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RUFFLED FEATHERS IN CONGRESS OVER GURURGAM, **MAHENDERGARH LS SEATS**





15 SINDHU AND SRIKANTH EYES ON REVERSAL OF FORTUNE

OCCASION TO BE WATCHED

SHARAD PAWAR TO HONOUR PM MODI WITH TILAK AWARD

Many allies feel it was Modi who had compared INDIA with Indian Mujahideen.

MANISH AWASTHI

mid all the political chemistry going on in the country with full focus on the Parliamentary polls of 2024, especially after the formation of Opposition INDIA alliance, Sharad Pawar is all set to share the dais with Prime Minister Narendra Modi today in Pune on Tuesday in the run up to the Opposition's meeting here on August 25-26.

On the other hand, many INDIA alliance leaders are opposed to Sharad Pawar sharing the dais with PM Modi. They are of the opinion that attending a function jointly will harm Opposition's unity and credibility. MPs of Sharad faction are of the opinion that it was Prime Minister Modi who was in-

CONGRESS APPOINTS OBSERVERS FOR 5 POLL-BOUND STATES

Congress on Monday ap-

secretary, has been named

senior observer for Madhya

Pradesh, with Chandrakant

president Pritam Singh has been appointed as senior

observer for Chhattisgarh,

while Meenakshi Natarajan

has been appointed as state

Deepa Dasmunshi has

been appointed as senior

observer for Telangana, with

Sirivella Prasad as observer,

and Sachin Rao as observer

observer.

for Mizoram.

Handore as an observer. Former Uttarakhand PCC

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strumental in splitting the

Shiv Sena Uddhav faction leader Sanjay Raut feels that bestowing honour on Modi would be inappropriate at this time when the alliance is against NDA whose leader

Interestingly, twenty six parties have joined hands to take on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in 2024.

Many allies feel that it was Modi who had compared IN-DIA alliance with terror outfit Indian Mujahideen (IM).

Sharad Pawar's dilemma seems not to be ending as he has made a commitment to Rohit Tilak, grandson of great to former Presidents Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma and Pranab Mukherjee, former PMs Indira Gandhi, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Dr Manmohan Singh, businessmen N R Narayana Murthy and Cyrus Poonawala and engineer E Sreedharan among

More than the previous editions, this year's event will be keenly observed in the light of the upcoming battle of ballots between the ruling NDA and the fledgling Opposition INDIA.

PM Modi will become the

41st recipient of the award,

which has previously gone

Function will be held at SP college ground in Pune and Pawar camp claims this confirmation of attending the function was given much prior to the Ajit Pawar-led rebellion.

VIOLENT PROTEST

Two home guards killed as mobs pelt stones at VHP procession in Haryana's Nuh

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Two Home Guard jawans were killed and more than 10 policemen injured on Monday as a mob in Haryana's Nuh district tried to stop a Vishva Hindu Parishad procession, pelting stones and setting cars on fire, police said.

The district administration has put Gurugram on high alert after a dozen cops were shot, including inspectors and a DSP. As per police, all the injured are undergoing treatment at Medanta.

Further, to bring the situation under control, thousands of cops have been brought from other districts. Residents of Gurugram and Faridabad are requested not to go out of their homes.

From the Mewat region, reports of many women, trapped in a temple, are also coming.

Section 144 has been imposed in Gurugram and many schools have been closed following the deteriorating law and order situation in the area.

On the other hand, the Haryana Home Department wrote to the Union Home Ministry for immediate despatching of 20 companies of Rapid Action Force (RAF) for maintaining law and order in Nuh district.

After issuing warning for days against the vatra a mob torched over 80 vehicles, a police chowki and virtually took around 2,000 people "hostage" in a temple. As per reports, all have been rescued.

The state government imposed Section 144 in the district sealed its borders and suspended internet services till August 2.

Additional forces from

Gurugram, Palwal and Rewari were called in. ADGP Law Mamta Singh led the forces trying to rein in the chaos. Earlier, there were reports of several people being stuck in Nalhar Mahadev temple. Home Minister Anil Vii said central forces were airdropped to rescue them.

"Additional forces have been sent to Nuh and three companies from the Centre are being airdropped to rescue those stranded. Internet services are suspended and we are trying to restore peace and law and order," said Vij.

According to police, the clashes broke out when VHP's Brij Mandal Jalabhishek Yatra was stopped by a group of young men near Khedla Mod in Nuh. The procession was pelted with stones and at least four cars, part of the procession, were set on fire.

POLITICAL LOGIC

IF GYANVAPI IS CALLED MOSQUE, DISPUTE **WILL ESCALATE: CM YOGI ADITYANATH**

pointed election observers in poll-bound states of Raiasthan, Madhya Pradesh, that if Gyanvapi is called Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram, news agency a Masjid (Mosque), then PTI reported. Madhusudan it will create dispute. This statement of Yogi has once Mistry, a prominent party leader, has been named seagain become the hot cake nior observer for Rajasthan, of the political arena. In an with Sasikanth Senthil as an interview, UP Chief Minisobserver, and Randeep Surter Yogi Adityanath has said, jewala, the party's general

make a proposal accepting that a historical mistake has believe that this resolution symbols of Sanatan Dhar-Uttar Pradesh Chief Minbeen made and we believe must come from the Muslim ma were also found on the ister Yogi Adityanath said that this mistake should be community acknowledging basement wall of Gyanvapi solved". In response to a question, CM Yogi retorted and said, 'What is the Hindu symbol Trishul doing inside the Gyanvapi mosque. 'Haven't we put it there? There is a Jyotirlinga there. There are symbols of dei-

The Muslim side should ties inside the premises. The walls are screaming. And I that a historical blunder has been committed, and believing that this blunder must be solved.

freedom fighter Lokmanya

Set up in 1983, the Lokman-

ya Tilak Award is handed

over by the Tilak Smarak

Mandir Trust annually on

August 1--the freedom fight-

er's death anniversary--which

says it picks out people who

have worked for the nation's

progress and development.

Gangadhar Tilak.

Earlier, on May 19, 2022, the commission reported to the district court that symbols of lotus, damru and tri-

RAHUL GANDHI ARROGANT,

DID NOT APOLOGISE, SAYS

PURNESH'S AFFIDAVIT IN SC

COUNTER ATTACK

shul were found on the walls of the mosque. The same Masjid. Significantly, the 12-page report of the court commission was submitted to the court but this report was not made public yet.

According to the leaked report, the court commission

Negotiation with trouble

Pedestrians wade through the waterlogged road after heavy rainfall, in Hyderabad on Monday. ANI

COURT ORDER

Calcutta HC bins TMC plan to gherao BJP leaders' homes

TDG NETWORK

The Calcutta High Court on Monday restrained the ruling Trinamool Congress' August 5 programme to gherao homes of BJP leaders in West Bengal. It refused to permit any rally or action as publicly announced by Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee and affirmed by party chief and West Bengal Chief Minister

Mamata Banerjee.

It said: "Such a protest or action as commanded by the seventh respondent (Abhishek Banerjee) and affirmed by the sixth respondent (Mamata Banerjee) would undoubtedly be against public interest. Therefore, the respondents are restrained from holding any protest or rally or gherao in any manner inconveniencing the general public," said

ASHISH SINHA NEW DELHI

Purnesh Modi, who filed a defamation case against Rahul Gandhi, has filed his affidavit in the Supreme Court on Monday in which he said that Rahul Gandhi is of arrogant nature. He intentionally insulted the Modi surname. He also said that the court gave an opportunity to him to express regret on his statement but he did not do so and

maintained his obstinate attitude in front of the court. Earlier, Rahul Gandhi had filed a petition in the Supreme Court challenging the Gujarat High Court order. Even before this petition, Purnesh Modi had filed a caveat. On July 21, during the hearing on Rahul Gandhi's petition, the Supreme Court had given notice to Purnesh Modi and asked him to file a reply, on

which Purnesh had filed this

FATAL ACCIDENT

RPF constable shoots dead 4 on Jaipur-Mumbai fast train

TDG NETWORK

Four persons in a moving train from Jaipur to Mumbai were shot dead by a Railway Protection Force (RPF) jawan in Maharashtra on Monday morning, officials

According to Western Railways, the constable identified as CT Chetan, opened fire and shot at four passengers, including an RPF assistant sub-inspector (ASI) inside the Jaipur-Mumbai Central Express Train after it crossed Palghar Station in Maharashtra.

As per information from Western Railways, the accused constable has been detained along with his

RPF officials said that the incident took place in the B5 coach of the Jaipur-Mumbai Central Superfast Express (Train number 12956).

UNTIMELY INCIDENT

KERALA MINOR RAPE-CUM-MURDER INCIDENT DASHES INDIA'S UNITY BID

TDG NETWORK

The rape-cummurder of a minor girl in

Kerala has once against exposed the crack existing within the Opposition INDIA, with regionals politics clashing with their mission to trounce the ruling alliance in the

The heart-wrenching crime, in which both the victim and the accused are mi-

launch a scathing attack on the CPM-led Left Democratic Front government.

The state Congress' Twitter handle alleged that the Kerala Home department was corrupt and demanded Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's resignation. The Chief Minister, it said, cannot ensure safety even for children. State Health Minister Veena George visited the victim's family and said

TOP OF THE DAY

DHAMI MEETS PM MODI

NEW DELHI: Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Monday paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and expressed his gratitude for his guidance and cooperation in the development of Uttarakhand. During the meeting, the Chief Minister presented a shawl made of local hemp fiber Bedu and a replica of Nanda Devi Rajjat's traditional musical instruments as tokens of appreciation.

TIGHTENING NOOSE

ED seizes Lalu, family's assets under PMLA

TDG NETWORK

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached some assets as part of its money laundering investigation against RJD supremo Lalu Prasad, his family and others in an alleged land-forrailway jobs scam, official sources said on Monday.

The agency has issued a provisional order under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to attach the properties, they

The number of assets and their exact value was not known immediately.

The ED has recorded the statement of Prasad's wife and former Bihar chief

children including Bihar Deputy Chief minister Tejashwi Yadav, daughters Misa Bharti (RJD MP in Rajya Sabha), Chanda Yadav and Ragini Yadav, over the last few months, in this The alleged scam pertains

minister Rabri Devi, their

to the period when Lalu Prasad was the railway

the CBI that during the period 2004-09, various persons were appointed to Group D positions in

minister in the UPA-1 gov-

It is alleged by the ED and

ernment.

various zones of the Indian Railways, and in lieu, the persons concerned transferred their land to the family members of Lalu Prasad.

2024 Parliamentary battle of ballots.

grants, has prompted the state Congress to

that strict action will be taken in the case.

Kerala Con-

TMC WANTS TO MAKE COUNTRY LIKE WEST BENGAL: YOGI ADITYANATH ON PANCHAYAT POLL VIOLENCE

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aunching a scathing attack on the Mamata Banerjee government over "large-scale violence" in West Bengal panchayat polls, Chief Minister Yogi Adiyanath on Monday said that the civic polls were held peacefully in Uttar Pradesh and asked if Trinamool Congress "wants to make the country West Bengal". In an interview Chief Minister Adivanath targeted several Opposition parties, saying they had been "quiet" over violence in West Bengal. The Uttar Pradesh CM also slammed his critics, saying there had been "no riots, no curfews" in Uttar Pradesh for the past six years and all festivals were celebrated in peace.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Referring to allegations that many Opposition party candidates had been prevented from filing nominations in panchayat polls, CM Adityanath said that every individual has the right to fight elections and the way the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) behaved in these elections "is an eve-opener". "People who

talk big, see how elections are to be held. There were elections to urban bodies, panchayats and the Assembly in Uttar Pradesh while panchayat elections were held in West Bengal. What happened? Do they want to make the country [like] West Bengal, the way the TMC government did in West Bengal,"

he said, adding that there is a "difference" between the Bengal and UP governments. "We did not resort to pre-

tence or hypocrisy. Everybody has the right to fight elections and the person should get it. They can contest the election and if they are capable, they will win. If we capable, we will win, if we are not, we will lose and it should be like that. If the person is an opponent and capable of winning, he should win. This is a democratic right. We cannot deprive him of this," he added. The Chief Minister, who did not directly name TMC, said there are people "who after coming to power want to control the entire system". "Opposition party workers were killed in West Bengal. What we saw in West Bengal, how could have opposition functioned? Workers of opposition parties were beaten. These things are eye-openers. No one speaks on this or comments on it.

Everyone is quiet." Opposition parties said that 42 people were killed in violence related to West Bengal panchayat polls. Repolling was held on 696 booths. The fact-finding team of BJP, which looked into the incidents of violence during the recent three-tier panchayat polls in the state, suggested a court-monitored probe and said that "bomb blast" cases should be referred to NIA. Answering a query about his opponents trying to paint him as Chief Minister of a certain section of the population, CM Adiyanath said there had been no riot in the state since he took office, adding

'NAHI SAHEGA RAJASTHAN'

BJP to hold

protest against

that said riots hurt people of all communities and if there are anti-social elements, they are a threat to women of all communities.

He said the image of the state had been impacted due to the law and order situation in the state earlier. "I am the Chief Minister of the state for more than six years, my party gave me the responsibility in March 2017 and not a single riot has taken place. You tell me when riots occur only Hindus die? Only Hindu's property gets burned? When riots occur then people die in both communities, the properties of both communities get burnt and daughters of both communities are unsafe from rogue elements in society, when the curfew is imposed then whole markets get affected," he said.

OPPOSITION'S CRITICISM

Neither rules nor precedence mandatory to prove majority: BJP

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Union Minister Pivush Goval.

The BJP on Monday rejected the Opposition's criticism of the government for pushing forth its legislative agenda in Parliament and not taking up the no-confidence motion, saying neither rules nor precedence make it mandatory for the ruling party to prove its majority first.

Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha and Union Minister Piyush Goyal told reporters that everyone knows the government enjoys a two-third majority in Lok Sabha and the numbers strongly favour it. Several Opposition members

in Parliament before

any discussion on the

Manipur situation. The

government has made

clear its disagreement

with the demand while

Minister Amit Shah will

asserting that Home

have said their no-confidence motion against the The Opposition has been government should be taken up in the Lok Sabha demanding that Prime first and claimed that it is wrong for the treasury Minister Narendra benches to push through Modi make a statement

bills before this. "There are no such rules," Goyal said, adding that precedence also does not support such an argument. It is the Speaker's prerogative to decide when to take up the noconfidence motion, and the government is ready whenever it is taken up.

Congress MP Manish Tewari has claimed that all bills passed after the no-confidence motion was admitted in the Lok Sabha are "constitutionally sus-

reply to the discussion. pect" and asserted that any substantive legislative business soldiers who laid down must succeed the outcome of the motion, not precede it. The their lives in the Pulwama former Union minister also said the 10-day period for scheduling a discussion on the no-confidence motion tabled in the

> Lok Sabha cannot be used to "steamroll" bills. Some other Opposition members have echoed his view. Goyal also hit back at the Opposition bloc INDIA after its delegation of MPs highlighted people's suffering in Manipur after visiting the state and demanded a discussion in Parliament, saying it is these parties that are running away from a

> The Opposition has been demanding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi make a statement in Parliament before any discussion on the Manipur situation. The government has

> made clear its disagreement with the demand while asserting that Home Minister Amit Shah will reply to the discussion.

> posed during the discussion," Goyal said, adding that a debate will highlight the bad state of affairs when the Congress was in power in the state and at the Centre and how things changed after the BJP took over.

Politics in UP heats up as Akhilesh calls for meeting to respond to CM's Gyanvapi statement

CHANDRAMANI SHUKLA

BRAINSTORMING

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's recent remarks on the Gyanvapi issue have caused a stir in political circles. In an interview on Monday, CM Yogi stated that issues would arise if disputed the site is called a mosque. While the impact of this statement on the up-

PANCHAYAT POLLS

coming Lok Sabha elections remains to be seen, it has already created ripples among the main Opposition in the state, the Samajwadi Party (SP). In response to this, SP leader Akhilesh Yadav has called for a meeting on Tuesday to respond to CM Yogi's statements.

Although the Gyanvapi issue is being heard in court, it is also emerging as a political matter, as indicated by the Chief Minister's remarks. Political analysts have been drawing various interpretations from it, and some have also connected it to the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Akhilesh Yadav, who is the SP's national president, understands very well that the Opposition's reactions could cause communal polarisation in the state. He will not

want the BJP to benefit in any way, since it has been observed that the party has benefitted whenever Opposition leaders have made comments on the Hindu faith. However, in some cases where the opposition has shown vigilance on these issues, the BJP has also suffered losses, as seen recently in the Karnataka Assembly elections.

Rajasthan govt

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NEW DELH

The BJP announced a "gherao" of the Rajasthan government secretariat on Tuesday to protest against the alleged corruption, atrocities against women, crumbling law and order, and unemployment under the Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot-led administration.

The protest is part of the BIP's "Nahi sahega Rajasthan" (Rajasthan will not tolerate) campaign in the run-up to the Assembly polls expected to be held in November and December in the state where the Congress is in power. Rajasthan BJP MPs Kirodi Lal Meena, Sukhbir Singh Jaunapuria, and Bhagirath Choudhary joined the party's national general secretary Arun Singh at a press conference on Monday to lash out at the state government.

Singh, the Rajasthan in-charge of the party's affairs, alleged that serious crimes like murder and rape have become rampant. Twenty-one such incidents happened within 24 hours on 28 July in the state, he said, alleging that 17-18 cases of rape are being reported daily. Congress

leaders like Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra make so much noise about women's issues but have not met victims of atrocities in the state, which is number one in the country in crimes

against women, the BJP

leaders alleged.

Meena alleged that the allocation of Rs 30,000 crore by the Centre to the state for the "Jal Jeevan Mission" has been hit by corruption, with many tenders and orders involving "fake" firms cancelled after his party highlighted the issue. The family members of

terror attack have not been given the promised compensation, they alleged. Rahul Gandhi had promised loan waivers to farmers within 10 days of the Congress coming to power in the state, but nothing happened, and now notices have been sent to over 20,000 farmers for attaching their properties due to their unpaid debt, Meena claimed. Meena, Choudhary, and Jaunpuria also hit out at the state government over cases of paper leaks related to

recruitment exams.

debate. "The government has been ready for a debate right from day one of the Monsoon Session," he said.

"It is clear that the Opposition is in fear that it will be ex-

There is nothing like law and order in Bengal says BJP MP

West Bengal BJP MP Locket Chatteriee on Sunday slammed Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, alleging that the state police had acted in connivance with the Trinamool Congress (TMC). Chatterjee said, "There were many incidents of violence during the panchayat elections. Women were attacked. The whole world has seen this. Fifty-five people have been killed. There is nothing like law and order in West Bengal." The MP also added that while panchavat elections had been held peacefully in other states,

NCW PROBE TEAM HEADS TO HOWRAH, WILL LATER GO TO MALDA

KOLKATA: A team of the National Commission for Women (NCW) with chairperson Rekha Sharma headed to Howrah on Monday to investigate cases of brutality against a woman, said the group said on Monday. NCW said in a Tweet that the team would then go to Malda where two tribal women were allegedly stripped naked, tortured and beaten mercilessly a few days ago. On 21 July, a BJP worker from South Panchala claimed that she had been dragged out of a polling booth during the recent panchayat polls and her clothes were ripped off. The next day, the BJP accused Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of failing to provide security to women in the state.

violence occurred only in West Bengal.

MP Chatterjee said, "If you assess the panchayat poll elections in the state then you will see that in places like Malda, Murshidabad, South 24 Parganas, Basirhat, Cooch Behar there was violence against women and ruckus boxes by hooligans as they entered the counting rooms with armed weapons." The BIP leader further alleged that the West Bengal police had "acted as party cadres of the TMC." Earlier in July, while speaking on the viral video that originated from Manipur that purportedly showed two women being paraded in the nude, Chatterjee said, "We are also women. We also want our daughters to be saved... We are also India's daughters. West Bengal is also part of this country. Yesterday Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke on incidents of assault against

was created regarding ballet

MANIPUR

Opposition running away from debate: Anurag Thakur

Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Monday accused the Opposition of running away from a debate in Parliament on the ethnic violence in Manipur and wondered what the use of getting elected was if they wanted to raise issues on the streets.

Thakur's remarks come against the backdrop of an impasse in Parliament since the Monsoon session began on 20 July over discussion on the Manipur situation, with the Opposition insisting that Prime Minister Narendra Modi make a statement in the



Union Minister Anurag

House. "If you have to raise issues on the streets, then what is the use of getting elected to the House?'

Thakur said, speaking to reporters outside Parliament, asserting that the government was ready for a debate on the situation in Manipur. Home Minister Amit Shah had earlier said that he was ready for a debate in Parliament on the Manipur situation.

He claimed that the Opposition only looked for reasons to "run away" from the House. "They only believe in running away and not participating in debate. They want to remain in the news but not take part in the discussion. It is clear that they are resorting to politics in an election year," Thakur

WOMEN STAGE PROTEST, DEMAND REMOVAL OF SECURITY FORCES

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women in Manipur.

Over 1,000 women staged a protest on Monday in Manipur's Churachandpur, demanding the immediate removal of state police forces from Moreh town. They have threatened to launch a massive agitation in all the hill districts if their demand is not met. On 28 July, thousands of Kuki-Zo women in the Tengnoupal district blocked the road to Moreh, bordering Myanmar, to stop police forces from entering the

A convoy of ten vehicles of security forces, including the Indian Reserve Battalion, Manipur Rifles, and commandoes, were heading towards Moreh town when the womenfolk obstructed them at Teng-

The protest by the women of Churachandpur comes a day after the opposition bloc INDIA said on Sunday that if the conflict in Manipur is not resolved soon, it may create security problems for the whole nation. A delegation of the non-BJP coalition, which visited Manipur state for two days starting Saturday, slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his "silence" and showing "brazen indifference" to the ongoing ethnic strife in the northeastern state.

In a memorandum to Manipur Governor Anusuiya Uikey, the 21 Opposition MPs who signed the document have demanded the urgent rehabilitation and resettlement of the affected people to bring peace and harmony to the state.

MANIPUR RESUMES BIOMETRIC CAPTURE OF **ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS**

TDG NETWORK

The Manipur government

has resumed the process of collecting biometric details of identified illegal immigrants in the state, an official said on Monday. "We have identified around 2,500 illegal immigrants in the state, the majority of whom are currently in the Tengnoupal and Chandel districts, which share a border with Myanmar," joint secretary (home) Peter Salam said on Monday. "The state government had started the identification process earlier, but it came to a halt after violence broke out in May," Salam said, adding that



Manipur has the collection of biometric details of identified illegal immigrants Salam stated that out of

"illegal immigrants arrested in Churachandour district have been kept in the Foreigners Detention Centre and Sajiwa jail in Imphal East district and Imphal jail in Imphal West district. In all, 104 inmates are in the Foreigners Detention Centre, 60 in Sajiwa jail, and 70 in Imphal jail.'

the 104 illegal Myanmarese inmates, 74 are male, 24 are women, and six are minors-as of Monday. He mentioned that the process of collecting biometric details is timeconsuming due to the language and securityrelated challenges they encounter.



Narendra Modi @narendramod



Walk in the honor of daughters, Walk in the upliftment of the poor Walk in Dalit respect, Listen to the pain of the farmer too, Shout out... The way the present Congress rule has turned Rajasthan, the land of heroes and heroines, into a quagmire of misery and infamy, the people want to get rid of it soon. The resolution taken by the people to uproot the misrule of the state is going to get a big boost from this campaign of the BJP.

