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Budget exudes non NDA states : Opposition

In both houses of Parliament, the opposition attacked the government for presenting ' a discriminatory Budget ' , that excluded states ruled by non NDA Parties .

In both the houses government was attacked of discriminatory Budget. Opposition parties accused the government of favouring NDA led states in the Budget .

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman refutes these claims just to malign the government .
Bihar govt projects worth ₹56,000 crore in recent budget. ₹15,000 crore was allocated to Andhra Pradesh for Amravati .

As cloud lingers upon NEET , UPSC likely to implement biometric authentication

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is all set to revamp its examination system , through technological solutions such as Aadhaar based authentication and facial recognition systems and CCTV surveillance using Artificial intelligence .
The UPSC floated a tender on June 20 seeking the PSUs to revamp the examination process .
QR codes will be used on admit cards .

India committed to FTA with UK , says Modi

On wednesday UK Secretary of State for Foreign Commonwealth and Development affairs David Lammy visited New Delhi .
This is the first such visit since the formation of the Keir Starmer government in the UK .

" (I) appreciate the priority accorded by PM Keir Starmer to broaden and deepen the comprehensive strategic partnership . Remain committed to elevating ties . Welcome the bilateral security Initiative and desire to conclude a mutually beneficial FTA ." , PM Modi said .

India and the UK have been negotiating an FTA for years and have been caught up in protracted negotiations.

Grasslands in Kutch likely to host Cheetah from Africa

Some of the next batch of Cheetahs being brought in from Africa , may be sent to Cheetah breeding centres in the Banni grassland in Gujarat .

Preparation is going on in Banni grassland in Kutch for this .

Though Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh is the preferred location for the next batch of imports , Gujarat is also getting ready for this .
Banni is 3500 square km of grassland in Kutch .

India had brought 20 Cheetahs from South Africa and Namibia . Only 13 of them survived . The next batch of Cheetahs is also expected from Namibia and South Africa .

The government estimate is that India will need to bring 10 -12 Cheetahs every year for the next five years to build a sustainable breeding population.



ICMR ready to transfer technology of a ' breakthrough ' TB detection system

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) , has begun work on spreading an affordable technology for detection of TB .

ICMR has developed a " CRISPR cas based TB detection system " .



It is touted as “ world's cheapest TB detection system .” It can detect TB bacterium using using DNA from Saliva .

The Council has invited an Expression of interest from organisations for “ transfer of technology “ for its commercialization .

Center defends fact check unit , says right to correct information important

Three judge bench of Bombay High Court is hearing the case on Fact Checking Unit (FCU) .
The government on Wednesday said that the

The right to know factually correct information and the right to not be misled is equally important as the right to freedom and speech and expression under Article 19 (1) (a) .

Government argued that private companies ,and many state governments also have their own fact checking units .

“ The right to be informed correctly is necessarily inherent in my right under Article 21 . Because if somebody's freedom of speech incited violence or threatens public order , it directly infringes my right under Article 21 . “ Solicitor General Tushar Mehta argued .

Bihar Assembly passes bill to curb paper leaks in government recruitment exams

Bihar Assembly on Wednesday passed a bill aimed at curbing malpractice and question paper leaks in government recruitment exams in the state .

The BIHAR Public Examination (Prevention of unfair means) Bill , 2024 was tabled by Parliamentary affairs Minister Vijay Kumar Chaudhary and passed by voice vote .

The bill stipulates severe punishment , including a prison term for five to 10 years , a fine of 4 years and termination of services for four years .

There is also provision to confiscate the Property of offending citizens .

Jharkhand Assembly Passed a similar law in 2023 with provision of life imprisonment and prison for 10 years .

World : _____

18 Passenger killed as plane crashes in Nepal after take off , pilot survives

As many as 18 passengers , a Yemeni child among them , were killed on Wednesday .
after an aircraft crashed shortly after taking off from Tribhuvan international airport in Nepal's Kathmandu .

There were 19 persons aboard Saurya Airlines 9N AME plane . The pilot has survived and is undergoing treatment .

Protest in Washington ahead of Netanyahu's speech to US Congress

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu is on a visit to the US . Washington saw a large number of protests with many demanding ,US withdraw its weapons supply to Israel . While many demanded Israel immediate ceasefire .

About 200 protesters were arrested on charges stemming from the Cannon house official building .

Mr Netanyahu is scheduled to meet President Joe Biden , Vice President Kamala Harris . He will address a joint session of the US Congress .

He will meet republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump on Friday .

Kyiv seeks common ground on China on ending Russia war

Ukraine's minister Dmytro Kuleba has said that he is seeking “ common ground “ with his Chinese counterpart in talks with his Chinese counterpart on ending his country's war with Russia .



Mr Kuleba met Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi in Guangzhou . On his visit to China Mr Kuleba is trying to persuade China to participate in the second Peace summit , which is expected to be held before US elections .

“ I am convinced that a just peace is in China’s strategic interest and a just peace

Bangladesh crawls back to normalcy after deadly unrest

Bangladesh crawled back to normalcy on wednesday . Internet services were being restored slowly . Schools and educational institutions remained shut . Curfew was relaxed for seven hours . Police and army are still patrolling the roads . The violence in Bangladesh claimed about 185 lives . The government has attributed the unrest to fundamentalist Jamaat E Islami and their student front , backed by Bangladesh National Party (BNP) .

Streets turn into rivers as Typhoon Gaemi blows past Philippines

Typhoon Gaemi , which hit the Philippines on Wednesday, has caused heavy rain and landslides in the Philippines . People were forced to shelter in malls and other such buildings . The Typhoon is moving towards Taiwan .



Nor in order

The directives on display of names in Kanwar Yatra route must be withdrawn

The Supreme Court on Monday stopped the enforcement of directives by the UP government and Uttarakhand government that required food stalls on the path of Kanwar Yatra , to show the names of their owners . The case is for further hearing on Friday .

The directive was first issued for Muzaffarnagar but later it was issued for the whole UP . Later the Uttarakhand government also followed and issued similar directives .

The editorial criticised the government for such directives .



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