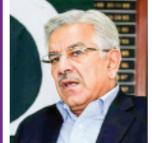


ANDHRA PRADESH: CM NAIDU INSPECTS FLOOD-AFFECTED AREAS IN VIJAYAWADA



PAK DEFENCE MINISTER SIGNALS AT MILITARY TRIAL OF IMRAN KHAN



SHUTTLER NITESH ADDS 2ND GOLD IN INDIA'S **MEDAL TALLY**

RSS CAUTIONS AGAINST USING CASTE CENSUS AS ELECTION TOOL

Samanvay Baithak identifies 'five fronts' on the issue of rape-murder of a doctor at Kolkata hospital

ABHINANDAN MISHRA

he much-followed three-day Akhil Bharatiya Samanvay Baithak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) that began in Kerala's Palakkad on Saturday ended on Monday with the influential body, seen as the soul of the BJP, taking up important issues like the horrific rape and murder of a female doctor in Kolkatta, the natural tragedy at Wayanad, caste related developments, the Constitution and while bekar made it clear that the forcible removal of Prime Minister Sheik Hasina from Bangladesh and the atrocities against minorities and Hindus apart from religious conversion in Tamil Nadu. The RSS also stated that



RSS publicity in-charge Sunil Ambekar

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Similarly, it said that it has always supported resreferring to the recent Supreme Court judgment that stated that states have a right to sub-classify Scheduled Castes notified in the Presidential List with an objective to provide them

ment in public, the RSS said that if anything has to done it should only be done through 'consensus' while keeping the interests and the sentiments of the people at the fore.

Significantly, RSS pubervation provided by the licity in-charge Sunil Ambody was not in support of imposing of President's rule in West Bengal while stating that it was a government's call but reiterating that it was not a democratic

BJP strengthens foothold in Jat regions of Haryana

TDG NETWORK CHANDIGARH

Continuing its efforts to bolster its position in Jat heartland of the poll-bound Haryana, the BJP on Monday welcomed two more Jat faced-Devender Singh Babli and Sunil Sangwan into its fold.

Babli, A former cabinet minister and Jannayak Janta Party leader, and Sang-

BJP under CM Saini has been actively courting the Fat community to consolidate its support base

wan, a former jail superintendent and son of former minister Satpal Sangwan,

BJP list likely to take longer than expected

CHANDIGARH: A crucial meeting of senior BJP leaders was held on late Monday evening in Delhi as the party grapples with finalising its candidate list for the Haryana Assembly elections.

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PM Modi devises new schemes to improve farmers' income

The Union Cabinet has approved seven key schemes with a total financial outlay of Rs 13,966 crore. A lowdown on the schemes. Report page 7.

for Digital Agriculture Mission. It will use technology for improving farmers' lives.

Rs 1,702 cr

for sustainable

livestock health

and production

Rs 3,979 cr

for crop science for food and nutritional security. It will prepare farmers for climate resilience

Rs 860 cr

for sustainable

development of

horticulture

Rs 1,202 cr

for strengthening of Krishi Vigyan

Rs 1,115 cr for natural resource management

for strengthening

agricultural

education,

management and

social sciences.

Cong decides on 34 candidates, but names still under wraps

22 sitting MLAs will retain ticket

NEERAJ MOHAN

The Congress Central Election Committee (CEC) in its first meeting has finalised candidates for 34 of the 90 seats, giving a green signal to 22 sitting MLAs.

The decision came during a crucial meeting chaired by party president Mallikarjun

List of the candidates is likely to come out after Wednesday

Kharge, with significant input from Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, All India Congress Committee (AICC) in-charge of Haryana Deepak Babaria, and Haryana Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

Contrary to all apprehensions, the meeting was relatively calm and smooth apart from tussle in one or two seats. Chances of win is the leading consideration in the candidate selection, sources said adding that performance of sitting multiple-term MLAs were also under scrutiny. It was clean Hooda show, they said.

However, the list of the candidates is likely to come out after Wednesday as the CEC is likely to hold meetings for the next two days to discuss all the names proposed by the party's screening committee.

"Today, we discussed 49 seats and finalised 34 candidates. The remaining 15 seats will be revisited for further discussion. Another meeting will be held in Delhi tomorrow evening, where we aim

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2 pilgrims killed in landslide near Vaishno Devi shrine

AJAY JANDYAL

In a tragic incident on Monday, two pilgrims were killed when a landslide struck the new track leading to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district. The landslide took place near Panchi, approximately three kilometers from Bhawan, at around 2:35 p.m., according to of-

The disaster, which also



A structure on a track towards the Vaishno Devi shrine got collapsed due to landslide, in Reasi on Monday. ANI

damaged a portion of an overhead iron structure, has raised concerns that

more pilgrims could be trapped under the debris. The Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board promptly initiated rescue and relief operations at the site.

"Shooting stones and a landslide have occurred on the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine track. The Disaster Management team of Shri Shrine Board.

The incident underscores the urgent need for enhanced safety measures on the pilgrimage routes to prevent further loss of life.

RG Kar ex-principal arrested

KOLKATA: The Anti-Corruption Branch of the CI) has arrested Dr Sandip Ghosh, the former principal Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine of RG Kar Medical College, Board has reached the along with three others, spot," stated the CEO of the over alleged corruption and financial misconduct at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, reported ANI. Dr Ghosh was under investigation for alleged corruption and financial irregularities.

An artist gives a final touch to the idol of Lord Ganesha ahead of the Ganesha Chaturthi festival, in Prayagraj on Monday. AN

SC sets up panel to resolve Shambhu Border impasse

NEERAJ MOHAN

The Supreme Court on Monday formed a highpowered committee to engage with the protesting farmers at Shambhu Border, aiming to end the blockade that has persisted since February 13.

The court also strongly advised the farmers to steer clear of political parties and refrain from making demands that are not immediately feasible.

A bench led by Justice Surya Kant appointed the

committee, which includes former Haryana DGP PS Sandhu, agriculture expert Devender Sharma, Prof. Ranjit Singh Ghuman from Guru Nanak Dev University, and Agricultural Economist Dr. Sukhpal Singh from Punjab Agricultural University. The committee's mandate is to facilitate dialogue between the government and the farmers, with the court set to review its recommendations in due

"We caution the agitating farmers to keep themselves

SC hints at framing norms on demolitions

AGENCIES NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on

Monday indicated that it will lay down guidelines on the recent bulldozer practices adopted by governments on immovable properties.

The SC said that the properties of the accused can't be demolished even if he is convicted and further questioned this practice. A bench of justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan asked the concerned parties to submit suggestions that the top court can consider to frame the pan-India guidelines.

No Sept 6 release for 'Emergency'

'Conflict of interest' as SEBI chief gets salary from ICICI: Cong

TDG NETWORK

The Congress on Monday trained its gun at the BJPled NDA government at the Centre, alleging that Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch is in serious conflict of interest as she kept on taking remuneration from ICICI Bank and ICICI Prudential besides the government.

Addressing a press conference at the party's headquarters here, Congress leader Pawan Khera, who



is also the Chairman of the media and publicity department alleged that Buch kept on receiving remuneration not only from the government but also from private entities, including ICICI

AAP MLA Amanatullah Script gone awry? Netflix India detained by ED

TDG NETWORK

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday detained Aam Aadmi Party MLA Amanatullah Khan. The investigative agency earlier in the day arrived at his residence to conduct a

The matter pertains to irregularities in the Waqf properties. Khan is the



chairman of the Delhi Waqf Board. As ED officials took the AAP MLA from

his home, Amanatullah

Khan shouted out to his supporters, "I am innocent." AAP MLA's cousin Minnatullah Khan said that despite investigation by

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The content head of OTT platform Netflix has been summoned on September 3 by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting over the series 'IC-814 - The Kandahar Hijack' which has triggered a row on social media over the depiction of the hijackers.

In the OTT series, the five



hijackers of the flight from Kathmandu are referred to as Chief, Doctor, Burger, Bhola and Shankar.

"I vividly remember IC-

that accident and very involved in following that. Every man and woman in India and indeed in South Asia knows that the hijack of IC-814 from Kathmandu was committed by Pakistan's ISI-backed terrorists. Now, nobody thinks that there were some people

from India who did the hi-

brass summoned over 'IC 814' TDG NETWORK 814. I was very aware of

The release of Kangana Ranaut-starrer 'Emergency' has been postponed. The movie, in which Ranaut portrays former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, was initially slated for release on September 6.

Taking to Instagram handle, trade analyst Taran Adarsh shared, "#BreakingNews... #Emergency postponed... Won't release



on 6 Sept 2024. #ZeeStudios #KanganaRanaut"

The film, a biographical political thriller, delves into the life of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who imposed a 21-month emergency period from 1975 to 1977.

Kangana Ranaut-starrer 'Emergency' has been embroiled in controversies for some time now. From facing backlash from several Sikh groups to not getting a green signal from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) yet, 'Emergency' is clearly having a tough time ahead of its release. However, amid the uproar, the film's team is quite optimistic. ■ P4

SADASYATA ABHIYAN: PM MODI LAUNCHES **BJP'S NATIONWIDE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Membership drive will cross over 10-crore mark: BJP president JP Nadda

rime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday launched the BJP's 2024 membership drive by renewing his membership.

The new membership drive was launched here with PM Modi getting the certificate for the renewal of his membership from BJP president JP Nadda.

Speaking at the launch of BJP's 'Sanghatan Parva, Sadasyata Abhiyan 2024,' Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that BJP is not only the biggest party of the world but is also a unique

"BJP is not only the world's largest political party but also the most democratic



party. No other party conducts its membership drive with such transparency and honesty as the BJP," he said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said BJP stands out as the most credible political party in the world. "Modiji has made sure that even if we dream big, our promises to people must always remain in alignment with what we are capable of delivering. We must be able to translate our promises into actions. This is why the BIP stands out as the most credible political party in

the world. We don't do politics for the sake of forming govt, but to form an empowered society," he said.

As part of membership drive existing BJP members also need to renew their membership. The membership drive will culminate in No other party conducts membership drive with transparency: Amit Shah

the election of new party president.

In his remarks, BJP chief and Union Health Minister expressed confidence that the membership drive will cross over 10- crore mark.

"Seeing your enthusiasm and the love of people of India for PM Modi as well as their faith in the BIP, I can confidently say that the Sadasyata Abhiyan this time will also cross 10 crore again," he said.

Bihar Deputy CM slams Tejashwi Yadav for demanding caste census

TDG NETWORK

Bihar Deputy CM Vijay Kumar Sinha on Monday slammed Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and former Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav for allegedly doing "casteism" and said people will decide who will be the true servant of Bihar.

Sinha's response come after Tejashwi's demand of nationwide caste census and the inclusion of the 65 percent quota increase in Bihar in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution.

"...The people will decide who will be the true servant of Bihar. Those who affect Bihar with casteism, do dirty caste politics, increase corruption in Bihar and encourage criminals, whether they travel or stay, the people know that they will only develop themselves. This drama is being created for the upliftment and welfare of their (Lalu Yadav's) family," said Vijay Kumar



Sinha. Meanwhile, Sinha counterpart and another Dy CM of Bihar Samrat Choudhary recalled 15 years of Lalu Yadav's regime in Bihar and alleged that not a single person is being given reservation.

"Lalu Yadav was in power for 15 years but he did not give reservation to even a single person. He only cares about reservation for the family. Lalu Yadav's family has never been concerned about the entire state," said Samrat Choudhary. Earlier, Union Minister and former Chief Minister of Bihar Jitan Ram Manjhi had posed a pointed question to RJD Tejashwi Yaday, asking why the latter's parents forgot to conduct it during their rule.

"Our question is that when his parents ruled Bihar for 15 years, why did they forget this at that time, or when he (Tejashwi Yadav) himself was the Deputy Chief Minister when he said that so many teachers have been recruited, did he forget it at that time? And today, when he is out of power, then he is remembering it," the Union Minister said.

Earlier on Sunday, the RJD the party organized a oneday dharna in all the district headquarters of the state on the issue of the caste census.

"After the reservation limit was raised to 65% during our 17 months of service, the party organized a one-day dharna in all the district headquarters of the state yesterday with the demands of including it in the 9th schedule of the constitution by the central government and conducting a caste

Kolkata rape-murder case: CBI investigates crime spot of RG Kar Medical College

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The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has investigated the crime spot of the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital where the alleged rape and murder of a trainee doctor took place on August 9.

The CBI also inspected the hospital's emergency building, boys hostel, and the principal's office on Sunday, an official said.

Meanwhile, the West Bengal Minister and Trinamool Congress leader Chandrima Bhattacharya demanded that the Central Bureau of Investigation build a strong case in the RG Kar rape and murder case to ensure "the rapist is hanged."

Earlier, on August 29, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had arrived at the police morgue of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata for further investigation of the rape and



murder of the doctor.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) concluded a second round of polygraph tests on former RG Kar Medical College and Hospital (RGKMCH) principal Sandip Ghosh as part of their investigation into the rape-murder of a woman doctor at the institution.

The test was conducted by a team from the Central Forensic Science Laboratorv (CFSL). CBI officials had also conducted a polygraph test on the arrested accused, Sanjay Roy, in connection with the incident.

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) had suspended the membership of

Kolkata's former RG Kar Medical College and Hospital principal, Dr Sandip Ghosh, amid a CBI probe into the alleged rape and murder of the doctor.

In an order, the Indian

Medical Association said the committee constituted by IMA national president Dr RV Asokan suo-motu considered the rape and murder case of the postgraduate resident doctor and the subsequent developments at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital Kolkata.

The sexual assault of the trainee doctor has sparked massive outrage and shaken the conscience of the coun-

Union Cabinet approves one more semi-conductor unit in Gujarat

TDG NETWORK

With the objective to develop a vibrant semi-conductor ecosystem, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday approved the proposal of Kaynes Semicon Pvt Ltd to setup a semiconductor unit in Sanand, Gujarat.

The proposed unit will be setup with an investment of Rs 3,300 crore.

As per an official release, the capacity of this unit will be 60 lakh chips per day.

The chips produced in this unit will cater to a wide variety of applications which include segments such as industrial, automotive, electric vehicles, consumer electronics, telecom, and mobile

The Programme for Development of Semiconductors

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and Display Manufacturing Ecosystem in India was notified on December 21, 2021 with a total outlay of Rs 76,000 crore.

In June, 2023, the Union Cabinet had approved a proposal for setting up a semiconductor unit in Sanand, Gujarat.

In February, 2024, three more semiconductor units were approved. Tata Electronics is setting up a semiconductor fab in Dholera, Gujarat and one semiconductor unit in Morigaon, Assam. CG Power is setting up one semiconductor unit

in Sanand, Gujarat

Construction of semiconductor units is progressing at a rapid pace and a robust semiconductor ecosystem is emerging near the units. They will bring an investment of almost Rs 1.5 lakh crore and cumulative capacity of these units is about 7 crore chips per day.

Tata Group hopes that the commercial production of semiconductors chips at the two plants - in Gujarat and Assam, would start in 2026. Chip shortages during Covid highlighted the importance of indigenous

deficiency for national security and also to galvanise indigenous innovation.

American chip maker Micron's high-end semiconductor fabrication plant at Gujarat's Sanand, which is India's first, is coming up at a rapid pace. It is expected to be operational in late 2024.

In total, work on four semiconductor units is currently underway - 3 in Guiarat and 1 in Assam.

Semiconductors are crucial for modern society and are needed for manufacturing an array of devices including phones, medical devices, cars and electronic gadgets. As per media reports, approximately 70 percent of total manufacturing capacity is concentrated in South Korea, Taiwan, China, the US, and Japan. India will soon start com

manufacturing to fill the mercial production of semiconductors and related products and become a global power in this sector similar to the technology, nuclear, and digital spaces, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi earlier this year, as he laid foundation stones for the three semiconductor plants. India has lost decades in semiconductor manufacturing and now is the time to move ahead, he had said.

As part of its Atmanirbhar and Make in India plan. the government launched production incentive (PLI) schemes in varied sectors, including electronics, to make Indian manufacturers globally competitive, attract investments, enhance exports, integrate India into the global supply chain and reduce dependency on im-

Haryana: Police arrests one more accused in Charkhi Dadri mob lynching case

TDG NETWORK

Eighth accused has been arrested in the mob lynching incident where a migrant worker from West Bengal was allegedly beaten to death in Haryana's Charkhi Dadri district over suspicions that he had eaten beef, police

The eighth accused was arrested on Sunday. Earlier, the police in-

creased security in the area to prevent further unrest or any untoward incident.

Badhra Deputy Supretindent of Police (DSP) Bharat Bhushan told ANI that both

SSB and state police personnel have been deployed in the district and are closely monitoring social media posts

"The victim, a resident of North 24 Parganas in West Bengal, worked as a ragpicker here. We have deployed a company of SSB and state police and are continuously monitoring social media," Bhushan said.

"On August 27, we received information that some people in the slums of Hansawas Khurd village were consuming prohibited meat. We have collected a sample of the meat, which has been sent to an FSL lab. Future proceedings will depend on the lab report. During this period, based on suspicion, the complainants visited other slums, kidnapped two persons, and assaulted them. One person died and the other was injured," he explained. "The police immediately took action and arrested seven suspects. Three have been sent to judicial custody, while four are in police remand. We are interrogating them, and if other names emerge, further arrests will be made," he added. The deceased has

been identified as Sabir Ma-

lik. The arrested individuals are Abhishek, Ravinder, Mohit, Kamaljeet, and Sahil. The two others detained are minors. Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Dheeraj Kumar had said that a case has been registered under relevant sections of the Bharativa Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and that the investigation is ongoing.

"A case has been filed under BNS, and seven people, including two juveniles, have been arrested. The police are actively investigating, and the accused are being questioned while in remand." DSP added.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers staged protests outside the SDO Office in Siliguri on Monday, demanding justice for the victim of a rape and murder incident at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. They also called for the resignation of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee. A BJP protester, speaking to ANI,

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stated that they plan to protest at every block office in Bengal on September 4. A protesting BJP worker told ANI, "Since the Chief Minister came to power, there has been no security for women in West Bengal. We are demanding justice for the RG Kar case and the resignation of the Chief Minister. We will

protest at every block office in Bengal on September 4, and we will conduct a chakka jam (roadblock) from 12 pm to 2 pm on September 6."

BJP workers protest in Siliguri over doctor

rape-murder, demand CM's resignation

Earlier today, junior doctors in Kolkata protested, demanding the immediate resignation of Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goval in connection with the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital case.

In Alipurduar, BJP workers protested against the incident, leading to the police using water cannons to disperse the crowd.

In Kolkata's Alipore area, BJP workers also protested outside the DM office, demanding action over the rape and murder case.

These protests come amid widespread outrage over the rape and mur-

'Assam has achieved another milestone': CM

der of a woman trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. The trainee was found dead in the seminar hall of the hospital on August 9. Doctors have been holding protests

in different states, demanding justice for the victim and enhanced security measures for healthcare professionals. The incident has sparked a war of

words between the BJP and the state government, with the BIP demanding the resignation of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The case has been transferred from

the local police to the Central Bureau of Investigation following an order from the Calcutta High Court.

Sanjoy Roy, a civic volunteer at the hospital, has been arrested in connection with the incident.

'Opposition comes to assembly only to fight,' says Himachal CM Sukhu

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After the proceedings in the Assembly monsoon session, Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu criticised the opposition parties in Himachal Pradesh, stating that they come to the House merely to fight and raise slogans rather than engage in constructive debate.

"The opposition comes to the assembly only to fight and raise slogans," the CM remarked. The opposition had introduced a proposal to discuss the economic condition of the state, to which the government was prepared to respond. However, Chief Minister Sukhu noted that the opposition's refusal to participate in the debate even after the Question Hour is



indicative of their "bankruptcy." He further added that the opposition MLAs appear to be split into two factions, causing further disruption to the proceedings. He defended the conduct of the Assembly Speaker, stating, "The Assembly Speaker works according to the rules" and has even granted the opposition more time than the ruling party for discussions. Emphasizing the importance of constructive dialogue, Sukhu urged the opposition to "stop pretending and join the discussion.'

Amidst these exchanges, the Chief Minister also brought attention to the financial strain on the state's budget, mentioning that Himachal Pradesh has been spending around twenty-five thousand crores annually on salaries and pensions for its employees.

Meanwhile, the opposition parties in the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly submitted a no-confidence motion against the Speaker, Kuldeep Singh Pathania, on Monday following a controversial statement made by him on Friday.

Sarma on fulfilling target of 1 lakh govt jobs **TDG NETWORK**

The Assam Government has achieved a significant milestone in the state's employment sector by fulfilling its 2021 election promise of providing 1 lakh government jobs, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced on Monday.

The announcement came after 23,956 appointment letters were handed over to new recruits, bringing the total number of government jobs created since 2021 to 1.24.345.

Taking to his social media



announced, "Assam has achieved another milestone. teachers. In 2021, we came to power promising 1 lakh government jobs. Today, with the handover of 23,956 appointment letters, Assam has of-

fered 1,24,345 jobs till date.

longstanding demand of our "By May 2025, we will cre-

ate 50,000 more jobs, taking the total jobs to 2 lakhs. Each of these jobs has been delivered without a single instance of corruption," the post added. The ceremonial distribu-

appointment letters to 23,956 contractual teachers under Samagra Skiksha, was held at Khanapara Veterinary College Field in Guwahati. Earlier, Assam Education Minister Ranoj Pegu posted on X and said, "Promise fulfilled! The teachers will be posted in the schools where they were previously serving as SSA/Statepool contractual teachers. Candidates on the 'withheld' list are advised to contact the Director of Elementary Education with their documents.'

tion of permanent teacher

ANDHRA PRADESH: CM NAIDU INSPECTS FLOOD-AFFECTED AREAS IN VIJAYAWADA

mid the heavy rainfall in Andhra Pradesh, various areas of Vijayawada faced severe waterlogging, leading to a flood-like situation in the area. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu inspected the situation in the area on Monday.

Aerial visuals from Vijayawada have shown several areas of the city inundated in the flood water.

Speaking to ANI, CM Naidu said, "We are streamlining the system, and 110 boats are currently working to supply food and provide medical assistance. I am regularly monitoring the floods, and officials are actively working on the ground. Since last night, I have visited many floodaffected areas. The public

setting up command and control centers in the floodaffected regions.

The incessant downpour have caused waterlogging at the Budameru Canal and Singhnagar.

The rising floodwater levels have led to an increase in the water level in the Budameru Canal. Meanwhile. officials are monitoring the situation for timely rescue should not panic. We are operations and supplying

food to the public.

Earlier, accompanied by government officials, the Chief Minister visited the flood affected areas in Singhnagar too.

He instructed the officials to distribute food and water bottles to the affected people and personally supervised the food distribution to ensure it reached the people, according to a statement by the state government.

Telangana: Unprecedented rains in 'past 30 years' inundate Khammam

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said that the government is

providing all possible sup-

port to the people and that

until the problems of the

people are solved, he will

be working from the NTR

district Collector's office.

"The state government is

providing all possible sup-

port to the people who are

suffering due to the heavy

rains that have been falling

for two days. Ministers and

senior officials are ready to

provide immediate assis-

People in flood affected

areas need not worry. I vis-

ited the Budameru flood

affected area in Vijayawada

Singh Nagar a little while

ago. From there, I came to NTR District Collector's

office. Until the problem is

solved and everyone gets

help, I will make the District

Collector's office the CM's

office and work from here.",

he said in a post on X.

Unprecedented widespread rainfall for the past couple of days has caused great deal of difficulty to the people to the people of Khammam district.

Khammam District Collector Muzammil Khan has described the floods as "unprecedented" and one that was not witnessed in the region for the last 30 years

"We are experiencing severe floods in our district unlike in the past 30 years because of the 200mm rains. I appreciate all the work taken up by the officials, public representatives and others over the past 2 days. We could save many lives because of this," said Muzammil Khan while speaking to ANI.

"Now, we are going forward with making the required necessities and

rehabilitation centres. We will also focus on health camps, availability of food grains, elderly and handicapped people. All the people should be alert. We have faced an unprecedented floods and many problems with it. I assure that all the necessities will be provided by the government," Mu-

Due to heavy rains, the water level of the Munneru River has increased in Prakash Nagar, Kham-

zammil Khan added

mam. Visuals showed water breaching the banks and submerging the residential areas.

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will also inspect the flood affected areas in Khammam on Monday after having a meeting on the damage caused by the rain, flood relief measures at the Integrated Command Control Centre in Hyderabad on Monday morning. In a post on X, the CM also given by him to the officials following relief and rescue operation.

