

Nitish answers call for help by acid attack victim's father

PATNA, JULY 3 /- Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar answered the call for help by the hapless father of an acid attack victim by sending Patna Commissioner to the distraught family today to provide assistance.

"The moment I came to know from media reports about the plight of the family, I ordered Patna Commissioner to visit them and provide all assistance," Nitish told newsmen. Shailesh Paswan, father of the acid attack victim had

through a letter sought Kumar's help for performing the 'shraddh' of his daughter on July 4 as he has no money for it. Four youths had allegedly thrown acid at the girl and her sister in October 2012 while they were sleeping on the roof of their house at Maner in Patna rural district.

The victim succumbed to her serious burn injuries on June 22 after battling for her life for about five years.

"I managed to complete

her last rites with the help of money contributed by villagers. Now I have no option but to beg for performing the shraddh of my daughter," he said in the letter to the chief minister. Nitish said "Besides helping the family I have also instructed the commissioner to ensure proper action to the acid attack case in which the younger sister of the deceased also received burn injuries." Acting promptly on the chief minister's order, Patna Commissioner Anand

Kishore visited the girl's family at Chinawalla village in Maner block of rural Patna. Kishore told PTT that a sum of Rs 13.5 lakh has been made available to the family.

Nitish said on prior instruction by the chief minister Rs 12.42 lakh was deposited in a bank in the name of the victim and another sum of Rs 1.08 lakh for her younger sister injured in the incident. But due to technical problems the family did not get the money.

Fire in Apollo hospital; none injured

KOLKATA, JULY 3 /- Fire broke out in an empty operation theatre in the main building of the Apollo Gleneagles hospital here this morning but there was no casualty.

Two fire tenders were put into service to douse the fire which caught at around 9:20 am, a Kolkata Police official said. "Nobody was injured as the operation theatre was empty. Going by the primary investigation it seems that the fire was due to a short circuit probably inside the air conditioning system there," he said.

Meanwhile, a release by the hospital authorities claimed that the in-house safety team responded and doused the fire swiftly. The authorities and fire department were informed as the blaze was noticed and was controlled even before the fire brigade team arrived, the release said adding that all the patients and people in the building are safe.

3 held for siphoning of funds from bank account in city

KOLKATA, JULY 3 /- Kolkata Police have arrested three persons from Bihar for their alleged involvement in siphoning of funds from the bank account of a person.

On the basis of a complaint lodged with Watgunge police station here, the police went to Lakhisara in Bihar and arrested Sujit Kumar, Shrawan Kumar and Arvind Kumar from their respective houses, a police officer said today. Complainant Sushil Chanda Mahato had said in his FIR that he received a phone call in February in which someone posing as a bank official sought details of his debit card details which he provided.

Within a short while, Mahato found that Rs 74,490 was debited from his account, the police officer said. The three accused allegedly put the money in various e-wallets and a portion of it was transferred to four accounts of a nationalised bank of Jamtara, Jharkhand. The accused trio, who were arrested on Friday, were running a mobile recharge shop at Lakhisara in Bihar. They used the money from the e-wallets to recharge phones and DTHs of customers, the officer said.



Minu Budhia, actress Sreelekha Mitra, MJC Parks and gardens Debasis Kumar, Dewlina Kumar and filmmaker Shobprosad Mukherjee at the Khutti Puja of Durga Puja of Tridhara—EOIC

Darjeeling boarding schools extend vacation as unrest continues

DARJEELING, JULY 3 /- The boarding schools of Darjeeling, which were scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, have extended their vacation due to the indefinite shutdown in the hills. The vacation had begun on June 23.

"We have decided to extend the vacation as the shutdown is going on. We have not given any time frame as to when the schools will reopen. As soon as normalcy returns in the hills, we will inform parents and reopen schools," Principal of St. Joseph's North Point, Father Shanjumon

told news agency PTT. Father Shanjumon is a member of the Darjeeling ICSE Schools Association. St. Joseph's North Point is a prominent boarding school in the Darjeeling Hills. The Gorkha Janamukti Morcha (GJM) had given a 12-hour window to schools on June 23 to evacuate boarders.

The indefinite shutdown in the hills over the demand of separate state of Gorkhaland entered its 19th day today. Normal life was affected due to the shutdown. Except pharmacy, all other shops, restaurants, private offices and hotels remained closed.

Lakhs witness Lord Jagannath's return car festival in Puri

PURI, JULY 3 /- Lakhs of devotees from across the country and abroad witnessed Lord Jagannath's Bahuda Yatra, their return car festival which was held amid tight security.

