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DEFINING MOMENT

INDIA SCRIPTS VICTORY AT ASIA CUP BEATS PAKISTAN

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WIN

Following India's mammoth 228-run victory against Pakistan in the Asia Cup 2023 Super Four, ecstatic fans celebrated Men in Blue's victory chanting "India" "India" all across the country. The fans' enthusiasm and their love for the national team were clearly visible as they chanted 'India, India'. "We are very happy with the win of India against Pakistan," a cricket fan said. Cricket fans in West Bengal's Siliguri were waving the tri-colour as India beat Pakistan. Coming to the match, fiery centuries from Virat Kohli and KL Rahul followed by Kuldeep Yadav's five-wicket haul powered India to 228 runs win over their traditional rival Pakistan.

TRAGEDY

BANK EMPLOYEE FOUND DEAD IN SWIMMING POOL

TDG NETWORK MANGALORE

A bank employee was found dead in the swimming pool of a private hotel in the Mangalore city of Karnataka on Monday, police said. According to the police, information was received at the South Police station that a body has been found in the swimming pool of the Moti Mahal hotel On reaching the spot and after verifying the facts, it was found that the deceased was Gopu R Nair, aged 38, a resident of Thiruvananthapuram. Police commissioner Anupam Agarwal said "He is a bank employee and was in the town to attend a business conference

PM MODI-CROWN PRINCE SALMAN — A **NEW ERA OF INDIA-SAUDI RELATIONS**

During India visit, Saudi Crown Prince inspected a combined defence services Guard of Honour.

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audi Arabia Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday held a bilateral meeting in New Delhi. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and others were present in the meeting.

The Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, who arrived here on a three-day State visit to India attended the G2O Summit in the national capital over the weekend.

The two leaders also cochaired the First Leaders' Meeting of the Strategic Partnership Council. PM



Prime Minister Narendra Modi hugging Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, at Rashtrapati Bhawan, in New Delhi on Monday. AN

Committee on Economy and Modi and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince will review Investments Cooperation, acthe progress made under the cording to a release from the two Ministerial Committees Ministry of External Affairs. of the Strategic Partnership PM Modi and Saudi Ara-Council i.e. the Committee on bia's Crown Prince also dis-Political, Security, Social and cussed all aspects of bilateral Cultural Cooperation and the relations, including political,



PM Modi with President Droupadi Murmu before dinner hosted in honour of the Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

security, defence, trade and economic, cultural and people-to-people ties. Both the leaders discussed the regional and international issues of mutual interest as well. The Saudi Crown Prince

trapati Bhavan PM Modi and was accompanied by a high-President Droupadi Murmu

CHANCE TO BE HEARD

MAHA MLAS' DISQUALIFICATION **CASES TO BE HEARD ON SEPT 14**

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Maharasthra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narvekar and the concerned MLAs said on Monday that the will be called at that time. cases related to disqualification of MLAs will be heard on September 14. 40 MLAs of Shiv Sena Shinde group and 14 MLAs of Thackeray group will be heard. The hearing will be held in the central hall of the state legislature, and all 54 MLAs will be heard on the same day. As many as 34 petitions will be heard before the Assembly Speaker at that time. In this hearing, plaintiff and defendant MLAs will

be given an opportunity to

Crown Prince received a cer-

emonial reception at Rash-

alliance (a political alliance of Opposition parties) on his twitter handle. In the

President Droupadi Murmu delivers her remarks in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other dignitaries during a banguet hosted in honour of the Crown Prince

level delegation, including welcomed the Saudi Arabian Crown Prince at Rashtrapati Ministers and senior officials. Prior to his meeting with Bhavan PM Modi, the Saudi Arabian

The Saudi Crown Prince then inspected a combined defence services Guard of Honour. In a brief statement, Mohammed bin Salman con-

cessful G2O presidency. Speaking to reporters, he said, "Well done India, a lot of announcements made that will benefit both our countries, the G2O countries and the whole world. So I want to

gratulated India for a suc-

LEGAL ANGLE

Kharge gets legal notice for misusing Ashok Chakra symbol



present evidence and present their views. Each petition will be heard separately SANTOSH SINGH GWALIOR The change of power in A legal notice has been isthe state took place in July sued against Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, 2022. The vote of confidence on the state governseeking an explanation on the alleged misuse of "Ashok ment and the election of the Speaker are in 2022. The Chakra" in the middle of the Speaker of the Legislative logo of 'I.N.D.I.A' alliance. Assembly will also look into Advocate Awadhesh Tothe constitution of the pomar had issued a notice litical party and other matagainst the Congress presiters while deciding on the dent, warning him of legal disgualification petitions. action if there is no response within 3 days. The president also has to According to information, check whose side the office bearers of the party were on. Mallikarjun Kharge recently ≥P5 released a logo of I.N.D.I.A



Rain

A railway track gets waterlogged due to heavy rainfall, in Barabanki on Monday. ANI

CONCURRENCE

INDIA, UK READY FOR EARLY CONCLUSION OF FREE TRADE PACT

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India and the UK on Monday expressed their commitment to an early conclusion of the free trade agreement (FTA) between the two countries. Addressing a joint press conference with UK Chancellor of Exchequer Jeremy

Hunt, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said both sides intend to expedite the free trade agreement.

"There is definitely some discussion on the FTA, especially the investment aspects, which comes under the finance ministry, and the intention on both the sides to expedite the discussion so

that some quick agreement could lead to finally signing,' she said at the conclusion of the 12th India-UK Economic

and Financial Dialogue. So, the keenness on both sides is to conclude the comprehensive free trade agree ment between India and the UK as soon as possible, she ≥P5

have you come here ...? The

While refusing to enter-

tain the PIL filed by lawyer

Mukesh Kumar in his per-

sonal capacity, the bench

ready challenged it."

ASHISH SINHA NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday extended its order of September 6, directing the Manipur Police not to take any coercive actions against four members of the Editors

MANIPUR VIOLENCE

SC extends protection

team till September 15

to EGI fact-finding

logo, the symbol of Ashok Chakra was used between the letters of I.N.D.I.A. to which, Tomar objected and said, "Ashok Chakra is a national symbol. It is not for the personal use of the display of political parties. No political party is allowed to do that." "I have issued a notice against National Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and asked him to respond in three days. If he fails to do so, I will take legal >P5

CASH-FOR-JOBS SCAM

Chennai court seeks ED reply in Balaji's bail plea

A Sessions Court of Chennai on Monday issued notice to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on a bail petition filed by DMK Minister V Senthil Balaji, who was arrested in

laundering case. Principal Sessions Judge S Alli, who issued the notice to the ED, posted further hearing of the case to September 15. When the bail petition came up for hearing, advocate N Ramesh, appearing for ED, sought time to file a connection with a money counter affidavit.

Advocate DR Arun Kumar, appearing for Senthil Balaji, requested the court to fix a short date for the next hearing.

Furthermore, after the Special Court for the trial of cases relating to MPs and MLAs of Tamil Nadu and >P5

NO HEARING

SC nixes PIL against law to control Delhi services

ASHISH SINHA NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a PIL challenging law establishing pre-eminence of the Lieutenant governor over the elected dispensation in controlling services in the national capital, stating that

it is already seized of a plea of the Delhi government.

A bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and justices PS Narasimha and Manoj Misra stated that the Delhi government has already challenged the amended law and no fresh PIL was needed. The bench stated while

adding that it may consider made clear that in its order, it imposing a cost on the petiwill not "affect the pendency' tioner and this led to withof prior petition of the Delhi government. drawal of the PIL, "Why

Earlier on August 25, the Delhi government has alapex court permitted the Delhi government to amend its petition challenging the Central government's ordinance after taking note that P5

Delhi Police officials to lose immunity in graft cases: Supreme Court

ASHISH SINHA NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday declared that its 2014 verdict, which struck down a provision of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 that provided im-

munity from arrest for officers of the joint secretary level and above, will now have retrospective operation. In its May 2014 judgement, the apex court held as invalid section 6A (1) of the Act, that required approval of the Centre for conduction of any

inquiry or investigation into any offence that was alleged to have been committed under the Prevention of Corruption Act, where such allegation relates to employees of the Central government of the level of joint secretary and above.

The issue before the Constitution bench comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, AS Oka, Vikram Nath, and JK Maheshwari delivered its verdict on the issue of whether striking down of the provision while P5

promoting enmity between two communities P5

DSPE ACT

This extension will be in effect until September 15. The EGI members are facing two FIRs, including charges of

TDG NETWORK Guild of India (EGI).

CORRUPTION-CASE

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OPPOSITION-ALLIANCE TDP CHIEF NAIDU TAKEN TO

Congress leader questions Mamata's decision to attend G20 dinner

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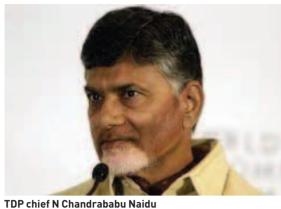
AMARAVAT

fter a local court in Vijayawada re-A manded TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu in judicial custody for 14 days in an alleged multi-crore corruption scam on Sunday, he is being taken amid tight security to Rajamahendravaram Central Prison, 200 km away from Vijayawada.

Soon after the court came out with the order, the Telugu Desam Party called for a statewide bandh on Monday in protest against the arrest of its leader.

In a pre-dawn operation on Saturday at Nandyal, officers knocked on the door of the caravan in which Naidu was sleeping and ar-

KHARIF SEASON



rested him for his alleged role in the Skill Development Corporation scam. He was termed "principal conspirator" in the case.

The former CM was ar-Sunday evening. rested by the CID around 6 "It is a clear case of fraud involving Rs 370 crore. The am on Saturday from outside a marriage hall, where court accepted our arguments," Ponnavolu Sudhahis caravan was parked, at



kar Reddy, AP Additional

Advocate General told PTI.

Since September 10 is the wedding anniversary, it was conspired to illegally arrest Naidu on September 9 and make him sit in the CID office throughout the night.

leaving him and his wife sleepless, a TDP official said in a post on the party's official social media account on X.

He added that Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy had deprived the couple of their anniversary joy. The TDP chief informed

the court that he was innocent. Supreme Court lawyer

Siddharth Luthra, representing Naidu, argued that the CID needed to obtain the Governor's prior permission to arrest the TDP chief. However the court agreed with the government's counsel's counter on that, another advocate who

witnessed the court proceedings said.

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Senior Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Choudhury on Sunday questioned West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's decision to attend the dinner hosted by President Droupadi Murmu on the occasion of G2O meet in New Delhi, asking if that would not weaken her stance against the Modi government. The state Congress president also asked whether there was "any other reason" for the Trinamool Congress chief to take part in the programme.

The Trinamool hit back at Choudhury, saying that Banerjee is one of the prime movers behind the non-BJP bloc INDIA and the Congress leader did not need to lecture her about certain protocols to be followed from the administrative point of view.

"When many non-BJP Chief Ministers refrained from attending the dinner, Didi (Mamata Banerjee) went to Delhi a day in advance. She attended the occasion with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh

ASSAM-CHILD-MARRIAGE



Senior Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Choudhury

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in the same room.

"I wonder what prompted her to rush all the way to Delhi to be in the dinner party along with these leaders," Mr Choudhury told reporters in Kolkata. Ms Banerjee went to Delhi on Friday, while the dinner party was held the next day. Mr Choudhury asked, "Is there any other reason behind her attending the occasion?" Reacting to his statement, Trinamool Rajya Sabha MP Santanu Sen said everyone knows Mamata Banerjee is one of the architects behind INDIA and none can

question her commitment. "Choudhury will not decide when the chief minister of the state will go to attend a dinner on the occasion of G2O as

said. The BJP's West Bengal spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya said the Congress and CPIM joined hands with Ms Banerjee's party in Delhi against the saffron camp, betraying the people of the state who were "victims of the Trinamool 's terror". "The Congress itself has

part of the protocol," Mr Sen

joined hands with the corrupt Trinamool in Delhi. It is the BJP which has remained vocal against the corruption of TMC leaders. ED and CBI are raiding against them. The BJP is with the people of Bengal. "So, people like Adhir Choudhury should explain who is actually cosying up to Trinamool and doing a disservice to the people of the state," Mr Bhattacharya said.

PULSES SOWING DOWN 8.58% DUE TO MONSOON DEFICIT

RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM PRISON

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Area sown to pulses remained lower by 8.58 per cent at 119.91 lakh hectares till last week of the ongoing Kharif season due to an 11 per cent monsoon rain deficit in the country, according to the agriculture ministry data.

Sowing of kharif crops begins with the onset of the southwestern summer monsoons that occur from June through September. Paddy is the main kharif crop, be-

TORRENTIAL RAINS

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and sugarcane. As per the data released by the agriculture ministry, total area sown to paddy remained higher at 403.41 lakh hectares till September 8 of the ongoing kharif season, as against 392.81 lakh hectares in the vear-ago period.

However, in case of pulses, the sowing was lagging and coverage was lower at 119.91 lakh hectares as against 131.17 lakh hectares in the said pe-

sides pulses, oilseeds, cotton

kharif season as against 23.44 lakh hectares in the year-ago period. Pulses coverage remained lower in Karnataka too at 16.70 lakh hectares as against 20.07 lakh hectares, while that in Maharashtra at 16.15 lakh hectares as against 18.89 lakh hectares in the said riod a year ago. Pulses acre-

age was down maximum in period. But the pulses cover-Madhya Pradesh, followed age in Rajasthan remained by Karnataka, and Mahahigher at 35.30 lakh hectares rashtra. In Madhya Pradesh, so far this kharif season as the pulses acreage remained against 33.99 lakh hectares less at 19.72 lakh hectares till in the year-ago period. This September 8 of the ongoing could compensate slightly the lag in other major producing states. As per the data, area under tur was down at 42.92 lakh hectares till September 8 of this kharif season as against 45.61 lakh hectares in the year-ago period.

Urad coverage was also lower at 31.89 lakh hectares

as against 37.08 lakh hectares, while moonbean was sown in less area at 31.11 lakh hectares as against 33.67 lakh hectares in the year-ago period. Kulthi was sown in 31.000 hectares, while other pulses in 13.68 lakh hectares till September 8. The pulses coverage remained lower due to lack of rains at the time of sowing. As per the MET Department, there was 11 per cent deficit in monsoon rains in the country between June 1 and September 6.

3,000 to be arrested in 2nd round of child marriage crackdown in Assam TDG NETWORK

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Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday announced that the state would launch the second round of crackdown against child marriage within the next few days, in which another 3,000 people would be arrested.

In February this year, the Assam government had launched a massive crackdown against child marriage in the state in which around 3,141 people had been arrested within a span of a month. Those arrested included men who had married underage girls as well as family members and religious leaders who had facilitated these marriages. They were booked under the provisions of the stringent POCSO Act and the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act. Addressing the National Executive of the BJP Mahila Morcha in Guwahati on Sunday, Sarma said, "Six months



Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma

ago, Ihad gotten 5,000 people targeted at those who have arrested for child marriage. I participated in child marriage was waiting for G-20 summit in the period after the last

MANY DISTRICTS OF UP FLOODED DUE TO HEAVY RAIN, 19 PEOPLE DIE



on this number. Four people died in Hardoi, one each in Deoria, Kanpur city, Rampur, Sambhal and Unnao in incidents related to heavy rains and drowning.

In Barabanki, two children died and two were injured

Sitapur, due to heavy rains, the school building in development block Pisawa collapsed. However, there was a school holiday at that time. It has been raining continuously in the district for the

several feet deep. Whereas in

ning. The Chief Minister has instructed the officials to start relief work expeditiously. On the other hand, the Meteorological Department has issued an alert in most of the districts of the state.

Torrential rains in the last 24

hours have created havoc for

the people in Uttar Pradesh.

19 people in the state, includ-

ing two brothers in Kannaui.

died due to rain and light-

Due to the heavy rains, the capital Lucknow was also flooded and all the claims of the administration were exposed. In the last 24 hours, Lucknow has received 99 mm of rain. A team of the Municipal Corporation was



engaged in the work of removing rain water since this morning. Hazratganj area of Lucknow was waterlogged due to heavy rains. The elephant statue installed in Ambedkar Park was damaged due to lightning. Also, due to water logging in most parts of the city, normal life

has been adversely affected. Due to rain in Moradabad and Hardoi of UP, many places are water logged. In view of the rain in Lucknow, the district adminis-

tration has issued helpline numbers 0522-2615195, 0-9415002525. In case of any problem, a call can be made

proactively engage with

house collapsed and got buried under the debris. Akash Kanojia, son of Ram Nath along with his wife and two children got buried under the debris of the wall. Saurabh and Shivi died in this. The railway tracks near Barabanki railway station were also filled with water due to which the movement of trains came to a halt. Similarly, in a hospital in the same district, water entered

after the wall of a kutcha last four days.

The Meteorological Department has issued an advisory saying that due to very heavy rains, flood situations may arise. In such a situation, stay inside a pucca house only. There may be a traffic jam due to rain, so leave the house wisely. The flow of water in drains may increase, so keep distance from them. Also stay away from bridges which are built at low water level.

MAHARASHTRA-POLITICS

to conclude, and now, within 10 days, another 3,000 men will be arrested for child marriage." "Child marriages needs to be stopped. There is a law made that this should not happen, but if this keeps happening time and again, then the daughters of a particular section will never be able to go ahead. They will always be the targets of oppression," he added. Earlier, Sarma had said that the second round of arrests would be specifically

crackdown earlier this year. An analysis of records of those arrested in the last crackdown showed that 62.24% of those arrested were Muslims, while the rest were Hindus and people from other communities.

A district-wise break-up of the arrests showed that the top five districts in terms of the number of arrests were Nagaon (224), Hojai (219), Dhubri (217), Baksa (179) and Barpeta (174).

AIRPORT-PASSENGERS

AIR INDIA LAUNCHES 'PROJECT ABHINANDAN' FOR BETTER GUEST EXPERIENCE

TDG NETWORK GURUGRAM

Air India on Monday rolled out 'Project Abhinandan' to provide a personalised and hassle-free on-ground expe-

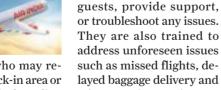
company in a press release. As part of the project, Air India has deployed specially trained Service Assurance Officers at 16 major Indian airports, who will offer onground assistance across airport touchpoints to Air

rience to passengers, said the



India guests who may require it - at check-in area or lounges, near the boarding gates, during transit, or at the arrival hall.

Air India's Service Assurance Officers are trained to sense passenger concerns at airports and will be placed at strategic touchpoints to



layed baggage delivery and misconnections at airports, among others.

Rajesh Dogra, Chief Customer Experience & Ground Handling Officer, Air India, said. "Airport experiences can be daunting for many air travellers, despite how

frequently one travels. 'Project Abhinandan' is our sincere effort to simplify the airport experience for our guests and make a meaningful difference to their overall travel experience, and more broadly, to make them feel at ease and welcomed when they fly with us."

He added that flying is a wonderful experience, and we want our guests to enjoy it in the most seamless ways possible

Speaker to hear disqualification petitions of 53 MLAs of Shiv Sena from Sept 14

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The hearing in the disqualification petitions against 53 MLAs from both factions of Shiv Sena will begin on September 14. Some of the MLAs from both factions have been summoned for the hearing in-person or through their lawyers.

Notice has been issued to Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and all the MLAs supporting Shiv Sena, both its factions UBT and Shinde, to attend the hearing in the Vidhan Bhavan. Speaker of the state legisla-

tive assembly, Rahul Narvekar had sent notices on the issue of disqualification to all the 56 Shiv Sena MLAs before the monsoon session and had sought replies from them.

After an extension of about a couple of weeks to file the



Speaker of the state legislative assembly, Rahul Narvekar and Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde

are thoroughly studied.

replies, the members from have presented our sides. CM Shinde camp had filed a We have said in the notice tempo load of replies, where that the whip issued by each individual reply mea-Gogawale is not applicable sured about 6,000 pages. to us since his appointment as chief whip itself is illegal. Narvekar, then stated that the hearing on the replies The SC in its order has also shall begin once the replies termed Gogawale's appointment as illegal."

The UBT fraction had said As the process for decision in reply, "We have submiton disqualification petition is a quasi-judicial, after the ted our replies on Tuesday through our lawyers and written replies to the no-

tices, the Speaker Narvekar shall now hear all the MLAs in person.

After the hearing begins, the issues will be framed and again explanations will be sought from the concerned MLAs. This means the decision will still take a long time to come.

As part of the division in Shiv Sena in June last year, 39 MLAs including chief minister Eknath Shinde rebelled resulting in the fall of the Maharashtra Vikas Agadhi government. The Supreme Court, on May 11, asked the Assembly speaker to take a call on the disqualification of the Shiv Sena MLAs and which faction can be called the original party. After the ruling, the speaker had served notices to all 54 MLAs from both the factions asking them to submit their say.

SURPRISE-MOVE

BYJU'S OFFERS \$1.2 BILLION REPAYMENT PROPOSAL TO LENDERS

TDG NETWORK NEW DELHI

Indian edtech titan Byju's has made a surprise repayment proposal to lenders by offering to return its entire \$1.2 billion term loan in less than six months.

The company is offering to repay \$300 million of the distressed debt within three months if the amendment

proposal is accepted and the

remaining amount in the subsequent three months, rounds of negotiations to resaid the people, who asked vamp its loan agreement have failed. The company elected not to be identified because the talks are private. The to miss an interest payment lenders are reviewing the on its term loan, one of the proposal and are seeking largest by a startup globmore details about how the ally, exacerbating a dispute repayment will be funded, that underpins its mounting the people said. distress. The company has

Byju's and its lenders have sought a swift resolution and

been engulfed in a conflict for execution of an amendment, almost a year, during which they said.

> It's unclear whether the parties will reach an agreement, a critical step in a broader campaign to turn around the startup once deemed India's most valuable at \$22 billion. A lenders' representative declined to comment regarding the repayment proposal from the company.

GOVT TELLS HC

TWEET OF THE DAY



His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and I had very productive talks. We reviewed our trade ties and are confident that the commercial linkages between our nations will grow even further in the times to come. The scope for cooperation in grid connectivity, renewable energy, food security, semiconductors and supply chains is immense.

BJP @BJP4India



The world leaders showered praises on Prime Minister Shri@narendramodi whose visionary leadership has been leading to a successful G2O Presidency of India. They thanked and appreciated him for the wonderful hosting of the G20 Summit.

> Congress @INCIndia



Shri @RahulGandhi participates in the academic discussion on 'India in the World,' co-hosted by the University of Leiden, the University of Groningen and the University of Amsterdam. The academic session was attended by students, academics, civil societies and Indian diaspora.

Amit Shah

EYE ON HARYANA POLLS, KEJRIWAL HOLDS Delhi govt built over 100 **MEETING IN DELHI WITH SENIOR LEADERS**

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MISSION HARYANA

elhi Chief Minister and AAP's National Convenor, Arvind Kejriwal, is currently focussing toward Haryana. In addition to the Lok Sabha elections, Haryana is also scheduled to hold assembly elections next year.

Therefore, the Aam Aadmi Party has commenced its groundwork for these upcoming elections. As part of this effort, a significant AAP meeting organised in Delhi on Monday, hosted at the residence of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal. The meeting covered a range of significant topics related to Haryana.

As per the information, the Aam Aadmi Party

POSITIVE STEP

TIKAM SHARMA

ing Delhi clean.

thank the Delhi Municipal

Corporation and the people

of Delhi for the successful

organisation of the G-20

Summit. She said the sani-

tation workers of the MCD

had worked day and night

to make Delhi clean and

beautiful. MCD employees

remained present on the

ground for 24 hours during

NEW DELHI



Delhi CM convened a meeting in Delhi regarding Haryana on Monday.

DELHI MAYOR URGES DELHIITES TO JOIN

HANDS WITH MCD TO KEEP CITY CLEAN

(AAP) is gearing up to participate in elections for all seats in Haryana, AAP intends to launch the 'Parivar Jodo Campaign' in Harvana. Additionally, the party plans to broaden its presence within the state. It is anticipated that the party's

expansion in Haryana will occur in the near future. Top brass of the party attended the meeting including Dr. Sandeep Pathak, the National Organization Minister of the Aam Aadmi Party, along with State President Sushil Gupta

and Campaign Committee Chairman Ashok Tanwar. Additionally, Senior Vice President Anurag Dhanda and Vice President Chitra Sarwara were in attendance. The meeting also saw the participation of all secretary-level officers.

toilets for transgenders

TDG NETWORK NEW DELHI

Over 100 toilets have been built for exclusive use by transgender people in the national capital, the city authorities informed the Delhi High Court on Monday.

