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from Kupwara exhibited a banner in support of the restoration of Article 370 in

Bharatiya Janata Party

(BJP) MLAs raised slogans

and clashed with fellow

members, including Engi-

neer Rashid's brother and

Awami Ittehad Party MLA

Sheikh Khursheed over a

BJP MLAs were seen en-

tering the well of the House

along with Khurshid Ah-

mad Sheikh and were mar-

shalled out of the House

on the orders of Assembly

Speaker Abdul Rahim

During the session, sev-

eral slogans were raised

against PDP by BJP MLAs

and MLA Khurshid Ah-

mad Sheikh. BIP MLAs also

raised slogans of 'Bharat

Reacting to the ruckus, J-K

LoP Sunil Sharma termed

it as the "darkest day in the

democracy." He accused As-

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Mata Ki Jai' in the House.

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MUMBAI CLOSE IN ON BIG **WIN AGAINST ODISHA AFTER IMPOSING FOLLOW-ON** 

# PM MODI'S MAHA BATTLE CRY: 'EK HAI, TOH SAFE HAI'

Charges against Congress and I.N.D.I.A bloc

Opposed to reservation

Wants to take Constitution out of J&K

Encourage Pak agenda

**AGENCIES** 

rime Minister Narendra Modi kicked off his campaign on Friday for the crucial Maharashtra assembly polls with unity message of "Ek hai, toh safe hai", building on his party colleague and Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath's 'batenge to katenge' slogan.

Modi dared Congress allies in Maharashtra to get party MP Rahul Gandhi to speak for 15 minutes in praise of Hindutva ideologue V D Savarkar and Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray, whose contributions to the country, he said, were unparalleled.

Addressing two poll rallies during the day, the BJP's star campaigner called out the Congress for its "divisive" brand of politics characagainst another, and maintained since the days of first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, the party has been

opposed to reservation. Seeking votes for the ruling Mahayuti coalition, he harped on its development agenda and sought to portray the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) as directionless, saying the opposition bloc

resembles a vehicle with-

AGENCIES BULDHANA (MAHARASHTRA)

Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Ud-

dhav Thackeray on Friday

said Maharashtra Deputy

Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's

disapproval of Uttar

Pradesh CM Yogi Aditya-

nath's 'batenge to katenge'

out wheels or brakes with scramble among its partners to occupy the driver's seat.

In his first rally at Dhule in North Maharashtra for the November 20 polls, Modi accused the Congress of pitting one caste against another and urged people to stay united.

"The sole agenda of the Congress party is to make one caste fight against another. They do not want SCs, STs and OBCs to progress and get their due recognition... Remember, 'Ek hai toh safe hai' (We are safe if we are united)," the BJP stalwart told the crowd.

Notably, at his rallies, Adityanath, a senior BJP leader, has been raising the slogan of 'batenge to katenge' (if divided, we perish).

Further attacking the Congress, Modi accused the Grand Old Party of beterised by pitting one caste ing "anti-reservation" since assuming power post-independence.

"Since Nehru's time, the Congress and his family opposed reservation and now their fourth generation 'yuvraj' (prince) is working for caste divisions," he said, referring to Lok Sabha MP-

The PM also accused the INDIA bloc, of which the Congress is a key mem-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays tribute to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj during a public meeting for the Maharashtra Assembly elections, in Nashik on Friday. ANI

ber, of wanting to take the Constitution out of Jammu and Kashmir and asserted no power in the world can restore Article 370 in the Union Territory.

The PM said the Congress and its allies should not encourage the "Pakistan agenda" and speak the language of separatists.

"Only Ambedkar's Constitution will be followed in J&K .You must have seen on TV how a resolution was moved in the J&K assembly on bringing back Article 370 and when BJP MLAs protested, they were thrown out. The country and Maha-

CEC to officials: Take stern action against undignified remarks on women **№**P4

"Ajit Pawar's

disapproval of

Yogi's remark

shows there is no

unity in the ruling

Mahayuti alliance

Chinks in Mahayuti armour, says Uddhav

## BJP wants to snatch 'jal, jungle, jameen' from tribals: Rahul

**AGENCIES** LOHARDAGA/SIMDEGA

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday accused the saffron party of burning Manipur and making attempts to divide people on religious lines.

"The BJP burnt Manipur and attempted to divide people on religious lines. It incited Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Sikhs against each other. In recently held Haryana elections, the BJP incited Jats against non-DETAILS **№**P4

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unity in the ruling Maha-

Referring to the collapse

of Chhatrapati Shivaji Ma-

haraj's statue in Sindhu-

durg district a few months

back, he accused the

Eknath Shinde-led govern-

ment of being the "most

yuti alliance.



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Addressing a poll rally in

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#### as the "Speaker of National Conference," instead of the Sharma alleged that the Haryana: Bias against girl child continues

NEERAJ MOHAN CHANDIGARH

Haryana, once spotlighted as the launchpad of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

Just 905 female births per 1,000 male births. Gurugram worst in state

Buldhana, Thackeray said, ambitious Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative, is witnessing a troubling slide in its sex ratio at birth (SRB). The state recorded an SRB of just 905 female

## J&K House for 3rd day over Art 370 SRINAGAR (JAMMU & KASHMIR Ruckus ensued in Jammu and Kashmir assembly on Friday, the third day in a row, after People's Democratic Party (PDP) MLA

Pandemonium in

BJP MLAs being marshalled out of the Jammu & Kashmir Assembly after a ruckus broke out in the Assembly over resolution on Article 370 restoration, in Srinagar on Friday. ANI

Speaker wanted to "suppress" the voice of the opposition.

'This is the darkest day in J&K's democracy. For the last three days, the Speaker - who is believed to be the custodian of the House, has been implementing marshal law, behaving as the speaker of the National Conference. They want to suppress the voice of the opposition,"

Sharma said. As uproar erupted over the restoration of Article 370, opposing the resolution, LoP Sharma said that this assembly is not bigger than the Parliament and the Supreme Court and there can-

Neither Rahul nor his descendants can restore Art 370: Shah

"Only Ambedkar's Constitution will be followed in J&K. No power in the world can restore Article 370 there

> — PM Modi at Maharashtra poll rally



#### SC overrules 1967 verdict on AMU's minority status

AGENCIES

The Supreme Court on Friday overruled by 4:3 majority the S Azeez Basha versus Union of India case which in 1967 held that since the Aligarh Muslim Univeristy was a Central university, it cannot be considered a minority institution.

The majority verdict said the issue of AMU minority status to be decided by a regular three-judge bench.

The bench said that in order to determine whether an institution is a minority institution, what needs to be

It further held that the government can regulate minority educational institutions as long as it does not infringe the minority char-

looked at is who established

This administration by

non-minority members will

not take away the minority

character of an institution,

the apex court verdict said.

the institution.

## CJI's parting shot to trolls: 'My shoulders are broad enough'

**AGENCIES** NEW DELH

Outgoing Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Friday said his shoulders are broad enough to accept all criticism as he believed in transparency in public life and the dogma that "sunlight is the best disinfectant". Justice Chandrachud, who is the 50th CJI, also said he is probably one of the most trolled individuals and judges across the system. He then took a

swipe at the social media



Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud with CJI-designate Sanjiv Khanna and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra in a ceremonial four-judge bench convened to bid his farewell, in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

trollers and said in a lighter vein that they will become "unemployed" from Monday.

The CJI made these remarks on his last working

Justice Chandrachud stepped into the shoes of his illustrious father Y V Chandrachud, who served as the longest CJI between 1978 and 1985, on November 9, 2022 and Friday was his last working day as he would superannuate on November 10, a Sunday.

"I just wanted to tell you that some of the changes we have made were in pursuance of my strong belief that sunlight is the best disinfectant. I know in so many which ways

#### Violence returns to Manipur as tribal village attacked

Six houses torched, villagers attacked in Jiribam

NIBIR DEKA

At least six houses were torched and residents of a tribal village were attacked by a group of armed militants in ethnic strife-torn Manipur's Jiribam district. The incident occurred on Thursday evening in Zairon Hmar village after the group of militants set the houses on fire.

Kuki-Zo organisations

claimed that a woman, a resident of the village, was killed during the attack but the report of death has not been confirmed by the district police.

*Kuki-Zo* organisations claimed that a woman was killed in the attack

Eye-witness sources told The Daily Guardian that at around 8:30 pm evening, a group of armed militants attacked the village, resulting in a loss of life of the women

#### Yasin Malik on hunger strike in Tihar Jail

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The Delhi High Court on Friday directed Tihar Jail authorities to provide necessary medical treatment

to separatist leader Yasin Malik, who is reportedly on a hunger strike since

November 1. Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta issued a notice to the Centre, Delhi government, and Tihar Jail authorities after a plea was filed requesting urgent medArmy, J&K Police kill two terrorists in joint operation

AJAY JANDYAL

Two heavily armed terrorists were killed on Friday during an encounter with security forces in the Panipora village of Sopore, Baramulla district, police said. The joint operation, launched by the Indian Army and J&K Police, followed a tip-off regarding the presence of terrorists in the area.

The Kashmir Zone Police confirmed the neutralisation of the terrorists:

## 'LAW AND ORDER COMPLETELY UNDER CENTRAL GOVT'

Congress leaders criticise BJP amid killing of Village Defence Guards in J&K

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s a chill across the region of Kishtwar in Jammu and Kashmir persisted after the killing of two Village Defence Guards (VDGs), Congress leaders on Friday condemned the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Central government for not doing enough to stop militancy in the region.

Congress leader Pramod to Tiwari said that the law and order subject is completely under the control of the Union government and the Lieutenant Governor, and asked whether the statements given by Amit Shah on curbing terrorism are false or not.

"Only yesterday Amit Shah gave a statement that everything is under control in J&K. An incident occurred the day before yesterday, and today Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister
Omar Abdullah condemned the killing
of the two VDGs, and said that he is
"deeply" saddened and concerned by
the attack. Abdullah further said that
security forces should ensure that such
attacks are stopped "completely."

again with the Village Defence Guards, so many lies are being told. The law and order situation in J&K is completely under the jurisdiction of BJP-led central government, under the Lieutenant Governor. Not only this, but the terrorists have taken responsibility for the attack too. So does that mean that the statement by Amit Shah on terrorism is a false statement? The terror acts in the region are increasing," Tiwari told ANI.

Lieutenant Governor (LG)

Manoj Sinha paid homage to the two deceased on Thursday, Nazir Ahmad and Kuldeep Kumar who were killed in the attack and reiterated the Government's resolve to destroy all terror outfits and avenge the barbaric act.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday warned against "borderless and invisible" terror threats and stressed the need for cuttingedge technology to deal with them effectively.

Congress leader Rashid Alvi

mentioned that the government should get to the root of the problem and find out the reason for these terror attacks, saying that the terrorists should be caught alive instead of killed in encounters.

"When someone dies it is only after that that efforts are made to know who is behind all this. Why doesn't the government find out who is behind all these terror attacks before it happens? I have said this earlier I will say it again that till the time those spreading terrorism in J&K are caught alive the truth will never be known," he told ANI.

He further criticised the government, saying that it was claimed that after the abrogation of article 370, the situation was supposed to be normalised, instead calling these are "abnormal" times.

"Also there is such a presence of our security forces

# there, what is the LG doing? Indian government has said repeatedly that after the abrogation of Article 370 the situation is normal, but are these

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah condemned the killing of the two VDGs, and said that he is "deeply" saddened and concerned by the attack. Abdullah further said that security forces should ensure that such attacks are stopped "complete-

normal times? These are even

more abnormal times," he

"Deeply saddened & concerned by the attack that resulted in the deaths of Kuldeep Kumar & Nazeer Ahmed Padder of Kuntwara in Kishtwar, members of the local village defence committee. The terrorists killed two innocent men who had taken their livestock to graze.

#### 'Soren, Congress turned Ranchi into Karachi...': MP CM Mohan Yadav

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PALAMU (JHARKHAND)

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav criticised Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren and the Congress party, accusing them of transforming Ranchi, the capital city of Jharkhand, into "Karachi," a city in Pakistan. He stated that restoring Ranchi's former glory requires voting the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) into power in the upcoming state assembly elective.

CM Yadav made these remarks during a public gathering in the Panki assembly constituency in Jharkhand's Palamu district on Friday as part of the BJP's election campaign.

Addressing the crowd, Yadav said that the overwhelming applause indicated the imminent departure of the Hemant Soren government and the arrival of a BJP-led government in the state. He

also paid tribute to former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna awardee, the late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, expressing gratitude for his role in the formation of Jharkhand.

"Applaud Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who created this new state for us with Ranchi as its capital. It was our good fortune. Sadly, I must say that Ranchi now reminds us of Pakistan, a nation associated with lies, deceit, cunning, and daily insults to Hindus. Hemant Soren and the Congress have unfortunately turned Ranchi into Karachi. We must bring back its lost glory by voting the BJP into power," CM Ya-

dav said.

He further alleged that CM Soren and the Congress party were responsible for the gradual decline of the Hindu population due to the influx of Bangladeshi immigrants.

"Those responsible for the dwindling Hindu population, due to Bangladeshi intruders, are the Congress, Hemant Soren, and their alliance, the INDIA bloc," Yadav claimed. He asserted that the com-

bined tribal and Hindu population, once at 44 per cent, has now reduced to 28 per cent, with a seven per cent decline in the Hindu population and a four per cent rise in the Muslim population, attributing this change to the INDIA bloc's policies.

"If we are not vigilant, even our Holi, Diwali, and Krishna Janmashtami celebrations will be at risk. This election is crucial to safeguarding our culture and preserving Sanatan values," he added.

# Mandaviya announces successful completion of pilot run of new CPPS under EPS

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In a landmark move towards enhancing pension services, Union Minister of Labour and Employment and Youth Affairs and Sports, Mansukh Mandaviya announced successful completion of pilot run of the new Centralized Pension Payments System (CPPS) under Employees' Pension Scheme 1995.

Union Minister Mandaviya mentioned that the pilot run was completed on 29th and 30th October 2024 with the pension disbursement of about Rs 11 Crore for October 2024 to more than 49,000 EPS Pensioners of Jammu,

Srinagar and Karnal Regions. Earlier, during the announcement of the new CPPS system, the Union Minister had said, "The approval of the Centralised Pension Pay-



ment System (CPPS) marks a significant milestone in modernisation of the EPFO. By enabling pensioners to receive their pension from any bank, any branch, anywhere in the country, this initiative addresses the longstanding challenges faced by pensioners and ensures a seamless and efficient disbursement mechanism. This is a crucial step in our ongoing efforts to transform the EPFO into a more robust, responsive, and tech-enabled organisation,

#### **PARADIGM SHIFT**

The CPPS is a paradigm shift from the existing pension disbursement system that is decentralised, with each Zonal/Regional Office of EPFO maintaining separate agreements with only 3-4 banks.

In CPPS, there will also be no need for pensioners to visit the bank for any verification at the time of commencement of pension and the pension shall be immediately credited upon release.

The CPPS system would also ensure disbursement of pension throughout India without any need for transfer of Pension Payment Orders (PPO) from one office to another even when the Pensioner moves from one location to another or changes his bank or branch.

This would be a great relief to pensioners who move to their hometown after retirement.

committed to serving the needs of its members and pensioners better."

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morning.

As part of Chhath festival rituals, devotees across the country offered 'Arghya' to the rising Sun on Friday

Devotees at various places in the country gathered at riverbanks and offered Argya on the last day of the four-day festival.

After the holy offering, parents pray to 'Chhatti Maiya' for the protection of their children as well as the happiness and peace of their whole family.

A large number of devotees can be seen offering 'Arghya' to the rising Sun on the last day of festival in Bihar's Gaya and Patna.

Visuals emerged from Ranchi, Bhubaneswar and



Devotees offer 'Arghya' to rising

sun on last day of Chhath Puja

Marina Beach in Chennai where devotees gathered in large numbers to offer prayer to rising sun.

In the national capital, devotees offered prayers at a ghat in ITO.

A devotee who had gathered with her family at Geeta Colony said that she was excited and content that she could celebrate the entire festival.

"I have gathered here with my whole family to celebrate the occasion. We are all very excited that we could celebrate the whole festival," said a devotee who had gathered with her family at Geeta Colony.

In Noida, devotees gath-

take action against non-Hindu

ered at the Sector 21 stadium to offer the 'Surya Arghya'.

Chhath Puja is a four-day festival celebrated to offer prayer to the Sun God.

The four days are marked as Nahay-Khay on the Chaturthi Tithi of Kartik Shukla Paksha, a day of purification, followed by Kharna on Panchami Tithi, Chhath Puja on Sashti, and will conclude with Usha Arghya on Saptami Tithi.

In the four-day celebration, fasting is done by worshippers to express gratitude to the Sun God for sustaining life on Earth.

The festival is primarily celebrated in Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, parts of Nepal, and by diaspora communities from these regions.

## 'Samosa' controversy: Himachal CM clarifies CID got involved on issue of misbehaviour Maharashtra government to

TDG NETWORK NEW DELHI

Amidst a row over a CID probe over samosas and cake that was meant for him being mistakenly served to his staff, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu on Friday provided a clarification over the alleged "anti-government" action stating that the probe was into an issue of misbehaviour.

Sukhu said to ANI that, "There is no such thing... It (CID) got involved on the issue of misbehavior, but you (the media) are running news about 'samosa'."

Further, Sanjeev Ranjan Ojha, Deputy General CID said that it was an internal matter of the CID and should not be politicised.

Ojha said, "This is com-



pletely an internal matter of the CID. It should not be politicised. The CM does not eat samosas... We have not given notice to anyone. We have just said to find out what happened. The government has nothing to do with this... We will find out how this information was leaked." Himachal Pradesh Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur wanted to know how the is-

sue was termed an an anti-

government activity.

Jairam Thakur said, "Nowadays, the way the government takes decisions in Himachal Pradesh has become a topic of discussion in the whole country because decisions are taken without thinking. Now another topic that is being discussed is that the samosas did not reach where they should have reached, they

got lost in the middle and the Chief Minister and the Himachal Pradesh government felt that this is a very serious matter and an investigation should be done on this".

"It was also said that this is an anti-government activity. The people who ate it must have been part of the government. How is this antigovernment activity? Unfortunately, decisions are being taken without thinking," the BJP leader said.

The Himachal Pradesh CID has launched an investigation to determine how samosas and cake intended for Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu were mistakenly served to his staff. A senior officer in the report, described this act as an "anti-government" act condemning it as an offence

against the intended respect for the VVIP's presence.

The report added that those involved appeared to be "acting according to their own agenda."

The alleged incident, which took place on October 21 during a program at the CID headquarters, led to a full inquiry by a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP). The inquiry sought to understand which officers and staff members were responsible for the

oversight.
The Chief Minister visited the CID headquarters to inaugurate the Cyber wing's new Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System (CF-CFRMS) station. However, instead of the CM, the samosas and cake were served to

his staff, sparking an internal CID investigation.DGP, Atul Verma said that the matter is being investigated by the CID and not by the police headquarters.

The investigation report details that an Inspector General (IG) officer asked a sub-inspector to procure food from a five star hotel in Shimla's Lakkar Bazaar for the chief minister's program. Following this order, an assistant sub-inspector (ASI) and a head constable driver retrieved three boxes of samosas and cake, handing them over to a woman officer of Inspector rank. This officer, unaware of the items' intended recipient, instructed for the boxes to be placed in a senior officer's room, where they were then moved between rooms.

## students who availed ST quota

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The Maharashtra government has decided to take action against 257 students from the Scheduled Tribe (ST) category who, while claiming reservation benefits as Hindu tribal candidates, were found to be practicing religions other than Hinduism

Hinduism.

According to an official release, a committee formed for this investigation reported that, among 13,858 students from Scheduled Tribes, 257 students had registered religions other than Hinduism.It came to notice during the 2023 Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) ITI admission process that some students, who con-

verted from tribal communities to other religions, were still availing benefits reserved for tribals.

