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### 185 people held in Pune for vandalism, violence during Maratha bandh

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PUNE, AUG 10 /-- / At least
185 people, including five
women, were arrested in
connection with incidents
of vandalism and violence
in Pune city during the
bandh called by Maratha
groups over their demand
for reservation for the
community in government
jobs and education, police
said today.

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They added that some of the protesters hurled stones at the police personnel in the Chandani Chowk area of the city during the stir on Thursday.

In another incident, some miscreants went on a

rampage after the conveners of the Maratha Kranti Morcha (MKM) submitted a memorandum of demands to district collector Naval Kishor Ram.

They damaged the main

gate of the administrative building at the collector's office, broke the security office, broke the security cabin's glass and some bulbs. According to the police, the miscreants did not leave the building premises till late evening and were detained after a mild lathicharge.

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"While 83 people were arrested in connection with the Chandani Chowk stonepelting incident, 81 others, neluding five women, were arrested for the vandalism at the collector's office. Besides, 21 others were arrested for sporadic incidents," Joint incidents," Joint Commissioner of Police (law and order) Shivaji Bodkhe said. Bodkhe added that those arrested were "outside elements", who had sneaked into the agitation and resorted to violence. All the arrested accused have been booked under the relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act.

### Jayarajan all set to return to CPM-led **LDF** ministry

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUG 10 /--/ The CPM in Kerala today gave the go-ahead for reinducting its strongman E P Jayarajan, who resigned as minister in

me party-led LDF ministry.

Addressing a press conference after its secretariat meeting here. CPM state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan said the party has asked for a cabinet reshuffle by inducting Jayarajan in the cabinet.

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The date and time for swearing-in would be decided by the chief minister, he said, adding that Jayarajan would be given the Industries portfolio which he held earlier Jayarajan, a party control of the control

MP P K Sreemathi as the managing director of Kerala Industrial Enterprises Ltd. However, the vigilance and anti-corruption bureau, which probed the case, gave a clean chit to Jayarajan, stating that no criminal

## Kerala floods: Red alert issued in Idukki, **Army deployed in northern districts**

## Centre assures all help, CM reviews situation

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUG 10 '--' In rain battered. Kerala, a red alert has been issued for Idukki and its adjoining districts in view of the possibility of release of more water from the Idukki reservoir, while entry of the coursists to the high-range district was stopped after roads caved in at many places.

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Five columns of Army has been deployed in the state's northern districts since Thursday night, and small bridges have been constructed to evacuate people stranded at various places in Kozhikode and Wayanad. The Indian Navy has put on alert its Southern Naval Command in view of the rising water level in undation of parts of Wellington Island surrounded by the backwaters of Kochi. Twenty-six people have lost their lives since August 8 in landslides and floods people have lost their lives since August 8 in landslides and floods caused due to the heavy rains as the South-west monsoon remains vigorous over Kerala. The Idukki district administration has restricted tourists from visiting hilly areas and movement of heavy

hesi recte dudi ass mon Visiting goods carriers also has been restricted.

At least 30 tourists, including foreigners stranded at the Plum Judy resort at Munnar since Wednesday as roads are blocked due to landslips, are safe and the Army's help has been sought, state Tourism minister Kadakampally Surendran said, adding they will be shifted to the KTDC. People liying downstream of Perivar and be shifted to the KTDC. People living downstream of Periyar and Cheruthoni rivers have been warned that there is a possibility of inundation of banks as torrential rain pounded the state for the second day in a row. Gates of 24 dams in the state have been open of ard due to rising water level. Three shutters of the Idukki reservoir have already been opened. Two more shutters of the Cheruthoni dam, part of the Idukki reservoir, the biggest arch dam in Asia, were lifted around 7 am today

Asia, were lifted around 7 am today as the water level continued to rise following continuing rains.