The counsel for the social welfare department told a bench headed by Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma that a total of 102 such toilets have been built and 194 more are under construction.

"Efforts are being made, and further action will be taken expeditiously," the counsel told the court.

The counsel for the New

SUSPECTED AFFAIR

Delhi Municipal Council harassment.

(MDMC), which functions The court, which had earunder the union ministry lier ordered expeditious of home affairs, informed construction of public toilets for transgender people, the bench that 12 toilets for said it will pass an order on transgender people are operational in the area under the petition, observing that its jurisdiction, and tenders "substantial progress" has been made by the authorifor the construction of 79 ties. "We will dispose of it," more have been awarded. The area is commonly rethe bench, also comprising Justice Sanjeev Narula, said. ferred to as Lutyens' Delhi. The court was hearing a On March 14, the high PIL filed by Jasmine Kaur Chhabra seeking direction

court warned that in the event of non-compliance for constructing separate with its direction for the washrooms for the third construction of public toigender on the ground that lets for transgenders, it their absence makes the would order the personal transgender population appearance of city officials before it. prone to sexual assault and

WOMAN STABBED TO DEATH **BY HUSBAND IN DELHI**

TDG NETWORK

A 36-year-old man allegedly stabbed his wife to death on suspicion of infidelity in the Maujpur area of northeast Delhi, police said on Monday.

"A PCR call regarding a man stabbing his wife in Vijay Mohalla, Maujpur, was received at 1.06 am on Monday. Nisha (32) was stabbed multiple times at her house by her husband, Sajid," Deputy Commissioner of Police (northeast) Joy Tirkey said.

She was taken to GTB Hospital, where the doctors declared her dead. She received multiple stab injuries on her neck, chest, and left hand, police said.

During the scuffle between the couple,

their 11-year-old elder daughter intervened and sustained an injury to her hand, police said. "The couple has two daughters, and

both were present at home when the incident occurred. We have registered a case of murder and attempted murder under sections 3O2 and 3O7 of the Indian Penal Code at Jafrabad police station, and Sajid has been arrested," said the DCP.

During interrogation, police came to know that the accused used to run a mobile repairing shop sometime back but was unemployed at present.

The initial probe suggested that Sajid suspected that his wife, Nisha, was unfaithful to him. The knife used in the crime has been seized, police said.

UP MAN KILLS FATHER OVER MOTHER'S

TDG NETWORK GREATER NOIDA

HORRIBLE

A 21-year-old man named Jasmine was arrested by the police in Greater Noida>s place in an under-construc-

the face, neck, and head with an axe that was kept there. The grandfather, a retired roadways employee who was sleeping on a cot nearby, woke up during the attack. In a bid to avoid being rec

As the multilateral mega G2O summit concluded, Delhi mayor Dr. Shelly Oberoi urged the Delhiites to join hands with MCD in a collective effort for a cleaner city. She said Delhiites have an important role in keep-On Monday, while interacting with media person-

nel, Delhi Mayor Dr. Shelly Delhi government is determined to keep Delhi beautiful. Oberoi said, We heartily

cleaning and beautification. She said that our sweepers. gardeners, and DBC employees performed their du-365 days. ties with full responsibility and devotion.

During the media interaction, the mayor urged the people of Delhi to keep Delhi beautiful and clean and The mayor said that the should not be limited to the G2O, but that Delhi should remain clean like this for The responsibility of keep-

ing Delhi clean will be on MCD, but we also expect the public to make an important contribution to keeping Delhi clean. She further said cooperate with the MCD. that when the Commonwealth took place in Delhi.

lar manner, but after some time, the situation became the same as before. Now it is the responsibility of us and the people to maintain the beauty of Delhi.

Leader of the House, Mukesh Goyal, said, Under the leadership of CM Arvind Kejriwal, we will take Delhi to new heights and make Delhi the number one

Dankaur for allegedly hack-

tion film studio in Dankaur>s Ballu Khera village. Jasmine told the police that

his father>s immoral behav-

iour and general indiffer-

ence towards his mother

CHEATING, MURDERS GRANDFATHER TOO

@AmitShah



Tributes to Mahadevi Verma ji, one of the main pillars of the Chhayavadi era in Hindi literature, on her death anniversary. Mahadevi Verma ji made people aware about social pain, women empowerment and cultural heritage through her works. His works even today encourage us to think about social reform.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi



The Congress government of Rajasthan is helping the people by organizing camps to provide relief from inflation. Rajasthan has implemented the right to health for the first time in the country. Schemes like Minimum Income Guarantee Act, Indira Rasoi which provides a full meal for Rs 8, Gig Workers Act, Urban **Employment Guarantee** Scheme and smartphone distribution have made Rajasthan a model state against inflation, unemployment and economic crisis

the G2O Summit. They have worked day and night on beautiful picture of Delhi it was decorated in a simi- city in the country.

HUSBAND KILLS LAWYER WIFE FOR OPPOSING BUNGALOW SALE: COPS

TDG NETWORK NOIDA

GRUESOME

The husband of 61-year-old lawyer Nitin Nath Sinha has been arrested for allegedly murdering her wife and Supreme Court lawyer Renu Sinha at their Noida bungalow.

Sinha, who is now in police custody, purportedly concealed himself in the bungalow's store room over 36 hours before police located his phone and nabbed him.

The body of Supreme Court lawyer Renu Sinha was discovered in the bathroom of their bungalow in Noida Sector 30 on Saturday. She resided there with her hus-

ELECTIONS' DEMAND



Husband killed SC lawver and wife Renu Sinha, who was found dead on Saturday

overseas. The lawyer's

the norms laid out by the

JNUSU constitution and

band, while their son lived he received no response to his calls for two consecutive brother alerted police when days. Upon arriving at the

bungalow, the police discovered the woman's deceased body, while her husband was missing. The police tracked Sinha's phone, and the last known location was a tier bungalow. Later, police arrested him in the store room.Earlier, the lawyer>s brother had alleged that her husband was responsible for her death.

The police have indicated that the reason behind the lawyer>s death was a disagreement between the couple over selling off their bungalow. Nath had intentions to sell the property and had even accepted a nominal amount from a potential buyer.

ing his father and grandfather to death. The double murder occurred on the night of September 7, and the police have also recovered the weapons used in the crime.

According to the police, Jasmine killed his father, Vikramajit Rao, and grandfather, Ramkumar, while they were asleep, and the incident took

STRICT DIRECTION

had caused turmoil within the family. He claimed that his mother was subjected to torment and harassment, which eventually forced her to leave her husband>s house along with her children.

On the night of the shocking double murder, Jasmine entered the studio with the intention of murdering his father. He attacked him on ognised, Jasmine attacked him on the head, neck, and face. When he noticed that his grandfather, Ramkumar, was moving, he repeatedly struck him on the head with a hammer. After that, he threw the weapons near a closed bathroom, jumped over the wall, reached home, and cleaned his blood-

stained clothes.

year too," Rai said.

Delhi govt bans use of firecrackers to check pollution

Delhi Police will be issued

strict directions to imple-

TDG NETWORK NEW DELHI

The Delhi government has decided to reimpose the ban on the manufacturing, sale, storage, and use of all kinds of firecrackers in the capital as part of an action plan to reduce pollution levels in winter, Environment Minister Gopal Rai said on Monday.

Addressing a press conference here, he said the

ment the ban in the city. The Delhi government has been following the practice of banning all kinds of firecrackers for the last three years. "We have seen a consid-

erable improvement in Delhi's air quality in the last five-six years, but we have to improve it further. Therefore, we have decided to ban firecrackers this

Last year, the government announced that bursting firecrackers on Diwali in the city would attract a jail term of up to six months and a fine of Rs 200. It had said the production, storage, and sale of firecrackers in Delhi would be punishable with a fine of up to Rs 5,000 and three years in jail under Section 9B of the Explosives Act.

STUDENT ORGANISATION CALLS FOR JNUSU POLLS

TDG NETWORK FARIDABAD

Several student organisations on Monday wrote to the JNU administration, seeking the commencement of the students' union election process for the academic session 2023-24. Noting that student union

elections have not been held at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) since 2019, these organisations said

that they "should not be dethe Lyngdoh Committee prived of the opportunity to recommendations, with a contest. A meeting was held duly elected student Election Committee at the helm on September 10 to discuss the issue, and 16 student of the election process and groups, including the All without any interference India Students Association from the administration," (AISA), NSUI, and AIDSO, said the letter from these participated in it. "We have outfits to JNU's Dean of reached a unanimous con-Students. sensus that the JNUSU elec-"We demand that the tions should be held as per Dean of Students initi-

necessary for the com-

mencement of the JNUSU election," it said. The entire election process should be completed under the aegis of a student-elected election committee, as laid out in the **INUSU** constitution.

"We demand that your office and administration do not interfere in the election process under any pretext that violates the JNUSU ate and expedite the steps constitution," the letter read.

1984 ANTI-SIKH RIOTS

DELHI COURT SENDS JAGDISH TYTLER CASE TO DISTRICT JUDGE FOR HEARING

TDG NETWORK GREATER NOIDA

A Delhi court on Monday sent a case related to the Pul Bangash killings during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, in which Congress leader Jagdish Tytler is an accused, to the district judge for further proceedings.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Vidhi Gupta Anand sent the case to the district judge so the matter could be committed to a sessions judge, noting that Tytler, a former union

minister, was accused of murder (punishable under sections 3O2 of the IPC), an offence "exclusively triable" by 'Courts of Sessions'.

The offence entails a maximum punishment of the death penalty in the rarest of rare cases.



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TOP OF THE DAY

AMRITSAR TO GET CELEBRATION HUB: CM MANN TARUNI GANDHI

HP OFFERS RENTED RELIEF ACCOMMODATION

SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Monday said that the state government would provide rented accommodation to the affected living in the relief camps and the state government would pay the rent for these accommodations. A direction in this regard was issued by CM Sukhu while presiding over the 'Monday Meeting' here today to review implementation of various development schemes and programs of the state government. "Provision would be made to rent two and three room sets. Instructions have been issued to all the Deputy Commissioners in this regard," CM said. CM Sukhu also directed to speed up the schemes and development works. During the meeting, Sukhu said that Rs 10 crore would be released for maintenance and repair of roads damaged due to heavy rains in Shimla. He directed to complete the works of damaged roads and retaining walls etc. in Shimla on priority.

YOGI URGES POTHOLE-FREE ROADS

LUCKNOW: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday directed officials to run a special campaign to make roads in the state pothole-free before Diwali in the coming November, an official state ment said. While holding a meeting with various departments on Monday, the Chief Minister said that the monsoon situation this year is unusual. There is a possibility of continuous rain in many districts in the coming days. Keeping this in mind, a state-wide road pothole-free campaign should be run before Diwali

in November

he Punjab Government inaugurated the Tourism Summit and Travel Mart 2023 on Monday morning at Amity University. Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann emphasized the enduring importance of pri-

Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann

blessings of the public should CM Mann announced plans to create a "Celebration Hub" in Amritsar, spanning hundreds of acres and featuring marriage halls, banquets, and hotels. This endeavor offers the people of Punjab the opportunity to reserve Banquet Halls ranging from Rs 25,000 to Rs 10 lakhs for their celebrations and family functions on the sacred grounds of Amritsar, followed by a visit to Sri Har-

During the inauguration of the Tourism Summit, well-known Punjabi celebrity, lawyer in Canada, and orator Satinder Kaur Satti served as the emcee. Comedian Kapil Sharma joined CM Mann to participate in the Summit. Pakistani Comedian Ehsaan Quereshi and Comedian Sunil Paul also graced the stage to take part in this event. The captains and leading personalities from the Tourism Sector on Monday gave thumbs up to the unique initiative of the



state government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to organize the firstof-its-kind Tourism Summit and Travel Mart. Addressing the gathering, renowned comedian Kapil Sharma lauded the path-breaking initiatives being made by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann for the well-being of the state and its people. Kapil Sharma said that the summit is a laudable go a long way in the tourism step by the state government sector in the state. to promote tourism in the state. He said that this initia-

tive will go a long way in putting the state of Punjab on the map of international tourism. Kapil Sharma said that the step will also help in perpetuating the glorious legacy and history of the state amongst the coming generations. Profusely thanking the Chief Minister for the opportunity to attend the event, the ace comedian offered his services for the progress and prosperity of the state. He also thanked the state government for making him a part of this prestigious event. Eminent filmmaker Bobby



Well-known comedian Sunil Pal said that he is blessed to be part of this campaign on this sacred land. He recalled the immense contribution of Punjabis in safeguarding the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of the country. He said that the Chief Minister was the first leader of the state to start the reverse trend of bringing people from other countries by promoting tourism. MD ITC Sameer MC also expressed his gratitude for being invited to this prestigious event being organized to transform the fortune of the state. He said that Punjab is the state that has all

PUNJAB: EMERGING WELLNESS TOURISM DESTINATION

Chandiagarh : In line with Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann's commitment to transforming Punjab into the next wellness tourism destination, the Tourism and Cultural Affairs department showcased the state's significant potential for wellness tourism. Punjab boasts accessible locations and diverse topography, ranging from semi-hilly areas to extensive agricultural landscapes and rivers. On the opening day of the 1st Tourism Summit and Travel Mart 2023, jointly organized by the Punjab Tourism & Culture Affairs department and Invest Punjab at Amity University on Monday, a panel discussion was held under the theme "Soulful Punjab: Discovering Inner Harmony through Wellness Tourism." Experts praised the state for its various efforts to enhance the investment ecosystem in the wellness sector. Financial Commissioner Forest, Mr. Vikas Garg, also participated in the session. Kuldeep Singh, Associate Director of KPMG, who was the moderator of the session, informed that Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led state government has already released the first draft of Wellness Tourism Policy to invite suggestions from stakeholders. Under this draft policy, the state has proposed to open high-end resorts/centres to revive energy, promote positive health, and manage a healthy lifestyle, where services such as Ayurveda, Naturopathy, Spa, Yoga, meditation, skincare treatment would be provided. These centres will further help in generating employment opportunities for the youth of Punjab, he added. Dr. Mruthyunjaya Swamy, MD of Shathayu Ayurveda Bengaluru, emphasised that Punjab has a huge potential for the wellness tourism as around 40 per cent of the raw material is being produced by the Punjab state for Ayurveda medicines. Loveleen Multani Arun, Founder-Director, Panache World- a boutique travel company based in Bangalore said that now a days, even healthy people are ready to spend on their well-being as prevention is always better than cure. Hem Khosla, Founder of Curedemy is the digital education platform, said that they are going to establish an institute over 50 acres in Kapurthala district to make Punjab a disease free and will also produce trainers to prevent people from chronic diseases.

the elements for a successful tourism destination. He complimented the Chief Minister

for making strenuous efforts for making Punjab a global tourism destination.

NUH VIOLENCE

Maman Khan plea to court to put stay on arrest

VIPIN PARMAR HARYANA

Congress MLA Maman Khan, who has been implicated in inciting violence in Nuh, Haryana, is set to approach the Punjab and Haryana High Court to seek a stay on his arrest. This announcement was made by fellow Congress MLA Mohammad Ilyas.

Maman Khan has once again failed to appear before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Nuh violence, and he has not provided any response to Haryana Police regarding his absence.

He had been summoned by Haryana Police to appear before the SIT at Nagina police station on August 31, but he cited illness as the reason for his non-appearance. Subsequently, the SIT issued another notice for him to appear on September 10, but once again, he neither attended nor responded to the police

Maman Khan had previously raised concerns about Gurugram's cow protector Monu Manesar during a legislative session, accusing Monu of engaging in hooliganism and presenting videos of him with weapons alongside BJP leaders. During this confrontation, Maman Khan had a heated argument with BJP's Pataudi MLA Satyaprakash Jaravata. Following this,



Maman Khan challenged MLA Jaravata and Monu Manesar to visit Mewat and made certain objectionable remarks. This incident was widely circulated after the Nuh violence.

In the Nuh violence case that occurred on July 31, the police have thus far arrested 316 individuals. A total of 60 FIRs have been filed, with 49 cases related to incitement of violence and 11 related to the spread of rumors on social media. Among those arrested, 314 individuals face charges of involvement in violence, while 2 are accused of spreading false information on social media. Maman Khan's decision to approach the Punjab and Haryana High Court reflects the ongoing legal battle surrounding his alleged involvement in the Nuh violence, which remains a contentious issue in the region.

INPUT **HARYANA CONG SEEKS FEEDBACK ON DISTRICT PRESIDENT SELECTION**

VIPIN PARMAR HARYANA

Haryana Pradesh Congress in-charge, Deepak Babaria, has called for a report from the team of coordinators sent to the districts to provide feedback regarding the selection of district presidents. Babaria is currently in Delhi. The coor-



among the party workers. The ers and workers. In-charge party high command has tak-Deepak Babaria stated that en strict notice of these incionce the reports are received. dents. In compliance with the instructions of party president Mallikarjun Kharge and MP Rahul Gandhi, the in-charge has identified those who created a ruckus and asked them to submit their reports. The party leadership had appointed district-wise AICC coordinators for the selection process of district presidents. Two leaders from the PCC (State Congress Committee) were attached to him as coor-

HARYANA State Congress Committee, totalling 33 coordinators who will collectively provide feed-

Lok Dal Party (INLD).

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS CHAUTALA FAMILY'S INLD REVIVAL EFFORTS

bly elections in Haryana, the Chautala family is actively working to revive the fortunes of the Indian National

Padvatra, the INI uled for September 25th in

significant promises, including job opportunities for unemployed youth and the removal of meters from outside people's homes. Chautala has pledged that if the INLD comes to power, it will prioritize job creation for those in need.

It's worth noting that Abhay Singh Chautala had previously served a 10-year sentence, but he now faces the prospect of an extended imprisonment of up to 100 years. The INLD's extensive padyatra served as a crucial outreach effort to connect with voters and address their concerns. As the assembly elections draw near, the party aims to gain momentum and rebuild its presence in Haryana's political landscape.

back to the in-charge about

the meetings held with lead-

dinators for each district. There are 11 coordinators from AICC and 22 from the

TDG NETWORK

Before the upcoming assem-

Following the Parivartan Padyatra, INLD leader and MLA Abhay Singh Chautala is providing guidance on strengthening the party organization through district worker meetings. The INLD is making concerted efforts to expand its support base before the assembly elections. During the padyatra, Abhay Singh Chautala, alongside his wife Sunaina Chautala and son Arjun Chautala, actively engaged with the people. During the Parivartan

PUNJAB POLICE ARREST 64, SEIZE DRUGS

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Police on Sunday claimed to have arrested 64 persons and recovered 667 grams of heroin along with two pistols during Operation 'SEAL-4' conducted with four neighbouring states to ensure peaceful conduct of the G20 Summit. A total of 49 FIRs were filed and 9445 liquor bottles were also recovered during the operation, as per the police.

HEAVY RAIN TRIGGERS LUCKNOW WATERLOGGING

LUCKNOW: Incessant rainfall led to heavy water logging in several areas of Lucknow on Monday morning. Residents faced problems in the lower areas of Sadar in the district due to waterlogging and road subsidence. As continuous rains battered the city, traffic was also disrupted. It has been raining heavily in Lucknow since Sunday, and more rainfall is expected on Monday, as per the weather forecast. As the monsoon season continues, people in the affected areas are advised to exercise caution and follow safety guidelines to stay safe amidst inclement weather. Earlier, the district official announced that all the schools in Lucknow will remain closed

days, Monday and Tuesday, to submit the report. On both of these days, the coordinators will have the opportunity to meet with the in-charge and submit their reports.

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Furthermore, he has also asked the coordinators for a list of those leaders and workers who caused disruptions during the district meetings. In many districts, there were incidents of sloganeering, pushing, and even fighting

they will be compiled over the next two to three days. After preparing a panel with the list of all 22 districts, we will hand it over to the party's National General Secretary (Organization), KC Venugopal. Venugopal will discuss this list with party president Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi. There is a national convention of Congress in Telangana on the 16th and 17th of September.

ALARMING

81 assembly constituencies in just 11 days over six months. The Chautala family traversed a remarkable 4,000 kilometers and interacted with people in around 2,000 cities, villages, and towns. Although Abhay Singh Chautala concluded the journey in Ambala due to the upcoming Samman Diwas rally sched-

Kaithal, he has expressed his commitment to cover the remaining nine assembly constituencies.

Throughout the padyatra, Abhay Singh Chautala not only criticized the Congress but also voiced his concerns about the coalition government. While reaching out to voters, he made several

REVELATION

HIGH COURT REJECTS SIT REPORT ON FAKE MADRASAS

TDG NETWORK AZAMGARH

The High Court has rejected the report submitted by the SIT (Special Investigation Team) concerning the administration of 219 fake madrasas in Azamgarh district.

Additionally, the court has ordered the removal of the stay on the investigation process. Out of the total 313 madrasas in the district, a

madrasas

Department of the district will promptly file FIRs against those responsible for these fraudulent madra-

staggering 219 were found sas. When we reached out to to exist only on paper, their existence limited to files and documents. This court decision has heightened the difficulties faced by the operators of these fictitious Following the court's ruling, the Minority Welfare

the District Minority Welfare Officer for comments on this matter, they revealed that they first learned about the High Court's decision through newspapers. Upon receipt of the official order, they plan to take immediate action, compile a list of the individuals involved in running these fake madrasas, and initiate legal proceedings accordingly.

CONSTRUCTION

RENOVATION OF AYODHYA'S RAMA TEMPLE

TDG NETWORK AYODHYA

A new door has been recently installed at the Lord Rama temple, crafted from exquisite sagwan wood. This door has swiftly become the focal point of attention, drawing visitors and devotees alike. The temple is currently abuzz with discussions regarding the consecration of the life idol of Lord Rama.

In this regard, a crucial



meeting transpired at the

Kashi Kachikam Kot temple, bringing together officials from the Rama temple trust in Varanasi. The primary agenda of this gathering was to deliberate on the propitious timing and the rituals that will be performed during the consecration ceremony. Astrologers hailing from Kashi were also part of this meeting, conducting a meticulous inspection of the Lord Rama temple premises.

the worst-hit area in Haryana. Alarmingly, the district has reported a staggering 238 cases of dengue, raising concerns among both health authorities and the public. Charkhi Dadri's Civil Hospital is witnessing an overwhelming surge in dengue patients, prompting swift action from health officials. Dr. Gaurav Bharadwaj, the nodal officer of the health de-

partment, has deployed 522 teams to various areas. These teams are actively engaged in community outreach to raise awareness about the perils of contaminated water and the critical need to prevent stagnant water, which serves as

fertile breeding grounds for

Dengue outbreak spreads, Haryana on alert

TDG NETWORK HARYANA

CHARKHI DADRI DISTRICT: THE EPICENTRE

The dengue outbreak has taken a severe toll on Charkhi Dadri district, emerging as

disease-carrying mosquitoes. To combat the outbreak. extensive awareness campaigns have been launched in villages, homes are being inspected for larvae breeding sites, and notices have been issued to 2.473 households where larvae were detected. Currently, there are 50 active dengue cases in Charkhi Dadri district, with numbers steadily rising. Neighbouring Kaithal district has also reported 61 cases, and larvae traces have been uncovered in a staggering 1,556 locations throughout the district. As a

response, 25 beds have been reserved at the Women's Medical College Hospital in Khanpur, along with eight additional beds, including facilities at CHC, PHC, and PHSC, at Nagar Hospital. A high alert has been issued throughout the district to intensify preventive measures.

SONIPAT DISTRICT: A GROWING CONCERN

In Sonipat district, the dengue outbreak is rapidly escalating, causing significant worry. Health authorities have deployed teams to visit suspected areas, ramping up public awareness efforts and conducting thorough inspections. Much like Charkhi Dadri, Sonipat has reserved 25 beds at the Women's Medical College Hospital in Khanpur and an additional eight beds at Nagar Hospital, covering CHC, PHC, and PHSC facilities. A high alert has

been sounded regarding the dengue outbreak.