"A call center should be set up in the collectorates and linked with the command control center. Police battalions should be trained on NDRF model for emergency services during heavy rains. 5 lakh financial assistance to the families of those who died due to floods," read the post. "Compensation should be increased for cattle, goats and sheep that died in floods. A comprehensive report on the flood damage should be given to the Centre. Write a letter seeking central assistance immediately. A letter should be written asking the center to consider it as a national calamity. Rs. 5 crore for immediate assistance to the collectors of the affected districts Khammam, Bhadradri Kota Gudem, Mahbubabad and Suryapet," added the post.

Telangana govt announces immediate assistance of Rs 5 crore to flood-hit dists

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Monday declared the immediate assistance of Rs 5 crore to the floodhit districts of Khammam, Bhadradri Kothagudem, Mahbubabad and Suryapet.

CM Reddy also announced Rs 5 Lakh ex-gratia to the kin of people who died in the floods. CM Reddy instructed authorities to respond quickly to the damage caused to the public. He also assured that the compensation will be increased for the loss of Cattle, Goats and Sheep.

According to the CMO, the State Government will submit a comprehensive report on flood damages to the Centre. CM Reddy will write a letter to the union government seeking immediate assistance and flood relief. He will appeal to centre to declare the floods in the state as national calamity.

The Telangana CM also reviewed the relief operations in rain-affected areas and asked the officials to remain vigilant where heavy rains are predicted. He also ordered Collectors to set up a Call Centre in their respective districts. He further asked the offi-

cials to set up a system at the

Command Control Center to deal with the emergency situation. CM Reddy also asked the Police Commissioners of Greater Hyderabad to address traffic problems during heavy rains. He further asked the officials to take up the repair the damaged roads due to heavy rains and resolve power cut problems on a priority. Earlier on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with Telangana's CM Revanth Reddy on the phone and enquired about the flood

situation in the heavy rain-hit areas and the damages caused by the floods, a release from the Telangana CMO said.

Further, the CM explained to the Prime Minister that the Khammam district bore the brunt of heavy rains and suffered huge rain-related damages. PM Modi appreciated the state government machinery for maintaining high alert and preventing the loss of life, the release said.

Additionally, the Prime Minister assured that helicopters would be deployed to provide emergency services in adverse weather conditions. Meanwhile the IMD on Monday in its 24-hour forecast said, "Very heavy to extremely heavy rain likely to occur at isolated places in Nirmal, Nizamabad, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak and Kamareddy districts

Met office predicts heavy rainfall in several districts of Madhya Pradesh in next 24 hrs

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The Meteorological Office issued an alert for very heavy rainfall in five districts of Madhya Pradesh in the next 24 hours on Monday

A regional meteorologist has also predicted that along with a very heavy rainfall alert in the five districts namely Burhanpur, Khargone, Dewas, Harda and Betul, there is heavy rainfall in 22 districts in the state in the next 24 hours.

"There is a depression (low pressure system) active in East Vidarbha and the adjoining areas. Secondly, a trough line passing through Sriganganagar, Rajasthan and Gondia is connecting to the depression, as a result of which, moisture is

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contained the names of in-

fluential people. The Chief

Minister has provided pro-

tection to the predators,

leaving even the dignitar-

ies in the film industry un-

der a shadow of suspicion

arriving from both Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal and Cloudy weather is seen. In this way, a very heavy rainfall alert has been issued for five districts in the state in the next 24 hours namely Burhanpur, Khargone, Dewas, Harda and Betul," said BS Yadav Meteorologist, IMD Bhopal.

"Apart from that, there are 22 districts of western Madhya Pradesh where a heavy rainfall alert has been issued. When this system shifts towards the north then, there will be a decrease in the effect of the rainy season," he added.

According to the regional met office, moderate thunderstorms with lightning are likely to occur over Aliraipur, Barwani in the fore-

'CM has provided protection to

21 trains cancelled, 10 diverted due to waterlogging over tracks

shared the details of ordered

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Amid heavy rainfall in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, the South Central Railway (SCR) has cancelled 21 more trains and diverted 10 others due to waterlogging over tracks at several loca-

Heavy rains have also caused damage to the railway track between Kesamudram and Mahabubabad in Telangana.

Among 21 trains cancelled included 12669 MGR Chennai Central to Chhapra, 12670 Chhapra-MGR Chennai Central, 12615 MGR Chennai Central-New Delhi. 12616 New Delhi-MGR Chennai Central, the South Central Railway (SCR) said in a bulletin on Sunday.

While, 12763 Tirupati-Secunderabad, 22352 SMVT Bengaluru-Patliputra, 22674 Mannargudi-Bhagat Ki Kothi, 20805 Vishakhapatnam-New

Delhi, and six other trains were diverted, the SCR bulletin said. Due to heavy water flow at the Rayanapadu, the Southern Central Railway also diverted two trains, SMVB Bengaluru-Danapur and Danapur-SMVB Bengaluru, the SCR bulletin added.

The passengers of the above-mentioned trains were moved to the Kazipet Junction by road. Stranded passengers were transhipped by two 'scratch rakes' formed at the Kazipet Junction, as per the bulletin.

The railway technical word "scratch rake" means of a train readied using spare coaches, mostly matching the original train.

Earlier, South Central Railway cancelled over 20 trains and diverted more than 30. Additionally, the railways set up helpline numbers to ensure the safety and convenience of people.

verspeeding car turns turtle; 3 dead, 3 injured

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Three people died and as many sustained injuries after a speeding car hit the divider and collided with a tanker in the Gavanpada area of Chembur here, police said.

As per information from police, the accident occurred at 2 pm on Sunday. The reason for the accident has been identified as rash driving.

The deceased have been identified as Pramod Shankar Prasad (25), Harichandan Dillip Das (23) and Hussain Sheikh (40)

The injured passengers, identified as the drivers Javed Saifula Khan (30), Manoj Mani (30), and Sanjay Sukhar Singh (39) have been admitted to a nearby hospital and are undergoing treatment, as per officials.

While in Mumbai's Aarey Colony, three people lost their lives when their mo-



torcycle collided with a pole near Munda Chowk, Mumbai Police said on Sunday.

Two of the victims died on the spot, while the third succumbed to injuries at the hospital.

The Aarey Police have registered a case under Accidental Death Report and are investigating the incident.

Further details are awaited. Earlier on August 14, a 36-year-old rickshaw driver, Ganesh Yadav, was tragically crushed to death by a car in Mumbai. Another person, Bablu Srivastava, was injured in the incident.

The police have arrested two individuals in connection with the case.

The incident took place while Yadav was sleeping on Versova Beach.

A case of culpable homicide has been filed against 34-year-old Nikhil Jawale and 33-year-old Shubham Dongre, according to the police. The accused were brought before the Andheri court, which placed them in police custody for five days.

predators': Kerala LoP Satheesan due to the government's actions," he said.

Earlier on Sunday, Union **United Democratic Front** Minister and BJP National Chief and Leader of Op-President JP Nadda questioned the Kerala governposition in Kerala, VD ment for delay in justice Satheesan on Monday-led the protest in front of the to the victims of sexual Secretariat in Thiruvanaharassment in the Malaynthapuram, alleging proalam film industry after the Hema Committee retection of accused in the Justice Hema Committee port and alleged that Comreport and Vadakara Kafir munist Party leaders are Screenshot Case. involved in the matter.

Addressing the protest, Last month, a redacted Satheesan said that Kerala version of the Justice Hema Chief Minister, Pinarayi Committee report on ha-Vijayan has provided prorassment faced by women tection to the predators. in the Malayalam cinema "Hema Committee Reindustry was made pubport is essentially a series lic. It contains shocking of sexual offenses. Many accounts alleging harasssections of the report were ment, exploitation, and removed because they ill-treatment of women

> professionals. The 235-page report, published after redacting the names of witnesses and the accused, notes that the Malayalam film industry is controlled by about 10 to 15

male producers, directors, and actors who dominate and exert control over the

industry. The report of the threemember panel headed by a former judge of the Kerala High Court and set up by the state government in 2017, was submitted to the Pinrayi Vijyan-led Kerala government in December 2019, but was made public only this month.

Following the report, actor Mohanlal resigned as the president of the Association of Malayalam Movie Artists (AMMA) in the wake of the Justice Hema Committee report and sexual harassment allegations faced by some members of the executive committee.

On August 25, the Kerala government announced the establishment of a seven-member special investigation team (SIT) to

Mumbai: Scribe arrested, charged with bid to murder taxi driver

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Mumbai police on Sunday arrested journalist Rishabh Chakravorty for assaulting a cab driver near Asalpha village in Ghatkopar, police

After the arrest, he was produced before the court where he was sent to police custody for 7 days. Police have added an attempt to murder charge after the victim suffered serious head injuries in the attack, added the police.

The incident happened on Friday and was captured on a nearby CCTV camera, which took place in Ghatkopar.

Santosh Ghatekar, the senior police officer of the Parksite Police Station said "Rishabh Chakravorty dashed the cab with his car near Asalpha village in Ghatkopar after which the cab driver stopped him and asked to compensate for the damage caused to his vehicle."

"But Chakravorty drove away without paying any attention. After this the cab driver followed Chakravorty to his residence on LBS Marg in Ghatkopar and when Chakravorty stopped his car, the cab driver dashed his car from behind, after which Rishabh and a woman who was in the car got out and started slapping the cab driver. He then lifted the driver and slammed him onto the ground, causing serious injuries to his head and body," added the police official. The statement of journalist Rishabh Chakravorty and his wife has been recorded by the police. Following this, Rishabh and a woman who was in the car got out and started slapping the cab driver.

Odisha: BJD leader hits out at state govt for failing to curb crimes against women

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Biju Janta Dal (BJD) leader Lekhasri Samantsinghar on Monday hit out at the BJP-led government in the State for failing to curb crimes against women

While speaking to ANI, Samantsinghar said, "Since the BJP government is formed in Odisha, and they are saying it is a double engine govern-

ment, everyone expected good governance but one after the other, crimes against women in the state are increasing."

The BJD leader mentioned other incidents of alleged sexual assault in Khorda and Bhubaneswar, while also highlighting the case of alleged sexual assault and murder of a minor girl in Balasore. "Unfortunately, on August 27, a 10 year old

tribal girl from Balasore was brutally raped and killed in the district.'

The BJD leader further alleged that even after the family had complained to the police, no action was taken by the authorities. "When this incident happened, the family complained in the police station, but no action was taken by the police. The police finally seized the body of the victim after four days



of no action", the BJD leader

Samantsinghar also said the Chief Minister had a plan to visit Remunda, but after the incident had occurred, the visit had been cancelled. "The Chief Minister was supposed to visit Remunda, but after this incident, he didn't go there. Even other members of the state cabinet did not visit the place, neither the child development minister nor any other minister visited the area. So all the talk about the development of women and Adivasis being touted by the government is not true, they are actually not doing anything. The government is trying to hush up the case," she alleged.

Earlier, former Chief Minister and BJD chief Naveen Patnaik also highlighted the law-and-order situation in the state in his speech in the

spotlight on the alleged sexual assault and murder of a minor. "In my period of government, no one was above the law. Nobody could escape the law. The present Chief Minister holds the home portfolio, I hope all these incidents will be informed to him, including the case of recent rape and murder of a minor.", read the statement by the BJD chief in a post on X.

State assembly and put the

BULLDOZER JUSTICE: SC HINTS AT FRAMING NORMS ON DEMOLITIONS

NEW DELHI

he Supreme Court on Monday indicated that it will lay down guidelines on the recent bulldozer practices adopted by governments on immovable properties.

The SC said that the properties of the accused can't be demolished even if he is convicted and further questioned this practice.

A bench of justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan asked the concerned parties to submit suggestions that the top court can consider to frame the pan-India guidelines.

During the hearing, the top court remarked that how can demolition take place if someone is accused and the property can't be demolished even if he is convicted.

made it clear that it would not protect any illegal structure obstructing public roads. The top court said that the demolition of properties should be done as per law. The top court assured that it would resolve the issue and listed the matter for September

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted before the top court that no property belonging to a person



can be bulldozed merely

volved in some criminal

can only be done under the provisions of the munici-

The top court was hearing various petitions relating to bulldozer practice by the authorities to demolish immovable properties. One of the applications filed recently said that the increasing culture of illegal demolitions in the country turning extra-legal punishment by the State into a norm and minorities and

marginalized communities have been increasingly victimised by using extralegal demolitions as a tool of punishment and creating a harrowing precedent for people in general and for the members of the minority communities in particular.

The petitioner sought to issue direction that no action be taken against the residential or commercial property of any accused in

as an extra-legal punishment. The plea also sought that any demolition exercise of must strictly

be carried out in accordance with the law.

Strict action to be taken against officials who have participated in an illegal exercise of demolition of properties of accused persons without following the due process of law, the plea

BJP strengthens foothold in Jat regions of Haryana

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joined the BJP during a programme in the presence of BJP National General Secretary Arun Singh at BJP headquarters in New Delhi.

The ruling BJP under Chief Minister Nayab Saini has been actively courting the Jat community—a key electoral demographicaiming to consolidate its support base to ensure its third term in the October 5 assembly elections.

The new joining comes on the heels of the recent nomination of Kiran Choudhary, a prominent Jat face from Bhiwani, to the Rajya Sabha, a move widely seen as an effort to further strengthen ties with the community. On Kiran Choudhary's election, Nayab Saini's public praise of the Jat community as a "Patriotic Community" underscores the BJP's commitment to securing their allegiance in the upcoming elections.

Devender Singh Babli, a former minister and prominent JJP dissident, has been

a vocal critic of his former party's leadership. His defection to the BJP is expected to provide a significant boost to the party's prospects in the Tohana constituency. Babli was earlier demanding Congress ticket from his Tohana constitu-

Meanwhile, Sunil Sangwan, who recently took voluntary retirement as Jail Superintendent and is likely to contest from his Charkhi Dadri constituency, further solidifying BIP's position in

western Haryana. This development follows a series of defections from the JJP, with three rebel MLAs—Ram Kumar Gautam (Narnaund), Jogi Ram Sihag (Barwala), and former minister Anoop Dhanak (Uklana reserved)—joining the BJP during a rally in Jind along with a prominent Brahmin face and Ambala Mayor Shakti Rani Sharma-Ambala Mayor.

However, not all former JJP members have found refuge within the BJP. Ram Niwas Surjekhera, the JJP MLA from Narwana (reserved) facing rape charges, was notably absent from the rally, a development that sources attribute to the criminal allegations against

The induction of Jat faces is being seen as an attempt of the BIP to counter the Congress which is relying on Jat faces like Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Randeep Surjewala and Birender Singh.

Meanwhile, Babli's defection to the BJP highlights the deepening rift within the Dushvant Chautala-led JJP as out of the original ten MLAs- only Dushyant and his mother, Naina Chautala remained loyal to the party as 8 of them have parted their ways. As other former JJP leaders align themselves with either the BJP or Congress, the political future of Narwana (SC) MLA Ram Niwas Surjekhera who left the party recently, hangs in the balance, overshadowed by serious criminal allega-

BJP list may take longer than expected

NEERAJ MOHAN CHANDIGARH

A crucial meeting of senior BJP leaders was held on late Monday evening in Delhi as the party grapples with finalising its candidate list for the Haryana Assembly elections. The high-level gathering, which included Home Minister Amit Shah, party president JP Nadda, Haryana Election-Incharge Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister Manohar Lal, State President Mohan Lal Badholi, Co-election Incharge Biplab Kumar Deb, Union Minister Rao Inderjeet Singh, and State Organization General Secretary Phanindra Nath Sharma, focused on crucial candidate discussions, according to sources.

Rao Inderjeet Singh, a senior party leader and vocal advocate for increased ticket allocation in the Ahirwal

region, was the first to exit. Singh stated, "I discussed the Ahirwal belt and have submitted my suggestions to National President JP Nadda. Therefore, I am leaving the meeting now, and the national leadership will decide who will be giv-

en the ticket." Haryana BJP President Mohan Lal Badohli acknowledged that the release of the party's candidate list might be delayed. Speaking to the media, Badohli explained, "The list of potential candidates is extensive, and we are currently conducting surveys for all of them. Feedback is being gathered from the ground level. With new entrants joining the party, there are numerous procedures still in progress. Once these processes are completed, a final decision will be made in consultation with our na-

BJP releases fourth list for J&K polls

Cong releases 2nd list

AJAY JANDYAL

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday unveiled its fourth list of six candidates for the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections, nominating its state unit chief, Ravinder Raina, to contest from the Nowshera constituency.

With the release of this list, BJP has now declared 51 candidates out of the total 90 seats up for grabs in the Assembly polls, which are set to commence on Sep-

The Congress party on

Monday released its second

list of six candidates for the

upcoming Assembly elec-

tions in Jammu and Kash-

The party has fielded

Tariq Hameed Karra from

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tember 18.

The latest list of BIP candidates includes Aijaz Hussain for the Lal Chowk constituency, Arif Raja for Eidgah, Ali Mohammad Mir for Khansahib, Zahid Hussain for Chrar-i-Sharief, Ravinder Raina for Nowshera, and Vibodh Gupta for Rajouri.

The announcement comes as part of the party's strategic push to strengthen its foothold in Jammu and Kashmir ahead of the elections, which will be the first since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019.

ency, Mumtaz Khan from

Reasi constituency, Bhu-

pender Jamwal from Shri

Mata Vaishno Devi con-

stituency, Iftkar Ahmed

from Rajouri (ST) constitu-

ency, Shabir Ahmad Khan

from Thannamandi (ST)

constituency and Mohd

Shahnawaz Choudhary

from Surankote (ST) con-

women safety prominently

stituency.

Cong decides on 34 candidates

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to finalise all 90 seats," said Deepak Babaria. Kaithal constituency, where Randeep Surjewala was two-time MLS, will come up for discussion tomorrow.

Addressing the speculation around former BJP Minister Rao Narbir, who has hinted at joining Congress if not given a BJP ticket, Babaria noted, "I have not spoken to him personally, but he is in discussions with our state committee leaders. He has expressed interest in joining Congress. We will make a final decision on Rao Narveer in the next two to three days."

Babaria also criticised the BJP, stating, "Many of BJP's finalised candidates are reluctant to contest. Almost all major BJP leaders are avoiding running in the elections.' Congress leader T.S. Singh Deo mentioned that Bhupinder Hooda might contest from his previous seat, Garhi-Sampla Kiloi.

According to the func-

tionaries, 32 national

office-bearers of various

organisations working for

social transformation in-

spired by the RSS' ideology

participated in the meeting.

It was the first time that the

national coordination con-

Ninety all India karyakar-

tas in charge of the Sangh

and 230 representatives in-

cluding RSS Sarsangchalak

clave in Kerala.

AAP MLA Amanatullah detained

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Anti-Corruption Bureau and Central Bureau of Investigation, nothing has been found yet.

He said, "His mother-inlaw has been operated on tient. Despite investigation by ACB and CBI, nothing has been found yet...Now ED is investigating."

In a self-made video, the AAP MLA said that the investigative agency has been

continuously harassing him for the past two years.

"It is seven in the morning, and the ED has come to arrest me in the name of a search warrant. My motherin-law has cancer, and she is currently at my home. I have also replied to each of their notices. These people have been harassing me continuously for the last two years. Their only aim is to break our party. We are not going to bow down, and we are not

going to break," Khan said. Targeting the ED, AAP

MP Sanjay Singh accused the Enforcement Directorate of conducting the investigation with malice against AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan despite being repeatrecently, she is a cancer pawritten to them, and I have edly reprimanded by the Supreme Court.

Delhi Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj claimed that the central government is trying to increase the pressure on AAP ahead of the Assembly election in Delhi.

RSS cautions against using caste census as election tool **CONTINUED FROM P1**

way to destabilise the government nor this was an era (for such steps).

A section within the BJP supporters have been pressurizing Delhi to impose President's rule in the state.

got reports of missionary conversion happening in Tamil Nadu while terming it 'worrisome'. Ambekar said that a detailed report will be prepared on it.

The body will be celebrating the Rani Ahilyabai Holkar's 300th birth anniversary and the 500th birth anniversary of Rani Durgavati's Reign while recognizing their legacy and contributions to Indian heritage.

Speaking on the distur-

bance in Manipur, Ambekar said that RSS was concerned about Manipur issues and that it was watching it and that it had asked the government to take steps so that peace comes in the state and the conflicts are resolved as

tional leadership."

While commenting on the reports of differences between the RSS and the BJP, Ambekar said that 'familv issues' and functional issues are dealt with mechanisms that are in place for a long time.

On the situation in Bangladesh, the RSS leaders and functionaries spoke and discussed about the condition of minorities and Hindus and asked the government to take it up at various levels. A detailed re-

port was presented on the said topic in the meeting.

Speaking about the horrific rape in Kolkata, Ambekar said that the RSS had taken it very seriously and urgent steps need to be taken to stop such crime for which it was going to year, did 472 conferences RSS is holding its annual work on five fronts- legally so that justice delivery does not take time, creation of awareness in the society and the importance of 'sanskara' (cultural and moral values), education against such incidents both at formal and informal level, self protection for women and the kind of content that was available on media platform which Ambekar said was encouraging such crimes.

The delegates in the meeting discussed the issue of

at a safe distance from the

including how to stop such incidents, the role of government in stopping such crime and how legal provisions can be made to ensure justice delivery does not take time. The body, this involving the participation of more than 5.75 lakh women on the issue of their participation in local development activities and the role and importance of women in Indian philoso-

the meeting at Palakkad. Detailed discussion and presentation was also done on the natural calamity at Wayanad , focusing on why it happened and how such incidents should be stopped.

Mohan Bhagwat, Sarkaryphy. Thirty two women awah Dattatreya Hosabale delegates participated in and Deputy Sarkarvawahs Krishnagopal, Mukunda C R, Arun Kumar, Alok Kumar, Ramdat Chakradhar and Atul Limaye partici-

> pated in the conclave. Outgoing BJP chief JP Nadda too participated in the meeting.

Script gone awry?

jacking. So how the people have Hindu names in that movie, I don't know. But I'm very happy that the I&B Ministry and the GoI have taken cognizance of this and have summoned Netflix" BJP leader Rajeev Chandrasekhar said.

The Hijack drama created by Anubhav Sinha and Trishant Shrivastava stars actors Naseeruddin Shah, Pankaj Kapur, Vijay Varma, Arvind Swamy, Patralekhaa and Dia Mirza

The six-episode series is based on real events. On December 24, 1999 flight IC 814 an Indian Airlines Airgets hijacked after take off from the Kathmandu Tribhuvan International Airport in Nepal shortly after it entered Indian airspace. Soon after take-off, five hijackers, who were posing as passengers, took control of the plane. The hostage crisis lasted for seven days and ended after the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee government agreed to release three mili-

bus A300 enroute to Delhi

There were 191 passengers on board including 15 crew members, where one person was stabbed, who succumbed to his injuries,

No Sept 6 release for 'Emergency'

tants.

while several others were wounded

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Soon after take-off, five hijackers, who were posing as passengers, took control of the plane. The hostage crisis lasted for seven days and ended after the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee government agreed to release the three militants.

'Conflict of interest', alleges Congress

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2022 till date.

Bank and ICICI Prudential, while serving in her official capacity, marking this as a "serious conflict of interest". He said that Buch was member of Sebi from April 5, 2017 to 4 October 2021. He said that she is chairper-

Khera said Sebi chairperson is appointed by the Prime Minister and the Home Minister as members of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

son of Sebi since March 2,

Targeting Buch, he said, 'The crucial role of Sebi chairman is there. Between 2017 to 2022 she drew a regular income from the ICICI Bank worth Rs 16.80 crore in the form of salary, ICICI Prudential, ESOP, TDS on

The Congress leader said that a member of Sebi was taking salary from other institution.

"This is violation of office of profit clause," he alleged, asking, "What kind of services she gave to ICICI?"

Sharing the data of the renumeration of Buch with the ICICI Bank, he said Buch salary doubled at ICICI in 2018-19, from 2.06 crore in 2017-18 to Rs 4.71 crore in 2018-19.

Khera asked, what is the fit and proper criteria for appointment of heads of regulatory bodies.

He also asked that has the ACC, headed by the Prime Minister, gone through these shocking facts about the Sebi chairperson or is the ACC completely outsourced to the PMO?

aware that the current Sebi chairperson as a whole time member of Sebi was abjudicating complaints against ICICI and its affiliates while also receiving income from ICICI?" Khera asked.

