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On July 20, 2024, a wild elephant, displaced by rising Brahmaputra River waters, was first spotted at Chandrapur Beat in the Guwahati Range. The elephant, which had traveled from upstream areas, made its way to the Chapor region via the river's current. After spending a day in Chandrapur, it moved to Ramsing Chapor and remained there for four days. On July 24, it ventured into the Nilachal Hills and was subsequently spotted in Bongsi Bagan area on July 26, causing minor damage before retreating into the Kamakhya Colony

jungle. A joint team comprising personnel from the Guwahati Range, South Guwahati Range, Protection Squad Range, Amchang Wildlife Range, Deepor Beel Range, and local police, led by Pranjal Baruah, and under the guidance of District Administration officials, including Jiwan K. Goswami, ADC, undertook efforts to monitor and manage the elephant's movements to ensure the safety of both the animal and local residents. Attempts to sedate the elephant on July 27, 29, and 31 were unsuccessful due to challenging ter-



rain and poor road access. By August 4, the combined forest and police teams managed to contain the elephant in the Kalipur area. After ten

hours of dedicated effort on August 4, the elephant was successfully tranquilized by the Assam State Zoo rescue team, led by FVO Dr. Pranab Das, and rescued from Kalipur at around 3 am on August 5, 2024. The operation concluded by 7 am, with the elephant being transported to Rani RF in Kamrup East Division for release. No major injuries were reported. The rescue operation involved two Kumki elephants and a special Anti-Depredation Team, including officers such as Puspadhar Buragohain, AFS, ACF Manuranjan Barman, AFS, Pranjal Baruah, AFS Range Officer Guwahati, Mukut Malakar, BO Fatasil Beat, and others. The operation was led by Rohini Ballave Saikia, IFS, DFO Kamrup East, with guidance from Sri Kaushik Barua, member of the IUCN Asian Elephant Specialist Group and Founder of the Assam Elephant Foundation.

## All About Srisailam's Famous Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Temple



As per beliefs, the Pandavas of the Mahabharata came to Srisailam, near Kurnool during their exile and decided to install a Shiva linga in this region after visiting the Srisailam Mallikarjuna temple (Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Temple). Dharmaraja Yudhishtira ordered his younger brother Bhima to bring a Shiva linga from the holy place of Kashi. As Bhima failed to fetch the idol, a rectangular neem log was installed at the confluence of Krishna and Tungabhadra with other tributaries. The Shiva linga was named Sangameshwara as the word Sangama denotes the place where the rivers meet. The idol brought by Bhima later found a place a kilometre away. The temple was submerged af-

ter the construction of Srisailam Dam in 1980. This temple was not relocated like many other temples in this place. So the temple was submerged by the water of Srisailam Dam. It remained submerged for twenty years and resurfaced only in 2003. Devotees are allowed to visit the places where the temple remains open for 40 to 50 days every year. Since the temple is surrounded by water, the devotees are brought to the temple by boats. Many devotional programs and poojas are conducted for the Shiva Linga in the temple.

Here are some facts about the famous Sangameshwara Temple

- The Sangaeshwara Temple was constructed in 740 AD by a ruler from the Chalukya family named Pulakesi II at this place.

- The temple has 12 large pillars in the hall followed by the sanctum. There is a cross-way for pradakshinas around the sanctum.

- There is a relief of the great Nagaraja on the ceiling as seen in other Chalukya temples.

- The pillars in the hall have beautifully carved images of Lord Vishnu, Brahma and Kumaraswamy.

- The outer walls of the front face have carvings of Ardhanariswara and

Ganapathi. The door has images of Yamuna and Ganapathi.

- The outer walls of the sides are beautifully carved with Lord Shiva killing the demon Harihara, Manmadha, Yama and Shiva with 18 hands.

Sangameshwara Temple is located near the coast of Machummarri village in Kurnool district. This temple is built at a place where the tributaries Krishna, Tunga, Bhadra, Bhavanasi, Veni, Bheemarathi and Mahapharanai rivers converge. Other Attractions Near Sangameshwara Temple Srisailam Dam and Reservoir constructed on the border of Mahabubnagar and Kurnool districts is one of the most beautiful tourist attractions near Sangameshwara Temple. Sangameshwara Temple is open for 40 to 50 days in April and May. From the shore, one can visit the temple by boat. There are many buses operated by the government to reach Pagidyalu. There are also many trains to Kurnool railway station from different cities. Folk have to stay in Guntur or Vijayawada as there are no hotels near the village of Machummarri. Catch the latest developments on Bangladesh Unrest And Sheikh Hasina with our live blog.