A multi-layer security net was thrown in the town with heavy deployment of forces to ensure a smooth celebration and prevent any untoward incident, a senior police official said. According to mythology, the three deities—Lord Jagannath, his elder brother Lord Balabhadra and their sister Devi Subhadra wrap up their annual nine-day sojourn to Sri Gundicha Temple, their birth place and return to Breshamini or Sri Jagannath temple during their threema-

gestic wooden chariots. Several special rituals were performed before the deities were taken out of the Gundicha temple and placed on the three colourfully decorated chariots for the return journey amid chants of 'Jai Jagannath' and 'Hari Bol'. The divine siblings were taken to their chariots in an elaborate ritual called 'Pahandi' to the beating of gongs, cymbals and blowing of conch shells. Lord Jagannath was encoined in the largest of the three chariots, the 45 feet-high 'Nandighosh', Balabhadra in his 44 feet-high 'Taldhwaja' and Subhadra in her 43 feet-high 'Darpadalan'.

Gajapati King of Puri Divya Singha Deb performed

the 'Chhera Prayers' ritual. He offered prayers to the deities and then swept the platforms of the chariots with a golden broom and sprinkled flowers and fragrant water. The giant chariots were then pulled by devotees amid gaiety and devotion on 'Bada Danda', the grand avenue leading to the Sri Jagannath temple up to the Lion's gate in front of it where they would be stationed till July 6. The deities, who had embarked on a nine-day sojourn to the Gundicha Temple during Rath Yatra on June 25, would finally re-enter the 12th century shrine and again be placed on the 'Ratna Simhasan', the bejewelled throne, following a ceremony called 'Neeladribeje'.



Trivamool Congress MP Sultan Ahmed who was called by the CBI for questioning in regards to his alleged connection with Varada tapes was greeted by the agency for seven hours at Nisam Place. Picture shows Ahmed talking to the media in front of the CBI office—EOIC

DPR for Jharkhand AIMS prepared

RANCHI, JULY 3 /- The Union government has prepared the detailed project report (DPR) for AIMS to be set up at Deupur in Jharkhand's Deoghar district, which is expected to start functioning in about two-and-a-half years.

Jharkhand health, medical education and family welfare minister R a m c h a n d r a Chandravanshi told a press conference here today that the state government has received re-

port that the central government has not only prepared the DPR for AIMS at Deupur, but has also prepared the cabinet note and may get the cabinet sanction any time from now. Once the cabinet sanction is granted for the AIMS in Deoghar it would take about two-and-a-half years for the institute to be functional, additional chief secretary of the department, Sudhir Tripathi said.

Chandravanshi said

that to deal with the shortage of doctors in Jharkhand, the state government has initiated the process to establish three new medical colleges at Palamanu, Hazaribagh and Dumka, where the building work has already begun and is expected to be completed by January 2019.

He said that efforts were on to include all the people of the state under the chief minister's health insurance scheme. Presently only the BPL people are benefitting from the scheme but it was meant for APL families as well. The aim of the scheme was by paying the premium which will be as low as around Rs 500.

For the health insurance scheme the government has made provisions for Rs 200 crore in 2017-18. The minister announced that the state government is actively considering building up a medico city in Itki area here.

The medico city will incur an expense of Rs 918.20 crore and it will be built in an area of 66.18 acres. (PTI)



State power minister Sobhan Deb at the inauguration of power substation at Chandatala in Hooghly—EOIC

Life remains paralysed due to heavy rains in Arunachal

ITANAGAR, JULY 3 /- Heavy rains lashed several parts of Arunachal Pradesh, including the capital, causing landslides and flood-like situation in many areas across the state.

The administration has alerted residents located at vulnerable areas, such as river banks, streams, landslide-prone zones and flood-like situation in many areas across the state. A detailed report would be submitted to the chief minister so that necessary measures could be taken at the earliest, Mjoyng said.

Meanwhile, landslide triggered by heavy downpour destroyed two houses of Santi Colony at Sagalee in Papum Pare district on Sunday. Landslides have been reported from almost the entire stretch of Seppa-Sagalee-Khoel Trans Arunachal Highway (TAH), Sagalee ADC Jalash Pertin said.

Two bridges that connected Sagalee were washed away leaving around 100 commuters stranded. Sagalee remained cut off and stranded passengers were accommodated in the inspection bungalow and at former chief minister Nabam Tuki's private residence. Landslides along the Papu-Yupia-Hoj-Potin stretch of the Trans Arunachal Highway, left many vehicles stranded. The district administration issued a circular to stop traffic through the highway between 5 pm and 9 am.

A report from East Siang district stated that Siang River crossed the danger mark on Sunday night. In Tirap district, a huge landslide occurred between Khonsa and Longleng road near the Tirath Hydrel Project. The River Kameng at Seppa was reportedly flowing over the danger level. Due to rising water level of Dipu Nallah, Tezu-Roing road traffic was diverted via Assu.