Amit Shah @AmitShah



Munshi Premchand ji increased the value of Indian literature in the whole world. In his works, he used to depict the problems of the common man poignantly. The contemporary his tory comes alive with his serious writing. Tribute to Premchand ji on his birth anniversary who strengthened the freedom struggle and inspired the movement against social evils.

@BJP4India



The opposition daily demands discussion on Manipur, but also runs away from the discussion. Today, the Speaker requested that the discussion on Manipur will be held in the House from 2 o'clock. But the opposition does not want to allow the discussion again today. It is something that they are running away from the discussion! shri@PiyushGoyal

Congress @INCIndia



The Modi government is taking revenge from Manipur, trampling on the decorum of Parliament. The Modi government hates the word Manipur, that's why it is running away from the discussion on Manipur in the Parliament. BJP MLAs in Manipur themselves believe that violence is taking place there under the patronage of the Chief Minister and such a government should be dismissed.

IMPLEMENT CLINICAL SET UP ACT, 2010, CENTRE TO DELHI GOVT

TDG NETWORK

The Union Health Ministry has asked the Delhi government to implement the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010, contending that the functioning of clinics, laboratories, imaging centres, and AYUSH facilities in the city are not regulated.

The July 21 letter to the secretary of the city's health department highlighted that the Delhi Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1953, has a limited scope as it covers only hospitals and nursing homes of allopathic systems.

It mentioned that the Gov-

THREE CASES

RAHUL GAHLAWAT

The Delhi police have reg-

istered three cases in con-

nection with the violence

on Saturday evening during

a Muharram procession in

west Delhi>s Nangloi. Sev-

eral people started pelting

stones at police personnel,

resulting in six cops suffer-

ing injuries and damage to

Deputy Commissioner of

Police Harendra Singh said,

the first FIR was filed by

Nangloi SHO Prabhu Day-

al. The complaint alleges

that multiple «tazia» proces-

sions, which were sched-

uled in Nangloi, deviated

public property.



Union Health Ministry asked the Delhi government to implement the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010.

WE ARE IDENTIFYING MUHARRAM VIOLENCE

ernment of India notified the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act in March 2012 for mandatory registration and regulation of all types of clinical establishments belonging to all recognised systems of medicine in both the government and

IN DELHI THROUGH CCTV: POLICE

from the predetermined

route and attempted to en-

ter Surajmal Stadium. As a

result, a tense confrontation

ensued between police per-

sonnel and the procession

The second FIR, lodged

by Nanag Ram, the law and

order inspector at Nangloi

police station, pertains to an

incident at Nangloi Chowk.

The third FIR was filed by

Head Constable Mukesh

Kumar for an incident near

the metro station at Nan-

gloi. All three cases were

registered on Sunday, indi-

cating the seriousness of the

The procession, which be-

gan around 12 pm on Satur-

participants.

situation.

private sectors.

"In terms of the Schedule to the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010, it is not applicable in the NCT of Delhi in view of the Delhi Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1953," the

day, followed the predeter-

mined route until around

5 pm, when some proces-

sions from Rohini district>s

Prem Nagar and Aman Vi-

har areas deviated from the

planned course. Instead of

following the agreed-upon

path, some individuals at-

tempted to enter Surajmal

Stadium and initiated alter-

The police had made all ef-

forts to pacify the situation.

However, it was reported

that several people bran-

dished weapons, including

knives, swords, sticks, and

"In response to the police's

refusal, the organisers and

their supporters started

iron rods.

The Health Ministry had earlier asked the Delhi government to implement the Clinical Establishments Act.

"It has been noted that the

existing Act in the NCT of Delhi has limited scope as it covers only hospitals and nursing homes of the allopathic system. Other clinical establishments like clinics, polyclinics, laboratories, imaging centres, and AY-USH clinical establishments are not regulated under the Delhi Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1953. Because of this, a large number of clinical establishments continue to remain unregulated in the NCT of Delhi," the July 21 letter said.

pelting stones at the offi-

cers. In the process, a sub-

inspector named Parveen

was attacked with a knife.

In self-defence, Sub-In-

spector retaliated, severely

injuring the assailant," the

Deputy Commissioner

of Police, Harendra Singh

confirmed that the police

are currently reviewing

CCTV footage from the area

and analysing videos of the

incidents that were widely

shared on social media plat-

The situation in Nangloi is

under control, and the de-

ployment of police has been

done to ensure that peace

remains intact.

forms during the events.

FIR stated.

PROTEST

Delhi: Dengue control workers go on strike amid surge in cases

TDG NETWORK

Amid a rise in dengue cases in Delhi, scores of city municipal workers, who are at the forefront of the fight against vector-borne diseases, began their indefinite

strike on Monday. Authorities at the Municipal Corporation of Delhi have been appealing to these workers to reconsider their decision in view of the spike in dengue cases in the last few weeks.

The strike by DBC (dengue

breeding checking) workers dent, Devanand Sharma, is taking place under the banner of the Anti-Malaria Ekta Karmachari Union on a day the MCD House is set to convene for a meeting. "We had recently served notice to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) via its mayor and commissioner, saying that our members will go on an indefinite strike from July 31, if our long-pending demands are not met before that. Since, our demands have not been met, we have gone on

said. He said a discussion is currently underway with an additional commissioner of the MCD at the Civic Centre.

Authorities are asking us to call off the strike in view of the rising cases of dengue, he said. The strike by DBC workers could spell trouble for Delhi, as due to early monsoon rains and recent flooding in parts of Delhi because of the rising water levels of the Yamuna, there is a threat of a rise in cases of dengue and other vectorborne diseases.

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

AESL issues impressive results for Q1 FY24, revealing 19% YOY revenue rise

strike," the Union's presi-

TDG NETWORK

Adani Energy Solutions Limited (AESL) has issued its consolidated results for Q1 FY24, revealing a significant 19% year-on-year revenue rise. The company also recorded a significant increase in profit before tax (PBT) of Rs 343 crore, reflecting a 70% year-on-year increase. Furthermore, the quarterly net profit after tax (PAT) increased by 8%. AESL's name was changed from Adani Transmission Ltd. to better reflect its extensive presence in different parts of the energy sec-

In terms of financial performance, the company increased its consolidated revenue by Rs 3,622 crore year over year. The operational EBITDA increased by 3 percent to Ea 1.254 crore, while the EBITDA

tor, effective July 27, 2023.

adani

ENERGY TRANSITION GAINING MOMENTUM: CEO

Globally, the focus on energy transition is gaining unprecedented momentum. Countries worldwide are embracing a collective commitment to a sustainable future. This concerted effort signifies a transformative shift towards a low-carbon economy, which is driving increased investments into global energy," said Adani Green Energy CEO, Amit Singh.

increased by 4 percent to Rs 1,378 crore. Profit before tax (PBT) increased by 70% year on year to Rs 343 crore, while net profit after tax (PAT) increased by 8% to Rs 182 crore.

However, the consolidated cash profit was 11% lower year on year at Rs 649 crore, owing to a one-time tax impact of Rs 65 crore on dividends from its sub-

In terms of operational highlights, AESL's transmission business performed admirably, with transmission business availability at 99.77%. The company increased the operating network by 550 ckms, bringing the total network to 19,778 ckms.

WHO SAID WHAT IN PARLIAMENT

DELHI SERVICES BILL TO BE INTRODUCE IN LS TODAY LS passes Cinematograph

TDG NETWORK

The Delhi services bill which seeks to replace an ordinance that mandated the creation of an authority for transfers and postings of senior officers in the Delhi government is listed for introduction in the Lok Sabha on today.

According to the revised list of business for today, Home Minister Amit Shah will introduce the bill while his deputy

CONDEMNATION

Nityanand Rai will make a statement on the reasons for bringing an "immediate legislation" by promulgating the ordinance.

The ordinance has become a rallying point for opposition parties against the BJP-led NDA.

According to The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, all transfers and postings of senior officers in the Delhi government will be done by a three-member committee headed by the Delhi chief minister. The Delhi ordinance was

promulgated by the central government a week after the Supreme Court handed over the control of services in Delhi, excluding police, public order and land, to the elected government headed by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. "With a view to give effect to the intent and purpose behind the provisions of Article 239AA of the Constitution, a permanent

authority, headed by the Chief Minister of Delhi along with the Chief Secretary, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Principal Secretary, Home, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, is being constituted to make recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor regarding matters concerning transfer postings, vigilance and other matters, according to the statement of objects and reasons of the bill.

Amendment Bill to check piracy

TDG NETWORK

The Lok Sabha on Monday passed a Bill to curb the menace of film piracy, revamp age-based certification given by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), and ensure uniformity in the categorisation of films and content across platforms.

The Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill 2023 was passed in the Lok Sabha with a voice vote despite protests by the members of the Opposition parties over the ongoing Manipur ethnic violence. The Bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha on July 27. Speaking on the Bill, Union Minister for Information



Thakur said, "We (the government) will do the work of stopping piracy through this Bill.

"Piracy is like cancer, and we are trying to uproot it through this Bill," Thakur said in support of the Bill, which has provisions to curb transmission of pirated film

content on the internet as well as to classify films on the basis of age group, instead of

the current practice of 'U', 'A', and 'UA'. The Bill seeks amendment to the Cinematograph Act,

1952. The amendments will address the issue of unauthorised recording and exhibition of films.

CRITICISM

OPPOSITION CREATES DISTURBANCE WHEN PM MODI SPEAKS: BJP

TDG NETWORK NEW DELHI

With the opposition refus-

ing to join a discussion in Rajya Sabha on the Manipur situation, the BJP on Monday slammed its demand for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement as a case of "shifting goalposts" and noted that its members have frequently disturbed him when he has spoken in Parliament in the past.

It is clear that the opposition has been shedding "crocodile tears" over the situation in the state, Finance

man told reporters as both Houses of Parliament were adjourned following an uproar over the demand by IN-DIA bloc parties that Modi should speak on the issue first before any discussion.

"When he (Modi) stands up to reply, what noise and disturbance they create They did not have the courtesy to listen to him. Today, they insist. What an irony," Sitharaman said, while her ministerial colleagues from the ruling party also hit out at the opposition over continuing disruptions in Par-

In his reaction, Union minister Pivush Goval rejected the opposition's criticism of the government for pushing its legislative agenda in Parliament and not taking up the no-confidence motion, saying neither rules nor precedents make it mandatory for the ruling party to prove its majority first.

The Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha told reporters that everyone knows the government enjoys a two-thirds majority in Lok Sabha, and the numbers strongly favour it.

'Opposition shedding crocodile tears, for them, Manipur...' Nirmala Sitharaman

TDG NETWORK NEW DELH

Coming down heavily on the Opposition for not participating in the discussion on the Manipur issue and disrupting the Parliament, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday that the Opposition is just shedding crocodile tears as they consider Manipur a political issue.

"Opposition doesn't want to participate in the discussion on the Manipur issue. Today, when this issue was taken up in Parliament, the Opposition ran away from the discussion. Saddened by the behaviour of the Opposition. Manipur is just a political issue for them (the Opposition)," Nirmala Sitharaman said. She said the government has agreed to discuss the Manipur ethnic violence in parliament, but the Opposition has not allowed that to happen.

"They have been demand-

position leaders that are being followed in today's list of business and for your sack, I recall the names: John Brittas, AD Singh, all respectable honarable members Professor Manoj Kumar Jha, Fouzia Khan, AA Rahim, Rajeet Ranjan, GC Chandrashekar, Phoolan Devi Netam, and

ing discussion even under 176. The names of the OpElamaram Kareem.

HUGE RECOVERY

GST EVASION OF RS 14,302 CR DETECTED IN APRIL-MAY, 28 PERSONS ARRESTED

TDG NETWORK

As many as 2,784 cases of GST evasion involving Rs 14,302 crore were detected in the first two months of the current fiscal, while Rs 5,716 crore was recovered during the period, Parliament was informed on Monday.

Lok Sabha, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman gave details of Goods and Services Tax (GST) and income tax evasion, as well as the detection of outright smuggling by the Customs department.

In a written reply in the

As per the data, GST evaevasion of Rs 14,302 crore sion of over Rs 2.68 lakh were detected. As many as

2023-24 (April-May). A recovery of Rs 76,333 crore was made during the period, while 1,020 persons were ar-In the current fiscal year (April-May), 2,784 cases of

crore was detected in 43,516

cases between 2020-21 and

veys, searches, and seizures carried out by the Income Tax Department in the last 5 years, searches were conducted on 3,946 groups, and

28 persons were arrested

and Rs 5,716 crore was re-

covered during the period.

As per the statistics on sur-

assets worth Rs 6,662 crore were seized.

TOP OF THE DAY

BSF RECOVERS ANOTHER PAK DRONE

TARN TARAN: BSF and Punjab Police troops deployed at India-Pakistan Border recovered a drone on Monday in Punjab's Tarn Taran district, an official BSF release said. The drone was intercepted at around 7:35 AM on Sunday near Village Kalash in the Tarn Taran district and the BSF troops immediately reacted to intercept the drone as per the laid down drill. "On July 30, 2023, at about 2105 hours, Border Security Force troops deployed at the border, heard the buzzing sound of a suspected flying object (drone) entering from Pakistan to Indian territory in the area near Village Kalash in District Tarn Taran.

THREE NEW HIMACHAL HC **JUDGES SWORN IN**

SHIMLA: Ranjan Sharma, Bipin Chander Negi and Rakesh Kainthla were sworn in as the judges of the Himachal Pradesh High Court on Monday at a ceremony here at Raj Bhawan. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla administered the oath of office to the newly appointed judges in the presence of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court Mamidanna Satya Ratna Sri Ramachandra Rao, leader of the opposition Jai Ram Thakur, ministers and others dignitaries.

TWO HELD IN **COURIER COMPANY** ROBBERY

HOSHIARPUR: Two persons have been arrested for allegedly robbing over Rs 18 lakh from an employee of a courier services company here, police said on Monday. Rharat Saini was robbe of Rs 18.4 lakh cash and some gold by the accused on Saturday night, Hoshiarpur Senior Superintendent of Police Sartaj Singh Chahal said, they added. Saini had collected the money after delivering a gold parcel to a jewellery shop here and was on his way to deliver another gold parcel to Atul Verma, a jeweller, in the Talwara area here, the police said But Verma himself met Saini at the bus stop and offered him a lift in his can saying he would pay him Rs 17 lakh for the gold parcel

FIRST HEADMASTERS **BATCH ENROLLED IN IIM-A FOR TRAINING**

CHANDIGARH: In a major initiative to enhance the quality of education in the state, the Punjab government sent the first batch of headmasters on a journey of expert training at the esteemed Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad. Speaking to the media during the flag-off ceremony on Sunday, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann highlighted the importance of equipping educational leaders with cutting-edge skills While previous delegations of principals had returned after receiving training in Singapore, this batch is now set to undergo a five-day upscaling program in Ahmedabad.

RUN UP TO POLLS

RUFFLED FEATHERS IN CONGRESS OVER GURURGAM, MAHENDERGARH LS SEATS

wo Rao leaders of the Haryana Congress are going head to head for the Gurugram Lok Sabha seat. Presently, Rao Inderjit Singh is the Bharatiya Janata Party's MP from Gurugram and also happens to be a minister at the Centre. Two senior Congress leaders—Captain Ajay Yadav and Rao Dan Singh—are keen to contest against Singh. Captain Yadav also contested elections from Gurugram on a party ticket in 2019, receiving around five lakh votes.

The Captain, the former state Finance Minister, finds his claim to the seat even stronger this time because of his performance in the last election. However, the controversy took place when Mahendergarh MLA Rao Dan Singh also reached the



Congress leaders Rao Dan Singh and Captain Ajay Yadav.

meeting of leaders of the Gurugram parliamentary constituency with party in-charge Deepak Babaria in New Delhi. Rao had a one-to-one meeting with the party's in-charge. These meetings are being held keeping in mind the upcoming elections. Dan Singh's constituency Mahendergarh comes under the Bhiwani-Mahendergarh parliamentary

For this reason, Captain Ajay Singh Yadav expressed

Dan Singh is counted among those closest to Hooda in the party. In the 2019 Assembly elections, he defeated senior BJP leader and former Education Minister Prof. Rambilas Sharma. Sources say that Rao Dan Singh is exploring possibilities for himself to contest his displeasure after attending the Bhiwani-Mahendergarh his meeting in Gurugram. Not parliamentary seat along with only this, but he also advised Gurugram. state in-charge Babaria to go to the ground and understand the realities of the state instead of holding meetings in the

If Gurugram, along with Bhiwani-Mahendergarh is claimed by Dan Singh, then a political dispute may arise here too. This is because former CM Bansi Lal Legha's granddaughter Shruti Chowdhary has been a Member of Parliament from the Bhiwani-Mahendergarh seat in both 2014 and 2019. Shruti Chowdhary contested this

Leader of Opposition Bhu-

pender Singh Hooda and his

son, Rajya Sabha MP Deep-

ender Hooda. Interestingly,

parliamentary seat both times on a Congress ticket. Shruti's mother, MLA Kiran Chowdhary has already announced that her daughter will contest the Lok Sabha elections from the Bhiwani-Mahendergarh

On the other hand, Mahendragarh MLA Rao Dan Singh says that he has met the party in-charge many times before and his meetings should not be made an issue. "There is no point in discussing the Lok Sabha elections right now because tickets are not being distributed now. Nevertheless, I will accept the decision of the party high command. Whatever duty the leadership imposes on me, I will live up to it," Singh said.

Meanwhile, Captain Ajay Singh Yadav has said that he has "no relation with any faction. My faction is the Congress party.

TDG NETWORK SHIMLA Former Deputy Mayor of Shimla Municipal Corporation Tikender Singh Panwar has filed an FIR against the

> National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and the four-lane building company GR Infra in Parwanoon Police station of Solan district of the state. A case has been registered for unscientific construction and violating the norms to build the road which caused landslides, flood and killed so many people during the heavy rains in the state. Panwar, who is also an environmentalist and social activist, said that this was "criminal negligence" as norms have been violated and it had adversely affected the people, crops and ecology of the Himalayas. "I filed this complaint against two principal agencies one is National Highway Authority and another is against the company which is responsible for the building of Four lane road between Parwanoon to So-

ALLEGING NEGLIGENCE

HP floods: Ex-Shimla Dy

NHAI, building company

Mayor registers FIR against

"This is criminal negligence, the rocks which have been cut unscientifi-

lan region. The four-lane

work which is being done

is a threat to the ecology,

environment, economy and

people as many have been

cally. There are set norms... [about] how the mountains need to be cut. It is clear that hills are not excavated vertically, they have cut the entire mountains in the region vertically, the apple season is starting and it has ruined the economy of the Apple farmers...This has happened not only in the present year but it has been done during the previous years also after they have started building the four-lane in this region," said Panwar. He said that more such cases would be registered in Kullu and other parts of the state where there is sheer negligence by the agencies concerned and it has caused damages. "This is a kind of alarming bell in the region, we have seen in Kullu similar work... we are going to register another complaint," he further added. Panwar said that the development model which is being adopted is a threat to

"The entire development model is questionable, there are no scientific muck dumping sites, despite all this they are charging the toll and the road is not functioning. There is a big nexus of the multiple agencies involved in it."

the ecology and economy of

the region.

PMLA ACTION

Money laundering case: ED seizes cars, cash, jewellery in raid on Haryana Cong MLA

capital. "The truth will come

out only after talking to the

workers," the Captian said.

However, after this week-old

incident, Captain Yadav's

tone has now changed. It is

being said that he has also

spoken to former CM and

TDG NETWORK

Four luxury cars, jewellery worth Rs 14.5 lakh, as well as Rs 4.5 lakh in cash, have been seized following raids against Haryana Congress MLA Dharam Singh Chhoker and companies "owned and controlled" by him in a money laundering case linked to alleged cheating of homebuyers, the Enforcement Directorate said on Monday.

The 59-year-old legislator from the Samalkha in Panipat district is stated to be the "owner and promoter" of the Mahira real estate

group along with his sons Sikander Singh and Vikas Chhoker. The action under criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act came after the ED launched searches against the legislator, Sai Aaina Farms Pvt Ltd (now Mahira Infratech Pvt Ltd), other companies of the Mahira Group and some others on 25 July, it said in a statement. Eleven locations in Samalkha, Gurugram and Delhi were raided by the federal probe agency.

The money laundering case stems from an FIR filed by the Gurugram Police against Sai Aaina Farms



Congress MLA Dharam Singh

Pvt. Ltd. for "cheating and forgery" as it is alleged to have collected about Rs 360 crore from 1,497 homebuyers under the affordable housing scheme on the promise of providing housing units in Sector 68 of Gurugram near Delhi, the ED said. However, it failed to deliver the houses and missed multiple deadlines, the probe agency said. "The home buyers have been holding protests/dharnas since one year against the Mahira Group seeking delivery of the promised houses at the earliest," it said. The ED also alleged that Chhoker, his sons and other key employees remained "absent" during the searches and have "not joined the investigation till date".

It was found that an entity-Sai Aaina Farms Pvt. Ltd-siphoned off home

buyers' money by booking fake construction expenditures in group entities. Cash equivalent to the fake purchases were received from the entities providing fake bills/invoices by the directors and promoters of Mahira Group, which was used for personal gains, the agency alleged. Personal and family-linked expenditure was booked as construction and business expenditure in group entities. Directors/ promoters also diverted homebuvers' money to other group entities as loans for personal gains. About Rs 107.5 crore was siphoned from the entity.

killed."

PANCHAYATS, PARENTS UNHAPPY AS SCHOOL TABLETS MISUSED

RAVINDER MALIK

Under Haryana government's 2022 Adhigam Scheme, tablets were distributed among school children rial. "The students can have studying 10th to12th standard to facilitate learning after the pandemic affected study on a large scale. However, these tablets have been the subject of controversy after it was revealed that social media and illicit content was

being view After around a dozen panchayats in Haryana wrote letters to the government showing concern to take cognisance of the matter, the government has swung into action. Several panchayats have demanded the tablets be taken back from the children. Education Minister Kanwar Pal Gujjar said of the total number of children who received tablets, few were involved in appropriate activities.

Besides, the tablets are equipped with Mobile Device Management systems to monitor content and stop children from accessing objectionable material. This prevents children from viewing objectionable mate-



access to curriculum and the matters related to study but some mischievous school children are making misuse of the tablets by removing the MDM system," he said.

Further, Kanwar Pal Gujjar said that action may be taken against those school children who have removed the MDM system from the tablet or unlocked them with illicit means. Regarding the same matter, the parents of the children are of the opinion that it is quite impossible to have an eye on the children all the time.

While reacting to this, the Minister said it is unfair to place the responsibility solely on the state government as it cannot take care of every aspect pertaining to the matter.

The tablets were distributed to economically weak children to ensure that they did not lag behind in their studies during the pandemic, Education Ministry officials said in this regard.

DRUG MENACE

OPERATION AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS IN FATEHGARH SAHIB

TDG NETWORK

The Punjab Police on Monday conducted a cordon-and-search operation against drug trafficking and anti-social elements in the Rupnagar range, officials said. The operation was carried out in SAS Nagar and Fatehgarh Sahib districts on the directions of the Director General of Police (DGP), Punjab, Gaurav Yadav. The entire operation was

conducted under the overall supervision of the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Rupnagar Range, Gurpreet Singh Bhullar, the officials said. Sharing details of the operation, Special DGP Arpit Shukla said police teams arrested 12 anti-social elements after registering 13 FIRs. Police also seized Rs 2.50 lakh cash, 40 grams of heroin, 12 kg ganja, and 1kg poppy husk from their possession, he said.

