

Home Minister Amit Shah summons Delhi Police chief over communal tension in Chandni Chowk



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Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik was summoned by Home Minister Amit Shah over June 30 clashes in old Delhi's Chandni Chowk area triggered by row over parking leading to alleged vandalism of a local temple Patnaik, described the meeting as 'a general briefing' on the Chandni Chowk situation. "Action had been taken against the identified people,"

he said, claiming the police had acted promptly and had brought the situation under control, Delhi police chief said four people have been arrested and action will be taken against others as well. "The CCTV footage is about a particular group of criminals. They will be identified and arrested soon." Patnaik said, referring to the CCTV footage of some men throwing bricks and stones at the temple. More than 1,000 Delhi Police

and paramilitary personnel armed with anti-riot gear were deployed after the flare-up in the Walled City on June 30. Police barricades were put on the main road at Lal Kuan, a popular market of hardware goods in central Delhi. All the shops were shut, and residents were asked to remain indoors until the situation was brought under control.

According to police, it all started on Sunday night with a parking dispute between a Hindu and a Muslim man in the locality but things turned ugly when a rumour spread that the Muslim man was lynched to death. The violence that followed involved alleged vandalism of a temple in the locality by a mob and sporadic instances of stone pelting, followed by violent protests by groups from both communities the next day.

According to agency reports, situation was normalising in Chandni Chowk's Hauz Qazi on Wednesday. Shops had opened and locals offered prayers at the Durga temple that had allegedly been vandalised.

Ballimaran AAP MLA Imran Hussain congratulated Delhi Police for bringing the situation under control while urging that incident be not politicized, "No one wants clashes here and markets have also opened. I congratulate Delhi Police which brought the situation under control. Bad elements, who did this, have no religion and action will be taken against them." We should not politicise the incident, Hussain told ANI.

On Tuesday, Union minister and Chandni Chowk MP, Dr Harsh Vardhan had visited Hauz Qazi area and said that the culprits will be arrested soon.

Sport News

Virat Kohli identifies 'best One-Day player in the world' post India's win



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India sealed their spot in the semi-finals after a convincing win over Bangladesh and Indian captain was chuffed about the overall performance of his side. He singled out opener Rohit Sharma and lauded him for his consistency and rampant form at the top of the order. The skipper also did not hesitate in calling Rohit as the best ODI player in the world currently. The opener, whose 104 off 92 balls in the 28-run win over Bangladesh guided India to the World Cup semi-finals, Tuesday struck record-equalling fourth century in a single edition of the mega-event. He is also currently the highest run-getter in the ongoing World Cup with 544 runs from seven innings that includes four centuries and one fifty. "I have been watching it for years now. He's (Rohit) the

best One-day player around and we are so delighted to see him. When he plays like that, everybody is happy to see him strike this so well," Kohli said of his deputy at the presentation ceremony. The other architect of India's win Tuesday was pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah who, with his toe-crushing yorkers, derailed Bangladesh's chase. Asked Kohli about Bumrah's performance, the skipper said: "His overs were always going to be crucial, so that's why we stopped him after four initially. "He's a world-class bowler and he just knows what he's up against. We can look to capitalise on situations where we are in a position to score those extra 30 runs. Very happy with the way the team has played so far." India Tuesday became the second team after title holders Australia to assure their place in the semi-finals.

"It's good to have qualified on the points table now. This will keep us in a good frame of mind going into the semi-finals," he said. Against Bangladesh, India went in with only five bowlers and Kohli said it was gamble which they took keep in mind the size of the ground and combination of the team. "Five bowlers) Look, we experienced that Hardik (Pandya) when put under pressure has come back really well. He's really looking forward to do stuff for the team. He has a gut feel of what the batsman is looking to do," he said. "I know five bowlers was a gamble, but it was keeping in mind the ground dimensions. We wanted to play the perfect combination for the small boundary." Kohli also thanked the cricket-crazy Indian fans who thronged the stadiums in large numbers in every match to support their team.

Fixing national minimum wage is PM Modi's first step in labour law reforms

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The Union cabinet is expected to take up the Code on Wages Bill at its meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday for its introduction in the ongoing session of Parliament. The Code on Wages in the first of the four proposed bill that has been long envisaged to usher in reforms in the archaic labour market. The four Codes —

wages, industrial relations, social security and industrial safety & welfare — are aimed to enhance the ease of doing business while ensuring labour rights and welfare. Government officials maintained that at present the Minimum Wages Act and the Payment of Wages Act applies only to employees engaged in the scheduled and specific employments. "The Code on Wages allows provisions of minimum wages and payment of wages

to cover employees in both organized and unorganized sector," said a senior official. The bill, often called the Wage Code, also allows payment of wages by depositing the same in the bank account of the employees, electronically or by cheque. The labour code was first envisaged during the UPA era to simplify complex labour laws and club 44 such laws into just four codes. But it could not see the light of the day as the

Congress-led coalition government didn't have the numerical support to push these labour reforms in Parliament. The Wage Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha in August 2017 but lapsed at the end of the 16th Lok Sabha. To give a major boost to farmers, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs is expected to increase the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all kharif crops for the 2019-20 season.

