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News Brief

BSF seizes banned medicines in Punjab

Chandigarh, April 10 (IANS) In a coordinated effort by the BSF and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of Ferozepur in Punjab, a significant breakthrough was achieved in the fight against illegal drug distribution.

Acting on intelligence provided by the BSF, a raid was conducted on a medical shop near Changa Rai Uttar village in Ferozepur district, said the BSF in a statement on Wednesday.

During the operation, a substantial quantity of banned medicines was seized. Among the confiscated items were 20,370 capsules of Pregabalin and 93 tablets of Tapentadol. These drugs were being sold without proper prescription, raising serious concerns about public health and safety.

'Our collective dreams have taken flight,' BJP launches LS election campaign song

New Delhi, April 10 (IANS) The BJP on Wednesday launched the party's new campaign song for the Lok Sabha elections.

The party posted a video on its social media handles and said the song mirrors the feelings of the entire nation.

"From every corner of the nation, people from diverse backgrounds, speaking in every language are saying one thing in unison - our collective dreams have taken flight!..." The song has been sung in 12 different languages and showcases the people coming together on their diversity while portraying the essential unity of the nation.

False alarm: Fire tenders rushed to AIIMS, no blaze found

New Delhi, April 10 (IANS) The fire department and the police rushed to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) late on Tuesday evening after receiving a call reporting a fire in the surgery block of the institute, but the call turned out to be a hoax, a fire department official said.

According to the Director of Delhi Fire Service (DFS), Atul Garg, the call regarding the blaze in the surgery block on the top floor of AIIMS was received at 9:38 p.m.

Delhi BJP leaders stage protest, seek CM Kejriwal's resignation

New Delhi, April 10 (IANS) Delhi BJP leaders and workers led by the party's state chief Virendra Sachdeva on Wednesday protested at Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) Marg in the national capital demanding the resignation of incarcerated Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

"In view of the protest at DDU Marg, New Delhi on 10.04.2024, Traffic will remain heavy at IP Marg, Vikas Marg, Minto Road and Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg. DDU Marg may remain closed for traffic movement from 11 AM to 2 PM.

Corruption is DMK's copyright: PM Modi

Chennai, April 10 (IANS) Asserting that the DMK-Congress alliance is founded on discrimination and division, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday accused both parties of lying to grab power in Tamil Nadu.

"DMK-Congress is founded on discrimination and division. Their aim for this election is to make Modi leave the country while our priority is to rid the country of its vices like corruption, discrimination and poverty," PM Modi said while addressing a massive gathering of BJP workers at Mettupalayam in Coimbatore -- his second political rally of the day in the state.

"Congress-DMK has deprived the SC-ST-OBC for decades. The INDI alliance has never trusted the potential of the peo-

ple of India," he added. Thanking the people of Tamil Nadu, he expressed complete faith in them to help the BJP emerge victorious in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

"April 19 is going to be an important day to envisage the future of Tamil Nadu," he said while accusing DMK of indulging in massive corruption.

PM Modi said that Congress had long back fought elections with the slogan of 'Garibi Hatao' but poverty was never reduced and it was under the NDA government that as many as 25 crore people came out of poverty.

He said that the Congress was playing a dangerous game of discrimination and division in the country while the DMK was doing the same in

Tamil Nadu. "The NDA government provided water to crores of people through the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' but the DMK was providing water connection on the basis of the politics followed by the individual," he said.

"Everywhere I have been to in Tamil Nadu, I have witnessed huge support for the BJP and people seem to be ready to give a nice send-off to the DMK. I guarantee that we will develop the Kongu and Nilgiris area of Tamil Nadu. This is Modi's guarantee," he mentioned while recalling that the region has always been supportive of the BJP and had elected a party leader to the Lok Sabha even during the period of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