The parliamentary secretary for disaster management Kalim Mjoyng assessed the damages at Barapani Bridge and Chandranagar area on Sunday.

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Meanwhile, incessant rainfall led to erosion of a major portion of the National Highway 415 between Nalagan and Longleng. The National Highway 415 connecting Itanagar and Naharlagun has been closed and all vehicles were diverted to Papu-Nallah and Itanagar via Jollang Road. The situation worsened as the soil below Barapani Bridge began eroding due to the rise in water level, officials sources said. Capital Complex deputy commissioner Prince Dhawan prohibited heavy vehicles from using the bridge till further notice and directed the department concerned to construct a retaining wall to stop soil erosion. On the other hand, the Jullang road, which is currently the only lifeline connecting Itanagar and Naharlagun is also in a bad condition with mudslides causing considerable damage at several

6-year-old killed in Assam landslide

GUWAHATI, JULY 3 /- A six-year-old girl was killed in a landslide here in Assam on Monday morning, police said. Dipika Barman was preparing to go to school when mud from a near-by hill caved in and buried her in Panikhati area. Although her parents and neighbours dug her out immediately and rushed her to a hospital, the doctors declared her dead. Incessant rains have been triggering havoc in different parts of Assam and the northeast for several days. The Assam government has identified several hill areas in Guwahati and adjoining areas as landslide prone. They have cautioned residents to be cautious on rainy days.

Man lynched for killing wife in Jharkhand

RANCHI, JULY 3 /- A man was lynched by villagers in Jharkhand's Sahibganj district as he was trying to run away after murdering his wife, police said on Monday. Asadul, along with his elder brother, murdered his wife Shaibi Bibi on Sunday. They were trying to run away when the villagers caught him and beat him to death, the police said. The brother managed to flee. The incident took place in Jamnagar which is around 500 km from here. The brothers had on July 28, 2015, murdered Shaibi Bibi's brother Saddam. They wanted her to mediate in that case, which she refused. Saddam was against Asadul and his sister's marriage. On Sunday, the police reached the village and sent the couple's bodies for post-mortem.

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Odisha records rise in elephant population

BHUBANESWAR, JULY 3 /- Notwithstanding the death of 156 elephants in the past two years due to different reasons, the elephant population in Odisha has increased marginally to 1,976 this year from 1,954 recorded in 2015.

The 2017 Elephant Census report released by forest and environment minister Bijaysree Routray today revealed that the number of elephants rose by 22 in the state as against the 2015 census. The elephant population was 1,980 in 2012. As per the census, 344 elephants were identified as tuskers and 1,092 as cow elephants. There are 502 young elephants in the state. The forest department could not identify the sex of 38 elephants.

In three elephant reserves (Mayurbhanj, Mahanadi and Sambalpur), 1,536 elephants were enumerated, which account for 77.73 per cent of the total elephant population in the state. These areas have seven sanctuaries. Five other sanctuaries have an elephant population of 79. The Forest Department officials have counted 361 elephants outside the elephant reserves and sanctuaries. Compared to 2015, the male population is up by three. However, the number of female elephants has decreased by four. The number of young elephants has gone up by 12, said the census report.

The highest number of 330 elephants was found in the Simlipal reserve (core areas) while 169 were counted in Damsel division. The forest department engaged 5,847 persons for the census work.

Odisha developing universal eyecare programme

BHUBANESWAR, JULY 3 /- Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik on Sunday said that the state government was developing a universal eye care programme to reduce the number of curable blind persons. "The state is now in the process of developing a universal eye care programme to minimise the number of treatable and curable blind persons in Odisha by setting up necessary institutional mechanisms," Patnaik said at a cornea collection awareness programme. He said that required mechanisms would be put in place for screening and providing free treatment to all persons with treatable and curable causes of blindness along with rehabilitative services for the blind. "I would emphasise use of technology under the programme to register all individuals with eye problems through an eye health web portal so that they can be issued eye health cards for further follow-up action," Patnaik said. The chief minister expressed happiness over collection of more than 5000 corneas through eye donations by 'Drushti Daan', a body that organised the cornea collection awareness programme. He also appreciated the service of 'Drushti Daan' in eye donation movement for 15 years.

Arms seizure at Mizoram-Myanmar border

AIZAWL, JULY 3 /- Assam Rifles personnel deployed along the Mizoram-Myanmar border seized four AK-56 assault rifles from a place near Parkawn village yesterday, an official statement today said. The statement said four magazines and unspecified rounds of ammunition were also seized along with the rifles. The smugglers, however, were not arrested and escaped into Myanmar. Police suspected that the rifles were to be sold to militant groups operating in neighbouring Manipur.