Ambulance Workers Union to stage protest over 'unmet demands and delayed promises' ers who raised their voices services to protect employees

TDG NETWORK CHANDIGARH

STRIKE

The 108 ambulance staff is preparing to go on yet another strike as the Punjab government has failed to fulfil promises that were made by the Health Minister seven months ago. In January, the Ambulance Workers Union had staged a protest for higher salaries and rights and demonstrators were assured of action. by Health Minister, Dr Balbir Singh. Singh had, in January, also promised the protesting

However, both the government and the company have failed to provide relief or pay January salaries. To address, National President Pankaz Dwesar Of Rashtriya Bhagwan Sena, Chairman Santokh Gill. Ravi Kumar, Guru Baba Nach-

hatar Nath Of Balmik Samajon Monday promised "all possible help" to bring justice to the 108 ambulances staff. Amandeep Singh, State President of the 108 Employees Union, and Vice President Joga Singh have been advocating for a government takeover of their from distant transfers, which have adversely affected their lives. The Ambulance Workers Union has said that if its demands are not met, they will gherao Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's residence and protest there until the government fulfils its promises.

The union's demands also include the assurance of a medical accident insurance and restoration of cut holidays from the Covid-19 pandemic. The union has also accused the government of taking punitive action against workof financial mismanagement by government officials have further exacerbated the situation. In a decisive move, the 108 Ambulance Workers Union has announced that they will go on strike from 4 August an indefinite period to press for their demands. The union has warned of an indefinite and intense struggle if their demands are not met and calls for decisive action against the company. The situation remains tense as representatives of the ambulance

staff seek justice and relief.

for their rights. Allegations

SPORTS POLICY 2023

workers a raise of Rs 5,000

NEW PUNJAB SPORTS POLICY INCLUDES JOBS, **AWARDS FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES**

TARUNI GANDHI

Minister of Sports Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer on Monday announced new incentives for sportsmen in Punjab as he revealed the details of the new sports policy passed by the state Cabinet. The policy aims to make Punjab the number one state for sports in the country and create a sports culture.

The Sports Minister announced gifts in the form of cash prizes, paving the way for awards for players as

well as coaches and jobs for the players. Sports nurseries and centres equipped with state-of-the-art facilities are to be built in every village. Meet Hayer said that playgrounds will be established at the village level looking at the local needs. There will be a provision of a one-time matching grant which will be 25 percent of the total budget. At Rs. 25 lakh per nursery, it will have a total budget of Rs. 250 Crore. A district-level sports structure with 200 sports hostels in each district is to be established to prepare

sportspersons for National level competitions. There will be a total capacity of 5,000 players across the state.

District-level structures will also be upgraded to state-level. Meet Hayer further said medalists will be provided posts in the special cadre—500 such posts including 40 deputy directors, 92 senior coaches, 138 coaches and 230 junior coaches have been prepare. Compared to 2,017 coaches in Haryana, there are only 309 coaches in Punjab and as per the new sports policy,

there is a proposal for 2,360 coaches. Olympians winning the gold, silver and bronze medals will now receive Rs 3 crore, Rs 2 crore and Rs 1 crore respectively. The number of sportspersons or medal winners is now 80 from the earlier 25. This now includes the include Special Olympics, Deaf Olympics, Youth Olympics, Para World Games, badminton's Thomas Cup, Uber Cup, BWF World Tour Finals, all tennis Grand Slams, Azlan Shah Hockey Cup, Diamond League and recognised international tournaments. For

the first time coaches and promoters will also be receiving rewards. Meet Hayer said that the coaches of Punjab will now get the Olympian Balbir Singh Senior Coach Award. Similarly, individuals or organisations promoting sports will receive the Milkha Singh Award for Sports Promoters/ Organisation. Additionally, the Balbir Singh Senior Scholarship Scheme has been started for monthly scholarships to national-level medal winners. Senior-level medalists will receive Rs 16,000 while juniors will receive Rs 12,000. REPRIMAND

Why FIR on May 18 when Manipur incident occurred on May 4: SC

ASHISH SINHA

The Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Monday questioned the Centre on the Manipur viral video, in which two women were allegedly sexually assaulted and paraded naked by a mob, asking why the FIR in the case was registered on May 18 when the incident happened on May 4.

"What were the police doing from May 4 to May 18? The incident came to light that women are being paraded naked and at least two were raped. What were the police doing?" the Supreme Court asked the Central government.

However, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said that government has nothing to hide "This court can monitor the situation. Something coming from here or there will be hazardous," CJI added.

A 26-second video from Manipur has triggered outrage in the whole country

where two women were stripped naked, assaulted and paraded by a mob. The incident allegedly took place on May 4, a day after ethnic clashes broke out in Manipur. After a video of the same went viral, the police swung into action and ar-

rested seven people, includ-

ing the main accused.

While the case of Manipur was being heard, a lawyer Bansuri Swaraj raised concerns about crimes against women in Bengal, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh. The Chief Justice emphasized that the violence in Manipur, set amidst communal and sectarian strife, is of an unprecedented nature.

The Chief Justice questioned whether protecting all daughters of India or none at all was the appropriate approach. The survivors' lawyer requested a Supreme Court-monitored probe, emphasizing the need for confidence in the investigation. The government consented to the Supreme Court's monitoring

of the investigation.

During the proceedings, Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, representing the women, highlighted the lack of data on registered cases. The court inquired about the number of crimes against women among approximately 6,000 FIRs but was informed that the data was not currently available. Consequently, the court directed the Centre and Manipur government to provide information on various aspects of the cases.

The Supreme Court acknowledged the severity of offenses against women and expressed its reluctance to entrust the case to the Manipur police. Instead, it stressed the importance of healing measures in the state. The court noted that this was not an isolated incident like the Nirbhaya case but a manifestation of systemic violence.

The Centre sought to transfer the case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), but the survivors

lawyer objected, requesting

the formation of a high-powered committee comprising women members from civil society. The court supported the idea of a committee and desired justice to reach the doorstep of victims, advocating a broader mechanism to combat violence against women in Manipur.

Chief Justice DY Chandrachud highlighted that the case of the three women was not an isolated incident and called for a mechanism to ensure justice for all victims. He asked about the number of registered FIRs related to violence against women.

The two women involved in the case filed petitions in the Supreme Court, requesting suo motu action and an impartial inquiry. They sought protection of their identities, a probe led by an independent SIT headed by an IG-rank police officer, the transfer of the trial outside the state, security, and the recording of their statements under Section 164 of the CrPC by the nearest area

magistrate.

On July 27, the Centre informed the court that the CBI has taken over the investigation and has registered a seventh one new case in addition to the six cases registered. The incident of parading women naked took place on May 4 in Kangpokpi district. A mob of hundreds paraded two women naked after looting and arson. They were also gang raped. Two of his male relatives were also killed for protesting. On May 18, Manipur police registered a case of kidnapping, gang rape and murder at Nongpok Sekmai police station in Thoubal district. A total of 7 cases have been registered since then. Transferred the case to the CBI, highlighting its "zero tolerance towards any crimes against women." The Ministry of Home Affairs urged the court to transfer the trial outside Manipur for a time-bound conclusion. So far, seven people have been arrested in connection with the case.

RAISING PREPAREDNESS

BJP READYING 'CYBER WARRIORS' FOR MISSION 2024

and Minister in the govern-

BJP is now preparing to create an environment on social media to connect with OBC youths before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. For this, 20,000 cyber warriors will be trained in Uttar Pradesh. These warriors will particularly focus on informing youths on social media about what BJP has done for the backward classes so far. The OBC Morcha of UP BJP has planned to conduct training workshops in various districts for this purpose from the second week of August. On Tuesday, the OBC Morcha will hold a virtual meeting with district presidents to finalise the entire

A team will be formed at the Mandal level in every

Lok Sabha constituency BIP's main focus now will be on youth, especially on social media. Recently, during his visit to UP, BJP's National General Secretary (Organisation) BL Santosh had a separate meeting on social media. He stated that what a few people know is disseminated to a larger audience through social media. Therefore, the BJP will now focus on training social media volunteers, calling them "cyber warriors." The OBC Morcha President of BJP

ment, Narendra Kashyap, revealed that they are preparing separate teams from the Lok Sabha to the Mandal level. Each team will consist of 23 people at the Lok Sabha, Assembly, and state levels. Additionally, there will be teams of 13 members each at the district and Mandal levels. These cyber warriors will primarily share information on what the central government and the UP government have done for the backward classes on social media. Training workshops will be organized in every district, and after the training, this information will be disseminated to individuals through Facebook, Twitter,

Social media influencers have been engaged in every LS constituency

and Instagram.

Before this, BJP had launched a campaign under the Lok Jan Sampark Abhiyan to connect with social media influencers in every Lok Sabha constituency. Under this, discussions were to be held with 100 social media influencers in each district. Social media influencers from both the ruling BJP and opposition parties and neutral influencers were invited. All MPs were required to form their teams in their respective Lok Sabha constituencies. BJP believed that if these influencers also posted positively about the party, it would be beneficial, and if they criticized the party, it could cause damage. Therefore, reaching out to them was necessary as their messages reached a large number of people.

Experiment has been suc-BJP's social media experi-

ment has been successful so far. In the 2022 UP Assembly elections, BJP had created WhatsApp groups in all 403 constituencies. Earlier, during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the party had created separate Facebook pages and WhatsApp groups for each Lok Sabha constituency. Now, the party is preparing for a similar campaign for 2024. OBC Morcha President Narendra Kashyap said that the central government has given constitutional status to the OBC Commission. The government has also provided 27% reservation to backward classes in NEET exams, central schools, and military schools' admissions. PM Modi has included 27 MPs from backward classes in his cabinet. No previous government had done all this. This information will now reach every OBC. Since youths are very active on social media, they will be directly connected to BJP.

COUNTER ATTACK

RAHUL GANDHI ARROGANT, DID NOT APOLOGISE, SAYS **PURNESH'S AFFIDAVIT IN SC**

affidavit on

Monday. Purnesh Modi has also said that,

therefore, the decision of the Lower Court and the High Court is correct. Purnesh Modi savs in his

affidavit, "Rahul Gandhi maliciously and recklessly used scurrilous words against a large and totally blameless class of persons. "The statement was made out of personal hatred towards an elected Prime Minister of the country, and the extent of hatred was so great that the Petitioner was impelled to cast grossly defamatory aspersions on persons who incidentally bore the same surname as the Prime Minister."

As President of a nationallevel political party at the time of the speech, RG expected to "set high standards of political discourse in the country'

No reason to brand entire class of people as thieves just because they bear the same

SWINGING INTO ACATION

surname as the Prime Minister". Purnesh Modi Filed a 21 pages long affidavit in the Supreme Court.

Purnesh Modi pointed out that the petitioner (Rahul Gandhi) was the president of a national-level political party, might engage in using slanderous language in political discussions, it is unjust to label an entire community as thieves merely because they share the same surname as the Prime Minister.

With reference to Section 8(3) of the Representation of People Act, 1951, he asserted that if the legislature intended disqualification to be triggered only in cases of moral turpitude, it would have explicitly stated so. According to him, the offense of defamation under section 500 of the Indian Penal Code itself falls under the category of moral turpitude.

Additionally, he brought to attention that Rahul Gandhi is currently on bail in the National Herald case and facing

another case for defamation of Vinayak Savarkar. The petitioner also argued that during the trial court's sentencing, Gandhi displayed an unrepentant attitude, claiming, "he was not a Savarkar but a Gandhi.'

The petitioner further cited a past instance where the Supreme Court reprimanded Gandhi for wrongly attributing the phrase "chowkidar chor" (watchman is a thief) and compelled him to issue an unconditional apology in a contempt proceeding.

The petitioner contended that Gandhi's attitude of "arrogant entitlement, insensitivity to a community, and contempt for law" should disqualify him from seeking any relief.

STORY OF DEFAMATION CASE AGAINST RAHUL GANDHI

Rahul Gandhi, a Congress leader and former MP, faced controversy over his statement, "why all thieves share

the Modi surname," made during a political rally in Karnataka's Kolar in 2019. Purnesh Modi, a Bharatiya Janata Party MLA and former Gujarat minister, filed a complaint under Sections 499 and 500 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, accusing Gandhi of defaming everyone with the surname "Modi." In March, a local court

in Surat district, Gujarat, convicted Gandhi and sentenced him to two years' imprisonment. Although the sentence was suspended, he was disqualified as a Lok Sabha member the next day under Article 102(1)(e) of the Constitution read with Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. The Act states that a person will be disqualified from holding office if convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for two years or more, and this disqualification continues for an additional six years after

Gandhi's application for a

UNTIMELY INCIDENT

stay on his conviction in the criminal defamation case was rejected by the sessions court, but he was granted bail pending the appeal. He filed a criminal revision application against the ruling, which was later dismissed by the High Court. The High Court observed that Gandhi's statement concerned a significant identifiable group, the "Modi" community, and not just an individual. As a senior leader, Gandhi had a duty to ensure that his political activities or

Gandhi has moved the Supreme Court, challenging the Gujarat High Court's decision to deny his request for a stay on his conviction. He maintains that he had no malicious intent or intention to defame the complainant.

utterances did not jeopardize

the dignity and reputation of

The matter is scheduled for a hearing on August 4, after the Supreme Court issued a notice on Gandhi's plea on July 21.

POLITICAL LOGIC

IF GYANVAPI IS CALLED MOSQUE, **DISPUTE WILL RISE: YOGI ADITYÁNATH**

CONTINUED FROM P1 says, 'When water came out of the so-called fountain (Vujukhana),

a cylindrical stone structure was found there, the Hindu side called it Adideshwar Mahadev Shiva Linga.' The caretaker of the mosque said that there is a fountain but it is not working for a long time.

The Hindu side has sine been demanding a scientific survey of the Gyanvapi complex. Recently the District Court of Varanasi gave permission to conduct the scientific survey and directed the ASI to submit the report by 4th August. The Muslim side reached the Supreme Court, raised the issue without mentioning it. However. the Supreme Court listened to him and granted him the liberty to file an appeal in the Allahabad High Court the next day and directed status quo on the orders of the District Court till the final order of the High Court. The Allahabad High Court heard this issue for three consecutive days and reserved the order for August 4.

GYANVAPI ISSUE: LOWER COURT TO APEX COURT

April 8, 2022: Civil Court orders a survey of the premises and appoints Ajay Kumar Mishra as in-charge of the exercise.

May 13, 2022: Supreme Court refuses interim order of status quo on the survey of the Gyanvapi-Shringar Gauri

May 17, 2022: SC passes interim order directing the district magistrate of Varanasi to ensure protection of the area inside the complex.

May 20, 2022: SC transfers the case from a civil judge to a district judge. Oct 14, 2022: Varanasi district court rejects plea for carbon dating of the Shivling. Nov 10, 2022: SC agrees to set up a bench to hear the case.

May 12, 2023: Allahabad High Court orders determination of the age of the Shivling using modern technology. May 19, 2023: SC defers scientific survey to determine the age of Shivling. July 21, 2023: Varanasi district court directs the ASI to conduct the survey -- including excavations, wherever necessary to determine if the mosque was built at a place where a temple existed earlier.

July 24, 2023: SC halts ASI's survey at premises till 5 pm on July 26, asks HC to hear mosque panel's plea.

After passing through several stages, the Gyan Vapi case has once again made its way to the Supreme Court from the Lower Court. On 26th July, the Supreme Court decided to maintain the Status Quo and instructed the Allahabad High Court that any further orders should be issued before 5 pm on 27th July. Subsequently, on 28th July, the Allahabad High Court put a stay on the ASI Survey and reserved its judgement to August 4.

COURT ORDER

Calcutta HC bins TMC plan to gherao BJP leaders' homes

CONTINUED FROM P1

sion Bench presided over by Chief Justice TS

the Divi-

You are not concerned about the office-goers. Might is right. Such statements come from people holding high constitutional offices. Do you say that such statements should be brushed aside? If, suppose, a thousand people, two thousand people gather, and gherao a particular action. This is going beyond

concerned about the public.

Abhishek Banerjee, the Trinamool's Diamond Harbour MP, had called for a gherao of houses of all BJP leaders to demand the release of funds due to West Bengal by the Centre. The Court directed the re-

the limits," he said.

of difference.

"Such action by any section

of society is against public

interest. A normal person

making a statement and a

person holding high consti-

tutional office makes a world

spondents to file affidavits in support of their contention against the PIL by Adhikari within 10 days, and said that the matter will be heard again after two weeks.

Dasara 2023: CM chairs high-level committee meet

JAYAPRAKASH RAMAIAH

The high-level committee, regarding Nada Habba Mysore Dasara chaired by the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah today, decided to celebrate Dasara in a meaningful and grand manner to make it a people's festival.

The state festival will be inaugurated on 15.10.2023 at 10.15 am to 10.30 pm and Jumbu savari will be held on October 24 on the day of Vijayadashami. It was decided to celebrate cultural events, film festival, farmer's Dasara, Yuva Dussehra in a systematic way.

Special lighting arrangements: Jumbu savari, lighting, torch light parade are important events of the Radar festival. This time, there must be special lighting arrangements which should begin from the day of inauguration till the end of Dasara and then continue for a week, the Chief Minister suggested.

Tableaux to depict five guarantee schemes The CM suggested that while selecting the tableaux, along with showcasing the state's heritage, district features, 5 guarantees should also be depicted to give a message to

the people. Exhibition: The exhibition will also be inaugurated on the opening day of Dussehra. The CM suggested that the government depart-

ments should open the stalls in the exhibition. Preference for local artists: There are good artists in the state in all genres. It was decided that preference should be given to them and a platform should be created in Yuva Dussehra for college students and local artists to exhibit their talent.

Emphasis on Tourism: Necessary infrastructure should be provided to the tourists who will visit Mysuru on the occasion of Dasara He said action should be taken to ensure the safety of the tourists. Women are expected to come in large numbers due to Shakti scheme, he said. It was decided to hold Dasara in Srirangapatna and Chamarajanagar districts. The chief Minister was given the power to select the name of the person to inaugurate Dasara. The executive committee will submit a proposal on the expenditure, it was decided to take a decision on providing grants for festival based on it. Air Show: The CM said it is intended to hold an air show during Dasara and this will be discussed with the Union Defence Minister.

D.K. Shivakumar, Ministers Dr. H.C.Mahadevappa, H.K.Patil, Bairathi Suresh, Venkatesh, Legislators Tanveer Sait, G.T. Devegowda, Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Mysuru Dr. Rajendra.K.V were present.

KERALA MINOR RAPE-CUM-MURDER INCIDENT DASHES INDIA'S UNITY BID

vehement attack on the Left underlines how

tall the challenge to keep the INDIA front together is.

Earlier, West Bengal Congress' attack on the ruling Trinamool Congress over violence during rural polls and Delhi Congress leaders' statements against Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had prompted the BJP to mock the INDIA bloc.

The Left, which rules Kerala, is also facing a similar dilemma. On the sidelines of the big Opposition conclave at Bengaluru earlier this month, CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury ruled out any alliance with the Trinamool in Bengal. "Mamata Banerjee and the CPI (M) will not happen. There will be secular parties along with the Left and the Congress in Bengal which will fight against the BJP and the TMC," he said.

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, the Congress's leader in Lok Sabha and the party's Bengal chief, had slammed the Trinamool over the violence during panchayat polls, saying there is a "reign of terror" in the state.

In Delhi, the Congress blinked in its face-off with AAP and agreed to back the Arvind Kejriwal-led party in its fight against the centre's move to control Delhi officers. But local leaders such as Ajay Maken continue to target the AAP government, raising questions on whether regional rivalries will upset INDIA's poll

Sivagnanam. Petitioner Suvendu Adhikari, the Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly submitted video proof to substantiate his charge that while TMC's

person, do you mean to say national general secretary that only that particular Abhishek Banerjee called for the gherao from the TMC's person alone is going to be affected? And nobody in an July 21 rally, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had suparound will be affected? If ported the call in her speech somebody says I am going to plant a bomb at 3 pm at from the same dais. The Chief Justice made such and such a place, will scathing observations rethe State not take any action? garding the matter. "The The state needs to take some bottomline is that you are not

Will you vote based on the

Will the Modi factor influ-

ence your vote in the 2024

candidate's name?

A-Yes: 76%

B- No: 20%

A-Yes: 71%

B- No: 20%

elections?

A-Yes: 69%

B- No: 20%

C- Not Sure: 11%

C- Not Sure: 9%

Will you vote for the

current MP in the 2024

C- Not Sure: 4%

general elections?

MP'S REPORT CARD (GROUND) - RAHUL

TOP OF THE DAY

UP: BJP **LEADER HURT** IN PANCHAYAT **ATTACK**

BALIA: A local-level BJP office-bearer suffered serious iniuries after allegedly being attacked in the Bansdih Kotwali area of this Uttar Pradesh district, police said on Monday. Two men have been arrested in this connection, they said. Ajit Singh, the general secretary of the BJP's Maniyar mandal, went to Sultanpur village on Sunday to attend a panchayat related to a land dispute when he was allegedly attacked with a sharp weapon, the police said. Singh, who suffered serious injuries, has been admitted to the district hospital, they added. The police on Monday arrested both the accused and seized the weapon used to attack Singh.

MP TEMPLE: LIVE WIRE INJURES 50

REWA: Fifty people complained of suffering electric shocks after a live wire fell on a shed at a temple in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa district on Monday, police said. The incident occurred at a temple in Deotalab, some 50 km from the district headquarters, an official said. At least 50 persons complained of receiving electric shocks after a live wire fell on a tin shed at the temple during the day, Mangawa's sub-divisional officer of police (SDOP) Kripashankar Dwivedi said. Ten persons were brought for treatment to Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital in Rewa, while some were treated at the community health centres in Naigarhi and Maugani, chief medical and health officer (CMHO) BL Mishra said. The health condition of all the affected people was fine, he said.

THANE TEMPLE WALL COLLAPSES; **NO INJURIES**

THANE: A portion of wall of a Ganesh temple in Thane's Wagle Estate area collapsed on Monday, though no one was hurt in the incident, a civic official said. The incident took place at 1:30pm, said Thane Municipal Corporation regional disaster management cell chief Yasin Tadvi. "A portion of the wall collapsed into an adjacent nullah (drain). The rest of the wall is in dangerous condition. Fire Brigade and RDMC personnel were deployed at the site to remove the debris," he said.

FAKE MARKSHEET RACKET BUSTED

INDORE: The police in Madhya Pradesh's Indore on Monday arrested two persons who were allegedly part of a racket involved in preparing and selling fake marksheets of educational institutions across the country, an official said. Based on a tipoff, the police nabbed the accused Dinesh Sevakram and Manish Rathore, deputy commissioner of police (DCP) Abhishek Anand told reporters here. The duo was allegedly part of a gang involved in preparing and selling fake marksheets from Class 8 to postgraduate courses in homeopathy, ayurveda and pharmacy at high prices, he said.

MP REPORT CARD

ASSESSING RAHUL SHEWALE'S PERFORMANCE AS MUMBAI SOUTH CENTRAL'S MP

TDG NETWORK

ahul Ramesh Shewale is an Indian politician from the Shiv Sena and a member of the Lok Sabha representing the Mumbai South Central constituency. He has served as the chairman of the standing committee of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) four times from 2010 to 2014, a record shared with his predecessor Ravindra Waikar.