In light of this, Cabinet Minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha had ordered a thorough investigation during the Winter Session in 2023. The Skill Development Department has decided to take necessary action against these students, and the report has been forwarded to the Tribal Development Department for further proceedings. Additionally, the committee has proposed several measures to preserve the culture, traditions, and practices of the tribal community, which have also been submitted to the Tribal Development

#### ED attaches properties worth Rs 2.5 crore in Prayagraj

TDG NETWORK PRAYAGRAJ

The Directorate of Enforcement on Friday attached immovable properties worth Rs 2.5 crore, registered in the name of Yogesh Tiwari in Prayagraj, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

"ED, Allahabad, has provisionally attached immovable properties worth Rs 78 lakh (current market value of Rs 2.5 crore) in the form of a house in Jhunsi, Prayagraj, and a residential plot in Phoolpur, Alla-

habad (UP), registered in the name of Yogesh Tiwari on 8/11/2024 under the provisions of the PMLA. 2002 in the case of Yogesh Tiwari & others," ED said in a statement. Meanwhile, ED has seized diamond and gold jewellery worth Rs 85 lakh and cash amounting to Rs 25 lakh during searches conducted at four locations in Bhopal in a bank fraud case allegedly involving Excel Vehicle Pvt Ltd. its directors. and others, through the diversion of funds obtained from Bank of India, the agency stated on Friday.

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Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and NCP leader Ajit Pawar on Friday slammed the Opposition for spreading a "fake narrative" that the BJP-led Centre will change the Constitution and end the reservation for the vulnerable sections of the society.

Ajit Pawar said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has immense respect for the Constitution. "Some people tried to create a fake narrative.

They say that the Con-

stitution will be changed and the reservation will be finished," Ajit Pawar said in an election rally here in support of NCP candidate Sunil Tingare from Vadgaon Sheri Assembly constituency.

"Our constitution is the best. Who can change this? While the Opposition spreads a fake narrative that the Constitution will be changed, PM Modi, after taking the oath, immediately bowed down to the Constitution. He respects it the most," he added.

he added. He said that Mahayuti, which constitutes NCP,



Opposition spreading 'fake narrative' on Constitution, reservation: Ajit Pawar

BJP and Chief Minister
Eknath Shinde-led Shiv
Sena, working unitedly to
win the upcoming Assembly election in the state.
Ajit Pawar also said that

the Congress is promising people a scheme like the Mahayuti government's Ladki Bahin Yojana if it comes to power. But he said that the Congress'

promise is not fiscally viable.

"Ladki Bahin Yojana has become very famous in Maharashtra. My dear sisters are getting money now directly in their bank accounts. But the opposition, who were attacking us for this scheme, now is making promises like our schemes. They say in their manifesto that they will give more money. I have asked my officers how much amount needed to fulfil their promises. I got to know it would require 3

lakh crore," he said.
"I am certain that if they arrange this much money,

then all the other developmental work will be stalled. This is nothing but a false promise," he added.

The opposition Maha

Department.

The opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) on Wednesday announced five guarantees including Mahalakshmi Yojana for women under which Rs 3,000 will be given per month to one woman in every family and free bus travel for women.

The Maharashtra Assembly election will be held for 288 seats in Maharashtra on November 20 and results will be declared on November 23.

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Uttar Pradesh Tourism

Minister Jaiveer Singh on

Friday alleged Samajwadi

Party chief and former chief

minister Akhilesh Yadav's

"thinking and working style

The minister also claimed

that Yadav is "too scared of

monkeys". The Samajwadi

Party chief had earlier on

September 19 shared a vi-

ral video on social media

in which a plant was seen

sprouting from the dome of

Yadav also highlighted the

problem of monkey menace

and waterlogging at the Taj

complex, saying India's im-

age was being tarnished at

the global level because of

The former chief minister

also questioned the utiliza-

tion of funds running into

crores that are marked for

the maintenance of the Taj

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Mahal.

'Akhilesh Yadav's thinking and working

style is like monkeys': UP Tourism Minister

recent tweet on X about the

monkey menace in the Taj

Mahal, Singh replied, "Soch

or karyashaili, bilkul ban-

dron wala hi hai Akhilesh ji

ki aur bandron se bhaybheet

bhi bahut rehte hain (the

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scared of monkeys)'."

## WAYANAD BYPOLLS: EC FLYING SQUAD SEIZES FOOD KITS WITH RAHUL, PRIYANKA'S PHOTOS

lection Commission's flying squad along with Kerala police have seized food kits with pictures of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and the party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi from Thirunelly, in Wayanad district ahead of bypolls in the constituency.

The by-election for the Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency is scheduled for November 13.

Wayanad, a Congress stronghold, will see a contest between Priyanka Gandhi of Congress, Navya Haridas of the BJP, and Sathvan Mokeri of the Left in the upcoming bypolls.

The election was necessitated after Rahul Gandhi vacated the seat, choosing to retain Rae Bareli following his victory in both con-

In a shocking incident, a

10-year-old girl was raped

and was found in an un-

conscious state at the spot

in Madhya Pradesh's Guna district, a police officer said.

The incident occurred un-

der the jurisdiction of Mya-

na police station in the dis-

trict on Wednesday night.

On getting the information,

the police rushed to the site

and sent the minor to the

district hospital and later

she was referred to Bhopal

for further treatment, the

**Deputy Superintendent** 

of Police (DSP, Guna) Vi-

vek Ashthana told ANI,

"A woman along with her

10-year-old daughter came

to a village to sell maize and

grind wheat (in a haat ba-

unidentified person around

30 years old on a bike inter-

vened and said that some

money of maize was left and

he would help to get it from

police added.

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stituencies in the general political representatives

elections earlier this year. On Tuesday, Privanka Gandhi Vadra, addressing a public rally in Pookkottumpadam on Wednesday, urged voters to elect leaders who prioritise public welfare and development.

Campaigning as the Congress candidate for the upcoming Lok Sabha bypolls, Vadra emphasised that

MP: 10-yr-old girl raped in Guna,

The man then took them

on his bike. A moment later,

he dropped the woman and

said that he would go with

the minor and bring the

money back. After that the

accused took the minor to

a jungle and committed the

Upon receiving informa-

tion, the police arrived at

the spot and with the help

of dial 100 and the police

station in charge, the mi-

nor was sent to the district

hospital. As the minor was

bleeding, she was referred

to Bhopal for further treat-

"We have registered an

FIR into the matter and

formed four teams to nab

the accused. The Superin-

tendent of Police (SP) has

also announced a reward

task, when she was return- of the accused. Efforts are at Patwari's remark and

ing with her daughter, an on and we will arrest the acsaid that the state BJP gov-

cused soon," DSP Ashthana

Meanwhile, Madhya

Pradesh Congress chief

Jitu Patwari took a jibe at

ment, he added.

zaar). After completing her of Rs 10,000 on the arrest

said.

crime, the police said.

found in unconscious state

the shopkeeper."

should serve as "servants of the people."

"In a democracy, the power of the people is paramount," she said, adding, "Today, we see a negative force sweeping across our country. What we need most is positivity and prog-

Vadra also urged people to stand against divisive poli-

the state government say-

ing that there was no rule of

law in the state but a jungle

raj and the government was

"I say this again and again

that there is no rule of law

in Madhya Pradesh but a

jungle raj. There is no pow-

er left in the government to

keep daughters safe here. 20

women are raped every day

in the state and the rape of

10-year-old girl in Guna is

its validation. Now we don't

expect the government to

do anything. We know they

can't do anything. There-

fore, we are running a pub-

lic awareness campaign.

We will create a sense of

self-social equation and so-

cial awareness. The govern-

ment is worthless," Patwari

Additionally, MP Minis-

ter Krishna Gaur hit back

ernment was very sensitive

towards women and con-

tinuous efforts were being made to ensure the safety of

women in the state.

told ANI.

worthless

tics. "When leaders come to you, attempting to manipulate your emotions or religion for votes, you must show them that it won't work anymore.

It is your duty towards yourself, your children--the future generation of this country--and your nation to uphold the values enshrined in our constitution. It is your duty to ques-

agara. I am not going anywhere, and no one can make me leave. Dirty politics may succeed once, but it won't

marked.

He also questioned Priyanka Gandhi's candidature from Wayanad Lok Sabha bypoll.

work every time," he re-

that their primary role is to

Meanwhile, campaigning

in Sogala village, Kumaras-

wamy said, "I am perma-

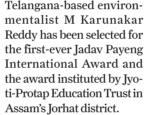
nently based in Raman-

serve you," she said.

"Rahul Gandhi ran away from Amethi in Uttar Pradesh to Wayanad -what kind of 'Talkies' is he? Priyanka Gandhi, instead of contesting from UP, came to Wayanad to support her brother -- what 'Talkies' are they? Instead of cleaning up your own house, don't worry about others," Kumaraswamy criticised.

#### Environmentalist M Karunakar Reddy to be awarded with first-ever Jadav Payeng International Award

**TDG NETWORK** 



Award carries an amount of

Rituraj Phukan, a member of the 5-member selection committee told ANI that the first Jadav Payeng International Award will be given to environmentalist M Karunakar Reddy who is known as the "water man of India.""Jyoti-Protap Education Trust has initiated the Padma Shri Jadav Payeng International Award to recognise the climate action and conservation efforts for awareness of nature. This award will be given to



ternational every year. The award carries an amount of Rs 2 lakh. a certificate and various other mementos. For the first time the award will be given to M Karunakar Reddy of Telangana who is known as the water man of India, green hero, disaster man of India etc. The award will be given at Jyoti Protap Bidyalay, Teok in the last week of January, 2025,"

of Jyoti-Protap Education police has also revealed that Trust, said, "We have decided to introduce an International award in the name of Jadav Payeng. The first award will be given to M

tourism-related projects worth Rs 9.5 crore, also dismissed the claims of monkey menace at the Taj Mahal. "The tourists' footfall

When asked about Yadav's

has now increased a lot in comparison to the previous Samajwadi Party government," he said. Singh further said the

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will win all nine seats in the by-election in Uttar Pradesh on November 20.

Minister of State for Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying SP Singh Baghel, Agra Cantonment MLA Dr GS Dharmesh, other BJP leaders and the officials of the respective departments were also present on the occasion.

#### 'No regrets for going to jail for Bishnoi community', says accused arrested in Salman Khan threat case

TDG NETWORK MUMBAI

The accused arrested for allegedly giving threat message and demanding Rs 5 crore ransom from Bollywood actor Salman Khan while allegedly claiming to be a member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang said that he has no regrets about going to jail for the Bishnoi community.

According to Mumbai police, Bhika Ram Bishnoi who was arrested from Karnataka in the case claimed that he has no regrets and that he is going to jail for the Bishnoi community.

Uopn being interrogated by Worli police, the accused said that Lawrence Bishnoi is his idol and revealed that the Rs 5 crore rupees he had demanded from Salman Khan was to build a temple for the Bishnoi community.

The investigation by Worli the accused used to watch Lawrence Bishnoi's videos regularly and was proud of what the gangster was doing for the Bishnoi community from inside the jail.

The accused said in the interrogation that Salman Khan never apologized for whatever he did, whether it was the hit-and-run case or the hunting the black buck

whatever Lawrence Bishnoi is doing is right and that he has no regrets about going to jail, since he is going to jail for the Bishnoi community. The 32-year-old man from

The accused stated that

Rajasthan was apprehended in Karnataka and handed over to Maharashtra Police on Wednesday, officials said.

Earlier on Monday, the Mumbai Police traffic control room received a threatening message in the name of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi over WhatsApp with the message message saying that if Salman Khan wanted to stay alive "he should go to our temple and apologize or give Rs 5 crore."

kill him, our gang is still active," the message claiming to be in the name of Lawrence Bishnoi's brother said.

This was the second death

threat Salman Khan received in a week.

In the earlier death threat also received by Mumbai Police Traffic Control, a ransom of Rs 2 crore was demanded from the actor.

Police had further said that the unknown sender has threatened with dire consequences to Salman Khan if the money is not paid to him.

"In the message, the unknown sender said that if he (Salman Khan) does not get the money then he will kill Salman Khan," they added.

The Traffic Police reported the matter to the Worli Police which registered an offence in the matter and started tracking the sender.

"After receiving the threatening message, a case was registered against the unknown person in Worli Police Station of Mumbai," it added.

Earlier on October 24, Mumbai Police arrested a man from Jamshedpur who had threatened Bollywood actor Salman Khan in the name of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi and demanded a ransom of Rs 5 crore.

# **GLOW GARDEN**

A view of Swaminarayan Akshardham temple illuminated with lights, in Gandhinagar on Thursday. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel visited the temple and performed the anointment of Neelkanth Varni and admired the temple, beautifully adorned with thousands of lamps and a glow garden. ANI

#### Telangana-based environmentalist M Karunakar

Jadav Payeng International Rs 2 lakh and a citation, will be conferred to M Karunakar Reddy in January next

a person of national and in-



Phukan said.

Protap Saikia, founder Karunakar Reddy."

## Spinal defect of 23-yr-old Maldivian cured through rare surgery in Kerala sis was progressing over the

**TDG NETWORK** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The spinal defect of a 23-year-old Maldivian was cured through a rare surgery at a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram that has fulfilled his prolonged wish to sit straight without

The 23-year-old patient from Maldives Mohamad Raishan Ahmed, son of Ahmed Muhamad and Aminath Ibrahim was born with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) type 2, a rare hereditary genetic condition in which muscles throughout the body are weakened because the nerve cells in the spinal cord and brainstem do not function properly. One in every 6,000 babies is born with SMA and is also a major cause of death in infancy.

A lot of other health is-

sues were also bothering the patient limiting him from accessing his full potential. One of these issues was scoliosis which was progressively getting worse by the time he reached the age of eight. He had been bedridden all his life and had only hand movements and his only aim was to sit without falling. The boy's mental development was extremely good and he was actively pursuing his studies and has armed himself with a PhD.

The sole purpose of sitting without falling led him to Kimshealth, Thiruvananthapuram to meet Dr Ran-



jith Unnikrishnan, Consultant, Orthopedic Spine Surgeon. A Posterior Scoliosis Correction surgery was done by implanting screws and rods from his skull to the hips. The surgery which lasted for about 14 hours was highly challenging and risky taking into consideration the multiple health issues of the patient. Post surgery the patient

had to undergo physiotherapy and his lifelong wish to sit straight without falling has come true. He now has a 'strong and straight' spine. This is one of the finest successful stories and a first of its kind done in the country. Dr Ranjith Unnikrishnan, Consultant, Orthopedic Spine Surgeon said, "Over the years he could not move his limbs. This large scolioyears it did not allow him to sit straight without support. So he tried the normal non-surgical measures like belt, breeze etc. He could not hold his neck because of weak muscle control. Eventually, surgery was the option we discussed. But there were many challenges in this treatment right from his fitness. We had to treat him from his head to his hip because he could not even stand straight. After many discussions, he took the decision to go for the surgery. So in the month of August, we did the Posterior Scoliosis Correction surgery."

He further said that it was almost a 14 hourto 15 hours long surgery which he had undergone very bravely.

## Manipur CM evokes national integrity amid Mizoram CM's reunification remarks

**NIBIR DEKA** 

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has evoked the issue of national integrity in light of a recent statement made by his Mizoram counterpart Lalduhoma. The Mizoram CM had spoken about the reunification of the Chin-Mizo community at an address in the United States, which has led to widespread scrunity.

Lalduhoma had called

for the reunification of the Chin-Mizo people across India, Myanmar, and Bangladesh, claiming that the community does not recognize national borders.

Addressing reporters, Biren Singh stated, "As a proud Indian and a nationalist, I can assure you that no one can challenge India's integrity, and no one can touch the integrity of Manipur." He further emphasized the importance of India's sovereignty and territorial integrity, describing them as "non-negotiable."

While refraining from direct criticism of Lalduhoma, Singh said that India's sovereignty and territorial integrity are non-negotiable. Speaking to reporters, Singh said, "As a proud Indian and a nationalist, I can assure you that no one can challenge India's integrity, and no one can touch the integrity of Manipur."

The Chief Minister made it clear that while he respected others' right to speak, the priority would always be the nation's unity and strength. "I do not wish to comment on anyone personally, but my stand is clear: we stand for India, we stand for the unity and integrity of Bharat. Whatever anyone else says, we will respond accordingly," Singh said. Earlier, on September

4, 2024, addressed the Zo



where he expressed the desire for reunification of

the Chin-Mizo community, which he said had been "unjustly divided" across three nations. He voiced disappointment over the division of his people under different governments and emphasized the vision of a unified community, transcending borders. "We have been unjustly divided, forced to exist under three different governments in three different countries, and this is something we can never

accept," Lalduhoma stated. He further expressed concerns over religious divides within the Zo community and underscored the importance of unity and cooperation. Lalduhoma also mentioned the formation of the Network for Unity Association (NUA) in June 2023, an organization dedicated to resolving conflicts and supporting refugees within the community.

Responding on the matter,

the External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal in the weekly briefing today said he has not seen Lalduhoma's comments yet, and will respond when they get some clarity on it. "Meanwhile, violence has gripped the state of Manipur with at least six houses torched and residents of a village being attacked by a group of armed militants in ethnic strife-torn Manipur's Jiribam district.

## RAHUL: BJP WANTS TO SNATCH 'JAL, JUNGLE, JAMEEN' FROM TRIBALS

🗖 n a no-holds-barred attack on the BIP, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday accused the saffron party of burning Manipur and making attempts to divide people across the country on religious lines.

He also alleged that the saffron party deprived 90 per cent of the nation's population of their due rights and benefits.

"The BJP burnt Manipur and attempted to divide people on religious lines. It incited Hindus, Muslims,

Chief Election Commission-

er Rajiv Kumar has strongly

condemned undignified re-

marks made against women

leaders during the election

campaign and urged offi-

cials to take timely and stern

action against such deroga-

tory remarks by candidates,

according to sources in the

Chief Electoral Office of Ma-

Sources said that dur-

ing a review meeting with

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action against undignified

remarks on women

Christians and Sikhs against each other. In recently held Haryana elections, the BJP incited Jats against non-Jats...It is the character of the BJP," Gandhi alleged while addressing an election rally in Lohardaga.

The Congress leader also claimed that he undertook a 4,000-km padyatra from Kashmir to Kanyakumari to "spread the message of love and to open 'nafrat ke bazar me Mohabbat ki dukan' (to open shops of love in the market of hatred)".

"When I raise my voice for tribals and Dalits, the BJP accuses me of dividing



Congress MP Rahul Gandhi dances with tribal artists during a public meeting for the Jharkhand Assembly elections, at Gandhi Maidan in Simdega on Friday. ANI

### CEC to officials: Take stern Neither Rahul nor his descendants can restore Art 370: Shah

SANGLI (MAHA)

didates are to refrain from

terances that may be construed as being repugnant to the honour and dignity of women. According to sources, ter Amit Shah said on Fri-Kumar noted that no aspect of private life, not

connected with the public activities, of the leaders or workers of other parties is to be criticised. Low-level personal attacks to insult the rivals shall not be made, he said. The Chief Election Commissioner has directed all officials to ensure that any

District Election Officers, Police Commissioners, SPs, Municipal Commissionderogatory comments, or ers and Returning officers, remarks by candidates or CEC expressed concern political leaders repugnant and frowned over the use of to the honour and dignity of women, and violative of derogatory language aimed against the dignity and hon-MCC provisions are met with timely and stern ac-Political parties and can-

Neither Congress leader Raany deeds, actions or uthul Gandhi nor his future generations will be able to bring back Article 370 that gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir, Union minis-

> Speaking at a campaign rally for the assembly elections in western Maharashtra's Sangli, he targeted Congress for `supporting' the National Conference in its endeavour to restore Article 370.

The assembly of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday passed a resolution seeking restoration of the special status.

Addressing the rally for ruling Mahayuti alliance candidates Sudhir Gadgil and Sanjay Kaka Patil here, the BJP leader said opposi-

From this land of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, I am telling you Rahul baba that neither you nor your fourth generation will be able to restore Article 370

- Amit Shah Home minister

tion leaders including Rahul Gandhi and NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar had opposed the scrapping of Article 370.

"From this land of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, I am telling you Rahul baba that neither you nor your fourth generation will be able to restore Article 370. Every child of the country is ready to fight for Kashmir," Shah said.

"When Prime Minister Narendra Modi took the decision to abrogate Article 370, I brought the bill (in Parliament) but Rahul Gandhi, Sharad Pawar, Mamata Banerjee, Akhilesh Yadav and (M K) Stalin opposed the move. They said do not remove Article 370 as it would lead to bloodshed in the Valley. Forget rivers of blood, nobody dared to throw a stone," he said.