One shutter was opened on Thursday after a gap of 26 years. The water level in Idukki at 10 am stood at 2,40.34 feet against the Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 2,403 feet. This morning, Kerala minister Pinarayi Vijayan re the flood situation and relief minister Pinarayi Vijayan reviewed the flood situation and relief works being undertaken by the Army,

Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and the NDRE Informing newspersons that there is a need to release more water from the Idukki dam in the water from the Idukki dam in the wake of increase in the water level, he said, 'It is essential to release water three times than what was being released now.' In view of this, water level in the Periyar river and its tributaries will rise. People have to be vigilant, Vijayan said. The Centre today assured the Kerala government of all pessible help in wake of rains and floods, which so

far have claimed 26 lives in the state. The assurance was given by Union home minister Rajnath Singh to Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan during a telephonic

assistance from the centre to the state government. The relief and rescue ops are going on. MHA is closely monitoring the flood situation," Singh tweeted. (PTI)



Southern Naval Comma disaster relief operation

**Manarrested for posting fake** 

letterfrom Prezon Facebook

### Idol theft case: TNPolice give undertaking to Madras HCnotto arrest TVS Motor chairman

CHENNAI, AUG 10 /--/ Tamil Nadu Police's Idol Wing today gave an undertaking to the Madras High Court that it would not arrest TVS Motor Company's chairman Venu Srinivasan, for a period of six weeks in connection with an idol theft

Case.

The matter came up for hearing before a Division Bench, comprising Justices R Mahadevan and P D Audikesavulu, constituted to hear cases regarding idol theft. Before senior counsel B Kumar could theft. Before senior counsel B Kumar could to start his arguments on behalf of Srinivasan, personnel of the Idol Wing's special investigation team (SIT), who were in the court, gave the undertaking. After recording the undertaking, the bench posted the matter for hearing after six weeks. Srinivasan had moved the court sterday seeking anticipatory bail in nection with an idol theft case.

In his bail application, Srinivasan ci writ plea filed by advocate 'Elephan' iendran which refers to the FIR agai Rajendran which refers to the FIR against him. The TVS Motor chairman said he understood that an FIR was registered by the Mylapore police and it was later transferred to the CB-CID Idol Wing. The FIR against the industrialist relates to alleged replacement of an antique peacock idol with a new one at the Sir Kapaleeswarar temple here and it was registered following a complaint from a devotee, Rangarajan Narasimhan.

Asserting that he was innocent, Srinivasan submitted before the court that he had spent around Rs 70 lakh in 2004 from his personal fum for painting and flooring work at Sri Kapaleeswarar temple.



Tibetan Spiritual leader Dalai Lama, gives blessings to people during 'Thank You Kurnataka', an event to commemorate 60 years in evile in Rengalury on Friday

# letterfrom Prezon Facebook NEW DELHI, AUG 10 /-/ A year after a case was registered against the director of a management college in Bengaluru for allegedly posting a fake letter from the President of India on his Facebook account, the man was arrested, police said today The accused, Hari Krishna Maram, aged between 45-50, was in the US for more than a year but returned to Bengaluru this month and was arrested by Cyber Crime Cell of Delhi Police on Wednesday, they added. The case was being investigated by sub-inspector Bhanu Pratap of the cyber cell after a complaint was filed by the President's press secretary lasty ear. Maram had allegedly posted the photo of an "appreciation letter" received from the president for a book he had authored on digital marketing, said an officer privy to the probe. The letter was Take and Maram had posted the letter to gain publicity and more eyeballs for the book he had supposedly written, the officer said. At the time of the registration of the case, Maram was in the US and was contacted but he did not join investigation. A city court had issued a non-bailable warrant against him and police had even initiated proceedings to declare him a proclaimed offender, he added. Anurag Thakur

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"Spoke to Kerala CM Shri Pinarayi Vijayan and discussed the prevailing flood situation in the state. I have assured all possible assistance from the Centre to the

# NAINTAL, AUG 10 /--/ An elderly American was found dead in his hotel room at Bhintal in the district, police said today. Stephen Daniel (68) was found dead in his room at Greenwood Hotel on Thursday, Nainttal SP Harish Chandra Sati said. The hotel staff learned about his death when a foul smell began to emanate from his room, the official said, adding that it suggested he died a couple of days earlier. They broke open the door as it was bolted from inside and they found Daniel lying dead on his bed. he said. The US embassy was informed about the incident, Sati said. Daniel, who halled from Pennsylvania and was a divorce came to

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American found dead in

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embassy was informed about the incident, Sati Said. Daniel, who hailed from Pennsylvania and was a divorcee, came to India via Nepal on May 30 on a valid visa and passport, the official said. He was last seen by the hotel staff on Sunday when they delivered soup to his room, the SP said. Surat civic squadattacked