SC sets up panel **CONTINUED FROM P1**

political parties, political issues, and not to insist on such demands which are not feasible to be accepted outright. In other words, all their issues will be considered in a phased manner by this court after taking into consideration the recommendations that may be made by the High-powered Committee in due course of time", reads the order.

ed the Chief Secretaries and Director Generals of Police in both Punjab and Haryana to provide full logistical support to the committee, ensuring its effective operation. The court also highlighted the availability of alternative sites designated by both state governments for the continuation of peaceful protests, urging the farmers to relocate from the National Highway to these sites.

"It may be also brought on record that both the State



vit in terms whereof alternative sites for continuing with a peaceful agitation by the agitated farmers have been earmarked. They shall, therefore, be at liberty to shift the venue of their peaceful agitation to such allocated sites.", observes

the bench. Emphasizing the plight of marginalized agricultural communities, the court expressed hope that the farmers would heed the committee's advice to remove their vehicles and tents from the Shambhu Border, thereby relieving the general public from the ongoing disruption.

"We trust that with the formation of this neutral committee, the farmers will cooperate and vacate the Shambhu Border promptly," observes the bench.

The protest, initially reignited by a call from farmer unions to resume the "Dilli Chalo" movement in February, led to the Haryana government erecting barricades on the Ambala-Delhi High way. The farmers have been demanding a legal guarantee of minimum support prices (MSP) for crops and a laon waiver among other

On the other hand, farmers are firm on their stand as on August 31, on the occasion of completing 200 days of their protest, they organised Kisan Mahapanchayats at the Khanauri and Shamb hu borders and pledged to strengthen the movement. The farmer leaders stated that the movement will be intensified in the coming days and Mahapanchayats will be organised in various parts of the country with a special focus on poll bound Haryana.

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Kangana Ranaut has revealed earlier that her much-anticipated political drama 'Emergency' is still awaiting certification from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).

On Friday, Kangana took to social media and revealed that her much-anticipated political drama 'Emergency' is still awaiting certification from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)

Despite earlier reports

suggesting that 'Emergency' had received clearance from the CBFC, Kangana disclosed that the film's certification is currently on

"There have been rumours circulating that my film Emergency has been certified by the Censor Board. This is not true. While our film did receive clearance from the CBFC, the certification was on hold due to numerous death threats against members of the censor board."

"There is pressure being put on us to remove certain scenes, such as the assassination of Indira Gandhi, the Puniab riots, and more. Now, I don't know what else to show. What are we supposed to do--blackout the film during these scenes? This is unbelievable to me, and I am deeply sorry for the current state of thinking in this country," she added. Earlier also the release date of the movie was post-

poned due to Kangana's fer-

vent campaign for the Lok

Sabha elections.

The Supreme Court direct-

"Was the Prime Minister

SC GRANTS BAIL TO KEJRIWAL'S AIDE BIBHAV **KUMAR IN SWATI MALIWAL ASSAULT CASE**

The trial will take time due to numerous witnesses.

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he Supreme Court on Monday granted bail to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar, accused of assaulting AAP Rajya Sabha member Swati Maliwal.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan took into note that Kumar is in custody for 100 days and chargesheet has already been filed in the case.

It also considered that there are more than 51 witnesses proposed by the prosecution for examination and the conclusion of the trial will take some time.

"Petitioner is in custody for 100 days. Chargesheet filed. Injuries are simple. It's a case for bail, you should not oppose. You can't keep a person in jail in such case," said the apex court to ASG SV Raju, representing Delhi police, who was opposing the grant of bail to Kumar.

The bench said trial court shall make an endeavour to finish examination of important and vulnerable witness-



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es first within three months. It also imposed certain conditions on Kumar saving he shall not be restored as PS of Delhi Chief Minister or political office associated with the CM office.

The top court further said that Kumar shall not enter Chief Minister's residence till all witnesses are examined. Kumar shall not make any public comment on the case

trial court, it added.

During the hearing, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Kumar, submitted that the injuries to Maliwal are simple and the invocation of the offence under Section 308 of the Indian Penal Code (attempt to commit culpable homicide not amounting to murder) was not justified.

He further said that witnesses are the officials of the

Delhi police itself and hence there was no scope for intimidating or influencing of witnesses.

ASG Raju argued that the bail should be deferred till the examination of private witnesses are complete.

Kumar had approached the apex court challenging Delhi High Court's order denying him bail. On July 12. High Court had dismissed Kumar's bail plea, saying he

enjoys "considerable influence" and no ground to grant him the relief was made out.

The High Court had said that it cannot be ruled out that witnesses may be influenced or evidence tampered with in case Kumar is released on bail.

On May 16, an FIR was registered against Kumar under various provisions of the Indian Penal Code, including those related to criminal intimidation, assault or using criminal force on a woman with the intent to disrobe, and attempt to commit culpable homicide. Kumar had moved the High Court after a Tis Hazari court here dismissed his bail plea on May 26. Approaching the High Court, Kumar sought bail and claimed the allegations were false and his custody was no longer required as the investigation was over.

The Delhi Police had opposed Kumar's bail plea saying that releasing him on bail may influence the probe.

Kumar is accused of assaulting Maliwal at the Chief Minister's residence in New Delhi on May 13.

No social security, no stable income for DTC workers: LoP Rahul Gandhi

The Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Monday, while recalling his travel in a bus in Delhi, said that

drivers and conductors are forced to live in the darkness of uncertainty with no social security, stable income and no permanent job.

In a post on X, Rahul Gandhi said that while travelling in the bus, he got to know about the daily routine and problems of drivers and conductors.

"No social security, no stable income and no permanent job - contractual labour has reduced a job of great responsibility to a state of compulsion. While drivers and conductors are forced to live in the darkness of uncertainty, the Home Guards who are continuously deployed for the safety of passengers are without salary for the last 6 months," he said.

The LoP also pointed out that Delhi Transport Corporation workers are living under the fear of privatiza-

"Troubled by this neglect, DTC workers, like government employees across the country, are constantly liv-



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ing under the fear of privatization. These are the people who run India, who facilitate the travel of millions of commuters every day - but all they have got in return for their dedication is injustice," Rahul added.

"The demands are clear equal work, equal pay, complete justice!" He further asserted.

Earlier on Sunday, Rahul Gandhi discussed the relief efforts for the landslide in Wayanad and the need to revitalise tourism in the area, during a conversation with local Congress leaders.

"Wayanad is steadily recovering from the devastation caused by the tragic

landslides. While there is still much to be done, it is heartening to witness people from all communities and organisations coming together in relief efforts.' LoP Rahul Gandhi said in a post on X.

During the conversation, he mentioned the need to revitalise tourism in the area to aid the people of Wayanad. "There is one crucial aspect I wish to highlight that will greatly aid the people of Wayanad--tourism. Once the rains cease, it is imperative that we make a concerted effort to revitalise tourism in the area and encourage people to visit.",

Delhi Excise Policy: SC grants bail to Delhi Traffic Police Vijay Nair in money laundering case

which is sub judice before

TDG NETWORK

The Supreme Court on Monday granted bail to Vijay Nair in a money laundering case related to alleged irregularities in the Delhi Excise Policy case.

A bench of Justice Hrishikesh Roy and Justice SVN Bhatti granted bail to Nair noting that he is in custody for 23 months in the matter. "The universal proposition

of bail being the rule and jail being the exception will be entirely defeated if the petitioner is kept in custody as an under trial for a long duration," the top court said. petitioner is in custody for 23

Vijay Nair deserved bail subject to conditions given in Manish Sisodia and K Kavitha bail order.

The Supreme Court said that the right of liberty under Article 21 is a sacrosanct right which requires to be



respected even in cases where stringent provisions are enacted under special

"In the case at hand, the The top court said that months and his incarceration as under trial cannot be a mode of punishment without trial being commenced," the top court said.

Vijay Nair has challenged the Delhi High Court order which denied bail to him in the liquor policy case. His

bail plea was earlier rejected by the trial court.

> Nair was arrested by CBI initially in September 2022 and later by ED in the matter. He has sought bail on (Bahadurgarh, Gurugram, the ground of parity that coaccused Manish Sisodia has been granted bail and trial has not been commenced in the matter. Nair counsel also submitted that his client should not continue in incarceration and deserved to be released on bail.

updates commuters on waterlogging, diversions

TDG NETWORK

Rain lashed several parts of Delhi and the national captial region on Monday even as the India Metrological Department has forecast more rain for the city this

Parts of the city including India Gate, Janpath Road, R K Puram, Kalindikuni, and Gandhinagar saw light showers.

"Light rainfall/drizzle is very likely to occur at many places of Delhi, NCR Faridabad, Manesar) Farukhnagar, Nuh (Haryana) Khairthal, Alwar, Rajgarh (Rajasthan) during next 2 hours." Regional Meteorological Centre New Delhi said on X.

Delhi Traffic Police has informed on X that due to wa-



terlogging and potholes, the traffic is affected on Road No.13 in the carriageway from Kalindi Kuni towards Okhla Estate Road.

"Traffic is affected on Road No.13 in the carriageway from Kalindi Kunj towards Okhla Estate Road due to water logging and potholes on the road. Kindly plan your journey accordingly," Delhi Traffic Police said on

Traffic on Rohtak Road has also been affected due to waterlogging and potholes, Delhi Traffic police

AAP accuses Centre of 'hooliganism' after ED detains Amanatullah from his residence

TDG NETWORK

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Saurabh Bhardwaj has accused the central government of "hooliganism" and described the Waqf properties money laundering case against AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan as "rotten." Bhardwai said the central government is misusing agencies against its political rivals.

Bhardwaj pointed out that Khan had been granted bail by the court in the Anti-Corruption Bureau case and criticized the central government for bringing in a third agency, the Enforcement Directorate (ED), to investigate the same case. He alleged that ED officials interrogated Khan till 11:30 at night.

Earlier, Amanatullah Khan claimed that ED officials had arrived at his house to arrest him. BJP



Pradeep Bhandari defended the ED raids, stating that they are against corrupt individuals and are being conducted on the instructions of the Supreme Court. ready been filed against

In April, the Rouse Avenue Court granted bail to Khan in connection with the ED's complaint against him for alleged non-attendance of the summons in the Delhi Waqf Board money laundering case. ED had alleged that Khan had

ness to accused by filing an anticipatory bail plea and running away from the investigation.

A charge sheet has alfour accused persons and one firm in the case, alleging that Rs 100 crore Waqf Properties were given on lease illegally and 32 contractual employees were appointed in the Delhi Waqf Board during Khan's chairmanship.

Delhi HC dismisses AAP leaders' plea in defamation case

TDG NETWORK NEW DELH

The Delhi High Court, on Monday, dismissed the plea by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and other AAP leaders challenging the defamation proceedings against them, stating that citizens have the right to truthful and accurate information.

The court further stated that mudslinging by political parties is not permissible.

Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta emphasised that in a democracy, citizens are entitled to truthful and accurate informa-

He underscored that mudslinging by political parties cannot be tolerated. The court found that the allegations made by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) were defamatory and intended to malign the BJP to gain undue political advantage.

The court, while passing the order, also vacated its interim order that had stayed the summons issued by the trial court to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal, Atishi, and other AAP leaders.

The court has now ordered all parties to appear before the trial court.

leaders had challenged the ongoing defamation case proceedings in the trial court, which were initiated by BJP Delhi leader Rajeev Babbar.

Kejriwal and other AAP leaders of defaming the BJP by alleging that the party was responsible for removing a total of 30 lakh names from the Delhi electoral rolls, primarily from the 'Baniya', Muslim, and other communities.

In February 2020, the Delhi High Court had stayed the proceedings in the defamation case against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and other AAP leaders.

AAP leaders had approached the Delhi High Court seeking the quashing of two court orders: the magisterial court's order dated 15 March 2019 and the sessions court's order dated 28 January 2020.

Kejriwal and other AAP

Branch (ACB) Court has expressed its displeasure over the investigating officer (IO) not taking sanction to investigate public servants, including some senior police officers, in an alleged Babbar had accused illegal parking case in south Delhi's Saket area.

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A Special Anti-Corruption

The investigation officer took sanction to investigate only one officer, the court The court also pulled up the ACB for not investigat-

ing how, despite cancellation, illegal parking was running in the Saket area. "The Anti-Corruption

Branch shall, on the next date, report whether it intends to seek approval for investigating the other officers/offenders named in the complaint," Special Judge Ashish Agarwal ordered on August 14.

The matter has been listed for hearing on September

The ACB court has been dealing with a complaint filed by an advocate, Vikas Bakshi, seeking registration



ACB court raps IO for not investigating

public servants in illegal parking case

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of an FIR for an investigation into the allegations that parking has been running illegally despite the cancellation of a license, and monev has been extorted from the public.

He alleged that this has been done by the parking mafia in connivance with police and MCD officials. The court observed, "No

attempt has been made by

the Anti-Corruption Branch to examine as to why MCD officers, despite the cancellation of allotment of parking, did not make any effort to recover possession of the land and to allot the parking site to someone else." "Why did they turn a blind

eye to the said person who was allegedly illegally running the parking site and collecting money in the

name of discharging a municipal function," the court added.

The court also raised a question on why no action was taken by MCD to recover the money owed to it by the entity to whom the parking site had been allotted and why the allotment was made to an entity with an incomplete or incorrect address

" The Anti-Corruption Branch also has not made any attempt to find out if all of the aforesaid had been happening because of money exchanging hands," the court remarked.

"This is tell-tale of the slipshod working of the Anti-Corruption Branch," the judge said.

Additionally, the court has asked to send a copy of the order to the Chief Secretary of Government of NCT, Delhi, to look into the workings of the Anti-Corruption Branch and to make sure that there are suitable persons who have the capacity and willingness to sincerely discharge their duties.

The court has taken a serious view over non-action by the ACB's IO.

body in car; arrested

Man kills wife, leaves

TDG NETWORK

A man trying to flee after killing his wife was held by a police constable at Shivaji College red light under the Rajouri Garden police station area of the city on Sunday night, police said.

The accused has been identified as Gautam while the victim is Manya, both aged around 20.

According to the police, a head constable informed telephonically that he had apprehended a person who was moving around without a shirt, in suspicious circum-

stances. The staff of the police station responded and the apprehended person was questioned. On questioning, he admitted to having killed his wife and leaving the body in the car.

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Manya in a car in Titarpur (Rajouri Garden). At that time, Manya insisted that they should start living together and they had an argument. Gautam inflicted multiple stab injuries on Manya. After realising she was dead, he parked the car near the Shivaji College red light and was trying to escape when he was apprehended by HC Ajay, said police. Later, an FIR was registered and the verification of facts, as told by the accused is being done.

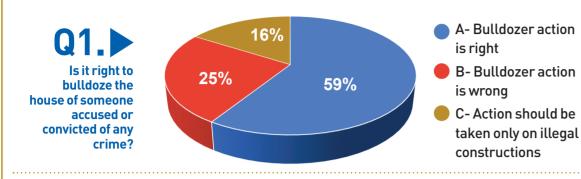
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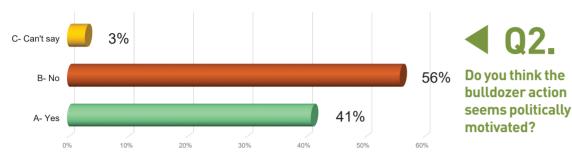
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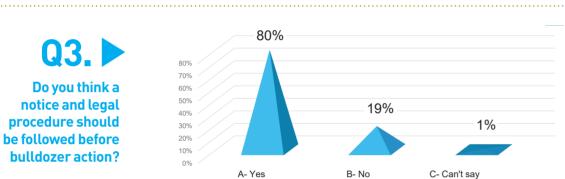
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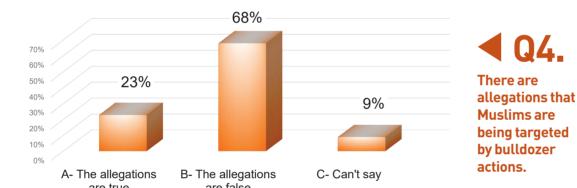
ship campaign. Of the respondents, 91% were male and 9% female. The survey highlights current political engagement trends and perceptions

about BJP membership. Political Engagement The survey showed that 83% of participants consider voting their primary form of political engagement.









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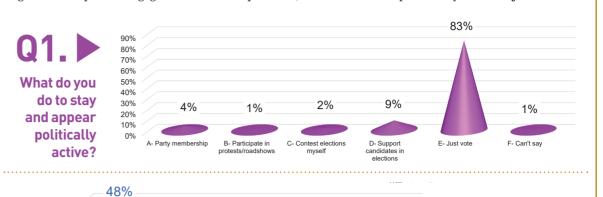
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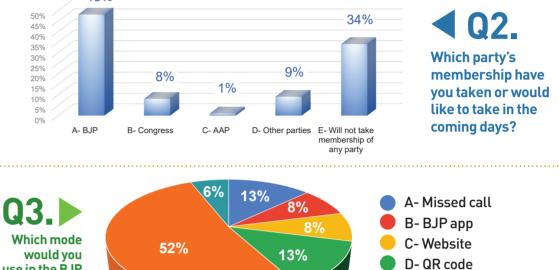
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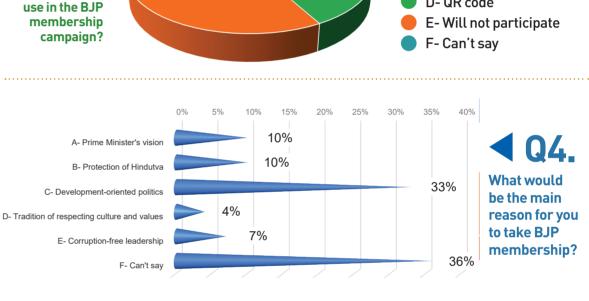
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and perceptions regarding the BJP's membership campaign. The survey, which included 91% male and 9% female respondents, offers a detailed

view of the current political climate and how citizens perceive their involvement in political activities. particularly with the BJP.







MALE

THE DAILY GUARDIAN SURVEY

PIL IN DELHI HC SEEKS BAN ON NETFLIX SERIES 'IC 814: THE KANDAHAR HIJACK'

TDG NETWORK

Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been filed in the Delhi High Court by Surjit Singh Yadav, Chief of Hindu Sena, seeking a ban on the Netflix's series namely IC 814 The Kandahar Hijack.

The PIL alleged that the series distorts the actual identities of the terrorists involved in the hijacking.

The petitioner through Advocate Shashi Ranjan has approached the court against the television miniseries IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack, directed by Anubhav Sinha, citing inaccuracies in its portrayal of the 1999 hijacking of Indian Flight 814.

The petition claimed that the miniseries erroneously assigns Hindu names such as "Bhola" and "Shankar"-names associated with Lord Shiva--to the real hijackers Ibrahim Akhtar, Shahid Akhtar Sayeed, Sunny Ahmed Qazi, Zahoor Mistry, and Shakir. This, according to the petitioner, distorts the identities of the hijackers, misrepresents historical events, perpetuates harmful stereotypes, and offends the sentiments of the Hindu community. The petitioner seeks the court's intervention to prevent further public misunderstanding and potential



This, according to the petitioner, distorts the identities of the hijackers, misrepresents historical events, perpetuates harmful stereotypes, and offends the sentiments of the Hindu community. The plea further mentioned

that India's Constitution, which upholds secularism and religious harmony in a multi-religious society, mandates mutual respect for all religions as a fundamental right. It asserted that film producers, directors, and actors have a constitutional duty to avoid disturbing religious feelings and sentiments. Consequently, the Cinematograph Act, 1952 was enacted by Parliament to regulate feature films and ensure they adhere to these principles. The plea seeks

91%

FEMALE

the court's intervention to address these concerns in the context of the miniseries IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack. The Ministry of Informa-

tion and Broadcasting has reportedly summoned Netflix's content head, Monika Shergill, in response to accusations on social media that the makers of IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack deliberately altered the names of the hijackers to "Bhola" and "Shankar."

Lalbagh ka Raja to grace Delhi this Ganesh Chaturthi, 500,000 devotees expected

TDG NETWORK

The Lalbagh ka Raja Trust is preparing for an extraordinary Ganesh Mahotsav with the highly anticipated Lalbagh ka Raja Ganesh statue.

This renowned statue from Mumbai will be displayed once again in New Delhi. It first made its appearance in Delhi in 2015.

A press conference at the Constitution Club in New Delhi on Monday unveiled the details of the event.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Manoj Tiwari, a member of the organising committee, announced the festival

"People from across the country travel to Mumbai to have darshan of Lalbagh ka Raja. Since 2015, we've also brought the Lalbagh

ka Raja to Delhi. I invite everyone in Delhi NCR to join us," Tiwari said.

The Ganesh Mahotsav will be a grand affair, running from 7th to 16th September. Tiwari elaborated, "The pandal will cover an area of 600,000 square feet, featuring complete wooden flooring and can accommodate approximately 500,000 people. It will include dedicated sections for discourses by Baba Bageshwar Ji and Aniruddhacharya Ji Maharaj, as well as cultural programmes and musical performances in the evening. The venue is conveniently located near a

metro station." Rakesh Bindal, Chairman of the Lalbagh ka Raja Trust, also provided in-

sights into the festival. "The celebration will fea-



ture a giant adventure wheel and various attractions, expected to draw between 100,000 and 500,000 devotees. Attendees can enjoy cultural programmes, musical performances, and a wide range of food stalls offering regional dishes,"

he said. The Mahotsav will be held at the DDA Ground, near Sanat Nirankari Samagam, Burari, from 7th to 16th Sep-

The Ganesh statue will be an exact replica of the Mumbai idol, crafted at the same location as the original. It will be an eco-friendly statue, to be immersed in a specially prepared pit at the event site.

Meanwhile, ahead of

the Ganesh Chaturthi, the preparation for the festival has begun with great pomp and show.

Idol makers are making eco-friendly statues of Lord Ganesh, with the market bustling with full festive fervour in the city.

Sculptors are busy giving final touches to the idols of Lord Ganesha. Idols of different sizes, designs, and colours are available in the

Buyers are visiting shops to book their favourite idols. However, there is a high demand for eco-friendly idols, prompting sculptors to use less plaster of paris and more clay in most of the idols.

Along with this, they are decorated with herbal colours, which do not pollute water like chemical colours.

on mobile phone, four arrested

TDG NETWORK

A man identified as Sumit Khatri was beaten to death in North Delhi's Burari area. Police reported that four suspects, including a

minor, have been arrested. The incident reportedly stemmed from a quarrel over a mobile phone.

The accused, identified as Aman, Manav, Rudraksha, and a 17-year-old minor, were apprehended within hours of the incident, according to the police.

The police stated that the motive behind the murder was a dispute over the mobile phone. The accused, all of whom are drug addicts, had been attempting to retrieve a phone from the deceased, leading to a violent

altercation that resulted in Sumit's death.

Man beaten to death over dispute

The police team analysed CCTV footage and gathered local intelligence to identify the suspects and their hideouts. The accused were found to be residents of Kaushik Enclave, Burari, police said.

The police have recovered a motorcycle, a scooter, and three mobile phones belonging to the accused. The clothes worn by the suspects at the time of the incident have also been seized, according to the police.

All the accused confessed to their involvement in the murder. The investigation revealed that they were all drug addicts. The Motorola mobile phone belonging to one of the accused, Manay, had been taken by another drug addict named Dinesh, who claimed he needed to make a call but did not return it, police said.

When Manav, accompanied by the other suspects, went to Dinesh's house to retrieve the phone, they did not find him there. In anger, the suspects demanded that Dinesh's mother return the phone. Subsequently, Dinesh arranged for his acquaintance, Sumit Khatri, to hand over the mobile phone to the accused at Nathupura Bus Stand in Burari, Delhi. Upon seeing the phone in Sumit's possession, the suspects brutally attacked him until he died, police re-

Further investigation into the matter is ongoing, and more details are awaited.

CABINET APPROVES DIGITAL AGRICULTURE MISSION WITH RS 2,817 CRORE OUTLAY

The Mission aims to support digital agriculture initiatives, including DGCES and other IT projects, across government, academic, and research sectors.

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soil health, other vocations,

family details, and schemes

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state government.

TDG NETWORK

nion Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the Digital Agriculture Mission on Monday, with an outlay of Rs 2,817 crore, including the central share of Rs 1,940 crore.

The Mission is conceived as an umbrella scheme to support digital agriculture initiatives, such as creating Digital Public Infrastructure, implementing the Digital General Crop Estimation Survey (DGCES), and taking up other IT initiatives by the central government, state governments, and academic and research institutions.

