

Jharkhand sets up SIT to probe Congress leader's murder

RANCHI, February 14 (IANS): The Jharkhand government on Wednesday set up a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the murder of Congress leader Shankar Yadav in a bomb blast, an official statement said.

"Jharkhand Chief Minister (Raghubar Das) has ordered to constitute an SIT to probe into the murder of Shankar Yadav," said the statement, adding that the CID will assist the SIT, which will

be headed by Deputy Superintendent of Police Karamphal Oraon.

Shankar Yadav, the Congress unit chief of Koderma district, was killed in a blast while travelling in his vehicle on Tuesday evening. The blast also seriously injured the driver and bodyguard and the latter also succumbed to his injuries.

Police in Koderma have detained two people in connection with the murder. The supporters of the

murdered Congress leader blocked the Ranchi-Patna national highway for eight hours on Wednesday morning, leading to a five-km-long jam. However, the blockade was removed after they were told that an SIT has been set up to probe the murder.

According to police sources, rivalry related to stone mines is said to be the reason behind the murder. Shankar Yadav was also attacked three months back and injured, leading to him

being hospitalised for several days.

Meanwhile, state Congress President Ajay Kumar reached Koderma and expressed unhappiness over the poor law and order situation prevailing in the state. Congress activists also burnt the effigy of the state government, while it and the other opposition parties have claimed that political killings have increased during the rule of the present BJP government.

AAP now a 'khap party', failed on every front: Congress

NEW DELHI, February 14 (IANS): The Congress on Wednesday described the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) as a "khap party" and said the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government has failed on all fronts in the last three years.

"This is not an Aam Aadmi Party, but a khap party which has failed on every front," Delhi Congress chief Ajay Maken told the media here on the third anniversary of the Delhi government.

He also accused the Delhi Chief Minister of not fulfilling any of his poll promises which he made during the assembly elections.

Slamming Kejriwal for not bringing a strict Lokpal Bill, Maken said: "In 2014, when they got 28 seats, they resigned within 49 days alleging the Congress and the BJP were not allowing them to bring proper Lokpal."

"But when they again came back in 2015 with 67 seats, they brought a different Lokpal instead of strict Lokpal," he said.

Maken, who was also accompanied by former Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit, compared the work of the Congress government and the AAP government in the city.

Talking about the health



sector, the former Union Minister said: "During Sheila Dikshit's government, Delhi got 14 hospitals and over 3,700 new beds were added."

"But during the last three years, not a single new hospital has come up," he said.

Comparing the work of the two governments in the education sector, Maken said: "The Congress government during its regime opened six new universities and deemed universities each, 22 general education colleges and 20 professional education colleges.

"Five ITIs and 54 ITCs were also opened during our government," he said.

"But under Kejriwal government, not a single new college or university came up in the city. Even the drop out rate of students in the government schools has gone up," he said.

The Congress leader also slammed Kejriwal over the condition of the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and said: "In the last three years, the Kejriwal government has bought only one new bus. Even the total

number of DTC buses in the fleet has gone down"

Hitting out at the AAP government over the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation projects' delay, he said: "For the first time in the history of Delhi, the work on DMRC project has been delayed by two years."

"During our government, 192 km of metro line, 141 metro stations, seven interchange stations were built in record time. The Congress government even brought 216 metro train sets for the people of Delhi," Maken added.

Army slams Owaisi over 'Muslim martyrs' comment

JAMMU, February 14 (IANS): The Army on Wednesday said it does "not communalise martyrs", slamming Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi for his comments on soldiers killed in the Sunjuwan terror attack.

"We do not communalise martyrs, those making statements don't know the Army well," General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Northern Command Lt. Gen. Devraj Anbu told reporters.

He, however, did not name the Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimin Lok Sabha member who on Tuesday asked why those questioning the patriotism of Muslims were silent over the deaths of Muslim soldiers in the Sunjuwan army camp terror attack.

The officer said the youth joining militant ranks in the Kashmir Valley continued to be a matter of concern.

He said the social media



had been used extensively to spread separatist sentiment among the youth.

"It is time those who join militant ranks and those who support them understand that it benefits nobody and only brings hardships into the lives of the common man," he said.