During the "UPA government of Sonia Gandhi and Manmohan Singh," terrorist attacks were frequent, but after Modi became PM, the incidents at Uri and Pulwama led to surgical strikes that wiped out terrorists in Pakistan, Shah said.

Modi's efforts led to the construction of a grand Ram Temple in Ayodhya which was being stalled by the Congress for the past 70 vears, he said.

India. I am here to unite you are tribals, Dalits and and strengthen India. If I am wrong for raising the voice for 90 per cent of India's population, which he alleged. constitutes tribals, Dalits and OBCs, for their partici-

claimed. He alleged that the BJP waived loans of 25 capitalists worth Rs 16 lakh-crore but blamed the Congress for easing farmers' debts to the tune of Rs 72,000 crore during the UPA regime.

pation in governance, I will

continue to do so," Gandhi

"Did the BJP government waive any loan of Jharkhand farmers?...No because

OBCs. The BJP will never waive your debts because it waives debts of capitalists."

Addressing another rally at Simdega, Gandhi accused the BJP of trying to snatch 'Jal, Jungle, Jameen' (water, forest, land) from tribal people.

He termed the Jharkhand polls as a fight of ideology between the INDIA bloc and the BJP-RSS combine.

The Congress leader alleged that the RSS-BJP's mission was to "destroy" the Constitution of the country, while the I.N.D.I.A bloc "wanted to protect" it.

"PM (Narendra) Modi calls you 'vanvasi' as the BJP believes that land, forest and water belong to the saffron party, RSS and capitalists. The BJP believes in grabbing tribal land under its newly coined word development. It wants to snatch 'Jal, Jungle, Jameen' (water, forest, land) from tribals," Gandhi alleged while addressing a rally in Jharkhand's Simdega.

He also claimed that the Constitution was under "constant attack" and the I.N.D.I.A bloc was making "all efforts to protect it".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets veteran BJP leader Lal Krishna Advani to wish him on the occasion of his birthday, in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

## Pandemonium in J&K House

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our of women.

not be debate on this topic. After BJP MLAs were marshalled out of the House, Sharma said that they (the opposition) would run a parallel assembly against the speaker outside the

He said, "We believe that all these actions are unlawful, undemocratic and unconstitutional. The resolution (to restore Article 370) was drafted by the speaker himself. We want them to

take it back. Article 370 is a history - it can't be debated now. This assembly is not bigger than the Parliament and the Supreme Court. We wanted to have a debate - about the way our MLAs were manhandled by the marshals at the direction of the Speaker, they did this today as well. We will now sit here on protest to run a parallel assembly which is against the Speaker.'

Earlier on November 6, a

over a resolution on the restoration of Article 370. Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary had demanded the resolution, but Leader of the Opposition Sunil Sharma obiected to it.

newly elected assembly in Jammu Kashmir kick-started on November 4 with the introduction of a resolution opposing the revocation of Article 370 and restoring the special status of Jammu

ruckus erupted in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly

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rashtra should understand this," Modi said.

The BJP's star campaigner also accused the Congress of playing a dangerous game of dividing castes and communities. If ST (Scheduled The first session of the Tribes), SC (Scheduled Castes) and OBCs (Other Backward Classes) stay united, the Congress politics will be over, he said.

> Recalling his affinity with Dhule and Maharashtra, Modi said whenever he has asked something from the people of the state, they have been gracious.

"I sought your blessings in 2014 to end the 15 years

of misrule of the previous government. You graciously ensured that BIP got unprecedented success. Today, I am starting my campaign in Maharashtra from Dhule. Each and every candidate of Mahayuti seeks your blessings," he said.

PM Modi's Maha battle cry: 'Ek hai, toh safe hai'

at which Maharashtra's development has gained in the last two-and-a-half years will not be allowed to stop,' asserted the PM.

The MVA has no intention to work for the development of people and the state and the goal of its leaders is to loot citizens, he alleged.

"The MVA (in power from

November 2019-June 2022) put roadblocks on development projects and stopped every scheme which could have improved people's lives. The situation changed for better when the Mahayuti government was formed (in June 2022)," the PM in-

In his second rally in adjoining Nashik district, Modi sought to corner Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray, the BIP's one-time saffron ally and Hindutva supporter who ioined forces with "secular" Congress and the united NCP in November 2019.

"For us. Marathi history.

culture is a centre of faith. Savarkar is a source of inspiration. But the Congress and its allies never gave Marathi the respect it deserves. They abuse Savarkar regularly. A senior MVA leader has asked the Congress yuvraj (referring to Gandhi) to stop disrespecting Savarkar as elections are taking place here. Those who consider Savarkar as an icon are with

the Congress," he said. The BJP stalwart accused the Congress of trying to weaken and divide OBCs for power, and called it a 'parjeevi' (parasite) which was dependent on other parties to survive.

#### Two terrorists killed

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"Two terrorists have been neutralised in the Sopore encounter. Identification and affiliation are being ascertained. Incriminating materials, arms, and ammunition were recovered. Further details will follow.' an official said. The operation began on Thursday after security forces detected suspicious activity in the region. The initial gunfight ensued that evening, pausing overnight, and resumed on Friday morning when the terrorists, who were hiding inside a house, were neutralized.

## Haryana: Bias against girl child

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births per 1,000 male births till October 2024, marking an 8-year low and sparking concern among health officials, who warn that the figure may further drop by the end of the year. If the trend continues, Haryana could see one of its lowest SRBs in recent history, raising alarm across the board.

The decline is most evident in six districts where SRBs have fallen below 900, with Gurugram at the bottom of the list at 859, followed by Rewari (868), Charkhi Dadri (873), Rohtak (880), Panipat (890), and Mahendragarh (896). The state's ongoing struggle to achieve the World Health Organization's (WHO) recommended ideal SRB of 950 reflects deep-rooted societal challenges and casts doubt on the effectiveness of the BBBP program, which has been operational since 2015.

Haryana's SRB has fluctuated over the years despite initial improvements following the launch of BBBP. From a low of 876 in 2015, the state managed a steady climb, reaching a high of 923 in 2019.

However, gains have been inconsistent: the SRB was 914 from 2017 to 2018, rose to 917 in 2022, but dropped again to 916 in 2023, and now stands at 905 for 2024. This year's figure represents an 11-point decrease from the previous year, underscoring an urgent need for intervention.

According to Renu Bhatia, Chairperson of the Haryana State Commission for Women, the ongoing decline in female births is a "worrying trend," especially given Haryana's history of gender-based

## 'My shoulders are broad enough'

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I've exposed my own personal life to public knowledge. When you expose your own life to public knowledge, you expose yourself to criticism, particularly in today's age of social media. But so be it, my shoulders are broad enough to accept all the criticism that we have faced," he said at a farewell function organised

by the Supreme Court Bar

Association (SCBA). **Justice Chandrachud in** the recent weeks had faced criticism from certain quarters after he invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for Ganesh puja to his home and for his remarks he had prayed to God for a solution to the vexed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute and that God will find a way if one has faith.

## Yasin Malik

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ical care for Malik, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in a terror case.

The court sought a health status report from the jail superintendent and ordered that Malik be provided with required medical treatment as per jail regulations. "Issue notice. Let the medical status report of the petitioner be called from the jail superintendent. Further, keeping in perspective the submissions made by the counsel for the petitioner, the superintendent of the jail is directed to ensure that necessary medical treatment is provided to the petitioner in accordance with the jail rules," the court stated.

Malik, convicted under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Indian Penal Code (IPC) in Mav 2022, has been in Tihar Jail since his sentencing. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has appealed to the high court, seeking an enhancement of his sentence from life imprisonment to the death penalty.

## 'Chinks in Mahayuti armour'

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from the UP chief minister." Adityanath has been raising 'batenge to katenge' slogan at his election rallies in Maharashtra. Talking about it, BJP ally and NCP chief Ajit Pawar on Thursday said the people of the state do not appreciate such remarks, and that the people of the state have always strived to maintain communal harmony.

not need to learn any lesson

The ruling Mahayuti al-

Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar's NCP.

Thackeray took a dig at the BJP stating that it has to bring leaders from outside the state to campaign ahead of the polls.

"The Maharashtra assembly election is a contest between those who love Maharashtra and those who betray it," he said, dubbing the Mahayuti allies as betravers of the state.

"The Mahayuti government is the most corrupt liance comprises the BJP, in Maharashtra's history. They indulged in corruption in building the statue (of Shivaji Maharaj). Work done with inauspicious hands does not see any success and the statue collapsed," Thackeray said.

The statue of Shivaii Ma haraj was unveiled last year by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Thackeray also an-

nounced that if the MVA is voted to power in the state. its government will build the temples of Shivaji Maharaj in every district.

#### AMU: SC overrules 1967 verdict

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acter of such institute.

The CJI wrote the majority opinion for himself and Justices Sanjiv Khanna, JD Pardiwala and Manoj

Justices Surya Kant, Dipankar Datta and Satish Chandra Sharma gave dissent verdict

The apex court verdict came on a reference arising out of the 2006 verdict of the Allahabad High Court which held that AMU was

not a minority institution. A five-judge Constitution bench had in the S Azeez Basha versus Union of India case in 1967 held that since

AMU was a Central university, it cannot be considered a minority institution. The university got back its minority status when Parliament passed the AMU

(Amendment) Act in 1981. However, in January 2006, the Allahabad High Court struck down the provision of the 1981 law by which the university was accorded the minority sta-

Later, the Congress-led UPA government at the Centre approached the top court in appeal against the Allahabad High Court order. The university also filed a separate petition against it.

The NDA government led by the BJP in 2016 told the apex court that it will withdraw the appeal filed by the erstwhile UPA government.

The top court had on February 12, 2019 referred the case to a seven-judge bench.

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struction of homes. Locals have claimed that the attack claimed the life of Zosangkim, wife of Ngurthansang, a resident of Zairon Hmar village. The mother of three was killed during the onslaught and her home was set ablaze, engulfing her in flames. The death cannot be independently confirmed.

death.

There has been no official confirmation regarding the death of the lady due to the attack. However, as per the Jiribam SP order, the de-

ceased has been sent to Assam for Post Morterm due to the lack of availability of forensic medicine in Jiribam to ascertain the cause of the

Violence returns to Manipur

Meanwhile, the Hmar Input, the Apex body of Hmar Tribe from which the deceased belong to has taken out a statement to condemn the matter. "Mrs. Zosangkim's sacrifice shall be a call to action; to ignite an united resolve in every one of us to defend our lives, protect our lands, and preserve the dignity of our people against

those who seek our destruc-

tion." Manipur has been rocked by ethnic violence since May last year and over 200 people were killed.

The violence erupted on May 3 after a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the hill districts to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Meiteis account for about 53 per cent of Manipur's population and live mostly in the Imphal Valley, while tribals, which include Nagas and Kukis, constitute 40 per cent and reside mostly in the hill districts.

# **ASSEMBLY POLLS: CONG** KICKS OFF 'NYAY YATRA'

The Congress kicked off its month-long "Delhi Nyay Yatra" from Rajghat on Friday to put pressure on the AAP government in the city on various issues ahead of the Assembly polls due early next year.

Delhi Congress chief Devender Yadav, AICC national treasurer Ajay Maken, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, senior leader Subhash Chopra and former Delhi Congress chief Anil Chaudhary were among those who took part in the march.The participants, wearing "Delhi Nyay Yatra" t-shirts, carried the Con-



Himachal Pradesh CM Sukvinder Singh Sukhu addresses during the flagging off of the 'Delhi Nyay Yatra' outside Raighat. in New Delhi on Friday. Delhi Congress President Devender Yadav and party leader Ajay Maken are also present. ANI

gress's flag. They also sang the theme song of the yatra. The participants also

carried two large balloons shaped like liquor bottles, with former Delhi chief minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor Arvind Kejriwal's

caricature on those.

A band played "Sare Jahan se Accha" at the start of the vatra. On the lines of former party chief Rahul Gandhi's "Bharat Jodo Yatra", Congress workers and leaders would interact with the people of the city during the "Delhi Nyay Yatra" and learn about the problems they have been facing for the last 10 years.

TIKAM SHARMA NEW DELHI

Aam Adami Party (AAP)

National Convenor Arvind Keiriwal shared a

heartfelt message on Fri-

day with party members

and supporters nation-

wide, calling for unity,

strength, and resilience

as they prepare for the upcoming Delhi Assem-

bly elections. Acknowl-

edging recent challenges,

he expressed gratitude

for the steadfast support

of the AAP family and

urged them to face future

Kejriwal noted that

these shared challenges

have strengthened the

bond among AAP mem-

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The march will pass through all the 70 Assembly segments in the national capital and conclude in Timarpur on December 4. It would be held in four

Gandhi launched the over-4,000-km "Bharat Jodo Yatra" from Kanyakumari to Srinagar on September 7, 2022. It went on for 145 days, covering 12 states and two Union territories, and culminated on January 30,

The Congress also organised a Manipur-to-Mumbai "Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra" between January and March

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AAP members to stay united, despite the opposition's efforts to defeat them. Kejriwal reaffirmed the party's focus on real issues—education, healthcare, electricity, water, and infrastructure—adding that AAP represents a "breath of fresh air" in Indian politics. He highlighted that for the first time in 75

years, the public is seeing

Phir Layenge Kejriwal: AAP rallies support with new campaign

Arvind Kejriwal.

Kejriwal noted that these shared challenges have strengthened the bond among AAP members, uniting them as a family. "I am moved by the love and determination I see in our workers. We will fight, and we will win," he said, stressing that their unity is the party's greatest strength.

discussions centered on their true needs, showcasing what an honest and committed government can accomplish.

Following his message, AAP officially launched the Phir Layenge Kejriwal campaign through social media, inviting volunteers to register on phirlavengekeiriwal.com or join via missed call at 7277972779. Speaking warmly to party members, Kejriwal expressed his joy at reconnecting with them after his release from jail.

Reflecting on the past two difficult years, he conveyed deep appreciation for their unwavering support and resilience, sharing that while he met some workers personally, he regretted not being able to meet all of them. He encouraged the AAP family to view challenges as tests of strength, drawing inspiration from stories like that of Raja Harishchandra, and reminded them that hardships are opportunities to grow stronger. "We must face all challenges bravely," he urged.

Kejriwal called on supporters from Delhi and beyond to dedicate as much time as possible to the campaign.

He suggested those outside Delhi arrange to stay with friends or family in the city and encouraged taking leave from work, if possible, to fully commit to the election effort, or at least contribute a few hours weekly or daily. He advised them to seek strength in spirituality during tough moments by silently chanting the name of their chosen deity.

In closing, Kejriwal paid tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, expressing deep respect for the Constitution and its values.

He recited a verse.

acknowledging that his dignity and identity stem from the Constitution, and pledged to uphold the spirit of "Jai Bhim" throughout his life. Kejriwal ended on a hopeful note, confident in their collective strength and eventual victory.

## Kejriwal has become biggest symbol of VVIP culture, hypocrisy: BJP

TIKAM SHARMA

The BJP on Friday claimed that former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal has become "the biggest symbol of VVIP culture" as it slammed the AAP convenor citing high costs of appliances and items, including toilet seats worth

around Rs 12 crore, used in his residence when he was at the helm of the government. At a press conference, BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia dredged up a 2013 social media post of Kejriwal, an anti-corruption activist who had taken the political plunge in 2012, in which he had lashed out at the then chief minister

Sheila Dikshit saying she had 10 ACs, including in bathrooms.

Kejriwal had then accused her of corruption and questioned how can a chief minister live in such comfort when over 40 per cent of Delhi's population lived in jhuggis, Bhatia noted, adding that the AAP leader has since deleted the post.

Citing official documents after Kejriwal quit as chief minister and left his official residence, the BJP leader said the bungalow had 21,000 sq ft built up area and 50 ACs in addition to a 250-tonne air conditioning plant. It had toilet seats costing 12 crore and a TV was worth over Rs 28.91 lakh, he claimed.

## Anand Vihar pollution triggers health Issues

TDG NETWORK

With the air pollution reaching an alarming level in Delhi's Anand Vihar, people living in the area are facing health issues as there has been a surge in cases of respiratory and throat infections and eye irritation in the last few days.

shaw driver at the Anand Nagar bus stand, shared his struggles with the worsening air quality. "My eyes are constantly irritated and often turn red, leading to blurred vision. It makes it really difficult to drive safely," Ali said.

He added that though he carries a mask, wearing it for extended periods is uncomfortable and affects his ability to breathe properly.

Delhi's Anand Vihar area is one of the most polluted areas. The air quality index (AQI) here is consistently in the 'severe' category. On Friday, the overall AQI of the national capital was 389 at 8:30 am, while Anand Vihar's AQI stood at 419, making it the hub of worst air pollution.





Auto-rickshaw driver

The impact on residents is not just limited to irritation in eyes. Sunita, a local homemaker, has been battling a persistent cough and eye irritation for several days.

Despite visiting doctors multiple times, she says noth-



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ing seems to provide a lasting

A walk through the area revealed a thick haze of smog, distorting the view and making it difficult to see anything

This area has an inter-state

bus terminal and a railway station, which results in high vehicular movement, leading to an increase in pollution levels in the area.

Harendra Singh, who works at ISBT bus stand in Anand Vihar, described how pollution is affecting his work as he stays there for 10 hours per day.

"The rising poll made it difficult for us to sit here all day. There's always dust and dirt in the air, and it causes my eyes to get red and irritated and I even get cough," he said.

The daily struggle to breathe clean air is a shared experience among many residents.

Nirmal Singh, a 70-yearold heart patient, has noticed his breathing difficulties getting worse as pollution levels

"I've lived here all my life, but the pollution has gotten so much worse in the last decade. The air is thick, and even in the early morning or late evening, it's hard to breathe properly," Singh

#### BJP blames AAP for pollution

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BJP leader Shehzad Poonawalla on Friday attacked Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for pollution in the Yamuna River, highlighting that the toxic foam floating on the water proved a serious threat to the safety of devotees during Chhath Puja. He blamed AAP's political actions for the contamination of the river. At Yamuna ghat at Kalindi Kunj, the BJP leader said, "Many people have gathered here to offer prayers to the Sun god. But the situation is such that the Delhi High Court had to say that no one should go to the ghats to offer prayers as it may affect their health. Even Congress leaders have said how the condition of the Yamuna river has deteriorated."

"Today, a thick layer of toxic foam is floating on the surface of the river. The health of the sisters from Purvanchal, who have come to the Yamuna ghat to offer prayers to the Sun god, is being compromised.

## Govt tests drone-based mist spraying to combat pollution

To curb rising air pollution in the national capital, the Delhi government on Friday conducted a testing of 'drone-based mist spraying' at Anand Vihar, one of the city's pollution hotspots. During the demonstration Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai said that pollution levels in the hotspots are higher than the average AQI in the capital.

"Today's demonstration in Anand Vihar -- a known pollution hotspot -- aims to address this issue," Rai said. Currently, more than 200 anti-smog guns are deployed across Delhi, spraying water along the roads to reduce airborne dust, he

"However, areas with narrow roadsides or congested spots where trucks cannot reach pose unique challenges. This is where drones can be particularly effective," he

The minister added that if



"Today's demonstration in Anand Vihar -- a known pollution hotspot -aims to address this issue," Rai said.

the trial proves successful, the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) may consider acquiring more drones for widespread deployment.

"If we get promising results of today's testing, we will move forward with formal tenders for procuring additional drones," Rai said. Delhi's air quality is deteriorating each day, with more than 15 monitoring stations currently reporting AQI levels in the "severe" category.

According to AQI classifications, a 0-50 range is considered "good", 51-100 "satisfactory", 101-200 "moderate", 201-300 "poor", 301-400 "very poor", and 401-500 "se-

## HC orders DU to admit minority student to St Stephen's

TDG NETWORK NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday said its order permitting a minority category student to attend classes amid a purported seat allocation dispute between St Stephen's College and Delhi University has to be complied with

A bench of Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela was informed by the university that it had moved a plea seeking the recall of the court's October 28 order permitting the student to attend classes till further orders.