For a transformation of the agriculture sector, the government announced the building of Digital Public In-



frastructure for agriculture in the Union Budget 2023-24. Further, in the Budget 2024-25, the augmentation of the Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) initiative for the agricultural sector has also been announced.

The Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for agriculture aims to provide comprehensive and useful data on farmers comprising of authenticated demographic details, land holdings, and crops sown.

It will include cultivators

CABINET NOD FOR PROCUREMENT OF 240 AERO-ENGINES FROM HAL

New Delhi: The Cabinet Committee on Security approved the proposal for procurement of 240 aero-engines (AL-31FP) for Su-30 MKI aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) under Buy (Indian) category from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at an estimated cost of Rs 26,000 crore. As per a Defence Ministry release, the delivery of these aero-engines would start after one year and complete over a period of eight years.

NOD FOR 309 KM LONG RAIL LINK BETWEEN NDORE AND MANMAD

New Delhi: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a new railway line project between Indore and Mumbai. The Ministry of Railways will implement the project at a total cost of approximately Rs. 18,036 crore, the CCEA said in a statement on Monday

The new line between Indore and Manmad will provide direct connectivity and improve mobility, enhancing efficiency and service reliability for Indian Railways.

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Bharat@2047, the DPI for Mission," an official state-Agriculture forms the core ment from the government

After Bengaluru, Hyderabad emerges as second preferred destination for BFSI GCCs: Report

TDG NETWORK

After Bengaluru, Hyderabad is slowly emerging as the second preferred city for BFSI companies who are looking to establish Global Capability Centres (GCCs) or expand their operations in India, talent solutions provider Careernet observed in its report.

BFSI or Banking, financial services and insurance is the industry's umbrella term for companies that provide a range of such financial products or services.

As per definition, Global Capability Centers are established by organizations worldwide to make use of available global talent, resources, and expertise.

Going further, Hyderabad is increasingly becoming the second most preferred city, after Bengaluru, for BFSI professionals looking to relocate, as per the report.

The report highlights that American multinationals constitute 2 out of 3 BFSI GCCs in India maintaining a significant presence in the tech domain are pre

through their local offices. These GCCs operate on a large scale, with over 50 per cent employing over 1,000 individuals and 15 per cent surpassing 10,000.

It further reveals that approximately 35 per cent of BFSI GCCs are in more than one location; overall 18 per cent have a presence in 3 or more locations.

The report highlights that Bengaluru secures the top spot as the premier destination for BFSI GCCs, hosting an impressive 35 per cent of all BFSI GCCs and a thriving talent ecosystem, where 26 per cent of active job seekers bring the in-demand skills that fuel industry innovation.

According to the observations, the active job seekers dominantly found in Bengaluru (25 per cent), followed by Hyderabad (19 per cent), and Pune (17 per cent).

"With a vast pool of skilled professionals, India offers GCCs the ideal ecosystem to drive growth, innovation, and transformation. By 2030, we envision over 250 BFSI GCCs and around a million BFSI professionals propelling India's ascent as a global talent hub. Contrary to the traditional talent supply-demand gap in India, the current job market is witnessing an abundance of skilled professionals interested and available for BFSI GCC's to attract and employ," Neelabh Shukla, Chief Business Of-

ficer, Careernet, stated.

Ramkrishna Forgings to sell Rs 129 cr hospitality management business to Yatra Online

TDG NETWORK

Ramkrishna Forgings, a leading supplier of rolled, forged, and machined products, has announced plans to divest its entire stake in its wholly-owned subsidiary, Globe All India Services Limited, to Yatra Online Limited. The transaction is valued at Rs 129 crore (net of debt).

Globe All India Services has established itself as a prominent hospitality management company, offering a wide range of services including corporate travel, MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions), leisure, and car rental. Naresh Jalan, positive impact of this deci-Managing Director of Ramkrishna Forgings, explained ance sheet.



Dhruv Shringi, Yatra Online co-founder and CEO.

the rationale behind the divestment. He stated that the company is focusing on its core segments, such as forged, machined, and fabricated products for industries like automotive, railways, oil & gas, and power. By concentrating on these areas, Ramkrishna Forgings aims to achieve significant growth and expansion.

Jalan also emphasized the sion on the company's bal-

L&T forms new business vertical for renewable energy projects

TDG NETWORK

announced the establishment of a separate business vertical dedicated to renewable energy Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) projects. This move comes in response to the growing demand for renewable energy

in India and globally.

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has

nificant momentum in India's transition towards non-fossil fuel-based electricity generation. The government's focus on green jobs and renewable energy aligns with its broader vision of a developed and equitable India. With various schemes and initiatives in

L&T highlighted the sig-



place, the company sees a promising future for renewable energy projects.

The Middle East region, known for its favorable solar conditions, is also witnessing significant investments in renewable energy. L&T's existing portfolio includes 22 GWp of renewable EPC experience, encompassing ground-mounted solar.

of plant projects, and battery energy storage systems. To capitalize on these op-

portunities, L&T has decided to create a separate business vertical for renewable energy EPC. This will enhance management oversight, ensure seamless resource integration, and strengthen the company's position as a leading player

SN Subrahmanyan, L&T's Chairman and Managing Director, expressed confidence in the growth prospects of the renewable EPC business. He emphasized the company's early investments and strong market position, which have enabled it to build a unique organization capable of delivering sustainable energy infrastructure.

With this new vertical, L&T aims to increase its autonomy, customer proximity, and leadership oversight in the renewable energy space. The company's goal is to remain a preferred partner for its clients and capitalize on the growing floating solar, wind balance in the renewable energy sec-opportunities in this sector. ogy integration, the number framework

22 businesses rescued in August by NCLT

TDG NETWORK

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved 22 business rescue plans in August, continuing the trend of salvaging distressed companies. This brings the total number of approved plans in the July-September quarter to 34, including 12 approved in July.

The real estate and hospitality sectors accounted for more than half of the August approvals and two-thirds of the July approvals, indicating significant distress in these industries. In the financial year ended March, a record 269 resolution plans were approved, a 42% increase from the previous year.

With increased tribunal capacity and greater technolof cases cleared is expected to rise. However, the official data only reflect admitted and resolved cases, not those initiated but not yet admitted. Since the bankruptcy regime's implementation in 2016, 2,288 cases were withdrawn before admission due to factors like settlements.

The government has prioritized speeding up rescue plans and maximizing asset recovery. As of June, nearly 2.000 cases were undergoing debt resolution proceedings, with two-thirds exceeding the 330-day timeline.

To expedite rescues, the government has amended the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) six times since its 2016 introduction. In 2023-24, there were 12 amendments incorporating 86 changes to the regulatory

IKEA's food business flourishes in India

TDG NETWORK NEW DELHI

IKEA's culinary offerings have become a significant draw for customers in India, contributing to a substantial increase in revenue.

Unlike other markets, food sales in India have played a pivotal role in IKEA's growth. The company's affordable and locally-inspired menu items have attracted a significant number of customers to its restaurants, often leading them to explore the home decor offerings as well.

FEATURES: FOOD SALES DOUBLED



In the past three years. IKEA India's food sales have doubled their share of total revenue.

STRONG CUSTOMER ATTRACTION:

Food offerings have led to a 20-30% increase in dinein customers compared to those solely interested in shopping for home decor.

AFFORDABILITY AND LOCAL FLAVOURS:

IKEA maintains low prices and adapts its menu to local preferences to appeal to a wider customer base.

Successful menu tweaks: The company has introduced local dishes and customized sauces to cater to Indian tastes.

pc in 2014 to 15 pc in 2024: Hardeep Puri TDG NETWORK

NEW DELH

The opening session of the India Bio-Energy & Tech Expo 2024 (IBETE), Hardeep Singh Puri, the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, mentioned that the ethanol blending percentage has risen from 1.53 per cent in 2014 to 15 per cent in

According to the Ministry of Petrolium and Natural Gas, the government has set a goal of reaching 20 per cent blending by 2025 and is making strides towards this target. Over the past decade,

this initiative has yielded substantial benefits, such as saving Rs 99.014 crore in foreign exchange, cutting CO2 emissions by 519 lakh metric tons, and substituting 173 lakh metric tonnes of crude oil

The program has also made a significant economic impact, with Oil Marketing Companies paying out Rs 1,45,930 crore to distillers and Rs 87,558 crore to farm-

Minister Puri highlighted that bioenergy is becoming an increasingly vital alternative to fossil fuels, offering both environmental benefits and economic prospects, especially in rural areas.

Ethanol blending percentage surges from 1.53

In his speech, Minister Puri detailed the Indian government's strategic efforts to promote bioenergy, stressing its importance in reducing dependence on imports, conserving foreign exchange, and fostering a circular economy.

The government's strategy covers a range of areas, including ethanol and biodiesel blending, Compressed Biogas (CBG), Sustainable Aviation Fuels, biomass utilisation (such as pellets and briquettes), Biohydrogen, and waste-to-energy

solutions. Minister Puri also highlighted the widespread availability of E2O fuel, which is now offered at more than 15,600 retail outlets across the country. He praised the Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana for its crucial role in financing advanced biofuel projects, essential for building a sustainable ethanol production system.

The Petroleum Minister outlined several key government initiatives aimed at boosting ethanol production and minimising environmental impact. Notably, two second-generation (2G) refineries have been set up in Panipat and Numaligarh to convert agricultural residues like Parali and bamboo into ethanol. These refineries are crucial for reducing pollution, enhancing energy security, and transforming farmers into active contributors to the energy sector.

To support the ethanol industry, Minister Puri noted that the government has introduced various incentives for ethanol production. These include Rs 9.72 per litre for ethanol from maize, Rs 8.46 per litre for ethanol from damaged rice, and Rs 6.87 per litre for ethanol from C-heavy molasses.

Paysharp receives RBI final authorization, enters payment system

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Paysharp is an existing PA, which received RBI final authorisation on 30th August 2024 Friday followed by the in-principal PA license on December 2022. Paysharp is a 5 years old startup, raised two rounds of funding sum of Rs 23 crores, last funding round was on March 2023 with the valuation of 200 crores. Paysharp holds ISO 27001:2022 and SOC 2 accreditations.

With RBI's final PA authorization, Paysharp is part of Indi's Payment System, it helps Paysharp to extend to more merchants. Paysharp is one of authorised Payment Aggregator from Tamil Nadu. As on date RBI has authorized 36 payment aggregators including Razorpay, Cashfree and

Paysharp's Founder and CEO said "It is great pride to be a part of the India's Payment system, We un-





derstand the value and responsibility of the authorization, we will con-

CEO, Krishna Kumar Mani said. "We understand the value and responsibility of the authorization, we will continue provide simple and safe payments to business at flat price alternative to percentage based pricing".

tinue provide simple and safe payments to business at flat price alternative to percentage based pricing". Paysharp is providing flat pricing to merchants alternative to percentage

based pricing followed by other PAs. Paysharp is focusing on non-cardbased payments like UPI and Virtual account based solution for NEFT / IMPS / RTGS collection. Pay-

sharp also provides products such as Link Payment and Payment Pages powered by UPI. Paysharp is focusing on Government sector, B2B, NBFC, SMBs and now extending to ecommerce segment. Paysharp is not dealing with card-based payments working with India based payment methods so flat pricing is possible across all the products.

Paysharp recently launched two products Link Payment and Payment Pages powered by Using link payment

product merchant can create and send payment links to customers via WhatsApp, SMS and e-mail and collect payments instantly at flat price alternative to percentage pricing. Payment pages product help merchants to create custom payment pages with fields and forms to accept payments from customers with fields.

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IS THE WORLD'S BEST-PERFORMING **ECONOMY LOSING ITS SHINE?**

OPINION

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ndia, often lauded as the world's fastest-growing major economy, has recently witnessed a slowdown in its GDP growth. In March 2024, CNN termed India as the world's fastest-growing major economy. However, India's GDP growth for the quarter ending June 2024 came in at 6.7%, slightly below expectations and 1.5 percentage points lower than the growth rate during the same quarter last year. This dip has raised eyebrows both domestically and internationally. While some may view this as a troubling sign, it's crucial to recognize that this is not an indication of long-term decline but rather a momentary pause in India's otherwise upward trajectory. The current challenges are significant, but they are not insurmountable. A deeper look reveals that India has

both the strength and the

strategies to bounce back

DOMESTIC FACTORS IMPACTING GROWTH

Weather Challenges and

Agricultural Impact: India's agricultural sector remains a bedrock of the economy, employing a significant portion of the workforce and supporting rural livelihoods. This year, erratic monsoon patterns and an unusually harsh summer have disrupted this sector. Unpredictable weather has led to a decline in agricultural output to 2.7%. affecting rural incomes and stoking inflation, particularly in food prices. These inflationary pressures, in turn, dampen overall consumer demand, slowing down economic activity. Investments in sustainable agricultural practices and improved irrigation systems could mitigate the adverse effects of such climatic irregularities, stabilizing rural incomes and enhancing overall economic resilience.

Economic Implications of Electoral Cycles: India's vibrant democracy, while a strength, also poses unique economic challenges, especially in the run-up to elections. Political uncertainty often leads to a wait-and-watch approach among businesses and consumers. Investment decisions are deferred, and households cut back on discretionary spending due to

continuity. This phenomenon, known as the "election cycle effect," temporarily suppresses economic activity. Retail sales growth, for example, slowed to 4.2% in recent months, down from 7.1% earlier in the year, reflecting cautious consumer sentiment. Maintaining a steady course of economic reforms irrespective of electoral outcomes is crucial to maintaining economic stability.

GEOPOLITICS & RATE HIKES

Global Economic Slowdown and Export Challenges: The slowdown in global demand has been a significant external factor affecting India's growth. As the US, China, Russia, and the European Union—India's major trading partners-grapple with economic challenges, Indian exports, particularly in textiles, automotive, and IT services, have seen a decline. Despite these challenges being a drag, India has continued to maintain a strong export performance in sectors such as pharmaceuticals, which grew by 12% year-on-year, and chemicals, demonstrating resilience. The focus must now be on diversifying export markets and enhancing the competitiveness of Indian products globally. India's proactive trade policies and new trade agreements are set to open up new avenues, bolstering export growth and reducing dependency on tra-

ditional markets. Geopolitical Instabilities: The geopolitical landscape, marked by conflicts like the Russia-Ukraine, Israel-Middle East and ongoing US-China trade tensions, has created a climate of uncertainty, affecting global supply chains and trade flows. For India, this has meant disruptions in imports and exports and increased volatility in commodity prices. For instance, crude oil imports, which constitute a significant portion of India's import bill, increased by 14% in the first half of 2024 due to supply chain disruptions. Strengthening trade relations with emerging markets in Africa and Latin America, as well as enhancing economic cooperation with ASEAN countries, could shield India from

global economic shocks. **Interest Rates and Their Economic Impact:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been aggressively raising interest rates to curb inflation, with the repo rate now standing at 6.5%. While higher rates help in from 13.5% a year earlier, reflecting the impact of higher borrowing costs. Balancing inflation control with growth is critical. A more nuanced monetary policy approach that supports growth while keeping inflation in check could be instrumental. The government's continued focus on structural reforms and fiscal prudence will also play a crucial role in complementing the RBI's efforts.

PATH TO RECOVERY Job Creation and Skill Development: India's large and youthful workforce is a double-edged sword. While it presents immense potential

for economic growth, it also

poses a challenge in terms of job creation. Despite the current slowdown, India has shown resilience in sectors like technology, e-commerce, and renewable energy, which continue to create jobs. Employment in the technology sector, for example, grew by 5.7% in 2024, even amidst global tech layoffs. Initiatives such as 'Skill India' and 'Make in India' are set to bridge the skills gap and enhance employability. By focusing on high-growth sectors and promoting startups, India can harness its demographic dividend, leading to sustainable economic

Accelerating Structural Reforms: Structural reforms are the cornerstone of sustained economic growth. The government's commitment to reforming labour laws, land driving the economy back to a high-growth trajectory. **SUSTAINED GROWTH**

India's economic fundagrowing middle class, and

policies. The slowdown is temporary, and with strategic interventions, India is well-positioned to regain its growth momentum. Critical areas of focus include:

Promoting Export Competitiveness: Diversifying export markets and improving the quality and competitiveness of Indian goods will reduce dependency on traditional markets and drive export-led growth.

Enhancing Infrastructure Investment: Continued investment in infrastructure. particularly in logistics, transportation, and digital infrastructure, will reduce costs, enhance productivity, and attract investments.

Innovation and digitalisation: Encouraging innovation and leveraging digital technologies across sectors can boost productivity, create jobs, and sustain growth.

The Bottom Line is that India's GDP growth slip, while a cause for concern, is not a reflection of the country's long-term economic potential. The proactive and visionary Indian leadership has laid a solid foundation for sustained growth. By addressing both domestic and global challenges with strategic policy measures and reforms, India is poised not only to recover from this slowdown but to emerge stronger, reaffirming its position as one of the world's leading economies. With the right mix of policies and reforms, India can convert this temporary setback into an opportunity for renewed growth and prosperity.

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managing inflation, they acquisition processes, and also make borrowing costthe financial sector has allier, affecting consumer ready begun to show positive outcomes. The pace of these spending and business investment. Credit growth in reforms is vital in enhancing the non-food sector slowed the ease of doing business, atto 9.2% in July 2024, down tracting foreign investment,

and fostering domestic entrepreneurship. Prime Minister Modi's administration has shown determination in driving these reforms forward, ensuring that India remains an attractive destination for global investors. Accelerating these reforms could unlock India's growth potential,

mentals remain strong. The country continues to be one of the most attractive investment destinations globally, thanks to its large market,

of our security systems. The

tools are there waiting to be

used, let's protect our institutions together with people who are associated with such institutions either to work or study. This is not merely about technology, it is about being proactive, assuming respon-

sibility and envisioning what never tired. An important concern remay happen if things are not changed otherwise the tragedy at RG Kar will continue to haunt us in form of similar events that in one way or the other could have been prevented if the correct strategies and adequate equipment were employed. We cannot wait for anything more as this point means entry into the age where everything requires protection and thus is considered as dangerous unless proven otherwise. There should be no waste

of the sorrowing circumstance that follows the tragic event that happened in RG Kar Medical College. We have to make this a moment of change which will push in our capabilities to prevent another disaster, so please let's do it now!

ANTI-INDIA FORCES

MOB RULE IN BANGLADESH THREATENS ITS EXISTENCE

The latest news from Bangladesh is that the interim government led by Muhammad Yunus will review the MoUs Sheikh Hasina signed as Prime Minister with India, and will cancel the ones that it feels are not in Bangladesh's interest. While this is a move to pander to the anti-India jihadis that are now running amok in Bangladesh, let us examine what exactly Yunus and Co are planning to review. Among the latest MoUs are the 10 that Sheikh Hasina signed during her visit to New Delhi in June 2024. These are on digital partnership, green partnership, maritime cooperation and blue economy, joint small satellite project, cooperation in oceanography, cooperation concerning military education, cooperation in health and medicine, cooperation in the field of disaster management, and cooperation in fisheries. There was also some understanding about giving Bangladeshi goods access to markets in Nepal and Bhutan by using Indian roads and railways. Which among these MoUs does the interim government plan to cancel? Or which decision that was announced in June 2024 that it would renege on—e-visa for medical patients from Bangladesh; export of 40 MW of power from Nepal to Bangladesh using the Indian grid; or discussions to renew the Ganga Water Treaty? All these are of benefit to Bangladesh and will hurt that country the most if scrapped. Take the textile sector for example—the industry that has helped Bangladesh drag millions of people out of debilitating poverty. But for major exports of fabric and uninterrupted power from India, Bangladesh would not have become the economic success story that it has become in India's neighbourhood.

Even though the list given here is anything but ex-

haustive, it should serve as a reality check for Bangla-

deshis on India's centrality to the region. New Delhi has an interest in having a stable and prosperous neighbourhood, the reason why it has been doing a lot of heavy lifting for countries like Bangladesh, under the "Neighbourhood First" policy. However, in spite of its economic success, in recent years Bangladesh has been facing economic downturn, unable to withstand the twin blows of Covid and the Ukraine-Russia war, and has been seeking IMF bailouts. In 2024, Bangladesh's nominal GDP is around US\$455 billion, a little more than Maharashtra's US\$435 billion in 2022-2023. The road ahead is perilous for Bangladesh. Essentially, Bangladesh is puny, but at least a section of its population including policymakers seems to be delusional enough to believe that they can take on India. What else explains Dhaka trying to boost its war fighting capabilities by striking a defence deal with Pakistan, by which it will get substantial supplies of artillery and tank ammunition and RDX explosives for its defence forces? Apart from giving itself an ego massage, who does Bangladesh expect to use all this against, given it's surrounded on three sides by India and shares only a sliver of land border with Myanmar? It was thought that all the troll talk on social media platforms that now that Bangladeshi students have removed Hasina, next they would dismember India by taking away the whole of Northeast, was just that-mindless bravado by trolls. Instead it looks like the Bangladesh government is actively fuelling such delusional thoughts at least among a section of its population. It's this section that is going around asking for a boycott of Indian goods and spreading hatred towards India by attributing even natural disasters to a conspiracy by "RAW"-the recent flooding of Bangladesh's eastern border areas being a case in point. The problem is that this so-called students' revolution has taken the shape of mob rule, where secular journalists are being murdered; minority officials and teachers are being forced to resign; doctors are being assaulted; music concerts are being attacked; rampant looting and arson is becoming the order of the day; flood relief material is either not being distributed among the minorities, or being distributed only if the minorities are willing to give up their religious symbols; T-shirts are being sold with the words "teach your children to hate India". It's an endless list and proves the extent of radicalization that has seeped into Bangladeshi society as a whole. It was last week that a tyre factory belonging to an Awami League leader was burnt to the ground, along with at least 170 people, who were either there working or were participating in the looting-170 people who just disappeared from the face of the earth in the most gruesome manner. What makes Bangladesh's policymakers think that international businesses are so enamoured of the students' revolution that they would ignore such violence in a country whose economy is already on a downward spiral?

Meanwhile, amid all the hatred for India, something interesting took place last week, when thousands of Bangladeshis queued up in front of India's visa office in Dhaka, desperate for a visa to India. It was just that India had shut down most of its consular services in Bangladesh because of the threat its embassy staff faced from the mob. It was after much pleading that India relented a bit and is now offering a few medical and student visas from this week. Talk about learning to appreciate India the hard way.

The bottom line is, unless and until Dhaka is able to control the demon within, unless and until it stops the mob from influencing policy, Bangladesh is bound to see a third revolution. Only, this time the street unrest will be led by the unfed masses against the mobs of jihadis who have pushed their country to the brink.

JOYEETA BASU

Can AI prevent the next RG Kar tragedy? a science fiction, it is hapmens that by incorporating hence the promise of no part. AI has to be an integral part

OPINION

TUSHAR V SHARMA

The barbaric act of brutally raping and killing a doctor in RG Kar Medical College in Kolkata the other day has remained a shock to the nation and even the whole world. This heart wrenching event raises an old and uncomfortable question: Hum apni suraksha ke liye kis par bharosa karein? And as we recall this tragic event, one has to wonder why we stay with conventional security measures and systems when we can have AI which may contain these act in time. Thus the need for AI and modern securities system has never been more urgent, we have the tools to ensure that tragedies like this one never happen again. So, why aren't we using them?

To understand how the use of AI can avoid such occurrence like the one that was experienced at RG Kar Medical College, it is necessary to look into details the working of an AI security system. These systems employ sophisticated algorithms that enable it work on a large amount of data obtained from video feeds, motion detectors, and other sensors in real time. Unlike

human guards who might miss something or be in the wrong place at the wrong time, AI systems can monitor multiple areas simultaneously without getting tired or distracted

In case of when AI detects something queer for instance someone has breached a restricted area or is acting in an abnormal manner the AI alerts security whose next course of action is to act. This response is very important is in order to avoid the situation get worst in affecting many lives. And also, one can state that, as the AI system can get acquainted with similar situations, it will enhance its performance in terms of threat identification. This means that the longer the system is in place the more it evolves and develops into a recognized system that can detect certain impending evils.

