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Shooters and wrestlers make it second best CWG day ever

Indian sport had a happy problem of plenty on Tuesday. Whose fortunes to follow, which channel to flip? Shooters in the capital or our cricket gladiators in Mohali?

There was the Indian women's pair of Rahi Sarnobat and Anisa Sayyed who followed India's opening gold at the Commonwealth Games -- courtesy Abhinav Bindra and Gagan Narang in the 10m air rifle pairs -- with one of their own in the 25m pistol pairs.

On day Two of the Games and the Indian men held off a resolute Malaysia 3-2 in men's hockey, their wrestling counterparts had cornered three gold medals in the Greco-Roman class.

India dominated proceedings, ending Day Two with a flattering medal tally of five gold, four silver and two bronze. It was a notch below early pace-setters, Australia who have eight gold medals, eight silver and four bronze. England with two gold, five silver and four bronze are third.

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Nearly 5,000 complaints against drivers in a month

An audit by the traffic police has revealed that in August alone, 4,744 complaints were recorded against autos and taxi drivers—the highest so far in 2010.

More than 1,400 licences were suspended in September. While traffic officials say that the strict action taken by them has made a noticeable difference—they claim that complaints have dropped—commuting is still an ordeal for a majority of Mumbaikars.

The traffic police had put up signboards outside railway stations and bus depots stating the law and the phone numbers of officials for commuters who wanted to lodge a complaint against a driver. There are 141 signs across the city.

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CPM leader shot at

Three motorcycle-borne masked men shot at CPM leader Subal Goswami, 42, at Shyamnagar near Jagaddal, North 24 Parganas on Tuesday morning. He has been admitted to Bhatpara State General Hospital with bullet wounds.

Goswami, a CPM local committee member, was returning to his Sundia Housing Estate flat at Shyamnagar around 11.30am after a party meeting when the three fired at him from a distance and fled. One of the bullets hit his hand and he fell on the road, writhing in pain. Locals rushed him to the hospital.

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Speeding college bus overturns, injuring 25

Over 50 students of Bangalore's Krupanidhi College had a miraculous escape on Tuesday morning when their college bus capsized and fell sideways into a dry tank bed.

Twenty-five students were injured, eight of them seriously, while others sustained multiple injuries. They were administered first aid at nearby Karuna Hospital, before being rushed to St John's Hospital and Nimhans. In the melee, bus driver Ganesh escaped, fearing public fury.

At 9.45am, Ganesh was speeding along a narrow tank bund and failed to control the vehicle in the face of an oncoming truck. The bus, packed to capacity, overturned thrice before rolling to a halt in a 25-foot-deep tank. Some small trees and bushes broke its free fall to the tank bed.

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City gets 181.4 mm rain, breaks Oct record

October has never had rain like Monday's in the past 118 years. The city recorded 181.4 mm rainfall, the highest in 24 hours between 8.30 am on Monday and 8.30 am on Tuesday, according to India Meteorological Department's (IMD) data. The previous highest was on October 24, 1892 when the city recorded 149.4 mm rainfall.

Monday's rainfall is more than two years' quota of rain for October where the mean rainfall is 78.8 mm. Weather officials use figures of a hundred years between 1901 and 2000 for a particular month to arrive at the mean rainfall. The precipitation was also more than the total rainfall (165.4 mm) the city got in October in the last three years.

According to the weather bureau, more showers are likely in the city for another couple of days.

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Sunni Waqf Board decides to challenge HC verdict

Efforts for an out of court settlement in Ayodhya title case suffered a setback when the UP Sunni Central Waqf Board (UPSCWB) on Tuesday decided to move the Supreme Court against the Allahabad high court's September 30 order. The board, which is main party in Suit No 4, had been awarded one-third of the disputed land by the high court.

The resolution to approach the Supreme Court was cleared unanimously by the 13-member committee in an emergency meeting convened on Tuesday. Chairperson Zufar Ahmad Farooqui said that "the decision followed due deliberation over the September 30 order by the Lucknow bench of high court and legal advice received thereon".

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Three cops arrested in NRI fund scam

In a case of embezzlement of large amount of money received from non-resident Indians as foreign registration fee, the Moga police on Tuesday arrested three absconding cops from Faridkot. The arrests were made when accused were appearing in the court of Faridkot district and sessions judge to submit surety bonds for their anticipatory bail in another case.

Moga police had registered a forgery and cheating case against them on August 7.

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City police braces up ahead of festive season

City police have a dual task at hand at the moment. While one set of officials are busy

providing security cover every day to one national politician or the other, another team is chalking out plans for the mega garba event on GMDC ground to make it foolproof in the wake of terror threats looming large.

