













# Bahraich murder accused killed in 'encounter' while fleeing to Nepal, another injured

One of the suspects in the Bahraich violence case, identified as Sarfaraz, died on Thursday after being shot by the Uttar Pradesh Police. Another suspect, Talib, was also shot as both attempted to escape to Nepal. Police told sources close to Network 18 that 5 people were arrested and two of them attempted to flee.

Violence erupted in Maharajganj under Mahsi tehsil on Sunday during a Durga Puja immersion procession over loud music being played near a place of worship. Ram Gopal Mishra (22) died from gunshot wounds. The incident led to widespread vandalism and arson, with mobs torching houses, shops, hospitals, and vehicles. Police have filed multiple FIRs and detained 55 suspects. Heavy security has been deployed in the town. The police have also issued a stern warning

**The Cyclone hit at a speed of 45, heavy rain is expected in many states**



A cyclonic storm has made landfall in the area of pressure in the southwest Bay of Bengal. It has hit the coast today (17 October 2024) morning at a speed of 45 kmph. Due to this, heavy rains are occurring from Chennai to Bengaluru. Winds are blowing at a speed of 50 to 60 kmph. The condition has become very bad due to heavy rains in Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu for the last 3 days. The southern states are also in the grip of rain. Normal life has been disrupted. Due to continuous rain in Bengaluru, IT companies have given work-from-home facility to their employees. Schools and colleges have been closed due to rain. The same is the condition of Puducherry.

Heavy rain in Tamil Nadu  
The Meteorological Department said that the highest rainfall was recorded in Tiruvalluvar, Tamil Nadu on Wednesday. 300 mm of rain was recorded here. At the same time, it rained throughout the day in Chennai, Royal Seema, coastal Andhra Pradesh, and Bengaluru. On Wednesday afternoon, Chennai in Tamil Nadu got relief from rain. However, torrential rain is expected even today. The Meteorological Department said that as the cyclonic circulation weakens in the Bay of Bengal. People will get relief from rain. An orange alert has been issued in Tamil Nadu by the Meteorological Department.

Weather conditions across the country today

According to a report by Skymet Weather, heavy rains may occur in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, southern interior Karnataka, and coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh today. Light to moderate rains may occur in Telangana and Konkan and Goa. Light to moderate rains are expected in Vidarbha, Marathwada, Madhya Maharashtra, southern Gujarat and southern Madhya Pradesh. Light rains may occur in Northeast India, Sikkim, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, south-eastern Rajasthan, Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

against the spread of rumours, urging the residents to prioritise communal harmony amid the ongoing efforts to restore peace in the area. Additional Superintendent of Police Pavitra Mohan Tripathi said in a video message, "In relation to the incident in Maharajganj on October 13, false information is being spread on social media to disrupt communal harmony. Claims that the

## Maharastrian man held for vandalising Muthyalamma temple in Secunderabad

On Monday, 14 October, Hyderabad witnessed a case of vandalism in the popular Muthyalamma temple in Secunderabad. The miscreant, identified as Salman Salim Thakur, a 30-year-old Maharashtra native, was apprehended in the temple by the locals. Angered by the desecration of the deity's idol, the mob beat him up before the police intervened. He is facing numerous charges under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Salman's historyThe incident occurred at 4.30 am when residents near the temple woke up to some disturbance. Upon checking the temple, they found Salman. Salman allegedly entered the sanctum sanctorum of the temple and destroyed the temple's property. He had kicked the deity – Muthyalamma's idol – multiple times before trying to take it off the pedestal as per the CCTV footage. Responding to the noise, and angered at the desecration of the temple, the locals apprehended Salman and beat him repeatedly. Despite being beaten, Salman refused to reveal his details or motive to the mob. Subsequently, the police intervened, shifting Salman to a hospital before proceeding with the investigation. The investigation at Market Police Station, under whose jurisdiction the incident occurred, revealed that Salman Salim Thakur was a 30-year-old native of Mumbra, near Mumbai. He arrived in Hyderabad early in October to attend a month-long personality development course in Regimental Bazar, Secunderabad. The police further revealed that Salman was a B.E Computer Engineering Graduate. They noted that

deceased was electrocuted, attacked with a sword, or had his nails pulled out are baseless." "The post-mortem report confirmed that the cause of death was gunshot wounds. No other fatalities occurred in this incident. We request everyone to ignore rumours and refrain from spreading false information," Tripathi added. On resumption of internet services after four days,

Mandal Deepak Soni, President, UP Udyog Vyapar Manadal, Bahraich chapter, said, "Internet has become essential for business just as air, water and light are for life. Even rickshaw pullers, vegetable vendors and small traders rely on online payment systems. The internet shutdown severely impacted business worth millions. Now, we expect improvement."

