

National News

43 killed in massive factory fire in Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal orders probe

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In one of the worst fire tragedies in Delhi, at least 43 people were killed and several others were injured when a blaze swept through a manufacturing factory in a four-storey building the capital's Rani Jhansi Road early Sunday morning, police said. Rescue operations are underway.

As casualties mounted quickly, a team of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) also arrived at the site of the fire to help in rescue operations.

Hours after the tragedy, the Delhi government ordered a probe into the fire and sought a detailed report within seven days.

"It is a very sad incident. I have ordered a magisterial inquiry into it. Compensation Rs 10 lakhs each to be given to families of those dead and Rs 1 lakh each to those



injured. The expense of medical treatment of those injured to be borne by the government," Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said after visiting the site of the accident.

The fire devastated the third floor of the building and also badly affected the second floor, while the first floor suffered relatively little damage.

Every floor had 4-5 rooms. The ground floor hosted a plastic toy manufacturing unit, the first floor had a cardboard manufacturing unit, the second floor was garment workshop while the third floor

hosted a factory for making jackets and also had a printing unit

Delhi Fire Service (DFS) director Atul Garg said the fire started around 5 am in a five storey building where around 60 people were sleeping, most of them contractual labourers and factory workers. All victims were men.

"The fire was big and we pressed in more than 50 fire tenders... Most died of smoke. Sixty-three people were removed from inside the building, dead or alive," Garg said.

The fire services director also said that they are yet to

ascertain the reason behind fire. "Whether the building had firefighting equipment is a matter of probe," he said. "It was a very old building, not approved in any way."

Of the two staircases in the building one was blocked by goods. The building also had lot of combustible materials inside. The building which had no ventilation was virtually a fire trap.

Two firemen also suffered minor injuries in the firefighting operations.

The victims were moved to different hospitals where many of them were declared dead, police said. Many of the bodies have been charred and are yet to be identified. Many others died of suffocation.

"Deaths have been mostly due to smoke inhalation and suffocation," ANI quoted Kishore Singh, Medical Director of Lok Nayak Hospital as saying.

"The condition of those injured is not serious. They have been

kept under observation," he said.

Of the 15 patients being treated at the Lok Nayak Hospital, one has suffered over 50% burns and is said to be critical. Nine others have injuries through smoke inhalation and are critical but stable.

At Lady Hardinge hospital, of the nine dead, doctors said seven likely died due to inhalation injuries and two died of burn injuries.

Police have registered a case of culpable homicide not amounting to murder against the owner of the building who is absconding.

"The case has been transferred to the crime branch," Deputy Commissioner of Police (North) Monika Bhardwaj said.

It is Delhi's worst fire accident since the Uphaar theatre blaze during the screening of Bollywood film 'Border' in June 1997 killed 59 people and injured over 100 Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the fire as horrific. "The fire in Delhi's Anaj Mandi on Rani Jhansi Road is extremely

horrific. My thoughts are with those who lost their loved ones. Wishing the injured a quick recovery. Authorities are providing all possible assistance at the site of the tragedy," he tweeted. Union home minister Amit Shah said he has instructed authorities concerned to provide all possible assistance on urgent basis.

Bangladesh Army Chief leaving for Myanmar to discuss Rohingya repatriation, defense ties

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Chief of Army staff of Bangladesh General Aziz Ahmed will leave for Myanmar today on a 4-day long official visit.

According to a press release issued by the Inter Services Public Relations Directorate (ISPR) of the armed forces of Bangladesh, General Aziz will hold meeting with deputy chief of Myanmar armed forces and its army chief Vice Senior General Soe Win over the course of his visit.

The ISPR release said that General Aziz will discuss ways to enhance mutual cooperation and strengthening the friendly relations between the armed forces of the two countries. He will also discuss the issue of the repatriation of Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh to Myanmar. Prior to going on the visit to



Myanmar General Aziz had a meeting with the foreign minister of Bangladesh Dr AK Abdul Momen on Wednesday.

Earlier, Foreign Minister Dr Momen had said that the visit of the Army chief Myanmar will open another line of negotiation between the two countries over Rohingya repatriation. Army Chief will return back to Bangladesh on 11th December.

North east News

Water storage tanks distributed Senapati District

IT News
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109 BN CRPF under the aegis of IGP Manipur and Nagaland sector conducted a civic action programme on 08/12/2019 at Senapati. In this programme Water storage tanks were distributed to the marginalised section of society. This programme was held with an objective to extend a friendly and helping hand to the residents of Senapati district.

Ng. David Sha, Pastor PBCS and Mr. N. Benjamin Tao EM, ADC Senapati graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. Water storage tanks were distributed to the poor and needy persons of Senapati District in presence of dignitaries of local administration and Village Headman. Commandant Vinod Kumar, Deputy Commandant Ravi Rajiv Singh,



organized the programme in befitting manner with an aim to connect with the people. A cultural program was also organized on this occasion.