A senior official on the condition of anonymity said that it has been a double-edged sword hanging on their heads. "Till the AMC elections get over, we have to take care of election campaigns, deploy forces at important rallies and public meetings. However, we also have to take stock of the situation ahead of Navratri, especially chain snatchers, eve-teasers and thieves who strike at the houses left by the garba revelers".

While the time for revelers is decided at 12 midnight, the restaurants having license can remain open till 1.30 am according to a notification issued by the city police commissioner, Amitabh Pathak. However, the privilege will be revoked if the restaurant is found to be flouting parking norms or creating nuisance.

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Drive against touts, 8 held

In a special drive against touts who harass domestic and international tourists coming to Jaipur during the Commonwealth Games, the city south police on Tuesday, arrested eight such people. In the last two days, 45 touts have been arrested.

SP (south) Jose Mohan said tourists are flocking the city in the wake of the CWG. "Touts were seen harassing the tourists like forcing them into their taxies and taking them to shops where they earn commission."

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Removal of 16 CRPF bunkers from Srinagar begins

To implement the Center's eight-point initiative on Kashmir, the state government has started the process of removing 16 CRPF bunkers from Srinagar.

The decision to remove the bunkers was taken at a meeting of the Unified Command Headquarters here last week soon after the Centre announced the peace initiative after the visit of an all-party delegation to the state.

The process has begun and more than 50 per cent of the bunkers have already been removed from various parts of Srinagar. The state police will provide accommodation to CRPF personnel who have been living in the bunkers.

Curfew in Valley areas to prevent Hurriyat march

While life was paralyzed across the Kashmir valley today after a day's respite, the curfew was reimposed in downtown areas of Srinagar and parts of north Kashmir to prevent a march of the Hurriyat Conference (Geelani) to Kupwara today.

All shops and business establishments remained closed and traffic was off the road in the entire Valley in response to the bandh call. There was a thin attendance in private and government schools and offices here due to the curfew restrictions.

While last night passed off peacefully and there were no reports of violence from any part of the Valley, the curfew was reimposed on areas under five police stations of Rainawari, Khanyar, Nowhatta, MR Gunj, Safakadal and Parimpora in Srinagar. It was relaxed from 1 pm onwards in these areas.

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Indigo coach rams into Jet flight at Dabolim (GOA)

In a freak mishap at the Dabolim airport on Tuesday afternoon, an empty passenger coach of the Indigo Airlines rammed into a parked Jet Airways flight preparing to board passengers to Bangalore. No one was injured in the incident.

According to airport authorities, the coach, driven by one Krishna Lamani, dropped off passengers who had arrived on an Indigo flight from Mumbai to the Dabolim terminal and was headed to the parking lot when the mishap occurred.

Ground staff of Jet Airways at Bay 6, noticing that the coach was traveling in the wrong direction, frantically signaled to the driver to stop. However, within seconds the coach had crashed into the parked plane's rear mounted ladder, dragged it for a bit, threw it aside and finally halted with a loud bang after ramming into the aircraft's left wing.

Airport officials said, "We will first be examining Lamani and later we will decide if any action needs to be taken against him."

Flood waters recede in Assam, thousands homeless

The water levels of the Brahmaputra river in Assam receded on Thursday, although thousands of people are still reeling under the devastating floods.

More than 5.5 million people were displaced in the current wave of flooding that began a fortnight back. Ten people were killed in floods and landslides in Assam and adjoining Arunachal Pradesh.

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13 more fall prey to mystery fever (KANPUR)

Even as 13 persons, mostly minors, fell prey to mystery fever in Ramabainagar district (Kanpur Dehat) on Monday, district officials claimed they were trying to contain the spread of the disease which has claimed 180 lives so far.

As many as 14 medical teams and para-medical teams are working in the field. The situation is being monitored in all the 82 affected villages.

Children are especially vulnerable to the killer virus, which was evident with seven deaths of minors in the district on Monday itself.

The DM has ordered health authorities to launch a massive cleanliness drive in all the villages. Health teams have been asked to spray insecticide in the affected areas and distribute medicines to those down with fever.

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Indonesia flash floods kill 56

At least 56 people were killed and 24 remain missing after flash floods in a remote region of Indonesia's West Papua province, a disaster management official said on Tuesday.

56 people were killed and 24 people went missing in the mishap. The floods were unleashed early on Monday after torrential downpours that began late Sunday in West Papua's Teluk Wondama district.

Kisianto said that 81 people were seriously injured and most of them had been flown to hospitals in neighbouring districts of Nabire and Manokwari.

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