The development of AI systems shall follow the same fundamental approach as the experienced detective becomes more efficient in solving cases with every single case because AI learns from data and feedback mechanisms

What I am talking is not

pening in the other part of world like many states and organization has integrated the Artificial intelligence in their security system. One such example is in the New York there is a City's Domain Awareness System (DAS), which was built in association with the Microsoft. In this system AI works as it monitors the thousands of CCTV cameras across the city and analyse the real time video feeds and identifies the illicit or suspicious behaviour and then they quickly informed to the security agencies. This system is effective and efficient as it allows the security agencies to respond to the threat in a proactive manner and they can be very much capable of then curb the threats before it escalate into the serious incident, that model of integrating modern technology with the traditional one, can be very much effective and we should adopt also and make and work towards modernising our security measures. Although, we should appreciate the Indian Railway board as they are going to integrate the artificial intelligence systems for the upcoming Kumbh mela to monitor the tracks and it also prevents any damage that may come by antisocial element. This will set an example that AI can be deployed and easily adopted within

the established setup and it

can also ensure the safety of

the entire railway line. This

conventional security measures with artificial intelligence capabilities like what happened during this event, it guarantees that current investments are not thrown away but instead built upon thereby enabling better risk control through active monitoring where necessary.

Had such integrated systems been implemented at RG Kar Medical College, AI might have detected abnormal activities or unauthorized access in real time thus alerting security personnel before the tragic event occurred. The potential of security systems is shown by this successful combination of conventional surveillance and artificial intelligence to protect institutions most likely to be attacked such as hospitals. It also prevent future incidents from happening again.

Analysing the growing incidence of attacks on healthcare personnel along with the understanding that hospitals and medical colleges are weak points, it can be stated that traditional measures taken may not be enough. A camera alone cannot prevent a determined criminal from perpetrating the crime and security personnel cannot also monitor all areas at once, but these two tools can complement each other especially with AI support. AI has the capacity to monitor those areas that may not be easily noticed or are not easily accessible

of a building is left unmonitored. And also it can be integrated with access control systems which directs only the authorised persons to some specific areas hence reducing cases of intruders who may bring such calamities. Thus, in this sense AI is all seeing protector that is

garding integration of AI in safety is the invasion of privacy, while these systems gives more safety than before, they also bring concerns on excessive surveillance, to which reply at the moment is the Information Technology Act 2000, concerning electronic surveillance and data protection. Section 66E of IT Act deals specifically with privacy protection, making it illegal to capture or distribute pictures/videos without consent where a person expects privacy should prevalence place exist under broader legal provisions relating maintenance public order safety through use such this these there be done. Despite these provisions, there is a need for updating the legal framework so as to accommodate advancements brought about by AI driven

security systems. What happened at RG Kar Medical College must act as a wakeup call for all of us, because we have been negligent or those who risk their lives every day. Thus if at all we are going to avert such experience from happening again

us towards an era where technology is utilised for protection of lives, towards preventing such tragedy and ensuring that such things do not happen in places meant for healing and saving lives again. Well, we now have it

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DISCUSSIONS ON MARITIME SECURITY TO BE HELD DURING PM'S SINGAPORE VISIT: MEA

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ecretary East, Ministry of External Affairs, Jaideep Mazumdar, said on Monday that that discussion on the maritime security will be held with Singaporean leadership during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Sin-

While addressing a special briefing ahead of PM Modi's upcoming visit to Singapore, Mazumdar said that the two nations have congruence of views on maritime security and safety.

Asked whether discussions on maritime security will be held with Singapore leadership, he responded, "On maritime security and safety, ofcourse, you know India's position on South China Sea. In the case of Singapore as well, it is important for them to maintain sea lines of communication that are safe, secure, free."

"So, we have congruence of views on that and no Modi's visit to Brunei and



doubt such issues will be discussed. I can't say to what degree, it will be discussed but these are issues that are important for all of our countries in the region and therefore, I have no doubt that they will be

discussed," he added. Jaideep Mazumdar also said that the situation in the neighbourhood and neighbours always comes up during bilateral visits. He stated that he expects Myanmar situation to be discussed during PM

Singapore.

When asked whether issue of Myanmar situation will come up during PM Modi's visit to Singapore and Brunei, Mazumdar said, "As common member of ASEAN, for both Singapore and Brunei, these discussions regarding region will of course come up in whenever there are bilateral visits. The situation in the neighbourhood and neighbours always comes up. So, I expect that it will also be discussed."

other ASEAN leaders." He underscored that the two countries share "warm Detailing the Prime Minand friendly relationship"

ister's visit to Brunei and

to Singapore, the MEA of-

ficial said that PM Modi is

travelling to Brunei at the

invitation of Sultan of Bru-

nei Haji Hassanal Bolkiah.

Following this, he will travel

to Singapore on September

4-5 at the invitation of Sin-

gapore PM Lawrence Wong.

Speaking about PM Mo-

di's visit to Brunei, Mazum-

dar said, "This will be the

first-ever bilateral visit by

an Indian Prime Minister

to Brunei and it coincides

with the 40th anniversary

of establishment of diplo-

matic ties between our two

countries this year. Some of

you may recall that Sultan

His Majesty Haji Hassanal

Bolkiah paid state visits to

India in 1992 and in 2008

and he also attended the

ASEAN India Commemo-

rative Summits in 2012 and

in 2018. In the last visit, he

was also Chief Guest for Our

Republic Day along with

and the engagements cover several sectors, including defence, trade and investment, energy, space, technology, health, capacity, building, culture and people-to-people exchanges. During the visit, the MEA official said Prime Minister will engage in bilateral discussions on all aspects of our bilateral relations and cooperation with Brunei and also explore new areas for cooperation.

"As you know, we share a very warm and friendly relationship with Brunei and our engagements cover multiple areas such as defence, trade and investment, energy, space, technology, health, capacity, building, culture and vibrant peopleto-people exchanges. The Indian diaspora in Brunei is about 14,000 and they comprise a substantial number of doctors and teachers in Brunei who have earned goodwill and respect for their contributions to Brunei economy and society,"

1,000 schools will take pledge to clean Bengaluru on October 2': Shivakumar

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Monday announced that one thousand schools in Bengaluru will take a pledge to "clean Bengaluru" on October 2, marking the 100th year since Mahatma Gandhi's Congress presidentship.

This initiative is taken

by the government to spread awareness among the kids about the necessity of cleanliness. "As 100 years are completing of the AICC Presidentship of Mahatma Gandhi, 1 thousand schools and colleges will be given a pledge to "clean Bengaluru" to make kids aware about cleanliness on October 2," D K Shivakumar said in a press conference.

Speaking about the pothole situation in the city, Deputy CM Shivakumar said, "I have given direction to officials, 2795 potholes have been recognised and I have instructed them (officials) to refill all of them. Mainly on major



roads, less attention was given, Rs 660 crores will be spent for this. Compared to previous years, we faced less trouble due to rain in Bengaluru this vear." DK Shivakumar further spoke about the Yettinahole project which will be inaugurated on September 6 by CM Siddaramaiah.

"All party leaders will be present in the inauguration of the Yettinahole project. CM will inaugurate it and "Ganga" Pooje will be held. Many criticised that water will not flow, however, we have succeeded in the project." He said

Yettinahole project aims to provide water to districts

MP: Man in depression slits

throat of 3-year-old niece

of central and south Karna taka. These districts are Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Tumakuru and Hassan

Earlier on Sunday, speaking about the Yettinahole project, DK Shivakumar

"Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Tumakuru and Hassan districts have been eagerly waiting for the completion of the project. Many leaders have fought for this project and all political parties have cooperated for it. I had taken up this project as a challenge in the last year and completed the works on a war foot-

'Some BJP leaders looking to join our side': NCP-SCP leader Anil Deshmukh

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Former Home Minister of Maharashtra and NCP-SCP leader, Anil Deshmukh on Monday claimed that some senior BJP leaders are in contact with his party and are looking to join their side as they are dissatisfied with the government's handling of issues in the state.

Deshmukh told ANI that the Mahayuti Alliance is not as strong as it should be.

"Some senior BJP leaders are looking to join our side because they are dissatisfied with the government's handling of issues like unemployment, inflation, and farmers' distress in Maharashtra. The alliance between Ajit Pawar, Eknath Shinde, and the BJP is not as strong as it should



be, and if this continues, the BJP might end up contesting the elections separately from NCP and Shiv Sena,"

Further, expressing concern and targeting Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis over the law and order situation, Anil Deshmukh said that instead of focusing on this, the latter indulged in breaking opposition par-

"Whenever an incident like Badlapur takes place. people are outraged that the culprit should be sentenced as quickly as possible. Today, there is no provision for punishment in the law. For that, when I was the Home Minister, we had made a 'Shakti Kanoon'. Under it, we had made provision for punishment in such

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incidents within 24 hours. At that time, we got it approved by the Cabinet, got it passed by Vidhan Sabha and Vidhan Parishad and finally sent it to the Central Government. But this law of ours has been lying there for three years," he said.

He also mentioned that he had written a letter to Fadnavis, urging him to push for the implementation of this law, as the central government aligns with Fadnavis' political views.

"But Fadnavis, instead of focusing on this important legislation, is preoccupied with political infighting and breaking opposition parties," he said.

The NCP-SCP leader, further accused the government of misusing agencies like the ED and Income Tax Department against leaders who speak out against them.

To awaken the central government from its inaction, Deshmukh announced that his party's female leaders along with others, would protest against the government on Tuesday, wearing

TDG NETWORK BHOPAL

In a shocking incident, a man suffering from depression killed his three-yearold niece by slitting her throat in Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, a police officer reported on Monday.

The incident occurred late Sunday night around 10 pm in the Jahangirabad locality

of the city. Upon receiving the information, police rushed to the scene and took the accused into custody, the officer

added. "Police at Jahangirabad police station received information last night about the murder of a three-yearold girl. Acting promptly,

rushed to the scene and took the accused into custody, the officer added.

Upon receiving the information, police

the police team reached the spot and found that the minor's maternal uncle, Faraz, had killed her by slitting her throat with a knife," Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP, Zone 1) Privanka Shukla told ANI.

"The accused, who holds a B.Sc degree, was dealing with depression due to unemployment. During this time, the murder took place. The police have taken Faraz into custody, and he is currently being interrogated," she said.

Further investigation into

Karnataka CM orders reconduct of

KPSC exam over wrong Kannada

translation of questions

the matter is underway, the officer added.

According to the police, an FIR has been registered against the accused under Sections 103 (1) (Punishment for murder), 296 (Obscene acts and songs), and 351 (3) (Criminal intimidation) of the Bharatiya Nyay Sahita (BNS), 2023.

The family reportedly taunted the man and urged him to find work, which allegedly led him to become furious and slit the throat of his niece, who was playing

Assam Police arrests 3 accused of carrying 1 lakh Yaba tablets

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The Assam Police conducted an anti-narcotics operation in the Jalalpur area on Monday, where the officials seized 1 lakh Yaba tablets and arrested three accused individuals who were allegedly carrying the Yaba tablets, according to Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

Congratulating the Assam Police for their commitment to a 'Drug free Assam', the Chief Minister posted on X that officials apprehended the accused individuals travelling in a vehicle from a neighbouring state. The post said, "Acting on credible information, @karimganjpolice conducted an antinarcotics operation in the Jalalpur area today, seizing a vehicle with 1,00,000 Yaba tablets and apprehending three individuals. The vehicle was coming from a neighbouring State. Kudos to @assampolice for their commitment to a #Drug-FreeAssam."

In another incident on September 1, Police arrested three accused for allegedly carrying around 2.95 grams after the officials received a tip-off and conducted a raid in the area, according to Dhemaji Police.

In another post on X, the CM informed of another anti-narcotics operation on



On August 7, the Tripura Police, along with Border Security Force (BSF) also seized Rs 70 lakh worth of Yaba tablets and arrested around 11 Bangladeshi nationals along with an Indian in four separate operations.

August 31 in Chargola Bazar by the Karimganj police, where another accused was apprehended for allegedly being in possession of 10 thousand Yaba tablets.

The state government has carried out multiple antinarcotics operations in different areas of the state in an effort to curb illicit drugs smuggling. Additionally, a crackdown on illicit liquor has also happened. On September 1, 800 litres of illicit liquor was destroyed after police received information about the liquor in Railway

Colony under Rangapara

police station, according to Sonitpur Police. Karimganj police have also carried out a drive against illicit liquor and IMFLs at Ashimganj under the Patharkandi Police station, seizing multiple bottles of illicit liquor and raising awareness against consumption of illicit liquor.

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Home Guard jawan dies after being swept away in Gujarat rains, NDRF retrieves body

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Amid the heavy rainfall in Gujarat for the past few days, a 34-year old home guard, identified as Devesh died after being swept away in the heavy rains. The body of a home guard soldier was retrieved by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), NDRF officials confirmed.

Rajesh Kumar Mahalawat, NDRF Inspector said. "As you can see, monsoon is going on and our team for the past two months has been working in Dwarka. There were continuous heavy rains for the past five to six days in this region. On August 30, a Home Guard jawan was swept away under a bridge and we put out information that the jawan is to be rescued", said the NDRF

According to NDRF officials, the initial rescue efforts for finding the body of the home guard were unsuccessful, and on September 1 his body was recovered. On September 1, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel had been briefed on the damage caused by heavy rainfall in Devbhoomi Dwarka district, including damage to homes, loss of livestock, and human casualties. It was reported that 8 houses and huts were damaged, 25 animal deaths, one human death, and two others were injured.

"After relief-rescue operations in the state due to heavy rains, the government has been working on war footing against the damage caused to the highways and focused on making the roads passable again, the necessary directions have been given to the system for

TDG NETWORK BENGALURI Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said that he has directed the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) to re-conduct the Gazetted Probationers' examination, following the reports that there were inappropriate Kannada translations of questions. In a post on X, CM Sid-

daramaiah said, "In the light of reports of inappropriate kannada translation of questions in the KPSC Gazetted Probationers' examination, I have directed KPSC to reconduct of the examination within 2 months to ensure fairness to all candidates."

"Those responsible for these lapses have been relieved of their duties. The upcoming examination will be conducted with the

"Those responsible for these lapses have been relieved of their duties. The upcoming examination will be conducted with the utmost responsibility and accountability following all due diligence," he added.

due diligence," he added. Earlier BIP MLC N Ravi Kumar said, "Several omissions and errors were found in the preliminary examination question paper for 384 gazetted probationer posts of KPSC which was held on Tuesday, making the whole system a laughing stock. It has been proved once again

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ers' examination was conducted on August 27 for filling 350 gazetted probationary officer posts in the State. Karnataka Rakshana Vedike President, TA Naravan Gowda said that in 400 marks question paper, over 60 questions were wrong.

"There were many mistakes in Kannada words in exam. In a 400 marks question paper, 60 questions were mostly wrong. Those questions were in a way that the students did not know. Re-examination is required now.

Pune: Former NCP corporator shot dead by unidentified assailants

TDG NETWORK

Former Corporator of the Pune Municipal Corporation, Vanraj Andekar was shot dead by unidentified assailants on Sunday night at Imaandar Chowk area of the city, police said.

According to the police, Andekar who belonged

to the former Nationalist Congress Party (undivided) was attacked with a sharp weapon before the assailants opened fire at

Sharing details of the incident Joint Commissioner of Police, Pune, Ranjan Kumar Sharma said, "Around 9:30 pm Vanraj Andekar (Former Corporator of Ajit

Pawar's NCP faction) was standing with his cousin at Imaandar Chowk. Some people came and attacked them. During this attack, five rounds were fired, as per the information received at first sight and they were also attacked with sharp weapons."

Andekar was rushed to King Edward Memorial

Hospital where he was declared brought dead. His body was sent to Sassoon Hospital for a post-mortem examination.

Some known people whose names have appeared in this are being questioned, the DCP said, adding that the death was due to a sharp weapon.

"Our crime branch and

other zone teams are working on this. They are engaged in finding the accused and arresting them. Till now it is not clear who the accused are and why they attacked them. Some known people whose names have appeared in this are being questioned...Death was due to a sharp weapon...," the police official said.

DELHI HIGH COURT: CORRESPONDENCE STATING NON-ARBITRABILITY OF DISPUTE DUE TO NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS ACT PROCEEDINGS IMPLIES RECOGNITION OF ARBITRATION CLAUSE

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he Delhi High Court in the case M/S.

Dhanlaxmi Sales Corporation Vs Boston Scientific India Pvt Ltd observed and has held that correspondence from a party stating that ongoing proceedings under the **Negotiable Instruments** Act, 1881 barred initiation of arbitration implicitly acknowledged the existence of the arbitration clause.

The Delhi High Court bench of Justice Prateek Jalan was hearing the present matter.

FACTS OF THE CASE:

The present matter relates to an application filed under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 wherein the Petitioner i.e.. Sales Corporation sought the appointment of an arbitrator to resolve disputes arising under a Dealership

Agreement. The core issue in the said dispute was the existence of an arbitration agreement that governs the resolution of conflicts between the parties involved.

The Petitioner i.e., Sales

Corporation argued that Clause 7.6 of the Agreement, which mentioned 'Dispute resolution by Arbitration,' should be interpreted as an arbitration agreement. The said clause includes language stating that any dispute or claim, whether arising out of or relating to the Agreement or not, shall be referred to the courts of

The petitioner in the plea contended that the clause was invoked for arbitration through a communication and that the respondent's reply did not contest the presence of an arbitration clause but rather rejected the request for arbitration. This, the Petitioner argued, indicates an acknowledgment of the arbitration



On the other hand, the Respondent opposed the petition for arbitration and argued that Clause 7.6 does not qualify as an arbitration agreement as stated under Section 7 of the Arbitration

It was argued before the court that the clause lacked the necessary intent to resolve disputes through binding arbitration, as merely mentioning 'arbitration' in the heading does not suffice.

The relevant clause is reproduced below:

The 7.6 Dispute resolution

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The High Court in the case noted that the referral court's role is restricted to a preliminary determination of whether an arbitration agreement exists without delving into the substantive validity or applicability of such an agreement. This limited scope aligns with the principle of kompetenz-kompetenz which states that the arbitral tribunal is best suited to make a final determination on issues of arbitrability and the validity of the arbitration agreement. The High Court referred to the Supreme Court decision in the case SBI General Insurance Co. Ltd. v. Krish Spinning, wherein the court held that under Section 11(6-A), the referral court should only conduct a prima facie examination of the arbitration agreement's existence, focusing on whether the agreement is in writing, as

stipulated by Section 7. The court noted that the use of the term 'examination' in Section 11(6-A) signifies a preliminary review, distinct from the term "rule" under Section 16, which involves a more thorough evaluation.

The Supreme Court in In Re: Interplay reiterated that at the stage of appointing an arbitrator, the High Court's role is confined to assessing the existence of a prima facie arbitration agreement, excluding any other issues.

The High Court in the case noted that on a plain reading of Clause 7.6, which mentions "arbitration" only in the heading, it would not normally constitute an arbitration agreement.

The court also referred to the previous judgements, such as Jagdish Chander and Foomill Pvt. Ltd. v. Affle (India) Ltd., indicate that merely referencing "arbitration" in a clause heading is insufficient if the clause text suggests otherwise. The High Court also held that the true nature of an arbitration clause depends on the parties' intent as demonstrated through their conduct and correspondence.

The Supreme Court decision in the case Visa International Ltd. v. Continental Resources (USA) Ltd. and Powertech World Wide Ltd. v. Delvin International General Trading LLC, wherein the court emphasize that the intention of the parties, as discerned from correspondence and context, is crucial in determining whether a clause constitutes an arbitration agreement.

The Supreme Court in Visa International highlighted the importance of considering the correspondence and surrounding circumstances to ascertain the parties' intention to arbitrate disputes The High Court noted that the correspondence exchanged between the parties revealed that they did not dispute the arbitration nature of Clause 7.6. Instead, the Respondent argued that ongoing proceedings under the **Negotiable Instruments** Act, 1881 barred arbitration. This stance, taken in their letters, the High Court held indicated an acceptance of the clause's arbitration nature but questioned its applicability due to concurrent legal proceedings.

The High Court in the case found that the parties' correspondence supported a prima facie intention to refer disputes to arbitration. The High Court allowed

the petition and referred the disputes to arbitration with Justice Asha Menon.

The counsel, Mr. Sachin S. Pujari, Advocate appeared for the Petitioner.

The counsel, Advocates Mr. Ivoti Kumar Chaudhary, Ms. Sonali Khanna & Ms. Vanshika Gupta represented the Respondent.

Delhi High Court refuses to quash BJP leader's defamation case against CM Arvind Kejriwal, Atishi

TDG NETWORK

The Delhi High Court in the case Arvind Kejriwal & Ors. v. State & Anr. observed and has refused to quash a defamation case filed by a BJP leader against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and other Aam Aadmi Party, AAP leaders for their remarks over alleged deletion of voters' names from electoral rolls in the national capital in 2018. The bench headed by Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta in the case observed and has dismissed the petition filed by Arvind Kejriwal and AAP leaders against a sessions court order upholding a magisterial court's order to

summon them as accused in the complaint.

The complaint was moved by BJP leader Rajeev Babbar against Kejriwal, Sushil Kumar Gupta, Manoj Kumar and Atishi Marlena.

The court in the case observed that under the Constitutional scheme, every citizen has the right to know true information to form opinion about political processes. But a political party cannot be permitted to sponsor the print media and to make defamatory allegations against rival political

Further, the court stated that the remarks are prima facie defamatory and made in order to vilify the BJP as alleging that BJP was responsible for deletion of voters names

The court while observing that the remarks were made in order to gain undue political mileage, thus, the court upheld the trial court order summoning Kejriwal and other AAP leaders for the offence of defamation.

The Coordinate bench stayed the proceedings in the year 2020.

The bench of Justice Mendiratta vacated the said interim order and directed the parties to appear before the trial court on October O3. Babbar sought action against Kejriwal and AAP leaders for 'harming' the reputation of Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) by blaming it for deletion of the names of voters from electoral rolls. It has also been claimed by him that the AAP leaders, during a press conference in December 2018, alleged that on the directions of BJP, names of 30 lakh voters from Bania, Poorvanchali and the Muslim community had been deleted by the Election Commission of India. Before the High Court,

Arvind Kejriwal and AAP

leaders submitted that the

trial court had failed to ap-

preciate that no offence was

by Arbitration, Any and ev-

ery dispute, controversy or

claim between the parties

and/or their valid and law-

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sors, including, but is not

limited to (i) any and every

dispute, controversy or

claim arising out of or relat-

ing to this Agreement and/

or its amendments, and

(ii) any and every dispute,

controversy or claim not

arising out of or not relat-

ing to this Agreement and

of its amendments, shall

be referred to the courts of

New Delhi.

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made out against them. It has also been contended by them that the trial court orders failed to appreciate that the AAP leaders did not make or publish any statement against Babbar or his party as alleged by him.

SC dismisses Kerala District Judges' plea against High Court Collegium not considering their elevation to High Court

TDG NETWORK

The Supreme Court in the case Saidalavi P.P. vs. High Court Kerala At Ernakulam observed and has refused to entertain the writ petition filed by two District Judges from Kerala against the Kerala High Court collegium not considering their names for elevation as judges of the High Court.

The bench comprising of Justice Hrishikesh Roy and Justice SVN Bhatti in the case observed and has expressed displeasure at the petition filed by District Judges PP

Saidalavi and KT Nizar Aha-

The bench of Justice Roy stated that, 'What kind of petition is this? The senior officer not being considered by the High Court collegium... you will come here and enforce?'

The counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted before the court that the Supreme Court had recently heard a similar petition filed by two District Judges from Himachal Pradesh.

The bench states that it was a case where the Supreme Court Collegium itself had asked the High Court Collegium to consider the names

of the petitioners in that case. The bench in the case expressed disinclination to entertain the matter, the peti-

tioners' counsel chose to with-

draw the petition. The counsel appearing also sought for liberty to pursue other remedies, thus, the bench refused to grant any such liberty.

The bench of Justice Roy in the case stated that, 'This court have allowed you to withdraw we are not giving liberty. Otherwise, take an order of dismissal.'

The plea was then dismissed

as withdrawn. The petitioner in the plea contended that while their names were excluded from consideration, the Kerala High Court Collegium recommended candidates who were not eligible to be considered as HC judges on the date the vacancies arose. It has also been emphasized by them that they are not seeking appointment to the High Court as a matter of right but are calling for equality and fairness of opportunities.

The Supreme Court in the case had reserved judgment on a petition filed by District Judges from Himachal Pradesh against their exclusion from elevation.