"If the contemnors think they are above the law, we will tell them they are not...



We will call them here to explain their conduct. Our order may be right or wrong, but you have to comply with it. This court is of the view that till the order is recalled. the same has to be complied with," said the bench.

A plea seeking contempt action was moved against the officials of the universitv for a "willful noncompli-

ance" of the judicial order. The division bench had passed the order in October while dealing with the appeals filed by the college and the student against a HC judge's decision refusing him admission.

While allowing the student to attend classes, the division bench ordered no more allocation of such

"The fact that the single judge in the judgement has found 18 students were entitled to admission in the St Stephen's College and one seat is vacant in the combination opted by the appellant student, the court, in the interim, permits him to attend classes till further orders," it said.

The high court had asked the college not to make any further seat allocation under the minority quota category till further orders.

The court had heard appeals against the October 14 judgment of the single judge, who held 18 out of 19 students were entitled to get admission in the college on

Before the single judge, the college sought directions to DU to approve and upload the list of all the candidates from a minority community forwarded to it for approving their admissions.

The 19th student, in the appeal, claimed a seat was

vacant after another student turned it down. The student therefore sought admission in the Bachelor of Arts course.

DU objected to the appeals and said the college could not be permitted to "juggle" its allotted seats by changing the seat matrix in this manner.

Appearing before the single judge, the university accused the college of allocating seats by not adhering to the seat matrix but according to "its whims and fancies".

The college, on the other hand, maintained the admission of the 19 students was within the permitted "sanctioned intake" and it did not exceed its permissible limit.

## CBI nabs DUSIB legal officer for taking bribe

**TDG NETWORK** NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has apprehended a legal officer from the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) of the Delhi Government for allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 5 lakh from a

complainant. The central agency also conducted searches at the residential premises of the accused DUSIB legal officer identified as Vijay Maggo and recovered Rs 3.79 crore in cash and some property documents.

On Thursday, CBI had registered a case against Maggo, a private person named Satish and also other unknown persons, on the basis of a complaint dated November 4. It was alleged that the accused legal officer demanded a bribe of Rs 40



lakh from the complainant in the name of another DUSIB officer for getting his two shops unsealed and allowing him to run the shops unhindered.

Later, CBI laid a trap on November 7 and caught the accused legal officer redhanded while accepting a bribe amount of Rs 5 lakh from the complainant.

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What is the

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politics today?

#### **SURVEY ON AKBARUDDIN OWAISI CONTROVERSY**

#### 64% SEE CORRUPTION AND LEGAL SYSTEM AS MAHARASHTRA'S BIGGEST ISSUES

AIMIM leader and Telangana MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi, known for courting controversy, recently made a veiled allusion to his infamous "15 minutes" remark from 2013. Speaking at a political rally in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (formerly Aurangabad) on November 5, Owaisi told the crowd to remain patient, saying "15 minutes" were left un-

til the event's deadline. The remark was met with cheers from the audience.

Owaisi's 2013 statement had sparked major backlash after he suggested that despite Muslims being 25 crores compared to 100 crore Hindus, "15 minutes without police" would be enough to show "who had guts and

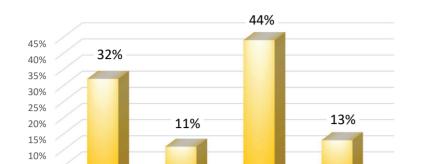
power." This comment had been widely condemned as provocative and communal.

At the recent rally, Owaisi also took aim at political parties in Maharashtra, accusing them of having lost their ideological foundations. He stated that while he is branded communal, it is those who practice divisive politics that perpetuate communalism.

The latest remark from Owaisi reignited discussions around his rhetoric and its impact. His statements continue to draw significant attention, highlighting issues of identity politics and communal tensions in Indian political discourse.



"Have patience only 15 minutes left...": Why did Akbaruddin Owaisi say this in **Aurangabad?** 

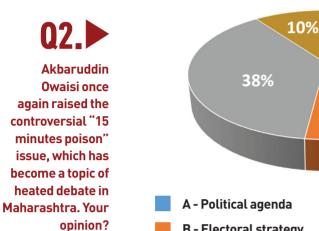


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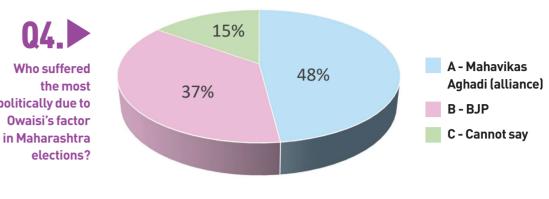


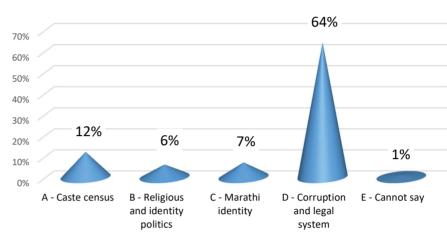
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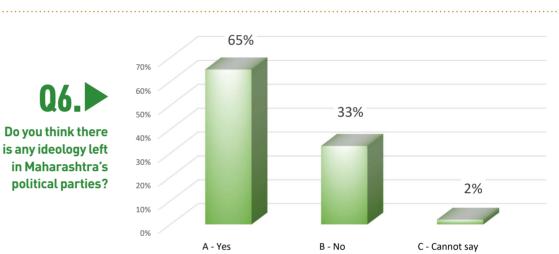
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THE DAILY GUARDIAN SURVEY

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**FEMALE** 

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Delhi Riots: Tahir

## TREE FELLING IN RIDGE: AAP ACCUSES LG, DDA OF LYING IN SC

52%

TDG NETWORK NEW DELHI

elhi minister Saurabh Bharadwaj on Friday accused Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena and the Delhi **Development Authority** (DDA) of lying in the Supreme Court over the alleged felling of more than 1.000 tress in the capital's

Ridge area.

"While children and NGOs are planting trees in Delhi, the central government's DDA is cutting 1,670 trees in the Ridge area without the Supreme Court's permission. Besides, the lawyers of the DDA and the LG are lying in the Supreme Court," the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader told a press conference.



He questioned why the DDA, which is under the LG's chairmanship, is avoiding an inspection of its files despite the Supreme Court's orders. Bharadwaj also wondered whether the Centre is attempting to protect the LG, who allegedly ordered the illegal felling of 1,670

As northern India strug-

time has come to acknowledge the importance of trees,

noted discrepancies in the statements and timelines

gles with air pollution, the

Bharadwaj said. Earlier, the apex court

provided by the LG and the DDA vice-chairman regarding when they got to know of the tree felling in the Ridge area. The court directed them to make a "specific disclosure"

## Youth killed after brawl over 'beedi'

TDG NETWORK

A 20-year-old youth was allegedly killed by a man for asking for a 'beedi' in the Jwala Nagar area in Shahadra, police said on Friday.

The deceased has been identified as Sunny, a resident of Kasturba Nagar who was previously involved in a murder case as a juvenile. He was also booked under the Arms Act.

The police have arrested Rajesh, a resident of Jwala Nagar, as the main suspect in the case, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Shahdara) Prashant Gautam

On Thursday, a call was received at the Vivek Vihar police station from an ambulance, informing that a youth was found dead near the crematorium in Jwala Nagar, the DCP said.

A police team was rushed to the spot which found the youth lying dead with blood coming out of his nose, the officer added. "The body was kept at the Subzi Mandi mortuary before being handed over to the family members after post-mortem," Gautam said.

After preliminary investigation, the police arrested Rajesh as the main suspect in the case, he said.

Rajesh told the police that Sunny approached him and asked for a 'beedi', a request that enraged him and led to a verbal spat which soon turned into a physical confrontation.

In a fit of rage, Rajesh picked up a large stone and landed a fatal blow on Sunny who died on the spot due to blunt force trauma, the DCP said.



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The larger conspiracy of the Delhi Riots 2020 case accused former MCD Councillor Tahir Hussain's Counsel on Friday argued that WhatsApp Chats relied upon by Delhi police were for peaceful protest and not for violence or to pick weapons against the government.

Unless and until evidence shows that armed rebellion or insurgency was promoted, the provision of Anti-Terror law UAPA cannot be invoked, counsel argued before Additional Sessions Judge Sameer Bajpai on Friday.

Advocate Rajiv Mohan along with Advocate Tara Narula, Rishabh Bhati argued that WhatsApp chats relied upon by Delhi Police only mentioned chakka jaam and peaceful protest.

He further argued that Nowhere, in these chats it is mentioned that we should pick up weapons against the government or its agencies. Chakka Jam is not an act of terrorism.

Advocate Rajiv Mohan also questioned the case of Delhi police that riots were result of deep-rooted Conspiracy. He asked what offence is committed by the accused persons. "What is the common Conspiracy, Delhi police have to clarify,'



we should pick up weapons against the government or its agencies

He also argued that protest was called in protest of Citizenship Amendment Bill only. If there were any individual acts by attending people, police registered FIR and charge sheets were filed. Delhi police have invoked stringent anti-terror law UAPA against the accused persons.

The court is hearing arguments on UAPA charges levelled against accused Tahir Hussain, Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam, Natasha Narwal, Devangana Kalita, Safoora Zargar, Ishrat Jahan, Abdul Khalid Saifi, Mohd. Saleem Khan, Salim Malik, Athar Khan, Gulfisha Fatima, Asif Iqbal Tanha, Meran Haider, and other accused persons.

## Crime Branch busts illegal arms syndicate in North East Delhi **TDG NETWORK**

The Delhi Crime Branch has arrested two individuals and uncovered a syndicate involved in the illegal supply of weapons in North East Delhi, Delhi Police reported on Friday. The accused have been identified as Nadeem and Fazeel, both residents of Seelampur.

According to the police, a raid was conducted by a Crime Branch team in Brahmpuri, Seelampur, on November 4, following further investigation. During the raid, Nadeem and Fazeel, residents of Jafrabad and identified as sources of illegal weapons, were apprehended. At their instance, the police recovered three pistols, four magazines, and 24 live cartridges.

The Crime Branch seized three highquality illegal pistols, four magazines, and 24 live cartridges. Police stated that these fine-quality firearms were being supplied in large quantities.

"A Crime Branch team uncovered a syndicate involved in illegal weapon supply in North East Delhi with the



arrest of two individuals, seizing three high-quality illegal pistols, four magazines, and 24 live cartridges," stated Delhi Police.

Previously, on September 18, the Crime Branch registered the case after seizing two illegal pistols and two spare magazines from two individuals, Sameer Ahmad and Sahil. The case was subsequently assigned to SI Jagseer Singh for further investigation.

During interrogation, Sameer Ahmad and Sahil disclosed that they obtained illegal pistols from Nadeem and Fazeel in Jafrabad, Delhi, and supplied them to various buyers. Police obtained a three-day custody remand for both to thoroughly investigate and trace the connections involved. Earlier, based on their information, raids were conducted in the Delhi NCR region, leading to the arrest of Suhaib, a 24-year-old resident of Shiv Vihar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi, along with a highquality pistol and 55 live cartridges. Efforts have been ongoing since

September 18 to locate the original source of the illicit weapons supplied to Nadeem and Fazeel. During interrogation, both admitted to their involvement in the illegal

weapon trade, revealing that they procured the firearms from an individual named Rashid, also from Jafrabad. Nadeem had previously been involved in a similar offence, as recorded in FIR no. 315/09, under Section 25 of the Arms Act, at Seelampur Police Station, Delhi.

Further inquiry revealed that the accused have been supplying illegal weapons for the past six months. Nadeem, who studied up to Class 10, supplied weapons on demand, while his brother Fazeel is currently pursuing a degree from IGNOU.

# SCHADENFREUDE – THE DARKNESS WITHIN

#### **OPINION**

#### **SUPREET GILL**



s the most advanced creatures on Earth, human beings are undoubtedly the most complex. We experience a vast range of emotions, many of which we still struggle to fully understand and it is not uncommon these days to seek help to fully comprehend the entire spectrum of human emotions. While we revel in the joys of our own triumphs and those of our loved ones, we also have a tendency to find a perverse satisfaction in the misfortunes of others. The Germans have even given this feeling a name-"schadenfreude". Literally translating to "harm-joy," schadenfreude refers to the feeling of happiness or pleasure derived from witnessing someone else's failure or suffering. It occurs because we often experience a sense of satisfaction when someone else's misfortune makes us feel better about ourselves, particularly if we envy them or perceive them as having an unfair advantage. This tendency is closely linked to social comparison - our innate desire to evaluate our own worth in relation to those around us. When we see someone else stumble, it can trigger a subconscious boost to our own self-esteem.

Across the great literary and religious traditions of the world, we are surrounded by stories and teachings that extol the virtues of morality, compassion, and the nobler aspects of the human spirit. However, we often shy away from directly addressing the darker, more unsettling elements of our psychological makeup. Friedrich Nietzsche argued that religious texts that discredit emotions like envy were actually an impediment to human progress, as envy can be one of the most powerful and pervasive driving forces in human life. Arthur Schopenhauer, the German philosopher somehow tried to rationalise envy by stating that, "To feel envy is human"; but cautioned us against

Schadenfreude stating that it is "diabolic." Schopenhauer viewed Schadenfreude as the worst trait in human nature. He believed it was closely related to cruelty and considered it a sign of moral bankruptcy. Freud considered Schadenfreude as a defence mechanism and suggested it could be a way for individuals to cope with their own feelings of inferiority or insecurity. This dilemma speaks to the inherent tension between our innate capacity for empathy and compassion, and our equally powerful propensity for jealousy, resentment, and a disturbing lack of concern for the suffering of our fellow human beings. While experiencing schadenfreude may be a common human impulse, it is a complex and often problematic emotion. At its core, it reveals the darker aspects of our psyche - the ugly emotions that we do not want to acknowledge.

A recent incident prompted me to reflect deeply on the complex nature of human emotions. During a widely publicized protest against administration of an academic institution, some acquaintances of mine reached out to inquire whether the demonstration was directed at a particular individual. When I informed them that the protest was not, in fact, targeting him, I detected a palpable sense of disappointment from them. I found myself wondering whether they had been secretly hoping for "good news" or "bad



news" - in other words, whether they had been eagerly anticipating an opportunity to take pleasure in the perceived failure of this person. Indeed, when they learned that the protest was not aimed at the person they had hoped, I felt as though they had missed their chance to indulge in a sense of vindication. This raised several uncomfortable questions that we all need to answer to ourselves privately. While may pretend to sympathise with people in an unfortunate situation, are we really "sorry" for

As I was still grappling with the ghost of that thought, the following morning brought with it a sudden revelation. My son was getting ready to perform for his school play. As I watched my son excitedly zip up his hyena costume for school, a curious thought crossed my mind. Were we all, in some way, hiding behind the guise of

human civility? Beneath the surface of our everyday interactions, did the spirit of a hvena lurk within us—eagerly watching and waiting for the moment where others falter, ready to pounce with that all-too-familiar, staccato laugh of mockery and malice? Grimly, the world in that moment seemed like a pack of depraved hyenas with our socalled humanity merely a fragile disguise. It made me wonder if, like my son, who transformed into a hyena, we all indeed were hyenas on the inside who donned our human skins to blend into a masquerade where instincts and intentions were hidden and if we wore our humanity just as a disguise? As I secured the final clasps of my son's costume, I found myself contemplating the darker implications of the human condition - our capacity for self-deception, our proclivity for schadenfreude, and the fragility of the civility that binds us together as a society.

COMMENT & ANALYSIS

During the recent Dussehra celebrations, as the flames consumed the effigies of Raavan, a contemplative spark ignited within me wherein I found myself pondering whether our true conquest lies not in the external world, but in vanquishing the tenheaded demon that resides within our own psyche. With its multitude of faces, it breeds a noxious array of human failings: prejudice, hatred, bias, discrimination, exclusion, ignorance, intolerance, hostility, jealousy and most insidiously of all, Schadenfreude. Perhaps we all needed to burn the ten headed demon that resides within. As Diwali approaches, many of us engage in the annual tradition of "Diwali cleaning," thoroughly tidying our homes. Even as I write this, I notice my neighbours applying a fresh coat of paint to their house, covering unsightly mouldy patches to reveal a smooth, pristine surface. In a way, we often treat ourselves similarly, concealing the parts we're afraid to show the world. However, no matter how unattractive we may find our emotions, we cannot deny that they are an essential part of our mental makeup. Perhaps this Diwali, we should focus on an internal cleansing ritual. We need to introspect and release the dark emotions that slither within us like serpents. Instead, let's ignite our inner lamps of love, compassion, empathy, and understanding.

#### **PERSPECTIVE**

## TRUMP TRUMPS DETRACTORS, **MAKES HISTORY**

As expected, the Americans have chosen a President, who is like most of them, and someone whose persona has not been cultivated or nurtured by the Washington lobbyists and the establishment. Donald Trump is the closest to what an average American is and reflects the aspirations of his people. He is not robotic in his speeches and brings in certain kind of originality which is missing from his opponents. Like Ronald Reagan before him, he is ``an outsider" to the ways and methods of Washington and therefore brings in freshness which is neither cosmetic nor contrived nor acquired. He is what he is and his personality has been shaped by his own thinking and not by those around him. Thus, when he speaks, he is relating to the average American in a way, none of his contemporaries has done. Most American presidents since the end of World War two have been educated in either the Ivy league universities or have spent considerable time in DC, learning the ropes and honing their political skills. Trump is his own man, and it would not be surprising that in his second term, he could usher in a new political order in Washington, thereby showing the door to many who have made their living by perfecting the art of manipulating the system. His detractors have described him as a convicted Felon who has made it to the top office, but if is now the President, it is because the people have accepted him for what he is and believe that he is more transparent and straight in his dealings as compared to those who are critical of him.

Democracy has its ways of setting things right and amongst the various factors like inflation, unemployment, and attempts to change the cultural narrative, Trump's landslide victory is because of his own personality and self-belief. He is someone who does not appear to be devious, and a leader who is capable of taking his own decisions, instead of being influenced by the existing establishment in Washington. While it would be unfair to second guess what all he would be doing so far as the world is concerned, it would be significant to first see, his appointees after he takes over. His team would provide an indication of what he plans to do during the next four years and how he would shape his policies, that would be different from those of his predecessors. In his second term, he is the second President in history to have this after a gap, Trump would be much wiser and more aware of how the system has been manipulated over the years. His greatest strength lies in his unconventional approach which is both transactional and pragmatic. He does what he believes in and thus he would be good for the world. He may be able to end the conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza and his no-nonsense approach cannot be taken for granted either by the NATO and Volodymyr Zelenskyy or by Benjamin Netanyahu. Although both these leaders have congratulated him following his spectacular win, they must be nervous. Trump is committed to bringing in peace and for that to happen, it could imply, end of the road for Netanyahu in Israel with new leadership taking over sometime next year and in Ukraine While Trump enjoys a good rapport with Vladimir Putin, he shall never allow that to come in while deciding on the way forward in ending the war. Even Putin would know that for the new US President, the interests of his own country are foremost.

Trump is a strong and determined leader and his election would also have a bearing on the Sino-US relations. He is not the one who is going to be cowed down by any pressure and would always find a way to contain the threat from the Dragon. So far as India is concerned, he enjoys tremendous goodwill here and his close friendship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi is certainly going to play a role in how he looks towards New Delhi. He was amongst the first world leaders to condemn the attack on Hindus in Bangladesh, and therefore there are expectations that he could review the policy regarding South Asia. However, his first task in making "America great Again" would be to focus on domestic issues. He has already spelt out how he plans to approach the complex immigration problem and how he is uncomfortable with the demographic changes sought to be brought about by the previous government. He has to lay down the foundation for a new domestic policy where issues that concern the common people get addressed first. His victory was also amongst other things due to the failed initiatives of the Biden administration and thus he would be keen to correct these first. Trump has a transactional dimension to his outlook. Having been a successful businessman, he looks at the pros and cons of decisions. He tries to understand whether any investment made by his country would bring in the requisite dividends or would be just a waste of resources on others. Attempts to malign him have been deliberate and mischievous but the President-Elect is not a novice. He understands things more clearly now than he ever did. His commitment to his country is second to none. Therefore, any attempt to paint him in negative light is uncalled for. The American people have elected him because they find him as one amongst them and not someone whose world view is coloured by the prisms of Washington strategists. He has been elected, perhaps because it is the best choice his countrymen and women could have made at this juncture..