**Ayodhya rape victim is out of danger, says Child Welfare member**



Ayodhya,: Child Welfare member Kavita Mishra, on Monday spoke to the media about the health of the Uttar Pradesh rape survivor and said, "When the victim was admitted, her condition was very critical, but now she is significantly better and is able to eat and drink." "The necessary procedures and guidelines have been provided for her treatment, and they are being followed to ensure she receives proper care," Kavita said. She added, "I don't know where she has been referred but I am sure that she will get proper treatment." In an incident that sparked widespread outrage two and a half months ago, Samajwadi Party leader Moin Khan and his servant Raju offered a job to a 12-year-old girl in their bakery and allegedly raped her. They also recorded the misdeed. The case came to light when the girl complained of stomach ache to her family. Upon investigation, she was found to be pregnant. On August 4, Moin Khan was arrested. He has a long history of criminal activities. However, the political influence he wielded in the area deterred the administration and the law enforcement authorities from acting against him. Meanwhile, the district administration of Ayodhya on Saturday demolished the bakery of Moin Khan after the Food Safety Department officials raided the bakery. Soon after this, the political slugfest between the Samajwadi Party and the Bharatiya Janata Party intensified. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also raised the issue in the assembly and asked why no action has been taken against the SP leader till now. He also arranged financial aid of Rs 5 lakh for the victim. BJP MP from New Delhi, Bansuri Swaraj while talking to IANS said, "What happened to a 12-year-old girl is disgraceful. I am shocked that the MP from Ayodhya claims to know nothing about this incident. The statements from Samajwadi Party leaders are also weird."

## Mohanlal, Major Ravi trolled for allegedly 'misusing' army uniform, director clarifies



Wayanad : Amidst the rescue, search operations underway at the landslide-hit Wayanad that killed more than 380 people, an unusual controversy raged in the social media after actor Mohanlal and director Major Ravi, a former army officer visited the region to assess the rescue and search operations. A complaint was filed against Major Ravi by a retired officer RA Arun who stated in the complaint letter that Major Ravi's action violated Defense Service Regulations and has posed safety implications. The complaint comes after a selfie photo shared by Major Ravi along with Mohanlal in the frame being trolled in social media. Following the photo being shared widely, a formal complaint was filed against Major Ravi for allegedly misusing the uniform during the visit to the disaster-affected area in Wayanad. RA Arun, the retired army officer filed the complaint with state, central government and also to the defense minister. It was on July 3rd that actor Mohan Lal, also a Lieutenant General, working under the territorial army along with former army officer and director Major Ravi visited Mundakkai, Chooral Mala and the other adjacent areas which was badly affected by the landslides on July 30. During the visit they met the army unit chief's and the chief of the NDRF and travelled through the entire area where the landslide destroyed houses and other settlements and thus washing away two villages - Mundakkai and Chooral Mala. A section of netizens criticized actor Mohanlal for alleged 'show off' and said that the actor along with the director was trying for 'mileage' in the disaster-affected areas in Wayanad.

While a large section of social media users termed it unfair of targeting Mohanlal as the actors presence will encourage more people to join the relief work, a section of netizens made harsh comments against the actor. Meanwhile director Major Ravi reacted to the controversy and termed it unnecessary and downplayed the criticisms. "Why should an actor like Mohanlal do a show-off in the uniform. His presence will be a relief and bring a sigh of happiness for the youngsters who look up to him. Even if he walks like a normal person, there will be lakhs of followers for him. There are a section of people in social media who have a dangerous and poisonous mindset who likes to create such fissures and unnecessary controversy in social media. Sadly, a large section of Malayalee's fall under this category", said Major Ravi. "Mohanlal is not a person who reacts for such issues. He is a person with a positive vibe and don't expect him to react to such allegations", clarified Major Ravi.