In the 2004 Vidhansabha elections, he contested as the Shiv Sena candidate from the Trombay assembly seat but lost to the Congress candidate. In the 2014 Indian general election, he was nominated by his party as the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate from Mumbai South Central. He contested against the sitting two-time MP and Dalit leader, Eknath Gaikwad of the Congress party, which was part of



HISTORY OF MUMBAI SOUTH CENTRAL SEAT

1991-2004 Mohan Rawale





2019 Rahul Ramesh

ASSEMBLY SEATS (06)

■ Wadala

Mahim

- Anushakti Nagar Chembur
- Dharavi

the United Progressive Alliance (UPA). Shewale secured 3.8 lakh votes and

won by a margin of 1.38 lakh over his nearest rival. Gaikwad.

Sewri-Koliwada

POLITICAL JOURNEY

- 2002-2014: Nagar Sevak (Municipal Councillor), Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)
- 2014: Member of Parliament (MP), Shiv Sena (Shinde Faction) ■ 2019: MP, Shiv Sena
- (Shinde Faction) ■ 2022: Leader in Lok Sabha, Shiv Sena

(Shinde Faction)

- Slum Dwellings
- Illegal Constructions ■ Water Crisis

ISSUES

- Rising Cost of Living in
- the City
- Women's Safety ■ Local Unemployment
- Traffic Jams
- Development of Coastal Areas

MAJOR INITIATIVES

- Improved Connectivity ■ Development of Slum
- Upgradation of Local Roads
- ■Ensuring Reliable Water Supply ■ Public Toilet Facilities

MP'S REPORT CARD (PARLIAMENT)

■ Attendance in Par- Utilization of MP's liament: 93%

Do you reside in Rahul

A- Yes: 67%

B- No: 32%

C- Not Sure: 1%

Parliament?

A-Yes: 65%

B- No: 30%

A- Yes: 66%

B- No: 31%

C- Not Sure: 3%

C- Not Sure: 5%

party or ideology?

Shewale's constituency?

Are you satisfied with the

Will you vote based on the

work of your Member of

- Participation in House Proceedings:
- Fund: 63%
- Special Contributions: 75%

Overall Rating: 8.1/10

MANIPUR VIOLENCE

TWO-DAY SUSPENSION OF SEVEN **OPPOSITION MEMBERS IN GOA ASSEMBLY**

TDG NETWORK PANAJI

All seven opposition members of the Goa legislative assembly were suspended for two days on Monday after they protested and created a ruckus on the floor of the House over Manipur violence.

The suspended members are Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao, Congress MLAs Altone D'Costa and Carlos Ferreira, AAP's Venzy Viegas and Cruz Silva, Goa Forward Party's Vijai Sardesai, and Viresh Borkar of Revolutionary Goans Party.

FOR ROHINGYAS



After Question Hour, Alemao demanded a discussion on Manipur violence on the floor of the House, claiming that the private members' resolution moved last Friday by Cruz Silva on the issue was disallowed by Speaker Ramesh Tawadkar.

All opposition members, dressed in black, started creating a ruckus on the House floor.

The Speaker said that the

entire country is sensitive about the issue. "The Union home ministry is dealing with the issue. The issue is discussed in Parliament. We cannot allow discussion on the issue on the floor of the House," the Speaker ruled.

Unhappy with the reply, the opposition members rushed to the well of the House shouting "Manipur, Manipur".

As MGP legislator Jit Arolkar, who supports the BJP-ruled government, continued to speak, the opposition members rushed towards him with posters and tried to prevent him from speaking.

Maharashtra change possible if MVA partners agree: Sharad Pawar

TDG NETWORK MUMBAI

rashtra.

UNITY

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) president Sharad Pawar has said if his party, the Congress and the Shiv Sena (UBT) decide, they can usher in a change in Maha-

The NCP, Congress and Shiv Sena (UBT) are constituents of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in the state.

Pawar also claimed it was difficult to engage with the present state government.

He was speaking on Sun-

day at a book launch function where he shared the stage with Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackerav and



senior Congress leader Balasaheb Thorat.

Pawar recalled how previous governments helped in the preservation of ancient art and culture, literature and history.

"But it is difficult for us to engage with the present state government. But some

solution will come out. If we three (MVA constituents) decide, there can be a change," he asserted.

It was for the first time since July 2, when the NCP split due to the revolt by Ajit Pawar, that leaders of all the three MVA allies shared the

On July 2, Ajit Pawar and eight other NCP MLAs joined the Eknath Shinde-BJP government in the state.

During the book launch event, Sharad Pawar also said the Yeshwantrao Chavan Pratishthan, which he heads, will give Rs 50 lakh to Rajawade Itihas Sanshodhak Mandal, the group

which published the books.

COLLABORATIONS

Assam Police arrest 8 for fake citizenship documents

TDG NETWORK GUWAHATI

Assam Police arrested eight persons, including two Bangladeshi nationals for arranging fake citizenship documents for Rohingyas and Bangladeshis illegally entering India from the neighbouring country, a senior officer said here on Monday. The arrests were made

from different districts of

Tripura by teams of Assam Police's Special Task Force (STF), he said. "As per the direction of the

chief minister to launch operation against linkmen/touts who help Rohingyas to enter India illegally, our five teams were dispatched to various bordering districts of Tripura," STF deputy inspector general Partha Sarathi Mahanta said. The teams were headed by

additional or deputy super-

intendents of police level officers, he added.

Eight persons were arrested in the operations, of whom two are from Bangladesh and rest from Tripura, the DIG said. Mahanta said the touts

used to procure fake identity and travel documents for Rohingya and Bangladeshis to prove them as Indian citizens and then, help them board trains to different parts of the country.

IIT JAMMU SIGNS PACTS WITH FIVE UNIVERSITIES

The Indian Institute of Technology here on Monday signed memorandums of understanding with five renowned universities, in a significant stride towards fostering academic collaboration and promoting knowledge exchange

The IIT Jammu signed the pact with the National Institutes of Technology at Agartala, Warangal, and Patna, an official spokesperson said.



MoUs were also signed with the Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering (SLIET) in Punjab and Technology and Mody University of Science and Technology (MUST) in Rajasthan, he added.

Under these "transformative collaborations", the spokesperson said IIT Jammu will jointly engage with the five tech institutes for cutting-edge research projects aligning with their mutual

He said IIT Jammu's partnership with Rajasthan's MUST holds a special significance as it seeks to empower girls by providing them with world-class educational opportunities in a tech-savvy environment.

Under this collaboration, IIT Jammu will offer summer internship opportunities, semester-long courses, and credit transfer options to undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral students from MUST, the spokesman said.

WEST BENGAL

Bardhaman Zoo to get lions and tigers in major revamp

TDG NETWORK BURDWAN (WB)

The Bardhaman Zoological Park in West Bengal will be revamped, and animals such as tigers, lions, hippos and rhinos will be brought in, state Forest Minister Jyotipriya Mallick said.

Speaking to reporters after visiting the park in Ramnabagan Wildlife Sanctuary, Mallick said the state government is working to develop all the zoos in the state.

"The development works at the Bardhaman Zoological Park will start within two-and-a-half months," he



"Tigers, lions, hippos and rhinos will be brought here, besides other types of animals and birds. A snake park will also be developed here," he said.

"A deer park will also be set up here. A separate enclosure will be built to house the birds," he added.

However, elephants will not be brought here because of space crunch, but bear and hyenas will be brought, the minister said. Besides, amenities such as

a new seating area will be developed, and two battery cars will be provided for elderly people, he said.

JULY RAINS ACT AS COMPENSATORY BLESSING FOR JUNE'S RAINFALL DEFICIT IN ANDHRA

TDG NETWORK

RECOVERY

In good news for farmers. excess rainfall in July made up for June's deficit in Andhra Pradesh, registering normal rainfall for both the months cumulatively, an official said on Monday.

The state recorded 16 per cent excess rainfall in July, logging 151.5 mm rainfall on average across the state against the normal range of 131.1 mm whereas June suffered a deficit of 37 per cent.

On adding the quantum of rainfall in both months, the state recorded rainfall of



210.7 mm against the normal of 225.2 mm.

In July, except three districts, Annamayya, Chittoor and Tirupati, including Yanam, which recorded deficit

rainfall, all the other districts registered between normal and "large excess rainfall".

Five districts logged "large excess rainfall" and eight districts each recorded ex-

Under the coastal AP meteorological sub-division, Visakhapatnam district registered large excess rainfall, logging 159 per cent more at 310.9 mm than the normal

cess and normal rainfall,

Amaravati Meteorological

Centre head Stella Kiran said

on Monday.

165.7 mm.

range of 119.9 mm. It is followed by Krishna district with 108 per cent more rainfall at 398.5 mm against the normal of 191.2 mm while Vizianagaram district registered 95 per cent higher with 323.8 mm rainfall compared to a normal of

MANIPUR SHADOW

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No point in moving a no-trust motion with a sealed fate

The fate of the second no-confidence motion against the Narendra Modi government, like the first in 2018, is obvious, given the overwhelming majority of the treasury benches. However, it is an opportunity for the government to highlight its good works.

OPINION

DEVENDER SINGH ASWAL



The admission of the motion of No-Confidence in the Council of Ministers by the Speaker would hopefully bring normalcy in Parliament. It may also, in all probability, take the wind out of the sails of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha as well. The notice of the motion has been given by Gaurav Gogoi of the Congress reportedly enjoying the support of 26 parties in alliance. A motion of noconfidence in the Council of Ministers can be brought admitted. only in the Lok Sabha. Article 75 of the Constitution provides that the Council of Ministers shall be collectively responsible to the House of the People. Rule 198 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha contains the

of the Speaker the notice of motion is in order—as the Speaker found it in the present case—he is duty bound to read it to the House and if not less than 50 members rise in their places in favour of the leave being granted, the Speaker declares that the leave is granted. The motion for discussion is taken up on such day as may be decided in the Business Advisory Committee or in the meeting of the leaders of political parties chaired by the Speaker himself. However, the Rule provides that the discussion must take place within 10 days from the day the leave was granted. Normally, the discussion on the motion takes place within a few days once the motion is

notice of a motion outright if it is not properly worded

without reading it to the House. But if in the opinion

Contextually, in the Rajya Sabha, the Opposition has been persistently demanding a discussion on the Manipur situation under Rule 267 instead of under Rule 176 for which the government was willing to have a short duration discussion of two hours and half. The hunch of the Opposition was that by accepting a short duration discussion, Motions or Resolutions, it will give an escape route to the government and that the Opposition would not get adequate time to articulate their concerns. Further, the Opposition wanted the Prime Minister to make a statement in Parliament instead of the Home Min-



Opposition MPs protest over the Manipur issue in Rajya Sabha during the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament, in New Delhi

ister, though there is no rule as such requiring the Prime Minister to make the statement. The Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to Parliament and any minister can make a statement on behalf of the government, though by convention it is the Minister in-charge of the subject who replies in Parliament, which in this case is the Home Minister.

Now that a motion of noconfidence has been accepted by the Speaker, the discussions on the motion will provide ample opportunities to the Opposition to corner the government on all fronts, including the situation in Manipur. Equally, it would give a great opportunity to the treasury benches to train their guns at the Opposition and the (alleged murky) state of affairs in the provinces ruled by them. The discussions on the motion is free for all, subject to the general rules of the debate. All sections of the House—political parties and groups—get time propor-

strength in the House within the time allocated. The mover of the motion would be speaking first in support of his motion followed by the treasury benches and other political parties and groups in turn. The leader of the House-the Prime Minister being a member of the House, replies to the charges levelled against the government. The mover of the motion has the right to reply. This is followed by voting in order to determine the decision of the House on the motion. The Prime Minister invariably replies to the charges levelled, being the keystone of the cabinet arch. However, on 8 May 1998, in the absence of the Prime Minister who was on a State visit abroad, the charges levelled by the Opposition were replied by the Finance Minister.

tionate to their numerical

From First Lok Sabha to the Seventeenth Lok Sabha till date, there have been 28 (the instant one including) motions of no confidence. In addition, a peculiar case

is of the Fifteenth Lok Sabha when many members of the ruling party tabled notices of no-confidence motions which were not taken up by the Speaker (Meira Kumar), on the ground that the House was not in order. Besides, there have been 12 motions of confidence in the Council of Ministers which were brought before the House by the ruling party. Three prime ministers—V.P. Singh (1990), Deve Gowda (1997) and Atal Bihari Vajpayee (1999) —lost the noconfidence motions. A no confidence motion against Morar ji Desai in 1979 triggered his resignation before the motion could be put to vote. Indira Gandhi faced 15 such motions and lost none in her 16-year tenure. The fate of the second noconfidence against the Modi government., like the first in 2018, is obvious, given the overwhelming majority of the treasury benches. The naive question asked is what is the point of bringing such a no-confidence motion with a sealed fate. The

mover of the motion and those in support of it, know it so well. The real intent and objective of the mover of the motion invariably is to make an all-out attack on the government for its alleged acts of omission and commission and present a picture of failures and misdeeds of the government to the people. But there is more than equal opportunity to the government to highlight its good works. It's an occasion for fine and florid debate which may soar to sublimal heights occasionally. In fact, some of the finest debates took in Parliament on such motions, including the motion the Vajpayee government lost. Let the nation watch the debate and let "we, the people"—the eventual jury—distinguish between the chaff and the grain, between the hollow and spurious and solid and substantive arguments.

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CULTURE OF RESEARCH

procedure regarding no-

confidence in the Council

of Ministers. Notably, for

admission of Questions,

there are elaborate rules

governing their admissibil-

ity or otherwise. But in the

case of a notice of no-confi-

dence motion, "the Speaker

shall read the motion to the

House" if he finds it in order.

The Speaker may reject the

For a developed India, the NRF Bill is certainly a step in the right direction

The National Research Foundation will focus on creating a policy framework and putting in place regulatory processes that can encourage collaboration and increased spending by the industry on R&D.

OPINION

SMRITI PANJWANI



The National Research Foundation (NRF) Bill, 2023 was approved on 28 June 2023 by the Union Cabinet, which is presided over by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The approved Bill will pave the way for the establishment of the National Research Foundation, which will launch, grow, and support research and development (R&D) and foster a culture of research and innovation throughout India's universities, colleges, research institutes, and R&D

laboratories.

After the approval by the Parliament, the Bill will establish the National Research Foundation, an apex body to provide high-level strategic direction of scientific research in the country in accordance with recommendations made by the **National Education Policy** (NEP), at an estimated total cost of US\$ 6.1 billion (Rs 50,000 crore) over a fiveyear period (2023-28).

The administrative department of the NRF will be the Department of Science and Technology (DST), which will be governed by a Governing Board consisting of eminent researchers and professionals from various disciplines. The Prime Minister will serve as the ex-

officio President of the Board and the Union Ministers of Science & Technology and Education will serve as the ex-officio Vice-Presidents due to the NRF's extensive reach, which affects all ministries. An Executive Council, chaired by the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, will govern the National Research Foundation's operations.

The National Research Foundation will forge collaborations between business, academia, government departments, and research institutions, and will create an interaction mechanism for the participations and contribution of industries and state governments. It will concentrate on developing a regulatory framework and setting up policies that can promote cooperation and greater industry R&D spending.

The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), which was founded by an Act of Parliament in 2008, would also be abolished by the Bill and absorbed into NRF, which has a broader scope and encompasses operations beyond those of SERB. It will create an interface mechanism for the participation and contribution of industries and state governments, in addition to the

scientific and line ministries. It will focus on creating a policy framework and putting in place regulatory processes that can encourage collaboration and increased spending by the industry on R&D. The National Research Foundation will emphasize the funding of projects in peripheral, rural and semi-urban areas, which are neglected and never receive funding for science projects. It would promote research not just in the natural sciences and engineering, but also in social sciences, arts and humani-

The National Research Foundation provides an efficient and integrated management system for the implementation of the missions such as the supercomputer mission or the quantum mission.

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PERSPECTIVE WAR ON CHINA'S MIND

CHINA DOES NOT WANT PEACE WITH INDIA

There is some positive news on the India-China economic front-that of a reduction in the trade deficit between the two countries. China's exports to India fell by 0.9% in the first half of the year, amounting to \$56.53 billion, when it was \$57.51 billion last year. The trade deficit decreased from \$67.08 billion to \$47.04 billion, which is a substantial drop of around \$20 billion. Let's hope that this trend picks up pace and hastens the process of India's decoupling from China. Interestingly, the latest words doing the rounds of western capitals are "derisking" and "diversifying", and not "decoupling", proving that for at least some western countries the worry is about the loss of money, and not the existential threat that China poses to them. But then more than the West, it is India, particularly since the Galwan Valley clash of 2020, which has been more serious about standing up to China. In fact, the latest case in point is the Indian refusal of Chinese electric vehicle maker BYD's \$1 billion investment over fears of security. This has had the Chinese rattled, with the communist mouthpiece, Global Times complaining that cutting out China from the automobile sector would be a loss for India. The country would now "lag behind in global automotive manufacturing" and that "BYD's halting investment decision also reflects the rising disappointment of Chinese companies toward the investment environment in India", claims the Communist newspaper. In the same vein it asserts that India wanting Indians on the boards of Chinese companies manufacturing mobiles on Indian territory amounts to "suppression of Chinese companies... which will only further damage India's image and reputation, and deter foreign

This is an explicit threat—asking India to fall in line or else face exile from the world's industrial landscape. This also exposes a fundamental lack of understanding of how democracies think. It seems that communist autocracies believe in resorting to juvenile muscle-flexing, forgetting that what may work with a bankrupt Russia or a failing Pakistan, will not work with a rising India. The problem is that the Chinese Communists want India-China relations in silos, where it will be business as usual in bilateral ties, even though soldiers from the two sides stand eyeball to eyeball along the Line of Actual Control. The fundamental problem is the PRC's refusal to acknowledge the nature of the beast—the aggression and totalitarianism that is at the heart of its system, wanting to rewrite the world in Chinese Communist characteristics.

In the regular doublespeak that the Chinese indulge in, we were told post the meeting between NSA Ajit Doval and China's Wang Yi on the sidelines of the BRICS NSAs' meeting in South Africa that India had promised to work with China to settle the border question in the spirit of "mutual understanding and mutual cooperation". There was no mention of the fact that Mr Doval had stated, according to the Ministry of External Affairs, that the situation along the LAC since 2020 "had eroded strategic trust and the public and political basis of the relationship". The Chinese readout also mentioned that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Xi Jinping, in November 2022, when they met in Bali, had spoken of the need to normalise relations. The fact is, there was no official bilateral meeting between the two leaders. At the most there would have been a handshake or two. Even if there was talk of peace, the Chinese undermined it by issuing stapled visas to Indian athletes from Arunachal Pradesh, as a result of which the entire Indian wushu team pulled out of the World University Games in China. When Arunachal is a sticking point, when the whole of LAC is a sticking point, with the Chinese refusing to yield even an inch to India, where is the scope for peace between the two countries? Peace between India and China is imperative, but where is peace when China continues to build dual-use infrastructure along the LAC at a frenetic pace? China's new normal along the LAC is anything but normal as far as India is concerned. How can there be peace with a neighbour who always has war on its mind?

Additionally, the problems between India and Communist China are too deep rooted in history, shaped by too many adversarial actions on the part of China, for the relations to settle into a state of even uneasy peace. Absence of war is not peace, and that is what India-China relations have come to signify.

Amidst this, a strange narrative is being sought to be built by a section of some Western think-tanks and the media-that it is not the India and the US, but India and China that are natural partners, and what happens if India and China join hands against the US. In other words, India cannot be trusted to side with the US or stand up to China. This is strange, given that it is only India that is standing up to China, literally, 24X7, 365 days a year, all along the 3,000-plus kilometres of the LAC. This scaremongering could have been inspired by the Chinese themselves, given the influence operations that they have been conducting among western academics and journalists. Even if it is not "inspired", the objective is the same—to ensure that India and US partnership fails, all the more reason why this partnership must succeed. There is no peace with China until it reforms itself from within. But a system that is ruthless and opaque enough to disappear some of its own—Jack Ma and Qin Gang—in this day and age, is not reforming anytime soon.

JOYEETA BASU

DELHI HIGH COURT DIRECTED DELHI GOVERNMENT: CONDUCT SURVEY OF ALL PENDING RATION CARD APPLICATION FOR DECISION ON FOOD SECURITY ALLOWANCE UNDER NFSA

The Delhi High Court in the case Shabnam v. Government of NCT Delhi And Others Connected matter observed and has directed the Delhi Government to conduct a survey of all the pending applications for ration cards and also to decides as to whether the person will be entitled to receive the food security allowance.

The bench of Justice Subramonium Prasad in the case observed and has directed the Delhi Government to complete the exercise as expeditiously as possible and also to seek the status report on the same.

The court in the case stated that the State Government is directed



to conduct the survey of all pending applications to see as to whether they would be entitled to receive the allowance as stated under Section 8 of

the Food Security Act. The court sated that section 8 of the National Food Security Act states that if in the case of non-

supply of foodgrains or

meals to entitled persons, they shall be entitled in order to receive the food security allowance from the State Government within the time and man-

ner as may be prescribed by the Central Govern-

In the present case, the court was hearing the plea moved by two wom-

the Delhi Government to approve their applications for issuance of ration cards. Therefore, wherein it is also prayed for the food security allowance.

The bench of Justice Prasad in the case observed and has stated that the State Government cannot wait till a person gets a ration card. Further, the State Government is directed to assess as to whether the Petitioners would be entitled to receive the allowances as prescribed as stated under Section 8 of the National Food Security Act, 2013.

The counsel appearing for the Delhi Government submitted before the court that for a person to be entitled to the benefit of Section 8, the

State Government has to first assess rights of the applicant in order to receive food grains at subsidized prices.

The said court was also appraised apprised that about three lakh persons are presently in the waiting list with the Delhi Government.

Further, the court while considering the facts and circumstances of the case stated it being needless to say that it is well settled that if a person comes to a Court and gets a declaration of law in his favour, thus, it is expected that the State shall extend the benefit to all similarly placed persons without them having to approach the Court.

Accordingly, the court listed the matter for further consideration on October 13, 2023.

TOP OF THE DAY **DELHI SERVICES BILL CIRCULATED AMONG** MPS, TO BE TABLED



government a week after the Supreme Court handed over the control of Services in Delhi excluding Police, Public order, and the land to the elected government, headed by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal

GOVT-APPOINTED PANE; LIKELY TO LOOK AT REGULATO-RY REGIME ASPECTS **FOR STARTUPS**

The Govt-Appointed panel is likely to discuss whether there being the need for the Stricker regulatory regime for startups against the backdrop of instances of corporate governance concerns at some of the entities according to the officials.

SEBISAYS, NO PROPOSAL TO CURB RETAIL PARTICIPA-TION IN DERIVATIVE MARKET

The Market Regulator, SEBI has clarified that there being pation in derivative markets

SUPREME COURT SETS ASIDE CAL-CUTTA HIGH COURT ORDER SUSPENDING DOC'S LICENSE IN CONTEMPT PRO-CEEDINGS

The Supreme Court in the case observed and has stated that the power to punish the medical practitioner for with the National Medical



IN COURT

Delhi High Court To Consider Issuing Guidelines For Delhi Police To Follow In Cases Of Missing Children

TBG NETWORK

The Delhi High Court in the case Lamboder Jha v. Govt NCT Of Delhi And Ors observed and has set aside to consider issuing various directions and guidelines which needs to be followed by the Delhi Police in cases of the missing children.