**PANKAJ VOHRA** 

## From selfie to self-doubt: The role of social media in teen body dysmorphia

#### OPINION

#### DR HASEENA KABEER



"Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder," yet in today's digital landscape, beauty standards are dictated not by individuality but by the shifting perspectives of a faceless audience online. Social media has become a powerful, often relentless force in shaping how young people perceive themselves, promoting narrow definitions of beauty that leave little room for diversity. For teenagers, platforms like Instagram and TikTok have turned beauty into a rigid standard, one measured by flawless skin, sculpted bodies, and polished selfies, all enhanced by filters and photo edits. These standards not only distort the concept of beauty but also fuel self-doubt as teens constantly compare themselves to idealized images. Over time, this pressure can lead to body dysmorphia, where perceived flaws become magnified through the harsh lens of social media. In a culture where validation is sought in likes and comments, the pursuit of beauty can overshadow selfworth, challenging the idea that true beauty is, in fact, subjective and personal. Understanding the impact of these media-driven ideals on young minds is crucial as we work to help teenagers value their unique selves beyond filters, beyond screens, and beyond others' expectations.

Influencer culture has intensified the pressure on teens to strive for an idealized appearance and lifestyle, often known as the "perfect life" illusion. Social media influencers frequently project meticulously curated images of success, beauty, and happiness, setting standards that feel both aspirational and unattainable for young audiences. A recent study published in 'Body Image' Journal highlights that

teenagers who follow beauty

significantly more likely to experience body dissatisfaction, as they often compare themselves unfavourably to the edited and filtered images presented online. This constant exposure can reinforce the belief that achieving these looks equates to achieving happiness and social acceptance, further eroding teens' self-worth and pushing them toward obsessive body scrutiny. For many, this leads to the fixation on perceived physical flaws, fuelling the cycle of body dysmorphia.

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The influencer-driven "perfect life" illusion can intensify body dysmorphia by encouraging teens to fixate on perceived flaws and aspire to unrealistic standards. As teenagers internalize these ideals, they often begin to measure their worth by how closely they match the appearances they see online. This relentless comparison can distort their self-perception, leading them to focus obsessively on features they see as "imperfect" or "inadequate." The resulting self-criticism fuels feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem, which are central to body dysmorphia. Over time, this fixation can escalate into severe mental health issues, including anxiety, depression, and social withdrawal, as teens struggle to cope with the disconnect between their real selves and the perfection they feel pressured to achieve. A study in 'The Journal of Adolescence' reports that teens with high social media engagement are at greater risk for these mental health challenges, linking prolonged exposure to unrealistic body standards with heightened psychological distress.

Social Comparison Theory, developed by Leon Festinger in 1954, suggests that people have an inherent tendency to evaluate themselves by comparing with others, particularly in areas where objective standards are unavailable. In the context of social media, this theory becomes especially relevant, as teenagers are constantly exposed to idealized images of peers, influencers, and celebrities. These images often depict highly curated and edited portrayals of beauty, wealth, and success, setting unrealistic standards. As teens engage in upward comparisons measuring themselves against those they perceive as more attractive or successful they often experience negative self-evaluations, which can lead to feelings of inadequacy and dissatisfaction with their appearance. This process is intensified by the nature of social media, where endless scrolling creates a feedback loop of exposure to perfection, making it nearly impossible for teens to escape the comparison. Over time, this can contribute to

issues like body dysmorphia and lowered self-esteem, as individuals become fixated on perceived flaws and struggle to feel satisfied with their real selves.

The Snapchat filter experiment conducted by Chae in the year 2021 examined the effects of beautifying filters on young women's body image and self-esteem. Involving participants aged 18 to 24, the study divided them into two groups: one used Snapchat with beautifying filters, while the other used the platform without any filters. Findings revealed that those using filters reported significantly lower body satisfaction compared to their unfiltered counterparts, as the enhanced images created a stark contrast between their filtered and natural appearances. This constant comparison led to intensified feelings of body dissatisfaction and self-criticism, with many participants expressing frustration about their looks post-filter use. The study concluded that while beautifying filters might offer temporary satisfaction, they ultimately distort users' perceptions of beauty, contributing to negative body image and the potential for body dysmorphia, underscoring the need for awareness regarding the psychological impacts of such social media tools.

In conclusion, the intersection of social media, influencer culture, and the

ing landscape for today's youth, where beauty is often defined by unrealistic standards and relentless comparison. As teenagers navigate this environment, they may find themselves trapped in a cycle of selfdoubt and body dissatisfaction, exacerbated by the ideals presented on platforms like Instagram and TikTok. The theories of social comparison and the findings from studies, such as the Snapchat filter experiment, highlight the profound psychological implications of this digital culture. It is crucial for parents, educators, and society at large to foster an environment that encourages young people to cultivate self-acceptance and recognize their intrinsic worth beyond superficial appearances. By promoting digital literacy and advocating for diverse representations of beauty, we can empower teens to embrace their unique identities and challenge the narrow definitions imposed by social media. Ultimately, nurturing a culture of authenticity and self-love can help mitigate the detrimental effects of body dysmorphia, guiding future generations toward a healthier relationship with their bodies and their self-image.

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GUARDIANOF JUSTICE

DY Chandrachud has retired after serving the nation as the Chief Justice of India. During his two-year tenure, Chandrachud has delivered over 500 judgments. Here is recap of some judgements authored him, and their historical significance.

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6 6 The state can regulate the standards of education (in madrasas)... regulations relating to the quality of education do not interfere with the administration of the madrasas. **Chief Justice Chandrachud** 

> A three-judge bench, led by former Chief Justice Chandrachud, recently upheld the validity of the 2004 law regulating madrasas in Uttar Pradesh, overturning an earlier Allahabad High Court judgment that had declared the law unconstitutional and violative of secularism.

> The bench ruled that the High Court had erred in striking down the statute on secularism grounds.

> > ELECTORAL BONDS CASE (2024)

The Court examined the constitutionality of the

tween donors and political parties.

**Justice Chandrachud** 

#### **ARTICLE 370 ABROGATION** (2023)

The Court addressed the legality of the abrogation of Article 370. Justice Chandrachud headed the bench that upheld the revocation, emphasizing the temporary nature of the provision and the need for integration.



6 Today's Supreme Court verdict on the abrogation of Article 370 is historic and constitutionally upholds the decision taken by the Parliament of India on 5th August 2019; it is a resounding declaration of hope, progress and unity for our sisters and brothers in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh."

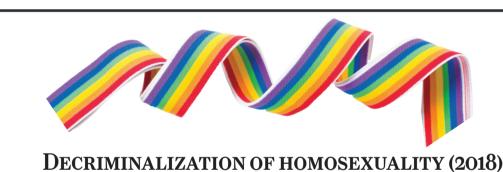
Prime Minister Narendra Modi

#### **LANDMARK RULINGS**

#### RIGHT TO PRIVACY (2017)

In Justice K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India, the Supreme Court unanimously affirmed the right to privacy as a fundamental right, with Justice Chandrachud authoring the lead opinion, emphasizing privacy as intrinsic to life and liberty. This ruling has had far-reaching implications for individual freedoms and data protection laws in India.

6 6 Dignity cannot exist without privacy. Both reside within the inalienable values of life, liberty, and freedom which the Constitution has recognized. Privacy is the ultimate expression



6 The framers of the Constitution could not have intended that the fundamental rights of citizens would be circumscribed by the colonial morality of the nineteenth century. intimacy and the yearning to find love and fulfillment in human relationships have a universal

The choice of a partner, the desire for personal a simple principle: the state has no business

In Navtej Singh Johar v. Union of India, the Court decriminalized consensual same-sex relations, with Justice Chandrachud concurring that Section 377 of the IPC was an anachronistic colonial law violating fundamental rights. Activist Anjali Gopalan noted, "This judgment has given us the freedom to love without

#### SABARIMALA TEMPLE ENTRY (2018):

In Indian Young Lawyers Association v. State of Kerala, the Court held that the exclusion of women aged 10-50 from the Sabarimala Temple was discriminatory. Justice Chandrachud concurred that it violated women's fundamental rights. Devotee Bindu Ammini expressed, "This verdict affirms our right to worship without discrimination."



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yer and activist from

Kerala, made history

#### WOMEN'S RIGHT TO PERMANENT COMMISSION IN ARMED FORCES (2020)

In The Secretary, Ministry of Defence v. Babita Puniya & Ors., the Court granted permanent commission to women officers, promoting gender equality in the armed forces.



6 This judgment has opened new avenues for women in the armed forces."

Lt. Col. Seema Singh, a distinguished officer in the Indian Army, played a pivotal role in advocating for gender equality within the armed forces.,

#### HADIYA CASE (2018)

Court upheld Hadiya's right to choose her religion and marriage partner, with Justice Chandrachud emphasizing individual autonomy and freedom of choice.



#### AADHAAR VERDICT (2018)

In the *Justice K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India* (Aadhaar case), Justice Chandrachud delivered a dissenting opinion, questioning the passage of the Aadhaar Act as a Money Bill and highlighting concerns over privacy and state surveillance.

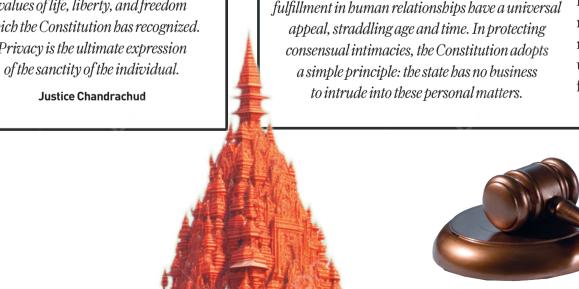
In his dissenting opinion during the 2018 Aadhaar verdict, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud stated:

6 The passing of the Aadhaar Act as a Money Bill is a fraud on the Constitution.

He further said

6 Constitutional guarantees cannot be compromised by vicissitudes of technology.





## AYODHYA RAM MANDIR (2019)

In the Ayodhya Title Dispute Case, the Supreme Court awarded the disputed land to the Hindu community for the con struction of the Ram Mandir, while also directing that an alternative plot of land be provided to the Muslim community to construct a mosque. Justice Chandrachud was a member of the bench that delivered this historic judgment. The decision marked the culmination of a long-standing dispute and aimed to bring closure through a balanced approach.

## SC MAKES INTERIM PROTECTION GRANTED TO TELANGANA **BSP LEADER VATTI JANAIAH AGAINST ARREST ABSOLUTE**

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The Supreme Court in the case Vatti Janaiah versus The State Of Telangana observed and has granted interim protection to Bahujan Samaj Party, BSP leader Vatti Janaiah Yadav against arrest, in connection with the 2023 FIR which relates to forcibly taking away fish weighing 5 tonnes from the pond, absolute.

In the present case, Yadav had approached the Court wherein he seeks protection from arrest alleging that alleged criminal prosecution by the then Bharat Rashtra Samithi, BRS led Government in Telangana after Yadav made a political switch from BRS to BSP, the matter took a U-turn when the Court found that the Telangana Government could not properly assist the Court.

The bench comprising of Justice Hrishikesh Roy and Justice SVN Bhatti was hearing the present matter.

The bench on October O1 asked for specific filing dates of the chargesheet but the counsel for the State of Telangana was unable to provide this information.

The court in the case expressed surprise at this lack of knowledge and sum-



of Police, DGP due to the lack of communication between the prosecution and the Government counsel.

On October 04, the court directed the DGP, Telangana for filing an affidavit on the streamlining of communication and plug loopholes in gaps between the Counsel for State of Telangana and the Prosecution regarding accessing the information on criminal cases in court-related matters.

Further, the court expressed that there is a 'remoned the Director General curring' phenomenon ing for Telangana informed

of Telangana where there is often miscommunication between the prosecution and Telangana Government Counsel pertaining to information about criminal cases.

The DGP submitted before the court that there being a lapse on the part of the officers for not mentioning the dates on the chargesheet and informed the Court that proceedings would be initiated against the concerned officer responsible for the lapse. The counsel appear-

the court that that two affidavits have been filed containing details including dates of chargesheets filed in compliance with the order dated October 01.

The counsel appearing also apologised to the Court and submitted that there was a miscommunication and the same will not be repeated again.

On November 5, the court noted that the affidavit of compliance has been filed, and circulars issued by the DGP Telangana, indicate that steps have been taken

for coordinating the instruction on the criminal cases with the concerned Advocates in the Supreme Court.

Adding to it, the court stated that it needs to evaluate the impact of the circulars issued by the DGP.

Accordingly, the court listed the matter after three months.

The counsel, Advocate Vinay P Tripathi appeared for the Petitioner.

The counsel, Advocate Devina Sehgal represented State of Telangana.

#### Punjab And Haryana High Court Reiterates: Benefit Of Doubt Cannot Be Given To Accused Citing Absence Of Injuries On Rape Victim's Body

TDG NETWORK

The Punjab And Haryana High Court in the case XXXXX v. State of Haryana observed and has upheld the conviction in a rape case of a 6-vear-old victim, wherein the court observed that, 'even in the absence of injuries on the body of prosecutrix, the benefit of doubt cannot be granted to the accused.'

The bench comprising of Justice Anupinder Singh Grewal and Justice Kirti Singh was hearing the present matter.

The bench in the case stated that the, crime involves violence against women must be met with severe punitive measures. The court's must heed society's urgent call for justice, especially in cases involving the heinous crime of rape against innocent and vulnerable young girls and such conduct of convicts cannot be treated with leniency,

especially given the rising incidents of crimes against children and the unimaginable trauma that the victim will endure for the rest of her life.

Further, the bench stated that the indelible marks left by such a horrific incident cannot simply be erased from the mind of a minor child, nor can her trauma be mitigated through ordinary means.

The bench stated that the sexual violence is not only a degrading and inhumane act but also an illegal invasion of a woman's right to privacy and bodily sanctity.

The bench of Justice Kirti Singh stated that the impact of these crimes necessitates the sternest response from the judicial system to protect society's most vulnerable

In the present case, the court was hearing an appeal filed by two convicts, under Sections 376 (2) (g) who were sentenced to life imprisonment for sexually assaulting the minor girl back in 2009.

The court in the case observed and has rejected the contentions that there were no visible marks of injury on

victim's body.

Adding to it, the court stated that the said findings are indicative of sexual intercourse having occurred, thereby refuting the appellants' claim and providing substantial support to the case of prosecution. Therefore, the argument made is that the absence of injuries weakens the allegations against the appellants is not supported by the medical evidence on record.

The court also placed reliance on Krishan Vs. State of Haryana that it being not necessary in every case of rape the victim should have injuries on her body to establish her case.

Accordingly, the court dismissed the appeal.



#### Kerala High Court Refused To Entertain Plea Challenging U/A Certification Given To Malayalam Movie 'PANI'

TDG NETWORK

The Kerala High Court in the case observed and has refused to entertain the petitiom filed challenging U/A certification given to the Malayalam movie 'Pani' directed and starred by actor Joju George.

The petition filed states that the U/A certification (unrestricted public exhibition with parental guidance) given to the movie was inappropriate as it contained obscene dialogues, scenes and violence, making it unsuitable for children.

The movie got released on October 24 and is currently running in theatres.

The Division bench comprising of Chief Justice Nitin Jamdar and Justice S.Manu was hearing the present

The bench in the case observed and has permitted the petitioner to withdraw the plea since he had ap-



proached the Central Board of Film Certification, CBFC with a representation.

the court that the representation submitted by the petitioner can be considered by the CBFC as per law.

The petitioner in the plea argued before the court that 'Pani' movie must have been given A certification (only adults) instead of U/A certification as per the Cinematograph Act.

It was also stated before the court that the movie can influence children negatively. The petition filed stated

that, 'the scenes involves sexual violence against women viz; attempt of rape, showing It has also been stated by vulgar forms of molestation, sexual perversions, degrad-

ing and denigrating women as a whole, offending by vulgarity and obscenity, violence, cruelty intending to provide entertainment effecting desensitizing people are shown. Thus, It also depicts words and visuals likely to insight the commission of offences.

Further, the plea stated that the U/A certification is issued without considering the provisions of the Cinematograph Act which was amended in 2023.

It was also stated before the court that the movie is unsuitable for family audiences or children. It was stated that children cannot differentiate between real life and movies and they have a tendency to imitate film stars.

It was also argued before

the court that the CBFC should not have granted U/A certification to 'Pani' movie as it is unsuitable for The petitioner in the plea

Court to change the certification given to the movie from U/A to A. The petition filed also

sought an interim relief from the Court to restrain children below the age of 18 years from watching the movie. The present petition was

moved by Advocates Ajith George, C. S. Shahul Hameed, Alok Raj, Dinurag M, Ashitha Pauly, P. T. Tha-

#### After Supreme Court Rap, Centre Doubles Penalties For Stubble Burning; Farmers To Pay To Rs. 30,000 For Violations The Commission issued

TDG NETWORK

The Central Government has issued an amendment to the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas, the Imposition, Collection, and Utilization of Environmental Compensation for Stubble Burning Rules, 2023.

The Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate five acres must pay an collect the environmental seek for a direction from the Change notified the said amendment on November 06, 2024 doubling the rates of environmental compensation for stubble burning in the National Capital Region, NCR and surrounding states.

As per the amendment, the Commission for Air Quality Management, CAQM may now impose environmental compensation on farmers engaged in stubble burning as follows:

The Farmers with land-

holding less than two acres must pay an amount of Rs. 5.000 per incident.

The Farmers with landholding between two and amount of Rs. 10,000 per incident.

The Farmers with landholding exceeding five acres must pay an amount of Rs. 30,000 per incident. The said amendment re-

places the previous compensation rates set in 2023. which were Rs. 2,500 for land under two acres, Rs. 5.000 for land between two and five acres, and Rs. 15,000 for land exceeding

a letter wherein it directed for strict compliance with these amended rules, emphasizing that Nodal or Supervisory Officers from the governments of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan. and Uttar Pradesh must be appointed to monitor stubble-burning incidents and ensure accurate reporting. The said officers were also authorized to impose and compensation fees.

The said amendment comes amid Supreme Court proceedings on stubble burning-related pollution.

The bench comprising of Justice Abhay Oka, Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah, and Justice Augustine George Masih on October 23 criticised the Union and states of Punjab and Haryana for imposing nominal fines on farmers who

violated the ban on stubble

burning.

The court also questioned why CAQM had not framed appropriate rules under Section 15 of the CAQM Act to prescribe environmental compensation rates, emphasizing that the Commission is responsible for setting these rates without reliance on formula by the National Green Tri-

The court in the case also highlighted that proper environmental compensation rules are essential, particularly as penal provisions do not apply to farmers under the proviso to Section 14(1) of the CAQM Act.

It has been noted by the bench that Punjab and Haryana governments were not consistently applying penal provisions, with many cases resulting in only nominal fines or minimal environmental compensation.

#### Madras High Court Directed Pondicherry Institute Of Medical Sciences To Surrender 26 Seats For Failure To Comply With MCI Guidelines

TDG NETWORK NEW DELHI

The Madras High Court in the case Pondicherry Institute Of Medical Sciences v The Government of India and Others observed and has directed the Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences to forfeit 26 seats - 13 during the 2025-26

academic year and 13 during the 2026-27 academic year for failing to comply with the directions issued by the Medical Council of India during admissions in the year 2017-18.

The bench headed by Justice M. Dhandapani was hearing the present matter.

The bench in the case observed and has directed the institute to pay an amount of Rs. 10 Lakh to the Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu and Rs. 10 Lakh to Adyar Cancer Institute within 2 weeks of the order.

The court in the case made it clear that no action would be taken against the



been admitted and they shall be issued with the course completion certificate if not already issued.

In the present case, the court was hearing the petition filed by the Institute against the order of the Medical Council of India and the consequential orders issued by the Government of Puducherry and the Pondicherry University

against the institute. The court directed the institute was directed to discharge 26 students who course in 2017-18 on the ground that the admission was not in terms with the guidelines issued by the

The counsel, Senior Advocate, appearing for the institute informed the court that during the pendency of the petition, the 26 students had successfully completed their MBBS course and were either pursuing higher studies or working.