# West Bengal assembly passes resolution under rule 185 against "attempt to divide state in modified mode"

Kolkata (West Bengal) [India]: With regard to the Centre's reported move to include North Bengal in the northeast council, the West Bengal legislative assembly unanimously adopted a resolution against any kind of division of the state on Monday, the last day of the monsoon session. The two-line resolution read, "We will protect any kind of division of the State at any cost." In the assembly during her speech on the resolution, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said, "We will not allow the partition of West Bengal." Earlier Parliamentary Affairs Minister Sovandeb Chattopadhyay including Minister Aroop Biswas, Dr Shashi Panja, Biplab Mitra etc. laid the motion under rule 185 regarding an attempt to divide Bengal. The BJP MLAs started protesting on the language of the motion that mentioned that the minister of state in the Modi govt wanted to include North Bengal in the northeast council implying a veiled approach to separate North Bengal from the rest of the state. Leader of the opposition Subhendu Adhikari made it clear that the approach of the minister of state (Sukanta Majumdar) was to get a portion of the fund allocated for the north-eastern states. LoP Subhendu Adhikari said, "The central government has allocated 10 per cent of the budget for

the development of the seven states of the northeast. If North Bengal is included in the northeast council then we can get the portion of this budget. There is no hidden interest of dividing the state." The LoP proposed then said that if the ruling party keeps the resolution simple and mentions only the resolution against the division of Bengal then the BJP will be giving full support. "We are against any kind of division of the state," he said. Responding to the proposal of the LoP, CM Mamata Banerjee appealed to speaker Biman Banerjee to replace the earlier resolution with two two-liners that will clearly mention that all the MLAs are against any kind of division of the state. "I support united Bengal that's why I welcome LoP's proposal and wish to add his line 'Development of united Bengal' in the second line in the resolution of no division of Bengal," she said. Further, she added that she felt that if the state is strong, the center is strong. CM Mamata Banerjee said, "Both are important for each. That's why I joined the Niti Aayog meeting. If they had given me some time there I would have shared the development issues of Bengal. If all states get full funding then why is not Bengal getting funds? I always favour of United India. Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Christians all are living here to-



gether. Northeast Council is only for eight sister states. Sikkim is part of that. Bengal is not the gateway of the great North region. Don't forget Bengal is also the gateway to the southern region. Just because of some interest don't divide Bengal into pieces." Rashtriya Secular Majlis Party (RSMP) MLA MD Nawsad Siddiqui in favour of united Bengal said, "We never support the division of Bengal. Some of them favour division. They said about Union Territory and separate North Bengal. "Chandrima Bhattacharya minister of West Bengal said this is a shameful thought of the BJP who wish to divide Bengal." RS member of BJP Anant Maharaj gave a statement related to greater Coochbehar which indicates he supported his minister Sukanta Majumdar's thought of an indirect Bengal divide. Actually BJP supports and wish to divide Bengal into pieces," she said.

# Casual Look in Foreign City!



Roja, the former MLA from Nagari, has taken a break from her political career for a foreign trip. Known for her dynamic presence in the political arena, Roja has been spotted casually roaming a foreign city in relaxed attire, a stark contrast to her usual formal appearance. The latest pictures of her vacation have

quickly gained traction on social media, captivating her followers and the general public alike. In the photos, Roja appears to be thoroughly enjoying her time abroad, exploring the city's attractions and immersing herself in the local culture. Her casual wear and carefree demeanor have sparked conversations online, with many appreciating her ability to balance a demanding political career with personal relaxation. The images show a different side of the former MLA, who is often seen in more serious and professional settings. Roja's decision to take this trip comes after a highly successful period in her political journey. From 2019 to 2024, she enjoyed the best phase of her career as a member of the Yuvajana

Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YCP), which was in power. During this time, she was appointed to a cabinet rank position, further establishing her influence and leadership within the party. Her contributions were significant, and her role was pivotal in various political and social initiatives. As Roja takes this well-deserved break, her supporters and colleagues continue to express their admiration and support. The trending photos serve as a reminder of her multifaceted personality and the importance of self-care, even for those in demanding public roles. The political community and her fans eagerly await her return, hoping she comes back rejuvenated and ready to continue her impactful work.