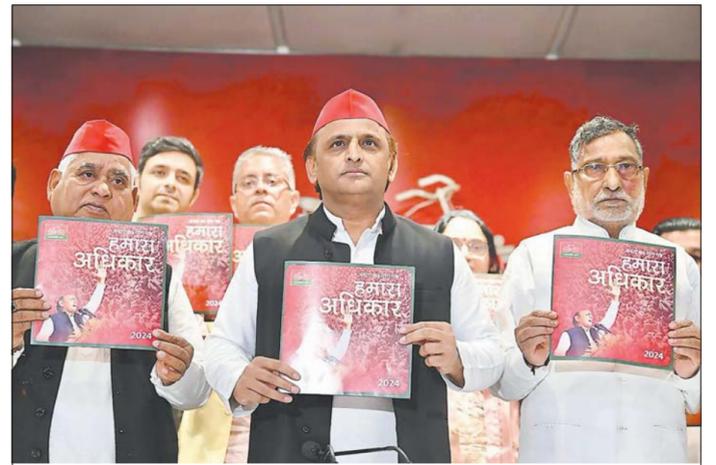
"The INDI alliance partners do not want any

tribal to be in power. However, the BJP and the NDA made a tribal woman the President of India. Both Congress and DMK had strongly opposed her," he stated.

Earlier in the day, while addressing a rally from the Vellore Fort grounds, PM Modi accused the DMK of keeping Tamil Nadu trapped in old thinking and old politics.

Lamenting DMK's brand of politics, PM Modi said, "DMK contests on family politics, corruption and anti-Tamil culture." He added that DMK's family has destabilised the youth of Tamil Nadu and has facilitated systematic loot, depriving Tamil Nadu of its development.

"Corruption is DMK's copyright," said PM Modi.



LUCKNOW, Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav with party leaders releases party's manifesto for Lok Sabha elections, at party headquarters in Lucknow on Wednesday. UNI

Inconvenience caused to Pakistani passengers after PM, CM deplane at Lahore

New Delhi, April 10 (IANS) Hundreds of Pakistani passengers faced inconvenience after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz disembarked at Lahore after a Pakistan International Airlines flight from Jeddah to Islamabad was diverted, media reports said. "PM, CM and other VIPs disembarked at Lahore, which caused hundreds of other Islamabad-bound passengers," Dawn newspaper reported. The news report said that the PIA flight PK842 was supposed to land in Islamabad at 10:30 pm but it was diverted to Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore and landed there at 9:25 pm. The report said that the PIA flight PK842 was carrying a total of 393 passengers, which included the official Pakistani delegation returning from Saudi Arabia, which included the PM, Punjab CM, Defence Minister and others, along with their family members. "Videos circulating on social media showed passengers expressing their anger, but they had no other option but to wait until the VIPs disembarked before continuing their journey to Islamabad," Dawn newspaper reported.

8 people dead after ship collision in China

Beijing, April 10 (IANS) All eight people who were missing after a collision between a fishing boat and a commercial ship off the southwestern coast of south China's Hainan Province have been confirmed dead, the provincial maritime search and rescue centre said Wednesday. The fishing boat "Yuenan Aoyu 36062" collided with the Panamanian container ship "SITC DANANG" about 60 nautical miles west of Sanya Port at around 0:15 a.m. on April 3. Subsequently, the fishing boat sank and eight people on board went missing, Xinhua news agency reported.

Delhi HC dismisses 3rd plea seeking removal of Kejriwal from CM's post

New Delhi, April 10 (IANS) The Delhi High Court on Wednesday came down heavily on former Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Sandeep Kumar for seeking the removal of Arvind Kejriwal from the post of Chief Minister of Delhi, also noting the frivolity of his petition.

Referring it to a recurring film sequel, the court expressed displeasure at being embroiled in what he termed a "political thicket". The court stressed the need to deter such repetitive litigation by imposing significant costs on Kumar.

"This is not a James

Bond movie sequel," the court said.