It has been pointed out by the institute that if the students were discharged after completing their studies, the knowledge acquired by them may go to waste and will not be of any use to the society. On the other hand, the

MCI informed the court that it had decided to exempt the students from any punishment but wanted to initiate action against the institute in accordance with NMC regulation. MCI informed the court that it had decided to impose egulation as prescribed under Maintenance of Standards of Medical Education Regulations, 2023 and bar the college from taking admission against 26 seats for 2 subsequent years.

Further, the institute submitted before the court that it was ready to surrender 13 seats each for 2 subsequent years from management quota to government quota and instead of barring the institute from taking admissions, it may be permitted to surrender the 13

The MCI in the case agreed to the arrangement but also pursued the court to impose some punishment of compensation payable to any orphanage.

The counsel, Mr.Vijay Naravanan Senior Counsel for M/s.A.Jenasenan appeared for the Petitioner.

The counsel for the Respondent: Mr.B.Rabu Manohar, Mrs.Shub haranjani Ananth, Mr.Ramasamy Meyyappan, Government Advocate (P) Mrs. A.V. Bharathi represented the Respondent.

#### Calcutta High Court On Plea Against Use Of Loudspeakers Near School For Specially-Abled Children: 'Puja Committee Thinks They Are Bigger Than God"

TDG NETWORK

The Calcutta High Court in the case Prajna Paromita Sen And Anr. Versus State Of West Bengal And Ors observed that the use of loudspeakers and blocking of roads outside a specially-abled children's school for celebrating Jadadhatri puja, showed that the 'puja committee thinks they are bigger than the deity itself.'

The Division bench comprising of CJ TS Sivagnanam and Justice Hiranmay Bhattacharya was hearing the present matter.

The bench in the case remarked that there is a school for speciallyabled children. Your puja committee must show concern for the neighbourhood and particularly the children who are differently abled. Therefore, your committee thinks they are bigger than the god. Instead of having the gods idol, we'll have the pictures of your committee members. Thus, the president thinks he is bigger than the deity. This is all ego. You should have some regard for the people of the locality.

The petitioner in the plea submitted that throughout the year, the locality's roads would be blocked and loudspeakers would be used for some celebrations or the other.

On the other hand, the respondent stated that they had obtained permission from a single-bench allowing them to hold the puja and that they would refrain from using loudspeakers during the celebrations.

The court while considering the facts and circumstances of the case observed that the single bench's directions on the conduct of the puja shall be strictly adhered to and that no prejudice should be caused to people in the

Accordingly, the court dismissed the plea.

NOTICE

1. Nazia parveen. w/o Mohd Akseer, Resident of 9- B Kathputli Colony. patel Nagar New Delhi-110008, do hereby affirm and declare as under. 1. That I am citizen of India 2. That I have changed my name from Nazia parveen to Ruby bano for all future purposes. 3. That it my true and correct statement.

## JAISHANKAR, SINGAPORE PM HOLD TALKS ON ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY, INDUSTRIAL TIES

AGENCIES

xternal Affairs Min-ister S Jaishankar and Prime Minister Lawrence Wong on Friday held "fruitful discussions" on advancing technology and industrial partnership. Sharing a post on X, Jaishankar wrote, "Delighted to meet PM & Finance Minister @LawrenceWongST today in Singapore. Conveyed warm greetings of PM @narendramodi." "A fruitful discussion on advancing our technology, skilling and industrial partnership. Also spoke about our engagement in regional

forums," the post added. Later on, Singaporean PM Wong also wrote about his meeting with Jaishankar and said that the two leaders had discussions on global developments, and looking forward to commemorating the 60th anniversary



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets Singapore Prime

Sharing a post on X, Wong wrote, "Happy to catch up with Indian External Affairs Minister @DrSJaishankar so soon after his September 2024 visit with PM Narendra Modi's delegation. He updated me on the good progress India and Singapore

of diplomatic ties in 2025. made on new areas of cooperation, such as skills training and industrial parks." "We also exchanged views on global developments. India & Singapore are like-minded partners with many common interests. We're working to upgrade our ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. I look forward to commemorating the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2025," the post added.

Jaishankar also met his Singaporean counterpart Ng Eng Hen and discussed Indo - Pacific security situation. Sharing a post on X, Jaishankar wrote, "Good to meet Defence Minister @Ng\_Eng\_Hen of Singapore today.

Shared perspectives on the Indo-Pacific security situation and bilateral defence coopera-

Jaishankar during his visit to Singapore also met President Tharman Shanmugaratnam where the two discussed the political and economic situation. "Called on President @ Tharman S of Singapore. Discussed the global political and economic scenario, and its implications for India and Singapore," Jaishankar wrote

Earlier in the day, Jaishankar also met Singapore's

foreign minister and is a

longtime Netanyahu loy-

alist and veteran Cabinet

minister. Katz thanked

Gallant and said the war's

Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong and discussed with him ways to take forward a contemporary bilateral partnership, with a focus on areas like industrial parks, innova-

tion and semiconductors.

Jaishankar also met Singapore's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vivian Balakrishnan. Sharing the details on the social media platform X, Jaishankar noted that the two leaders discussed the progress of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and Singapore and also shared perspectives on regional and global developments. The visit by Jaishankar comes on the heels of the three-day state visit of Singapore's Minister of Defence Dr Ng Eng Hen to India from October 21 to 23. During his visit, he had co-chaired the sixth India-Singapore Defence Ministers' Dialogue in New Delhi, with his Indian counterpart Rajnath Singh.

#### 'ASEAN Centrality' our guiding principle in Indo-Pacific: Jaishankar in Singapore

Highlighting the ongoing transition in the world, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar stressed the need for having resilient supply chains, trusted partners and diversified production. During his speech on the 8th Roundtable of ASEAN - India Network of Think Tanks Jaishankar said, "As India's engagement with Indo-Pacific and Quad deepens, ASEAN centrality and cohesion will continue to be a guiding principle." , Jaishankar spoke about the opportunities for a stronger India-ASEAN partnership. He further stressed that "ASEAN Centrality" will be India's guiding principle of cooperation in the Indo-Pacific During his state visit to Singapore, Jaishankar delivered the keynote address at the 8th Roundtable of the ASEAN-India Network of think-tanks. The theme of the event was, 'Navigating a world in transition: Agenda for the ASEAN India partnership'.

Speaking about the emerging knowledge economy and advancement of AI, he brought to attention how this necessitates greater human and enterprise mobility within our region. The Foreign Minister also shared the key highlights of his speech on X.

Jaishankar put forward India's commitment towards collaborative connectivity through various initiatives in multiple sec-

tors such as the digital public infrastructure, energy sector and transportation. The EAM also brought to attention India's leading initiatives for this include the India Middle East Economic Corridor, IN-STC and the trilateral highway to the east. He spoke about utilising two prominent areas namely skilling and education to open up new avenues for deeper partnership with ASEAN. "India and ASEAN are major demographies whose emerging demands can not only support each other but become larger productive forces in the international econ-

Our collaboration can also be crucial in addressing contemporary challenges," the Foreign Minister added. Touching upon the energy sector, he said, "In visualising the areas of cooperation, we are also targeting new domains and technologies that hold potential, India and ASEAN are today more focused on realising the value of Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia. We are preparing for an era of electric mobility, green shipping and green steel" for a more sustainable region.' Jaishankar further expressed great confidence in the India-ASEAN ties and highlighted the deep cultural and civilisation connect between the two regions has resulted in fruitful cooperation and a strong foundation for a deeper partnership benefit-

#### Israeli defence minister officially steps down

JERUSALEM

Israeli defence minister Yoav Gallant officially stepped down Friday in a ceremony that replaced him with Israel Katz, the former Foreign Minister, after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dismissed Gallant earlier this week.

Israel has been rocked by Gallant's firing, with the news setting off mass protests across the country. Many in Israel view Gallant as the sole moderate voice in a far-right government, and see his dismissal as a sign that the far-right government of Benjamin Netanyahu has lost interest in returning hostages still held in Gaza by Hamas militants. Gallant thanked the military and warned that the



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war's "mission is not yet complete: we must meet our moral and traditional obligation, and the war's objective is to bring home

the remaining 101 hostages who haven't yet seen their families and homes.' Israel Katz, his replace-

objectives were to "stop Iranian aggression and deny its capabilities, continue dismantling Hamas as a governing and military force, and defeat Hezbollah." He added that returning the hostages was a top "moral priority." "Yoav, we were friends and will remain friends because we believe in the

same things that will secure Israel's security and future, the Jewish state," he said. "I promise that the entire State of Israel will emerge from this war and from the pain to much

## Four security personnel killed, five injured in blast in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP)

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KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

Four security personnel were killed while five others were injured after a bomb exploded near a vehicle carrying security forces in South Waziristan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, Aljazeera reported. According to Aljazeera, no

one has immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) armed group, also known as Pakistan Taliban, turned violent in the region since its ally, the Taliban in neighbouring Afghanistan, seized power in 2021. Pakistan's military in a statement on Thursday confirmed the "martyr-

armed group, also known as Pakistan Taliban, turned violent in the region since its ally, the Taliban in neighbouring Afghanistan, seized power in 2021.

also said that in response to the attack security forces killed five "Khwarij", a term used by the military for the Pakistan Taliban. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif expressed "grief and sorrow" over the death of the soldiers and said, "Our war against terrorists will continue until the complete elimination of terrorism from the country." On Thursday, a mortar fired by armed fighters

landed near a road in the Tirah Valley in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, killing two children who were going to school, police said.

Islamabad has accused Kabul's rulers of failing to stop rebels from attacking Pakistan from over the border. Last month, Pakistan Taliban claimed responsibility for an attack on 10 Pakistani police officers who were killed at a security check-

point, Aljazeera reported. Pakistan saw 785 armed attacks during the first 10 months of 2024, resulting in 951 deaths and 966 injuries, reflecting a persistently high level of violence across the country, according to a report by the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies, an Islamabadbased think tank.

As per Aljazeera, Pakistan's Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi met Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong in Islamabad on Thursday to brief him about the investigation into an attack on Tuesday where a guard shot and wounded two Chinese nationals at a textile mill in Karachi, allegedly over a pri-

#### Ex-Pak minister urges US prez-elect Trump to probe former PM Imran Khan's ouster

**AGENCIES** ISLAMABAD

Former Pakistani federal minister Fawad Chaudhry has publicly urged US President-elect Donald Trump to conduct a personal investigation into the circumstances surrounding the removal of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan from office.

Chaudhry alleged that the Biden administration may have been involved in Khan's ouster, a claim he hopes Trump will examine in light of similar challenges both leaders have faced, ARY News reported.

Chaudhry highlighted what he saw as "similarities" between experiences of Trump and Khan, pointing out that both leaders endured "fake

He suggested that Trump's advisors also suspect Biden's administration played a role in

Khan's removal as Pakistan's prime minister, adding to calls for Trump to review the situation directly. The Tehreek-e-Insaf leader also commented on recent US elections, drawing a contrast between the political landscapes of the two nations. He said, "The people's

decision has been accepted in the US election 2024, but the nation's mandate was 'disregarded' in Pakistan's general elections," implying that Pakistan's electoral integrity has been undermined. In an interview on ARY News' program 'Off The Record', the PTI Member of National Assembly (MNA) Ali Muhammad Khan said that Imran Khan was optimistic about the US-Pakistan relationship under Trump's incoming administration. The former Prime Minister, currently imprisoned, reportedly expressed hope that Trump's return

to office would end the "negativity which prevailed under the [Joe] Biden administration." reported ARY News. Ali Muhammad Khan noted that while Imran Khan did not specifically mention his own release from prison, he conveyed a positive outlook for Pakistan-US relations moving forward.

Khan reportedly reflected on his "good and friendly relations with Trump" during his tenure as prime minister, according to the Tehreek-e-Insaf legislator. Ali Muhammad Khan added that Imran Khan had received calls from Trump during his premiership, where they discussed a range of topics including business and bilateral relations. The PTI leader said, "Khan said that Trump had a positive attitude towards Pakistan and the relations between the two countries

higher places." (AP) GRS dom" of four officers and Will work with new US admin to create new situation in bilateral ties: Taiwan

**AGENCIES** 

The Taiwan government believes the newly elected President of the US, Donald Trump, will also continue with the resolve to protect the self-ruled island from Chinese aggression. Taipei is expecting Trump to follow his campaign remarks that the US will protect the island nations after payment, reported Radio Free Asia (RFA).

Presidential Office spokesperson Karen Kuo said, "We will work together with the new US administration and Congress to create a new situation in

Taiwan-US relations." As reported by Radio Free Asia, the Taiwanese residents claim the election victory of Donald Trump as the "victory of the island." A local told RFA, "Trump is more assertive than Biden, and China won't do anything rash. He won't

sit back and watch while China annexes Taiwan". Lee, an official said, "I think the situation in the Taiwan Strait will be more secure if Trump is elected.

But Trump's desire for Taiwan to increase military spending doesn't mean that spending can be expanded indefinitely". The President-elect in

an earlier interview had said that Beijing has been too aggressive in the Indo-Pacific region as they had deployed all their ships in the area.

He also highlighted that the advanced semiconductor industry in Taiwan has been a significant obstruction to military inva-

Tao Yi-fen, Associate Professor of Political Science at the National Taiwan University has also suggested the Taiwan government be in close relations with the US President as soon as possible and suggest different defence spending measures.

#### ISKCON Bangladesh condemns misleading information against organisation

The leaders of the ISKCON Bangladesh on Friday protested against the spreading of misleading information regarding their organisation in various ways in the wake of untoward incidents such as the attack and vandalism in the Hazari Goly area of Chittagong, the port city of Bangladesh. "In view of the recent violent incident in Chittagong, there are blameable move to damage our religious and social image by involving ISKCON Bangladesh in various ways," said Satva Ranjan Baroi, President of ISKCON Bangladesh at a news conference in Dhaka. "We strongly condemn the attack and vandalism in the Hazari Goli area of Chittagong," he added. "ISKCON Bangladesh is a non-political and peaceful religious organisation dedicated to communal harmony, religious tolerance and



Bangladesh, ISKCON Bangladesh expects a peaceful solution to the Hazari Goli incident in Chittagong and a responsible statement after a proper investigation in the interest of maintaining peace and order in the country," Baroi said. Earlier on November 5, a local Muslim youth named Osman Ali reportedly uploaded a post on Facebook criticising ISKCON and demanded the banning of the international religious organisation. Annoyed over his remarks, a clash between the Hindu community and the law enforcement forces took place in the Bangladesh's

port city of Chittagong. Due to this, the joint forces of police and army conducted an operation there on Tuesday night (November 5). "A local Muslim youth reportedly uploaded a post on Facebook criticizing ISKCON. The angry Hindu community people protested and clashed with the law-enforcing agencies. They threw bricks and other objects at the police. After the clashes, a joint operation conducted by law enforcing agencies, comprising police and army," Saifuddin Tuhin, a local reporter from Chittagong told ANI over the phone.

## rmy deployed to help stop post-election protests in Mozambique

**AGENCIES MAPUTO** 

Mozambique has deployed soldiers on the streets to help keep order following weeks of protests against the ruling party that has been accused of rigging last month's election to extend its 49 years in power.

Mozambique armed forces spokesperson Gen. Omar Saranga made the night press conference on Thursday, saying the army would support police in keeping order. Soldiers had already been deployed when he made the announcement, Saranga said.

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The country of 34 million people in southern Africa is on edge, with the presidential palace under heavy guard and security forces constantly patrolling the streets. Many people are locking themselves in their homes.

"In moments like this, with demonstrations taking place in some regions, our role also extends to supporting security forces in maintaining public order and peace," Saranga said.

Thousands of protesters set fires and barricaded roads in the capital, Maputo, on Thursday in the biggest



tear gas and rubber bullets. demonstration since the October 9 election. Police fired The ruling Frelimo party's

candidate, Daniel Chapo, was declared the winner of the presidential election two weeks ago, continuing the leftist party's dominance of Mozambican politics since independence from Portugal in 1975.

human welfare throughout

Opposition parties have accused Frelimo of stuffing ballot boxes and other election fraud, while international observers said there were problems with the vote and it was not free and fair. Frelimo has often been accused of rigging national and local elections to keep

The Constitutional Council has not vet validated the results of the election, which it must do for them to be recognised. Current President Filipe Nyusi of Frelimo is stepping down after serving the two terms allowed

Protests began almost immediately after the election, prompting a police crackdown. Police have been accused by rights groups of firing live bullets at peaceful demonstrations and at least 20 people have been killed by security forces, according to international groups. Mozambican rights groups say the death toll is much higher.

under the constitution.

#### **DANCE-RHYTHM**



#### Isabelle Martins and Ryan Bedard of the US perform during the ice dance-rhythm dance event at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating. Photograph: Franck Robichon/EPA

## **BIDEN ASSURES OF 'ORDERLY** TRANSITION' OF POWER

**AGENCIES** 

US President Joe Biden congratulated President-elect Donald Trump and would ensure an orderly transition of power following his victory in the presidential election.

Biden emphasized that the will of the people prevails in a democracy and that his administration will work with Trump's team to ensure a peaceful transfer of power.

In a post on X, he said, "Yesterday, I spoke with President-elect Trump to congratulate him on his victory. And I assured him that I would direct my entire Administration to work with his team to ensure a peaceful and orderly transition.



That's what the American people deserve."

Biden also praised Vice President Kamala Harris for running an inspired and positive campaign.

In a post on X, he said, "Kamala Harris is an extraordinary partner and public servant. She ran an inspiring campaign and everyone got to see something I respect so much in her her character. She gave her whole heart to the effort and she and her entire team should be proud of the cam-

paign they ran." Biden said that the Democrats accepted the choice of the Americans, that is having Trump as the President. He added that one cannot love the country only when

'Global headwinds' behind Kamala

In a post on X, he said, "The struggle for the soul of America since our very founding has always been ongoing. Campaigns are contests of competing visions. And we accept the choice the country made. You can't love your country only when you win."

Biden highlighted his commitment to fulfilling his "presidential oath and honouring the Constitution" and said that the country will witness a "peaceful transfer of power on January 20."

He further emphasised the transparency of the American electoral system and stated that the system is "honest, fair, and transparent."

## Trump names campaign manager Susie Wiles as Chief of Staff

AGENCIES FLORIDA

US President-elect Donald Trump on Thursday (local time) named his campaign manager Susan Summerall Wiles as White House Chief of Staff, his first major appointment since winning this week's election.

Her appointment was confirmed by US Vice President-elect JD Vance. "This is great news. Susie was a huge asset to President Trump on the campaign and will be a huge asset in the White House. She's also just a really good person. Onward!," Vance posted on X.



Vance said that Wiles would serve as the firstever female Chief of Staff in

the history of the US. In a statement posted on X, he said, "The 45th and 47th President of the United States of America Donald J. Trump announced today that Susan Summerall Wiles, the winning Campaign Manager for President Trump's highly successful 2024 Campaign for President, will be named President Trump's White House Chief of Staff."

"Susie Wiles just helped

greatest political victories in American history, and was an integral part of both my 2016 and 2020 successful campaigns," President Trump said. "Susie is tough, smart, innovative, and is universally admired and respected. Susie will continue to work tirelessly to Make America Great Again. It is a well-deserved honour to have Susie as the first-ever female Chief of Staff in United States history. I have no doubt that

Earlier in the day, US President Joe Biden congratulated Trump and said

she will make our country

proud," the statement fur-

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# Harris election defeat: White House

AGENCIES

White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre in her first press briefing since Tuesday's election blamed the 'global headwinds' for Democrats' loss in the Presidential elections.

On being asked if US President Joe Biden felt any responsibility for Harris's decisive loss to Presidentelect Trump, or whether he had any regrets about his decision to seek reelection or to end his candidacy in late July.

"Biden takes responsibility for the loss," Pierre said that the disruption of the supply

Canada passes motion rejecting China's



chain during the COVID-19 pandemic took a toll on several incumbent leaders around the world.

"Despite all of the accomplishments that we were able to get done, there were global headwinds that because of the COVID-19 pandemic led to disruptions in the supply chain and it had a political toll on many incumbents around the world. If you look at what happened in 2024 globally, that's what you see," she said.