# US woman found in Maha forest tells police she had chained herself to tree



Mumbai: The 50-year-old American woman found tied to a tree with an iron chain in a forest in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg district has now told police she had shackled herself and no one else was involved in the incident, an official said on Monday. The official cited the woman's mental health conditions for her act of self-harm. The woman, said to be battling with mental health issues, appeared emaciated when a shepherd heard her cries in the forest where she was found tied to a tree with an iron chain on July 27 and alerted the local police, an incident that had caused an uproar and attracted wide media attention. She was rescued by the police and taken to hospital. US woman found chained to tree in Sindhudurg forest visited Mumbai in June: Police The Sindhudurg police recorded the woman's statement on Saturday (Aug 3) during which she said she brought three locks and iron

chains and used one of the locks and chains to tie herself to a tree in a forest near Sonurli village in the coastal district, around 460km from Mumbai, the official said. The police had recovered a pair of keys used to lock the iron chain a few metres away from the spot where she was found. It was still unclear for how many days she was tied to the tree, he said. In the statement, the American woman also told the police she does not have a husband, the official said. During investigation, the police came to know

her mother resides in the US, but so far nobody from the family has contacted them, he said. Meanwhile, the woman was brought to Regional Mental Hospital in Ratnagiri where she is being treated at the psychiatric department, he said. Sometimes the woman experiences hallucinations and during one such moment she must have said that her former husband had tied her to the tree, said the official. After the American woman was rescued, the police had recovered a note from her bag in which she had mentioned that her "former husband" had tied her to the tree. Based on the note, the police had registered an attempt to murder case against her former husband without naming him and launched a search for him. The police had recovered a photocopy of her US passport and an Aadhaar card with a Tamil Nadu address. A copy of her expired visa was also found in her possession.

# Centre planning to deregister 400 companies in next three months

NEW DELHI: A recent report has claimed that the Narendra Modi government has decided to take strong action against several Chinese companies that siphon money illegally from India. According to the report, the central government has decided to deregister 400 Chinese companies operating across 17 states in the country in the next three months. It is alleged that these companies are operating illegally in India and laundering black money. Although most of these companies are headed by Indians, the money is invested in China. These include loan apps, online job companies, etc. According to sources close to the central government, it has been found that some of these companies are diverting money and are involved in financial frauds. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has already launched an investigation against around 40 Chinese companies that manufacture mobile screens and batteries. Around 600 Chinese companies are being closely monitored by the Centre. Among these, 300 to 400 companies are involved in suspicious activities. Although many companies have appointed Indian directors, the money transactions take place in China. Even the bank accounts of most of these companies are in China. Another important finding is that these companies operating in India do not record or report financial transaction data to the authorities. The central government has observed the rapid growth of digital lending companies in recent years. Many companies undertake money transactions in India without even complying with the Reserve Bank of India's standards. This is not the first time the central government is planning to ban Chinese companies and apps in the country.

# C-130 Aircraft Spotted 10 Km From Indian Border With Bangladesh



New Delhi Indian security agencies are monitoring a C-130 aircraft with call sign AJAX1431 since 10 km from Indian border with Bangladesh and it is heading towards Delhi. It is believed that Sheikh Hasina and some members of her entourage are on this plane, say the reports. The C-130 aircraft is expected to reach around 1700-1715 hours at a runway in New Delhi. The Bangladesh Air Force plane has crossed Patna and reached near UP-Bihar border. Top security brass monitoring the situation very closely. All radars active and keeping a close watch on it, say the sources. In the latest developments, in Bangladesh, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned from her post on Monday while several local media outlets reported that protesters had breached Ganabhaban, her official residence. Protesters succeeded in opening the gates of the Ganabhaban and entered the compound of the prime minister's residence around 3:00 pm today, according to a report by Bangladesh's The Daily Star. Bangladesh Prime Minister Hasina left from Ganabhaban, the official residence and principal workplace of the president of Bangladesh, at around 2:30pm on Monday on a military helicopter, accompanied by her younger sister, Sheikh Rehana for a "safer place," reported Bangladesh media as quoted. According to some sources, Bangladesh PM Hasina Resigns has arrived in Patna, Bihar. Considering the law and order situation in Bangladesh, the Border Security Force (BSF) has issued a high alert along the India-Bangladesh border. The BSF Director-General has arrived in Kolkata, according to a senior BSF official.

