

Landslides, floods kill 74 people in Bangladesh

International News

Three districts in Chittagong area were hit the hardest
 At least 74 people, including Four army men, have been killed in massive landslides in Chittagong early on Tuesday, followed by Monday's day-long downpour that has paralysed most of Bangladesh.
 At least 50 people died in Rangamati district of Chittagong Hill Tracts, while Chittagong and Bandarban districts saw 18 and six deaths. The rescuers fear that the number of casualties might rise once the debris are cleared .
 The army personnel were killed when they were conducting a rescue operation in Rangamati, according to the Inter Services Public Relation Directorate (ISPR).
 One soldier was still missing while 10 have suffered injuries in the incident that occurred near an army camp at Manikchari at 9am on Tuesday.
 "They were working to clear the Chittagong-Rangamati Highway blocked by mud from earlier landslides when another one hit them," a Chittagong police officer said.

copious

abundant in supply or quantity

ostentation

pretentious and vulgar display intended to impress, show off

'GST may push up electrical goods' prices by 10% to 15%

Business News

Traders bodies say 28% rate on such items will hit business
 The selling prices of electrical goods may increase by 10-15% after the implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) affecting traders and customers, according to traders. Under the GST, electrical goods will be taxed at 28% as they have been classified as luxury items.
 "Electrical goods is not a luxury item, but an essential one," said Hukmichand Shah, president of the 75-year-old Madras Electric Trades Association (META). "Taxing it at 28% will make it difficult for traders to survive and sustain. While the electrical raw materials are taxed at 18%, the finished goods is placed in the highest tax bracket of 28%."
 "The increase in operating cost and selling price is likely to have a cascading effect affecting both the small and medium traders and customers.

adulterate

alter or debase, often for profit

vociferous

loud and clamorous

70% smartphone apps share your data with third party services

National News

70% of smartphone apps share your data
 About 70% of smartphone apps send personal data to third-party trackers like Google Analytics, Facebook Graph API or Crashlytics, says a study by IMDEA Networks Institute, Spain. Seventy per cent of the apps were connected to at least one tracker, and 15% to five or more trackers, the findings showed.IANS

taciturn

reserved or uncommunicative in speech

obdurate

refuse to change one's opinion; stubborn