KAITHAL DISTRICT: RISING NUMBERS

Kaithal district is grappling with a surge in dengue cases, with the tally reaching 61. Disturbingly, dengue larvae traces have been discovered in 1,556 locations across the district, heightening concerns.

GURUGRAM DISTRICT: STEADY INCREASE

In Gurugram, four new dengue cases have surfaced, taking the total count to 120. The recent rains pose an increased risk of mosquito proliferation. The health department remains steadfast in its efforts to raise public awareness.

The dengue outbreak in Haryana is a growing public health challenge, necessitating vigilant measures and community participation to mitigate its impact.

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DISCOURAGEMENT

Yogi Adityanath 🥝 @myogiadityanath

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PREDICTION

Uddhav makes sensational claims on Ram Temple inaugural, BJP hits back

TDG NETWORK

Former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday claimed that a 'Godhra-like incident' can happen after the inauguration of the Ram Mandir temple in January 2024, the controversial remark by Shiv Sena UBT chief lead to condemnation by the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Addressing a public meet-

CHANDRABABU NAIDU ARREST

ing in Jalgaon, Uddhav Thac- Prasad said that such rekeray said, "In the coming days, Ram Mandir will be inaugurated. There may be a possibility that many Hindus will be called from all over the country for the inauguration and after the ceremony is over, they can do something like the Godhra

return.' Reacting to the remarks made by Uddhav Thackeray, BJP MP Ravi Shankar

marks are shameful and the whole INDIA bloc can cross any limits to garner votes. "All I would like to say is that this entire alliance is standing against PM Modi and can go to any limit for votes. I would like to pray to Lord Ram to give them some wisdom. This is a incident while the people

> shameful and indecent remark. We condemn this," Ravi Shankar Prasad said. Maharashtra Minister

Girish Mahajan said that Uddhav Thackeray is trying to create a sense of fear in the minds of the people.

"Uddhav Thackeray and Sanjay Raut have been giving statements on this for days. This is a baseless statement. Does he want clashes in society? He's creating a sense of fear amongst people, senselessly. I doubt if he has to plan something similar. Police should pay attention towards him," he said.

Around 58 people lost their lives when some coaches of Sabarmati Express were torched at the Godhra Railway Station in Gujarat on February 27, 2002. The incident triggered large-scale riots in Gujarat. A local court in 2011 convicted 31 accused and acquitted 63 people. Eleven accused were sentenced death penalty while the rest were awarded life imprisonment.

shake-up. SUPROTIM MUKHERJEE

Babul Supriyo, the former Union minister and BJP MP from Asansol, who joined the Trinamool Congress after being dropped from the cabinet of Narendra Modi, has had his wings clipped in his new party as well.

before the Chief Minister Today, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerleaves for a visit to Spain. jee unveiled changes in her line-up of Ministers and Babul Supriyo is being seen Electronics portfolio and as the biggest loser in the

APPRECIATION

the Non-Conventional Energy Department as well, but these are seen as lightweight assignments.

Supriyo's successor in the Tourism department is State Minister Indranil Sen who is seen as being close to Mamata Banerjee. Sen has had extremely bad ties with Supriyo, with whom he had almost come to blows in the State Assembly last week.

Babul Supriyo lacks any formation Technology and support-base of his own and is seen as being aligned with has been given charge of Mamata's nephew.

CHHATTISGARH GOVT TARGETS WOMEN **VOTERS WITH NEW SAFETY MEASURES**

MAMATA CLIPS BABUL SUPRIYO'S WINGS

Supriyo was inducted into

the TMC cabinet in August

2022 and was given the In-

formation Technology and

Electronics, and Tourism

portfolios. However, he has

had the Tourism portfolio

taken away from him in the

latest reshuffle, which was

announced today, hours

Supriyo retains the In-

TDG NETWORK

The Chhattisgarh government has taken a big decision regarding women's safety. Those accused of molestation, rape etc. of girls and women will no longer get government jobs. An order in this regard was issued on Monday by the General Administration Department of the State Government.

On August 15 this year, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had announced to ban

those accused of molesta-

DSPE ACT

women from government jobs. He had said that maintaining the safety, respect and identity of women is our top priority. In the instructions issued

tion, rape etc. of girls and

by the General Administration to all the departments, revenue board chairpersons, department heads, divisional commissioners, collectors, it has been said that such candidates, against whom there are cases of moral turpitude related to molestation of girls and women, rape etc., will not be considered for appointment in government service. Crimes which are registered under sections 354, 376, 376A, 376B, 376C, 376D, 509, 493, 496 and 498 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses Act (POCSO Act), 2012, They should be banned from appointment to government services and posts till the final decision of the case is made. The state government has been asked to ensure strict compliance with the instructions.

ALL 21 TDP MLAS PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN ANDHRA PRADESH

TDG NETWORK JAI GAON

Amaravati: Flouting heavy police deployment and Section 144 of CrPC prohibiting the assembly of people, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) workers and supporters

MANIPUR VIOLENCE

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edented crackdown by the held demonstrations in different parts of the YSRCPruled Andhra Pradesh as on the TDP rank and file part of the statewide bandh has prevented their protests from snowballing as a slew called by the TDP to protest the arrest of party supremo of its leaders were taken into and ex-chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu. However, an unprec-

preventive custody. The police rounded up protesters across the state

and took them to police staadministration and police tions.

> Naidu was arrested by the state CID from Nandyal early on Saturday in connection with the multi-crore AP State Skill Development Corporation scam allegedly involving his government's

CASH-FOR-JOBS SCAM

Chennai court seeks ED reply in Balaji's bail plea

custody on Sunday evening. He was shifted to Rajah-**DELHI POLICE OFFICIALS TO LOSE** mundry Central Jail, 200 km from Vijayawada, after **IMMUNITY IN GRAFT CASES: SC** the court order.

tenure during 2014-19. An

Anti-Corruption Bureau

(ACB) court in Vijayawada

sent Naidu to 14-day judicial

CONTINUED FROM P1 granting immunity from arrest that would have a retrospec-

Article 20 of the Constitution provides for protection in respect of conviction for offences The bench stated that,

"Declaration made by the Constitution bench (in May

over service matters. After

the president gave her assent.

Earlier, the top court re-

ferred to a 5-judge constitu-

tion bench the Delhi govern-

ment's plea challenging the

Centre's May 19 ordinance

the bill became a law.

2014) in the case of Subramanian Swamy will have retrospective operation. Section 6(A) of the DSPE Act is held to be not in force from the date of its insertion, that is September 11, 2003."

fused to hear the bail petition of

Earlier on June 14, Sent-

a money laundering case

linked to cash-for-jobs scam

when he was the transport

minister during the previ-

ous AIADMK regime. Cur-

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SC NIXES PIL AGAINST LAW TO

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fact-finding report.

to continue the order until Friday when the case will be heard

finding team till September 15 the FIRs were based on a A bench led by Chief Justice D Y Chand-

SC extends protection to EGI fact-

The bench agreed to take up the matter on Friday and also mentioned that it will consider the state govern- team included senior jourment's response on that day.

against the three EGI members along with President Seema Mustafa, with an additional charge of defamation. The fact-finding

India's fourth-largest trading

partner. Both countries also

have a strong partnership in

the area of energy, accord-

ing to an MEA statement

Saudi Arabia also hosted a

three-day event in conjunc-

tion with the G2O Leader's

Summit to provide an im-

mersive and interactive ex-

perience of the Kingdom's

leading projects in various

towards the diversification

of the country economically,

socially, and culturally.

released earlier.

fields.

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present bail petition before the PSJ.

Senthil Balaji for hil Balaji was arrested by want of jurisdiction, he then the ED in connection with

NO HEARING

tive effect in view of rights protected under Article 20 of the Constitution.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the state government, suggested that the matter be sent to the Manipur High Court for protection of the EGI members, as has been done in other cases. However, senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Shyam Divan, representing the EGI, opposed this and requested that the case be heard in the top court since

On September 4, Manipur Bhushan, and Sanjay Ka-Chief Minister N Biren Singh poor. The Editors Guild, in a re-

announced that a police case had been filed against the port published on Septempresident and three member 2, criticised the internet bers of the Editors Guild of ban in Manipur for hinder-India. They were accused ing media reporting, accused of attempting to "provoke some media outlets of oneclashes" in the state, with sided reporting, and claimed that there were indications the CM describing them as "anti-state, anti-national, and of the state leadership displaying partisan behaviour anti-establishment."

NEW ERA OF INDIA-SAUDI RELATIONS

Corridor project which is

announced in this meeting.

I would like to thank those

who worked with us to reach

this founding step to estab-

lish this important economic

PM Narendra Modi said

the mega-deal would give a

sustainable direction to con-

nectivity and sustainabil-

ity across the world. Earlier,

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince

visited India on a State visit

in February 2019 and the

current visit will be his sec-

ond State visit to the country.

have historically close and

friendly relations with exten-

sive people-to-people con-

tacts. The trade between both

countries reached all-time

high of USD 52.75 billion in

FY 2022-23, the Ministry of

External Affairs (MEA) said

India is Saudi Arabia's

second-largest trading part-

ner whereas Saudi Arabia is

in an earlier press release.

"India and Saudi Arabia

corridor...'

A second FIR was filed during the conflict. moved to the Madras High Court, which held on September 4 that the bail petition filed by the minister had to be heard and disposed only by the PSJ.

> Therefore, he filed the tody.

LEGAL ANGLE

KHARGE GETS LEGAL NOTICE FOR MISUSING ASHOK CHAKRA SYMBOL

In the notice sent to Kharge. Tomar asked the Congress President to apologise for this act and get the information of the same published in news-

papers. Also, remove the Ashok Charkra's symbol from his X handle.

CHANCE TO BE HEARD

MAHA MLAS' DISQUALIFICATION **CASES TO BE HEARD ON SEPT 14**

in July 2022, under whose leadership the office bearers of the party were working and other details have been sought from the commission by the president. The Thackeray-Shinde group and each MLA will be given an opportunity to present their arguments in the hearing.

keray's side and formed alliance with BJP but after

Therefore, as per

only the name of the party, but also the symbol of the party, the battle for the eligibility of 16 MLAs started. The Supreme Court gave all these powers to the Assembly Speaker during the hearing, but Thackeray started a pressure mechanism to get Speaker Rahul Narvekar to give this decision as soon as possible. After filing a petition in the Supreme Court,

a notice was sent to all the MLAs to submit their opinion within seven days.

CONTROL DELHI SERVICES

CONTINUED FROM P1 a law was enacted subsequently.

Amending the petition becomes

necessary after the ordinance was replaced by a law. Parliament cleared the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill 2023, also known as the Delhi Services Bill, giving the Lieutenant Governor sweeping control

CONCURRENCE

which took away the control over services from the city dispensation and set off a fresh tussle between the services. two power centres. On May 19, the Centre pro-

mulgated the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023 for creating an authority for transfering and posting of Group-A officers in Delhi.

The Aam Aadmi Party government termed it a "deception" with the Supreme Court verdict on control of

The matter is pending in the Supreme Court.

INDIA, UK READY FOR EARLY CONCLUSION OF FREE TRADE PACT

scale sustainable finance.

Both countries announced

the launch of the UK India

Infrastructure Financing

Bridge, a collaborative ven-

ture co-led by the Niti Aayog

and City of London Corpo-

ration to harness collective

expertise in planning and

implementing major infra-

The minister said emerg-

ing technologies, such as Ar-

tificial Intelligence, Machine

Learning and India's new

Digital Personal Data Protec-

tion Act offer ample oppor-

tunities for both nations to

collaborate on frameworks

for secure and inclusive fi-

Post-meeting, the UK

Chancellor of Exchequer

appreciated the efforts be-

ing made for the direct list-

ing of Indian companies on

nancial intermediation.

structure projects.

said. CONTINUED FROM P1

Talking about the meeting, she said the deliberations en-

compassed collaborations to secure inclusive growth and resilience, advancing climate action and forging partnerships through technology and infrastructure partnership.

The UK has expressed its willingness to further expand its footprint in the **IFSC-Gujarat International** Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) and foster robust Fintech partnership, the minister said.

Sitharaman also said the success of the UK-India Green Growth Equity Fund is a testament to the efficacy of public-private partnerships in channelling largethe London Stock Exchange (LSE).

"We are particularly pleased to have made a big step forward with the first confirmation by India that it will explore the LSE as an international destination for the direct listing of Indian companies.

"Alongside that, there is a new Pensions and Insurance Partnership, the establishment of knowledge and expertise-sharing, and the new UK Infrastructure Financing Bridge and a deepened partnership on the developmental GIFT City. So, we can really support each other's plans to strengthen the relationship and the way the next step of this is a comprehensive FTA and Bilateral Investment Treaty," Hunt said.

that many court cases were Shiv Sena constistarted on both sides. Not tution, who was the party chief

Eknath Shinde left Thac-

CONTINUED FROM P1

The event titled 'Media Oasis' was organized on September 9 and will conclude on September 11 in New Delhi. The event aims to provide an immersive experience of Saudi Arabia's leading projects in the sectors of tourism, entertainment, technology, culture and sports. The overarching theme of the exhibit

is 'Vision 2030', an initiative by Saudi Arabia aimed

PM MODI-CROWN PRINCE SALMAN — A **CONTINUED FROM P1** actions against him."

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DEFINING MOMENT

countries.

Later in the day, Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince is scheduled to call on President Droupadi Murmu.

At the G2O Leaders' Summit on Saturday, India, the United States, Saudi Arabia and the European Union announced a historic agreement to launch a mega India-Middle East-Europe shipping and railway connectivity corridor.

This is a historic and firstof-its-kind initiative on cooperation on connectivity and infrastructure involving India, UAE, Saudi Arabia, EU, France, Italy, Germany and the US.

Speaking at the G2O Summit, Prince Mohammed bin Salman said, "... We look forward to the integration of the initiative and the Economic

MP REPORT CARD TOP OF THE DAY

ASSESSING PRAGYA SINGH THAKUR'S PERFORMANCE AS BHOPAL'S MP

ASSAM SPEAKER ACCEPTS ALL ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

GUWAHATI: Assam Assembly Speaker Biswajit Daimary on Monday accepted all adjournment motions brought by the opposition on different issues. Daimary agreed to the motions as per suggestion by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. Two motions on the issue of power supply were brought by the Congress and by two other MLAs. Another motion for adjournment was brought by AIUDF on arms training during a camp in Mangaldai some time back, while the fourth pertained to risk to river embankments that was brought by Congress MLA Sherman Ali Ahmed.

5 DEAD, 8 HURT **IN BUS-LORRY CRASH**

CHITRADURGA: Five passengers, including a five-year-old child died and eight others injured after a state-owned bus in which they were travelling allegedly rammed into a lorry near Gollahalli in Hiriyur taluk of the district in the early hours of Monday, police said. The deceased have been identified as Ravi (23), a resident of Maski in Raichur district, Narsanna (5), from Manvi in Raichur district, and Mabamma (35) and Parvathamma (53), hailing from Bengaluru. The identity of another passenger is yet to be ascertained, they said. Two of the passengers of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation bus died on the spot while three others breathed their last at nearby hospitals where they were immediately rushed for treatment. The eight injured passengers

TDG NETWORK MUMBAI

reparations for 'Mission 2024' are underway as political parties gear up for next year's grand democratic event to select the country's new Prime Minister through general elections. The public is closely watching their elected MPs and assessing their work, driven by high expectations.

Today, we present the report card of Bhopal's MP, Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur. Her political history with the BJP is relatively brief. She spent time in jail due to her connection to the Malegaon blast case but subsequently joined the BJP after her release. In 2019, she was elected as an MP from Bhopal on the BJP ticket. Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur has consistently remained in the headlines due to her statements, some of which have occasionally drawn criticism for the BJP. As the 2024 general elections approach, the people of

			MP REPORT	CARD
HISTORY OF 2009 Kailash Joshi	BHOPAL LOK SA 2014 Alok Sanjar	ABHA SEAT 2019 Pragya Singh Thakur	CAS DEMOGR	
(BJP)	(BJP)	(BJP))	■ Muslim - ■ OBC -	26.3% 22.2%
ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES (08)Bhopal South-WestHuzurBhopal NorthBhopal CentralBerasiaSehoreNarelaGovindpura		 Brahmin - Kshatriya - SC/ST - Sindhi - Other - 	19.7% 6.3% 10.5% 13.1% 1.9%	

her performance. Furthermore, it will asher report card. This assessment aims to sess Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur's parliamentary performance and her standdetermine the extent of her work as an MP and gauge public satisfaction with ing in the eyes of the public. The results

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ISSUES
 Drinking Water Unemployment Compensation for Gas Victims Lack of Quality Healthcare Unruly Crime Neglect of Master Plan Urbanization-related Problems Incomplete Sports Hub
MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS
 Completion of Nisatpura Railway Station Revamping of Bhopal Railway Station Participation in Social Initiatives

may have the potential to influence her candidacy in the future. First and foremost, let's examine Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur's performance in Parliament.

MP REPORT CARD (GROUND SURVEY) - PRAGYA THAKUR

Are you satisfied with the work of your Member of **Parliament?** A-Yes: 61%

Would you like to re-elect

your Member of Parlia-

B- No: 33%

ment?

A-Yes: 60%

B- No: 35%

C-Not Sure: 5%

C- Not Sure: -11%

C- Not Sure: 6%

On what basis will you vote in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections?

A- Modi Factor: 53% B-MP Factor: 23% C-Party Factor: 18% C-Not Sure: 6%

Will the Modi Factor

influence the 2024 elections?

If the candidate is changed, would you vote for the same party? A-Yes - 74% B- No - 15%

A-Yes - 77% B-No-13% C- Not Sure: - 10%

GROUND RATING: 5.9/10

MP REPORT CARD (PRAGYA THAKUR)

- Presence in Parliament: 64%
- 20% Questions in the House:
- Utilization of MP's Fund: 98%
- Special Contributions: 50%

CONFLICT

KARNATAKA ACCUSES TN IN CAUVERY DISPUTE because of the CWMA or-

TDG NETWORK **MYSURU**

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday hit out at the BJP-led government at the Centre, alleging delay in giving approval to the construction of the Mekedatu balancing reservoir over river Cauvery, and accused neighbouring Tamil Nadu of causing "unneces-

sary nuisance" on the issue. Karnataka has been pressing for the implementation of the Mekedatu project, saying it is the only solution for the Cauvery water dispute between the two states during times of rainfall distress.

"The BJP government at the



Centre has not given permission for the Mekedatu project. Tamil Nadu has no reasons to oppose the project. It is in our territory, 177.25 TMC water has been allocated to Tamil Nadu and we have to release that much water to them in the normal years. And during distress time, the distress

formula should be followed," Siddaramaiah said. Speaking to reporters here, he accused Tamil Nadu of unnecessarily creating nuisance regarding the Mekedatu project, and said that despite Karnataka submitting a DPR (Detailed Project Report), permission is not being given. "They (Centre) have to tell the Cauvery Water Management Authority (to grant permissions), as it comes under the Government of India, but they are not doing it," he said, adding that BJP state leaders at the all party meeting said they would not do politics on the issue but they "come here and do politics". The chief minister was responding to a question on BJP's criticism of his government for releasing Cauvery river water to Tamil Nadu, despite the river basin region in the state facing the threat of water scarcity due to deficit rainfall.

Pointing out that Karnataka was not releasing water to Tamil Nadu with joy but der, Siddaramaiah said the government is duty-bound to protect the interest of the state's farmers, and drinking water needs of Mysuru, Bengaluru, and several other districts. "In water policy, drinking water is the first priority and we have to protect the crops. Because the Authority asked water to be released, we have released water.

They (TN) have approached the Supreme Court, but it has not issued any orders," he said, pointing that the case is coming up before the apex court on September 21, where the state will place the factual position.

will be accepted and there

will be no examination fees,

it said. The candidates will

be selected on the basis of

marks secured on computer-

based test (CBT) to be con-

epa.odisha.gov.in).

PROPOSAL **BJP** national secretary's invitation to 'tainted TMC leaders'

TDG NETWORK KOLKATA

Anupam Hazra, the former Trinamool Congress MP who joined the BJP and currently serves as the National General Secretary of the party, has extended an invitation to tainted TMC leaders to join the BIP. This move has stirred up concerns within the TMC ranks in West Bengal. During a public meeting in Birbhum, Hazra, who is the sole representative of the State in BIP President Jagat Prakash Nadda's team, stated that Trinamool Congress leaders who "are apprehen-

to "best utilise them." He requested such Trinamool Congress members to contact him, mentioning that his Facebook newsfeed included a number that these leaders could call. Additionally, he asserted that the BJP is the sole party capable of offering a clean and honest alternative to the TMC.

Hazra revealed that he has been approached by numerous TMC leaders expressing their interest in joining the BJP. He affirmed his willingness to assist them in any way possible. Hazra's invitation is perceived as a challenge to the TMC's leadership. The TMC has faced allegations of corruption and cronyism, and Hazra's move is likely to further intensify the pressure on the party.

were shifted to Chitradu rga General Hospital and Taluk general hospital in Challakere town where they are undergoing treatment, the police said.

PUDUCHERRY ASSEMBLY TO MEET **ON SEPTEMBER 20**

PUDUCHERRY: Puduch erry Assembly Speaker R Selvam said the assembly has been convened to meet on September 20. The duration of the session would be decided by the Business Advisorv Committee at its meeting in the next few days, he said. The Legislative Assembly secretariat has issued the statutory notification relating to the date of the session. The session would be held at 9.30 AM on September 20, an official release said.

7 WOMEN KILLED IN ACCIDENT IN TN

TIRUPATHUR: At least 7 women returning from Karnataka were killed in a freak accident in this district on Monday when a stationary van crushed them after being hit from the rear by a lorry, police said. The victims were seated on the road side when the accident happened they said. About 13 persons who were injured in the mishap involving the two vehicles were admitted to local government hospitals.

LADAKH BORDER RESIDENTS' CALL FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

states of Arunachal Pradesh,

Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim,

Uttarakhand and the UT of

Accompanied by Addi-

tional Director General of

ITBP Manoj Singh Rawat

and senior security and civil

administration officials from

Ladakh, Dulloo over the

weekend engaged in discus-

sions with members of pan-

Ladakh.

TDG NETWORK LEH

Border residents of Ladakh have demanded development of tourist destinations, internet connectivity and allocation of land for the construction of rest houses to support their livelihood.

The demands were made during a recent visit of Atal Dulloo, the secretary of border management in the Union home ministry, to Chushul, Maan, Merak, Urgo, and Tangtse villages in the Pangong area. Dulloo visited these vil-

lages to assess the progress of Vibrant Villages Programme, a centrally sponsored scheme, an official spokesman said on Monday.

The programme, launched on February 15 this year, is aimed at comprehensive de-

MASSIVE TURNOUT TDG NETWORK BHADERWAH/JAMMU ficials said.

The pilgrimage to the 14,700-foot-high Kailash Kund, depicting ancient



velopment of select villages chayati raj institutions and in 46 blocks in 19 districts in local residents, the spokesthe northern border in the man said.

> He said the public highlighted several pressing demands, including the installation of mobile towers to address absence of internet facilities, development of tourist destinations and land allocation for the construction of rest houses to support their livelihood, as there are limited avenues for earning a living in the region.

RECRUITMENT

Odisha to hire 20,000 junior teachers in schools No other mode of application

TDG NETWORK BHUBANESWAR

The Odisha government will recruit 20,000 junior teachers in primary and upper primary schools of the state. As per a notice issued by the Odisha School Education Programme Authority (OSEPA), the eligible candidates can apply for the post of junior teacher (schematic) through online mode only from September 13.

They can submit online applications till October 10.



investigations" are welcome to reach out to the party. The BJP will then consider how

sive of potential ED and CBI

BACKSTAB

Adhir accuses Trinamool of betrayal

TDG NETWORK ΚΟΙ ΚΑΤΑ

ducted by the government. **Congress State President** The date, time and exami-Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury nation centre of the test will be mentioned on the admit accused Mamata Banerjee on Monday of 'stabbing Incard of the concerned candidates. The other information dia in the back' by attempting to win even a small panincluding district-wise and category-wise posts is availchayat samiti like Raninagar able on OSEPA's website (os-2 in Murshidabad district, where the Congress had a wafer-thin majority, using violence, threats, and the assistance of the State police. He alleged, 'Mamata Banerjee is publicly showing her support for the Indian bloc, while simultaneously trying her best to ensure that the Congress is decimated in Bengal.'