Delhi High Court: Arbitrator's discussion on claims and costs exceeds jurisdiction if not as per arbitration clause

TDG NETWORK

The Delhi High Court in the case Ram Chander Aggarwal Vs Ram Kishan Aggarwal & Anr. observed and has held that if an arbitrator concludes that she was not appointed according to the arbitration clause, then any discussion which being on the merits of the claims and the award of costs against the Respondents exceeds the arbitrator's jurisdiction.

The Delhi High Court bench of Justice Prateek Jalan was hearing the present matter.

FACTS OF THE CASE:

The present matter relates to a petition filed challenging an arbitral award which addressed disputes arising from a partnership deed.

The Petitioner, Ram Chander Aggarwal who was the claimant in the arbitration, initiated proceedings after a dispute emerged between the parties.

On July 2, 2018, the Petitioner appointed an arbitrator via letter. The arbitrator issued a notice to the Ram Kishan Aggarwal & Anr. i.e., the Respondent prompting them to object to this unilateral appointment.

On the other hand, the respondent also filed an application with the arbitrator, who decided that the objection would be considered at the final hearing. Subsequently, the Respondents



sought the termination of the arbitrator's mandate under Sections 14 and 15 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 by approaching the District Court, Patiala House. This petition was dismissed as it did not raise a valid ground under Section 14 of the Arbitration

The arbitrator then framed several issues for determination. These included whether the arbitration tribunal was constituted in accordance with the partnership deed's arbitration clause, whether the claimant had a valid cause of action, and the claimant's entitlement to various financial claims, which includes a share of profits, stocks, goodwill, and dissolution of the firm M/s. Shree

Om Steel Corporation. The Arbitrator in the case also considered whether the claimant was entitled to costs and other reliefs.

The Arbitrator with regards to the first issue noted that clause 18 of the partnership deed required that any disputes be referred to an arbitrator appointed by all

The Arbitrator after examining the evidence held that the unilateral appointment of the arbitrator by the claimant was contrary to this requirement, and thus, the appointment was invalid.

The Arbitrator reviewed the contentions of the petitioner bur rejected them, except for awarding costs to

the Petitioner. The operative part of the award stated that the claimant's petition was partly allowed only in terms of costs amounting to Rs. 3,44,450/-, to be paid by the Respondents within 15 days, with interest at 18% per annum if delayed.

The petitioner in the plea challenged the rejection of his substantive claims.

OBSERVATIONS MADE BY HIGH COURT:

The High Court in the case observed and has addressed the issue of whether arbitral proceedings conducted by a unilaterally appointed arbitrator are permissible under the law.

The High Court also referred to the Supreme Court decision in the case TRF Limited v. Energo **Engineering Projects Lim**ited and Perkins Eastman Architects DPC v. HSCC (India) Limited., wherein

the court held that the arbitral proceedings cannot be conducted by an individual who is ineligible under Section 12 of the Arbitration Act. The High Court held that this prohibition extends to arbitrators nominated by an ineligible person or entity. The court also referred to

several division bench decisions of the High Court including Ram Kumar v. Shriram Transport Finance Co. Ltd., Govind Singh v. Satya Group Pvt. Ltd., Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd v. Narendra Kumar Prajapat, and Babu Lal & Anr. v. Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Co. Ltd. & Anr. reinforced this principle and held that such proceedings are void ab initio. The High Court held that even if no challenge is made under Section 34 of the Arbitration Act, an award rendered by a unilaterally appointed arbitrator is considered unenforceable. The court held that a challenge can be raised by the party that made the unilateral appointment.

The bench in the case observed and has held that it was unnecessary to delve into Section 12 of the Arbitration Act because the arbitration clause explicitly required the arbitrator to be "appointed by all the parties." The arbitrator himself admitted that he was not appointed as required. This admission provided a

solid ground for challenging the arbitration award under Section 34(2)(a)(v) of the Arbitration Act. Thus, the High Court held that the conclusion that the arbitrator was not appointed according to the arbitration clause was correct which made any further discussion on the merits of the claims and award of costs against the Respondents beyond the arbitrator's jurisdiction.

The High Court noted that such jurisdictional objections should ideally be resolved as preliminary issues. Although not a strict rule, resolving these objections early serves the goal of expeditious dispute resolution. The High Court noted that a more proactive approach in addressing these preliminary issues at the outset would have been beneficial.

The High Court set aside the award in its entirety.

The High Court appointed Mr. Vinay K. Gupta, a former Principal District and Sessions Judge, as the new arbitrator to resolve the dis-

The counsel, Advocates, Mr. Sidharth Joshi, Ms. Nidhi, Mr. Mohd. Zaki & Ms. Akshita Sharma appeared for the petitioner. The counsel, Advocates

Mr. Rajiv Thukral, Ms. Shivani Meena, Ms. Seema Seth, Mr. Sanjiv Saluja & Ms. Poorvi Jain represented the Respondent.

SC on Civil Procedure Code: Appellate Court cannot create new case for parties & frame issues without following Order XLI

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The Supreme Court in the case Rama Kt. Barman (Died) Thr. Lrs. Versus MD. Mahim Ali & Ors observed and has held that the Courts at the Appellate stage of civil suits cannot create a new case for the parties while framing of such additional issues that were never being raised in the pleadings of the parties.

The bench comprising of Justice Bela M Trivedi and Justice Satish Chandra Sharma in the case observed and has stated that it being a well-settled principle of law that the Court cannot create any new case at the appellate stage for either of the parties, and thus, the appellate court is supposed to decide the issues which are involved in the suit based on the pleadings of the parties.

The court in the case stated that whenever the Appellate Courts create an additional issue then it being incumbent upon them to decide the said issues in contemplation with Order 41 of Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, CPC.

Further, the court explained that as per Order XLI Rule 25 of the CPC, the appellate court may, if necessary, frame issues and refer the same for trial to the court whose decree is appealed from, and direct such court to take additional evidence required. The Rule-27 Order XLI of

the CPC also states that the

Appellate Court may allow evidence or document to be produced or witness examined, in the circumstances stated therein, after recording the reasons for such admission of evidence. However, the Appellate Court in the case cannot create a new case for the party, frame the issues and decide the issues without following the procedure contemplated under Order XLI of Code of Civil Procedure, CPC. The court observed that the High Court in a second appeal had framed

questions of law. The court observed that none of the additional issues formulated by the High Court were raised before the trial court or the appellate court and none of the parties was given any opportunity to lead the evidence on the said issues. The court while considering the facts and cir-

cumstances of the case

four additional substantial

observed and find it appropriate to set aside the impugned judgment and decree passed by the High Court in the Second Appeal and remand the same to the High Court for deciding the same afresh and in accordance with law.

The judgement of Justice Bela M Trivedi stated that, while deciding the Second Appeal afresh, the High Court may reconsider the substantial questions of law framed by it earlier and decide the same in accordance with law.

Accordingly, the court allowed the appeal.

The counsel, Ms. Kavya Jhawar, Adv. Ms. Nandini Rai, Adv. Ms. Sneha Kalita, AOR appeared for the Appellant(s).

The counsel, Mr. Azim H. Laskar, Adv. Mr. Bikas Kar Gupta, Adv. Ms. Anamika Pandey, Adv. Mr. Chandra Bhushan Prasad, AOR represented the Respondent(s).

says poor weather caused copter crash

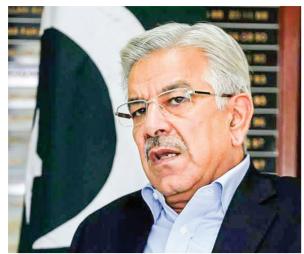
PAK DEFENCE MINISTER SIGNALS AT MILITARY TRIAL OF IMRAN KHAN

akistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has hinted that former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan might face a military trial, ARY News reported.

Speaking at a private news channel's talk show, Asif stated that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has to issue an apology to the country over the May 9 events, otherwise, there will be no dialogue, as per a report in ARY News.

He said that 24 civilian cases trailed in the military court during the PTI-led government. He further said that out of these 24 cases, many were sentenced to death.

In a recent interview, Kha-



waja Asif said that if the PTI founder Imran Khan is tried in a military court, it would be an open trial

Speaking at a private news channel, he called an open trial important to expose "negative" designs of the PTI founder. He said that Imran Khan-found party

was 'involved in the attack on national institutions on May 9, the report said.

He said, "The nation must know about the sinister designs of PTI against the security institutions. If former PM's case refers to a military court then open trial is necessary to tell the

public about PTI's leader." Pakistan Defence Minis-

ter Khawaja Asif said that the relationship between Imran Khan and former Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief Faiz Hameed continued even after May 9, ARY News reported.

He added, "The two (PTI founder and Faiz Hameed) had a common goal, which is why they had a relationship."

On May 9, last year, PTI

workers held protests

across the country after Iran at the time of the incithe arrest of Imran Khan dent, including a dense and from the Islamabad High rising fog, were the primary cause of the crash. Court. The protest, how-Raisi along with seven othever, turned into riots with some mobs found attackers, including his foreign ing military installations. minister. Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, died in the air PTI had urged people of Pakistan to come out and crash on May 19, 2024. Following the tragedy, Masoud protest against Imran Pezeshkian was elected

Iran denies foul play in late prez Raisi's death,

Iran's new president in July this year.

The report said all the documents related to the helicopter's maintenance and repairs, as well as its flight recorder were checked.

It said there were no defects found, and the chopper's flight path was correct. It also said the possibility of the aircraft being targeted by offensive and defensive systems has been ruled out.

The report also said that detailed analysis of the flight path showed that the helicopter was on its predetermined route and had not deviated from it during the course of the flight.

Parts and systems from the crashed helicopter including engines, power transmission systems, fuel systems, and electronic equipment- were thoroughly tested by experts from

seven others. including his foreign minister, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, died in the air crash on May 19, 2024.

Raisi along with

the Ministry of Defence and no defects were found that could have contributed to the crash, the report by Iran's military stated as per State media outlet IRNA.

Additionally, a forensic committee conducted toxicological and pathological tests on the remains of the victims and the results indicated no suspicious find-

TAIWAN WILL BUY OVER 1,000 MORE STINGER MISSILES AMID HIGHER CHINESE THREAT

The Taiwanese Ministry of National Defence plans to buy over 1,000 additional Stinger missiles to boost its defence capabilities amid growing concerns about China's military activities.

The Army and Navy each ordered 250 Stinger missiles in 2019 and 2015, respectively. However, Taiwanese forces urgently require more effective countermeasures and deterrence, prompting the Army to order 1,985 more Stinger missiles from the US for approximately NT\$55.54 billion, Taiwan News reported, citing Liberty Times.

The Army will procure 549 launch systems and 549 identification, friend or foe



Taiwan's Navy has been pushing the US to speed up the delivery of 250 Stinger missiles, sending 11 letters since March.

systems. The missiles are expected to be delivered by 2031, according to the MND's 2025 budget report.

The Navy also plans to buy

Taiwan's Navy has been

pushing the US to speed up the delivery of 250 Stinger missiles, sending 11 letters since March. This is part of a larger issue,

not commented on whether

these purchases are included

in the Army's procurement

as Taiwan has faced delays in receiving arms from the US since 2019, hindering its efforts to boost defences against China.

Talks of purchasing additional Stinger missiles from the US first came about under then-President Tsai Ing-wen to meet air defence needs and prepare for more live-fire target practice as conscript service increased to one year.

Bangladesh floods: Around 60 dead, thousands homeless in 11 districts

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Iran's military has said that

inclement weather condi-

tions, including thick fog,

were the cause of the he-

licopter crash in May this

year in which President

Ebrahim Raisi and his en-

As per a report in IRNA,

the General Staff of the Ira-

nian Armed Forces released

its final report on September

1, confirming earlier find-

ings that harsh weather

conditions in northwestern

tourage were killed.

Floodwaters have receded in most areas of the 11 affected districts, but the struggles of those impacted continue, as the disaster has left many homeless, The Daily Star reported.

At least 59 people died, and over 53 lakh people in 11 districts were affected by the flood.

Many people have been left without homes, and low-income families, especially farmers, have lost not only their houses but also their livelihoods due to the destruction of crops and ponds, as per The Daily Star.

"Floodwaters swept away my mud house. It's all I had in this world. Now, I have no place to live," said a devas-



tated Nurun Begum, 65, of Mierpara village in Moulvibazar's Kulaura upazila.

"I've had to taken shelter on the front porch of one of my neighbour's house," she explained in a helpless

"My house quickly went underwater after the embankment along the Manu river got breached on August 22. Even though the floodwater has receded, I cannot return home as my house has been damaged,' Sujan Mia, an autorickshaw driver from the same village,

Further, Sujan disclosed that he was staying at one of his relative's houses.

Jamsed Ali, also a resident of Mierpara area, said, "My vegetable garden, which was my sole income source. has been washed away. Now, how will my family

According to Moulvibazar District Relief and Rehabilitation Officer Mohammad Sadu Mia, around 8,786 houses have been damaged by the recent flood in the

"We have already sent a letter to higher authorities concerned seeking allocation to rehabilitate the flood victims," he said.

district.

Cumilla has been similarly devastated by the floods.

"My house and all the furniture in it have been washed away. But I don't have the money to repair it," said MA Azim, a resident of Mohismara village under Burichang upazila.

While expressing his grief, he stated that he and his family took shelter at one of

Tropical storm Yagi lashes Philippines, claims 11 lives

11 people have lost their lives as tropical storm Yagi lashed the Philippines on Monday, bringing heavy rains that resulted in floods and landslides, reported Al Jazeera.

Storms and Typhoons are a regular affair in the Philippines every year during the period between late June and October, resulting in widespread destruction.

Overnight on Sunday, Storm Yagi moved past the Bicol region southeast of the capital and was expected later on Monday to make landfall on the northeast coast of the main island of Luzon.

As a precautionary measure, the schools and government offices across Manila were shut down, whereas ferry services in affected areas were suspended and 29 domestic flights were cancelled, Al Jazeera.

As the storm wreaked havoc in the Southeast Asian nation, over 300 people remained at the evacuation camps on Monday. Quoting the local officials, Al Jazeera reported that the floodwa-

 ters in the city of 210,000 people were slow to ebb due to high tide.

> Meanwhile, separate landslides claimed two lives and resulted in the destruction of five houses in the central city of Cebu on Sunday, the Al Jazeera report added.

> Powerful Typhoon Gaemi, in July, had triggered heavy rain and massive flooding in the Philippines, claiming at least 22 lives.

Cyclone Yagi was a tropical storm that impacted parts of East Asia, including the Philippines, in 2018. It was the 14th named storm of the 2018 Pacific typhoon season. While it primarily affected Japan and China, the Philippines experienced some indirect effects from the storm.

In the Philippines, Cyclone Yagi brought heavy rains, which led to flooding and landslides in some areas. The monsoon rains enhanced by the storm caused significant damage, displacing thousands of people and leading to several casualties. The disaster highlighted the vulnerability of the Philippines to heavy rainfall and flooding during the typhoon



Israelis have taken to the streets in large numbers, demanding a ceasefire deal and the return of captives held by Hamas, Al Jazeera

45 man-portable Stinger

missiles, 15 launch systems,

and 15 IFF devices, sched-

However, the military has

uled for delivery by 2031.

The protesters chanted "Now! Now!" and demanded that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reach a ceasefire deal with Palestinian group Hamas to bring the remaining captives home.



Scuffles between the protesters and security forces were reported on Sunday night in one of the largest

anti-government demonstrations in Israel since the Gaza war began nearly 11 months ago, as per Al

Israel: Enraged protestors seek ceasefire deal after six more captives died in Gaza

roads in Tel Aviv and demonstrated outside Netanyahu's office in West Jeru-

The Hostages and Missing Families Forum, which represents the families of captives held in Gaza, said the death of the six hostages was the direct result of Netanyahu's failure to secure a deal to halt the fighting and bring their loved ones home.

of abuse, torture, and starvation in Hamas captivity," the forum said.

Gil Dickmann, a cousin of Carmel Gat, whose body was among those returned, urged Israelis to put more pressure on their govern-

Dickmann posted on X, "Take to the streets and shut down the country until everyone returns. They can still be saved,"

"They were all murdered Meanwhile, in a first since According to Al Jazeera, in the last few days, after October 7, Israel's largest nany protestors blocked surviving almost 11 months trade union federation, the Histadrut, has called for a general strike to pressure the government into signing a ceasefire deal.

> The Israeli military has killed at least 40,738 people and wounded 94,154 in its war on Gaza since October 7. An estimated 1,139 people were killed in Israel during the Hamas-led attacks on October 7, with some 250 people seized by the group.

Two missing after detained by Pak forces in Balochistan's Konshkalat area

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Two persons have been missing after being detained by Pakistani forces in Konshkalat area of Balochistan's Tump on the night of August 30, The Balochistan Post reported.

Two persons who went missing have been identified as Nasrat and Dad Dost. Their whereabouts remain unknown, sparking serious concerns among residents and human rights organi-

The families of the missing individuals are worried about their safety, considering the ongoing issue of enforced disappearances in the region, The Balochistan Post reported.

In a related development, two other individuals previously reported missing, Murtaza and Shehsawar, who had been abducted from the Prom area of Panjgur, were safely returned to their homes.



While their return brought relief to their families, the circumstances surrounding their release are unclear, according to The Balochistan Post report.

These incidents highlight the ongoing tension and insecurity in Balochistan, where enforced disappearances have become a troubling norm. Local communities and advocacy groups have called for greater transparency and accountability regarding the actions of Pakistani security forces in the area.

Over the past two decades, numerous reports from organizations such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have highlighted the troubling pattern of individuals being forcibly disappeared by security forces. These disappearances often involve alleged extrajudicial detentions, where individuals are taken into custody without legal process and their whereabouts

remain unknown, causing

immense suffering to their

families.

Israel's Prez meets Dutch Foreign Minister to boost ties

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President Isaac Herzog met with Foreign Minister of the Netherlands, Caspar Veldkamp. Ahead of the meeting,

President Herzog said: "We respect the support from your government. I think the fact that you're here is an expression of friendship and support, because what we have seen in the last 24 hours is pure, barbaric evil, unprecedented evil. We have been attacked from various corners of our nation by pure terror. And the most sadistic of all is, of course, the killing, the brutal murder of six innocent civilians who were taken hostage to Gaza on 7th October. I think this exemplifies what we are dealing with."

"I believe the whole attitude towards Hamas must change by the world community and by the interlocutors, by Arab nations, by intermediaries," he added.



"They all have to understand that Hamas is not a partner to anything. They simply refuse endlessly to move on and move towards

a hostage deal. They are to blame for the horrific attacks on October 7, where they burned and butchered, raped and took hostage so many Israelis, innocent people, from their homes, and as we've seen now, they've treated hostages in the most brutal way. And now, of course, we see brutally murdered them. So I call upon world community - there has to be very firm decisions taken against Hamas all over the world."

Israel and the Netherlands maintain strong diplomatic relations, characterized by mutual cooperation and shared interests in areas such as trade, technology, and security. The Netherlands was one of the first countries to recognize Israel in 1949, and since then, the two nations have enjoyed a close partnership. Both countries engage in regular political dialogue, and the Netherlands is an active supporter of peace initiatives in the Middle East.



Children hold outsized pencils bearing messages including 'rewrite our future' during a rally organised by Mothers Rise Up outside parliament in London, UK. Source: Getty Images

Americans having expectations of better policies from Kamala Harris

AGENCIES

When Vice-President Kamala Harris capped off the Democratic National Convention with a speech that some admiring commenters lauded as "the speech that Democrats craved", "a home run", and "perfect", she paved a middle road and seemed suited to appeal as much to independents and Republicans who are disaffected with Donald Trump as Democrats.

Yet, after the glitz and glamour of the stage-managed event, the focus will now shift to what Harris's "big tent" approach means in terms of concrete policies.

In the coming weeks, many voters will expect Harris to stake out clearer positions on some of the most pressing issues facing the US, including inflation, immigration, and health-



care access and affordability. Kamala Harris, the current Vice President of the United States, is often dis-

cussed as a potential presidential candidate. As the first female, first Black, and first South Asian Vice President, she has a historic and prominent role in the Biden administration. Her candidacy would likely focus on issues like social justice, healthcare, and economic equity, building on her experience as a former U.S.

Senator from California and California Attorney General. Harris's potential candidacy in a future presidential election could be shaped by her tenure as Vice President, her policy initiatives, and her ability to connect with a diverse electorate. However, her candidacy would also face scrutiny and challenges, given the highly polarized political environment in the United States.

perience in both state and federal government. Before becoming Vice President, she served as a U.S. Senator from California from 2017 to 2021, where she gained national attention for her pointed questioning during Senate hearings

as a presidential candidate

draws on her extensive ex-

Kamala Harris's potential

and her advocacy on issues such as criminal justice reform, immigration, and healthcare. As California's Attorney General from 2011 to 2017, Harris built a reputation as a toughon-crime prosecutor with a focus on consumer protection, civil rights, and public safety. However, her record in this role has also been a point of controversy, with critics arguing that she was sometimes too cautious on reforms that could have significantly altered the state's criminal iustice system. intersex. Without the cen-

Australian Govt undermines census to avoid division

After the Australian government's unprecedented intervention into the national census, the Australian statistical office will need to do significant work rebuilding the nation's trust.

After about two years of consultation, the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) consideration of whether to add or amend questions ahead of the 2026 census was suddenly and unexpectedly ended by government minister Andrew Leigh. The government's reason for not moving further with the process which considered questions around Indigenous cultural identity, reasons for moving



house, gender, sex variations, and sexual orientation — was fears it would "cause divisive debate". Even the ABS was caught off guard. The backlash has been

swift and fierce. Some have called for a boycott of the census, or to vandalise it with incorrect information. Government officials from the Labor Party publicly

criticised and defended the decision to exclude new questions.

In response, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese backflipped, announcing that sexual orientation would be reconsidered for inclusion. Exclusion of these new items has particularly harsh impacts on queer people, trans folk, and those born

sus information, Australia has no way of knowing the characteristics and circumstances of people in this important community.

Lack of information risks the health and wellbeing of an already marginalised chunk of the Australian population. What's counted in the census matters because what matters is counted. Excluding these items from the census devalues those communities.

Independence and process The Australian census is mandatory and held every five years. While not without controversies, the census has largely avoided the problems plaguing countries such as the United

RUSSIAN MISSILE STRIKE INJURES 47 IN KHARKIV

A Russian missile strike on Kharkiv, Ukraine's secondlargest city, left at least 47 people injured, including five children, on Sunday, Al Jazeera reported.

The strike, hit a shopping mall and a major sports center in the Saltivskyi and Nemyshlianskyi districts, not far from the Russian border.

Authorities confirmed that Iskander missiles were used in the assault. Among the injured were seven children, the youngest of whom was only three months old. Several of those injured are in critical condition, according to Kharkiv Mayor, Ihor Terekhov.

Rescue teams and ambu-



lances that responded to the initial attack were also targeted in a subsequent strike, with Mayor Terekhov condemning the "cynical repeat strike" that left even medical personnel injured.

This attack occurred just days after another Russian strike on Kharkiv, which killed at least seven people and injured many more

block, reported Al Jazeera. In response to this latest act of violence, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy reiterated his call for Ukraine's Western allies to provide the country with weapons capable of targeting deeper into Russian ter-

Zelenskyy emphasized that

Ukraine to better mitigate the threat posed by Russia. "All the necessary forces of the world must be brought in to stop this terror," Zelenskyy stated on his Telegram channel, stressing that the decision requires courage from international leaders. Images and videos from the scene show rescue workers and volunteers assisting the injured, many of whom were covered in dust and debris. Shattered glass and rubble littered the area, with residents fleeing to a nearby metro station for safety.

This missile strike took place just hours after Russia claimed to have intercepted over 150 Ukrainian drones in what it described as a "massive" attack.

No honeymoon for new UK leader Starmer after a summer of unrest

AGENCIES

There was no summer honeymoon for Keir Starmer. Britain's new prime minister, elected in a landslide less than two months ago, had to cancel a planned vacation after anti-immigrant unrest erupted across the country. He has spent his first weeks in office dealing with the af-

termath, and issuing stark

warnings about the state of

the nation and the economy.

As lawmakers returned to Parliament on Monday after a shortened summer break, Starmer's left-of-center Labour Party government was preparing for a budget statement next month that's likely to include tax rises or public spending cuts — or



The mood music is in stark contrast to the campaign song used by former Prime Minister Tony Blair, the last Labour leader to win an election: "Things Can Only Get Better."