The bench headed by Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma was hearing the plea moved by the father who was being process followed by the Delhi Police in tracing his minor daughter. Thus, his daughter aged about 16 years, had gone missing on July 10, 2023 and the complaint was lodged by the father the next day at Kalindi Kunj police station.

Therefore, the FIR was also registered under section 363, Kidnapping of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

The Father informed the court that despite number of visits to the police station by him between July 12 to July 16, he could not find any information about his daughter, therefore, the father was aggrieved that the police had not taken steps in accordance with a 2016 Standard Operating Procedure, SOP which is being issued by the Union Ministry aggrieved by the lapses in the of Women and Child Development for cases of missing children.

> The court observed that the minor child was produced before the court on July 28. 2023 by the police. The said court was also informed that in her statement recorded



under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 she did not levelled any allegations against any person and had said that she left her house out of her own free will

due to some misunderstanding between her and her par-

The bench of Justice Sharma in the case observed and has also interacted with the minor and noted that she had expressed her apprehension that her parents will discontinue her studies and may treat her badly. It has been informed by the minor to the court that she

ies and was keen on attending her school regularly. Further, the court in the case

wanted to continue her stud-

observed and has stated that the minor daughter was being counselled and she has expressed her willingness to accompany her father.

The bench of Justice Sharma in the case observed and has directed the principal of the concerned school to accept the leave application to be moved by the father of the minor and also to accept as leave the period when she had not attended

Accordingly, the court listed the matter for further consideration on August O1, 2O23 in order to consider the aspect of issuance of guidelines to Delhi Police for tracing missing children.

IN COURT

KARNATAKA AAR: HOSTELS ARE NOT RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS NO GST EXEMPTION

TBG NETWORK NEW DELHI

The Karnataka Authority of Advance Ruling, AAR in the case observed and has held that the PG or the Hostel Rent paid by inhabitants does not qualify for GST exemption as the services are not akin to renting a residential dwelling for use as a residence.

The bench comprising of M.P. Ravi Prasad and Kiran Reddy T. in the case observed and has stated that GST on reverse charge will be applicable on the rental to be paid to the landowners.

Therefore, the applicant is an LLP and is in the business of providing guest accommodation or hostel services and are akin to guest house and lodging services.

The applicant in the case seek an advance ruling on the issue of whether PG or



Hostel Rent paid by inhabitants qualifies for GST exemption since they are used as residential dwellings.

However, another issue is being raised by as to weather the charges which are collected towards allied additional services provided by the LLP would be considered a bundled service along with the service of providing a Hostel or Paying guests.

It has also been held by the AAR that the residential dwelling is a residential accommodation meant for a permanent stay and does not include a guest house, lodge, or similar places.

The AAR in the case observed and has stated that the accommodation services which are being offered by hotels, clubs, campsites,

etc., with charges up to Rs 1,000 per day, were eligible for GST exemption until 17.07.2022.

Further, the AAR held that the allied additional services provided by the LLP are not naturally bundled with the hostel of the applicant's or paying guest accommodation service.

Srisai Luxurious Stay LLP: the name of the Applicant.

IN COURT

Gauhati High Court Directed Centre To Forthwith Release Its Shares For Completion Of Greater Diphu Water Scheme Project

TBG NETWORK

The Gauhati High Court in the case Kamalsing Bey v. The Union of India And 7 Ors observed and has directed the Union Government for releasing its remaining share of Rs 1636.05 lakhs for the successful implementation of scheme named, Augmentation of Greater Diphu Water Scheme in Karbi Anglong District as stated under the Non-Lapse Central Pool of Resource, NLCPR.

The Division bench comprising of Chief Justice Sandeep Mehta and Justice Suman Shyam in the case observed and has noted the our of the Central Government share for an amount of Rs 2490.69 lakh, an amount of Rs 854.11 lakh has been released so far.



In the present case, the court was hearing the PIK moved on the issue of nonimplementation of the scheme relating to supply of clean drinking water in Karbi Anglong District, As-

However, the affidavit was filed before the court on behalf of the Chief Engineer, PHE, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council stated

that the total project cost in the year 2008 was fixed for an amount of Rs. 2767.44 lakhs and the share of the Central Government towards this project was 90 percent and the remaining 10 percent was to be borne by the State Government.

Further, it has also been stated that the Central Government released a sum for an amount of Rs. 854.64

lakhs and the works were got executed through different contractors.

Therefore, it was also submitted before the court that the State Government share was released to the tune for an amount of Rs. 110.12 lakhs on 15.12.2-16 and no Central Government share of funds towards the project has been released thereafter.

The court while considering the facts and circumstances of the case observed and has directed the concerned authority of the Government of India shall forthwith proceed in the direction of releasing the share of Central Government's for completion of the project in question.

Further, the court directed the counsel appearing for the Central Government to file an affidavit of the officer concerned by August 24, 2023.

CALCUTTA HIGH COURT DISMISSED PIL TO RESTRAIN CM MAMTA BANERJEE FROM MAKING ALLEGEDLY PROVOCATIVE SPEECHES AT EID GATHERING plea submitted that the

he Calcutta High Court in the case Nazia Elahi Khan vs State of West Bengal and Ors observed and has dismissed the PIL moved against West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who being the private respondent in order to restrain her from using provocative speeches on

The Division bench comprising of Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam and Justice Hiranmay Bhattacharva in the case observed and has remarked that the similar matter came earlier before this court and we did not entertain the same and this is already over. Thus, this court issues an injunction against the private

the petitioner? How did she come to know of the speeches? Through a news paper report? The foundation of the PIL moved is only a newspaper report.

private respondent en-

ters religious congrega-

tion during Eid-u-Fitr

every year since 2011

and her recent provoca-

tive speech, which in the

case allegedly led to Ram

Navami violence cast

an apprehension that

a similar situation may

again take place if the

private respondent is not

It has also been submit-

restrained.

The petitioner in the plea claimed to be the chairperson of the Muslim Women Resistance Committee and the Legal Solicitor firm.

The petitioner in the

ted by the petitioner in the plea that the alleged provocative speeches which are made by the private respondent had gone against the letter fore, the petitioner seeks to file certain verses from the Holy Quran, through in order to seek her sustainable arguments.

POLICY & POLITICS

TBG NETWORK

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The bench comprising

of Chief Justice Pritinker

Diwaker and Justice

Ashutosh Srivastava in

the case observed and has

relied upon the decision of

the Allahabad High Court

in the case of M/s Sahil

Traders vs. State of U.P.,

wherein the court held that

in face of the tax invoice

and the E-way bill pro-

duced by the petitioner, the

goods may not have been treated as not traceable to

The petitioner in the plea

challenged the penalty or-

der which is being passed

by the Assistant Commis-

sioner in Form MOU-09

as stated under Section

129(1)(b) of the Goods and

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imposed a penalty for an

Services Tax Act, 2017

the registered dealer.

and spirit of Islam. Therea supplementary affidavit,

Accordingly, the court dismissed the PIL.



amount of Rs. 48,53,940 by not treating the petitioner as the owner of

Allahabad High Court:

Goods In Transit Cannot

Presence Of Tax Invoice,

E-Way Bill And Bilty

Be Treated As Traceable In

goods. It has also been argued by the petitioner in the plea that the goods were duly accompanied by the tax invoice, e-way bill, and bilty issued in the name of the petitioner as the consignor, and the goods were in transit through the State of U.P. during the movement of them from Kolkata to New Delhi. Thus, there being no intention to evade tax.

It has also been submitted by the petitioner before the court that he was the owner of the goods and was ready and willing to deposit a penalty under protest under Section 129(1)(a) to get the goods released, wherein the court considered the perishable

nature of the goods and the substantial diminishing of their value with the onset of monsoons.

It has also been contended by the department before the court that that the petitioner has rightly been held not to be the owner of the goods and that the penalty has rightly been imposed upon the petition as stated under section 129(1)(b) of the Act.

The court in the case observed and has set aside the penalty order and has directed the department to pass a fresh order treating the petitioner as eligible for the benefit of Section 129(1) (a) of the GST Act.

The counsel, Shubham Agrawal appeared for the petitioner.

The counsel, C.S.C. represented the respondent.



Bombay High Court Asks District Iudges Across Maharashtra To Monitor Grim Situation In Government Schools

ANALYSIS

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While ruling on a most significant issue directly affecting the future generation of our country who are studying in government schools, the Aurangabad Bench of the Bombay High Court in a most learned, laudable, landmark, logical and latest judgment titled Registrar Judicial, Aurangabad Bench v. State of Maharashtra & Ors. in Civil Application No.8987 of 2023 in SMPIL/1/2018 with Civil Application No.14913 of 2018 in SMPIL/1/2018 that was pronounced as recently as on July 21, 2023 has very commendably ordered the formation of a district-level committee with district judges at the helm to monitor the 'grim situation' in government-run schools of Maharashtra. It must be mentioned here that a Division Bench comprising of Hon'ble Mr Justice Ravindra V Ghuge and YG Khobragade passed the order after being informed of a government run school in Aurangabad that did not have electric supply for over 18 months! It must be noted here that

the Aurangabad Bench of the

Bombay High Court was dealing with a 2018 public interest litigation that was regarding the bad and deplorable conditions of schools being operated by the local civic authorities in Maharashtra.

At the very outset, this brief, brilliant, bold and balanced judgment authored by a Division Bench comprising of Hon'ble Mr Justice Ravindra V Ghuge and YG Khobragade of Aurangabad Bench of the Bombay High Court sets the ball in motion by first and foremost putting forth in para 1 that, "The Civil Applications are filed in Suo Moto Public Interest Litigation No.1/2018. The PIL is with regard to the bad conditions of the schools, being operated by the local authorities like Zilla Parishad, Municipal Council, Municipal Corporation, etc."

As we see, the Division Bench discloses in para 2 that, "Today, the learned Amicus has placed on record the copy of the city edition 'DB Star' of daily Divya Marathi newspaper dated 20.07.2023. The same is taken on record and marked as "X-1" for identification."

To put things in perspective, the Division Bench while elaborating on the facts of the case envisages in para 3 that, "From this news report, we understand that the particular school was included in the list of smart schools. This is situated at a place identified as Ajab Nagar, Nutan Colony, Aurangabad. Electricity supply has been disconnected for more than eighteen (18) months. About 40 students in kindergarten to the 4th standard, are studying in the said school. A photograph indicates that the students are sitting on the floor and in the surrounding, empty bottles of liquor (Deshi Daru) are found."

As anticipated, the Division Bench mentions in para 4 that, "The learned Amicus, therefore, suggests that it is high time that the Court should take a serious note of this aspect and constitute a Committee at each district place to inspect such schools and submit their reports along with recommendations. It is suggested that the learned Principal District Judge of each district in the State of Maharashtra be made the Chairman of such Committee.'

As it turned out, the Division Bench mentions in para 5 that, "The learned AGP submits that the Suo Moto PIL is not an adversarial litigation. The Government is doing it's best to ensure that the schools are

operated in the most appropriate manner. In the event of any deficiency or shortcomings, the State would be bound to render fullest assistance in order to ensure that the students are not affected. The local authorities should also ensure that the schools are maintained as per the required standards and the education of the students should not be hampered."

It would be quite germane

to note that the Division Bench observes in para 6 that, "Considering the grim situation and taking into account several orders passed by the High Court in various matters, we find that the submissions of the learned Amicus are justified. Things have come to such a stage that it is imminent and necessary to form such Committees, if future of these young children is to be safeguarded and given highest priority. If they are to be imparted proper education in proper surroundings, necessary steps will have to be taken, if the concerned authorities are failing in their duties. If the structural conditions of the schools are dilapidated, it would not only involve physical risk to these students, but a congenial atmosphere for imparting education would be missing."

As a corollary, the Division Bench mandates in para 7 that, "In view of the above, we direct the constitution of the Committee in each district in the State of Maharashtra as under:-

(a) The learned Principal District Judge of each district, or his/her nominee who shall not be below the rank of District Judge-1, shall be the Chairperson of such committee. He/She would be at liberty to take assistance of the Registrar of the said Court.

(b) The District Collector of the concerned District shall nominate a person to represent the District Administration, not below the rank of the Deputy Collector posted at such district.

(c) The Education Officer (Secondary) in the Zilla Parishad shall be the member Secretary of the Committee.

(d) The Executive Engineer of the Public Works Department in the said district, shall be a member of the Committee since he would have the expertise for evaluation of the structural stability of such schools.

(e) The District Superintendent of Police of the concerned district or the Commissioner of Police, as the case may be, shall nominate a person, not below the rank of the Deputy Superintendent of Police/Assistant Commissioner of Police, as a member of the said Committee.'

On a pragmatic note, the Division Bench then discloses in para 8 stating that, "The reason for including the representative of the Police Administration is to ensure that

if there is any issue of law and order and if it is noticed that the premises of the schools are being utilized for unethical, impermissible or offensive activities, the Police Authorities would initiate appropriate action against the wrong doers."

Most significantly, most remarkably and most forthrightly, the Division Bench then enjoins upon in para 9 stipulating most commendably that, "We expect the learned Principal District Judge/Nominee to immediately commence the activity of this Committee, as per the following directions:-

a] issue appropriate letters to the members of the Com-

b] the District Collector and the Superintendent of Police/ the Commissioner of Police, as the case may be, shall nominate their representatives as directed above, by conveying the same to the learned Judge.

c] We expect the Committee to commence inspection of all such schools, which are operated by the local authorities such as the Zilla Parishad, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council, Panchayat Samiti, etc..

d] The learned Judge is at liberty to resort to video recording of such schools and the expenditure of such activity would be borne by the District Administration. All expenses incurred by the committee during the course of it's functioning or activity, shall be borne by the District Administration.

e] Let such committee submit a report of it's inspection along with suggestions/recommendations to this Court, after 60 (sixty) days from today, within a period of 15 days."

For sake of clarity, the Division Bench clarifies in para 10 maintaining that, "In the event of any clarification being required, either by the Committee or any further orders being sought by the learned Amicus, liberty to circulate this matter."

Further, the Division Bench specifies in para 11 stating that, With the above directions, both the Civil Applications stand disposed off."

What's more, the Division Bench then directs in para 12 directing that, "We direct the learned Registrar (Judicial) of this Court to bring this order to the notice of each learned Principal District Judge in the State of Maharashtra."

Finally, the Division Bench concludes by directing in para 13 that, "List the Suo Moto PIL No.1/2018 on O5th October, 2023."

All said and done, we thus see quite ostensibly that the Aurangabad Division Bench of the Bombay High Court comprising of Hon'ble Mr Justice Ravindra V Ghuge and YG Khobragade has most prudently taken the most courageous stand of asking the District Judges all across

Maharashtra to closely monitor the 'grim situation' in government schools. This most courageous stand was taken by the Court after being informed of a government-run school in Aurangabad that did not have electricity for over 18 months. It deserves mentioning here that Advocate Rashmi S Kulkarni who was appointed as amicus curiae had urged the Court to take a very serious note of the issue and constitute a committee in each district to inspect such school and give recommendations.

No doubt, we must always acknowledge and applaud that the Court had very rightly remarked that if the structural conditions of the schools are dilapidated, it would lead to physical risks for the students. It was under such dire circumstances that the Aurangabad Division Bench of the Bombay High Court very rightly took note of the "grim situation" and so also very commendably opined that things were at a stage where it was imminent and necessary to form Committees to safeguard children's future. To say the least, what is most imperative now is to ensure strictly that what all has been so very rightly, robustly and rationally recommended by the Division Bench is implemented in totality to ensure that children's future is safe and life of children is secure. It definitely brooks no delay anymore! No denying it!

TOP OF THE DAY

SHOOTING IN EGYPT KILLS 4 OFFICERS

EL-ARISH: A shooting Sunday at a heavily fortified security facility in the restive part of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula killed at least four police, including a senior officer, two security and health officials said.At least 21 other forces were wounded in the shooting at the National Security headquarters in el-Arish, the capital city of North Sinai province, they said. A list of casualties showed that some forces suffered from gunshots and others faced breathing difficulties from tear

LARGEST US DAM **REMOVAL WORK BEGINS**

SACRAMENTO: The largest dam removal project in United States history is underway along the California-Oregon border a process that won't conclude until the end of next year with the help of heavy machinery and explosives. The hard part will come over the next decade as workers, partnering with Native American tribes, plant and monitor nearly 17 billion seeds as they try to restore the Klamath River and the surrounding land to what it looked like before the dams started to go up more than a century ago.

FANS PAY TRIBUTE TO HONG KONG SINGER, COCO LEE

Hong Kong: Fans of singer and songwriter Coco Lee, who was known for her powerful voice and live performances, were gathering with flowers to pay their respects to their idol at her funeral in Hono Kong on Monday.The evening services were expected to be attended by her family, friends and supporters. Lee died July 5 at age 48.She was born in Hong Kong and attended school in San Francisco before releasing her first album in 1994 at age 19.

SRILANKA'S TAMIL PARTY **WANTS IMPLEMENTATION OF13A**

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka's main Tamil party TNA has demanded "enhanced and meaningful" devolution of power under the full implementation of the contentious 13th Amendment to the country's Constitution. The minority Tamil community in Sri Lanka has been demanding the implementation of the 13th Amendment that provides for devolution of power to it. The 13th Amendment (13A) was brought in after the Indo-Sri Lankan agreement of 1987. It created 9 provinces as devolved units with a temporary merger of the Northern and Eastern provinces. The TNA urged the government to hold the provincial council elections and demanded enhanced and meaningful" devolution of power under the 13A

BILLATERAL-DEALS

the countries.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng witnessed the signing ceremony held to mark 10 years of the CPEC, a collection of infrastructure and other projects under construction throughout Pakistan since 2013.

The CPEC, which connects Gwadar Port in Pakistan's Balochistan with China's Xinjiang province, is opposed by India as it is being



Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif speaking with Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng in Islamabad.

Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal and Vice Chairman of Chi-Zhao Chenxin signed the document on the joint cooperation committee of CPEC expert exchange mechanism within the framework of the

The third document was signed by the Secretary Ministry of National Food Security Zafar Hassan and the Chinese Charge D'Affaires Pang Chunxue to export dried chillies from Pakistan

Member Planning of Na-

BACKGROUND

CPEC was initially a USD 46 billion project, later on, expanded to USD 62 billion. The key agreement for the CPEC projects was agreed in 2013 but it was formally launched when President Xi Jinping visited Pakistan in 2015. The BRI was launched by Chinese President Xi in 2013 to link Southeast Asia, Central Asia, the Gulf region, Africa and Europe with land and sea routes. The BRI is seen as an attempt by China to further its influence abroad with infrastructure projects funded by Chinese investments globally. The initiative also led to allegations of smaller countries reeling under mounting Chinese debt after Sri Lanka gave its Hambantota port in a debt swap to China in 2017.

his comments on the occasion said the documents enhancing economic relations between Pakistan and China, adding that so far over USD 25 billion worth of investment has taken place under the CPEC in Pakistan's power and hydel sector, road infrastructure, and public transport.

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Provincial police chief

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ISIS BEHIND SUICIDE BLAST THAT KILLED 44 IN PAKISTAN

TDG NETWORK

Police in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province said on Monday that an initial probe has suggested that the banned terrorist group ISIS is behind the suicide attack on a political convention of a hardline Islamist party that killed at least 44 people and injured over 100.

The attack took place on Sunday when more than 400 members of the conservative Jamiat Ulema Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) party, known for its links to hardline political Islam, had gathered for a meeting under a canopy in the town of Khar, which borders Afghanistan.

The police said they were gathering details of the suicide bomber, while the bomb disposal squad team was collecting evidence from the

District Police Officer Na-

Akhtar Hayat Khan said 10 kilogrammes of explosives set off by a suicide bomber were used in the blast. He said the bomber was among the attendees seated in the front rows of the convention.

Local police said the attacker detonated explosives



According to police and witnesses, the blast occurred as soon as JUI-F District Amir Maulana Abdul Rasheed reached the stage.

The deceased included JUI-F Tehsil Khar Maulana Ziaullah Jan, Navagai Tehsil General Secretary Maulana Hameedullah, District Information Secretary Mujahid Khan and dozens of party workers.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) caretaker health minister Riaz Anwar said on Sunday night that 44 people lost their lives while more than 100 were injured in the attack.

An emergency has been declared in the hospitals of Bajaur and adjoining areas where most of the injured were taken. The critically injured have been transported from Bajaur to hospitals in the provincial capital Peshawar by military helicopters.

Bajaur District Health Officer Dr Faisal Kamal said more than 150 injured people had been brought to the Bajaur District Headquarters Hospital.

NIGER-COUP

West African nations threaten Niger to reinstate President in a week



Nigeria President, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, second from left, poses with other West Africa leaders after a meeting in Abuja Nigeria.

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West African nations have given Niger's coup leaders one week to reinstate the country's democratically elected president and have threatened to use force if the demands aren't implemented. The announcement came at the end of an emergency meeting of West African countries Sunday in Nigeria, where the regional bloc, known as ECOWAS, convened to respond to last week's military takeover. President Mohamed Bazoum remains under house

arrest and has vet to resign. "In the event the authority's demands are not met within one week, (the bloc will) take all measures necessary to restore constitutional order in the Republic of Niger. Such measures may

The bloc also imposed strict sanctions, including suspending all commercial and financial transactions between ECOWAS member states and Niger and freezing of assets in regional central banks.

include the use of force," said

the statement.

Economic sanctions could have a deep impact on Nigeriens, who live in the third-poorest country in the world, according to the latest UN data. The country relies on imports from Nigeria for up to 90 per cent of its power, according to the International Renewable Energy Agency. The sanctions could be disastrous and Niger needs to find a solution to avoid them, Prime Minister Ouhoumoudou Mahamadou told French media outlet Radio France Internationale on Sunday.

DESECREATION

DENMARK TO ILLEGALIZE BURNINGS OF QURAN

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Denmark's foreign minister said on Sunday that the government will scrap legality of

"only serves the purpose of creating division in a world

that actually needs unity." "That is why we have decided in the government that

we will look at how, in very special situations, we can put an end to mockery of other countries, which is in direct conflict with Danish interests and the safety of the Danes," he said. A recent string of public Quran desecrations by a handful of anti-Islam activists in Denmark and neighboring Sweden have sparked angry demonstrations in Muslim countries.

PAKISTAN AND CHINA INK SIX AGREEMENTS TO BOOST COOPERATION UNDER CPEC

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akistan and China on Monday signed six important documents to expand and boost cooperation under the ambitious multi-billion dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, further cementing the all-seasons strategic relations between

EU- UKRAINE WAR

laid through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

na's National Development and Reforms Commission as well as another agreement on the establishment of an

to China.

tional Highway Authority Asim Amin and Pang signed the fourth document on the realignment of the Karakoram Highway Phase II project feasibility study.

The two sides also signed the MOU on the Industrial Workers' Exchange Programme through diplomatic channels and agreed to promote the strategic ML-1 rail upgradation project.

Prime Minister Sharif in

Europe won't tolerate aggression in Ukraine or Indo-Pacific: EU President the foundation of the interthat the EU backs a free and

TDG NETWORK

European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen warned on Monday that Europe won't tolerate aggression in Ukraine or the Indo-Pacific, as she reaffirmed the EU's recognition of a 2016 arbitration decision that invalidated China's territorial claims in the disputed South China Sea.

Von der Leyen spoke at a joint news conference with Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. after holding talks in Manila that aimed to bolster trade, economic and security relations.