The Congress approached the Calcutta High Court, pointing out how its supporters were being tortured, arrested, and coerced by the police to join the Trinamool Congress.

Following the submission, Justice Amrita Sinha stayed the process of forming the panchayat board. If any decision has already been made regarding the formation of the standing board of the panchayat samiti, it will not be effective, the court ruled. Further decisions to form a permanent association can be made on the court's direction, it ordered.

The Congress alleged that the ruling party was targeting the Opposition in the State and alleged before the court that the president of the panchayat samiti was taken into custody in a false case. The panchayat samiti head, while in the custody of the police, told mediapersons that the police officers were forcing him to join the Trinamool Congress.

A FIR has been lodged against six Congress members and they are on the run to avoid arrest, the Congress Party's legal counsel told the Court. The Congress told the court that those members want to participate in the polls. The total number of members of the permanent association is 42. In this panchayat, the Congress was in the majority but later a few members joined the Trinamool, reportedly under duress.

After winning the Raninagar Panchayat Samiti last Friday, the Left and the Congress called for a victory rally. Allegedly, the Congress workers faced obstacles on their way to attend the rally. The Congress leaders alleged that the Trinamool workers also prevented their workers-supporters from going to the rally together with the police.

OVER 12,000 DEVOTEES START 3-DAY KAILASH YATRA IN J-K'S DODA

The three-day Kailash Yatra commenced in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Monday as over 12,000 devotees left for the annual pilgrimage from the ancient Vasuki Nag temple here, of-



'Nag' culture, was seen off sioner Vishesh Paul Maby Doda Deputy Commishajan along with Senior

sioner Dilmir Chowdhary. The Yatra is considered one of the toughest as pilgrims have to trek the 18-km-steep Kailash mountain range to pay

Abdul Qayoom and Additional Deputy Commistheir obeisance at the highaltitude temple, where they take a dip in the ice-cold 'Kund' (lake) and take the said.

Superintendent of Police blessings of their deities Vasuki Nag and Lord Shiva. "Last year, over 35,000 devotees paid obeisance at the holy Kailash Kund and this year we are expecting manifold increase in the turnout as we have promoted this ancient and unique pilgrimage at the Union Territory and national level simultaneously," Mahajan

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COMMENT & ANALYSIS

POLICY India's foreign policy comes a long way, from Pt. Nehru to PM Modi

Amid the Ukraine War, PM Modi did not compromise on India's independent foreign policy. He did not condemn Russia despite the pressure from the West. The PM did not also say anything that could be seen as a justification of Russian action against Ukraine.

OPINION

T. BRAJESH

t goes without saying that the main and foremost objective of India's Foreign Policy was, is and shall be to secure its 'national interests'. This has been the 'basic character' of the foreign policy of India from the time of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of the country, to the era of Narendra Modi, the present prime minister of India. All the regimes in the country led by different prime ministers took every care to secure our borders, protect territorial integrity, counter terrorism, ensure energy, food, cyber security, development in all spheres and areas, etc. What is also true at the same time is that the country faced different challenges at different times internally and externally. While the fundamental principles of India's foreign policy remained unchanged, the governments were seen working with changed foreign policy priorities from time to time to deal with the global challenges as they arose. India's relations with various countries and its diplomatic priorities underwent changes at different points of time as the changes in the world order took place. Nobody would disagree that the world today is not what it was at the time of Pt. Nehru or any other prime minister succeeding him for that matter. How could India remain a silent spectator amid the change from bipolar world to multipolar one? New Delhi's diplomatic ties with major powers including the US, Russia, the UK, Germany, France, Japan, South East nations, etc. kept changing accordingly. India under different prime ministers from Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Manmohan Singh to now Narendra Modi conducted its relations with the outside world in different formats as per the need of the hour. Soon after its independence in 1947, India under Nehru along with many newly independent colonies established the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in 1961. In fact, Indian foreign policy makers had to deal with an ideologically divided world then. Western and Eastern blocs were led by the United States of America (USA) and former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) respectively. The foreign policy under Nehru preferred to follow the NAM principles. Pt Nehru had said, "We propose as far as possible to keep away from the power politics of groups, aligned against one another, which have led in the past two world wars and which may again lead to disasters

to even vaster scale." However, the NAM path started turning out to be difficult to follow for India with the changing world order with the passage of time. The world shifted from bipolar character to multipolar global order making it difficult for successive regimes to continue with the NAM policy that Nehru focused on and prime ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi tried to stick on to during their regimes in India. However, despite insistence on non-alignment policy, these regimes were seen tilting sometimes towards the USSR and sometimes the US, in what was seen as a departure from past diplomatic legacy. The successive governments including the present one led by Modi apparently realised that the NAM is not relevant to the current geostrategic situation and India's position in the world. PM Modi's words "our foreign policy is only about India's First" convey a strong message about India's position today. At the recently held G-20 Summit in New Delhi, Modi's mantra "One Earth, One Family, One Future" underlines his foreign policy priorities. In order to sustain its growth trajectory, India needs substantial rally modified from time to external cooperation and intime to achieve the counputs. With PM Modi focused try's interests. This is what on the roadmap to make Inhas been done by the Modi dia a \$5 trillion economy, Ingovernment. The results of dia needs foreign partners, the innovative diplomatic foreign direct investments, course and action have been witnessed. There is no definancial assistance and transfer of technology. The nying India has become the foreign policy's role is obvileading country not only in ously quite important in the the Asian continent but also mission of Modi. That's why globally. Undeniably, today his government's foreign India is on the way to becoming the most powerful nation policy has shifted its focus to this aspect over the last few on economic and military years. In other words, 'Difronts. The 'Neighbourhood plomacy for Development' First' and 'Act East' that was has integrated economic the focus area of the Modi diplomacy with political digovernment's foreign policy plomacy. This is how foreign helped India to consolidate policy has evolved since the its position in the region time of Nehru who was a considerably, with countries in neighbourhood and exstrong backer of the NAM. Modi needs a foreign policy tended neighbourhood and that could help accomplish Southeast nations looking to India as a reliable partner. his mission aimed at expanding outreach to the PM Modi's diplomatic outmultipolar world in a bid to reach to ASEAN member put India on the global map states has yielded positive



Under Modi's watch, India has definitely made a major shift in its foreign and economic policy in an attempt to achieve its ambitious goal of development, taking into account the changing global politics. While the basic tenets of the foreign policy remain unchanged, they are naturally modified from time to time to achieve the country's interests.

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India into a strategic player foreign policy. He did not with a highly effective forcondemn Russia despite the pressure from the West. eign policy." According to them, Modi has done this The PM did not also say anything that could be seen by shifting New Delhi away from its old strategy of strict as a justification of Russian action against Ukraine. He nonalignment, paving the way for stronger ties with continued to emphasise great and middle-sized diplomacy and dialogue powers." PM Modi's foreign as the only solution to resolve the crisis. The West-

mohan Singh government. This resulted in improvement of ties between India and the US. 'Look East policy' was a key focus of PV Narasimha Rao's foreign policy. His government focused on improving relations with the Southeast Asian countries to counter China's growing clout from 1991-95. Rao also focused on improving ties with ASE-AN. The UPA government also continued to bat for the Look East policy in its foreign policy priorities. But PM Modi rechristened it as Act East policy in 2014 soon after coming to power. He gave momentum to the Act East policy after renaming it. In 1998, Atal Behari Vajpayee oversaw five nuclear weapon tests in Pokhran. The first test happened in

1974 when Indira was PM.

The Pokhran tests were Va-

PERSPECTIVE IMEC AND BEYOND

A NEW CHAPTER IN INDIA-SAUDI RELATIONS UNVEILED

One of the more significant images emerging from the G2O Summit was that of Prime Minister Narendra Modi standing between US President Joe Biden and Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammad Bin Salman (MBS), with the three holding hands and smiling amongst themselves. The photo-op was at the launch of the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC), where other leaders from the region were also present, but this single image was symbolic of a major shift that is taking place in the geopolitical order. It represented the rapprochement between the United States and Saudi Arabia-ties that had got strained post the murder of dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Turkey, pushing Saudi Arabia towards China. It would not be an exaggeration to say that as the main driver of the IMEC, India played a major role in this rapprochement. The announcement was also the first proper challenge thrown to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). One of the main reasons behind the failure of China's BRI is India's absence from it. Without India's economic heft, Xi Jinping can push his pet project only to a limited extent because the majority of the countries that comprise the BRI are either economically weak or bankrupt. Compared to BRI, the IMEC is a gamechanger because it has India in it, and is backed by the United States, and thus the West. Thirdly, it shows that the US has started to get its geopolitics right, by acknowledging that India's rise symbolises the rise of a third force-the other two being the US and China-and that a large part of not only the Global South but also the oil rich Gulf are becoming a part of this force, with India as the nucleus.

It is in this context that India-Saudi Arabia relations have to be seen-socio-economic relations that have existed for centuries are now getting enhanced into a strategic partnership, aiding the rise of the third force. Trade between India and Saudi Arabia have existed from the time dhows used to sail the waters of the Arabian/Persian Gulf and spices from India found their way to the port city of Jeddah. With the discovery of oil, Saudi Arabia-and sometimes Iraq-occupied the number one spot as supplier of oil to India for many years, until recently, Russia with its discounted oil, supplanted it. Given the presence of a huge Indian diaspora in Saudi Arabia, plus the thousands of visitors to that country for Haj, a strong people to people connection has also enhanced relations. And now the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) adds a new chapter to the bilateral relations by adding a strategic and security aspect to the mix.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Crown Prince, who is on a state visit to India, held the first leaders' meeting of the SPC on Monday in New Delhi. According to PM Modi, "India-Saudi Arabia partnership is crucial for stability and welfare of the region and the world." According to the Ministry of External Affairs, issues such as energy security, trade and investment, defence and security, healthcare, food security, culture and community welfare were discussed. While energy security, that is oil, still forms the central pillar of India-Saudi relations, the defence and security aspect of the ties has been gaining momentum over the years. Among other things, India-Saudi maritime exercises have been taking place, with the focus on inter-operability, capacity building and maritime security. The intention is to ensure regional stability in the Arabian/Persian Gulf and Arabia Sea, and securing the sea lanes through which a lot of trade passes. For India, the partnership is also about protecting its strategic and diaspora interests in the Gulf. For example, India used Saudi ports to evacuate its citizens from a war-torn Sudan earlier this year. Also, by partnering with Saudi Arabia, India is pre-empting China, which wants to secure its foothold in the region. There is also a buzz about the possibility of India selling its Brahmos missiles to Saudi Arabia. Importantly, as India-Saudi strategic partnership gains in momentum, it also marks a shift away from Saudi-Pakistan strategic partnership. As Pakistan sinks into ignominy, running to Saudi Arabia time and again with a begging bowl, it is but natural that this will have an impact on Saudi-Pak ties. How long can religion be the glue when one partner turns into a basket case? In this context, it is significant that MBS is not visiting Pakistan either on his way to or from India. The visit is also important in terms of sending out a message to the Islamic ummah. Saudi Arabia, the seat of Mecca and Medina, is the leader of the Islamic world. For the Crown Prince of that country, the de facto ruler, to embrace warmly the Prime Minister of India, who is constantly vilified as an oppressor of minorities, proves all such claims to be fake. All the OICs of the world and their counterparts in India, including many of India's political parties, need to take note of this. Meanwhile, there is buzz that India and Saudi Arabia are ready to trade in rupees, showing how well the relationship is doing.

as a top power. and desired results in terms Modi himself once said, of strategic, economic and "The foreign policy is not trade sectors. Commentaabout changing mind-sets. tors say, and rightly so, that The Foreign policy is about "since assuming office in 2014, PM Modi has turned finding the common meet-

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor also lauded the New Delhi Declaration of the G20 members saying it represents a diplomatic triumph. Not only this, former PM Manmohan Singh praised the Modi government's stand on the Russia-Ukraine crisis. This is how the Indian foreign policy has covered a significant journey under Modi's leadership from the time when Nehru took over as prime minister of the country.

policy priorities led to India gaining a strong position in the region where it is seen as a power to balance and deal with a belligerent China. The US, Russia, the UK, Germany, Italy, Japan, Australia, South Korea, France etc. are all looking to India as an able and competent partner in their strategy to counter an aggressive China in the Indo Pacific region and in other geographies as well. Any reference to China's formidable challenge brings Pt Nehru's principle of Panchsheel in the spotlight. Nehru's principle of Panchsheel had hit a setback when India was attacked by the Chinese in 1962 and Nehru was severely criticised for the country's failure to defend itself. Chinese aggression against India underlined that nonalignment had to be tied up with defence requirements on urgent basis for the security of the country. However, leaders in India continued to pursue an independent foreign policy.

Amid the Ukraine War, PM Modi did not compromise on India's independent ern countries including the USA appreciated India's position on Ukraine, thanks to the diplomacy of Modi. US President Joe Biden invited PM Modi as a State guest in what was seen as another achievement for Indian diplomacy. PM Modi's diplomatic masterstroke achieved consensus on New Delhi's Leaders' Declaration at G-20 Summit, which reflected India's motto "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas," It was a diplomatic win for India that the G2O Declaration avoided criticism of Russia for its war against Ukraine. Congress MP Shashi Tharoor also lauded the New Delhi Declaration of the G2O members saying it represents a diplomatic triumph. Not only this, former PM Manmohan Singh praised the Modi government's stand on the Russia-Ukraine crisis. This is how the Indian foreign policy has covered a significant journey under Modi's leadership from the time when Nehru took over as prime minister of the country. The Manmohan Singh-led UPA government from 2004-14 was seen tilting towards America, which among other issues turned out to be a trigger for withdrawal of support by the Left bloc to the UPA I alliance government in 2009. The India-US Civil Nuclear Agreement, signed in 2015 was a key achievement of the Man-

jpayee regime's key achievements in what brought India on a par with other nuclear capable nations including China. This marked Vajpayee government's big foreign policy approach. What distinguishes PM Modi from his predecessors on the foreign policy front is that he developed strong personal rapport and relations with his counterparts and heads of various nations. He also established a direct connection with the millions of Indian diaspora members living in several countries. PMs before Modi were focused on government-to-government interactions. But Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised more on developing personal interactions with the global leaders. The G-20 Summit saw this part of PM Modi's diplomacy. By all indications, Modi has widened his foreign policy priority and area which includes establishment of India as a leader of various global blocs. He succeeded in bringing up the Global South at the centre stage during the G-20 summit. He introduced the elements of 'paradiplomacy' in India's foreign policy where each state and cities would be encouraged to forge special relations with countries or federal states of another country or even cities of their interest.

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party. Therefore, under

the agreement, it has been

agreed by DAVY to render

to the petitioner outside

India certain engineering

and other related services

in relation to the proj-

ect. Thus, the petitioner

also entered into another

agreement (a supervisory

agreement) with DAVY to

provide certain supervi-

sory services to Petitioner

However, Under the

agreement, the DAVY

was to deliver to the pe-

titioner the necessary

design, drawing, and

data with respect to the

sponge iron plant outside

India. DAVY in the case

has also agreed to train

a certain number of em-

ployees of the petitioner

in order to make available

to such employee's techni-

cal information, scientific

knowledge, expertise, etc.

for the commissioning,

operation, and mainte-

nance of the plant. The as-

sessee argued before the

court that the contract is

in India.

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TOP OF THE DAY

ALLAHABAD HIGH

COURT SETS UP SPECIAL COMMIT-TEE TO PROBE LATHI CHARGE ON HAPUR

LAWYERS

IN COURT

BOMBAY HIGH COURT DIRECTED DEPARTMENT TO REFUND TDS AMOUNT DEPOSITED BYASSESSEE UNDER PROTEST

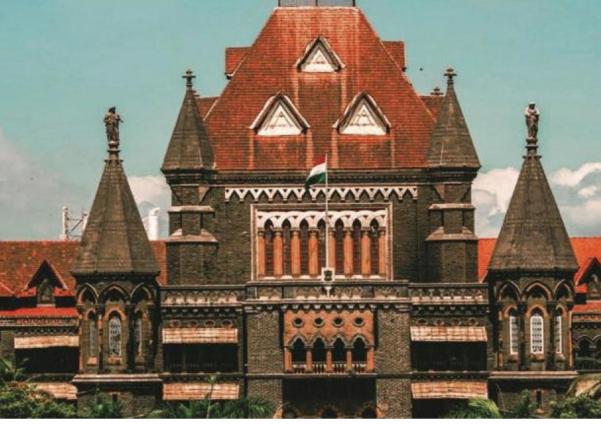
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he Bombay High Court in the case Grasim Industries Ltd. Versus Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax observed and has directed the department to refund the TDS amount which is deposited by the assessee under protest.

The bench comprising of Justice K. R. Shriram and Justice N. K. Gokhale in the case observed that technically, even though the amount which is deposited by the petitioner would be called as tax deductible at source, what the petitioner paid was 'an ad hoc amount, not technically the TDS amount.'

The court in the case also confirmed that the amount paid to Davy Mckee Corporation, DAVY was not chargeable to tax in India, the departments insistence on the assessee paying that amount was not in accordance with

IN COURT



the law, and the amount so paid over must be refunded to the assessee.

Bombay High CourtQuashed

sponge iron plant in India, In the present case, the for which it entered into a assessee or petitioner had set up the gas-based foreign technical collaboration agreement with Davy Mckee Corporation, DAVY and the another

IN COURT

DELHI GOVT TO DELHI COURT: OVER 100 TOILETSCONSTRUCTED FOR TRANSGENDER PEOPLE IN NATIONAL CAPITAL pose of the plea by pass-

TDG NETWORK NEW DELHI The Delhi Government

ing appropriate orders, observing that substantial

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs will hear the views of domain expert on the examination of three bills, Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Bhartiya Nagarik Sanhita, 2023 and the Bhartiya Sakshya Bill, 2023 on September 11, Sep tember 12n and September 13

engage in any activity in **DELHI HIGH COURT** order to provide the tech-**ORDERED CYBER CELL PROBE INTO** The court while consid-AJIO SCAM INVOLVering the facts and circum-**ING LARGE-SCALE** stances of the case stated **MONEY COLLECTION** that once the appellant succeeds in the appeal, the The Delhi government aprevenue authorities must

Hapur district.

not taxable in India since

no operations related to its

execution must take place

there, and Davy must not

proceed on the basis that

the appellant did not have

any obligation to make the

payment and the amount

which is wrongly deduct-

ed or paid to the Revenue Authorities where it was

not required to be paid

would become refundable

to the appellant. Thus, the

same being subject to the

condition that the person

receiving the payment has

not claimed credit for it or

is not claiming credit for it.

The counsel, J. D. Mis-

tri appeared for the Peti-

The counsel, Akhilesh-

war Sharma represented

the respondent.

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nical services there.

praised High Court of notice mpowering officers for onthe-spot traffic offence com pounding. The Delhi Court directed the Cyber cell to conduct an investigation into the large-scale operation which involves the fraudulent collection of money under the name of fashion and lifestyle brand AJIO.

Allahabad High Cou in the case observed and had found the committee to

look inti the recent incident

of police lathi charge on lawyers in Uttar Pradesh's

G20 NATIONS COM-MIT TO FAIR AND SUSTAINABLE TAX SYSTEM: DELHI DEC-LARATION

The G20 leaders in the Delhi declaration reaffirmed their commitment pursue cooperation towards the globally fair, sustainable, and modern international tax system appropriate to the 21st century.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COM-**MITTEE ON HOME AFFAIRS TO HEAR VIEWS OF DOMAIN EXPERTS ON THREE BILLS TO REPLACE CRIMINAL LAWS**



Years Without Proper Approval **TDG NETWORK** NEW DELHI

The Bombay High Court in the case Siemens Financial Services Pvt Ltd. Versus



Reassessment Notice Issued After 3

more than an amount of Rs 50 Lakh.

It has also been contended by the assessee that the Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax has mentioned

Deputy Commissioner of Income Taxobserevd and has quashed the reassessment notice which is issued after 3 years without proper approval.

The bench comprising of Justice K.R. Shriram and Justice N. K. Gokhale in the case observed that the approval of the specified authority in terms of Section 151(ii) of the Income Tax Act is a jurisdictional requirement and in the absence of complying with the said requirement, thus, the reopening of assessment would fail. In the present case, the petitioner or assessee is registered with the Reserve Bank of India, RBI as the non bankingfinance company

asset finance company. Therefore, the assessee af-

ter three years received a reassessment notice, wherein the notice issued stated that there being the reason to believe that the assessee's meaning of Section 147.

income chargeable to tax tended by the assessee that for A.Y. 2016-2017 has esthe provisions as stated under Section 149(1)(b) provide caped assessment within the that a notice issued under Section 148 can be beyond a The notice issued mentioned that the necessary period of three years and up to a period of ten years only satisfaction of Range 8(2), Mumbai, has been obtained. if the Assessing Officer has Before the court, it has in his possession books of been contended by the Asaccount or other documents

sessee that the notice, order, or evidence that reveal that and intimation letter were and is being classified as the beyond limitation, signed by represented in the form of the wrong specified authoran asset that has escaped ity, lacked "information" as

in the order that prior approval has been taken in the matter from the Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax under Section 151(i). therefore, Sanctions would be bad in law and as it is required under section the Deputy Commissioner 148, which resulted from the change of opinion, and was of Income Tax should have in violation of Section 151A. complied with Section 151(ii) Further, it has been con-

and not Section 151(i). The court while considering the facts and circumstances of the case held that the approval of the specified authority in terms of Section 151(ii) is a jurisdictional requirement, in the absence of complying with this requirement, thus, the reopening would fail.

The counsel, P. J. Pardiwalincome chargeable to tax la appeared for the petitioner. The counsel, Suresh Kumar represented the responassessment amounts to or is dent.

in the case Jasmine Kaur Chhabra v. UOI & Ors observed and has informed the Delhi High Court that over 100 toilets have been constructed so far for the transgender persons in the national capital. The Division bench com-

prising of Chief Justice

Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Sanjeev Nacourt was hearing the pubrula in the case observed lic interest litigation moved and was informed by the by the Jasmine Kaur Delhi Government's Social Chhabra through Advo-Welfare Department that cate Rupinder Pal Singh wherein seeking construc-102 toilets have been constructedwhereas 194 more tion of separate toilets for transgender people. Thus, are under construction. Therefore, the Delhi Govit being the case of Chhabernment has informed the ra's that lack of such toilets courts that efforts are bemakes transgender people ing made and that further prone to the sexual assault

action will be taken expeditiously in the matter.

In the present case, the

by the city authorities in the matter.

progress has been made

The court in the case observed and has directed the Delhi government for ensuring that public toilets for transgender persons are constructed in the national capital within eight weeks. Last year, in July, the Delhi government had informed the Delhi Court that it is making all possible efforts to ensure creation of separate toilets for transgender persons and that the same will be done on a fast-track basis.

Further, the plea stated that not providing such facilities to transgender or third gender persons violates the rights of them under Article 14 and Article 21 of Constitution of India.

IN COURT

JAMMU AND KASHMIR AND LADAKH HIGH COURT: HIGH COURT CANNOT SCRUTINISE EVIDENCE TO DIFFER FROM TRIAL COURT'S OPINION FRAMING OF CHARGES

TDG NETWORK NEW DELHI

The Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court in the case Brij Bhushan Sharma vs. State Of J&K observed and has ruled that a High Court's scrutiny of the evidence and material collected by the prosecution in support of the charge, in exercise of its inherent jurisdiction as stated under Section

561-A of the J&K Code of court came while answer-Criminal Procedure is not any higher than that of the court that framed the

charge. The bench comprising of Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Rajesh Sekhri in the case observed and came to the conclusion which being contrary to the one arrived at by the trial Court in framing charge is not permissible.

The observations of the

ing a reference pertaining to a land fraud scandal which involves the Jammu

and Kashmir Cooperative Housing Corporation Limited. Thus, the allegations involved a criminal conspiracy to embezzle public funds during the acquisition of land for a residential colony.

> The bench in the case observed and has ex-

plained that Justice Attar



had earlier dismissed the plea moved by some of the accused challenging the charges against them.

and the harassment.