# for impounding stray cow

SURAT, AUG 10 /--/ A team of Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) in Gujarat had to stay put in a vehicle for over an hour when it was allegedly attacked by a mob for impounding a stray cow in the city, police said today. The incident took place in Amroli area of Surat on Monday, The incident took place in Amroli area of Surat on Monday, but a police complaint in this regard was lodged by an SMC official on Thursday. According to the complaint given by SMC sanitary sub inspector Harshad Kerode, after the civic body was informed about a cow running amok, he and his team reached Vatsalayar residency in Amroli area and his team reached Vatsalayar residency in Amroli area and the same of th

### Crackdown begins against drunk driving in Goa

PANAJI, AUG 10 /-/ Goa Police today launched a crackdown against drunken driving to curb road accidents in the state. Around 200 teams of policemen will be on the streets across Goa as part of the drive that begins today, deputy superintendent of police (traffic) Dharmesh Angle told newspersons. Tla motorist is caught driving under the influence of liquor beyond permissible limit, his vehicle would be filed against him in the court. 'Angle said. The SP said checks would be conducted on all the highways as well as internal roads across the store.

### Rahul inaugurates new office of Chhattisgarh Congress

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RAIPUR, AUG 10 /-- Congress president Rahul Gandhi
inaugurated today a new office of the Chhattisgarh unit of
the party here. The two-storey office, named Raju Bhawari,
is located in posh Shankar Nagar locality of the state
capital. Congress treasurer Motilal Vora, AICC
Chhattisgarh in-charge PL Punia, state party chiefBhupesh
Baghel and Leader of Opposition T's Singhdeo, among
others, were present on the occasion. Rahul had laid the
foundation stone of this office building in June 2015 when
he was the Congress vice-president. The new office is
expected to function as the main opposition party's base for
the Assembly elections slated to be held by the year-end.

### Naxalstorch 5 empty trucks in Chhattisgarh

RAIPUR, AUG 10 /-/ a group of Naxals allegedly set ablaze five empty trucks in Dantewada district of Chattisgarh early today, police said. With this, Maoists have so far torched at least nine vehicles, including two passenger buses, in the last three days in separate incidents in Dantewada, police said. The arson is being viewed as a reaction to the death is Naxals in an encounter with security forces in neighbouring Sukma district on Aumst 6. \*As excellent from a group of carmed Nevel 6. Adjust 6. "As per the information, a group of armed Naxals reached near the office of Truck Owners 'Association in Bacheli town, where several trucks were parked, in the wee hours," Dantewada additional superintedent of police Gorakhnath Baghel told news agency Ptri.

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During BJP rule with Prom Kumar Diumal at the helm in 2010, the battation was stationed in Nurpur, Kangra district. However, when the Virbhadra Singhled Congress Government came to power, they chose politics over safety of people and did not pursue the safety cause. The Union Cabinet has approved four new battalions of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).





MUMBAI, AUG 10 /--/ A girl student of a civic body-run school here died today while over 160 other students were hospitalised due to suspected poisoning after they took iron-boosting medicines given by the school.

the school.

The 12-year-old girl was administered iron and folic acid tablets on Monday at the Municipal Urdu School Number 2 at Bainganwadi in suburban Govandi, a statement from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said. Municipal Corporation (BMC) said. It added that she skipped school on Tuesday but attended classes on Wednesday and Thursday and died at her home last night after a "history

Girl dies after being given iron-boosting pills in BMC school of vomiting blood". The statement said the students of BMC-run schools were given iron, folic acid and deworming tablets as part of a Central government scheme aimed at fighting anaemia among children.

The civic body claimed that "there body-run Rajawadi Hospital at Ghatkopar and Shatabdi Hospital at Govandi. "A few children complained of "A few children complained of nausea and giddiness. However, no me had major signs or symptoms." a senior BMC official said. He added that all the children were examined by paediatricians and advised discharge from the hospitals.

Padmaja Keekar, executive health officer, BMC said the tablets given to the students were "tried and tested", adding that the cause of the girl's death would only be known once the post-mortem report came in. A police official said the incident was being probed. (PTI)

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Officials today said tuberculosis might be a cause behind the girl's death, though the BMC statement maintained that the "details of her previous illness

are not known".

A BMC official said the parents of 161 other students of the school "panicked" and brought them to the civic