"Frankly, things will get worse before they get better," Starmer told voters in a televised speech last week. Starmer is seeking to hammer home the message that

the right-leaning Conservative Party, booted out by voters in the July 4 election, presided over "14 years of rot" that's left Britain weakened economically, structurally and even morally. During the election cam-

paign, Starmer vowed to get the country's sluggish economy growing and restore frayed public services such as the state-funded National Health Service.

Since winning power he's said the situation is "worse than we ever imagined," with an unexpected 22 billion pound (\$29 billion) hole in the public finances. Labour has decided not to increase taxes on "working people," but it has to find money somewhere. It has already scaled back a payment intended to help pensioners heat their homes in winter.

Starmer said last week that a budget statement coming on Oct. 30 will be "painful" and involve "short term pain for long term good."

Conservative economy spokeswoman Laura Trott accused Starmer and his government of trying to "run from responsibility for the tax rises they always planned but hid from the public during the election."

Paul Johnson, who heads economic think-tank the Institute for Fiscal Studies, has said Labour is being "disingenuous" when it claims to be surprised by the state of the finances, but that the Conservatives had "left Labour a mess to clear up.

Harris looks to tap into Biden's union support for Labor Day

AGENCIES

Vice President Kamala Harris and President Joe Biden are co-headlining a campaign event Monday in the marquee battleground state of Pennsylvania as Harris balances presenting herself as "a new way forward" while remaining intensely loyal to Biden and the policies he has pushed.

The pair will attend Pittsburgh's Labor Day parade and offer some remarks, the first time the two have shared a speaking slot on the political stage together since the surprising election shakeup that provided a fresh jolt of Democratic enthusiasm to the 2024 election.

Harris' campaign has said Pennsylvania voters are



newly energized since Harris moved to the top of the ticket six weeks ago, with tens of thousands of new volunteers signed up to canvass for her and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, the Democratic vice presidential nominee. Harris' and Biden's appearance at the parade, one of the largest such gatherings in the country, is part of a battleground state blitz with just

over two months until Election Day. Harris first heads to Detroit Monday for a campaign event before meeting Biden in Pennsylvania.

Harris, 59, has sought to appeal to voters by positioning herself as a break from poisonous politics, rejecting the acerbic rhetoric of her Republican opponent, former President Donald Trump, while

the Biden era as well. Yet while her delivery may be very different from Biden's, Harris' agenda is chock-full of the same issues he has championed: capping the cost of prescription drugs, the Affordable Care Act, the economy and helping families afford child care.

"We fight for a future where we build what I call an opportunity economy, so that every American has the opportunity to own a home, start a business and to build wealth and intergenerational wealth. And a future where we lower the cost of living for America," she said at a recent rally, echoing Biden's calls to grow the economy "from the bottom out and the middle up."

Paris mayor sparks row with idea of retaining Olympic rings on Eiffel Tower

AGENCIES

The descendants of Gustave Eiffel have opposed plans by the Paris mayor to leave the Olympic rings as a permanent fixture on the French landmark that bears the engineer's name.

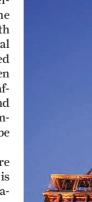
The family association said the Eiffel Tower was "not intended as an advertising platform" and that Anne Hidalgo's announcement that it was for her to decide was "incomprehensible".

Hidalgo declared at the weekend that the rings would stay. "As mayor of Paris, the decision is mine," she said.

"I want the spirit of celebration to remain," she said in an interview with the Ouest-France regional newspaper. "I'm delighted that the French have fallen in love with Paris again, after 10 years of bashing and telling us that it [the Olympic Games] was going to be

The 30-tonne, 29-metre x 13-metre ring structure is too heavy to be kept permanently on the Eiffel Tower - but Hidalgo said she envisaged replacing it with a lighter steel replica "as soon as possible".

Olivier Berthelot-Eiffel, Gustave's great-great grandson and the president of the Association of Descendants



of Gustave Eiffel (AGDE), rejected the plan.

"Let the rings remain for a little longer than the Paralympic Games, why not? We have no problem with that,"

he said on Monday. "But the Eiffel Tower is not intended as an advertising platform. Anne Hidalgo should surely have said that she wanted to keep the Olympic rings and

asked for the opinion of the Paris city council and other competent people, not that she had decided to do so." The association said:

"While we were delighted, like millions of French citizens, and men and women throughout the world, to see the Eiffel Tower bear the Olympic rings during ioin. the Paris Olympic Games 2024, we do not think it appropriate that the Eiffel Tower, which since its construction 135 years ago has become the symbol of Paris and, by extension, of France itself in the world, to carry the symbol of an external organisation, whatever its prestige, attached to it on a

permanent basis.

Jeremy Corbyn to form alliance with four independent pro-Gaza MPs tion. The group will also

Jeremy Corbyn is to form an official parliamentary alliance with four independent MPs who were elected on pro-Gaza platforms – issuing a call for more MPs to

The group will have the same number of MPs as Reform UK and the Democratic Unionist party, who each have five MPs, and more than the Green party and Plaid Cymru on four.

Promising to fight austerity and campaign on issues including the winter fuel allowance, the two-child benefit limit and arms sales



to Israel, the group also explicitly invited MPs to join them, a reference to seven rebel Labour MPs suspended by the party for voting to axe the two-child benefit

Corbyn, a former Labour leader, was elected as an independent MP for Islington North after being barred from standing as a Labour candidate at the last elecinclude the MPs Shockat Adam, Ayoub Khan, Adnan Hussain and Iqbal Mohamed. The MPs said: "We were

elected by our constituents to provide hope in a parliament of despair. Already, this government has scrapped the winter fuel allowance for around 10 million pensioners, voted to keep the two-child benefits cap, and ignored calls to end

arms sales to Israel. "Millions of people are crying out for a real alternative to austerity, inequality and war - and their voices deserve to be heard.

BRAIN PICKING

Don't give up

the beginning is

always hardest.

-SARA ALI KHAN

SOHA ENJOYS FAMILY TIME IN LONDON WITH

MOM, DAUGHTER, SISTER

(Indian Actress)

RANBIR KAPOOR'S COUSIN AADAR **JAIN ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT**



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Bollywood actor Aadar Jain announced his engagement to Alekha Advani on Sunday with a heartwarming proposal by the sea.

Jain shared intimate pictures of the moment on Instagram, showing him down on one knee, holding Advani's hand in a picturesque beach setting.

In the caption, he wrote, "My first crush, my best friend & now, my forever."

The post quickly garnered attention from his famous family, including sisters Riddhima Kapoor Sahni, Kareena Kapoor Khan and Karisma Kapoor, who expressed their joy in the com-

Kareena Kapoor Khan excitedly wrote, "Yayyyyyyy Mehendi laga ke rakhna... doli saja ke rakhna..."

Riddhima wrote, "Yayyyyy," with a string of heart emoticons.

Meanwhile, Karisma wrote, "Congratulations you both"

Jain and Advani's relationship became public in November 2023 when Jain shared a photo of them together on social media, describing her as the "light of

Their relationship had previously been a topic of speculation, particularly when they were seen together at the Diwali celebrations hosted by Kareena Kapoor and Saif Ali Khan.

BOMAN IRANI'S DIRECTORIAL DEBUT 'THE MEHTA BOYS' TO OPEN AT CHICAGO **SOUTH ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL**



Boman Irani, who is all set to make his directorial debut with 'The Mehta Boys', his film will be premiered at the prestigious 15th Chicago South Asian Film Festival (CSAFF).

The Mehta Boys is based on a father and son at odds with each other, who find themselves compelled to spend 48 hours together. The film follows their tumultuous journey and offers a nuanced exploration of the complexities often inherent in a father-son relationship.

Written by Boman Irani and Alex Dinelaris, the movie features a cast including Boman Irani, Avinash Tiwary, Shreya Chaudhry, and Puja Sarup. Irani Movietone LLP and Chalkboard Entertainment LLP production, produced by Boman Irani, Danesh Irani, Vikesh Bhutani, and Shujaat Saudagar.

The makers on Monday and shared a new poster. Sharing the post, they

wrote, "boys played well, indeed. The Mehta Boys premieres as the Opening Film of the Chicago South Asian Film Festival!"

The poster features both the actors standing inside an airport. Boman can be seen lifting his hand for a handshake with Avinash's

FARDEEN KHAN, RITEISH DESHMUKH'S 'VISFOT' TO BE **RELEASED ON OTT**



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Instead of a theatrical release, Fardeen Khan and Riteish Deshmukh-starrer 'Visfot' will soon kickstart a digital journey.

Helmed by Kookie Gulati, the film is set for release on JioCinema on September 6.

The update was shared on the official Instagram handle of the streaming platform. The makers also shared the film's poster in which the two actors are

captured in intense looks. "Get ready for the biggest explosion on your screen! #Visfot streaming 6 September onwards, exclusively on JioCinema Premium," the post read.

'Visfot' is produced by Anuradha Gupta and Sanjay Rajprakash Gupta. It

also stars Krystle D'Souza. On being a part of the project, Krystle earlier said, "There is no greater thrill as an actor than being called on to be a part of a fantastic script. That's what this film is for me. The story is such a

twists and turns.' She added, "I am so kicked to be sharing screen space with the ever so charming Fardeen Khan and the solid Riteish Deshmukh.

roller coaster ride filled with

PICTURE PERFECT

Bollywood actress Ananya Panday poses for a picture during the promotion of her upcoming web series 'Call Me Bae', in Mumbai on Friday. (ANI Photo)



KAREENA EXCITED ABOUT RELEASE OF 'THE BUCKINGHAM MURDERS'

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ctor Kareena Kapoor Khan is all set to showcase her deglam avatar in 'The Buckingham Murders'.

On Monday, she took to Instagram and unveiled a new character poster.

In the poster, Kareena has been captured in an intense look. Seems like she is looking at someone suspiciously.

"Trailer out tomorrow... see you. (black heart emoji)#The Buckingham Murders Only in cinemas on 13th September," she captioned the post.

Recently, the makers released the first track 'Sada Pyaar Tut Gaya' from the

Showcasing different shades of her character as a detective, the song brings

THE BUCKINGHAM MURDERS

out the various emotions she experiences in the film.

The track is sung by Vicky Marley while Devshi Khanduri penned the lyrics. Bally Sagoo composed it.

The film is written by Aseem Arrora, Kashyap Kapoor, and Raghav Raj

It is produced by Balaji Telefilms and TBM Films alongside Shobha Kapoor, Ektaa R Kapoor, and Kareena Kapoor Khan. With this film, Kareena is making her

debut as a producer. According to Variety, a US-based media house, 'The Buckingham Murders' follows Jasmeet Bhamra (portrayed by Kareena Kapoor Khan), a detective and mother who, after losing her own child, must investigate the murder of a 10-year-old in Buckinghamshire, going down a rabbit hole of secrets, where almost everyone in the small town becomes a suspect.

In an interview with Variety earlier, Kareena revealed that her character in the film is inspired by Kate Winslet's role in 'Mare of Easttown.' She said, "I love 'Mare of Easttown' and when Hansal came to me, I said this is something that I've really been dying to do. So we've moulded a little bit on those lines, she plays a detective



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Actor Soha Ali Khan is en-

joying a special family trip

in London, making beau-

tiful memories with her

mother, Sharmila Tagore,

her daughter, Inaaya, and

Saba took to her Instagram

account on Sunday to share

a series of photos from their

London vacation and the pic-

tures are a proof of how much fun they are having together.

her sister, Saba Pataudi.

in London. Along with the pictures, Saba added a caption that read, "Moments like this. Matter to me Most! Family n

enjoying delicious pastries

and spending time outdoors

Friends! Precious Memories. My #innijan My Amma and sister! Reunited in London.. Saturday special times."

Soha is best known for her roles in films including 'Mumbai Meri Jaan', 'Tum Mile', 'Rang De Basanti', 'Hush Hush', 'Saheb, Biwi Aur Gangster Returns' and 'Tera Kya Hoga Johnny'. She was also seen in web series like 'Kaun Banegi Shikharwati' and 'Hush Hush.'

Sharmila Tagore made her acting comeback after 13 years with Gulmohar, which got released last year. The film recently bagged the Best Film award at the 2024 National Film Awards. Sharmila, Saba, and little Helmed by Rahul V Chittella. 'Gulmohar' revolves around the multi-generation Batra family who are all set to move out of their 34-year-old family home--Gulmohar--and how this shift in their lives is rediscovery of the bonds that have held them together as a family with secrets and inse-

George Clooney opens up about working with Brad Pitt

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George Clooney and Brad Pitt reunited at the Venice made the announcement Film Festival on Sunday for the premiere of their new thriller, Wolfs.

The film, where both stars play lone fixers assigned to the same job, marks another collaboration between the long-time friends, who have worked together in several films over the years, including the Ocean's trilogy and Burn After Reading.

While speaking to People at the premiere, Clooney opened up about working with long-time friend Pitt.

about it. It's all a disaster," said Clooney jokingly. "It's fun to work with people you know really well,"

"There's nothing good

he added. Apart from discussing their friendship, Clooney spoke about a recent contro-

versial New York Times article that claimed he and Pitt were paid over \$35 million each for their roles in Wolf.

"[It was] an interesting article and whatever her source was for our salary, it is millions and millions and millions of dollars less than what was reported. And I am only saying that because I think it's bad for our industry if that's what people think is the standard bearer for salaries...it'll make it impossible to make films."

Earlier in February, a source had told PEOPLE that the two were thrilled to work together again

"Brad and George are forever friends," the source

said.

"They like and respect each other no matter how many years in between gigs together. Wolfs was a meaty project and both took a real interest in it. They are excited about the film, and enjoying the hell out of it as time leads up to the release."

'ALPHA' GIRLS ALIA, SHARVARI REACHES **MUMBAI POST FILM'S SHOOT IN KASHMIR**

TDG NETWORK

After shooting for the spy drama 'Alpha' in Kashmir, actresses Alia Bhatt and Shavari are now back in Mumbai.

On Sunday, they were spotted exiting the Mumbai airport.

In the visuals captured by the shutterbugs, Alia was seen holding her daughter Raha Kapoor, who was fast asleep in her arms. Before entering her car, Alia looked at the paps and smiled.

Sharvari also greeted the paps by waving at them. Both divas opted for casual airport looks.

A few days ago, they



shared a scenic photograph from the Kashmir shoot. The image, posted on the actresses' social media ac-

counts, features the two

stars looking away from the camera against the backdrop of Kashmir's breathtaking natural scenery.

seen embracing each other with one arm draped over the other's shoulder while forming a heart shape with Alia and Sharvari were their hands.





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Megastar Amitabh Bachchan's granddaughter Navya Naveli Nanda has joined the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Ahmedabad and will study BPGP MBA for the next two years.

Taking to her Instagram handle, she shared several pictures from IIM and expressed her happiness about being admitted there and said that it is like a "dream" come true.

She wrote, "Dreams do come true !!!!!!The next 2 years... with the best people & faculty! Blended Post Graduate Programme

(BPGP) Class of 2026" The first photo she shared showed her dressed in a black suit. She also posted images of the lush green campus and the friends she seemed to have met there. Navya also posted a picture of herself cutting a cake on Instagram Stories, praising her teacher Prasad for assisting her in cracking the CAT/IAT admission examinations.

Navya may belong to a family of actors, but she has carved a niche for herself by pursuing her passion for entrepreneurship. In 2021, she launched Project Naveli to fight gender inequality in the country.

MONKEY POX: A GLOBAL **HEALTH CONCERN**



DR. SHIVAM SHARMA

'onkey pox, a viral illness related to smallpox, has been making headlines in recent years due to its increasing prevalence and global spread. While it is not as contagious as smallpox, it can still cause significant illness and discomfort. This article will provide an overview of Monkey pox, including its symptoms, transmission, and prevention.

What is Monkey pox?

Monkey pox is a zoonotic disease caused by the Monkey pox virus, which belongs to the Orthopoxvirus genus. It is a self-limiting illness that typically resolves within a few weeks. While it is not as contagious as smallpox, it can spread through close contact with an infected person or animal.

Symptoms of Monkey pox The symptoms of Monkey pox typically appear within 2 to 14 days after exposure. They may include:

- Fever
- Headache Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- Swollen lymph nodes

The rash begins as small, red bumps that may look like pimples or blisters. It can appear anywhere on the body, including the face,

hands, feet, chest, abdomen, and genitals. The rash may evolve into pustules and scabs before healing.

Transmission of Monkey

Monkey pox can be transmitted through close contact with an infected person or animal. This includes:

- Direct contact with a rash or scabs
- Contact with bodily flu-

 Contact with contaminated materials, such as bedding or clothing

The virus can also be transmitted through respiratory droplets, but this is less common.

Prevention of Monkey pox While there is currently no approved vaccine spe-





cifically for Monkey pox, the smallpox vaccine is highly effective in preventing the disease. However, its availability is limited.

Other preventive measures include:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Washing hands frequently with soap and water
- Avoiding contact with wild animals or their meat
- Practicing safe sex Treatment for Monkey pox countries. The World Health

There is no specific treatment for Monkey pox. The illness is typically selflimiting, and symptoms can be managed with overthe-counter medications. However, severe cases may

require hospitalization. Global Health Concern

In recent years, Monkey pox has been identified as a global health concern due to its increasing prevalence and spread. Outbreaks have occurred in various countries, including in Africa, Europe, and the Americas. The first cases of monkey pox in India were reported in 2022. While the number of cases has been relatively lower compared to other Organization (WHO) has declared Monkey pox a public health emergency of international concern.

As the number of cases continues to rise, it is important to stay informed about the latest developments and to take appropriate precautions to prevent the spread of Monkey pox. By understanding the symptoms, transmission, and prevention of this viral illness, we can help to protect ourselves and our communities.

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Critical patient evacuated from Nepal to India in urgent medical operation

TDG NETWORK

In a tale of unparalleled medical expertise and meticulous coordination, a 70-year-old critically ill patient in Nepal was given a second chance at life, thanks to RED. Health's seamless cross-border medical evacuation. This story stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication and resilience of their medical team, who left no stone unturned in ensuring the patient received the urgent, specialized care they needed.

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The journey began in Birgunj, Nepal, where a 70-year-old critically ill patient, battling severe respiratory distress and metabolic complications, required immediate advanced medical support. With time of the essence, RED. Health's medical team sprang into action, executing a plan that involved airlifting the patient to a specialized hospital in Hyderabad, India. The operation was a complex and challenging mission that highlighted the team's ability to navigate logistical hurdles while maintaining the highest standards of patient care.

Faced with daunting challenges such as difficult road



conditions, border clearance issues, and the necessity for round-the-clock medical supervision, their medical team demonstrated remarkable problem-solving skills and adaptability. They meticulously planned every aspect of the transfer, from selecting a specialized aircraft equipped with a full ICU setup to ensuring constant communication and real-time coordination between all involved parties. Despite the obstacles, the patient was safely transported and admitted to the hospital in stable condition. The transfer was com-

public health outcomes. Edu-

cating people about healthy

lifestyle choices, including

proper nutrition and regular

physical activity, support-

ing individuals to adopt and

maintain healthy behaviors,

and continuously providing

patient arriving at the Hyderabad hospital in stable condition. Continuous communication and detailed planning ensured a smooth operation despite logistical challenges. This extraordinary case is just one among many that showcase RED. Health's expertise in emergency medical services. With a growing portfolio of successful case studies, the brand continues to demonstrate its commitment to delivering life-saving care through highly skilled EMT services and advanced medical logistics.

SMART EATING FOR A SMART BRAIN



FOOD IS MEDICINE

DR ANISH DESAI

Cognitive health involves a broad cognitive health. range of mental abilities, including the capacity to use acquired skills for micronutrients play a critical role. meaningful tasks. It is a vital com- For example, B vitamins, iron, and ponent of overall well-being, influomega-3 fatty acids are essential for encing how effectively individuals can adapt their cognitive, psychological, emotional, and behavioural functions to handle various life chal-

While certain factors affecting cognitive health such as aging, brain injuries, and diseases are beyond our control, many lifestyle factors are modifiable. Diet, physical activity, cognitive and social engagement, smoking, and alcohol consumption

Beyond macronutrients, specific cognitive function. Foods rich in these nutrients include leafy greens (for B vitamins and iron), fatty fish like salmon and sardines (for omega-3 fatty acids), and nuts and seeds (for a mix of essential nutrients).

Emerging research on the gutbrain axis highlights the benefits of dietary fibers and probiotics for brain health. Foods like yoghurt, kefir, and fermented vegetables can support a healthy gut microbiome,



all play a significant role in maintaining or even improving cognitive

As we age, the importance of diet for cognitive health becomes even more pronounced. Research shows that diets rich in whole grains, vegetables, fruits, legumes, and healthy fats are associated with a reduced risk of cognitive decline and dementia. Conversely, diets high in fats and refined carbohydrates have been linked to worsening cognitive

The World Health Organization recommends consuming at least 400 grams of fruits and vegetables daily, limiting added sugars to less than 10% of total energy intake, and reducing saturated fat intake. Maintaining a healthy weight, managing conditions like hypertension and diabetes, and engaging in regular physical activity are also crucial for which may positively affect cogni-

Cognitive health is a lifelong journey and addressing it early on can make a significant difference. Preventive strategies targeting middleaged populations are especially important, as there is a growing recognition of the overlap between dementia risk and other non-communicable diseases such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Integrating cognitive health into existing public health initiatives can help manage these risks more effectively.

Supporting cognitive health through a balanced, nutrient-dense diet and a healthy lifestyle is crucial for maintaining brain function throughout life. By incorporating nutrient-rich foods and adopting evidence-based lifestyle changes, we can better protect our cognitive abilities and overall well-being.

Screening saves lives: Importance of early detection and preventive measures for NCDs

DR. NALINI SALIGRAM

THE SILENTLY GROW-ING EPIDEMIC OF NCDS IN INDIA

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), approximately 1 in 4 Indians are at risk of experiencing (NCD) before the age of 70. with over 5.8 million NCDrelated deaths reported in India each year. About 2/3rds of the deaths in the nation are attributable to NCDs, which include cardiovascular diseases, cancers, and chronic respiratory diseases. These diseases are becoming a significant concern across various socio-economic groups and regions. Lifestyle factors such as increasing fast food consumption, demanding work schedules, sedentary habits, are contributing to the rise in NCDs.

Recent studies in The Lancet highlight the public health challenge India faces, with 315 million individuals affected by hypertension, 101 million by diabetes, and 136 million with pre-diabetes. These NCDs contribute to 65% of deaths and 40% of hospitalizations in India.

THE GOVERNMENT IS **INCREASING ACCESS** TO SCREENING AND **DIAGNOSIS**

1 in 3 adults in India are said to have hypertension. In response, the government has initiated several measures to combat the growing burden of hypertension and other NCDs. The Union Health Ministry in 2023 announced the ambitious "75/25" initiative, aiming to bring 75 million people with hypertension and diabetes under standard care by 2025 through Primary Health Centres (PHCs). This effort has been lauded internationally for its bold scale and scope and comprehensive approach. India has crossed a significant milestone in its journey towards Universal

Health Coverage by operationalizing 1,50,000 Avushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs). These centers, which play a crucial role in the comprehensive primary health care approach, are estimated to have screened over 86.90 crore individuals serious health impacts from for non-communicable disa non-communicable disease eases, facilitated more than 8.5 crore teleconsultations. and conducted over 1.60 crore wellness sessions. This achievement marks a major step forward in providing accessible and comprehensive healthcare to the population. Cancer prevention has also been highlighted under the Ayushman Bharat Comprehensive Primary Health Care scheme, which promotes wellness activities and targeted community-level communication. The government's Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) offers substantial health insurance coverage, ensuring that over 600 million beneficiaries receive financial support for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization.