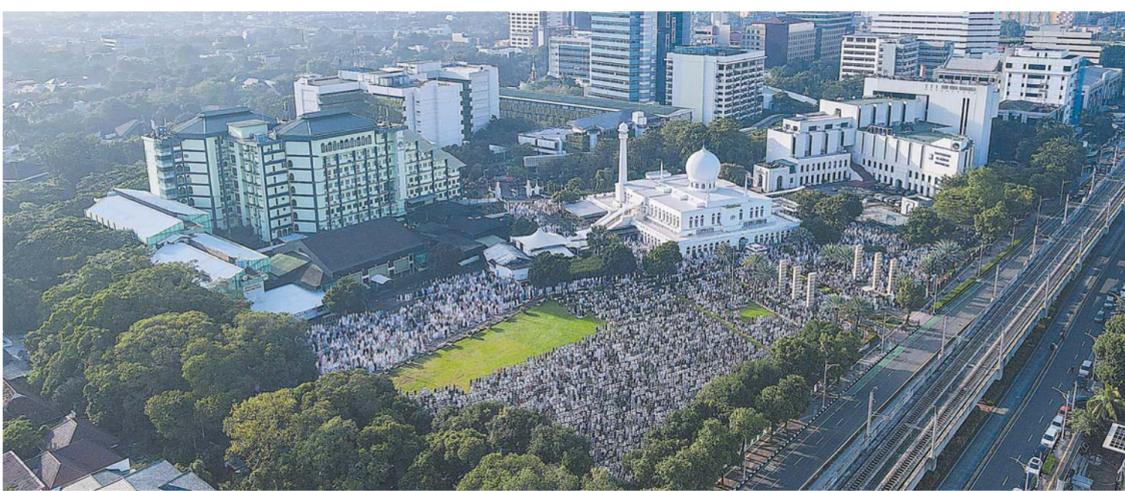
When the plea came up before Justice Subramonium Prasad on Monday, he had said that it was nothing but a "publicity interest petition". The court's remark had come after a division bench headed by Acting Chief Justice Manmohan had refused to entertain a similar PIL last week. The petition, filed by Hindu Sena President Vishnu Gupta, claimed that the situation after CM Kejriwal's recent arrest by the ED constitutes a breach of constitutional trust mandated by the Constitution.

Kumar's plea marked the third unsuccessful similar petition, with the court imposing a hefty fine of Rs 50,000 on him.

On Wednesday, a division bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet P.S. Aroa questioned the basis of Kumar's plea and reminded his counsel of previous rulings rejecting similar petitions. Despite warnings from the bench, Kumar's counsel persisted in arguing the case, prompting the court to assertively impose the fine.

Dismissing Kumar's arguments and criticising him for attempting to politi-

cise the proceedings, the court stressed its role as a judicial body and urged Kumar to refrain from turning the courtroom into a platform for political discourse. Kumar defended his actions, stating that he approached the court in his individual capacity, not as part of a public interest litigation (PIL). However, the court remained resolute in its stance. With the imposition of the Rs 50,000 fine, the court sent a clear message that such baseless petitions would not be tolerated, reaffirming its commitment to upholding the rule of law and judicial decorum.



JAKARTA, An aerial drone photo taken on April 10, 2024 shows people attending a prayer in celebration of Eid al-Fitr outside the Al-Azhar Great Mosque in Jakarta, Indonesia. UNI

Anand to see clash of veterans

Anand, April 10 (IANS) In a showdown for the Anand Lok Sabha seat in Gujarat, the political stage is set for a contest between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress.

Mitesh Rameshbhai Patel, popularly known as Bakabhai, representing the BJP, will face off against Amit Chavda from Congress. Both of them are seasoned politicians. The Anand constituency, renowned for its decisive electoral battles, is again in the spotlight as these candidates gear up for the upcoming elections.

Mitesh Patel, a seasoned politician, secured his position in the Lok Sabha after a historic win in the 2019 elections. He defeated Congress' Bharat Solanki by a record margin of 1,97,718 votes -- the largest ever in Anand's electoral history. Bharat Solanki, a seasoned politician with a rich legacy, including his tenure as Minister of State under the UPA II regime and being the progeny of Madhavsinh Solanki, a prominent figure in Gujarat's political arena, faced a tough battle against Patel then.

Patel's career is

marked by his allegiance to the BJP and contributions to the Anand community, notably in cooperative societies and public welfare. His commitment was recognised nationally when he was awarded the Certificate of Commitment by the World Book of Records, London, for his commendable service during the Covid-19 pandemic. His phrase "Sewa hi Samarpan" became a rallying cry for the BJP's national campaigns.

Despite rumours of his replacement, Mitesh Patel has reaffirmed his candidacy for the BJP in Anand, emphasizing "the party's goal to secure a sweeping victory across all 26 seats in Gujarat under PM Narendra Modi's leadership, aiming for a significant upturn".