6 killed, 18 missing after Tiwari dam breaches in Maharashtra's Ratnagiri



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Rescuers found the third body on Wednesday even as 21 others are still missing after a dam failed in Maharashtra's Ratnagiri on Tuesday night amid heavy rains in the area, officials said. The Tiwari dam, built two decades ago, breached at around 10pm on Tuesday in Chiplun taluka of Ratnagiri district washing away seven to eight houses, Ratnagiri district's guardian minister Ravindra Waikar said. The missing people belong to four families in the area, officials said. As many as seven villages were also flooded after the dam breached. There are 1,000 residents in these villages and the contact to them has been partially cut off after the flooding. "After complaints from the villages, I had inspected the dam a few days ago and

noticed there are cracks. The administration did not act," Chiplun MLA Sadanand Chavan said. Officials of the civil administration and police, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams and volunteers are involved in search and rescue operations. Heavy rains have killed more than 30 people in the state and disrupted rail and air traffic in Mumbai, prompting officials to shut schools and offices on Tuesday. Twenty-three people were killed and 79 injured as heavy rain brought down a retaining wall of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's (BMC) reservoir on hutments on a hillock in Kurar village in Mumbai's Malad around 1am on Tuesday. Three people died when a school wall collapsed in Thane district's Kalyan town, 42km north of Mumbai. In Pune, six people were killed in another wall collapse on Tuesday, after

intermittent rain with heavy to very heavy showers at a few places in the next 24 hours. Traffic across the city was hit after several roads were waterlogged. Commuters faced traffic jam on the Western Expressway and the BKC to Mankhurd flyover also saw a traffic jam due to water logging on Eastern Expressway. Several local and long-distance trains were cancelled amid reports of tracks being flooded stranding passengers on various stations. Local train services were severely hit and Central Railway's (CR) main and Harbour lines came to a near standstill for over 16 hours, owing to incessant rain and flooded tracks. Local trains on both lines, which were disrupted around 11pm on Monday, resumed by 4.30pm on Tuesday. Train services on Western Railway (WR) were operational with a delay of 15 minutes till Vasai Road and 45 minutes beyond that, as the tracks were waterlogged. As many as 201 flights were cancelled and 370 delayed after a SpiceJet plane overshoot the runway while landing at the Mumbai airport amid heavy rainfall late on Monday night. The plane remained stuck on the runway and could not be cleared until late Tuesday as the only Disabled Aircraft Retrieval Kit (DARK) in India was in Mangaluru to clear an Air India Express plane, which overshoot the runway there on Sunday.

Sachin Tendulkar passes verdict on MS Dhoni's approach, innings against Bangladesh

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Indian captain Virat Kohli won the toss and elected to bat first in Edgbaston and his openers justified the call by the skipper. They put on a solid opening stand and at one stage, the Indian side was looking at cruising past 350. However, wickets fell at regular intervals which slowed down the scoring rate and once again, MS Dhoni was hanging in, trying to take the innings till the final over. He even refused singles in the final over, but the final flourish did not come.

While his tactics were questioned, Indian batting icon Sachin Tendulkar threw his weight behind the seasoned campaigner and said that the wicket-keeper batsman did what was best for the side. "I felt it was an important innings and he (MS Dhoni) did exactly what was right for the team. If he stays till the 50th over, he can help other guys around him. He is expected to do that and he did that," Sachin told India Today. "For him, it is more about the team. Whatever is the need of the hour, one needs to do that and on Tuesday, he did that perfectly," he further added.

Interestingly, Sachin had criticised Dhoni for his sluggish innings against Afghanistan and had suggested that the senior pro needed to play with more intent. "I felt slightly disappointed, it could have been much better, I was also not happy with the partnership between Kedar and Dhoni, it was very slow. We batted 34 overs of spin bowling and scored 119 runs. This was one area where we didn't look comfortable at all. There was no positive intent," Sachin had said after that match.

ICC World Cup: India beat Bangladesh by 28 runs; enter semi-finals

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India secured a place in the semi-finals of the ICC Cricket World Cup with a 28-run win over Bangladesh at Birmingham last night. Opting to bat, the Men in Blue posted 314 for 9, riding on Rohit Sharma's 92-ball 104, his 26th ODI ton. He became the first Indian and second after Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara to score four centuries in a World Cup. Rohit also became the leading run-scorer in the ongoing tournament. The Indian opener has, so far, amassed 544 runs. KL Rahul's 77, Rishabh Pant's 48 and MS Dhoni's 35 also helped India lay the foundation of a 300 plus total. Later, with the ball, India

bundled out Bangladesh for 286 in 48 overs sending them out of the World Cup. Paeceman Jasprit Bumrah bagged four wickets guiding Team India to join Australia in the last-four. Rohit was adjudged man of the match. Today, hosts England will face New Zealand at Chester-le-Street. All India Radio will broadcast live commentary on the match from 2:30 PM. It can be heard on DTH (Hindi) and

additional frequencies. The winner of today's game will book a semi-final berth, while the losing team will still have the chance to qualify. It will have to wait for the result Pakistan's final game against Bangladesh and Sri Lanka's last match against India. Pakistan and Sri Lanka are alive in the tournament mathematically. Bangladesh, South Africa, West Indies and Afghanistan are out.

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