IMPORTANCE OF SCREENING PROGRAMS

Early detection of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) improves treatment outcomes, prevents disease progression, and reduces medical expenses. Screening helps identify risk factors, such as blood pressure and cholesterol, and can prevent complications like amputations and strokes. Additionally, it raises health awareness, empowers individuals to manage their health, and informs public health policies and resource

Screening and early detection it is clear do save lives. The sooner you know you are diabetic or pre-diabetic; you can seek treatment and lifestyle modification to better control the disease. Diabetes is a progressive disease and uncontrolled blood sugar levels for long periods of time can lead to very serious complications such as heart disease,

stroke, kidney disease, foot of these diseases and improve amputations and blindness. So, halting the progression of the disease with every means at our disposal is a must careful diagnosis, regular blood sugar monitoring, compliance with the prescribed medicines and lifestyle change are all critical. **PREVENTION IS A**

SMART SOLUTION



But screening alone is not enough. Prevention through lifestyle change is absolutely needed. We know that 80% of type 2 diabetes and 80% of heart disease and 40% of cancers can be prevented with 3 lifestyle changes - one must eat right, increase physical activity and avoid tobacco. NCDs are not inevitable. They are preventable. More must be done by the government to implement sweeping public awareness campaigns and educational programs to promote healthy lifestyles. Collaborations with international organizations, NGOs, and community groups are also essential to these efforts, ensuring a multi-sectoral approach to addressing the growing burden of NCDs in

While access to screening and services is crucial in addressing the increasing burden of NCDs, there must be a comprehensive focus on lifestyle change education. By integrating lifestyle changes early on with regular screenings and sustained education, we can address the root causes

ularly.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF NCD PREVEN-TION AND CONTROL THROUGH TECHNOL-

Technology, particularly mobile phones and the internet, plays a crucial role in spreading awareness and educating the public about non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in India. There are more than a billion cell phones in use in India therefore mobile health (mHealth) initiatives are a powerful public health tool. They are pivotal in reaching a broad audience with essential health information. Programs utilizing mobile phones send text messages in local languages, provide guidance on NCD prevention, remind people about healthy eating, nudge them on ways to increase physical activity in subtle ways, and persuade people to go get regular health check-ups. This ensures that vital health information reaches individuals in even the most remote and underserved ar-

eas, making healthcare more

Let me come now to a key

point. The government has built an incredible tech platform to capture the electronic health records of hundreds of millions of people especially all those visiting the primary health centers, this was set up to aid annual screenings and information about the risks and consequences of NCDs is indeed truly laudable. But are essential measures that it would be such a smart use of existing infrastructure if we could keep all these people engaged on their own health journeys by sending them text messages and nudges on healthy living between annual screenings. NGOs like Arogya World have proven mDiabetes programs (a six month series of twice-a-week what's app messages that people are forced to confront every time they look at their phones on a daily basis, that have been shown to elicit 20% improvement in multiple health behaviors) for diabetes patients and healthy people and are eager to partner with all stakeholders to reach the proven content to millions more.

> The internet serves as another powerful tool for educating the public about NCDs. Websites dedicated to health provide comprehensive resources, including educational materials, success stories, and updates on various health initiatives. Social media platforms amplify these efforts by running targeted campaigns that engage diverse demographic groups. These campaigns inform the public about the risks of NCDs and steps to mitigate them, fostering a deeper connection and understanding among the audience.

India's future is bright on the global economic landscape. Let's ensure that it stays bright by improving the health of the young people who fuel that growth, by keeping the healthy, healthy, and preventing diabetes, and building a healthy living movement throughout the country.

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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING 15

NUMEROLOGICAL IMPACT OF ZODIAC RULERS ON OUR LIVES (Part -2 Understanding The Divine Connections Between Our Birthdates & The Zodiac Rulers)



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'ere's an overview of rest of zodiac signs, Lits ruling planet and main features including positive and negative aspects:

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Ruler - Mercury (5) Element -Earth

Mercury makes Virgos detail-oriented, efficient organizer, methodical, practical with analytical skills, precision and a service-oriented approach. But can be overly critical, perfectionistic with a tendency to worry and may struggle with flexibility and seeing the bigger picture.

TRAITS:

Observant, Dedicated, Organized, Creative, Analyti-

cal, Intelligent, Responsible, Kind, Helpful, Hardworking, Stubborn, Easily Frustrated, Judgmental, Discriminating and wise

Libra (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Ruler-Venus (6) Element -Air

Venus blesses Libra with a balanced, harmonious personality, love for harmony, beauty and partnership. They are artistic, affectionate, diplomatic, sociable, charming, fair-minded and emphasize harmony, relationships and aesthetics. but can be indecisive and avoidant of conflict.

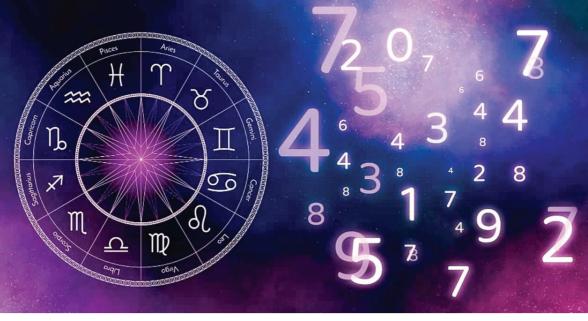
Librans seek balance but may struggle with confrontation and making tough deci-

TRAITS:

Diplomatic, Fun Loving, Romantic, Co-operative, Sociable, Intelligent, Stylish, Follows Trend, Impatient, Indecisive, Manipulative, Talkative, Gossipy, Attractive, bit **Flirtatious**

Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 22) Ruler -Mars (9) Element -Water

Mars give Scorpio inten-



sity, passion, transformation, depth and a deep understanding of the unseen. Scorpios are determined, loyal, often passionate, probing, resilient and resourceful but can be secretive and vengeful. They have remarkable mystical powers and great passion.

They have a strong will & personality, with perseverance and courage but may struggle with control and letting go. They may also have

pride, ambition and envy.

Loyal, Caring, Dedicated, Protective, Disciplined, Intelligent, Intuitive, Wise, Independent, Courageous, Aggressive, Competitive, Domineering Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

Ruler - Jupiter (3) Element -Fire

Jupiter endows Sagittarius with optimism, devotion, love of sport and travel and sym-

pathy, a love for freedom and a philosophical outlook. Jupiter symbolizes expansion, wisdom and exploration.

Sagittarians are adventurous, generous, honest, intellectual and seekers of truth. But can be outspoken, tactless, restless and may struggle with commitment and practical de-

TRAITS:

Sociable, Independent, Ad-

venturous, Passionate, Optimistic, Honest, Loval, Bold, Outgoing, Impatient, Impulsive, Boastful, Selfish (selfcentered), Blunt, Unforgiving

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 20) Ruler -Saturn (8) Element -Earth

Saturn provides Capricorn with discipline, structure, responsibility and ambition. Capricorns are hardworking, excellent planners, reliable,

patient, practical and materialistic with an inclination for business and politics. But can be pessimistic, rigid and may struggle with spontaneity & flexibility.

TRAITS:

Perfectionist, Hardworking, Disciplined, Loyal, Dependable, Fearless, Good Orga-

Ambitious, Goal-oriented, Stubborn, Rigid, Domineering, Unforgiving, Deep Thinking, Cool understanding

Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 18) Ruler -Rahu (4) Element -Air

Rahu blesses Aquarius with innovation, humanitarianism and a unique perspective. Aquarians are visionaries, progressive, intellectual, forward-thinking & often unconventional. They can be detached and may struggle with emotional expression and conforming to norms.

TRAITS:

Independent, Logical, Inventive. Thoughtful. Humanitarian, Unpredictable, Rebellious,

Prideful, Social, Friendly,

Good Concentration Power

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Ruler - Ketu (7) Element -Water

As Ketu relates to spirituality, creativity and compassion, it gives Pisces compassion, intuition and a deep connection to the spirituality. Pisceans are often imaginative, sensitive, empathetic, artistic emotional and sympathetic. They can be escapist, idealistic, careless in speech and also may struggle with boundaries and practicalities.

TRAITS:

Idealistic, Intuitive, Introspective, Sensitive, Romantic, Creative, Compassionate, Wise, Friendly, Philosophical, Careless, Self-Pitving, Escap-

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How spiritual practices contribute to physical and emotional healing



AIR - ATMAN IN RAVI

Spiritual practices have the profound ability to heal us both physically and emotion-

mind is stilled, it ceases to generate fear, worry, stress, anxiety, regret, shame, and guilt-seven of life's most common miseries. By reaching a state of Consciousness through meditation, we can liberate ourselves from these negative emotions. In this state, we realize that we are not merely a body, mind, or ego but rather a Divine Soul. This understanding helps us overcome the seven harmful emotions: anger, hate, revenge, jealousy, greed, pride, and selfishness.

Yoga is another spiritual practice that significantly conally. The simplest and most tributes to our physical and Karma Yoga, and Gyana Yoga. tions—generated by the mind In this state, our intellect takes effective of these practices is emotional healing. Yoga, which In this state of union, we experiand ego—on our health is promeditation, which focuses on means being in union with the stilling the mind. When the Divine, connects us with God



through various paths like Dhyana Yoga, Bhakti Yoga, ence peace and bliss, free from the distractions of the material

world. The impact of overcoming the fourteen negative emofound. These emotions release toxic chemicals and hormones,

negatively affecting both our body and mind.

Spiritual practices also involve seeking guidance from a Guru, an enlightened master. With a Guru's help, we embark on a quest that frees us from the triple suffering of the body, mind, and ego, leading to improved physical and emotional well-being. Spiritual practices emphasize not allowing the mind to control our lives. When the mind takes charge, it leads to suffering, but when we live in a state of Consciousness, we transcend the mind's influence. over, ensuring our emotional

Thoughts are crucial, as they

shape our feelings, actions, habits, and ultimately our lives. Spiritual awakening teaches us to recognize that we are not the body, mind, or ego, but the Divine Soul. This realization is practical, not just spiritual. It frees us from earthly miseries and the cycle of rebirth. Most importantly, it reveals that we are manifestations of SIP (Supreme Immortal Power), allowing us to live in eternal bliss, beyond the fleeting pleasures of life. Spiritual practices. therefore, are the most practical and liberating actions we can take for our overall well-being.

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The Connection Between Mind, Body, and Spirit: Integrative Approaches to Health



SIDDHII SHAAH

If life is a play, the spirit is the director and playwright, mind the stage manager, and body the actor. For the play of life to be successful, all of them should be in complete harmony. Absence of either creates chaos. In other words, if one wants quality in life, one needs to nurture all three of them. Healing begins with taking charge of their unification.

Just like the playwright, the spirit has a plan and purpose—it gives a purpose and sets the overall occurrences of life. The spirit knows what one should do with this life and its purpose shapes our journey; every experience contributes to development. Through intuition and insight, the spirit whispers softly to the mind so that it may follow the true call on earth.

Like any good director, spirit gives performance structure while at the same time allowing for creative expressions of

individualism in acting styles It blends prepared scripts with improvised moments reacting to new situations within seconds; hence, wise enough in those unplanned occasions occurring every day. Ultimately, the aim of a spirit is to create artwork-living life with intention, truth, and satisfaction levels high up there. When we align mentalities and bodies according to what we think our spirits have planned, then life becomes meaningful and impactful as it resonates deep within ourselves.

The mind, as the stage

manager, seeks to direct the thoughts, choices, and actions of individuals in accordance with the spirit's plan. It blends experiences, beliefs, and emotions to create a unique story that is dynamic and assists in creating identities and features. The inner conversations of the mind determine how one thinks of themselves and how they relate to other people, acting as cues from the director. At this point, the mind also frames the scenes of life, determining how one can handle challenges, opportunities, and the environment

Importantly, there is no definite format for the words spoken in the brain; they are flexible enough to be amended or rewritten based on the possible changes within time



place. Thus, personal narratives are edited by the people themselves, intentionally such that, in their combination, they relate more closely to who they truly are meant to be.

The spirit works together with the mind in making sure it follows a script that resonates with the plan. Still with this connection between mindset and spiritual purpose comes a story full of significance; it describes a life full of meaning that is balanced and happy, hence reaching out to true potential and purpose. Working in synchronicity with the spirit, the mind provides essential clues and shapes personalities through which one can learn about the presence of self-esteem, empowerment, and conversant behaviours. Finally, we have the body as

the actor and the performer, bringing forth the manuscript of the mind and thus giving birth to the essence of the spiritual body; a manifestation of our spirits's plan into human form. As the mind assists the spirit in constructing life events through abstract ideas, it evokes emotional and intellectual developments. These inner and outer states are reflected by the body through postures, movements, or health conditions. When there is harmony between

what the mind wants and what the spirit sees; then the body is able to walk with elegance and strength, but when the sounds are not recognized by each other, this can lead to physical and

emotional problems. This necessitates as much discipline from the actor as it does from their body, which must have proper hygiene in order to articulate effectively both these ideas of ours: those we think or feel and those we want to realise through our spirits. When we listen to its intuitive knowledge and take care of it, we bring about such a union where all three act in concert-body, mind, spiritand become one seamless entity. All three work together for an authentic performance that is powerful because it reflects who we really are deep inside us.

In essence, true health is achieved by integrating and harmonising these aspects of our being. By nurturing our spirit, managing our mind, and caring for our body, we embark on a path to complete well-being. Embrace this holistic approach, and let it guide you towards a more balanced, vibrant, and fulfilling life.

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THE EMPTY BOAT



MYSTIC MUSING RAJESSH M. IYER

The elderly monk found it difficult to meditate in the ashram. He was short-tempered and would invariably snap at everyone. Added to it was the fact that the once-tranquil ashram had now started teeming with newer spiritual aspirants. Apart from the din, the elderly monk was overwhelmed with never-ending questions from new seekers. Since he was among the senior-most monks, the onus invariably fell upon him to guide them. There was hardly any time to meditate. These were over and above the responsibilities already entrusted to him.

'Can you please relieve me of my duties, at least for a few days, so I can go somewhere to meditate?' He pleaded with the chief monk. 'Go where?' the chief monk asked. 'Anywhere where this frenzy doesn't drive me mad,' the elderly monk replied. 'Okay, if vou insist, but I don't see any frenzy outside,' the chief monk said. The elderly monk had no idea what the chief meant but was elated at the temporary freedom from the hullabaloo.

The monk headed towards the secluded lake on the other side of the mountain. Finding a few idle boats tied at the bank of the lake, he untied one and rowed it to the middle of the lake. He was elated with the tranquil surroundings. It was a perfect place for meditation.

No sooner did he close his eyes and start meditating that his boat jolted, as if hit by a hard object. In a reflex action, the monk screamed in anger, his loud voice ricocheting and breaking the tranquility. The monk was in for a shock as he turned to confront the culprit. He saw that it was an empty boat that had collided with his boat. In all probability, a gush of wind swept it away from the bay. In a flash, multiple incidents swept past the monk's mind. It was about those times when anger manifested inside him—a collage of him flying off the handle. That's when he understood what his master meant when he said there's no frenzy outside. The monk is none other than the one we see in the mirror. If we analyse honestly, the triggers to our outbursts aren't outside. They emanate from our minds. Like other emotions, anger lies deep within, merely using external impetus as an excuse. The next time you get annoyed, remember that the person or the incident you reacted to is merely a boat in the lake. And that boat is empty!



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SHUTTLER NITESH ADDS 2ND GOLD IN INDIA'S MEDAL TALLY

ndia shuttler Nitesh Kumar outplayed Great Britain's second-seeded Daniel Bethell to clinch a gold medal in the men's singles SL3 category in the ongoing Paralympics on Monday.

Nitesh who discovered his passion in badminton at IIT-Mandi, added a second gold to India's medal tally after shooter Avani Lekhra got his hands on the nation's first gold at the Paris Paralympics with a sensational display in the women's 10m air rifle final.

In a game that went right down the wire. Nitest ousted Daniel with a 21-14, 18-21, 23-21 win to claim his stake at the top of the podium.

The first set ensued between Nitesh and Daniel, a closely-knit affair. With both shuttles playing in a vertical



With both shuttles going neck-to-neck, Daniel enjoved a slender lead with the scoreline reading at 4-5. Daniel stayed in front midway through the first set with an 11-13 lead.

As the game progressed, Nitesh upped the ante in the second half of the first set to enforce his dominance over the Great Britain shuttler. half-court, rallies were quite A flurry of points saw him too short, allowing Nitesh to stay in the lead.

Daniel retaliated by showcasing grit and display by winning three consecutive points to restore parity at 14-14.

The second set went right down the wire, with Nitesh taking a narrow one-point lead and Daniel breathing right down the Indian's neck by cutting short his lead.

Daniel shifted through gears and increased the intensity by mixing smash and drop shots effectively.

Daniel eventually took the

lead with a well-placed shot right at the line, which Nitesh couldn't lift across the net. His late surge saw him take two consecutive points to take the second set with an 18-21 win. The shades of the first two sets were visible in the gold medal decider. Once again, it was a closely fought affair between the two shuttles.

Yogesh Kathuniya wins silver in men's discus throw F56 final

Indian para-athlete Yogesh Kathuniya bagged the eighth medal for team India in the ongoing Paris Paralympics 2024 as he won the silver medal in the Men's Discus Throw F56 final on Monday.

Kathuniya's best throw in the final of the event was 42.22 at the Stade de France. This was his second successive medal at the Paralympics after Tokyo 2020 with a best throw of 44.58 metres.

Before the ongoing mega event, the para-athlete clinched a silver medal in the F56 category at the World Para-Athletics Championship 2024. With an impressive throw of 41.80 meters, Kathuniva secured the second position, trailing behind the gold medallist, Brazilian athlete Claudiney Batista



Dusan Lackzo of Slovakia claimed the bronze. He previously secured a silver medal in the Men's Discus Throw F54/55/56 Final at the Asian Para Games 2023 in Hangzhou.

Brazil's Claudiney Batista won the gold medal at the event with a best throw of 46.86 metres and 6the bronze medal was taken by Greece's Konstantinos Tzounis whose best throw was 41.32 me-

Other than this medal, India has secured a total of seven more medals at the ongoing marquee event, with one gold medal, two silvers, and four bronze medals.

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Nishad Kumar clinched a silver medal in the men's high jump - T47 final on early Monday morning. Nishad, who also finished second in Tokyo three years ago, achieved his with a leap of 2.04 meters, earning him the silver.

Rubina finished third and bagged a bronze medal in the P2-Women's 10M Air Pistol SH-1 final on Saturday. She gathered a total of 211.1 points in the final. Javanmardi Sareh of Iran finished with gold (236.8 points) and Turkey's Ozgan Aysel went on to win the silver medal (231.1 points).

On Friday, reigning Paralympic champion, Avani Lekhara maintained her winning streak and struck gold in the women's 10m air rifle final at the ongoing Paris Paralympics. Shooter Mona Agarwal bagged the bronze medal at the same event. India's first silver medal at the Paris Paralympics came in shooting as well, with Manish Narwal getting a silver in the men's P1 10 m air pistol SH1 competition.

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Earlier on Friday, Preeti bagged the bronze medal in the Women's T35 100m race. She clocked 14.21 seconds, which was also her personal best.

The para-athlete expressed her feelings after her second medal at the Paris Paralympics.

"Tried to give my best I am happy that I won another medal. People trolled me after I won the medal in 100 m and that inspired me a lot to do better." Preeti



Earlier, Preeti's dedication and hard work culminated in her selection for the World Para Athletics Championship 2024, where she excelled, winning bronze medals in both the 100m and 200m events and received her quota for the Paris Paralympics.

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This year, India has sent its largest Paralympics contingent ever, comprising 84 athletes across 12 sports, a testament to the country's expanding para-sports eco-

India's participation in the Paris 2024 Paralympics marks not only a significant increase in numbers but also in medal hopes, as the nation aims to surpass its previous achievements in Tokvo.

most successful Paralympic Games, with the country winning 19 medals, including five golds, eight silvers, and six bronzes.

Sivarajan-Nithya lose in bronze medal clash of mixed doubles para-badminton

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The Indian mixed doubles para-badminton pair of Sivarajan Solaimalai and Nithya Sre Sivan endured a loss in the bronze medal match at the ongoing Paris Paralympics on Monday.

In the mixed doubles SH6bronze medal match, Sivarajan-Nithya lost to Indonesia's Rina Marlina and Subhan in two straight games by 17-21, 12-21.

In the semifinals of the mixed doubles SH6 category, Sivarajan and Nithya lost to USA's M Krajewski and J Simon by 21-17, 14-21, 13-21, but qualified for the bronze medal match.

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Dhanush breaks world records in World Deaf Shooting Championship

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India dominated the men's 10m air rifle event on day two of the second World **Deaf Shooting Champion**ship in Hanover, Germany, with Dhanush Srikanth, Shourya Saini, and Mohammed Murtaza Vania making a clean sweep of the medals.Dhanush set two world records in a single day, first by scoring 632.7 in the qualification round, followed



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by a stunning 251.7 in the final. His performance left Shourya, who secured the

silver with a score of 249.9, trailing by a significant margin. Mohammed

bronze with a score of 226.2. In addition to their success in the men's event, India also shone bright in the women's category with Mahit Sandhu and Natasha Joshi winning silver and bronze respectively, adding to the country's medals tally.

The Indian contingent had already secured four medals on the first day of the competition, including one gold, two silver and a bronze.

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Former cricketer and 1983 World Cup winner Kirti Azad's wife, Poonam. passed away on Monday.

"My wife, Poonam no more. Left for her heavenly aboard at 12:40 pm. Thank you all for your good wishes," the

her condolences and said Poonam had been unwell for a long time. "Saddened to know that

Poonam Jha Azad, wife of our MP & World Cup-winner cricketer Kirti Azad, has breathed her last. I have known Poonam for a long time. I also knew that she was critically ill for the last few years. Kirti & other familv members tried their best & were always beside her in her last fight. My sincere condolences to Kirti & other family members. May her soul rest in peace," Mamata Banerjee said on X.

members of the Indian cricket team which won the historic 1983 World Cup. The World Cup final that year was played between India and West Indies.

lose O-3 to Liverpool

Following his side's loss to Liverpool in their Premier League match, Manchester United manager Erik Ten Hag lauded his opponents for their "clinical finishing" and termed the three goals conceded by the team as "individual errors".

A brace from Luis Diaz was the highlight as United sunk to their second loss in three games against Liverpool by O-3 in the Premier League on Sunday.

Speaking after the match, Hag said as quoted by Sky Sports, "We made mistakes and they were very clinical in finishing, they did very

"All the three goals are mistakes from us - individual errors. Maybe about the last one, you can debate, 'where is our double six?' but all the others, Liverpool did brilliant. Arne took over, the turnover and the way they finished was so 200d."

"Do not argue this that the game was level apart from the goals. It is clear Liverpool deserved it. We have to be humble, take this and improve our game," he concluded.



Diaz capitalised on two errors made by Casemiro in the first half, while Mohammed Salah made it triple for Liverpool with a second-half strike.

Liverpool was denied a goal by a VAR in the sixth minute as Salah got a touch while offside. United fans' happiness was short-lived as a poor pass from Casemiro was hoovered up by Ryan Gravenberch and it ultimately led to a fine finishing from Diaz in the 35th minute.

Six minutes later, Casemiro's bad day at pitch took a turn for worse as he was dispossessed and Salah found Diaz, who fired a low shot beyond Andre Onana

in the 42nd minute. Casemiro was replaced by 20-year-old Toby Collyer at half-time and this move

forced Kobbie Mainoo into playing a deeper role. He was also dispossessed by Alexis Mac Allister and Dominik Szoboszlai found Salah, who wasted no time in tripling the lead in the 56th minute.

Talking about Casemiro's performance, Ten Hag backed the player, saying, "You know the game. He knows the game. He will go on, we will go on. He is a great player. We will continue this season to improve the team and the players.'

"He improved, and showed so often, that he is a great character. We all have seen great moments from him, being decisive in the midfield. He will show it again, I am sure he will bounce back," he concluded.

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Aditynath on Sunday highlighted the government's initiatives in bolstering sports in the state, including the introduction of a new sports policy.

UP CM Yogi inaugurated the 1st Hockey India Junior Men Inter-Zone Championship 2024 in Lucknow on Sunday.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the first Hockey India Junior Men Inter-Zone Championship-2024, held in Uttar Pradesh, the CM

emphasized the significant shift in public perception towards sports.

The UP CM asserted that any person who wins in the Olympics, Commonwealth, or Asian Games or becomes a World champion will be directly given a government

"Unfortunately, earlier people had a negative attitude towards sports, but today many positive initiatives are being taken, and private sports academies play a major role in it. To create a positive attitude towards sports among the youth the

government has decided

that we will make sports policy. In the sports policy, the player who wins in the Olympics, Commonwealth, Asian or World Champion will be given a place in government service through direct recruitment which will also encourage them to move ahead in sports," Yogi

In addition to the new sports policy and infrastructure development, CM Yogi announced the establishment of a sports industry in the state named after hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. "I believe that this is a very good time for sports...From

today onwards till 7 September, the Junior Hockey League will be held in Uttar Pradesh...Our government has decided that we will build a playground in every village...We are also building a sports industry in the name of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand in Uttar Pradesh," he added. In the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men Inter-Zone

Championship 2024, six teams are divided into two pools, this includes North Zone, South Zone and SAI in Pool A and East Zone, West Zone and Academy in

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