It has also been stated by

the bench that it will dis-

On the other hand, it has been proposed by justice Massodi to quash certain charges against the petitioner but referred the matter to the Chief Justice due to a conflict of opinions. The High Court also disagreed with Justice Massodi's detailed analysis of the evidence, wherein suggested that it went beyond the scope of fram-

ing charges. However, the said bench differed with the view taken by Justice Massodi and found that the conclusion arrived at by Justice Attar is correct and in consonance with the evidence and material brought on record by the Investigating Agency. The court while consid-

ering the facts and circumstances of the case directed the Special Judge Anti-Corruption, Srinagar, to try all the accused which includes the writ petitioner in accordance with law for the charges framed against them. Accordingly, the bench dismissed of the plea.

The counsel, Sr. Advocate, Mr. A.H.Naik, with Advocate, Mr. Zia Ahmad appeared for the petitioner. The counsel, Mr Mohsin Qadri, Sr. AAG with AdvocateMr Maha Majeed represented the respondent.

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IN COURT

DELHI HIGH COURT: OVERLOOKED ASSESSE'S REPLY DEMONSTRATED NON-APPLICATION OF MIND BY THE AO

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he Delhi High Court in the case Aphv India Investco. Private Limited Versus ACITobserved and has quashed the orders of draft assessment, the final assessment orders, and consequential demand on the grounds that the assessing officer inadvertently overlooked the email reply of the assessee, in which the assessee disclosed the vital facts which pertains to the said case.

The bench comprising of Justice Rajiv Shakdher and Justice Girish Kathpalia in the case observed and has stated that the denial of sufficient time to respond was not just an abrogation of jus naturale but also infringed clause B(1) of the Standard Operating Procedure dated 19.11.2020 of the CBDT, according to which normally a response time of 15 days has

tice issued under Section 142 of the Income Tax Act. Itahs also been submitted

to be given to the assessee in

order to respond to the no-

by the respondent or department that several notices issued under Section 148 and Section 142(1), as well as a show cause notice before making a best judgment assessment were being issued to the petitioner.

It has been before the court that as per the petitioner or assessee, none of the notices except the notice dated 12.07.2022, issued under Section 142(1) were received by it.

Therefore, the petitioner also explained that the brief reply to the notice

dated 12.07.2022 was being sent wherein it requested an extension of time till 05.08.2022 for filing a detailed reply, clarifying that none of the earlier notices had been received.

The Assessing Officer in the case had already passed the order of draft notice based on best judgment, which did not acknowledge the brief reply filed on behalf of the petitioner. On the lines of the draft assessment order. The court while considering the facts and circumstances of the case stated

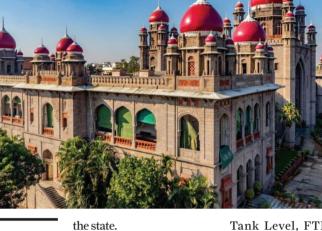
that the assessment orders. the draft assessment orders, and the consequential demand notices are clearly afflicted by two vices:

Firstly, the assessing officer inadvertently overlooked the email reply dated 20.07.2022 from the petitioner.

Secondly, the Assessing Officer denied the assessee sufficient time to respond. The counsel, Kamal Sawhnev appeared for the peti-

tioner. The counsel, Ruchir Bhatia represented the respondent.

Telangana High Court Seeks Status Report On **Measures Taken For Flood Prevention Around** kaleshwaramDam; **Disaster Management Act**



Itahs previously been di-

rected by the court that the

State to provide relief to vic-

tims and prevent the spread of diseases due to such

The counsel, Advocate

Prabhakar Chikkudu ap-

deserve consideration.

Act, the State is obligated to

prepare an Action Plan, so

as to avoid future calami-

ties and have an immediate

course of action, in case of

calamities.

floods.

TDG NETWORK NEW DELHI

The Telangana High Court in the case Dr. Cheruku Sudhakar, MBBS. vs. Union of India observed and has asked the government for filing the status report with regards to the responsibility of the Government under Section 39 of the Disaster Management Act.

The Division bench comprising of Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice N.V Shravan Kumar in the case observed and has asked the authorities to inform the court of the measures taken to protect the Kaleshwaram dam from similar damage this year

In the present case, the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project on the Godavari River suffered heavy damages due to massive floods last year but is back in operation in order to meet the irrigation requirements of Tank Level, FTLin Dam areas and water bodies and future construction should

be barred. The counsel also stated that the loss of animal lives was equally devastating, and thus, the State should ensure compensation to fodder banks and cattle owners.

pearing for the petitioner contended before the court The court while considering the facts and circumthat the Government had stances of the case stated followed, more or less all the directions of the Court, but it that while taking the meahas been submitted that he surements, the floods are not has cited 8 suggestions that there, This court grants them some breathing time, and fix Further, it has been stated a date before vacation, with by him that as per Section 39 specific mentions in relation of the Disaster Management to kaleshwaram dam.

> Accordingly, the court disposed of the plea and listed the matter for further consideration on December 18, 2023. The counsel, Prabhakar Chikkudu appeared for the petitioner.

However, the counsel, Advocate Prabhakar Chik-The counsel, Special Govkudu stated before the court ernment Pleaded Harender thatall encroachment should Pershad represented the rebe removed from the Full spondent.



sought to wedge the ruling in between the intersection

of provisions of the Code of

Criminal Procedure, 1908

(CrPC), specifically Sections

82/83 dealing with 'procla-

mation of person abscond-

ing' along with 'attachment of property of person ab-

PROSCRIBING THE PRESCRIPTION FOR PRE-ARREST BAIL

ANALYSIS

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Disquietingly, the Apex Court (also referred to as the 'Court') has recently dealt a colossal blow to the basic rule of 'bail, not jail'vide its ruling in State of Haryana v. Dharamraj. In a matter involving pre-arrest bail of an accused person, the Supreme Court not only denied the liberty to the petitioner but did so by overturning the relief as has already been determined in his favour by the concerned High Court. Curiously though, even while denying pre-arrest bail to the accused therein, the Court placed reliance on a series of judgments whereby the Hon'ble Court has clearly outlined that 'an application for cancellation of bail is generally examined on the anvil of the existence of supervening circumstances or violations of the conditions of bail by a person to whom bail has been granted' and 'that when a prayer is made for the cancellation of grant of bail cogent and overwhelming circumstances must be present and bail once granted cannot

be cancelled in a mechanical manner without considering whether any supervening circumstances have rendered it in conducing to allow fair trial'.

Clearly, the Apex Court has been rather recalcitrant in cancellation of the relief of bail/anticipatory bail already granted unless of course in the face of supervening arbitrariness and perversity coupled with circumstances obtaining as such.Nevertheless, in the Dharamrajruling, the Court in its discretion concluded that the factors weighing with the concerned High Court did not meet the litmus test in allowing prearrest bail of the accused person and the state's appeal was allowed with the Apex Court concluding that 'the logic of the High Court does not commend itself to us'.

> There of course can be no quarrel with the Court's appreciation of the reasoning. or lack thereof, as employed by the High Court. However, what is disconcerting to an extent is how the Court has

sconding' and Section 438 concerning 'grant of bail to person apprehending arrest'.In essence the Dharamraj judgment has effectively adjudged that any person having been declared a 'proclaimed offender' in accordance with Section 82 CrPC must first assail such proclamation devoid of

> which the concerned courts cannot consider a plea for pre-arrest bail. Briefly outlined, upon completion of investigation in a criminal trial the 'police report' as per Section 173(2) CrPC is forwarded to the concerned magistrate. The concerned magistrate in line with Sections 87/88 CrPC may thereafter, in cases wherein the accused is not already in custody, to ensure attendance of the accused shall proceed with issuance of summons in the first instance. However, as the Apex Court noted in its judgment in Satender Kumar Antil v. CBI, (2022) 10 SCC 51 issuance of nonbailable warrants (NBW) has become par for course without due application of mind and the same is



starkly against the tenor of the provisions enshrining judicial discretion in curtailing liberty of any person. Naturally, the course of action post issuance of NBWs is to initiate proceedings for declaring such a person as a proclaimed offender under Section 82 CrPC.

It is no one's case that the power of the magistrate ought be curtailed in ensuing the presence of an accused in a criminal trial. However, what is noteworthy is the cavalier manner in which Indian criminal courts issue warrants seeking attendance. Quite unfortunately, the authors herein, in matters still subjudice and therefore not being named, have been privy to such disregard for liberty wherein bailable warrants and thereafter non-bailable warrants were issued against the accused despite delivery/service of summons having never been ensured and confirmed by the concerned magistrate. The sole reason for the same was that the accused was already in custody in relation to another offence and was never produced before the concerned magistrate by the police.

Due to such non-attendance and non-revelation of the accused's judicial custody in relation to a separate offence, the magistrate proceeded to initiate proceedings under Section 82 CrPC. Upon release from custody, only an order granting prearrest bail and/or interim relief shall prevent such an accused from being taken into custody de-novo. Unfortunately, this is a ploy employed ever so often by our investigative agencies and with impunity for the mere fact that the concerned magistrate court fails to ensure strict application of the law. It must accordingly be outlined that the Court's ruling in Dharamraj in so far as it pre-requites assailing proceedings under Section 82 CrPC to obtaining pre-arrest bail does not commend itself to the law nor to practicalities of a criminal trial.The

Court in Dharamraj, having placed reliance on earlier judgments of Lavesh v. State NCT of Delhi, (2012) 8 SCC 730 and State of Madhya Pradesh v. Pradeep Sharma, (2014) 2 SCC 171 failed to consider the evolution of the law on 'pre-arrest bail' as outlined by the 5-judge bench in Sushila Aggarwal v. State NCT of Delhi, (2020) 5 SCC1 whereby aptly the Constitution Bench outlined that,

"...where there are reasonable grounds for holding that a person accused of an offence is not likely to abscond, or otherwise misuse his liberty while on bail, there seems to justification to require him to first submit to custody, remain in prison for some days and then apply for bail."

The bench further went on to add that,

"...the provision for anticipatory bail is pro-liberty and enables one anticipating arrest, a facility of approaching the court for a direction that he or she be not arrested; it was specifically enacted as a measure of protection against arbitrary arrests and humiliation by the police, which Parliament itself recognised as a widespread malaise on part of the police." On a conspectus of the law as it prevails therefore, the plain and literal language of Section 438 CrPC governing pre-arrest bail does not commend itself to any superimposed or artificial restrictions as to its operation. In fact the bench in Sushila Aggarwal as above went so far as to add that 'if the court were to weave conditions to impose and read into Section 438 that are not expressly provided, the danger would be that several applicants who might otherwise be entitled to relief might be denied it altogether'.

This is precisely the apprehension that the Dharamraj ruling gives rise to for it remains a reality that investigative processes in India are far from dispassionate and the powers of arrest are exercised in a cavalier manner by the agencies. In that regard if a dictum by the highest court of the land were to further proscribe the right to seek pre-arrest bail in apprehension of arrest the same will severely dent the right to liberty on a mere accusation despite the cardinal rule of 'presumption of innocence'.

It is beyond contestation that no accused can claim an inviolable right to unconditional protection from arrest. However, imposition of such conditions must be curtailed to a case-by-case basis and the Hon'ble Supreme Court ought be mindful of the fact that a mere nudge by it filter down to the courts below as an open season on rejection of the right to be protected from arbitrary arrests and curbs on freedom.



TOP OF THE DAY

POK: RESOURCES ABOUND, BASICS SCARCE – CRISIS

MUZAFFARABAD: A variety of grievances such as high inflation, arbitrary imposition of taxes, soaring electricity bills and many other issues have been continuously troubling the residents of Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK). Residents blame government departments serving under Pakistan's illegal regime in the region for host of issues such as load shedding, unavailability of safe drinking water and heavy taxation on wheat flour among several other concerns. Sardar Abdul Razzag Khan, President of Traders Association in Muzaffarabad said, "Our demands are 100 per cent reasonable. There is no demand that is not possible for them (PoK government).

DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT KIM JONG UN CONFIRMS RUSSIA President Biden's Vietnam visit highlights trade and **VISIT AT PUTIN'S INVITE**

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Torth Korean leader Kim Jong Un is poised to visit Russia, responding to an official invitation from President Vladimir Putin, as reported by Reuters on Monday (September 11). This visit comes on the heels of South Korean media reports citing unnamed government sources, which suggested that Kim was en route to Russia on a special train for a summit with Putin.

The Kremlin has confirmed the visit, stating, "At the invitation of Russian President Vladimir Putin, the Chairman of State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Kim Jong Un, will pay an official visit to the Russian Federation in the coming days." Putin himself arrived in Vladivostok, a city

CONTEMPT ACTION



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un & Russian President Vladimir Putin

in Russia's far east, on Monday to participate in the Eastern Economic Forum.

South Korean local media suggests that Kim is traveling toward North Korea's northeastern border on a special train, with the summit potentially occurring as early as Tuesday, or more likely, on Wednesday, according to broadcasters. Russian news agency Interfax also indicated that Kim was expected to

visit the Far East "in the coming days." South Korea's foreign and

unification ministries, when contacted by phone, reported having no information to share on the matter, while the National Intelligence Service officials remained unavailable for comment, as reported by Reuters.

The United States has voiced concerns regarding the possibility of North Ko-

KIM JONG UN RUSSIA VISIT

- Media Reports and Confirmation: South Korean media initially reported Kim's travel on a special train to Russia, and the Kremlin later confirmed the visit.
- Timing and Location: The visit is expected to take place in Russia's far east, specifically in Vladivostok, during the Eastern Economic Forum.
- Uncertainty and Diplomatic Secrecy: South Korean authorities had little information to share, and the National Intelligence Service officials were unavailable for comment
- **US Concerns:** The United States is concerned about the possibility of North Korea providing weapons to Russia, particularly in light of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- Previous Summit: Kim Jong Un had a summit with President Putin in Vladivostok in 2019, which occurred after the breakdown of nuclear disarmament negotiations with former US President Donald Trump.

rea providing weapons to openly supporting Russia. Russia. This concern arises Reuters notes that Putin has recently pledged to "expand in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine last year, bilateral ties in all respects in during which North Korea a planned way by pooling efwas one of the few countries forts."

FLOOD FURY

President Biden's Vietnam diplomacy efforts

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BILATERAL DEAL

President loe Biden was wrapping up a visit to Vietnam on Monday, meeting with Vietnamese government officials and business leaders and spotlighting new deals and partnerships between the two countries.

He'll also visit a Hanoi me-

morial honouring his late

friend and colleague Sen.

John McCain, who was held

for more than five years as a

prisoner during the Vietnam

War. Biden met with Prime

Minister Pham Minh Chính,

who also accompanied Biden

to a quick drop by at a meeting

of business leaders. Biden also

sat down with President Võ

Van Thuong, who hosted the

US president for a formal state

luncheon. Biden spoke about

strengthening Vietnam's

semiconductor industry and

his administration's commit-

ment to an open Pacific. "My

DEATH TOLL FROM FLOODS IN



President Joe Biden visit a Hanoi memorial honouring his late friend and colleague Sen. John McCain (File photo of Joe biden with Sen.John McCain) message today is quite simple. Let's keep it up," Biden told the CEOs. "We need to develop and drive our collaboration, We need to forge new partnerships." The prime minister also stressed the need to improve cooperation and said "the sky is the limit" for the expanding US-Vietnam relationship. "We truly wish to receive strong political commitment from the US government including you, Mr President, who has had great affection for Vietnam," the prime minister said.

EARTHQUAKE OF MAGNITUDE 6.0 JOLTS INDONESIA'S KOTAMOBAGU

JAKARTA : An earthquake of magnitude 6.0 on Monday struck 352 km east of Kotamobagu, Sulawesi, Indonesia, the National Centre of Seismology (NCS) reported. "Earthquake of Magnitude: 6.0, Occurred on 11-09-2023 18:21:33 IST, Lat: 1.14 & Long: 127.46, Depth: 150 Km, Location: 352km E of Kotamobagu, Sulawesi, Indonesia," the NCS said in a post on 'X' on Monday. The National Centre of Seismology has pegged the magnitude at 6.0. The quake hit at a depth of 150 km beneath the epicentre near Kotamobagu, Sulawesi, Indonesia.

PAKISTAN: SCHOLARS VOW **FIGHT AGAINST**

Denied permission to talk to his sons, Imran Khan pushes for legal action

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Pakistan's jailed former prime minister Imran Khan on Monday filed a petition in a special court seeking contempt of court proceedings against the Attock jail superintendent for allegedly denying him permission to speak to his sons over the phone, ac-

cording to a media report. Khan, 70, is in judicial custody till September 13 in the cipher case for allegedly disclosing state secrets. He has been incarcerated in the Attock prison since his arrest on August 5 after a trial convicted him in the Toshakhana corruption



Pakistan Former prime minister

istered under the Official Secrets Act, to speak to his sons - Oasim and Sulaiman. However, Khan in the petition sought contempt of court proceedings against the Attock jail superintendent for violating the court's order, Geo News reported.

under the Secrets Act.

Judge Abual Hasnat Zulqarnain issued notice to Superintendent Attock Jail Arif Shehzad and sought a report on the implementation of the court's order on September 15. The purported cipher (secret diplomatic cable) contained an account of a meeting between US State Department officials, including Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs Donald Lu, and Pakistani envoy Asad Majeed Khan last year.

secret cable by the US me-

TDG NETWORK ATHENS

> The number of confirmed deaths from flooding in central Greece has risen to 15 after the bodies of four people previously considered missing were found, authorities said.

Three bodies were located in villages near the city of Karditsa in western Thessaly. An 88-year-old woman and her 65-year-old son were found in their home, and a 58-year-old man was found between two villages.

The coastguard said on Sunday that the body of a 42-year-old man, missing since Tuesday, was found

IN GRIEF



floating in the sea near the city of Volos. He was last seen in his car unable to control it in raging waters.

Greece's fire service said that since flooding hit central Greece on Tuesday it has evacuated nearly 3,500 people. Rescue efforts continue. The flooding appears

to have subsided, although the Pineios river, the major waterway in Thessaly, is rising at its mouth, Fire Service spokesman Yiannis Artopios said on Sunday evening. The coastguard said it rescued 335 people stranded in the Pelion peninsula between Thursday and Saturday.

pretext that he was held

Of late. Khan has come under increased scrutiny following the publication of a purported copy of the

the source of the leak. A division bench comprising Islamabad High Court (IHC) Chief Justice Aamir Farooq and Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri

on Wednesday suspended Khan's three-year sentence in Toshakhana corruption and ordered his release from the jail in Punjab province. But he remained in jail after a special court last month extended till September 13 the judicial remand of Imran Khan in the cipher case. Earlier, Khan, through his lawyers had filed a petition before Judge Zulqarnain seeking permission to talk to his sons Qasim and Sulai-

man — living in London

with their mother - on

the telephone. The judge

guarantee, the 31 member

nations pledge to all come to

the aid of any member should

it come under attack. At the

same time, NATO is wary of

being dragged into a wider

war with Russia by any mi-

Referring to a NATO sum-

mit held in July in Lithuania's

capital of Vilnius, Geoana

said NATO leaders have

designed a new generation

of defense plans "for exactly

this type of situation, or even

worse, for cases of deliber-

ate attacks" which he said

are tailored for the region.

Geoana also said he wel-

comes plans by the United

States to supplement the

Alliance's air policing of the

Black Sea region as well as

adding more NATO troops

to the 5,000 already based

in Romania. "This should

reassure us and give us a lot

of confidence and calm." he

said. After Russia launched

its full-scale invasion against

Ukraine in February last

year, NATO bolstered its

presence on Europe's eastern

flank, including by sending

additional battlegroups to

Romania, Bulgaria, and

Slovakia

nor incident or mistake.

BLASPHEMY

KARACHI : Religious scholars in Pakistan's Karachi on Sunday pledged to continue their struggle against blasphemers, The News International newspaper reported. They said their struggle would continue until effective legislation and comprehensive amendments were made to the Constitution, adding that in any society, it is not permissible for an individual to speak against the holiest personalities of another community. The News International is an Englishlanguage newspaper in Pakistan.

ISRAEL PREPARING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE PROBLEMS

TEL AVIV: The Ministry of Environmental Protection held a meeting of the Climate Change Preparedness Directorate to promote the formulation of the national plan for climate change and to prepare for expected rises in sea levels. Board members representing various government ministries, local government and industry representatives discussed the proposed steps of the national climate change preparedness plan at the meeting.

Last month, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief was granted permission by the special court, formed to hear cases reg-

In the petition, Khan claimed that jail officials denied him permission to have telephonic conversations with his sons on the

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you work, it will

GEOPOLITICAL CONFLICTS

"NO RISK" OF ROMANIA BEING DRAGGED **INTO WAR, ASSURES SENIOR NATO OFFICIAL**

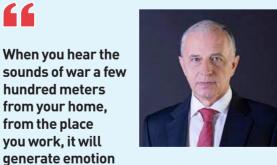
TDG NETWORK BUCHARES⁻

TO Deputy-General Secre-

tary Mircea Geoana said on Monday there is "no risk" that Alliance member Romania will be dragged into a war following the recent discovery of drone fragments on its territory near the border with war-torn Ukraine.

"The most important thing is to re-confirm the fact that there is no indication of a deliberate action (by Russia) to strike Romanian territory and therefore NATO territory," Geoana told journalists during a visit to a school near Romania's capital, Bucharest. The NATO deputy chief's

comments come days after Romanian authorities have twice confirmed the discovery of drone fragments on the country's soil amid sustained attacks by Russian forces on Ukraine's Danube River ports across the river from NATO member Romania. But the proximity of Russia's attacks on the other side of the Danube has left Romanian citizens living nearby fearing that the war



to the security of Romanian

Ukraine that there are no

reasons to worry," Geoana

said, adding that he intends

to visit those Danube areas.

"Perhaps my presence will

be a message of confidence

and calm." NATO Secretary-

General Jens Stoltenberg said

last week that the allies had

seen "other incidents, in Po-

land and elsewhere," but did

not elaborate. Under NATO's

Article 5 collective security

and anxiety...But there is no risk for Romania to be engaged in this conflict.

-Mircea Geoana, TO Deputy-General

could spill into their country. able violation of the sover-"When you hear the eign airspace of Romania, a sounds of war a few hundred NATO ally, with real risks meters from your home, citizens in the area." "I want from the place you work, it will generate emotion and to reassure the Romanian public and especially those anxiety," said Geoana, a former Romanian foreign on the Danube border with minister and ambassador to the US "But there is no risk for Romania to be engaged in this conflict." After the second discovery

of drone fragments on Saturday, Romanian President Klaus Iohannis responded by saying they were "similar to those used by the Russian army" and that the incident indicates there has been "an absolutely unaccept-

had directed the Attock dia outlet The Intercept, with many in the previous Jail officials to make argovernment led by Shehrangements for the father baz Sharif pointing fingers to speak to the sons over at the PTI chief for being the phone.

Death toll rises to 28 in Nigeria boat accident, residents mobilise in search of missing

traveling to their farmlands

in the Gbajibo community,

located 251 kilometres (156

miles) from the state capital

Minna, the closest source of

It took several hours before

help could reach the com-

munity because of its remote

emergency response.

TDG NETWORK ABUJA

The death toll in the boat accident in north-central Nigeria's Niger State has risen to 28, emergency services said Monday, as communities mobilized in support of an intensified search for dozens still missing after the passenger boat capsized.

The boat capsized along the Niger River on Sunday morning with more than 100 villagers, mostly women and children, aboard. They were



Taliban criticises Pakistan's closure of

TDG NETWORK KABUL

Taliban-led Afghanistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has said that Pakistan's closure of the Torkham border crossing for "unjustifiable reasons" goes against all previous agreements, customary international law and regulations, Afghanistan-based Khaama Press reported.