The leaders announced the 27-nation bloc would resume



European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen.

negotiations with the Philippines for a free-trade agreement that stalled in 2017 under Marcos's predecessor, Rodrigo Duterte.

She stressed the need for security cooperation, cit-

ing Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which she said shows how authoritarian leaders "are willing to act on their threats".

"Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine shakes of international law, such as territorial integrity and sovereignty," she said. "This is why Europe supports Ukraine's brave fight against the aggressor be-

cause the illegal use of force cannot be tolerated, not in Ukraine, not in the Indo-Pacific," von der Leyen said. "Security in Europe and security in the Indo-Pacific is indivisible. Challenges to the rules-based order in our interconnected world affect all of us." "This is why we are concerned about the rising tensions in the Indo-

Pacific," she said, adding

national order. It is in violaopen Indo-Pacific "because tion of the UN charter and an Indo-Pacific free of the the fundamental principles threats of coercion is key to all our stability to our peace, and to the prosperity of our people". Her veiled rhetoric echoed

that of US leaders, who have raised alarms over China's increasingly aggressive actions in the disputed South China Sea. Without naming China, von der Leyen underscored the EU's recognition of a decision by a UN-backed tribunal that invalidated China's territorial claims in virtually the entire waterway on historical grounds. China has rejected the arbitration decision as a sham and continues to defy it.

RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

SAUDI ARABIA TO HOST A UKRAINIAN-ORGANIZED PEACE SUMMIT OVER RUSSIA'S WAR IN AUGUST

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Saudi Arabia will host a Ukrainian-organized peace summit in early Augus,t seeking to start negotiations over Russia's war on the country, officials said ON Sunday.

The summit will be held in the Red Sea port city of Jeddah, said one official, who spoke early Sunday on condition of anonymity as no authorization had been given to publicly discuss the summit. Russia was not invited, the official added.

Hours later, the head of Ukraine's presidential office,



Andriv Yermak, confirmed the talks would be held in Saudi Arabia, without naming Jeddah as the location.

"The Ukrainian Peace Formula contains 10 fundamental points, the implementation of which will not only ensure peace for Ukraine, but also create mechanisms to counter future conflicts in the world," Yermak said in a statement. deeply convinced that the

Ukrainian peace plan should be taken as a basis, because the war is taking place on our land."

"We are

Yermak;s statement described the 10 points as being "discussed individually and in groups with rep-

resentatives of more than 50 countries on an almost weekly basis."

Previously, Ukraine has described the 10-point peace formula as including the restoration of Ukraine's territorial integrity, the withdrawal of Russian troops, the release of all prisoners, a tribunal for those responsible for the aggression and security guarantees for Ukraine.

Other peace plans have been floated amid the war. Russian President Vladimir Putin just finished meetings in St. Petersburg with African leaders about their own proposed plan. China and Pope Francis also been working separately on their own. No details of those plans have been released. Saudi Arabia did not acknowledge the upcoming summit Sunday and did not respond to a request for comment from The Associ-

Those taking part in the summit will include Ukraine, Brazil, India, South Africa and several other countries, the official who spoke to AP said. A highlevel official from U.S.

President Joe Biden's administration also is expected to attend the event, which is being planned by Kyiv, the official said.

ENERGY PROJECTS

UK to grant new oil and gas licenses in N Sea

the package, said Britain will

still need fossil fuels even af-

TDG NETWORK

Britain said on Monday it will grant hundreds of new oil and gas licenses in the North Sea in a bid for energy independence, ignoring calls from the environmental campaigners and the United Nations to stop the development of new fossil fuel proj-

The plans announced by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak include a pledge to invest 20



billion pounds (USD 26 billion) in carbon capture and storage projects as Sunak maintained the government's commitment to eliminate net carbon emissions by 2050.

Sunak, who is travelling to Scotland to formally unveil

ter the country reaches its net zero target. He said it is better to produce oil and natural gas at home rather than rely on foreign leaders like Russian President Vladimir Putin, whose invasion of Ukraine sent global energy prices soaring around the globe.

"We have all witnessed how Putin has manipulated and weaponised energy

 disrupting supply and stalling growth in countries around the world," Sunak said in a statement. "Now more than ever, it's vital that we bolster our energy security and capitalise on that independence to deliver more affordable, clean energy to British homes and businesses.' The plan comes as Sunak

faces pressure to roll back expensive environmental commitments as his Con-

attract voters amid opinion polls showing that the party is likely toward a crushing defeat in the next general But UN scientists and en-

servative Party scrambles to

vironmental campaigners are calling on government's around the world to accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels after a summer of record high temperatures, drought and floods linked to man-made climate change.

desecration of the Quran or other religious holy books in front of foreign embassies in the Nordic country. Foreign Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen said in an interview with the Danish public broadcaster DR that the burning of holy scriptures

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE



SOARING TEMPERATURE

July blistering as Phoenix hits another 110 degrees & wildfires spread in California

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Phoenix was blazing through its 31st consecutive day of at least 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43.3 Celsius) and other parts of the country endured record temperatures after a week that saw many portions of the US population subject to extremely warm weather.

According to the National Weather Service, Phoenix was expected to hit the record temperature of 112 F (44.4 Celsius) before the day was through.

This year July has been so sizzling hot thus far that the scientists are evaluating that it will be the hottest month ever recorded and likely the warmest the human civilisation has seen to date. On Thursday, the World Meteorological Organisation and the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service announced July to

be beyond record-smashing. The historic heat began hitting the lower Southwest United States in late June. The temperatures were soaring from Texas across Arizona, New Mexico and into California's desert.

On 30 July 2023, a massive wildfire broke out in California's Mojave National Preserve. The fire was burning out of control and soon spread rapidly due to strong winds. The



July recorded as the hottest month of the year

reported progress against another major flame to the south that led to evacuations.

The York Fire that broke out on 28 July 2023, Friday, near the remote Caruthers Canyon region of the preserve brought up a huge cloud of smoke were advised to evacuate that was visible for nearly 100 miles (160 kilometres) away across the state line in Nevada. Flames rose to 20 feet (6 metres) high in some areas and have charred more than 110 square miles (284 square kilometres) of juniper, desert scrub, and Joshua tree woodland.

According to the fire authorities, "The dry fuel acts as a ready ignition source, and when paired with those weather conditions it resulted in

firefighters, however, long-distance fire run and high flames, leading to extreme fire behaviour."

> The Bonny Fire was holding steady, towards the southwest at about 3.4 square miles (8.8 square kilometres) in the rugged hills of Riverside County. Around 1,300 people their homes surrounding the remote community of Aguanga, California.

> According to the National Weather Service, tripledigit heat was anticipated in some parts of the central San Joaquin Valley through 31 July 2023. Responding to a report of a bear sighting in a residential neighbourhood, Police said that in Burbank, California, about 10 miles (16 kilometres) north of Los Angeles, the summer heat

> may have been responsible

for some unusual behaviour in the animal kingdom. A sight of an animal sitting in a Jacuzzi behind one of the homes was also unusual.

As climate change continues to bring hotter and longer heat waves, record temperatures across the United States have killed dozens of people, and the poorest Americans are suffering the most. Air conditioning, which was once a luxury, is now become a matter of survival. A University of

Washington professor who researches heat and health, Kristie Ebi said, "To explain it fairly simply: Heat kills. Once the heat wave starts, mortality starts in about 24

As per the Boston University analysis of 115 US metro areas, it's the poorest and people of colour, from Kansas City to Detroit to New York City and beyond, who are far more likely to face unbearable sizzling heat without air conditioning.

Meanwhile, in Phoenix, a slight relief may be just around the corner as expected seasonal thunderstorms could drop temperatures in the coming days. Meteorologist Tom Frieders said, "It should be around 108 degrees, so we break that 110 streak... Increasing cloud cover will put temperatures in a downward trend."

PAK POLITICS

NAWAZ SHARIF TO BE PAKISTAN PM IF PML-N **RETURNS TO POWER: SHEHBAZ SHARIF**

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akistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif announced that Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo Nawaz Sharif will be the next leader of the nation if the party wins the next general elec-

According to PM Shehbaz Sharif, the three-time former prime minister who has been living in self-inflicted exile in London since 2019, is planning to return to the country in the next few

PM Shehaz, also the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party president, said his elder brother Nawaz Sharif will face the law upon his arrival in Pakistan. He also added that Nawaz

Sharif was sent to London on medical grounds on the basis of a health report prepared on the instructions of former prime minister Imran Khan.

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> Nawaz Sharif was debarred in 2017 by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. In 2018, after a Supreme Court verdict in the Panama Papers case, he was ruled out to hold public office for a lifetime. Before he departed to London on a four-week bail by the Lahore High Court on a medical basis, Nawaz Sharif was serving a seven-year jail sentence in the Al-Azizia Mills corruption case.

> A notification of the dissolution of the National Assembly will be presented to President Arif Alvi a few days before the completion of the seven-year jail tenure





Nawaz Sharif (left), Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

at midnight on 12 August 2023, according to Shehbaz Sharif.

Shehbaz Sharif alleged that the PML-N will try to make seat arrangements with allied parties in the upcoming general elections. He further said that the party would field its candidates

in the constituencies where they were not able to reach a consensus. He said the caretaker arrangement would be approved only after consultation with allied parties, the leader of the opposition in the National Assembly Raja Riaz, and PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif.

ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN

China factory activity shrinks below the 50-point level in July

TDG NETWORK

Chinese factory activity contracted in July 2023 as export orders got smaller, adding to stress on the ruling Communist Party to reverse an economic slowdown.

A purchasing manager's index issued by the national statistics agency and an industry group improved to 49.3 from June's 49 on a 100-point scale but remained below the 50-point level that shows activity deflating.

Erin Xin of HSBC said, "China's manufacturing PMI remained in contraction, albeit a softer pace, as the drag from the external sector deepened...puts more pressure on Beijing to support growth through both fiscal and monetary measures.'

Chinese leaders are trying to restore economic activity by promising to back entrepreneurs who generate jobs and wealth for the youth. But they are yet to provide



Factory workers working at a manufacturing unit in China

further details on possible tax cuts or spending and have avoided announcing a large-scale stimulus.

Demand for Chine ports shrank after US and European interest rates were raised to cool off record-breaking inflation. At home, people are uneasy about possible job losses and are trying to put off

big purchases. Real estate sales and economic engines have gotten weak after the government tightened con- 0.8 per cent over the pretrol on the industry's use of vious quarter in the three

An index of export orders fell to 46.3 in July 2023 from 46.4 in June 2023, well below the 50-point contraction level, as per the statistics bureau and the China Federation of Logistics & Purchasing.

Economic growth slid to months ending in June 2023 from 2.2 per cent in the January-March 2023 duration. That is equal to annual growth of 3.2 per cent, which would be among China's weakest in decades.

REFORM AGENDA

POPE HEADS TO PORTUGAL, LAYS **GROUNDWORK FOR CHURCH'S FUTURE**

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When Pope Francis made the first foreign trip of his papacy, to Rio de Janeiro for World Youth Day in 2013, he asked young people to make a "mess" in their local churches, to shake things up even if it offended their bishops.

As he embarks this week on another edition of World Youth Day, in Lisbon and Portugal, Francis has taken his advice to heart. After 10 years as pope, Francis is taking forward his reform agenda and making revolutionary changes in personnel and policy that disrupted things up.

Despite recovering from a second intestinal surgery in as many years, the 86-yearold Francis is opening a frenetic second half of the year with his Portugal visit. He seems aware that he has a limited sweet spot of time to solidify the changes he believes are necessary for the 21st-century church, and is looking to the next generation of faithful leaders to carry



Pope Francis gestures as he leaves St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on the day he is due to undergo abdominal surgery, June

them forward.

Papal biographer Austen Ivereigh said, "The sense I get is that this is the consolidation phase of the pontificate...He's laying the basis now, laying the ground, for the future."

The international rally, which St. John Paul II launched in 1986 to encourage young Catholics in their faith, is anticipated to draw up to 1 million people for the first post-pandemic event of its kind. Francis' perennial social justice concerns

about climate change, social inequality and fraternity, as well as, Russia's war in Ukraine, are expected to be major themes.

Sister Nathalie Becquart, who is one of the key synod organisers, said, "I really think that for Pope Francis, he felt that OK, now it's mature' and it would be good really to involve all the members, all the people in the synod as members" with the right to vote.

At age 49, Francis will become the second-youngest

member of the College of Cardinals when he is installed on 30 September 2023. He is just six months older than the current youngest cardinal, whom Francis elevated this time last year: Cardinal Giorgio Marengo, head of the church in Mongolia where Francis will travel at the end of August 2023.

Portuguese Cardinal-elect Americo Aguiar, who is in charge of World Youth Day, is a young churchman who also understands his appointment as part of a generational turning point for the Catholic hierarchy.

In an interview, Aguiar said, "My reading of it is that this has to do with young people, it has to do with youth, it has to do with Portugal, it has to do with World Youth Day, it has to do with all of that." He further added, "I think that his objective and his underlining was exactly to send a signal to the young people, to every young person who is preparing the day, whether in Portugal or in the world, to feel identified with this

RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

Ukraine alleges Russian missiles hit another apartment building

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On 31 July 2023, a Ukrainian official stated that Russian missiles knocked into the central Ukrainian city of Kryvyi Rih, killing at least one person and likely trapping others beneath the rubble.

According to the Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko, the two missiles struck an apartment building, destroying a section of it between the fourth and ninth floors, and a university building. He added that ten people were

Kryvyi Rih, the hometown of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, is in Ukraine's Dnipropetrovsk region and has occasionally been targeted by the Kremlin's forces since the beginning of the war in February 2022.

The bombardment with missiles, drones and artillery has been a hallmark of Moscow's tactics since the fullscale invasion, with some aerial attacks targetting civilian areas. Meanwhile, Russian officials insist they only aim at legitimate military targets. This ap-



President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said

that "in recent days, the enemy has been

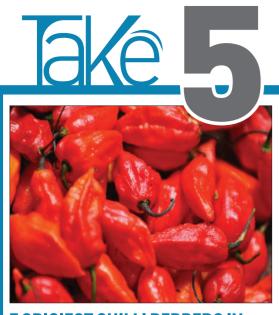
stubbornly attacking cities, city centres,

shelling civilian objects and housing."

of occupied areas

In a statement, Zelenskyy said, "But this Commenting on the attack, Ukraine's

terror will not frighten us or break us." Ukraine, meanwhile, has sought to take the war deep into Russia, allegedly using military drones to hit targets as far away as Moscow. The latest strike, on 30 July 2023, Sunday, damaged two office buildings a few miles (kilometres) from the Kremlin.



5 SPICIEST CHILLI PEPPERS IN THE WORLD

Do you love spices? If so, this information will surprise you because it lists the eight chilli peppers with the greatest spicy levels in the world. These peppers are frequently used to make spicily flavoured curries, sauces, and pickles. If you didn't know, the Scoville Scale is used to determine how hot a pepper is. Wilbur Scoville created the scale more than a century ago.

CAROLINA REAPER Carolina Reaper is the spiciest pepper in the world. According to sources, it was first discovered in South Carolina, which is how it received its name. It has a distinctive appearance and even a scorpion story. The Carolina Reaper is surprisingly tasty and sweet considering the intensely scorching heat it produces.

MORUGA SCORPION Moruga Scorpion, In Trinidad, it ranks as the second-hottest pepper. It has a fruity taste that lies beneath the strong spice flavour. The Trinidad Moruga Scorpion is a non-hybrid, stable variety, which is one of the most significant claims being made by chili pepper experts. As a result, compared to the Butch T, it produces more and grows easily.

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CHOCOLATE TRINIDAD SCORPION It ranks among the hottest peppers on the earth with a scorching 1.2 million Scoville heat index, making it one of the hottest chilli peppers in the world. It stays for long period of time. When handling a chocolate scorpion pepper,

wear gloves, and avoid eating it raw.

It originates from India and is also called the Holy Pepper. Bhut Jolokia has a 4- to 7-cm elongated form and wrinkled skin. he Defence Research Laboratory estimates that Bhut Jolokia has 855,000 SHU of heat, which is significantly higher than cayenne pepper. But in the race to produce the hottest pepper, Carolina Reaper and Trinidad Scorpion Butch Tovertook Ghost Pepper in 2011 and 2013, respectively.

- JYOTI B



1. What does WWW stands for?

■ World Wide Web

■ Web World Wide

- Wide World Web ■ We Will Wait
- 2. Where was the World Wide Web in-
- India Switzerland
- Pakistan America
- 3. An interconnection of computers and

enables data and resource sharing, as well as communication is called

- Internet Network ■ LAN ■ Arpanet
- 4. Which of them is not web browser? ■ Google Chrome ■ Mozilla Firefox
- Internet Explorer File Explore

5. A collection of web pages is called a...

- Web server Web browser ■ Website ■ Wi-Fi

DEVOTION

An aerial view of the Girmal Waterfall after heavy rainfall, in Dang. ANI



POSTER UNVEILED

ANANYA'S LOOK FROM 'DREAM GIRL 2' UNVEILED

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Takers of the upcoming comedy **▲**film 'Dream Girl 2' unveiled a new poster of their film. Taking to Instagram, actor Ayushmann Khurrana shared the poster and wrote, "Yeh hai Pari, meri Dream Girl! #Dream-Girl2Trailer out Tomorrow! #25AugustHogaMast #DreamGirl2in Cinemas on 25th August." The poster depicts Ayushmann in a peculiar persona. Only his face is visible to the audience as he emerges from behind a bright curtain while Ananya could be seen looking at Ayushmann's character. The 'Liger' actor looked beautiful in traditional attire. She kept her hair open and accessorized her look with silver earrings and pink bangles.

DIMENSIONS MUMBAI

Actor Bhumi Pednekar

has been appointed as the

brand ambassador of Di-

mensions Mumbai, a short

film competition based on

the theme of Mumbai city,

by Jio MAMI Mumbai Film

Festival. The category was

introduced in 2009 by Jaya

Bachchan. The competi-

tion is applicable for young

filmmakers within the age

group of 18-25 years across

India and the submissions

Pednekar said she is

thrilled to be a part of Di-

mensions Mumbai this year.

"It's an incredible platform

for young filmmakers. It

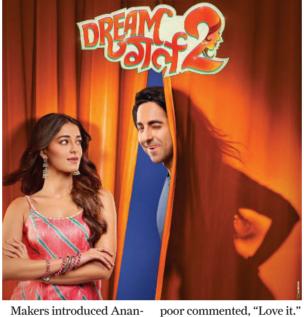
gives them an opportunity

to showcase their film to

are now open.

SURVIVAL

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ya's character as Pari. Soon after the makers unveiled the new poster, fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire emoticons. Actor Shanaya Ka-

Bhumi Pednekar

a larger audience on a big

screen. For decades, Mum-

bai has inspired filmmakers

from around the world. This

city has cinema in its DNA."

The opportunities that

Mumbai can offer with

an excellent platform like

Dimensions Mumbai to

promote filmmakers of ex-

traordinary calibre to their

Jio MAMI appoints Bhumi Pednekar as brand ambassador

Another user commented, "Finally!! Can't wait to see you Pooja." The film will be out on August 25. Earlier it was supposed to be released in July. The de-

full potential is special. "As a

proud Mumbaiite who is al-

ways amazed and excited by

the city, I can't wait to inter-

act with some of these film-

makers, watch their films,"

the actor said in a statement.

director, Jio MAMI, said it is

thrilling to have Pednekar

as the ambassador for Di-

Anupama Chopra, festival

VFX work required for the film. Speaking about the Raaz among others.

lay is due to the extensive

decision, producer Ekta R Kapoor said, "We want Ayushmann Khurrana's character to look perfect as Pooja in Dream Girl 2, and that's why we are taking extra time to perfect the VFX work for the face. We want to ensure that our viewers get the best possible experience when they watch the movie. The VFX work for 'Dream Girl 2' is an integral part of the movie, and we want to ensure that we deliver a high-quality product to our audiences." 'Dream Girl 2' is the sequel to the highly successful film, 'Dream Girl', which was released in 2019. Besides Ayushmann and Ananya, the film stars Annu Kapoor, Paresh Rawal, Asrani, Manjot Singh and Vijay

mensions Mumbai, "Bhumi

is an actor with talent and

taste. Her films, starting

with her debut, 'Dum Laga

Ke Haisha' have helped to

expand the boundaries of

Hindi cinema. So, it's thrill-

ing to have her as the am-

bassador for Dimensions

"Our ambition with Di-

mensions Mumbai is to cre-

ate a culture, a movement

of sorts, amongst the young

filmmakers across India to

tell authentic stories. It's an

exciting time for the catego-

ry, and we are very happy to

collaborate with one of our

finest actors on this one,"

Chopra said. The call for en-

tries for Dimensions Mum-

bai started last week and

will be open until August 31,

Mumbai.

'GHOOMER' READY TO RELEASE

Filmmaker R Balki's "Ghoomer", starring Saiyami Kher and Abhishek Bachchan, is set to hit screens on August 18. According to the makers, the film narrates "a triumphant story of a paraplegic sportsperson (Kher), who excels as a cricketer under the guidance of her coach

Kher, who plays the role



#GhoomerInCinemas on

The story is co-written by Balki, known for "Cheeni Kum" and "Ki and Ka", with Rahul Sengupta and Rishi Virmani. "Ghoomer", which will open the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne on August 12, also stars Shabana Azmi and Angad Bedi in prominent roles.

(Bachchan)." of a paraplegic bowler in the movie, took to twitter

An old man was at the checkout counter of a grocery store when his credit card wouldn't work. So the teller said, "Either you have to pay by cash or I'll have to wait to check why the credit card isn't working. You have to

have been the pillars of our existence and made nu-

"What makes old age so sad is not that our joys but our hopes cease" **JEAN PAUL**

MADONNA THANKED LOVED ONES FOR BEING BY HER SIDE

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Music icon Madonna has thanked her family and friends for being by her side after she was hospitalized with a "serious bacterial infection" last month. The 64-year-old singer postponed her career-spanning 'Celebration' tour due to the health scare in June following which she was admitted to the intensive care unit



Madonna

road to recovery following her ICU stay, shared a health update on Instagram on Sunday night. "I realized how lucky I am to be alive. And how fortunate I am to have known these people and so many others who are also gone..." she wrote alongside a series of photos with her children and friends. Love from family and friends is the "best medicine", said

Madonna, who is on the

the Queen of Pop.

"One month out of the hospital and I can reflect. As a Mother you can really get caught up in the needs of your children and the seemingly endless giving. "But when the chips were down my children really showed up for me. I saw a side to them I had never seen before. It made all the difference. So did the love and support from my friends," Madonna wrote in the post.

BRAIN PICKING Do not pay attention that how you look, it will make you look more attractive.

- HRITHIK ROSHAN Indian Actor

FLAG HOSTING

SHABANA AZMI TO HOIST INDIAN FLAG AT IIFM

TDG NETWORK

The Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) announced that veteran actor Shabana Azmi will be hoisting the Indian national flag as part of the movie gala's Independence Day celebrations. The festival is set to take place in Melbourne, Australia, from



August 11 to 20. The multiple National Award winner said she feels honored to get the opportunity to hoist the national flag at IFFM.

"I am happy to be a part of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne and deeply honored to have been chosen to hoist the Indian national flag on this momentous occasion. IFFM has consistently showcased the incredible diversity and creativity of Indian cinema," Azmi said in a statement. The actor, known for critically-acclaimed performance in films such as "Sparsh", "Arth", "Masoom", "City of Joy", and "Midnight's Children", said she is excited about the upcoming edition of the film gala as it will hosting the world premiere of her upcoming film "Ghoomer".