Salman's social media activity indicated that he was self-radicalised and grew a hatred towards the practices of the Hindu religion like idolatry. The investigation further revealed that Salman was involved in two other similar cases in Maharashtra. First was in September 2022, when he entered a Ganesh Pandal with his footwear and got into an argument with the locals. Second, in Vasavi where Salman trespassed into the Manokamna Siddhi Mahadev Temple and damaged the Shiva idol there. In both cases, he was booked under IPC Section 295(a) (Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage the religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) and BNS Section 298 (Injuring or defiling place of worship with intent to insult religion of any class), respectively. The police had earlier filed an FIR against Salman under BNS Sections:

333 – House trespass after preparation for hurt, assault or wrongful restraint.

331(4) – Punishment for house trespass or housebreaking (imprisonment of 5 to 14 years and/or fine)

196 – Promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony.

298 – Injuring or defiling a place of worship with the intent to insult a religion of any class

299 – Deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage the religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs.



Secunderabad MP and Union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy arrived at the scene of vandalism on 14 October. In a statement on X, he raised concerns regarding similar instances in the city, deeming it the work of 'Anti-Hindu' forces. He blamed the state government's negligence for the incident, calling it a failure to maintain law and order. Speculating that there is a larger conspiracy at hand, he demanded a thorough investigation. Similar responses poured in on the internet with BRS working president KTR calling the incident deeply disturbing. "Such senseless acts are a blot on our city's tolerant fabric," his X post read, demanding immediate action against the miscreant and accountability from the government. Notably, the incident at Muthyalamma temple comes in a series of similar communal cases in Telangana. On 11 October, unidentified miscreants vandalised the Durga idol at the Nampally Exhibition Grounds. Similarly, Puligutta Maisamma Temple in Laxmiguda was also vandalised by unidentified individuals in September. Earlier, miscreants destroyed the idols at Bhulakshmi Temple in Bhayanagar as well. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy also doubles as Telangana's Home Minister among the other portfolios he holds.

## IRCTC Train Booking New Rules From 1st November: Details Here

The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has introduced new rules for train ticket reservations. These changes aim to enhance the booking experience for travellers. Understanding these updates is crucial for those planning to travel by train in India.

### Indian Railways changes advance booking rules

One significant update is the reduction in the Advance Reservation Period (ARP). Travellers can now book tickets up to 120 days to 60 days (excluding the journey date) before the journey. Passengers will now be able to book IRCTC train tickets just 60 days in advance, down from the previous 120-day limit. This new regulation will take effect on November 1, 2024, as announced by Indian Railways. This change affects all classes of travel, including AC and non-AC coaches.

### Tatkal bookings

Another important modification



involves Tatkal bookings. The Tatkal scheme allows last-minute ticket purchases, but now passengers must book these tickets one day before the journey. The booking window opens at 10 a.m. for AC classes and 11 a.m. for non-AC classes.

### IRCTC Refund and Cancellation Policies

The IRCTC has also revised its refund policies. Passengers cancelling confirmed tickets will receive a refund after deducting cancellation charges. However, no refund will be provided if a confirmed ticket is cancelled within four hours of the train's

departure. For waitlisted or RAC (Reservation Against Cancellation) tickets, passengers can cancel up to 30 minutes before departure to receive a full refund, minus service charges.

### Booking Platform Enhancements

The IRCTC has improved its online booking platform to make it more user-friendly. Travellers can now use the website or mobile app to check seat availability, book tickets, and track their PNR status easily. Additionally, the platform now supports multiple payment options, including UPI, net banking, and credit/debit cards, providing flexibility for users during transactions. These changes are expected to impact frequent travellers who rely on advance bookings and last-minute plans. Understanding these rules will help them plan their journeys better and avoid inconveniences related to cancellations or refunds.