In a statement on Sunday, the Taliban-led Afghanistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that border crossing had been closed due to an incident where Pakistani army personnel fired upon security forces who were carrying out re-

The Taliban-led government

expressed grave concern and a sense of distrust over the decision of the Pakistani government to stop hundreds of containers of Afghan goods at Karachi post, citing "sensitive lists," Khaama Press reported. The decision has led to escalated tensions and the burning of a truckload of figs at the Waga port in Baluchistan, Pakistan. Taliban-led Afghanistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned the decision which has resulted in financial losses, created divisions and left stranded travellers, including women, patients,

and children, on both sides

location, and villagers nearby were on the lookout for bodies floating on the river, Niger State Emergency Management Agency spokesman Ibrahim Audu told The Associated Press, Divers recovered four more bodies from the river by Monday morning with at least 40 passengers believed to be still missing, Audu said. Thirty had been rescued. "Instruction has been passed across all the communities surrounding that place so that some of them will watch out (for bodies)," he

Torkham border over "unjustifiable reasons" pairs on a post. of Torkham, terming them

> unjustifiable. According to the Talibanled Ministry, Pakistan's closure of the Torkham border crossing over "unjustifiable reasons" coincides with the arrival of Afghan agricultural products and fruits, which goes against all previous agreements, customary law, and commitments under international laws. According to the statement, the Pakistan government's decision is affecting the trade and regional economy of

Afghanistan which now de-

said.

pends "more on exports" and harms the national economy of Pakistan, according to Khaama Press report.

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WORLD

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

DECLARE DISASTER ZONE: DOZENS FEARED DEAD IN DERNA'S FLOODING TRAGEDY

TDG NETWORK CAIRO

Authorities in eastern Libya declared the city of Derna a disaster zone Monday after the Mediterranean storm Daniel caused devastating floods over the weekend in different parts of the North African nation. At least seven people were reported dead Monday in an initial tally in the coastal town of Susa in northeastern Libya, according to the Ambulance and Emergency Authority, and one other person was confirmed dead Sunday.

Dozens of others were reported missing, and authorities fear they could have died in the floods that destroyed homes and other properties in several towns in eastern Libya, according to local



media. Over the weekend, Libyans shared footage on social media showing flooded housed and roads in many areas across eastern Libya. They pleaded for help as floods besieged people inside their homes and in their vehicles.

Ossama Hamad, the prime minister of the east Libva government, has declared Derna a disaster zone after

PROTEST UPROAR

Ahmed al-Mosmari, a spokesperson for Hifter's forces, said they lost contact with five troops who were helping besieged families in Bayda. The storm is expected to arrive in parts of west Egypt on Monday, and the country's meteorological authorities warned about possible rain and bad weather. Khalifa Hifter deployed troops to help residents in Benghazi and other eastern towns

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US marks 22nd anniversary of September 11 attacks

MILITARY VALOUR

A glimpse from the Multi-Nation Exercise Bright Star-23 that is underway for forging better understanding and developing interoperability between participating troops, on Thursday. (ANI Photo)

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9/11 ATTACK

nited States on Monday marked the 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 terror attack where hijacked airliners crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon building in Virginia and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania and killed around 3,000 people.

According to the Voice of America, US President Joe Biden will address the members of the military, first responders and their families at a military base in Anchorage, Alaska. This will be a rare occasion as the September 11 anniversary will be observed without the US President at crash sites in New York, Pennsylvania or the Pentagon.Biden's Alaska stop comes as he travels home from an overseas trip that included the G2O summit in India and meeting with leaders in Vietnam. On the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001, the US faced the deadliest terrorist attack in its history. Around 3,000 people were killed in the terror attacks. In a span of just 102 minutes, the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center collapsed after planes hijacked by Al Qaeda operatives crashed into them. By a joint resolution approved December



appearing at observances 18,2001, US Congress had from the mayor's office.

The two were identican servicemembers," the fied through advanced statement said. DNA testing of their re-As per CNN, despite mains, the release added. these advancements in DNA technology, roughly The man was identified through DNA testing of 40 per cent of the victims, or about 1,100 people remains recovered in 2001 and the woman through thought to have died in the DNA testing of remains disaster, remain unidentirecovered in 2001, 2006, fied. A total of 2,753 people and 2013, according to the were reported missing in lower Manhattan after release. The techniques used to make these identithe attacks on the World Trade Center. Death cerfications over two decades later "include recently tificates were issued for adopted next-generation all 2,753, although the sequencing technology work to match the names more sensitive and rapid of victims with remains from the site continues. than conventional DNA techniques — which has New York City Mayor Eric been used by the U.S. Adams noted in the anmilitary to identify the renouncement the victims'

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PROTESTERS GATHER AT ISRAELI JUSTICE MINISTER'S HOME AHEAD OF KEY JUDICIAL HEARING

heavy rainfall and floods

destroyed much of the city.

Hamad's government de-

clared a state of emergency

Saturday and suspended

classes as a precaution ahead

of the storm, which made

landfall overnight. Control-

ling eastern and western

Libya, Cmdr. Khalifa Hifter

deployed troops to help resi-

dents in Benghazi and other

eastern towns.

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Scores of Israeli protesters on Monday flooded the streets outside the home of Israel's justice minister, the architect of the country's divisive judicial overhaul, a day before the Supreme Court hears a crucial case against the curbing of its powers.

Israeli police said they arrested six people in the central Israeli town of Modiin, home to Justice Minister Yariv Levin, on charges of disrupting public order and blocking roads as they protested plans by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's far-right government to weaken the Supreme Court. The judicial plan has triggered one of the biggest domestic crises in Israeli history and exposed the country's bitter divides.

liament in July. The rowdy crowd of roughly 200 demonstrators outside Levin's home blew horns, chanted through megaphones against the government and brandished signs, jostling with police who pushed back the crowds. After a few hours, Levin left his besieged home in a sleek black car surrounded by police officers and security guards who tried to clear a path for him through the

swarm of protesters. Further demonstrations are expected this week as the Supreme Court hears petitions Tuesday by rights groups and individuals calling it to strike down the law passed by parliament that cancels the court's ability to block government actions and appointments peal against the first major using the legal concept that they are "unreasonable". The hearings put the country's top justices in the unprecedented position of defending their own independence and ruling on their own fate.The court faces massive public pressure to strike down the law and has an inherent interest in preserving its powers

and independence. But if it does so, Netanyahu's government could ignore the ruling, setting the stage for a crisis over who has ultimate authority.

Supporters of Netanyahu's far-right, ultra-Orthodox government say the law will prevent liberal, unelected judges from interfering with the decisions of elected lawmakers. They also say the court should not be able to rule on a law limiting its own authority. The judicial plan has triggered one of the biggest domestic crises in Israeli history and exposed the countrys bitter divides.On Tuesday, all 15 of Israels Supreme Court justices will appear on the bench for the first time ever to hear an ap-

designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day," and by Public Law 111-13, approved April 21, 2009, the Congress has requested the observance of September 11 as an annually recognized "National Day of Service and Remembrance."

A few days back, New York City officials identified two more victims of the September 11 terror attacks on the World Trade Center. The man and woman identified are the 1,648th and 1,649th victims identified by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, according to CNN citing a news release

to grieve. "As we prepare to mark the anniversary of September 11, our thoughts turn to those we lost on that terrible morning and their families who continue to live every day

with the pain of missing

loved ones," he said. "We hope these new identifications can bring some measure of comfort to the families of these victims, and the ongoing efforts by the Office of Chief Medical Examiner attest to the city's unwavering commitment to reunite all the World Trade Center victims with their loved ones," CNN quoted Adams saying.

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EXPLOSIVE ERUPTION

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Hawaii volcano Kilauea erupts after nearly two months of quiet

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

UAE: ABU DHABI JUDICIARY PUBLISHES 49,000 COURT RULINGS ONLINE IN 2 YEARS

TDG NETWORK ABU DHABI

The Abu Dhabi Judicial Department (ADJD) published more than 49,000 court rulings on its website between 2021 and 2022. The move aims to raise the level of legal awareness among society members, confirm the integrity and transparency of legal principles issued by courts, and enhance the competitiveness of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and the rule of law index in relevant international reports

ABU DHABI JUDICIARY ACHIEVES MILESTONE

- Over two years, 49,032 judicial rulings were published (24,639 in 2021, 24,393 in 2022).
- Categorized by litigation degree: 31,251 from first instance, 14,433 from Appeal, 3,348 from cassation.
- Classified by court type: 23,889 in labor cases, 19,752 in commercial cases, 5,391 in civil cases.

Counsellor Youssef available through the elec-Saeed Al-Abri, ADJD Untronic portal follows the dersecretary, said that the vision of Sheikh Mansour publication of judgements bin Zayed Al Nahyan, issued by the Abu Dhabi Vice President, Deputy Courts and making them Prime Minister, Minister

of the Presidential Court and Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Judicial Department, which aims to consolidate a world-leading judicial system. In detail, the figures for judicial rulings showed the publication of 49,032 judicial rulings, including 24,639 in 2021 and 24,393 in 2022. The published rulings were distributed during the two years according to the degrees of litigation as follows: 31,251 judgements from the courts of first instance, 14,433 judgements from the courts of Appeal,

and 3.348 judgements from the court of cassation. The total number of published judgements, according to their classification based on the types of courts, reached 23,889 in labour cases, 19,752 from the commercial court, and 5,391 in civil cases. Counsellor Al-Abri also pointed out that the publication of judicial rulings on the website enhances the effectiveness and sustainability of judicial processes and raises the level of self-censorship in writing rulings.

Kilauea, one of the most active volcanoes in the world, began erupting Sunday after a two-month pause, displaying glowing lava that is a safe distance from people and structures in a national park on the Big Island. The Hawaii Volcano Observatory said the eruption was observed in the afternoon at the summit of Kilauea.

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The observatory said gases released by the eruption will cause volcanic smog downwind of Kilauea. People living near the park should try to avoid volcanic particles spewed into the air by the eruption, the observatory said. The volcano's alert



level was raised to warning status and the aviation color code went to red as scientists evaluate the eruption and associated hazards.

In June, Kilauea erupted for several weeks, displaying fountains of red lava without threatening any communities or struc-

flocked to the Big Island's Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, which offered safe views of the lava. Kilauea, Hawaii's second largest volcano, erupted from September 2021 until last December. A 2018 Kilauea eruption destroyed more than 700 homes.

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5 TEMPERATE RAINFORESTS AROUND THE WORLD

Temperate rainforests are typically found near extensive bodies of water and towering mountain ranges. They are primarily concentrated along coastal regions, although certain inland mountain ranges can also host temperate rainforests, thanks to the distinctive weather conditions brought about by significant elevation variations. While some temperate rainforests can be quite expansive, the majority tend to be relatively compact. This is due in part to the limited availability of temperate regions that receive substantial rainfall, as well as the impacts of agricultural activities and urban development.

APPALACHIAN TEMPERATE RAINFOREST

Stretching from northern Georgia to western North Carolina, the Appalachian temperate rainforest is perched atop one of the oldest mountain ranges in the world. Warm air from the Gulf of Mexico leads to precipitation when it reaches the mountainous landscape, and the Appalachian forests average more than 60 inches of rainfall per year.

> VALDIVIAN TEMPERATE RAINFOREST The Valdivian temperate rainforest is found on the west coast of Chile and Argentina, on the wet, western slopes of the Andes mountain range. After the Pacific rainforests in North

America, it's the second-largest temperate rainforest in the world. Isolated by the coastline to the west, the imposing peaks of the Andes to the east, and the Atacama Desert to the north, the region functions as an inland island of sorts that supports a number of plant and animal species found nowhere else in the world.

FIORDLAND AND WESTLAND TEMPERATE RAINFORESTS

The South Island of New Zealand is home to two connected temperate forests known respectively as the Fiordland and Westland forests. Both are on the west coast of the island,

where mountain topography creates a rain shadow effect. Some parts of the region see as much as 433 inches of precipitation annually.

FRAGAS DO EUME

Situated in northwestern Spain, the Fragas do Eume is a small stretch of temperate rainforest that straddles the Eume River. Euro-

pean oak is the dominant species, though alder, chestnut, birch, and ash trees thrive as well. The dense forest canopy, combined with its proximity to the Atlantic Ocean, creates a dark, humid environment on the forest floor that supports 20 fern species and about 200 lichen species. The forest is preserved as a 22,000acre natural park.

KNYSNA-AMATOLE RAINFORESTS

The continent of Africa has only two enclaves of temperate rainforest—the

PICTURE PERFECT

Students attend a class as Arya Samaj School reopens after 33 years, in Srinagar on Monday. ANI



OTT RELEASE

"USP OF THE SHOW IS ITS CORE HUMAN EMOTIONS": SWAGGER SHARMA'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE UNIQUENESS OF 'LUCKY GUY'

TDG NETWORK MUMBAI

mazon miniTV, Amazon's free video streaming service, recently released a fantasy drama, Lucky Guy, an ode to family, friendship, love, and fortune. It narrates the story of a young boy, following his journey of luck and emotions where his life changes after receiving a locket. Featuring Swagger Sharma in the lead, portraying the character of Lucky, a college-going student with big dreams and good luck the show is a slice of life drama that is entertaining viewers with its unique storyline and endearing characters.

Commenting on the script, Swagger stated, "I actually wrote the script so didn't have

RELEASE DATE

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he is so close to. It showcases the typical Indian family where he and his father don't talk much with each other, a best friend whom he unknowingly annoys every time and then his love story in college. Everything we go through in college, along with studies, love interest, and how things get tangled if not handled properly, impacting his life and career. We have tapped into these human life and the real world scenarios in the show. Viewers would surely resonate with some or the other characters and relationships in Lucky Guy." Embark on the journey of good fortune with Lucky Guy, streaming live on Amazon

miniTV, for free within the Amazon shopping app, on Fire TV and Play store.

BRAIN PICKING



In this life, it's not what you hope for, it's not what you deserve - it's what you take!



TOM CRUISE American Actor

JOURNEY

COMEDIAN BHARTI SINGH REVEALS STRUGGLES WITH SHOOTING CAREER

TDG NETWORK MUMBAI

Comedian Bharti Singh recently opened up about her past as a professional shooter and how she used to curse herself a lot during that time. In an interview, Bharti shared that she had participated in shooting competitions at the national level and even represented her state.

myself a lot during that time because I was very serious about it. I used to participate in shooting competitions at

However, she also revealed that it was a very stressful the national level and it was time for her and she often a very stressful time for me," found herself getting very frustrated with her performance. "I used to curse



1. Which iconic video game character is known for eating power pellets and chasing ghosts?

- Mario • Sonic the Hedgeho
- Donkey Kong Pac-Man

2. Which popular video game franchise features a battle royale mode known as "Warzone"?

• Call of Duty Apex Legends Fortnite Overwatch

3. Which game is often credited with popularizing the battle royale genre and features a shrinking play area to force player encounters?

Get ready for the first track from

the experience of reading it the show, making it a mustfresh but when I first saw the watch for viewers, "While fully-edited version in one go, on the face it's a fantasy tale, where a boy receives a locket I got goosebumps during the climax. Even though I wrote bringing him immense luck it, after seeing the edited verand changing his life, for me

sion I gave myself a pat on the the show's true USP is its back for creating something portrayal of core human emotions. We have depicted the Additionally, Swagger outbond of a boy with his family lined the unique element of and his grandmother whom

bhumi pednekar's next film: 'haanji' tagline of the trailer reads, "Fairytales jhooth hai, love

jhooth hai, orgasm jhooth hai." Directed by Karan

she said. "I represented my state and I was always trying to improve my performance.

Knysna and Amatole forests in South Africa. Though they are often referred to in conjunction, the two are distinct forests. The Knysna extends along the southern coast, while the Amatole is further inland on the slopes of the Amatole mountain range. The forests receive about 20 to 60 inches of rainfall per year, and are often cloaked in fog that rolls in from the Indian Ocean.

— Bharti Naidu

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'MAHARAJA' FIRST LOOK UNVEILED **BY ACTOR VIJAY SETHUPATHI**

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Vijay Sethupathi, a popular actor, launched the first look poster for his upcoming film 'Maharaja' in Chennai. The film marks Sethupathi's 50th movie. The poster depicts Sethupathi in an action-oriented role, poster shows Vijay in a bloodsoaked shirt and pants, sitting in police station with a sickle in his hand. His left ears seems to have been chopped off too. Sethupathi took to stage at the launch and became very emotional as he spoke about the film. With Sethupathi's statement that the film will work commercially, fans can anticipate an entertaining and successful movie. Maharaja is directed by Nithilan and release date has yet to be announced.

The actor said to the media, "Thank you for your praise and criticism. 50 is not expected at all. It's like a milestone. How far we have come gives us hope. Also, it adds experience. This includes patience and wisdom. Thanks to all the direc-



tors and artists who gave me good experiences." Speaking about Maharaja, he said, "Natti Sir, Aruldas Anne, Singambuli Anne have all acted well. Abhirami and Mamata both acted very well. I am a fan of Abhirami Medathoda from Virumandi...It will be a movie where Maharaja talks. It will also do well commercially. While writing the film, Nithilan had written it as a film that would earn double or triple profit for the producer. It's always exciting to see an actor reach such a milestone in their career, and it's clear that Sethupathi is eager to make this film a memorable one. I'm sure his fans are eagerly awaiting the release of Maharaja and are looking forward to seeing him

"Haanii" from the Bhumi Pednekar starrer is an exciting event for fans of the actress and the film. It's always thrilling to hear new music from a movie, and it builds anticipation for the overall soundtrack. I'm sure fans are eagerly waiting to listen to the song and see how it adds to the storyline and atmosphere of the

film. It's a fantastic way to promote the movie and engage with the audience. I'm looking forward to hearing "Haanji" and see-You. Ready. ing what it has in store for

us! Makers of the upcoming September 2023!' drama film 'Thank You For Coming' announced the re-

lease date of their first song. 'Thank you for Coming' Titled 'Haanji' the song will unveiled the film's official

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management. in yet another remarkable performance.

be out on 12 September. Taking to Instagram, actor Bhumi Pednekar shared a string of stills from the film which she captioned, "Are.

good and worthwhile."

To. RAGE? Haanji. #HaanjiSong drops on 12th

Singh and Shibani Bedi in the lead roles. The trailer

Boolani, the film is all set to hit the theatres on 6 October. On directing the film, director Karan earlier said, "I've been fortunate to be surrounded by incredible women throughout my life, and I'm extremely proud to have directed this film. As a man, Thank you for coming has taught me so much about the female experience around desire, love

4. In the game "The Legend of Zelda," what is the protagonist Link typically trying to rescue or save? Princess Zelda

 Princess Peach The Triforce

Fortnite

Kingdom

Minecraft

The Mushroom

The Legend of Zelda

Grand Theft Auto V

5. Which gaming console was developed by Sony and released in 1994, revolutionizing the gaming industry?

- Xbox Sega Genesis Nintendo 64 PlayStation

4. Princess Zelda 5. PlayStation Answer: I. Pac-Man 2. Call of Duty 3. Fortnite

unaid was going through the market-place of the town with his disciples. A man was dragging his cow by a rope, and Junaid said 'Wait' to the man. The man topped and Junaid asked his disciples 'I ask you one thing: who is bound to whom? Is the cow bound to this man or is this man bound to this cow?' Of course, the disciples said 'the cow is bound to the man. The man is the master, he is holding the rope, and the cow has to follow him wherever he goes. He is the master and the cow is the slave.' And Junaid said 'Now, see.' He took out his scissors and cut the rope - and the cow escaped. The man ran after the cow, and Junaid said 'Now look what is happening! Now you see who the master is; the cow is not interested at all in this man - in fact, she is escaping.' And the man was very angry, he said 'What kind of experiment is this?' But Junaid said to his disciples "this is the case with your mind." All the nonsense that you are carrying inside is not interested in you. You are interested in it, you are keeping it together somehow - you are becoming mad in keeping it together somehow. But you are interested IN it. The moment you lose interest, the moment you understand the futility of it, it will start disappearing; like the cow it will escape.» It doesn>t mean who runs away is the master. The story simply tells us of the things we are holding on

to. Our thoughts, our worries, our mind, our illusions. It could be the fish that was holding on to the net.

- By Bhavani Sundaram

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NOT LEAST

LIFE DOESN'T RUN AWAY FROM PEOPLE. LIFE RUNS AT PEOPLE.

JOE FRAZIER

CHAOS ERUPTS AT AR RAHMAN'S CONCERT IN CHENNAI, POLICE LAUNCH PROBE

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A concert featuring renowned music maestro AR Rahman, titled 'Marakuma Nenjam,' turned into a nightmarish experience for attendees, leading to a police investigation in Chennai. The Tambaram Police Commissioner, Dr. Amalraj, has launched a probe into the chaotic event, focusing on traffic congestion, parking arrangements, medical support, and overall event

Frustrated fans took to social media to share their traumatic experiences,



citing overcrowding and stampede-like situations. Numerous ticket holders with valid passes were reportedly denied entry. In response, AR Rahman offered help to those unable

to attend, stating, "Let me be the sacrificial goat this time for all of us to wake up."

Many attendees accused organizers of overselling tickets, resulting in a dangerously large crowd. Even

VIP zone ticket holders, who paid 25,000 to 50,000 rupees, reported inadequate security and a lack of bouncers. One attendee expressed their disappointment, saying, "It was the worst concert I have attended. VIP zones lacked security, and it was like a stampede. What a disgrace."The police investigation aims to uncover the reasons behind this chaotic event and ensure better safety and organization for future gatherings. Meanwhile, concertgoers demand answers and accountability from the event organizers, ACTC Events.

it." The film will be facing revolves around Kanika a big Bollywood clash with Recently makers of Kapoor (Bhumi Pednekar) Akshay Kumar's upcoming and her quest to find her film 'Mission Ranigani: The true love and pleasure. The Great Bharat Rescue'.

trailer which received decent responses from the fans. Apart from Bhumi, the and acceptance. film also features Shehnaaz I hope that the audiences Gill, Kusha Kapila, Dolly have as much fun watching the film as we had making

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EXPLORING THREAD LIFT: NON -SURGICAL NOSE, FACE AND NECK LIFT

One such innovation that has gained substantial popularity is the Threadlift – a minimally invasive procedure that offers a non-surgical alternative to traditional facelifts.

DR. AJAY RANA

'n recent years, the field of aesthetic medicine has witnessed remarkable advancements, providing individuals with a wide array of options to enhance their natural beauty and address signs of aging without resorting to invasive surgeries. One such innovation that has gained substantial popularity is the Threadlift - a minimally invasive procedure that offers a nonsurgical alternative to traditional facelifts.

UNDERSTAND-ING NON-SURGICAL THREADLIFT

Threadlift is a minimally invasive cosmetic procedure designed to lift and tighten the skin, enhancing the appearance of the nose, face, and neck. Unlike traditional surgical facelifts, which involve incisions, removal of excess skin and potential downtime, this innovative technique utilizes bio-absorbable threads that are

strategically placed under the skin to lift and contour sagging areas. The threads used in this procedure are made of materials such as polydioxanone (PDO) or polycaprolactone (PCL), which are well-tolerated by the body and gradually dissolve over time.

THE RISE OF THREADLIFTS Threadlifts have surged

1. Non-Surgical Nose Lift The nose, being the central in popularity due to their ability to provide noticefeature of the face, plays a able results with minimal significant role in overall downtime. The procedure facial harmony. Threadlifts can be employed to elevate involves the insertion of bioand reshape the nasal tip, degradable threads beneath the skin to lift and tighten correct mild asymmetries. sagging tissues, resulting in a and enhance the overall more youthful and refreshed profile without the need for appearance. Threadlifts offer surgery. This procedure, a non-permanent solution, also known as the "non-suras the threads gradually disgical rhinoplasty," appeals solve over time, encouraging to those seeking subtle yet the body's natural collagen impactful changes to their production for sustained nose without the risks and improvement. downtime associated with **THE THREE-FOLD** surgical interventions.

APPLICATION 2. Threadlift for Facial Re-



juvenation

As we age, the effects of gravity and a decrease in collagen and elastin production can lead to sagging skin, wrinkles, and loss of facial volume. Threadlifts offer a solution by lifting and tightening the skin, effectively reducing the appearance of jowls, nasolabial folds, and sagging cheeks. By strategically placing threads, a skilled practitioner can restore a more youthful contour to the face, creating a rejuvenated and natural-looking result. 3. Neck Lift with Threads

The neck is another area

where visible signs of aging become apparent. Threadlifts can effectively address neck laxity and the formation of horizontal necklines, often referred to as "necklace lines." By lifting and supporting the tissues in the neck, these threads can create a smoother and more defined neck contour, contributing to a more harmonious and balanced overall appearance. **ADVANTAGES OF**

THREADLIFTS Minimally Invasive:

Threadlifts are performed using fine needles, requiring only small incisions or entry points. This significantly reduces the risk of scarring and lowers the potential for complications.