In his speech, Vinod Kumar, Commandant 109 BN thanked the Chief Guest Ng. David Sha, Pastor PBCS and Mr. N. Benjamin Tao EM, ADC, Senapati, Guest of Honour for extending CRPF an opportunity to serve them and urged the local administration to fulfil the needs of the local people. Vinod Kumar, Commandant 109 BN expressed his happiness in getting this opportunity to help the needy and marginalized

sections of the society. He stated that unit will continue to serve the people of Manipur by carrying such humanitarian activities. He draw the attention of villagers by mentioning that fresh water sources are becoming scarce with the passage of time. He further emphasised that considering the current climatic condition, preventive measures are required to be taken. Rainwater harvesting is a sustainable process that helps in preserving rainwater for different purposes and for the future needs as well. It is a method of collecting and storing rain water to be used for

various purposes.

Vinod Kumar Commandant-109 Bn, in his Speech said that it is need of the hour and our primary duty is to take care of needy persons of society and there smiles inspire us to do more and more for them. In past, 109 BN CRPF has constructed a Public convenience/toilet at Karong, Senapati, distributed sports items and student utility items to Thong Upper Primary School at Senapati, distributed sewing machine on 11th August to widows of Senapati, distributed solar lanterns to villagers of Senapati and Mao on 24th & 25th November 2019 and has carried many such civic action programme in last couple of years in Imphal west and Senapati District. Village president of various villages and distinguished guests present on the occasion praised the concern of the unit Commandant for its virtuous affiliation.

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Sports News

Kadian, Gursharanpreet clinch wrestling gold medals at 13th South Asian Games



By a Correspondent
Kathmandu, Dec. 8

Wrestler Satyawart Kadian floored his Pakistani opponent Tabiyyar Khan to clinch gold medal at the 13th South Asian Games in Kathmandu, Nepal on Saturday.

Apart from Kadian, Sumit Malik, Gursharanpreet Kaur and Sarita Mor also finished at the top of the podium as India bagged four gold medals on second day. India so far have won total eight gold medals, including four on the first day, with the wrestling event starting on Dec 6. The Commonwealth Games silver medalist Kadian lived up to the expectations as he showcased excellent skills

Punjab's Gursharanpreet Kaur won gold making a come back after 7 years

during his 10-1 victory against Tabiyyar. Starting aggressively, Kadian scored six consecutive points in the first minute of the bout and built pressure on his opponent.

Another highlight of the day was Punjab's Gursharanpreet. Playing in her first international competition after seven years, the current national champion registered a convincing 10-0 win over her opponent in the women's 76kg category. Sumit (men's freestyle 125kg)

and Sarita (women's 57kg) finished at the top of the podium following their comfortable 8-2 and 10-1 wins respectively in the final round. Earlier on Day 1, Sheetal Tomar (50kg), Pinki (57kg), Amit Kumar (65kg) and Rahul Kumar (57kg) had already won gold medals for India.

In its bid to keep the wrestling fans connected with their heroes log on to www.wrestlingtv.in for all latest updates from the South Asian Games.

Meghalaya: COMSO to hold 'surprise' agitation on Dec 9 in protest against CAB

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The Confederation of Meghalaya Social Organization (CoMSO) has decided to hold a surprise agitation on December 09 to demand the BJP led NDA Government to scrap the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 even as threatening to move the Supreme Court to challenge the CAB if the Centre fails to respect the sentiments of the people of the North Eastern region.

"We will be holding a surprise agitation to impress upon the BJP led NDA to scrap the CAB, 2019. We are demanding for scrapping of the CAB since the Centre has partially exempt the state from the purview of this

legislation," CoMSO chairman, Robert June Kharjehin told reporters here today.

According to him, there would be law and order problem if the CAB is still applicable in the 3 percent areas which fall outside the scheduled areas. He further said that there is no difference between the CAB, 2019 and the CAB, 2016.

Appealing to all the Members of Parliament (MPs) in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha to oppose the passing of the CAB, he said that the BJP led Government at the Centre should not re-introduce the bill in the Parliament.

"We will also be writing to the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind urging him not to grant assent to the contentious Bill if the CAB is passed both Houses of Parliament,"

Kharjehin said. He also said that the confederation will be seeking the judiciary's intervention will be the last resort.

Replying to a query, the chairman said that CAB in its present form is a fit case to file a petition before the Supreme Court as it is providing citizenship based on religious lines. "We hope that the Supreme Court will protect the rights and interests of the tribal indigenous communities of the Northeastern region," he added.

Further, CoMSO also expressed full support to the anti-CAB protest and bandh called by the North East Students' Organization (NESO) on December 10.

CoMSO threatens to protest against Gov for delaying to

approve MRSSA Ordinance Meanwhile, Kharjehin has threatened that they would protest against the Governor Tathagata Roy for delaying in approving the Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019.

"We will protest against the Governor for delaying to give his assent to the ordinance," he said. It may be mentioned that the ordinance, which seeks to make it mandatory for registration of outsiders visiting the state, was approved by the Meghalaya Democratic Alliance government on November 1. "If the State Government has approved the ordinance then why is the Governor delaying to give his assent," CoMSO chairman added.