On the Congress front, Amit Chavda, a five-term MLA and a chemical engineer by profession, has been chosen to contest from Anand. This decision came after Bharatsinh Solanki, the former MP and Union minister, withdrew his candidacy. Chavda's political acumen and his narrow victory in the 2022 state elections have positioned him as a formidable contender.

The Anand constituency, with a population exceeding 6,00,000, exhibits a diverse demographic and economic profile, a blend of urban and rural influences, and literacy rates notably high in both sectors. The upcoming Lok Sabha elections are set to be a litmus test for both parties, with the Anand seat playing a pivotal role in shaping the political landscape.

Woman smothers two children to death in K'taka, arrested

Bengaluru, April 10 (IANS) In a shocking incident, a woman allegedly smothered her two children to death in Bengaluru. The police have arrested the accused mother and are questioning why she killed her kids.

The deceased have been identified as nine-year-old Lakshmi and seven-year-old Gowtham. The incident took place under the limits of Jalahalli police station in Bengaluru on Tuesday late night. The accused mother has been identified as Gangadevi. According to police, the family of the victims hailed from Andhra Pradesh and the accused mother worked in a marketing division of a private company.

Girls outsmart boys in class 12 Board results in Karnataka

Bengaluru, April 10 (IANS) The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEA) announced Board results of the Second Year Pre-University College (Class 12) students, on Wednesday. The state has achieved 81.15 per cent in terms of results.

The girls have outsmarted boys with 84.87 per cent passing the exams. 76.98 per cent of boys who took the exams have passed.

N. Manjushree, Chairperson of the KSEA, declared the results. Among the districts, Dakshina

Kannada stood first (97 per cent), Udupi secured second position (96.80 per cent) and Vijayapura district located in north Karnataka and considered one of the backward regions had secured the fourth place with 94.89 per cent in terms of results. The Gadag district is in the last position.

In the science stream, Vidyalakshmi from Hubballi has emerged topper with 598 marks out of 600. In the Arts stream, three students have shared the first rank: D. Medha of NMKRV College in Bengaluru, Vedant Navi of

NSPU College in Vijayapura district and Kavitha B.V. of Kottur in Bellary have scored 596 marks out of 600. In the Commerce stream, Jnanavi from Tumakuru city has scored 597 out of 600 marks and secured the first rank.

81.10 per cent of students in urban areas and 81.31 per cent of students from rural regions have passed the exams. 70.41 per cent of Kannada medium students and 87.40 per cent of English medium students have passed the exams.

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BJP strengthens position in Kharge's home turf Kalaburagi

Bengaluru, April 10 (IANS) The BJP has strengthened its position in AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge's home turf Kalaburagi parliamentary constituency with the joining of Nitin Guttadar. Incidentally, Mallikarjun Kharge's son-in-law Radhakrishna Doddamani is the Congress candidate from the Kalaburagi seat.

Umesh B Jadhav, sitting BJP MP who defeated Congress chief Kharge in the 2019 General Elections is contesting again from here.

Nitin Guttadar is a prominent leader from the Afzalpur Assembly constituency in Kalaburagi District. He contested as an Independent candidate and secured second position as he lost to Congress candidate MY Patil by 4,594 votes.

Karnataka BJP President, BY Vijayendra welcomed Nitin Guttadar and his supporters to the party at its headquarters.

Vijayendra stated, "I welcome Nitin Guttadar and his followers to the BJP with warmth. His joining the BJP will have a great impact on the results of the Kalaburagi Lok Sabha constituency. The BJP is strengthened by his joining the party." He added that including Kalaburagi, the BJP-JD(S) alliance is working to win all 28 seats in Karnataka. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has kept his word. The promises made in the manifesto are literally implemented. Even after 10 years of rule, the popularity of Prime Minister Modi is increasing. We are working with a conviction of re-electing Prime Minister Modi.



AGARTALA, An octogenarian woman showing her inked finger after casting vote through postal ballot with the assistance of her family members in her house in front of the team of election officials in Agartala on Wednesday. Senior citizens aged above 85 years and persons with disabilities can opt for postal ballots and cast their votes from homes announced by the Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar. UNI

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