Quick Recovery: Compared to traditional surgical procedures, threadlifts generally involve minimal downtime. Patients can return to their normal activities relatively soon after the procedure. Natural Results: When performed by an experienced practitioner, threadlifts can produce subtle and naturallooking results that enhance a person's features rather than drastically altering

them. Collagen Stimulation: The threads used in the procedure encourage the body's natural collagen production, contributing to longerlasting results even after the threads have dissolved. **CONSIDERATIONS AND**

CAVEATS While threadlifts offer numerous benefits, it's important to note that not everyone is an ideal candidate for the procedure. Individuals with severe skin laxity or those seeking more dramatic changes may still be better suited for surgical options. Additionally, selecting a skilled and experienced practitioner is crucial to ensure optimal results and minimize the risk of complidure, thorough research and consultation with a qualified medical professional are es-

threadlifts has gained momentum in India as an attractive option for those seeking subtle facial rejuvenation. India's growing aesthetic industry, coupled with the demand for minimally invasive procedures, has led to the availability

options. The world of aesthetic medicine continues to evolve, offering innovative solutions for individuals seeking non-surgical alternatives to traditional cosmetic procedures. Threadlifts, with their versatility and ability to address multiple areas such as the nose, face, and neck, have emerged as a popular choice for those desiring a refreshed and rejuvenated appearance. As with any cosmetic proce-

of experienced and trained

professionals across major

cities. Clinics and centers of-

fer non-surgical threadlifts

as part of their repertoire of

cosmetic services, catering to

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cations. The trend of non-surgical sential steps to determine if a threadlift is the right option

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WASTEWATER TREATMENT: MITIGATING HEALTH RISKS AND PROMOTING WELL-BEING



Wastewater treatment is an important but frequently disregarded feature of contemporary society. It is essential for preserving pub- Protecting our drinking lic health and advancing



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DEFYING SARCOPENIA: A GUIDE TO PRESERVING MUSCLE HEALTH IN AGING



As we age, our bodies undergo various changes, and one of the most concerning is the gradual loss of muscle mass and strength, a condition known as sarcopenia. It is a natural part of the aging process characterized by the loss of muscle mass, strength, and function. It typically begins in our 30s, but its effects become more pronounced as we enter our 50s and beyond. Contributing factors include hormonal changes, decreased physical activity, and inadequate nutrition. Muscle loss can lead to a decline in mobility. making everyday activities more challenging and increasing the risk of falls and fractures. With less muscle mass, the body burns fewer calories at rest, potentially leading to weight gain and obesity-related health issues. Sarcopenia can result in frailty, making individuals more vulnerable to illness and decreasing their ability to recover from injuries or

positive effects on muscle muscle disuse and further health. Known for its role in exacerbating muscle loss energy production, creatine supplementation has been (sarcopenia)

Nutrition plays a crucial shown to improve muscle role in combating sarcopestrength in older adults. Collagen peptides may support nia. Incorporating the folmuscle mass and function lowing foods into your diet can help support muscle while also benefiting joint growth and maintenance: health. HMB (Beta-Hydroxy Beta-Methylbutyrate) helps Protein and essential amino acids: Ensure an adequate reduce protein breakdown intake of high-quality proand promote muscle growth. Coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10), a tein sources like lean meats, fish, eggs, dairy products, powerful antioxidant propand plant-based options like erties and may enhance milegumes and tofu. tochondrial function, which Omega-3 Fatty Acids: These fats, found in fatty fish like salmon and walnuts, have anti-inflammatory properties that can help protect muscle mass. Vitamin D: This vitamin is essential for muscle function and can be obtained through sunlight exposure and foods and enjoy a higher quality of like fortified dairy products life as they age. and fatty fish. Dr Anish Desai is MD, Clinical

general wellbeing. This blog will discuss the significance of wastewater treatment, its effects on human health, and how it helps create a more sustainable and healthy future.

HAZARDS OF UNTREAT-ED WASTEWATER THAT GO UNNOTICED

Wastewater that hasn't been treated seriously endangers people's health. It has a diverse range of contaminants, including as germs, viruses, chemicals, and other dangerous materials. Numerous health problems may arise when this tainted water gets into the environment or our water supply.

The main risk posed by untreated wastewater is waterborne illnesses. Typhoid, cholera, and hepatitis outbreaks can quickly spread through contaminated water supplies, affecting entire populations. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), 2.2 million people die from diarrheal diseases each year, primarily as a result of contaminated water, inadequate sanitation, and poor hygiene-problems that are directly related to untreated wastewater.

portant functions of wastewater treatment. Before wastewater is released into rivers, lakes, or seas or recycled for non-potable uses, wastewater treatment plants remove contaminants, such as pathogens and chemical pollutants. This guarantees

that the water we drink is secure and devoid of dangerous toxins.

Furthermore, in regions where water is scarce, treated wastewater can be a useful resource. Wastewater can be filtered using cutting-edge treatment techniques to the point where it can be used for a variety of non-potable tasks, including irrigation,

business operations, and even indirect potable reuse. This preserves freshwater resources and lessens the strain on ecological systems.

ECOSYSTEM HEALTH PROTECTION

The health of our ecosystem is significantly impacted by efficient wastewater treatment. Eutrophication of lakes and rivers can occur when untreated wastewater is dumped into natural water bodies. The growth of haz-

excess nutrients like nitrogen Treatment facilities protect and phosphorus, which can lower oxygen levels and destroy aquatic life.

Additionally, untreated wastewater may include dangerous compounds and

heavy metals that kill fish and other creatures by disrupting aquatic ecosystems. Wastewater treatment procedures eliminate or neutralise these damaging elements, aiding in the preservation of our waterways' biodiversity.

KEEPING ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE FROM SPREADING

A significant public health problem is the prevalence of antibiotics and antibioticresistant microorganisms in

wastewater. Antibiotics may

wind up in wastewater when

AND ENVIRONMENTAL

they are incorrectly disposed of or excreted by people and animals. By destroying antibiotics and eradicating antibiotic-resistant microorganisms, wastewater treatment facilities can be extremely effective in preventing the spread of ardous algae is encouraged by antibiotic resistance.

the potency of these essential medications in medical care by eliminating antibiotics from wastewater, which lowers the selective pressure for antibiotic resistance. Through ensuring that antibiotics continue to be effective against bacterial illnesses. this in turn contributes to better public health outcomes.

FUTURE CLEANER AND SAFER

Investing in wastewater treatment is a step towards a more fair and sustainable future in addition to being a concern of public health. Despite being a fundamental human right, billions of people worldwide still do not have access to clean sanitation and wastewater treatment.

Infrastructure improvements for wastewater treatment can have significant advantages. In especially in vulnerable populations, they lessen the burden of waterborne infections by generating jobs, promoting economic growth, and doing so. Additionally, the employment of cutting-

edge treatment technology can improve the energy and environmental sustainability of wastewater treatment, supporting international efforts to battle climate change.

CONCLUSION

Although wastewater treatment may not seem like a glamorous subject, it is nonetheless extremely important. It serves as a cor-

nerstone of environmental and public health protection, preserving our water supplies and advancing societal well-being as a whole. Investments in wastewater treatment are investments in a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable future for all, as we continue to face water scarcity and environmental problems. We can make sure that wastewater treatment

continues to reduce health risks and advance wellbeing for future generations by acknowledging its crucial role and encouraging its development and improvement.

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Sarcopenia and osteoporosis often coexist and exacerbate each other's effects. Loss of muscle mass and strength can contribute to balance and stability issues, increasing the risk of falls and fractures (osteoporosis). On the other hand, fractures due to osteoporosis can result in reduced mobility, leading to

surgeries

Antioxidants: Foods rich in Pharmacologist and Nutraceuantioxidants, such as fruits tical Physician, Founder and CEO, IntelliMed Healthcare and vegetables, can help reduce inflammation and pro-Solutions.



WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY:2023

The yearly observance of World Sui- Suicide is a multifaceted issue, often en- more than a mere safety net; they extend cide Prevention Day on September 10th stands as a poignant annual event underscoring the notion that support is frequently closer than we realise, whether it comes from a dependable friend, relative, or professional. **Understanding the Crisis**

tangled with mental health challenges, external stressors, and personal battles. The Lifeline Within Reach

There is often a lifeline extending towards us-an empathetic friend, a supportive family member, or a seasoned

a lifeline teeming with emotional support, guidance, and a compassionate, non-judgmental presence.

The Mighty Power of Connection Human connection wields an incredible influence. A heartfelt check-in with professional. These individuals offer a friend, a candid sharing of your emotions with a loved one, or the decision to seek professional assistance can work wonders in someone's life.

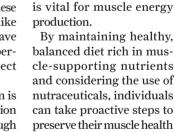
Breaking Down the Stigma

Its goal is to foster empathy, understanding, and acceptance, emphasizing that reaching out for assistance demonstrates strength and resilience rather than vul-

nerability.

The Importance of the Day In a world where mental health concerns often linger in the shadows, World Suicide Prevention Day beckons us to step into the light, to break the silence, and to be that lifeline for someone in need. By Dr. Neerja Agarwal

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THE FOURFOLD DIVISION OF SOCIETY

PRARTHNA SARAN

ll humans are born equal is a sweet sounding fallacy. It's near impossible to find two human beings who look alike, (twins, may be) or even think alike ,or have similar ideologies, or similar desires and capabilities! Yes we all have one head four limbs and five sense organs. Yes, we all have one vote to cast, that's how the state counts us.All animals have one head ,four legs and a tail, but are they equal in everything? All fish are fish, but the variety.?

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Chapter IV of the Bhagwat Geeta, verse 13, carries a declaration by the Lord himself that He created a four fold division in society, based on gunas (mental tendencies) and karmas(preferences and skills action). Meaning that lawyers, doctors, professors, engineers, army officers, construction labourers, administrators are all different from each other in their thinking as well as their preferences in actions. A highly intelligent scientist cannot be put in the same category as a very brave and daring army commander, nor can a philosopher be in the same category as a trader who is generating wealth or labours for material gains.1) A Brahmin is not by birth. Any human being who likes to live a clean noble life of higher learning

, who is prone to studying, teaching or researches into the deepest secrets of life is a Brahmin. 2) A Kshatriya is he who has a natural tendency for administration, leadership, standing up to protect the weak, fight for justice and righteousness. 3) A Vaishya is a natural ,born businessman.(not by biological birth) trader, farmer, or industrialist . He generates wealth in the society, and considers it his duty to see that all are provided for. 4) Shoodras, This category of human beings are the ones who are the service providers. The entire hospitality sector, hospitals, hotel staff ,airlines, railway and transport service employees, workers of all categories who prefer physical service jobs rather than any of the above categories fall into this class. Think carefully, where in the world do you not have these four types of human beings? The lord says that he created them all, so they are not inferior or superior, but different from each other.Yet the lord says that he was not a doer! The waves, the froth, the high and low tides are all created by the ocean, but is the ocean a doer? There is no ornament created without the help of gold ,but Is gold a creator? Similarly, the great



power behind all life supports all creation by its mere presence.

As in all religions, decadence slowly creeps in and misinterpretations abound to suit the priest or powerful class. The early Vedic society records no incidents of these categories classified in tightly bound moulds, not by birth, and 'inter caste' (people with different tendencies)marriages were common, but slowly these divisive lines became harder, and then degenerated into ridiculously illogical interpretations of caste, bringing in inferiority, superiority and even untouchability amongst people ! Sad it is, but this is not what the lord said. He only made a classification for easy understanding of society based on 'guna' and 'karma', not determined by birth.

The word 'Varna' in Sanskrit only means colour or texture. In yoga Shastra (science of Yoga)it means

the texture of thought patterns of the mind . For easy identification the three main tendencies or thought patterns were given colours: white for Satwik, red for Rajasic and black for Tamasic. The mischievous Hindu blasphemers made white the highest and black the lowest, and there followed a shameless exploitation of the ignorant masses. Accepting that the society fell into these evil ways because of convenient misinterpretations, we must understand it rightly and stand corrected. Each person in the social fabric constitutes a thread which holds the entire fabric together in a gorgeous weave. Each thread is as needed as the other and is equal in importance for the fabric to show off its sheen and beautiful artistry! Each thread is unique in colour and weaves a different pattern. One thread destroyed and the whole fabric slowly rips apart. This is a sad state

revered and divine sanatan dharma by its own sons in its own sacred motherland. There are very few great mahatmas who can reveal the divine depths of this great Sanatan dharma. It is our pious duty to research into it before cheaply shouting slogans to banish it. Krishna, born the son of a king, happily spent his whole childhood as a mere cowherd boy in the village of Brindavan, and Shri Ram who was also born to a king happily spent years in the forest ,embracing and befriending and protecting the shoodras like Shabari Mata, Nishaad, Kevat, and many other forest dwellers. Not, human beings alone our gentle Sanatan dharm follower Shri Ram also fondly loved and protected birds, animals, even thanked creatures as little as squirrels !We must all labour to remove the hatred and the prejudices that have been created by self serving priests and others through convenient interpretations. This great religion has been honoured as the deepest philosophy that the world has seen, be proud of your own heritage and lofty ideals, Sanatan dharma is our sacred mother, and a mother is always a mother ,even if in tatters now. Which son, worthy of that name would even talk of banishing her, or bathe her feet and decorate her in divine garments.? Prarthna Saran is the President of Chinmaya Mission Delhi.

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NEED OF HONESTY (SATYA) **IN SPIRITUAL PRACTICE**





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vices. Regulation of all forms of cheating and adherence to honesty ultimately boils down to internal reflection and integrity. Standards for honesty are often set up by influential people. First, the responsibility for setting standards lies with parents and teachers. Role models in our society such as leaders, politicians, and other important dignitaries have a moral obligation to set ideals for honesty. Unfortunately, such influential people do the exact opposite and set bad examples which have detrimental effects on common people. Gächter and Schulz in a study published in Nature in 2016 from 23 countries from around the world studied the prevalence of rule violations (PRVs) and their relationship to intrinsic honesty among young people. They found that intrinsic honesty was stronger among young people from those countries that had low PRVs than those from countries with high PRVs.Here are five points for introspection to inculcate honesty into our lives:



THE WISE OWL

OUR THOUGHTS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

If you think you are content, you are right. If you think you can never be content, you are right again. How you think matters more than you think.

Talking about neuroplasticity, scientists assure us that even our neurons listen to our thoughts. Every time you think positively, you reinforce new neural pathways in your brain. Vice versa, negative thoughts too create certain patterns in our body compelling our brain to think and react in the same manner.

Dennis Waitley, a motivational speaker would tell his listeners: "The winners in life think constantly in terms of I can, I will, and I am. Losers, on the other hand, concentrate their waking thoughts on what they should have or would have done, or what they can't do." Circumstances may not always be in our hands; certain situations may elicit negative response much beyond your control.

But when time passes, you can definitely come back to your positive self, counting your blessings, carrying yourself to move on again.

Those who have come out of the worst believed that they can do it. And they were right. Those who refused to come out of the abyss and drowned, were led to that path by their thoughts. They were right too.

Our thoughts make all the difference.

OBSESSED WITH THE EXTERIOR



The royal court of King Janak's kingdom was filled to the brim. Educated people from various kingdoms had assembled to listen to the finest minds discussing matters pertaining to the soul. Janak was the patron of numerous seers and scholars and regularly held such spiritual assemblies.

Far away in his village, the young scholar Ashtavakra was keen to participate in one such session. He had another connection to these sessions: his father.

Sage Kahola was reciting mantras when the unborn child in his wife's womb corrected him regarding his pronunciations. An angry Kahola cursed his unborn child, who was born with eight deformities in his of coming to the wrong place.' body and hence was called Ashtavakra. Incidentally, Kahola lost a fierce debate in King Janak's royal court a few years later and was banished to the Yamuna riverbed according to the rules of the debate. The moment Ashtavakra set foot inside the royal court, he was met with laughter. In response, he laughed louder, shocking the entire assembly. When Janak's counsellors introduced Ashtavakra, Janak was elated since he had heard about the young seer and accorded him respect in tune with the protocol.

ed until now. It was about the soul,' the king replied. 'Now there's another. I know others laughed at your unusual way of walking. The second question I would like an answer to is, What made you laugh?'

'I too was laughing at myself,' Ashtavakra replied.

'I don't understand,' said Janak, intrigued, as were others in the royal court.

'I came expecting astute minds discussing the soul,' Ashtavakra explained. 'However, what I find is a congregation of traders obsessed with the exterior—the skin, the body, the looks-like shoemakers discussing the quality of leather. Hence, I laughed at having made the mistake

As the meaning of Ashtavakra's

Am I honest with myself in

my thoughts, words, and actions? Do I pretend to be honest, or do I truly aspire to be honest? Who can say that as a child we were not instructed to be honest? Then why as adults, do we sometimes engage in being dishonest, deceitful, and non-truthful? These are some questions that often bother us. Honesty is a spiritual virtue that is universally accepted as being the basis of integrity. It is often said that honesty is the best policy. It is well-recognized that honesty leads to happiness and contentment. Honesty needs to translate into our thoughts first, then into words, and then into our actions. Yet at times, we find it difficult to remain honest.

Personality researchers have come up with an Honesty-Humility trait. This trait comprises four dimensions. The first dimension is sincerity or the propensity to be truthful and nonmanipulative. The second dimension involves fairness or the inclination to have everybody's welfare in mind. The third dimension entails avoiding greed or having a relatively lower focus on the comforts and luxuries of life. The final dimension imbibes modesty or having relatively lower feelings of entitlement and superiority. This trait is negatively associated with a tendency to deceive or exploit others and pursue self-promoting goals. This trait exhibits greater social desirability than others.

Clearly, this trait has a lot of utility in the betterment of our personality and society. This trait must be nourished in our personality.

Unfortunately, such claims lower our self-esteem even more and we start living in a life of lies and falsehood which leads to discontent and unhappiness. We must always make efforts to achieve what we do not have and aspire to have. But we must not make false claims for possessing that we have something that we do not or how good we are when we are not at that level. Even if it is for trivial matters we should try and be honest with ourselves and others. What is the point of lying even if it is a small lie? James Faust (1920-2007), an

American religious leader, once said, "Honesty is more than not lying. It is truth telling, truth speaking, truth living, and truth loving." It certainly is an ideal that we must always aspire to in our daily interactions.

Sigmund Freud (1856-1939), the father of psychoanalysis, proposed self-analysis for personal growth. He advocated that self-analysis must follow internal associations and reflections honestly. In such reflections, one should constantly check whether one is being honest. If one is not honest with oneself, then no growth can take place. However, such selfanalysis is often difficult as there is constant interaction between one's defense mechanisms and conflicting urg-



es. So constant effort must be exercised so that these internal processes do not interfere, and one is as objective as possible. In doing self-analysis one is revisiting one's own beliefs, attitudes, and values. So being honest with oneself can sometimes be painful and one must be prepared for that. However, such self-analysis of our truths and lies is extremely helpful in our development and must be practiced with earnestness and zeal.

Honesty is very important in relationships. Taylor Lautner (1992-present), a young contemporary American actor, has said, "Honesty and loyalty are key. If two people can be honest with each other about everything, that's probably the biggest key to success." Honesty is the cement that binds relationships. We see dishonesty in relationships and as a result, we find them breaking up more easily than ever before. Dishonesty breaches trust and that is often unrepairable. Dishonesty can manifest as a distortion of the truth or something that should have been shared but was not shared or plain deceit. In relationships, people

are often hurt more by the

cover-up of the truth rather than by the truth itself. Honesty in relationships helps one live at the level of reality and not in a world of fantasy which is crucial for the survival of any relationship. Honesty in a relationship whether is with a family member, a friend, or in a romantic context ensures security in that relationship. If one is not honest with oneself then it is likely that the person cannot be honest with the other person. The quest for honesty must begin with the self, then with the family, then with friends, and then with everyone. Plato (428-328 BC), the

ancient Greek philosopher, once said, "Honesty is for the most part less profitable than dishonesty." This seems to be happening in present-day society at the societal level. There are several measures and institutions in our societv that try to regulate honesty. Yet we find various forms of cheating rampant in our society such as tax evasion, corruption, political fraud, criminal behaviors, and so on. These forms of cheating are present in both individualistic as well as collectivist cultures and no country is completely free from these

•Do I falsely claim an attribute that I do not possess? •Have I lied about anything, even a trivial matter during the past day?

•What should have been a truthful way to conduct myself if I had lied?

•Can a remedial measure be taken by me to correct my lie now?

•What measures do I need to have in place so that I do not lie in the future?

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'What's the subject of the discussion, O king?' Ashtavakra wanted to know. 'There was one question being debat-

words dawned upon them, everyone became quiet. Oh, how today we might scorn those mocking Ashtavakra in the assembly of Janak, little realising that these mockers are still among us. Nay, within us! Aren't we forever enamoured by external features without a clue of what's shining deep within, not just in the mind but in the soul? It's time our vision improved and turned inward.

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SPORTS

US OPEN

DJOKOVIC TRIUMPHS: CAPTURES HISTORIC 24TH MAJOR TITLE AFTER EPIC BATTLE WITH MEDVEDEV

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erbian tennis star Novak Djokovic levelled With the Margaret Court's record of 24 Grand Slam titles after securing the US Open title, beating Russia's Daniil Medvedev in an extremely fatiguing final at New York. Djokovic beat Medvedev by 6-3, 7-6(5), 6-3. With this win, the 36-year old legend has won his third Grand Slam of the year after the Australian Open and French Open. Also, Djokovic has avenged the loss to Medvedev in the title clash of US Open 2021. Despite fatigue, Djokovic captured his fourth US Open title after winning it in 2011, 2015 and 2018.

The tennis star will return to the top of ATP Rankings on Monday after a tough 104-minute second set, which saw him save a set point and surge to a win. He is also at the top of ATP Live Rankings right now. He has won three Major titles in a three times before as well, in 2011, 2015

Novak Djokovic clinched his fourth US Open men's singles title. and 2021. For atleast set and a half, Djokovic dominated the match but Medvedev was not going down without a fight. There was a 31-shot rally in the second set, causing Djokovic to fall from fatigue. There was a change in the tone of the game from 3-3 in second set, but Djokovic pulled out a set winning vol-

ley. The final set was more easier for Djokovic and he won the match. Following the match, Djokovic said, "To make history of this sport is just something truly remarkable and special," "Obviously in every possible way, in every possible meaning of the word special. It is hard to describe in words. I had the childhood

dream when I was seven, eight. I wanted to become the best player in the world and win the Wimbledon trophy. That was the only thing I wanted." "But then when I realised that, obviously I started to dream new dreams and set new objectives, new goals. I never imagined that I would be here standing with

vou talking about 24 Slams,' he added. Medvedev also said, "24. I feel like I have not a bad career and I have 20 titles, you have 24 Grand Slams. Wow. Congrats to you and your team. You guys are amazing."

After the game finished and he shook hands with his opponent, Djokovic put on a blue-coloured shirt saying 'Mamba Forever'. 'Mamba' was one of Kobe's nicknames. The number 24 at the back of the shirt was also Kobe's jersey number. Djokovic said that he had thought of paying the tribute on winning the tournament. He added that Kobe was a close friend and they discussed "winner's mentality" during Djokovic's time away from the game due to injury. "I thought of doing this T-shirt eventually if I got the chance to win the tournament. It was about seven days ago. I did not share it with anyone until a few days ago when I asked my people to help me out to make this shirt," Djokovic said during

the trophy ceremony.

Diksha holds strong: Maintains third place on Europe's order of merit

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GOLF

Diksha Dagar carded a decent 2-under 70 on the final day to finish a modest tied-21st on the Ladies European Tour's Big Green Egg Open. The 22-year-old left-hander had rounds of 71-70-70 for an aggregate of 5-under 211, which was not enough to maintain her run of top-10 finishes. Diksha had two birdies and one bogey on either side of the Hilversumsche Golf Club in the final round.

