egyptian border had to be evacuated . UNRWA has said that this can affect 2.5 lakh persons

Science :

Two vaccines that brought us to the end of eradication of Polio

Eradication of Polio was a major programme by WHO .In 2020 , WHO declared Africa to be free of Polio .

There has been worldwide eradication of polio.except in rural pockets of Pakistan and Afghanistan .

Recent report in science magazine. said that cases of Polio were increasing in cities of Pakistan . This reemergence of polio is due to vaccine hesitancy due to misinformation , conflict in those areas .

WHO is expected to miss the Global Polio eradication Initiative whose deadline was at the end of 2024 .



Under the effort to make the polio vaccine Salk made the first successful vaccine in 1955. The vaccine was given to the nerve through a syringe . It was known as inactivated Polio vaccine (IPV) . Later Albert Sabin developed the OPV (Oral Polio Virus) in 1961 that was to be given in mouth .

Both vaccines were not penteted and played a huge role in eradication of Polio thus far .

Editorial :

Mixed Signals

India needs to strengthen momentum in the key industrial sector

Eight core sectors showed decline under the heatwave condition in May .

The core sectors of Indian industry are electricity , steel , refinery products , crude oil , coal , cement , natural gas and fertilizers .

During heat wave conditions , electricity demand exceeded the highest level , and coal demand increased . Other core industry sectors saw decline .

The editorial says that India needs to develop strategies so that output does not slow down even during critical conditions such as heatwaves .

Open court :

For the first time in two decades the big four are not among favorites

The editorial is about Wimbledon , which started on July 1 . For the first time in two decades the big four , Roger Federer , Rafael Nadal , Djokovic and Andy Murray will not be in fray . Federer has retired . Nadal has health issue and is not participating . Djokovic is recovering with knee surgery . Andy Murray will participate in doubles only .



In men's Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner are expected to be among top contenders .

In women there will be no Williams sisters this time . Iga Swiatek , Coco Gaugh , Aryana Sabaleka are expected to be among contenders for the trophy .

Wimbledon is played on Grass court .

This is the third grand slam to be played each year after the Australian Open And French Open .

Center Court is the main ground where matches are played .





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