

Bengal should lead fight against 'politics of hatred', says Ramu

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Jalpaiguri: Bengal was at the forefront of the movement for independence and should therefore take the lead in ending "the politics of hatred", Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Sunday as he resumed his Bharat Jodo Yatra in a miffed INDIA ally TMC's turf after a two-day break. "If you don't rise to the occasion, people will never forgive you," he said to a crowd in north Bengal's Siliguri from an open-top vehicle.



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Kharge 'elevation', RJD clamour for CM chair forced Nitish's hand

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Sources said Nitish Kumar, however, lost his patience over Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee's proposed Congress-backed Mollu Karan Kharge's name for the opposition bloc's PM candidate which was promoted by AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal. That was the warning signal for Nitish, many say.

At Jalpaiguri's PWD More, he paid homage to a statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose before boarding a bus at 11:30 AM to leave for Siliguri. He will serve no purpose. Instead of spreading hatred, we have to work towards spreading love and justice for our youth. The Union government works only for big corporations, not for the poor and the youth. (With inputs from agencies)

Pradhan: No reserved posts in CELs can be de-reserved

Manish Gohain / **TNN**
New Delhi: No reserved posts in central educational institutions (CEIs) can be de-reserved, clarified Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Sunday. The education minister issued a statement that reservation in CEIs will continue to be provided for all posts in the direct recruitment category in the respective institutions. The reservations and the percentage stays as provided in the Act.

Oppn bloc had no 'ideological basis': Sarma

Gurpreet Singh / **TNN**
Guwahati: Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma reacted to Nitish Kumar's return to the NDA fold saying the "dissolution" of the INDIA bloc was "not an ideological move". "When the INDIA bloc was formed, we had told everyone that it was going to be short-lived," he wrote on X, adding that the opposition alliance had a singular objective of defeating Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Power of collectivity to drive growth, says PM

Lauds Cleanliness Campaign At Religious Sites

Akhilesh Singh / **TNN**
New Delhi: In his 'Mann Ki Baat' address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday lauded the cleanliness drive and urged people to turn cleanliness campaign from Makar Sankranti to Jan 22 and he felt good that lakhs of people joined in with devotion and cleaned religious places in their area.



During 'Mann Ki Baat', PM Modi praised Election Commission for relentless efforts to strengthen democratic values.

"Many people sent me pictures and videos related to this. This sentiment about cleanliness and this campaign should not stop. This power of collectivity will take our country to newer heights of success." Modi commended Election Commission which, he said, had made relentless efforts to strengthen the democratic values of the country. The appreciation for the poll body came even as opposition parties continue to question it, especially over the use of EVMs.

'Codifying traditional med data to boost research'

Dargesh Nandan / **TNN**
New Delhi: Most doctors practicing traditional systems of medicine—ayurveda, unani or sidha—follow their own style to write prescriptions. This makes it difficult for a patient to approach another doctor for follow-up.

PM Modi also raised the issue of organ donation. "In recent years, many people in India donated their organs after their death. This decision saves multiple lives"

Murmurs within BJP and among allies quelled ahead of oath-taking

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The day started on a hectic note. After JDU lawmakers met at the official residence of Nitish Kumar in interaction with him, he accompanied by ministers Jitendra Bislandi Prasad Yadav and Sanjay Kumar Jha, went to Raj Bhavan to tender his resignation. However, before that, PM Modi called to thank him for taking the oath.



JDU and BJP supporters gather outside Governor's House after the swearing-in ceremony in Patna on Sunday.

They then started the process for formation of the new NDA government. As BJP's Bihar in-charge Vinod Kumar said, the lawmakers held their legislature party meeting at its state headquarters, where the final decision was taken to extend support to Nitish. The lawmakers also went through the process of selecting Samrat Choudhary as leader of the House and Day Sushila as deputy leader.

Ram temple in Kanpur receives bomb threat

Kanpur: Days after Prant Pratishthan in Ayodhya, UP, the historical Beech Wala Ram Lakhman-Janki temple in Kanpur has received a bomb threat.

Police said a poster with threat to blow up the temple was pasted on a wall and several other posters were scattered on the floor. The posters threatened to kill Rohit Sahu, BJP member and temple trustee.

Man with ulcer suspects poisoning, kills mom

Dehradun: A 24-year-old man suffering from ulcerative colitis was arrested for allegedly strangling his mother. He had learnt from the Internet that skin ulcers can be a cause of ulcers which led to him suspecting her of poisoning his food.

Senior sub-inspector Pramod Kumar said, "The accused is not of sound mind. However, his father, suspecting his aggressive behaviour in the past, wanted to take him to a mental health professional but his mother had opposed it. Poisoning was conducted and probe is on, he added.

No instigation sign found, HC junks suicide abetment case

Mumbai: Observing that allegation in a suicide note "does not indicate any direct or indirect instigation by accused", Bombay HC quashed a 2017 abetment of suicide case against two persons. HC said the person who died used to work as a cashier in the shop of the accused.

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