Despite the modest finish, Diksha stayed in third place in the Race to Costa Del Sol — the LET's Order of Merit. It has been a great season for Diksha so far with the Indian winning a tournament and having six top-10 finishes. She also notched up a career-best finish in a Major - a T-21 in the AIG Women's Open. India's Vani Kapoor (70) finished tied-39th at 1-under 215, while Amandeep Drall, Tvesa Malik, Ridhima Dilawari and



Diksha Dagar: Indian professional golfer

amateur Avani Prashanth had missed the cut. A thrilling final day saw Thai rookie Trichat Cheenglab land her maiden LET title as she fired a 67 (-5) to win by one shot. With seven players tied at the top prior to the final round, it was a close affair. Cheenglab posted six birdies, including a wonderful four on the par-5 18th to pip Lydia Hall and Nicole Broch Estrup to glory on 12-under par. Playing in the final group alongside Welsh duo Chloe Williams and Lydia Hall, Cheenglab birdied her opening hole at the par-5 as the latter eagled

to break from the pack and take the sole lead. In the final stages after Broch Estrup set the clubhouse target at 11-under par with a sensational 65, Cheenglab and Hall both required two birdies in their final five holes to topple the score. The rookie struck first with a birdie on the par-3 14th only for Hall to respond with one of her own on the par-4 15th. Hall gave shots back on the 16th and 17th after finding trouble off the tee, meaning the one-time LET winner required an eagle on the last hole with Cheenglab needing a birdie.

AFC-U23

Coach Miranda motivates India U23 team for UAE battle after China setback

TDG NETWORK DALIAN

The last-minute goal that saw China beat India 2-1 in the AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers on Saturday night was heart-breaking for the Indians. But India's U23 football team head coach Clifford Miranda is not ready to lay down the arms so easily. Miranda said as quoted by AIFF's official website, "After every dark night comes a glorious morning," as he prepared his troops for the final group stage game against the UAE. Seconds away from earning a crucial point and a deserving draw after fighting back from a goal down scored from a penalty, which against hosts China, the India U23 team suffered a when China scored with practically the last kick of the game and ran away with a 2-1 victory in front of a sea of their fans in the Dalian Suouwan Stadium in Dalian, China. Talking about his thoughts on the game, Miranda said, "I think it was an evenly contested game. China did have the majority of the possession but that was because we chose to play in a manner where we could hurt them on the break, and to an extent we were successful. I believe we had more open chances and we had them where we



Indian football team

wanted, but yes, we did lack especially when you lose in the manner that we lost vesquality when we got on the ball. The former India interterday. It was a roller coaster of emotions, which changed national felt like most games of football, yesterday's match minute by minute towards was a game of phases, addthe end. This is the best and ing, "For the first 25 minutes, sometimes the worst part of we controlled the game. Of the profession that we are in, things can change in a split course, after that, China grew into the game and second and nothing is guaranteed. I'm sure my playwas unfortunate for us, but we did well to regroup after that and keep fighting for the equaliser. They managed to score in the very last minute to win the game but I'd like to repeat myself and say I'm extremely proud of the way my players played considering the short duration we got to prepare as compared to China, who as far as I know have been preparing for the past three months." When asked about the team's morale and how important it is to bounce back strong in the next match against UAE, Miranda said, "It's normal to be upset whenever you lose and



SONIKA'S HEARTWARMING MOMENT: RECEIVING **INDIA JERSEY FROM MOTHER AMIDST TEAMMATES**

TDG NETWORK BENGALURU

A fortnight ago, when Sonika's mother boarded a flight from Delhi to arrive in Bengaluru to attend Sunehra Safar - a special send-off ceremony hosted by Hockey India little did the 26-yearold player know that she would receive her India jersey by her mother ahead of the all-important Hangzhou Asian Games, which is scheduled to be held from September 23 to October 8 2023. "It was truly a special moment, especially to receive the jersey in front of a big audience which includ-



event in 2019. But the following year put a pause in her budding career. In 2020, she had to leave the National Camp to seek professional help to improve her mental wellbeing. "Covid lockdown was not kind to me. It was a tough phase personally and I am so glad that my struggle to stay strong mentally through this phase was recognized very early on by the team management and I was provided with professional help. Looking back, I am very grateful to Hockey India and my teammates for allowing me this break," stated Sonika in retrospect.

a part in the historic Bronze medal win at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games as well as the title win at the FIH Nations Cup 2022.

"I am extremely excited and eager to play my first ever Asian Games. I have put in a lot of hard work to reach this stage in my career and having picked up good results in major events like CWG, the team is very confident of a good show. After Hockey India's Sunehra Safar event, the team is all the more motivated and inspired to bring laurels to the country, as well as our families. Our focus is purely on winning the Gold and doing well in the Paris Olympics 2024," Sonika signed off. India is grouped in Pool A with Korea, Malaysia, Hong Kong China and Singapore. They will begin their campaign on September 27 against Singapore.

ers are well versed in this. they are disappointed and so am I, but we must realise that we can't change what has happened. It's difficult, but the team understands that tomorrow is a new day.

Mathematically, we still have a chance to qualify and for that to happen, we need to be mentally ready. If we still have a hangover from the previous result, we will lose this opportunity that we have ahead of us as well," said the Head Coach, looking ahead to their next and final match of the group stage on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, against UAE

ARCHERY

India's Dhiraj falls short in bronze battle

TDG NETWORK MEXICO

Dhiraj Bommadevara showed some spark when he shocked two-time Olympic team gold medallist Kim Woojin 6-2 but lost his next two matches to return empty-handed as India ended their campaign with a solitary silver medal in the 'Archery World Cup Final'. Compound archer Prathamesh Jawakar won the country's lone medal despite India fielding their biggest-ever contingent of five archers in the World Cup's season-ending grand finale. **Rising Indian recurve archer** Dhiraj began his campaign on a rousing note when he rallied from O-2 to pull off



Dhiraj Bommadevara loses bronze-medal playoff

an upset 28-29, 30-28, 30-28, 29-26 win over the World No. 2 Korean heavyweight in the men's quarterfinals. But the 22-year-old Army archer faltered against another Korean Lee Woo Seok as he went down 1-7 (28-28, 27-30, 28-30 and 28-29) in the semi-final to be left to fight for the third-place playoff, where he was up against Medellin World Cup winner

Mauro Nespoli. The bronze medal contest went down to the wire with the Italian clinching the issue 6-5 (29-30, 27-27, 25-29, 27-26, 27-28) (10-9) in the shoot-off where Dhiraj dropped a point. Jayanta Talukdar remains the

only male recurve archer to

have won a World Cup Final medal - bronze - 13 yearsago in Edinburgh. Dola Banerjee is the only Indian with a World Cup Final gold that came way back in Dubai 2007 in the women's recurve section. In terms of medals, woman recurve archer Deepika Kumari is the most successful Indian, having won four silver medals at different World Cup Finals.

ed all my teammates.

Those few minutes on the stage brought back all the memories of my struggle and facing challenges to get here and my mother has been equally part of this journey - always supporting me at every crucial juncture,"

EXPECTATIONS

India women's hockey player Sonika

stated an emotional Sonika. The midfielder from Hisar, Haryana made her senior team debut at the Hawke's Bay Cup in New Zealand

back in 2016. She was part of the team that won the Gold medal at the Women's Asia Cup in 2017 and featured in the Ready Steady Tokyo

Having made a comeback in the national team in 2O21/ 22 at the FIH Hockey Pro League after a strong performance in that year's National Championships, Sonika has only risen in her career. She has been a regular feature in the team, having played

Vimal Kumar expresses concerns over Sindhu's confidence for Asian Games

TDG NETWORK NEW DELHI

Repeated failures in tournaments this season has dented P V Sindhu's confidence and not much should be expected from the ace Indian shuttler at the Asian Games, says former India coach Vimal Kumar. The double Olympic medallist has found the going tough ever since returning from a five-month long lay-off following an ankle injury en-route to the Commonwealth Games gold last August.

Desperate to arrest the slide, the 28-year-old sought help of legendary Prakash Padukone and trained under him at his Academy PPBA in Bengaluru last week. "We have been sitting and observing her sessions. Prakash spoke to her and tried to motivate her. We have also interacted with her coach (Muhammad Hafiz Hashim)," Vimal, who is the director of the PPBA. "She is at the



PV Sindhu: Indian badminton player

moment low on confidence and she has some work to do. We shouldn't expect much from her at the Asian Games," he added. The 2019 world champion has lost seven times in the first round of BWF tour events this year. A semi-final finish at the Canada Open and two quarterfinals - US open

super 300 and Australian Open super 500 - are the only notable performances so far this season. Plagued by a string of underwhelming performances, Sindhu had conceded that the quarterfinal loss at the US Open had "a significant emotional impact" on her. After observing the shuttler

from close quarters during her week-long stint, Vimal feels Sindhu needs to make a few technical changes in her game and is likely to take some time to regain her form. "The last week has been a good change for her. She had a good experience of learning from Mr Prakash Padukone. He

was very kind to be there and watch her practice session," Sindhu's father PV Ramana, who had won a bronze medal as part of the Indian Volleyball team in the 1986 Asian Games, said. "They have been very supportive and have given her great encouragement. It is good to learn from different coaches, everyone has different views and ways. As a player, she might like to go again, every player have their own strategy."

For world number 14 Sindhu, it is a crucial period in her career with the Olympic qualification period for the 2024 Games having already started from May 1 In February, the player from Hyderabad parted ways with Korean coach Park Tae-Sang, who was instrumental in her winning the bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics. Sindhu worked with SAI coach Vidhi Chaudhary for some time before roping in Hafiz ahead of the Olympics.

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SUPER-FOUR

INDIA DOMINATES PAKISTAN IN ASIA CUP CLASH, WINS BY 228 RUNS

NEW DELHI

n a weather interrupted thrilling Asia Cup Super-Four encounter, India showcased their cricketing prowess as they defeated arch-rivals Pakistan by a resounding 228-run margin. The match, held at R.Premadasa Stadium in Colombo, will be remembered for India's dominant batting display and Kuldeep Yadav's exceptional bowling performance. India's Batting Masterclass

India's innings was marked by spectacular performances from some of their top-order batsmen. Captain Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill laid a solid foundation with their half-centuries, putting up 121 runs for the opening wicket. Their partnership set the stage for the fireworks to come. However, it was the unbeaten 233-run partnership between Virat Kohli and KL Rahul that stole the spotlight. Kohli's vintage performance saw him scoring an unbeaten 122 runs from just 94 deliv-



India vs. Pakistan Asia Cup

eries. On the other hand, KL Rahul's aggressive century, with 111 runs off 106 balls, showcased his remarkable return from injury. Together, they ensured that India reached a commanding total of 356/2 in their allotted 50 overs. Pakistan's bowlers tried their best to contain the scoring, but the Indian duo's range of shots proved too difficult to handle.

> Rain Interruption and Pakistan's Struggle. The match had seen a rain interruption on the reserved day, with India resuming

Fakhar Zaman and Imamul-Haq opened the innings, but they struggled against India's formidable bowling attack. Jasprit Bumrah, in his first appearance of the tournament, immediately made an impact, conceding just five wides in the first over. Imam-ul-Haq's dismissal for 9 runs put Pakistan in early trouble. Babar Azam, considered one of Pakistan's batting pillars, also had a challenging start and struggled to score freely. Rain, Injury, and India's **Bowling Brilliance**

Rain intervened once again, causing delays and uncertainty in the match. Pakistan faced further setbacks when Agha Salman was injured after playing a shot against Ravindra Jadeja. Despite these hurdles, Pakistan attempted to stay in the game. However, India's bowling attack remained relentless. Shardul Thakur struck early after the rain delay,

ing a mammoth target of removing Mohammad 357 runs, Pakistan faced an Rizwan. Kuldeep Yadav, uphill battle from the start. introduced into the attack, made significant inroads. He eventually claimed five wickets, including the crucial wicket of Fakhar Zaman, who had shown some intent. As Pakistan's wickets fell at regular intervals, their chances of a successful chase diminished. Shadab Khan, Iftikhar Ahmed, and Agha Salman made valiant efforts, but the mounting required run rate proved too much to handle. Victory for India

With every passing over, India tightened their grip on the match. Kuldeep Yadav's brilliant five-wicket haul and the relentless bowling attack eventually bowled out Pakistan for 128 runs in 32 overs. India secured a commanding victory, winning by a resounding 228run margin. This emphatic win demonstrated India's superiority in the Asia Cup Super-Four clash and left Pakistan with much to contemplate as they look ahead in the tournament.

Lala Amarnath: Pioneering cricket icon who set many 'Firsts' for India

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LEGEND

On 11 September in 1911, former Indian captain Lala Amarnath was born in Punjab in pre-partition India. Lala Amarnath is the man behind some of the many historic 'firsts' of Indian cricket. He made his Test debut against England in December 1933. On his Test cricket debut, he became the first Indian player to score a century in Test cricket.

He scored 118 runs against England in his debut match in December 1933, which England won by nine wickets. In his Test career, Amarnath played 24 Tests, scoring 878 runs at an average of 24.38. He scored one century and four half-centuries in a career that lasted over two decades.

He was also an effective bowler and took 45 wickets, with best bowling figures of 5/96. He also had an envious first-class record for his time having scored 10,426 runs at an average of 41.37 in 186 matches, across 286 innings. This resulted in 31 centuries and 39 half-centuries with 262 his best individual score. He was the first captain of the cricket team of an independent India between 1947 and 1952. He captained India



Lala Amarnath Bharadwaj.

in 15 Tests, winning two, losing six and drawing seven. Lala Amarnath led India to its first Test series victory. The team won against Pakistan 2-1 in 1952.

Amarnath was also the first bowler to dismiss legendary Australian batter Don Bradman by hitwicket. It happened during a Test in November 1947, when he dismissed Bradman as the Australian legend had already piled up 185 runs. His sons Mohinder and Surinder Amarnath also served India in the sport, with the former being a vital part of India's

World Cup-winning team in 1983. Mohinder was the 'Man of the Match' in the semi-final against England, scoring 46 runs and getting figures of 2/27 with the ball. In the final, Mohinder contributed a patient 26 runs in 80 balls and took 3/12 in his spell, including the matchwinning wicket of Michael Holding. For his contributions to the sport, Lala Amarnath was honoured with the inaugural CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in 1994. He passed away on August 5, 2000.

ASIA CUP

INDIA SET TO BATTLE SRI LANKA IN ASIA CUP 2023 SUPER FOUR ROUND

their innings at 147-2. Paki-

stan's bowlers, led by Sha-

dab Khan, made an early

attempt to stifle the Indian

batsmen. Still, Kohli and

Rahul maintained a steady

scoring pace, building a

formidable partnership. De-

spite a missed opportunity

when Faheem Ashraf failed

to run out KL Rahul. Paki-

stan couldn't find a break-

through. Haris Rauf's ab-

sence due to injury further

hampered Pakistan's efforts,

allowing Rahul and Kohli to

take Iftikhar Ahmed for 46

runs in his five overs. Chas-

SUNIL YASH KALRA NEW DELHI

Now India vs Pakistan clash is over today India will face Sri Lanka in the Super Four round of the Asia Cup 2023. The much-anticipated clash is scheduled to take place today at the iconic R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo. Rohit Sharma, the dynamic Indian opener, leads the Indian cricket contingent in this prestigious tournament, while the experienced Dasun Shanaka shoulders the responsibility of captaining Sri Lanka.

In the group stage, India showcased their dominance



ering Bangladesh once again games. This close competiin the Super Four stage.

tion underscores Sri Lanka's India and Sri Lanka have a slight edge over India in the annals of Asia Cup history. storied ODI cricket history In recent times, India has dating back to 1979. In the 165 matches played between asserted its supremacy over

Mohammed Shami, primarily to strengthen their batting lineup. Nevertheless, this decision has sparked debates, with some considering it a defensive approach for a home World Cup. The possibility of bringing back Shami, known for his ability to wreak havoc with the new ball, looms large. If Shreyas Iyer returns to full fitness, Rohit Sharma faces a challenging decision, especially after KL Rahul's standout performance in the last game against Pakistan." Further, he said, "Sri Lanka faced setbacks with several

jaya de Silva remains a concern. Young talent Matheesha Pathirana has been exceptional, amassing eight wickets in three games, drawing from his experience bowling to Indian batters during his stint with the Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Premier League 2023."

At the R. Premadasa Stadium, pacers can extract movement off the pitch early on, provided they maintain disciplined lines with the new ball. Spinners are expected to play a crucial role as the game progresses, making it challenging for new batters key players sidelined due to to find their rhythm. Given the rain forecast, the tosswinning captain might opt to bowl first, capitalizing on the potentially favorable conditions. Cricket enthusiasts and fans worldwide eagerly await this thrilling encounter between two cricketing giants, with both India and Sri Lanka gearing up to deliver a memorable contest in the Asia Cup 2023.

MILESTONE

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Moeen Ali spins his way into the record books with 100 ODI wickets

SOUTHAMPTON England all-rounder Moeen Ali completed 100 wickets in ODI cricket, becoming the only third spinner from the country to do so.

Moeen reached this milestone during England's second ODI against New Zealand at Southampton.



ets in 79 matches) and Adil

Rashid (184 wickets in 126

Livingstone had a 48-run stand with Moeen (33 in 32 balls with three fours and a six) that helped England reach the 100-run mark and then a 112-run stand with Sam Curran (42 in 35 balls, with one four and two sixes) that helped England reach 226/7 in 50 overs. Boult (3/37) was the pick of the

by defeating Nepal with a commanding 10 wickets. However, their encounter against Pakistan ended in a no-result. leaving fans eager for more thrilling cricket action. Sri Lanka, on the other hand, has been fortunate with the weather gods smiling upon them, as none of their matches have been disrupted by rain. They delivered convincing victories against Bangladesh and Afghanistan in the opening round and continued their winning streak by overpowthese cricket powerhouses, India emerged victorious in 96 encounters, showcasing their formidable presence on the field. Sri Lanka, however, clinched victory in 57 matches, with only one match ending in a tie, and 11 games concluding with no result.

In the context of Asia Cup tournaments, where the stakes are always high, India and Sri Lanka have engaged in 19 epic battles. India has emerged victorious in 9 of these encounters, while Sri Lanka triumphed in 10

Sri Lanka in ODI clashes. Out of their last five encounters, India emerged victorious in four, suffering just one loss. Three of these victories were secured on Indian soil, while the remaining two were hard-fought battles on Sri Lankan grounds. In an exclusive interview on the 1XBAT cricket show on NewsX. former Zimbabwean cricketer Christopher Mpofu shared some unique insights before this clash. He said, "Indian team management has opted for Shardul Thakur over

injuries ahead of the Asia Cup. Premier bowlers like Wanindu Hasaranga, Dushmantha Chameera, and Lahiru Kumar were unfortunate omissions. Despite these challenges, the six-time champions have maintained an unbeaten record in the competition. Sadeera Samarawickrama and Kusal Mendis have consistently contributed with the bat, while captain Dasun Shanaka has made valuable contributions with the ball. However, the struggling form of experienced all-rounder Dhanan-

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WC SQUAD

During the match the spinner bowled well, taking 2/30in five overs at a decent economy rate of 6.00. He took the crucial wickets of in-form all-rounder Daryl Mitchell and Mitchell Santner. Moeen also contributed 33 runs off 32 balls with his bat, smacking three boundaries and a six. Now in 130 ODIs. Moeen has 101 wickets at an average of 49.20, with the best bowl-

ing figures of 4/46. England spin bowlers with more ODI wickets than Moeen are Graeme Swann (104 wick-

matches). Adil is England's third most-successful ODI bowler ever while Moeen sits at 14th spot. With 269 wickets in 194 matches, pacer James Anderson is England's most successful ODI bowler ever. Coming to the match, after being put to bat first, early power-play strikes by a returning Trent Boult reduced England to 55/5, with skipper Jos Buttler (30 in 25 balls, with four boundaries) being the only decent contributor among the top five batters. Then

bowlers for NZ. Tim Southee (2/65) got two scalps while Matt Henry and Mitchell Santner got one each. In the chase of 227, NZ was reduced to 55/3, with Finn Allen going for a duck and openers Devon Conway (14) and Will Young (33) falling quickly after a 49-run stand. After a 56-run partnership between Daryl Mitchell (57 in 52 balls, with six fours and a six) and skipper Tom Latham (19), NZ lost their seven wickets for just 36 runs, bundling out for 147 in 26.5 overs.

IMPROVEMENT

PATHIRANA'S IPL LEARNING CURVE: SRI LANKAN ASSISTANT COACH SHARES INSIGHTS

TDG NETWORK COLOMBO

Sri Lanka assistant coach Naveed Nawaz said that Indian Premier League (IPL) opportunities with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) helped the young pace sensation Matheesha Pathirana become a more mature player under the leadership of MS Dhoni. India will take on Sri Lanka in their second Super Four Asia Cup match on Tuesday.

Sri Lanka won their first Super Four match against Bangladesh and hence has a slight edge over India. Nawaz first said that though IPL and MS helped in Pathirana's development, he is first and foremost a product of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC). "MS Dhoni and Chennai could have played a part in his development, but Pathirana is the product of SLC.



Matheesha Pathirana is a Sri Lankan cricketer.

He has played two U19 World a more mature player who Cups for us. He is someone could handle the pressure we identified at a young age. well. "IPL opportunities have He has been in the develophelped him mature his game. At 18-19, he got to play under ment programmes of SLC," said Nawaz in the pre-match a captain like MS Dhoni. I am press conference. But he also sure that Matheesha would said that playing IPL made the have learnt a lot from him young pacer, often referred about handling pressure, beto as 'Baby Malinga' for his ing in the centre during big sling-like action similar to Sri CSK games. It is a good expe-Lankan great Lasith Malinga, rience. We identified him at

an early age, CSK saw something in him and picked up, but there is a contribution of them as well," he said. Pathirana has represented CSK in 14 games, taking 21 wickets at an average of 20.14 with best figures of 3/15. In the 2023 season, he took 19 wickets at an average of 12 games with best figures of 3/15. He was the ninth-highest wicket-taker in the tournament and thirdhighest for CSK next to Ravindra Jadeja (20) and Tushar Deshpande (21). Currently, in Asia Cup 2023, he has taken eight matches at an average of 19.12 and an economy rate of 5.70, with the best figures of 4/32. He is SL's top wickettaker in the tournament and overall joint second-highest, with Pakistan's Haris Rauf (9) at the top tied with Taskin Ahmed of Bangladesh.

New Zealand Cricket (NZC) unveiled their ICC Cricket World Cup squad in the most wholesome way possible. Following the official announcement of the World Cup squad via social media and website, NZC posted a heart-warming video of family members of New Zealand cricketers introducing the players one by one. For some players, it was their wife/partner making the introduction while for others it was their kids or mothers/grandmothers announcing their name. The faces of these loved ones of cricketers beamed with pride and happiness as they announced their names. "Our 2023 @cricket-

worldcup squad introduced by their number 1 fans! #BACKTHEBLACK-CAPS #CWC23," tweeted

NZ unveils strong squad for ICC cricket World cup

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New Zealand men's national cricket team

NZC. Batter Kane Williamson made his return to the New Zealand side as the Blackcaps announced their squad for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 in India from October 5 onwards on Sunday night. New Zealand confirmed the group at Papatoetoe High School in Auckland on Monday, the alma mater of leg-spinner Ish Sodhi, who was named in the squad. The 30-year-old joins skipper Kane Williamson, who was confirmed as a squad mem-

ber this week after making a quicker-than-expected recovery from a ruptured ACL at the 2023 Indian Premier League (IPL). Both Williamson and fast bowler Tim Southee have been named to appear at their fourth World Cup. Following a strong run in form across the two white-ball formats, Mark Chapman has earned his spot, as well as 23-year-old spin-bowling all-rounder Rachin Ravindra, who claimed 3/48 against England in the first

of four ODIs on Friday. There was no room in the group for young top order batter Finn Allen, nor backup wicket-keeper Tim Seifert, with the Black Caps opting for Tom Latham as the sole wicket-keeper in the squad. Adam Milne, who recently picked up a hamstring injury on New Zealand's tour of England, has also missed out. The side meet England and Bangladesh in ODIs before taking on England again in a rematch of the 2019 Final in the World Cup opener on October 5. New Zealand squad:

Kane Williamson (c), Trent Boult, Mark Chapman, Devon Conway, Lockie Ferguson, Matt Henry, Tom Latham, Daryl Mitchell, Jimmy Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Mitch Santner, Ish Sodhi, Tim Southee, Will Young.