She did not elaborate, and said, "We'll be mindful and leave the political analysis to the pundits. They're going to dig in, and look under the hood to see what exactly happened. But, what we saw two nights ago, was not unusual to what we have seen from the incumbents around the world on the global stage. There is going to be a lot of post-mortem analysis of what happened in the coming days, weeks, even months. And so I am going to leave those ques-

#### Putin congratulates Trump on election victory, says Moscow ready for dialogue

AGENCIES

Russian President Vladimir Putin has congratulated Donald Trump on winning the US presidential poll and said that Moscow is ready to have dialogue with the Republican president-elect.

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate him on his victory in the US presidential election. I have already said that we will work with anv head of state who is trusted by the American people," Putin said while addressing the plenary session of the Valdai International Discussion Club in Sochi on November 7.

As per Al Jazeera, these were the first public remarks from



Putin since Trump's victory. He had also praised Trump for displaying courage during the assassination attempt at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 14.

"He behaved, in my opinion, in a very correct way - courageously, like a real man," Putin said in his addressat the Valdai discussion club, Al Jazeera reported.

Putin also said that Trump's comments "about the desire to restore relations with Russia, to help end the Ukrainian crisis, in my opinion, deserves attention at least".

#### 10 Israeli soccer fans injured in mob attack in

Amsterdam

AGENCIES

ther read.

At least 10 Israeli soccer fans Palestine" attacked them in Amsterdam on Wednesday night, prompting authorities to advise Israelis in the Dutch capital not to leave their hotels. Videos circulating on social media showed masked rioters, several of whom carried Palestinian flags, kicking and punching Israelis. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel said that they were notified by the Dutch authorities that 10 Israelis were injured and that their status is not yet clear.

#### sovereignty claim over Taiwan AGENCIES CANADA

The Canadian House of Commons has passed a mowere injured when a mob tion unanimously affirming and cultural exchanges. media post that China is disof rioters shouting "Free that UN Resolution 2758 The two sides are also coltorting the meaning of UN does not grant the People's Republic of China (PRC) sovereignty over Taiwan, nor does it decide Taiwan's future involvement in the UN or other international organizations.

According to the Taipei Times, the motion, introduced by Yves Perron, president of the Bloc Quebecois, was said to have been unanimously agreed upon by all parties prior to the meeting on November 7.

While reading the motion zations, including the WHO in French, he stated that Canada and Taiwan are strengthening their relationship, with growing economic that he later wrote in a social laborating in areas such as bilateral trade, investment, technology, education,

youth exchanges, industry,

art, culture, and indigenous

peoples' affairs.

He added that the outcome is positive and aligns with Canada's foreign policy. Members of the Canadian House of Commons, he said, would continue to advocate with international allies for Taiwan's meaningful participation in global organiand the International Civil Aviation Organization.

The report further stated Resolution 2758 to justify its military activities in Taiwan's airspace and territorial waters. He also stated that Chinese President Xi Jinping is using the resolution to issue threats and bolster his claim over Taiwan.

The resolution, passed during the 26th UN General Assembly, led to the People's Republic of China (PRC) taking over the UN seat previously held by the Republic of China (ROC), which gov-

erns Taiwan. Crucially, the resolution did not mention Taiwan or the ROC by name, leaving Taiwan's political status unresolved, according to CNA.

Perron was one of two Ca nadian lawmakers who visited Taiwan in July to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China (IPAC) summit.

Last month, the European Parliament also adopted a resolution affirming that UN Resolution 2758 does not affect Taiwan's participation in the UN or other international bodies and rejected any unilateral attempt to alter the "status quo" in the Taiwan Strait as unacceptable.

## PUTIN EXPRESSES WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE WITH NEW US PRESIDENT

This week is ending on a delightful note for Trump and his supporters across the globe (including me!). Republican Donald Trump is poised to become the next President of the US following a significant electoral victory that will return him to the White House. World leaders, including Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and others, have already extended their congratulations to Trump, although the official results of the presidential election have yet to be finalized after the electors cast their vote in the month of December. The inauguration ceremony, during which Trump would officially assume the powers and duties of the presidency, is scheduled for Monday, January 20, 2025.

During his tireless campaign, Trump remained vocal about innovative economic reforms including

'Make America great again' and 'Hire in America' drives. He was also very vocal about making the immigration laws stringent to resolve multi-dimensional issues related to illegal immigrations. Trump also claimed that he would ensure Russia-Ukraine war ends at the earliest once he becomes the President of the US. He also spoke about establishing peace in the West Asian region where Israel-Hamas conflict is intensifying every day. Though Harris was acknowledged for 'right to abortion', it seems people of the US trusted Trump as in 'He will fix it'. It is also evident that he would prove to be a better leader for India than Harris for his pro-India approach in various domains. Though there were apprehensions that his claims related to economic reforms and illegal migration may negatively impact India, but this has to be looked through a pragmatic

approach. Also, Trump re-contested races in several



mains one of those very few leaders from the world who vocally condemned violence against Hindus in Bangladesh. His unconditional support to India in fighting war against terrorism and separatist forces also makes him a preferred choice for Indo-Americans in particular and

India as a nation in general. Initially Harris appeared to be gaining ground, successfully securing crucial victories in California, which boasts the highest electoral vote count at 54, and New York, which contributes 28 votes, however the situation changed in few hours. Though there were concerns regarding the potential for

uncertainty due to closely

critical swing states, Trump's unexpected victories in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Georgia, and Wisconsin, along with wins in traditionally Republican states, enabled him to secure the necessary 270 electoral votes to claim the presidency. This marks a historic moment, as Trump will be the first former president to reclaim the office in over 130 years, and at the age of 78, he will also be the oldest individual ever elected to this position.

Trump and Vance will collaborate with their transition team to facilitate the transfer of power from President Biden's departing administration. They will outline their policy priorities, initiate the vetting process for candidates who will assume significant positions within the new administration, and ready themselves to assume governmental responsibilities. During his victory rally, Trump suggested that Robert J. Kennedy Jr. might be appointed to a role related to healthcare.

Trump and his associates are also set to work on the issues pertaining to national security. Both the president-elect and the vicepresident-elect are entitled to receive mandatory security details provided by the US Secret Service. According to Trump's team, he has agreed to a customary invitation from Biden to visit the White House, facilitating a seamless transition between the two administrations. It is customary for the outgoing president to attend the inauguration of the incoming president; however, Trump opted to skip the 2021 cerTrump's victory has made

this week special not only for the US but for global affairs as well. In his initial public statements following Trump's electoral victory, Putin has expressed his admiration for the American leader's bravery during an assassination attempt that occurred at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania, on July 14. Putin remarked, "He acted, in my view, in a commendable manner-demonstrating courage akin to that of a true man." When questioned about the possibility of engaging in discussions with Trump, the Russian president affirmed his willingness by stating, "Ready." It can be considered a big twist in global politics.

Putin has also acknowledged Trump's remarks regarding the intention to mend relations with Russia and to contribute to resolving the Ukrainian crisis,

suggesting that such statements generate at least some consideration. The Kremlin had previously expressed a positive reception to Trump's assertion that he could facilitate a resolution to the conflict in Ukraine within a mere 24 hours. During his campaign for the presidency in the US, Trump had asserted that he could achieve peace in Ukraine within a mere 24 hours if he were to be elected. Though now he is expected to share his strategies he would employ to resolve the ongoing conflict, which is recognized as the largest land war in Europe since World War II.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov has also acknowledged Trump's previous statements regarding the resolution of the war in Ukraine but suggested that the new US president may have overstated the feasibility of achieving such rapid results. In the meantime,

Ukraine is actively seeking to intensify pressure on its allies for increased support in its ongoing struggle against Russia, particularly in light of Trump's electoral success. Though Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was among the first global leaders to extend his congratulations to Trump. He posted on X that they are committed to fostering ongoing communication and enhancing their collaborative efforts. He also emphasised strong and consistent leadership from the US is essential for global stability and achieving a fair

These developments generate a hope that Russia-Ukraine war comes to an end and the world rejoices peace soon. Also, I hope Trump would not repeat the mistakes he made during his previous regime and would prove to be peace-loving, progressive and inclusive leader. Wish you the best Mr. Trump!

**REVIEW: SINGHAM AGAIN \*\*\*\*\*** 

#### **SINGHAM AGAIN**



PRAVEEN NAGDA

Indian Cop Universe, a newer concept in Bollywood, developed by Rohit Shetty is an enjoyable action, crime, drama experience via the latest sequel Singham Again released after a decade of Singham Returns that came in 2014

In an interesting twist the story of Singham Again has been adapted from Ramayan. Any story based on Ramayan is always bound to generate interest among the masses, just like this film, where the script intertwines and aligns the events of the film and the Karma of characters with the events of the epic.

The cast is power packed with Ajay Devgn, Ranveer Singh, Kareena Kapoor, Arjun Kapoor, and Deepika Padukone in the lead roles, while smaller screentime but powerful appearances by Jackie Shroff and Tiger Shroff. And the cameos of Akshay Kumar (as Sooryavanshi), and Salman Khan (as Chulbul Pandey), only add to the flavour of the film.

While Arjun Kapoor in a villain role makes a good attempt but Jackie Shroff outshines him in his grandfather's role as a villain with a much smaller screentime.

The film opens with the beautiful ravines and snow-clad mountains of Kashmir, where Bajirao Singham (Ajay Devgn) captures a dreaded terrorist Omar Hafeez (Jackie Shroff). Singham now heads a newly formed Shiva Squad to counter insurgency operations and combat terrorism, which functions independent of any other machinery.

Singham's wife Avni Kamat (Kareena Kapoor) works with Ministry of Culture, where she is hosting a Ramayan Show. In her team she has an implant terrorist as a col-

league, who facilitates her abduction by Danger Lanka (Arjun Kapoor), a dreaded terrorist and the grandson of Omar Hafeez, now operating out of Sri Lanka. Story is around bringing back Avni from the clutches of Danger Lanka.

Action sequences from Ajav Devgn, Ranveer Singh as Sangram Bhalerao or Simmba, Deepika Padukone as SP Shakti Shetty, and Tiger Shroff as ACP Satya are enjoyable, and they deliver pretty much expected from them in this sequel. The narrative of 'India ghuske maarta hai dushmanon ko' and similar statements at various points in the film bring alive the current times, evoking patriotic feelings among the audience.

Simmba (Ranveer Singh) with his incorrect and funny English does a good comedy and creates many laughing moments for the audience. And not to miss are the grand sets with a large play of colours, a huge canvas of tall temples and serene sceneries, a typical Rohit Shetty style.

While the first half is a little slow, it picks up the speed only later making the post-intermission experience a roller coaster one. The second half of the film is full of energy and exuberance, it keeps you hooked, you see a lot of action and drama, and it keeps you engaged.

Anyone who has loved the Singham prequels should definitely watch Singham Again as at the rat Kohli enjoyed a low-key end of it the thrills are brunch at a popular Mumhere again to cheer you up, comical lines are here again to make you laugh, and action is here again to keep you on the edge of the seat.

Praveen Nagda is Festival Director of KidzCINEMA and CultureCinema Film

#### **CARDI B GIVES GLIMPSE OF** HER THIRD BABY'S NAME ON DIAMOND BRACELET



TDG NETWORK

Rapper Cardi B, who welcomed her third child, a baby girl on September 7 has reposted an Instagram clip of herself sporting diamond bracelets with the names of her children, reported People.

In the video, Cardi, who shares daughter Kulture Kiari Cephus, 6, son Wave Set Cephus, 3, and a 2-month-old daughter with estranged husband Offset, showed the bracelet while putting the finger on the name of her newborn to cover it.

The stunning piece of jewellery featured the names "Kulture" and "Wave," while the bottom bracelet could be seen to include the letters "B" and "L." However, the full name was completely not visible.

"Ya'll can't see my daughter's name yet," she said. "So I gotta hide the last one. Just know the whole..." "Yeah," she added before revealing the letters "O" and "M" in the bracelet.

"New Wrist @iamcardib #ShouldaWentToElliot, " Elliot Eliantte's Instagram caption read," reported People.

"Shoulda went to... @ eliantte," Cardi wrote as she shared the post on her Instagram Stories.

#### **PICTURE PERFECT**

Janhvi posing for her social media saying, 'Felt like eating some cassata but wore one instead". (Instagram)



## KL RAHUL, ATHIYA TO BECOME PARENTS SOON, **ANNOUNCE PREGNANCY WITH A CUTE POST**

TDG NETWORK MUMBAI

ricketer KL Rahul and actress Athiya Shetty will soon embark on the journey of parenthood.

On Friday, the couple took to their respective Instagram handles and announced their pregnancy.

They dropped a note which read, "Our beautiful blessing is coming soon. 2025 (baby feet emojis)."

The beautiful note also features a clip art of evil eye. As soon as the couple shared the news, netizens flooded the comment section with congratulatory

wishes. Actor Rakul Preet Singh commented, "Omgggggg congratulations!!! So so happppy for you guys."

"Congratulations my dar-

Star couple-actress Anush-

ka Sharma and cricketer Vi-

On Thursday, Benne, lo-

cated in the Bandra area of

Mumbai, shared several pic-

tures from the couple's visit.

ed the pictures on her Insta-

gram handle on Friday.

Anushka Sharma repost-

In the first photo, Anush-

ka and Virat posed with the

cafe's staff, both looking

casual yet chic. Anushka

sported khaki pants paired

with a white t-shirt and an

oversized shirt, while Virat

kept it simple in a white

The couple seemed re-

laxed and in good spirits,

clearly enjoying their time

away from the spotlight.

shirt and cap.

bai cafe on Thursday.

**TDG NETWORK** 



ling so happy for you both," actor Shibani Dandekar

Athiya's close friend Akansha Ranjan Kapoor dropped a string of red heart emojis in the comment section.

KL Rahul and Athiya ex-

23, 2023. at Suniel's farm-

house in Khandala. Meanwhile, on the work front, KL Rahul will be in action during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, starting from November 22 with first Test at Perth. In order

changed vows on January to gain some match prac-

tice, KL featured in India A's second unofficial Test against Australia A at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), though he failed to make a mark in both innings, scoring 4 and 10 re-

#### Anushka Sharma, Virat Kohli enjoy Mumbai brunch date to the image via Photoshop. The caption accompany-

ing the image read: "POV: The one day you miss school. Dinesh was very sad he wasn't on shift today, so we photoshopped him.' This lighthearted attempt

to include an absent staff member, quickly captured the internet's attention, with many finding the Photoshop both endearing and funny. The cafe's caption played on the theme of missing out on something special, making a relatable ioke about how the staff member missed meeting the celebrity couple.

Fans flocked to the comment section, expressing sympathy for Dinesh. One commenter wrote, "Dinesh is the kid that skips school one day and something cool happens on that exact

image in the post that quickly went viral. The photo showed Anushka and Vi-

rat standing alongside the entire cafe staff--except for

# **BRAIN PICKING**

I think a woman should be wholesome, voluptuous and sizzling!



-VIDYA BALAN

(Indian Actress)

#### **BIGG BOSS 18: VIVIAN DSENA GETS** SCHOOLED BY EKTAA KAPOOR ON SHUKRAVAAR KA VAAR



TDG NETWORK MUMBAI

In a recent episode of 'Bigg Boss 18', producer Ektaa R Kapoor, took over the hosting duties from Salman Khan, who is currently busy shooting for his upcoming film Sikandar. Kapoor didn't hold back as she schooled the housemates during the Shukravaar Ka Vaar episode, with actor Vivian Dsena being her main target.

During the show, Ekta confronted Vivian for his attitude towards other housemates. She reminded him of her role in launching his career and expressed her right to ask him questions.

"Vivian, mujhe itna toh haq hai ki aapke launch karne ke baad, aapse kuch sawal mai khud kar sakun,"

The discussion heated up when Ekta further guestioned Vivian's pride in his 10-year career, saying, "Agar aapne 10 saal kaam kiya, toh kya? Ghar ke saare log aapko pedestal pe chadha de?" When Vivian tried to justify his actions, Ekta hit back, saying, "Toh phir yeh kaam ka ghamand aap kisko dikha rahe hai?'

Earlier, Colors TV took to its official Instagram account to announce that Ektaa Kapoor and filmmaker Rohit Shetty will be arriving as special guests for the Weekend Ka Vaar episode.

The caption read, "Dhamaake honge bahut bade iss baar, kyunki aa rahe hai kuch khaas mehmaan karne Weekend Ka Vaar."

The episode premieres at 10 PM on Colors TV and is also available for streaming on JioCinema.

#### **KAJOL UNLEASHES HER INNER** CHILD AS SHE PLAYS WITH SON OF ISHITA DUTTA-VATSAL SHETH



TDG NETWORK

Bollywood star Kajol surely knows how to bond with children. Her latest Instagram post is proof of this fact.

On Thursday, she took to Instagram and shared an adorable snap with the son of actors Ishita Dutta and Vatsal Sheth.

In the image, she could

Kajol and Ajay Devgn share a close relationship with Ishita and Vatsal Sheth. They have often been spotted together at festivals and important events.

They recently celebrated Diwali together. Vatsal uploaded pic-

tures from their Diwali celebration with Ajay and Kajol to Instagram. The

Kajol and Ajay Devgn share a close relationship with Ishita and Vatsal Sheth. They have often been spotted together at festivals and important events.

be seen making goofy expressions as she plays with Vaayu.

Sharing the picture, Kajol wrote a caption, "Height to same hai lekin bada kaun hai."

Her post is flooded with heartfelt reactions.

"How cute," a social media user commented. "Lovely photo," another

Yeh Rishtey Hain Pyaar Ke actor wrote, "Diwali vibes are still glowing strong!" Both Vatsal and Ishita have worked with Ajay Devgn in films. Vatsal has shared screen space with Ajay in Taarzan: The Wonder Car. On the other hand, Ishita

worked with Ajay in the

'Drishyam' franchise.

#### However, it was the fourth one person, who was added DEEPIKA PADUKONE, RANVEER SINGH STEP **OUT FOR FIRST TIME WITH DAUGHTER DUA**

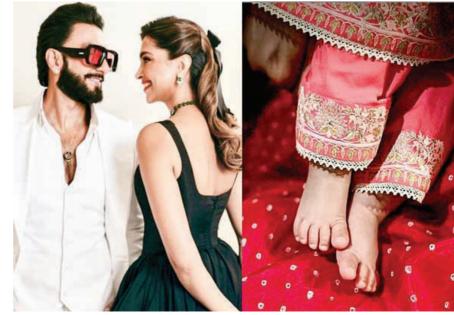
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One of Bollywood's most loved couple Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh, recently made their first public appearance with their newborn daughter, Dua.

The trio was seen together in Mumbai on Friday, as they headed to a private airport in Kalina. This outing was particu-

larly special, as it was the first time the couple had been seen in public since welcoming their daughter in early September.

The family moment quickly went viral on social media, with fans of the couple sharing their joy over this adorable display of parent-



In photographs, Deepika, dressed casually in a relaxed printed dress, cradled her

little girl in a front baby carrier. Meanwhile, Ranveer kept it casual in a vibrant

pink hoodie, paired with his signature oversized glasses and a laid-back man bun.

## GOING WITHIN AND GOING BEYOND



ERIC LE RESTE

here are many times when we are involved in scenes and situations that we would rather not be in, and the feeling is to go beyond all the complications and be free. However, before we can go beyond it all, and still deal with everything efficiently, we first need to go within, and explore what is going on inside.

Going within is like exploring the different levels in a house. The ground floor level is where we are seen and where we are involved in the here and now. But, like many houses, there are further levels below that – basements –

and to find the deepest parts of ourselves, we need to explore what lies beneath.

The first level, or basement,

is where we hear the noise of the echoes of what has been experienced on the outside; all the ramifications of the scenarios we are wanting to go beyond. This is the level where we have questions such as 'What?' and 'Why?' and where we may be criticising or appreciating, but there is a lot of chatter because this level is occupied by a great many people. It is also where our memories are; pictures on the walls, all the good moments, all the bad ones it is pretty busy down there. However, while all of this is perfectly normal, it is not the very quiet place we want to be in when we meditate.