He said identifying the terror leadership and

eliminating them continued to be the force's priority as far as tackling terrorism was concerned.

"The enemy is frustrated and is trying to strike softer targets. When they fail at borders they attack camps."

The army commander said Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM), Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)

and the Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) were operating together whether in the valley or elsewhere in the state.

"There is no differentiation. They keep jumping from one outfit to the other. Anyone who picks up arms and is against the state is a terrorist, and we will deal with him," he said.

Welcome to Goa, but don't urinate on roads: Parrikar

PANAJI, February 14 (IANS): In a bid to diffuse the controversy stirred by Goa Agriculture Minister Vijai Sardesai calling domestic tourists as "scum of earth", state Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar on Wednesday said that everyone was welcome to the state, provided they do not urinate on roads and add to the state's garbage woes.

Parrikar also said that Sardesai's comment will not impact tourism in the coastal state. He added that while the choice of Sardesai's words was harsh, he did not intend to incite violence.

"Everyone is welcome, subject to (the) condition that he should not urinate on the roads or strew garbage,"



Parrikar told reporters.

"He (Sardesai) asked me a question whether it will impact (the tourist flow). I do not think it will impact... I will prefer to have a good and responsible tourist from any place in the world," Parrikar

added. The Chief Minister said that basic social etiquettes applied to the locals as well.

Sardesai had stoked a controversy last week by denigrating the credentials of tourists visiting Goa and accusing north Indians of trying

to convert Goa into another Haryana. He had referred to the 6.5 million domestic tourists visiting Goa every year as "scum of the earth".

"He should not have used harsh words. I spoke to him... he did not intend to, but it is not that his logic was wrong.

"But it was interpreted in a wrong way... He corrected it the next day," Parrikar said while commenting on Sardesai's remarks.

The Chief Minister said that in view of the on-going infrastructure development works in the state, the number of inbound tourists was likely to touch the 10 million mark in the next one or two years, from the current figure of nearly seven million.

10 enter second round of online singing contest

SE Report

GANGTOK, February 14: Ten artistes have entered the second round of online singing talent competition, 'Sikkim-culture SWOR 2017'.

They were selected on the

basis of the views, likes and comments on the videos of which were available on a website and YouTube.

Niswas Basnett, Rohika Ramudamu, Mandeera Gurung, Binita Subba, Arpana Acharya, Kunzang

Palzor, Reshmi Sharma, Nikhil Chettri, Sujata Rai and Nabin Gazmer are the top 10 candidates who will compete for top position in the second round.

A total of 56 candidates had participated in the first

round.

They selected candidates will now undergo 'mentor sessions' on February 17 and 18 and the video shooting for second round will take place on February 24 and 25.

Three held for molesting girl in Bengal

KOLKATA, February 14 (IANS): Three youths were arrested on Wednesday for allegedly molesting a Class 12 girl in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district, police said.

"A 17-year-old-girl was allegedly molested by some of her friends in an empty house in South 24 Parganas, Sonarpur, on Tuesday evening. Three youths, aged between 20-25 years, have been arrested today," an officer from Sonarpur police station said.

"She has been admitted to the hospital. She has several external injury marks on her body," he said.

According to the family members of the victim, the girl left her house for tuition on Tuesday but did not return home. She was later recovered at one of the youth's house in an unconscious state.

"We came to know that she fell unconscious after eating something at a friend's house. But when we got there we saw she was in a bad condition. It is evident that she was physically tortured," the sister of the victim said.

The police said the three accused would be produced in court later while the other members present during the incident would be questioned.

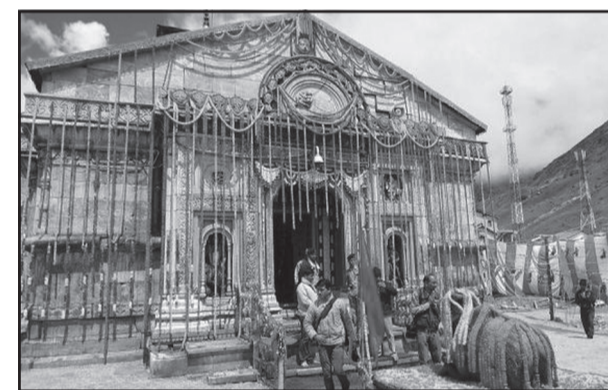
Kedarnath shrine to open for pilgrims on April 29

DEHRADUN, February 14 (IANS): The revered Kedarnath shrine in Uttarakhand will open for devotees on April 29, officials said on Wednesday.