"This platform is even more special given our film R Balki's, Ghoomer, is making its world premiere at the festival. To be given an opportunity to hoist our national tricolor in presence of the amazing Indian community who live in Australia, is truly an experience I am excited to be part of." Director of the festival, Mitu Bhowmick Lange, said they are thrilled to have Azmi.

"We are thrilled to have the privilege of welcoming the legendary actor Shabana Azmi to hoist the Indian national flag at our Independence Day Celebrations. Shabana Azmi's remarkable contributions to Indian cinema and her unwavering commitment to storytelling have left an indelible mark on the film fraternity.

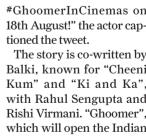
Her presence at IFFM 2023 embodies the essence of our festival, which aims to showcase the rich tapestry of Indian cinema to global audiences," she said.

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to share the poster of her holding a cricket ball in her left hand with Bachchan by her side. "Life, logic ka khel nahi...magic ka khel hai.



stand aside till I finish tending other customers." The old man stood there for quite a while and nobody accommodated him because every person passing was in a "Rush hour life" that they couldn't be bothered about these old people who actually

merous sacrifices. By Bhavani Sundaram

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BARIATRIC SURGERY FOR REMISSION OF DIABETES -WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT?



besity is a major contributor to preventable lifestylerelated deaths worldwide, and addressing this issue requires a significant effort. The prevalence of obesity and its associated metabolic conditions, such as diabetes, hypertension, and fatty liver, has reached endemic levels. This is just the beginning of a much larger problem, and raising public awareness is crucial in order to overcome

this growing burden. Did you know that 90% of Type 2 diabetes patients are either obese or overweight? This indicates a strong connection between obesity and diabetes, which scientists refer to as 'Diabesity'. Unfortunately, this modern epidemic has affected 25% of the industrialized world. However, the good news is that it is preventable, and the metabolic syndrome and its side effects can be reversed with the right measures.

HAZARDS OF

OBESITY: 1. Obesity is the condition where the body accumulates excessive amounts of fat, which can lead to various diseases such as high cholesterol (dyslipidaemia), Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease with risks of stroke, and cancer.

2. Obese individuals are more likely to experience breathing disorders, such as sleep apnea, a serious sleep disorder that causes breathing to

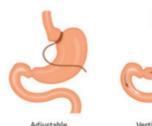
- repeatedly stop and start. Health conditions such as gallbladder disease, fatty liver disease, gynaecological issues like infertility and irregular periods, as well as sexual health problems such as erectile dysfunction, can significantly impact one's quality of life.
- 4. Osteoarthritis is also a common condition that often affects the knees, making it difficult to perform even simple tasks.

FIGHT AGAINST OBESITY:

India is considered to be the diabetic capital of the world, and it is crucial for us as a nation to take action to reverse this. The keys to achieving this are maintaining a healthy lifestyle, following a balanced diet, and exercising regularly. By making lifestyle modifications early on in the course of obesity, medication may not be necessary. It's easier to reverse the harmful effects of obesity without medical supervision when we're just starting to gain weight, making it the best time to implement lifestyle changes and exercise.

When our BMI exceeds 30 kg/m2, we are considered obese and may need medical help to achieve optimal results. However, with proper supervision, we can reverse the effects of obesity at this stage. If morbid obesity sets in, with a BMI over 40 kg/ m2, there is a high chance that medical and conventional therapies will fail. In this case, Bariatric Surgery becomes necessary and is the most beneficial option for our health. Therefore, it is better to prevent obesity

TYPES OF BARIATRIC SURGERY









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Bariatric Surgery is a surgical solution

deaths in the world. A healthy lifestyle,

balanced diet and exercise is the key to

preventing obesity and let's fight it together.

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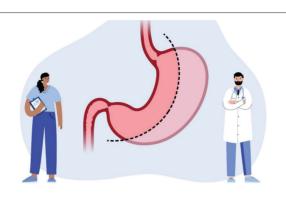
sleep apnea and other

respiratory disorders,

non-alcoholic fatty liver

disease, osteoarthritis,

lipid abnormalities. Gas-



than to cure it.

WHAT IS BARIATRIC SURGERY?

Bariatric Surgery is a weight loss procedure that involves restricting the amount of food the stomach can hold. causing malabsorption of nutrients, or a combination of both. It also leads to positive hormonal changes that bring about various health benefits.

Nowadays, weight loss surgeries are typically done through minimally invasive laparoscopic techniques. Patients can often walk shortly after the surgery and typically stay in the hospital for 2-3 days. Popular procedures

include Laparoscopic Sleeve 1. BMI#37.5 Gastrectomy and Gastric Bypass Surgery, both of which can be done with minimally invasive keyhole surgery.

CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BARIATRIC **SURGERY INDIAN GUIDELINES**

trointestinal disorders, or heart disease. 3. Inability to achieve a

healthy weight loss for a sustained period of time with prior weight loss efforts.

BENEFITS OF

BARIATRIC SURGERY: Bariatric Surgery can result in significant and sustained weight loss of 40 kg or more, rather than just 10-15 kg. This weight loss can last for years and can also improve or resolve associated diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and osteoarthritis. Due to its metabolic benefits, it is sometimes referred to as metabolic surgery. The surgery not only improves quality of life, but also helps to increase longevity for high-risk obese patients. Additionally, the surgery can have positive effects on mental health by resolving issues such as depression, anxiety, lack of self-esteem, and singlehood, which are commonly experienced by severely obese patients. Dr. Vinay Kumar Shaw is the

HOD and Senior Consultant, GI, Minimal Access & Bariatric Surgery, Sanar International Hospitals

RISING HYPERTENSION: DIMINISHING WORK-LIFE BALANCE TO BE BLAMED?

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pertension.

A recent study has noticed that there has been an alarming increase in hypertension cases among the working population as people have gone back to a sedentary lifestyle and stressful working hours. The study by Jindal Naturecure Institute, reveals how this transition, especially after the new normal, has resulted in individuals having limited time for crucial activities such as yoga, exercise and a healthy diet,

Hypertension or high blood pressure is when the pressure in your blood vessels is too high (140/90 mmHg or higher). It is common but can be serious if not timely treated. High blood pressure often has no symptoms. Over time, if untreated. it can cause serious health conditions, such as heart disease and stroke.

exacerbating the prevalence of hy-

"The return to a sedentary lifestyle in the new normal has reduced physical activity and increased reliance on unhealthy dietary choices. During COVID or even after the lockdown ended, people were con-

cerned about their immunity and were actively following a healthy diet and exercise. But now people are back to their normal routine of unhealthy eating with no physical exercise. People are bound to their desks without any breaks. This has contributed to a rise in hypertension cases among the working population, placing them at higher risk of cardiovascular diseases", says Dr. Babina, Chief Medical Officer at the

Data compiled by JNI for the years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 highlights a significant rise in the number of people admitted to their institute with complaints of hypertension. While comparing the data collected during the said duration, there has been a noticeable rise of 153.42% in hypertension patients.

Further analysis of the age-wise breakdown reveals a concerning trend. In the age group of 19-35 years, there was a 200% increase in male patients (from 24 to 72) and a 425% increase in female patients (from 4 to 21) from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023

Similarly, in the 36-50 years age bracket, there was a 171% increase in

HYPERTENSION SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Irregular Dizziness



Low blood



pressure



Vomiting

Fatigue

male patients (from 196 to 532) and a 152% increase in female patients (from 116 to 293) from the previous

The most worrisome surge was observed in the 51-70 years age group, where there was a 132% increase in

Fainting

male patients (from 429 to 994) and a 153% increase in female patients (from 338 to 854).

Even in the older population (>70 years), hypertension cases rose significantly, with a 300% increase in male patients (from 30 to 120) and

a 154% increase in female patients (from 24 to 61).

In India, the percentage of individuals effectively managing their hypertension is approximately 12%. This statistic highlights the concerning reality of uncontrolled blood pressure, which serves as a prominent contributor to cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) like heart attacks and strokes. Alarmingly, CVDs account for a significant portion, specifically one-third, of the overall mortality rate in India.

Adopting a sedentary lifestyle can harm cardiovascular health, including the hardening of arteries and the accumulation of plaque within them. When arteries become stiff and narrow, it places additional strain on the heart's pumping action, leading to an increase in blood pressure.

Engaging in the regular practice of Yoga, irrespective of its specific form, offers the potential to relax muscles and counteract the effects of elevated blood pressure. Beyond its direct impact on reducing blood pressure, consistent Yoga practice can also mitigate the risk factors associated with hypertension.

BEATING THE BLUES WITH FOOD: THE SCIENCE BEHIND **NUTRIENTS AND DEPRESSION**





Depression is a chronic vet treatable health condition that affects millions of people worldwide and the numbers are increasing at an alarming rate. In India, depression is becoming an epidemic, with more and more children, young adults, and adults being diagnosed with the condition every year.

Factors contributing to the rise of depression in India, including high levels of stress due to peer pressure among children, social isolation (Covid-19), and a lack of access to mental health care leading to a lack of appetite, insomnia, obesity, no motivation, and lethargy. However, there are also many things that can be done to combat this epidemic, including incorporating specific foods into your diet.

1. ASHWAGANDHA, an herb used in Ayurvedic medicine for centuries, is known for its anti-inflammatory and anti-anxiety properties. It is also effective in lowering cortisol levels.

2. MORINGA is known for its numerous health benefits. It is rich in antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals, and has been shown to help reduce symptoms of depression.

3. BRAHMI, also known as Bacopa, is known for its cognition enhancing properties and has been shown to help reduce symptoms of depression.

4. SAFFRON is a spice

that is commonly used in Indian cuisine and is known for its mood-enhancing properties. It has been shown to help reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety

5. TULSI, also known as Holy Basil, is an herb used in Ayurvedic medicine for centuries. It is known for its anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and anti-anxiety properties.

6. OMEGA-3 FATTY **ACIDS** are essential fatty acids that have numerous health benefits, including anti-inflammatory effects that reduce the symptoms of depression.

7. CURCUMIN Is the active ingredient in turmeric, a spice commonly used in Indian cooking. It has been shown to have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties and can help reduce symptoms of depression.

Therefore, incorporating these foods into your diet may help manage symptoms of depression. However, it's important to note that a healthy diet is just one part of a comprehensive treatment plan for depression. If you are experiencing symptoms of depression, it's essential to seek help from a mental health professional.

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4 Reasons you should Include Fruits in Your Diet this Rainy Season

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While the monsoon season brings relief from the scorching heat and humid weather, it also brings the risk of various monsoon diseases. including typhoid, malaria, and viral fever, among others. To safeguard yourself from falling prey to these illnesses, it is crucial to prioritize hygiene and pay careful attention to your eating habits. Maintaining a healthy and fit lifestyle during this season can be achieved by incorporating nutritious foods into your diet, with a special emphasis on fruits. Fruits not only provide essential nutrients but also offer numerous reasons why they should be an integral part of your rainy season diet. Let's explore four compelling reasons why you

should include fruits in your diet this rainy season.

1. Fortifies Defences: The immune-boosting properties of fruits are particularly valuable during the monsoon season. By including a variety of fruits in your diet, you provide your body with a range of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that strengthen your immune system. This fortification acts as a shield against the common monsoon diseases that thrive in this season, enhancing your resistance and overall well-being.

2. Keeps Hydrated and Re**freshed:** Adequate hydration is the key to combat the damp and humid conditions during the rainy season. Fruits, with their high water con-

tent, serve as natural hydrators, replenishing your body's fluids and electrolytes. Their juicy and refreshing nature not only quenches your thirst but also helps in maintaining optimal hydration levels throughout the day.

3. Provides Nourishment of **Essential Nutrients:** Fruits are not only delicious but also packed with essential nutrients necessary for a healthy body. They provide a rich source of vitamins, minerals,

and dietary fibre, contributing to overall nutrition. Incorporating a wide variety of fruits in your diet ensures that you receive a diverse range of these vital nutrients, supporting your body's functions and promoting vitality. 4. Aids in Digestion and De-

toxification: The monsoon season often leads to digestive discomfort due to the increased risk of waterborne diseases and dietary indiscretions. Fruits, known for their ments and preventing constipation. Furthermore, certain fruits possess detoxifying properties that help eliminate toxins from the body, keeping your digestive system healthy and functioning optimally.

high fibre content, aid in digestion

by promoting regular bowel move-

CONCLUSION

By including fruits in your rainy season diet, you not only enhance your overall health but also mitigate the risks associated with the season. Embrace the goodness of fruits to strengthen your immunity, stay hydrated, nourish your body, and support proper digestion. Make them an integral part of vour diet this monsoon season for a vibrant and thriving well-being.

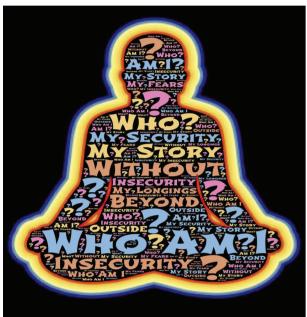
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NAVIGATING THE PITFALLS OF SPIRITUAL EGO: UNMASKING SPIRITUAL **MATERIALISM**

SAKSHI SHREE

ur ancient texts are filled with stories about sages who developed harmful egos and how their egos were eventually destroyed. Even today, we witness instances of spiritual leaders getting angry if their seating arrangements on stage don't match their

itual training under an enlightened teacher, the first lesson you learn is to be cautious of your ego. This is because the ego can obstruct your spiritual progress and influence your motives. You are taught how to transcend your ego, accept things and people without being judgmental.



perceived status. This is referred to as spiritual ego or spiritual narcissism. When you embark on spir-

This forms the foundation of basic training because our wise sages understood that the ego is cunning. It

constantly seeks ways to reinforce a sense of superiority and make you feel special. When you are in the early stages of a spiritual awakening, you are particularly vulnerable to its influence. You are filled with excitement and thrill from new discoveries and experiences. That's when the ego strikes and convinces you that you are unique and that not everyone can achieve what you

have. This is where spiritual ego or spiritual narcissism starts to develop. The birth of spiritual ego occurs when spiritual paths, practices, and concepts become enslaved to the ego. While the initial stages are more susceptible, spiritual ego can manifest at any point in your spiritual journey.

However, you can protect yourself from spiritual ego if your quest is focused on truth. Unfortunately, nowadays, spirituality has become an easily accesand mindfulness. In such cases, their goals are limited, primarily focused on personal well-being. Individuals of this kind are



more prone to developing a spiritual ego. They frequently discuss auras, chakras, energy, and past-life regression, using terminology that may intimidate others. Their spiritual quest revolves around boosting their own image rather than seeking truth. Instead of deepening humility, their journey becomes about control and prestige.

This phenomenon is known as spiritual materialism. When spiritual practices are pursued solely for personal well-being, centeredness. Spirituality becomes a tool to serve the ego. Today, mindfulness is experiencing a similar trend. It has become

which is enhanced by a veg-

Meditation requires still-

ness. Our attention is usually

focused on the outer sights,

etarian diet.

another form of ego that people proudly display. Walking the spiritual path is a delicate process. Your ego can easily deceive you. This is why Gurus are considered equal to gods. An enlightened teacher can easily detect the presence of spiritual materialism in you and take corrective measures to keep you on the right track. Unfortunately, enlightened Gurus have become a rare breed.

a fashionable statement,

Imagine how a practitioner of spiritual materialism can enlighten you. each other, both fall into the pit of ignorance and

perish. Sakshi Shree is a life coach and founder of Science Divine

our body. Just imagine how

many stress hormones we

are adding that were circu-

lating in the animals, birds,

or fish when they were be-

ing killed or slaughtered to

we partake of it. The food

we eat has an effect not only

on our physical, emotional,

and mental makeup but also

on our spiritual conscious-

ness. If we are trying to lead

a life of nonviolence and

compassion, if we are try-

ing to become more serene

and peaceful, if we are try-

ing to still our mind to con-

centrate within to find our

spiritual treasures, then we

will naturally want to follow

a diet that helps us achieve

When the Roman poet,

Seneca, on learning of the

teachings of Pythagoras, be-

came a vegetarian, he found

the change a happy one and

discovered to his surprise

that his "mind had grown more alert and more enlight-

Albert Einstein, the great

physicist, said, "Nothing will

benefit human health and in-

crease chances for survival of

life on earth as much as the

evolution to a vegetarian

For those who wish to

achieve spiritual growth and lead a life of nonviolence and

love for all creation, then a

vegetarian diet can help. In

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HUMAN LIBRARY INSTEAD OF BOOKS, YOU CAN BORROW PEOPLE

This beautiful concept of "Human Library" originated in Denmark. Here instead of borrowing books, you can borrow people, with unique life stories for a certain amount of time, you can ask them questions and listen to their stories which are both fascinating and impressive which you may never find in books.

Borrow a person with Autism.

Borrow someone who has changed their appearance.

Borrow a refugee and hear their story.

Borrow a transgender

Borrow a homeless person

Borrow a deaf or blind person Borrow someone who is obese

The list is never-ending, and in our quick to judge situation it is no wonder that these events are growing in size. It is time to face our fears and control our stereotypes and embrace the diversity of this world which will make us feel more secure.

But give it a thought, we don't have to go too far to search for human libraries. We have so many people among us, we just need to open our mind to the differences we might have with them. How about borrowing and listening to a person who doesn't have the same beliefs as yours??

If we start listening and opening our hearts and minds to humans and their differences, we will have to privilege to enter these unique Human Libraries and enrich ourselves.

HOW CAN TRUTH EVER

ENTER?

sible remedy. People start they can create an illusion As Kabir Das aptly says, meditating to alleviate of spiritual growth and de-"Andha-andha thelia, insomnia, stress, or simvelopment while actually dono koop padant," mean-**MYSTIC MUSING** strengthening one's selfing two blind men pushing ply to attain peace, focus,



Once there lived a professor—a scholar renowned for his immense knowledge. He had an answer ready for every question posed to him. However, a certain void haunted him. What made it worse was that he wasn't sure what it was, a restlessness without an identity. The man with all the answers now stood without one, and that too, to his own question.

Realising his predicament, a colleague suggested meeting a Zen monk in a nearby monastery. The professor was in two minds. If he didn't have an answer, wonder how the monk would? Yet the unexplained vacuum continued to torment him.

After mulling over it for a few days, the professor finally decided to meet the monk. "There's no harm in meeting him even if he has no answer", the professor reasoned.

When the professor reached the monastery, the monk was busy tending to the flowers in the garden. Upon hearing merely a conversationopener from the monk, the professor went into a diatribe on various topics he was proficient in. The monk was amused and asked more questions, as he found the professor ready with answers. The look on the monk's face puffed the professor's chest with pride. It was a common sight for him. He found it similar to his listeners'

awestruck response whenever he spoke, though this time he had read it wrong. In all this, what the professor found odd was that the monk hardly said anything other than posing questions.

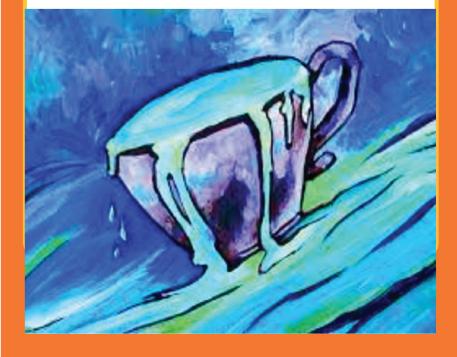
Later, the monk offered the professor tea. However, much to the professor's shock, the monk kept pouring the tea into the visitor's cup even after the cup was full, spilling the tea on to the table.

"Mind if I interrupt you?" the professor asked, getting perturbed as the monk continued to pour. "The cup is already full. You can't add more".

"Thanks for bringing it to my attention", the monk smiled. "That's exactly what I was wondering. Since you're full of opinions and theories, I was wondering how I could put even a drop of truth into it".

The professor smiled. He knew what was troubling him all along. This happened centuries ago, but it's something that resonates with how most of us approach everything, even our spiritual pursuits. Like the professor, our minds are full of preconceived notions, theories and opinions. We need to clear them to let truth enter.

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Vegetarianism and Spirituality



For those concerned with start respecting all forms of **A VEGETARIAN DIET** improving their health, life. This is one of the reasons **HELPS YOU TO IM**vegetarianism is now being promoted by many medical practitioners who claim that this diet provides optimum nutrition and guards against many diseases caused by non-vegetarian foods. When considering the vegetarian diet, most people focus on the health benefits.

However, other aspects of the vegetarian diet are equally important. Along with improving our physical well-being, there exists a vital connection between our spiritual essence and the foods we eat.

CONNECTING WITH YOUR INNER ESSENCE

Spirituality is not only concerned with discovering our own inner side but is an extension of having love and concern for all life in creation. Spirituality involves bringing us closer to our true nature, our inner self, which is one with God.

As God created this universe, the earth, and its creatures, it is natural for us to respect all life rather than destroy what God has created. Those who are truly connected with God feel a love for all creatures, great and small. They perceive the Light of God in human beings and living creatures.

When we look at life through the eyes of the soul, we witness God in even the humblest and most grotesque of creatures. With that angle of vision, we develop love for all that exists.

When we look at life through the consciousness of the soul, we begin to live in a gentler manner and that many people who are in touch with their soul turn to a vegetarian diet. They feel God has provided enough food in the form of plants to sustain them, and it is not necessary to take the life of any of God's creatures for

A DIET THAT COMPLE-**MENTS MEDITATION**

Vegetarianism complements meditation. Vegetarianism is the most compassionate diet because it involves eating food containing the least amount of destruction of life. For those who wish to make rapid progress in meditation, a vegetarian diet is im-

Many great philosophers, artists, poets, writers, and many enlightened people have been vegetarians as

Sir Isaac Newton, Mahatma Gandhi, and Albert Schweitzer are just a few examples of great philosophers, scientists, humanitarians, and world leaders who inspired others to adopt a path of non-violence towards all creation.

WE ARE ACCOUNT-ABLE FOR OUR AC-TIONS

Enlightened beings have taught that animals too have consciousness or a soul, which makes them also a part of God. Thus, the spiritual basis of vegetarianism is not to take the life of any other creature, not to harm any living creature. If

we wish to find God, then we need to be loving and caring to all God's creatures. That is why a vegetarian diet forms a part of a spiritual life.

sounds, smells, tastes, and sensations of this world, be used as meat! That is all which keeps us from tun- that forms a part of us when PROVE IN MEDITATION ing ourselves to the spiritual



gifts within. This requires For those who are seeking to improve in meditaconcentration. tion, including for spiritual growth, vegetarianism offers another benefit. Those involved in developing spiritually who want to experiraise our con-

To concentrate in meditation, we need to be calm and collected. What benefit do we gain from avoiding foods from dead animals? One benefit is that avoiding such foods

sciousness. We know the effect that their inner self or soul can do so through meditation, our own hormones have on

ation and on other human beings, but we will also have compassion on our own selves.

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TOP OF THE DAY

WORLD TEEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

PINEHURST: Mahreen Bhatia finished very strongly with three birdies in the last four holes, including two in the last two, but finished a gallant second in Girls 14 at the US Kids World Teens Championships at Pinehurst. The second place this week is in addition to the second place she claimed in the European US Kids Golf Championships in May. There were other good results, too, for the Indian contingent in Boys 13, where Kartik Singh (69-71-69) totalled 7-under 209 to finish third behind Thailand's Ajalawich Anantasethakul (65-71-69) for a total of 11-under and American Rory Asselta (67-71-69).

ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2023

CHENNAI: The defending Champions Korea Men's Hockey Team and last editions runners up, Japan men's hockey team arrived in Chennai on Sunday night for the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023. Both teams were afforded a warm welcome at the Chennai International Airport. While Korea eyes to retain the title, Japan's best finish has been a Silver Medal in the 2021 edition of the tournament In the highly anticipated Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023, which will takes place at the iconic Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium in Egmore from August 3 to August 12.

BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH ON WFI

NEW DELHI: Outgoing Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh on Monday said that today is the last day for filing nominations for the federation's elections and no member of his family will contest the election. Former Jammu and Kashmir High Court Chief Justice Mahesh Mittal Kumar was appointed as the returning officer for the Wrestling Federation of India elections by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). IOA Joint Secretary and Acting CEO Kalyan Chaubey confirmed the appointment of Justice MM Kumar through an official letter, also authorising him (Kumar) to appoint an Assistant Returning Officer (ARO) and other staff to assist him in conducting the elections.

PRO PANJA LEAGUE

NEW DELHI: The third day of the inaugural edition of Pro Panja League saw Kiraak Hyderabad and Kochi KD's picking up scintillating wins at the IGI Stadium in New Delhi. It was a dramatic comeback for Hyderabad in the first match, who trailing 1-2 after the undercard bouts, with MD Hashim and Asha Kumar winning 2 points for Baroda Badshahs. Ujjwal Agrawal earned a sole point for Kiraak, as per the Pro Panja League release.

SINDHU AND SRIKANTH EYES ON REVERSAL OF FORTUNE

Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth will look to arrest their slump in form when they begin their campaign at the Australia Open badminton tournament on Tuesday. The USD 420,000 event, which has been upgraded to a Super 500 tournament, will be the last chance for Sindhu and Srikanth to regain their touch ahead of the World Championships to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark. The 2019 world champion, Sindhu hasn't looked the part since her recovery from an injury as she has repeatedly made early exits in as many as seven of the 12 BWF World Tour events this year. A lot has happened this year for Sindhu as she parted ways



PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth.

with Korea's Park Tae-Sang, worked with SAI coach Vidhi Chaudhary before zeroing on new coach Muhammad Hafiz Hashim, the 2003 All-England champion. With back-to-back tournaments lined up, there is hardly any time but the two-time Olvmpic medallist will still hope to find her best self with the help

of Hashim and try out some of her tricks when she takes on compatriot Ashmita Chaliha in the opening round here. The only time the two faced off in international circuit was at the 2022 India Open and Sindhu had come up trumps but they had also played at the 2019 Senior Nationals Championships in Guwahati

and though Ashmita had lost then too, she had given a scare to the star Indian. Srikanth too has not been able to weave a series of wins in a week. He showed glimpses of his hay days when he thrashed Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien Chen with his trademark attacking game at Japan Open before losing to fellow Indian HS Prannoy. The former world number one will have to curb his errors when he takes the court against Japan's Kenta Nishimoto. For India, Prannoy, Lakshya Sen and the world number 2 pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have been the most consistent performers this season. With four titles, Satwik and Chirag have been the talk of the town but the duo has decided to skip the event to prepare for the World Championships (AuSen, on the other hand, have been the only other Indians to win titles this season and they have also been consistent, especially the former. At world number 10, Prannoy is currently the best placed Indian singles player and has made three quarterfinals, besides claiming the Malaysia Masters super 500 title. He had almost knocked out the world number one Viktor Axelsen in the semifinals in Japan before narrowly falling short in the decider. Same goes for Sen, who gave Indonesia's world number 9 Jonatan Christie a run for his money last week. This week, Prannoy is pitted against Hong Kong's Lee Cheuk Yiu, while Sen, who had won the Canada Open, will have to tame China's Lu Guang Zu in their opening rounds.

WORLD GAMES

Indian shooters and archers Shine Bright, add Six Medal

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World University Games.

Indian shooters and compound archers ruled the roost, bagging six medals including four golds at the World University Games in Chengdu, China on Monday. Shooters Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Divvansh Singh Panwar and Arjun Babuta joined forces to outclass local favourites China to win the 10m air rifle men's team gold. The Indian trio, with a combined score of 1894.7, beat China's Li Xinmiao, Song Buhan and Zhu Xiaozhong (1881.9) to clinch the yellow metal while Kazakhstan finished third. Aishwary and Divyansh then made it a one-two finish in the 10m air rifle men's individual event. In a dominant display, Aishwary consistently shot scores in the higher 10s for a total of 252.6 to snatch the gold as Divyansh had to be content with silver. China's Buhan was a distant third with a score of 229. Compound archers

also contributed to India's tally, adding two golds and a bronze medal. Avneet Kaur pipped USA's Alyssa Grace Sturgill in a thrilling shoot off to clinch the compound women's individual gold. After the scores were tied at 144-144, the gold medal match entered a shoot off. Sturgill was first to go, shooting a disappointing 8 while Avneet kept her calm to land a 10. Sangampreet Bisla and Aman Saini clinched the gold and bronze medals in the men's individual event. Needing a nine to win. Sangampreet send the arrow to 10 to secure the gold medal, quashing South African Christian De Klerk's hopes of a top finish. In the bronze medal match, Aman fended off a challenge from Frenchmen Bouleau Victor 148-146 to grab the last spot on the podium. Both Sangampreet and Aman were part of the Indian men's team that won the bronze on Sunday.

WOMEN FIFA

JAPAN DOMINATES SPAIN **4-0 TO SECURE TOP SPOT**

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Japan women's national football team.

Japan scored three times from lightning breaks in the first half, once in the second and defended resolutely to trounce Spain 4-O on Monday and top Group C at the Women's World Cup. Hinata Miyazawa scored twice, Riko Ueki scored once and both were instrumental in each other's goals as Japan switched swiftly from defense to counterattack and scored from its only three attempts on goal before halftime. Mina Tanaka came off the bench to score the last in the 82nd minute as Japan, with only 22% of possession, turned on a counter-attacking master class in front of 21,000 fans. Both teams had already clinched places in the round of 16, Japan for the fourth World Cup in succession, Spain for the second. Both had beaten Zambia 5-O and Spain had the better goal differential after a 3-0 win over Costa Rica. A draw would have been enough to see Spain finish atop a group for the first time in its history. But Spain has struggled against Asian teams in World Cup matches, losing to South Korea in 2015 and drawing with China in 2019. Japan played with a strong and cold wind at its back in the first half and that added carry to long balls forward which helped catch the Spain defense in retreat. Spain had an overwhelming majority of possession in the half; by the 25-minute mark it had enjoyed 68% and had more than 230 completed passes to Japan's 43. But it was timid, reluctant to go forward and played mostly around the middle of the field, keeping the ball on the ground in the face of the wind. Japan was content to defend in depth and to counter-attack. It sprang the trap for the first time in the 12th. From just inside the Spain half and wide on the left Jun Endo sent a long, curling ball forward which fell for Miyakawa, who neatly slipped her shot past Misa Rodriguez. In the 23rd Moeka Minami cleared from the edge of the Japan area. Ueki nodded the ball back for Nagano to send Miyazawa away on the right. She passed across the goal to Ueki, who took the ball on her left foot, propped to her right and unleashed a shot which deflected off Irene Paredes and ballooned over Rodriguez. Ueki celebrated the goal a day after her 24th birthday. In the 40th it was Ueki's turn to deliver for Miyazawa.

India's Olympic dream begins with World archery championships

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WORLD ARCHERY

Indian archers will be eyeing spots in the 2024 Paris Olympics as they start their journey at the World Archery Championships on Tuesday, with the week-long event set to be the first qualifying event to the multi-sport extravaganza for Indian archers. The Berlin meet will offer 24 quota places for the 2024 Summer Olympics. The top three best-placed recurve archery teams in both men's and women's events will earn three quotas each. accounting for 18 (nine for men and nine for women) of the 24 quotas up for grabs. The highest-ranked individual recurve archers from the contingents which did



India's Pooja Jatyan.

not make it to the top three in team events can get the rest six (three per gender) quota places for their countries. on the basis of individual performances. India has

sent a total of 12 archers for the world championships, with Ankita Bhagat leading the Indian women's recurve A maximum of one quota team, which made it to the will be given per country quarterfinals back in 2021. Dhiraj Bommadevara, who secured a bronze as an in-

INDIAN SQUAD FOR THE WORLD AR-CHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

- Women's recurve: Bhajan Kaur, Ankita Bhakat, Simranjeet Kaur
- Men's recurve: Dhiraj Bommadevara, Mrinal Chauhan, Tushar Prabhakar Shelke
- Women's compound: Parneet Kaur, Aditi Gopichand Swami, Jyothi Surekha Vennam
- Men's compound: Ojas Pravin Deotale, Prathamesh Jawkar, Abhishek Verma.

dividual player in stage 1 of the Archery World Cup in Antalya, will lead the men's recurve team.

World Archery championships will also witness events in compound archery, which is not a part of the Olympics programme. Asian Games gold medalist Abhishek Verma, world championships silver medalist Jyothi Surekha Vennam and 17-year-old Aditi Gopichand Swami, who won a gold medal at World Archery Youth Championships earlier this month are some of the star compound archers worth watching at the Berlin meet.

at the world championships

TENNIS

Taylor clinches sixth tour-level title

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Taylor Harry Fritz is an American professional tennis player.

Taylor Fritz claimed his second tour-level title of the season and sixth overall after winning the Atlanta Open. The top seed Fritz defeated Australian player Aleksandar Vukic 7-5, 6-7(5), 6-4 in the championship match to win the ATP 250 title in his first match on home soil since March. Fritz maintained composure to end the two hours and sixteen minuteslong match in a deciding set. "I just felt so at home and welcomed in Atlanta this week, I've been coming back here for so many years, so I'm happy to finally get the title.

All week, the support was amazing. I'm not from Atlanta, but it felt like I was because the support was just

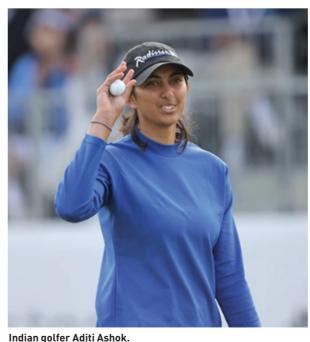
crazy all week long and it felt great." Fritz said after the win. The World No. 9 won the hard-court competition by relying on his powerful serve and first-strike tennis strategy. He was only broken once throughout the competition. The 25-year-old won 84 per cent of his first-serve points, and in crucial situations, he consistently and firmly hit his groundstrokes to secure victory. At 3-3 in the decider, Fritz gained triple break points by playing outstanding defence to win a 27-shot rally, which proved to be a turning point. Fritz's outstanding week in Atlanta helped him move up to ninth in the Pepperstone ATP Live Race To Turin.

ADITI SHINES, FINISHES 42ND IN EVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

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Aditi Ashok shot 3-under 68 and finished Tied-42nd at the 2023 Amundi Evian Championship at Evian Resort Golf Club. The Indian had rounds of 71-72-74-68 for a total of 1 over 285. Teammate Diksha Dagar had missed the cut. Over the next three weeks, Aditi and Diksha will play the Scottish Open, AIG Women's Open and the ISPS Handa Invitational. All three events will also see Diksha and they are all co-sanctioned with the LPGA. Aditi birdied the first and second and added a third birdie on the ninth to turn in 3-under.

She dropped her only shot of the day on the 10th but got a birdie on the 17th to finish the day a 68. The conditions once again were not easy, but this time Aditi handled them better than previous days. Celine Boutier stormed to a six-stroke victory with a closing round of 68 (-3) as she became the first player from France to secure the Amundi Evian Championship since the event was designated a major. It was



Indian golfer Aditi Ashok.

a dream start for Boutier, who rolled in back-toback birdies on her opening two holes before she added another birdie on the fifth to make the turn in 32 (-3) and extend her advantage at the top of the leaderboard. Despite a dropped shot on 13, the Frenchwoman bounced back with a birdie on 15 and parred the 18th to seal a win at 14-under.

on home soil for Boutier

This is the second win

in two years after she won the 2021 Lacoste Ladies Open de France. Brooke Henderson, who won the Championship in 2022, produced a final round of 70 (-1) to finish in outright second place on eight-under-par. Five players finished the week in a share of third place with Norway's Celine Borge, Mexico's Gaby Lopez, Japanese duo Yuka Saso and Nasa Hataoka and Korea's A Lim Kim on

seven-under-par.

SERIES SHOWDOWN: INDIA HOPE THEIR EXPERIMENT WORK

India will be hoping the experiment of trying out Sanju Samson and Surykumar Yadav in the middle-order works when they take on the West Indies in the ODI series decider here on Tuesday. India, who have not lost an ODI series to West Indies since 2006, face a rare series defeat after their move to rest skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli backfired in the second game in Barbados. As head coach Rahul Dravid pointed after the six-wicket loss on Saturday, India are looking at the bigger picture ahead of next month's Asia Cup and the upcoming World Cup will have another game to see the kind of impact the younger players can make in a must-win match. "We will always look at the bigger picture. At this stage in the cycle, the Asia Cup and World Cup coming up we have to look at the big-



Indian cricket team

ger picture because of some of the injuries we have. We can't get worried about every single game, every single series, if we do that it will be a mistake," Dravid asserted on Saturday. Suryakumar, who is struggling to make his all-round game work in the 50-over format, will be looking to bat long and make

a match-winning contribution. For someone like Samson, who has made umpteen comebacks but has not been able to make it count, the series decider presents a golden opportunity. He is likely to bat at number three like he did in the second ODI. Opener Ishan Kishan has been impressive with the bat since the Test series but Shubman Gill is due for a big one after a quiet tour of West Indies thus far. Hardik Pandya, who opened the bowling in the first two games, is gradually building up his workload. With the bat, he has been far from his best and would be looking to get some runs under his belt

before the five-match T2O series against the West Indies. In the bowling department, tearaway fast bowler who is likely to be seen in action only in the following T20 series.

West Indies have little to lose and a series win over India will be a much-needed shot in the arm after their failure to qualify for the ODI World Cup later this year. Their bowlers have given Indian batters a hard time. Left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie has got the ball to turn sharply and pacer Romario Shepherd has used the short ball to good effect.

Umran Malik has a point to prove after going wicketless so far in the series. His pace surely provides India the X factor but he needs to improve on the skill and accuracy front. Chinaman Kuldeep Yadav has been India's stand out bowler, leaving no room in the side for his good friend Yuzvendra Chahal,

memorable performance. Resuming the day at 135/O, Australia needed 249 runs to win with the target set at 384. However, the pressure mounted as Chris Woakes removed Australian openers David Warner and Usman Khawaja, reigniting England's hopes of a series-levelling win. Despite the game being affected by rain, the action-packed afternoon session witnessed twists and turns as Australia's Steve Smith and Travis Head seemed to be steering the tourists towards victory. However, Moeen Ali's crucial wicket of Head.

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Stuart Broad celebrates the wicket of Todd Murphy.

Australia fought valiantly, but Woakes continued his impressive bowling display, claiming a five-wicket haul. England's efforts paid off as they managed to bowl Australia out for 334, falling 49 runs short of the target.

Broad has fairytale end to

The match and the series finale was the emotional moment when Stuart Broad claimed the final two wickets to seal the victory for England. The renowned fast bowler walked off the cricket ground for the last time as a player, leaving a lasting impact on the cricketing world. Australia had been

leading the series 2-1 before the final Test and had a golden opportunity to secure a third match victory. However, England's spirited performance denied the visitors that chance and ensured the series ended in a draw.

The thrilling Test match saw players from both teams giving their all, and the stadium was filled with high emotions as Broad ended his career on a high note.

The cricketing world paid tribute to the legendary cricketer for his remarkable contributions to the sport over the years.

ACKNOWLEDGES

Shepherd acknowledges India's Strong Batting Line-Up

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West Indies bowler Romario Shepherd opined that it does not matter what team they put out on paper, India always have many quality batters in their squad. In the second ODI of the three-match series, bowling eight overs, Shepherd bagged three wickets and conceded 37 runs in his spell. He scalped the wickets of India's star batters Ishan Kishan, Axar Patel, and all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja to dismantle Men in Blue's plans of clinching the

"It's a big job from me. Basically, against a big team like India... it doesn't matter whatever team they put out on paper, India always have some great batsmen in their line-up. So, to get my best figures against India was a great feeling for me," Romario Shepherd said. Additionally, he discussed his spell and how important it was to him to do one of



Romario Shepherd: West Indies cricketer

his best spells ever against a squad of India's calibre. "I think our bowling is the side we need to work on a wicket there in Trinidad, so whoever bowls well is going to get the victory. In Trinidad, the wicket is flat and there is nothing in it for the bowlers and we're expecting a great game," Shepherd said. Shepherd emphasised that his spell was about pushing back when the Indian team started pushing, and that it boiled down to intent."It was just more intent. I just tried to

run in hard and hit the pitch because when you hit the wicket, you get something out of it. So, that was in my bit more, especially because bowling plan and especially it's going to be a batting to some of the Indian batsmen, I don't want to get too full to them. When I came in, I got a wicket and set the tone. Basically, the guys started to push a bit and then we get another wicket that put pressure back on them," Shepherd said. The deciding contest of the threematch ODI series between India and West Indies will be played in Trinidad on Tuesday.

EXPERTS VIEWS

Aakash Chopra Puzzled Over Rohit and Virat's Rest

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West Indies won the second ODI at Bridgetown against India by six wickets to level the series 1-1. Batting first, India bowled out in the 41st over with just 181 on board. West Indies chased down the total comfortably with 80 balls to spare and a match-winning half-century by their captain, Shai Hope. Both Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli were rested for the second ODI and Hardik Pandya was leading the team.

Former India crick Aakash Chopra is not pleased with the experimentation and felt the senior duo did not require rest for this match. "I don't know why Rohit and Virat were rested; they haven't played a lot of cricket because if you see, after WTC final there was a break of three weeks and there was only seven days of play in the India-WI tests. After that you play one



Aakash Chopra: Cricket commentator

ODI and leave the next. If you want to leave the T2Os aside, leave it. I mean even if you don't play T20s this year, how it is going to affect anyone because we don't have the T20 WC this year.

Rohit and Kohli anyway, do not feature in T2OIs. So, you are relaxing just with the purpose of relaxing," said Aakash Chopra. Another former India cricketer Abhishek Nayar also believes that the strongest team should play.

"I believe since the time you are six to eight months away from a big tournament, you should play with your strongest eleven, unless there is an injury.

prime touch as he struck Jessy Singh for consecutive

boundaries in the second

over. However, Rashid Khan

sent De Kock's opening part-

ner Nauman Anwar packing

COUNTY CRICKET

followed by Woakes' dis-

missal of Smith, shifted

the tide in England's favor.

YOUNG PRITHVI SHAW READY TO MAKE COUNTY CRICKET DEBUT

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Indian opener Prithvi Shaw is all set to embark on his maiden county cricket stint in the United Kingdom. The Mumbai batsman has arrived in the UK just in time for the Northamptonshire County Cricket Club's (NCCC) oneday cup game scheduled for Friday, August 4. The Chief Executive of NCCC, Ray Payne, expressed his delight at Shaw's arrival, confirming that the young talent will feature in the upcoming one-day cup game. The initial uncertainty surrounding his participation arose due to apparent hassles over travel documents, which caused some delays. However, with the necessary arrangements now sorted out, Shaw is eagerly looking forward to representing the Steelbacks in the England and Wales Cricket Board's domestic oneday competition. Shaw had secured a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), which allowed him



Prithvi Shaw: Indian cricketer.

to skip the ongoing Deodhar Trophy inter-zonal one-day championship in Puducherry. However, his absence from NCCC fixtures initially led to confusion about his county assignment. The club had refrained from making any official announcement until now, leaving doubts about his participation. Nonetheless, NCCC CEO Ray Payne's

confirmation has put an end to the speculation, confirming Shaw's readiness for the county challenge. The One-Day Cup, a prestigious 50-over competition in England, commences on Tuesday. However, Northamptonshire Steelbacks' first match against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham College, Cheltenham, is scheduled for Friday.

RETURN

Jasprit Bumrah returns to action to lead Team

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Jasprit Bumrah makes his return to competitive cricket as he will lead India during the T20I series against Ireland, starting in August, announced Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Monday. The pacer underwent a successful back surgery in March and has not played competitive cricket since a T20I match at home against Australia in last September. He had also missed a lot of action in the Asia Cup when his back injury surfaced. Following this, he made a brief return to action during the Australia T20I series at home in September, but his injury resurfaced. Bumrah was chosen for the ODI series against Sri Lanka in January this year after he had started his rehab in November last vear and started to bowl in

December. But during his fit-



Jasprit Bumrah: Indian cricketer

ness drills in January, which increased in intensity, he started to face discomfort once again. He also missed ICCT20 World Cup 2022 and Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023. The squad also witness new faces like Rinku Singh, who had a breakthrough Indian Premier League (IPL) season with Kolkata Knight Riders, scoring 474 runs in 14 matches at an average of over 59 with four half-centuries. Pacer Prasidh krishna, last played for Team India in Au-

Due to a lumbar stress fracture, he missed the IPL 2023, where he was to play for Rajasthan Royals.

gust 2022 against Zimbabwe.

All-rounder Shivam Dube, who last played for India in February 2020, also makes his return to the side after a hard-hitting 2023 IPL season with Chennai Super Kings, for which he hit 418 runs in 16 matches with three fifties and impressed with his power-hitting in a title-winning campaign.

POORAN'S BLISTERING HUNDRED **GUIDES MI NEW YORK TO MLC VICCTORY**

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Nicholas Pooran put up a superlative effort with the bat to help MI New York clinch the first-ever Major League Cricket title. The wicketkeeper-batter scored 137 runs off 55 balls as MI New York took down Seattle Orcas by seven wickets at Grand Prairie Stadium, Dallas. MI New York restricted Seattle Orcas to 183/9 before chasing down their target in just 16 overs. MI New York didn't get off to the best of starts as Imad Wasim dismissed Steven Taylor in their third delivery of the opening over. However, Pooran made his intentions quite clear for the night when he struck consecutive sixes off Wasim's bowling in the same over. The West Indian showcased tremendous form as he hit Dwaine Pretorius for three



Nicholas Pooran: Trinidadian cricketer

sixes and two boundaries in the third over. Opening batter Shayan Jahangir fell to Wayne Parnell in the fifth over, but Pooran continued to find maximums at the other end. He struck three sixes off Andrew Tye's bowling to take MI New York's score to 80/2 in just 6 overs. Pooran kept finding the middle of his bat and smashed a total of 10 fours and 13 sixes during his innings. The Captain

runs off 55 balls and singlespare. Earlier in the day, MI New York won the toss and

remained unbeaten on 137 handedly took MI New York over the line with 4 overs to put Seattle Orcas into bat.

for 9 runs off 13 balls in the fifth over. Thereafter, Shehan Jayasuriya provided excellent support to De Kock as he hit David Wiese for a four and six in the seventh over. But Steven Taylor bowled him out for 16 runs off 15 balls in the tenth over. Following Heinrich Klaasen's early departure, De Kock and Shubham Ranjane put up a fantastic partnership of 51 runs from 24 balls to take Orcas' score to 142/4 in 16.1 overs. Thereafter, the Orcas kept losing wickets at regular intervals, but Dwaine Pretorius' cameo of 21 runs from 7 balls helped his team post a formidable total on the