As per the tradition, the date for opening the eighth century Shiva temple was declared after consultation among astrologers and priests, at a meeting held at the Shri Onkareshwar temple in Ukhimath in Rudraprayag district of Uttarakhand on Wednesday.

The timing for opening of the temple gates has been fixed at 6.15 a.m.

Kedarnath is one of the



four shrines of the famous annual pilgrimage - Char Dhaam Yatra - which attracts millions of pilgrims from all over the world every

year. The other three shrines of the popular religious circuit are Badrinath, Gangotri and Yamunotri.

The Sagar School bids goodbye to class of 2018

SE Report

GANGTOK, February 14: The Sagar School, Maliyar Gurjar bade farewell to class XII students recently with a gala ceremony which included music, dance and mouth-watering delicacies. The cherry on top of the beautiful event was the emotional bond that was reflected in the various speeches, performances and the decorations, informs a press release.

The students of class XI worked long hours to put together a candy themed party

which was a reflection of their love and affection for their seniors.

The formal function that included the felicitation of the class XII students by the chief guest, director Sharmistha Julka and principal Deepak Raj Singh Bisht was followed by a DJ party.

"As the batch of 2018 gears up for the final exam of their school life, the blessings of The Sagar School staff, the love and best wishes of their juniors would surely give them the strength to sail through one of the most career defining



examinations of student life," the release adds.

The occasion was also

graced by Kota Neelima, a renowned political author, artist and journalist.



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NOTICE

Please read "Arithmetic, Accountancy & Economics, English Language, General Knowledge, General Mental Ability and Computers" instead of General English, General Awareness and Basic Computer Knowledge" mentioned inadvertently in Admit Card downloaded on 10th February 2018 for the written examination for the post of Accounts Clerk/Jr. Store Keeper in the Sikkim Sub-Ordinate Accounts Service under Finance, Revenue and Expenditure Department, Government of Sikkim, through Direct Recruitment.

Further it is to inform that due to some administrative reasons the Examination Centres (venue) for the above post are located within Gangtok and the candidates are advised to check their e-admit card for their respective Examination venue, time & date respectively.

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01. Sikkim Government Nursing College

Sl. No.	Name of Post/ Department	No. of Post (s)	Consolidated Salary	Essential qualification	Age Limit
01	02	03	04	05	06
01	Hostel Warden	02	Rs. 15,000/- p. m.	B.Sc. Home Science or Diploma in House Keeping/ Catering	21 - 40 years

02. Date of submission of application in respect of posts under Sikkim Government Nursing College is extended till 26.02.2018, Monday and interview shall be conducted on 05.03.2018, Monday. However, last date for Pharmacy College application will remain same as 19.02.2018 and interview on 26.02.2018.

03. The prescribed age limit shall be as on 01.02.2018 for all posts.

04. Other conditions for appointment shall remain the same.

R.O. No. 563/IPR/PUB/Class/17-18 SD/- Deputy Secretary to the Government
Date: 14/02/2018 Department of Health Care, HS & FW



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NOTICE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC INFORMATION

This is for the information to general public that Energy & Power Department will be charging- "132-KV single circuit transmission line from Lower Lagyap Hydel Power House (LLHP), Ranipool to Sherathang Near Nathula" on the 28th of February 2018. The transmission line passes through Nimthang, Nandok, Naitam, Rizay, Lower Tathangchen, Chongay, Merung, Gaygay Lakha, 8th Mile, Karponang, Kyongnosla, Chupsu, Changu, Haryana Bend, Thegu and Yakla area. The general public of these areas are requested not to climb on Tower, avoid plantation of Bamboos and saplings of trees along the line and avoid construction of sheds for domestic animals near or within the tower base.

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Date: 13/02/2018

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