It can happen that when we take time to meditate, we just get stuck there, with all the noise. Some people find meditation difficult because they do not like that noise at all and rather than go down to a deeper level, they want to go outside again, turn on



Meditation, or going within, is really understanding how to peel off layers of thinking.

the TV or the radio, surf the internet, because they do not know how to sort out all the stuff in the first basement. The problem with that is that we are then creating even

more noise in the basement, so there is less likelihood of wanting to be there.

If we have patience and the elevated desire to 'get to the bottom' of things, then we

can access the second layer, the sub-basement. This is where I can connect with my purpose, my spiritual objectives, the beliefs I hold dear, and can measure those against what is happening up there on the ground level. It is not busy on this level, but it requires a certain degree of light to see what is there, and this depends on the clarity we have about our objectives. For example, if one of my spiritual objectives is to be a master of the self, and free from defects, then I can look at the echoes and how I want to deal with it all, and how I want to see myself in the long run.

That space of thinking takes me deeper, to understand where I am going and in what manner I want to get to my destination. The deeper we go, the more light we need, and so we have to bring our own light of clarity about what is really important to us.

There is yet another layer, the deepest one, that is a very different state of awareness. This is the level beyond purpose, and is like hearing the call of the original self. It is not a self I can experience today, but it is the one that was recorded for eternity, the deepest part of the soul, the original, eternal state of the soul, the state of perfection. Perfection like the purest stream of water with no impurities. It contains the

essence of all spiritual virtues. This state is not an easy level to remain in for long, because the slightest noise will take us back up to the surface again and we cannot go straight to that level without spending time in the other ones.

The practice of going within is really understanding how to peel off layers of thinking. Accessing the deep levels of the self creates something a million times more beautiful than we could ever envisage, if we just try sorting out the mess in the basement.

Going within is so essential for our spiritual practice, and no changes I make in my behaviour will be permanent without that, because the roots will not be deep enough to uphold what I build as I start to develop spiritually.

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## Finding our deeper purpose



INDU GULLIANI

At some point in each one's life, the question arises, 'why am I here?' Each one of us feels the need to have some kind of purpose in life, and those who find their 'raison d'etre', are very lucky. Whether or not we consciously become aware of our purpose, there is a reason for being alive on this earth, and being where we are and who we are with.

Of course, as life goes on, our personal goals and aims, our temporary purposes, change. When we are young, we have a career to study and work for. When we are older, we have families to raise. These purposes occupy a great deal of our time, and when the job is secured and the family leave home, there is often a sense of having lost our purpose. However, each stage of life is precious and prepares us for the next phase, our further purpose.

Despite all these necessary preoccupations in life,

within each one there lies a deeper purpose - one of spiritual growth and realisation. To access this deeper purpose, the practice of meditation is invaluable. In the silence and calm of meditation, our purpose becomes clear. Those who have the fortune of this understanding, can then focus, concentrate, and work towards fulfilling that purpose—by applying spiritual principles, and endeavour each day to step that bit

closer to fulfilment.

One of the most important aspects of the journey is to take great care of our thoughts. Negative thoughts will attract negative responses. Positive and elevated thoughts attract positive and elevated situations and people into our lives. When we think too much, worry too much, we lose our sense of purpose. So, there are three things we can pay attention to:

1.Protect the self from negativity. Whatever negativity we allow to go 'in' to our minds will affect us far more than we realise. That is why those who meditate avoid watching too much television or spending time with people who drain our energy, because they are continually looking on the dark side of life. Centres of meditation are special places to spend time in. They hold vibrations of the highest kind, and meditation is easier there. There



Finding our deeper purpose helps us grow spiritually.

are others to meet who understand the value of positivity and conversations are light and helpful.

2.Increase emotional stability by avoiding being affected and upset by small or imagined hurts and difficulties. Dadi Janki, the late Administrative Head of the Brahma Kumaris, was once asked, at the age of 100 years, what her aim was. She replied 'to remain peaceful in all situations' –

a truly powerful purpose. 3.Maintain good relationships whatever happens. That is not as easy as it

ships whatever happens. That is not as easy as it sounds, nor is it always possible. What is possible, is that any damage to a relationship that I am aware of, is nearly always repairable, and that should always be part of my spiritual purpose.

Everyone has their own purpose, whether they have become aware of it or not. It is not our place to judge the purpose, or even the apparent lack of purpose, of those around us. I must keep my own purpose in mind, help others as far as possible on their own journeys, and remain in my natural, eternal state of peace, whatever the challenges I face. In meditation I can find and follow my purpose, in meditation I can surrender the outcome

to the Supreme Being, and

keep the destination in mind. Every journey has side scenes, those are not for me to try to change, become involved with, or even spend too much time thinking about. I notice the side scenes, and with good wishes wave farewell, as I move ahead on my own journey.

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## A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

When I fill my mind with the light of love, peace and happiness I transform it into a sacred space, free from sorrow. Then my very being serves. What I AM is what I give the world. This is true service. I don't DO service. I AMaserver. Others around me can pick up positive vibrations to uplift them. Today let me honour the value of filling my mind with positive energy and radiate it to the world.

## Think of the reality you want



CHIRYA RISELY

Our destiny is created by the power of our thoughts. This is the power of the mind, because it is the mind that creates the world we experience. Meditation teaches us to accept where we are at the moment, and to use the power of thought to create tomorrow. Create the thoughts needed

for the reality that we want to experience.

When I create powerful thoughts and repeatedly think them each day, they become my reality in the same way that weak thoughts that I have consistently reiterated, year in and year out, have brought me to where I am, perhaps feeling stressed and anxious. We do not just have to accept the truth of this, we can experiment, try it out, and see what starts to change.

#### THE THOUGHTS WE CAN CREATE ARE:

- 'I am a powerful being. I consciously choose positive
- responses before speaking.'

   'I am always calm and stable.'
- 'I am always happy' (not 'I want happiness').
- 'I am fearless and confi-



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dent.'
We can create positive affirmations about habits we would like to change. If I am always late for meetings and appointments, I can begin to change that mindset by telling the subconscious mind, 'I am always on time' – and make sure that until the mindset becomes firm, I am not influenced by others still saying, 'You are always late'.

#### FOR GOOD HEALTH, WE CAN THINK: 'MY BODY IS PERFECT AND HEALTHY, ALWAYS'.

For acceptance: 'I accept others', 'Others accept me', 'I am loved', 'My relationships are based on respect and trust', 'My family is united.'
For forgiveness: 'I forgive', 'I let go.'

The two most powerful

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times to practise these positive affirmations are before going to sleep and upon waking. It is good to take great care of the thoughts we have before sleeping and upon waking. Technology, phones, computers are best used at other times of the day. It is best to set aside media for a time, before sleeping and on waking.

An attitude of gratitude is a very powerful thing. Listing the things we are grateful for is really beneficial. Having gratitude for all the skills and attributes we have, for all the friends and family, for nature that surrounds us, and our health and well-being. Before

each meal, we can have a moment of real gratitude for how it was grown, all the work that went into the production, delivery, and preparation of the food. When I cook food, I can create powerful and nourishing thoughts and good wishes for those who will eat it. The same is true for the water we drink. These mindsets work to make our reality one we feel safe and comfortable in, and they work even if we do not believe in them. Practising these affirmations and mindsets daily begins a chain reaction that creates the reality we want to experience. The more we do this, the more firm and beautiful our reality becomes.

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**STRESS REDUCTION** 

The emotional strain

of infertility can elevate

preparing for IVF.

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## PRE-IVF WELLNESS: HOW LIFESTYLE CHOICES CAN BOOST FERTILITY SUCCESS

DR SHEETAL JINDAL

'n vitro fertilization (IVF) is a transformative medical breakthrough, offering new hope for couples facing infertility. Yet, the path to success involves more than the procedure itself. The body's preparedness for fertility treatment is crucial in influencing IVF results. The lifestyle choices made before starting IVF have a powerful impact on fertility. Focusing on pre-IVF wellness means adopting healthier habits that prime the body for conception. This includes nourishing the body with proper nutrition, staying physically active, and steering clear of harmful substances. When these factors are addressed, couples increase their likelihood of a successful pregnancy and enjoy a more seamless IVF experience.

#### **ALCOHOL CON-SUMPTION**

Excessive alcohol intake is a well-established risk factor for infertility in both men and women. A systematic review from 2017 highlights that consuming more than 12.5 grams of alcohol daily can impair female fertility by disrupting hormonal balance and ovulatory cycles. For men, the effects of alcohol are similarly detrimental, with studies showing a direct link between alcohol consumption and an increased preva-

morphology. Reducing or eliminating alcohol before starting IVF can enhance reproductive health, improving both egg and sperm quality. **IMPACT OF SMOK-**

Smoking is a detrimental habit that significantly undermines fertility. In women, it hastens the depletion of eggs and disrupts hormonal balance, leading to irregular ovulation. For men, heavy smoking results in lower sperm count, decreased



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hormonal regulation, disrupting ovulation and compromising egg quality. Even a modest weight reduction—around 5% to 10%—can enhance fertility by restoring regular ovulatory cycles. For men, obesity poses chal-

diet plays a key role in boosting fertility by promoting hormonal equilibrium and overall reproductive wellness. Antioxidant-rich foods, such as vibrant fruits and vegetables, safeguard eggs and sperm

stress levels, which in turn adversely affects fertility. Persistent stress interferes with hormonal balance, causing irregular menstrual cycles in women and decreasing sperm quality in men. Engaging in

stress-reducing practices like yoga, meditation, or mindfulness can boost mental health and support reproductive function. Cultivating a

peaceful and supportive

environment before and

during IVF can greatly

improve the likelihood of

a successful pregnancy.

#### **SLEEP AND FERTIL-**

Sleep is a critical, yet often underestimated, component of fertility. Irregular sleep patterns can cause hormonal imbalances, interfering with ovulation in women and sperm production in men. Focusing on proper sleep hygiene leading up to IVF can notably boost fertility, enhancing the likelihood of a successful pregnancy for both partners.

Dr Sheetal Jindal-MBBS, MD OBG, EPHM (IIM



motility, and increased sperm DNA damage. Evidence supports that quitting smoking can quickly enhance fertility, offering a clear path to improved

reproductive health. Caffeine Consumption Caffeine, often consumed in coffee, tea, and energy drinks, can

pose risks to fertility when consumed in high amounts. Studies suggest that women who regularly consume more than 200-300 milligrams of caffeine per day are at a higher risk of delayed conception and miscarriage. Similarly, men who consume high levels of caffeine may experience a decline in sperm quality. Reducing caffeine intake to moderate levels or switching to decaffeinated beverages can help optimize the chances of success in IVF cycles.

**WEIGHT MANAGE-**

Achieving and maintaining a healthy weight is a fundamental aspect of fertility, especially for women. A higher body mass index (BMI) can double the difficulty in conceiving compared to those within a healthy weight range. Excess weight interferes with

and testosterone production, emphasizing the need for both partners to prioritize weight management in their fertility efforts.

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#### **NUTRITIONAL BAL-**

A nutrient-dense

from oxidative damage. Incorporating healthy fats, particularly omega-3 fatty acids found in fish and nuts, can remarkably enhance the quality of both eggs and sperm. Focusing on a well-rounded diet that prioritizes whole grains, lean proteins, and plant-

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## The impact of PCOS on fertility: Advanced treatment strategies beyond lifestyle changes



DR. AMBIKA DATTA

Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) is a hormonal disorder that affects women of childbearing age. It leads to hormonal imbalances which may result in problem conception and can cause other health problems. But, he said PCOS can be controlled by modifying some lifestyles, which in turn can enhance its signs and fertility. In this article, you will learn about PCOS. how it impacts fertility and ways on how to deal with it through diet and exercise.

#### **WHAT IS PCOS?**

PCOD is a syndrome where amounts of androgens (male sexual characteristic hormones) are produced in the ovaries interfering with the monthly periods. Common symptom of PCOS in women include missed or irregular periods as well as frequent break ups in ovulation thus complicating chances of conceiving. It is sometimes associated with one's Shaun called insulin resistance, where the body is unable to process Insulin properly. This results in high levels of insulin which leads to increased production of androgens by the ovaries and therefore creates

problems of ovulation hence PCOS symptoms such as weight gain, acne and hairiness. **HOW PCOS AFFECTS** 

The main factors include irregular or absence of ovulation by women with PCOS and hence are unable to predict their fertile days accurately. If pregnant, women with PCOS have hormonal fluctuations which can lead to unwanted pregnancies, miscarriages, gestational diabetes, and preeclamp-

#### SYMPTOMS OF PCOS **PCOS** symptoms vary but often include:

- Irregular or missed
- Weight gain, especially around the abdomen
- Acne or oily skin • Excess hair growth on the face or body (hirsutism)
- Thinning hair on the scalp

 Difficulty conceiving If you notice these symptoms, it's important to consult a healthcare professional for diagnosis and management.

#### **MANAGING PCOS THROUGH LIFE-**

STYLE CHANGES PCOS is a chronic illness for which there is currently no cure, but its treatment can include removing some of inflammatory triggers that have been identified to cause the condition with a massive improvement in menstrual cycles and fertility. Here are some practical strategies:

#### 1. MAINTAIN A **HEALTHY WEIGHT**

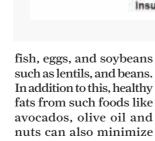


loss may well help in reestablishing hormonal balance and by this way help to produce ovulation. Research indicates that achieving weight loss of 5-10 % guarantees them a regular menstrual cycle and fertility as well.

In order to attain correct weight loss and gain control on insulin levels, one must exercise at least thirty minutes a day. And Stay consistent with it.

#### 2. FOLLOW A **BALANCED DIET**

Diet control is an important part of the treatment in PCOS. On this diet, there are lots of AL-**LEGIANT Fiber because** fiber-rich foods such as whole grains, vegetables, fruits, and legumes are good for stabilizing blood sugar due to their slow digestion. Skip the sweets, candy, soda, cake, white flour products, as these foods make insulin resistance much worse. That is why it is recommended to use complex carbohydrate foods like brown rice, quinoa and oats among others. Choose meats that are low in fat,



#### 3. MANAGE STRESS

inflammation and balance

hormones.

Hormonal fluctuations of stress also negatively impact women with PCOS as stress prolongs this problem and deepens. Stress has to be kept under control and this implies the need to relax.

Specific methods include; Yoga & meditation. Deep breathing exercises. Relaxation should be another domain of activity planning: therefore, planning should include reading, going for a walk or pursuing other hobbies.

#### 4. GET ENOUGH

It is well known that sleep quality meets all the requirements for the effective treatment of PCOS. Sleeping is crucial and lack of it may make

resistance and weight increase as well as the desire for evile foods worse. As individuals should attempt to get 7-8 hours of sleep every night, Set a sleep schedule, Avoid the consumption of caffeine products and Minimize the use of electronic devices close to bedtime.

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#### **PRACTICAL DAILY**

**TIPS** To better manage PCOS symptoms, consider these simple day-to-day habits:

Stay active throughout the day: Integrate regular, light exercise like walking around the office, or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Hydrate: Avoid taking foods that include a lot of diets and sugary snacks and drink more water in order to control your hunger pangs.

• Plan meals: It will help to cook balanced, healthy meals in advance to have no excuses to order fast

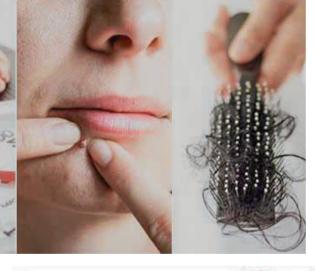
food. • Engage in self-care: Spend time clearing some of your activities off so that you make some time for relaxation in order to take care of your mental health.

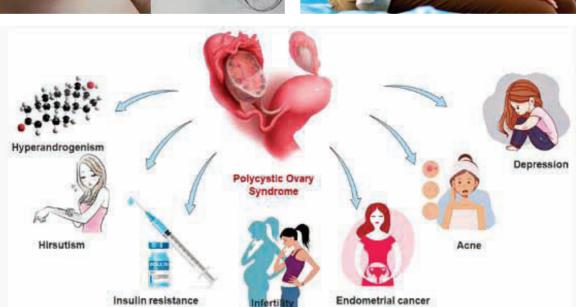
#### **CONCLUSION: MAN-AGING PCOS WITH** LIFESTYLE CHANG-**ES**

As much as PCOS may seem like a difficult disorder, it is actually one that can be lived with as long as one is willing to make those all-important changes to their lifestyle. Avoiding weight gain, eating right, reducing stress levels, and sleeping well are interventions that help to ameliorate PCOS and promote fertility. Protirocks have shown major differences between small, consistent changes to your normal schedule.

If you think you have PCOS or if you're having difficulty conceiving, talk to your doctor about a potential action plan. PCOS can be said to be controllable with certain interventions and modification of certain traits; the quality of the life can be enhanced and the chances of conceiving may also increase.







## MUMBAI CLOSE IN ON BIG WIN AGAINST **ODISHA AFTER IMPOSING FOLLOW-ON**

umbai closed in on a big win de-spite Odisha's stoic resistance with the bat as the defending champions reduced the visitors to 126/5 at stumps on Day Three after imposing follow-on, in their Ranji Trophy Group A encounter here on Friday.

Odisha were trailing by another 191 runs as a defeat by an innings loomed large despite their stoic resistance making Mumbai toil here at the Sharad Pawar Cricket Academy Ground.

Resuming at 146 for five in reply to Mumbai's massive 602 for four declared, Odisha made the Mumbai bowlers work hard for nearly 95 overs in the first innings, and after Ajinkya Rahane asked them to follow-on as the hosts took a 319-run lead, the response was no different.



Sandeep Pattanaik led the fight for Odisha in the first innings with a fine 187-ball 102 laced with 11 fours and four sixes and he was ably supported by the lower-order batters after the special-

ists disappointed. However, the right-handed Pattanaik could only make 39 (45 balls, 6 fours, 1 six) in the second essay before being dismissed by leftarm spinner Shams Mulani (1/26), who took 6/115 in the

first innings.

On a pitch assisting turn and bounce but largely favourable to batters due to grass cover, young rightarm off-spinner Himanshu Singh, who copies R Ashwin's bowling action, claimed 3/45 in the second essay with great control after his 3/53 in the first innings. At stumps, wicketkeeper-batter Aashirwad Swain (46 not out) was holding one front.

Mulani expressed delight on taking his 14th five-for in First-Class cricket, he admitted his disappointment in not getting a chance with the India A side currently playing in Australia.

"It is disappointing. But that is how life is, a lot of people don't get selected who should get selected. My job is to keep on bowling and help my team and keep (up) the standards," he told media after stumps.

"There is a storm inside me but not many can see it. I have to keep grinding over here, on tough tracks to bowl on, bowling 30-35 overs so that I can showcase my fitness as well."

"It feels really good to pick up a fifer after a very long time. Normally it was not the case; I was taking 3-4 wickets and finally I have got a fifer. It was very important for me personally and for the team as well, we and we are moving in the right direction," he said. In Pune, Maharashtra were placed precariously as they reached 52 for three chasing 339 to win, needing another 287 against Services. The visitors had folded for 230 in the second innings after earning a 108-run lead, thus setting a stiff target for the hosts at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Gahunje.

In Agartala, Tripura were leading by 210 runs at the close of play in the second innings after declaring at 482 for seven in their first essay, with visitors Baroda reaching 37 for no loss.

Tripura took a huge lead of 252 runs in the first innings as each of their top five batters made fifties, which included Bikram Kumar Das (97), Jiwanjot Singh (94), Tejasvi Jaiswal (82), Sridam Paul (73) and Mandeep Singh (74 not out).

# Rauf, Ayub shine as Pakistan crush Australia in 2nd ODI to level series

to cruise swiftly towards

the target with 23 overs

remaining. Saim Ayub (82

runs from 71 balls, 5 fours

and 6 sixes) and Abdullah

Shafique (64\* runs from 69

balls, 4 fours and 3 sixes)

opened for Pakistan and

cemented a 137-partnership

and made it easy for the visi-

tors to clinch an easy victory.

The two Pakistan openers

continued to smash the Aus-

sie bowlers without facing

any trouble. Meanwhile, in

the 21st over, Adam Zampa

made the first breakthrough

Seamer Haris Rauf's breathtaking spell and batter Saim Ayub's quickfire innings propelled Pakistan to a crushing nine-wicket victory against Australia in the second ODI match to level the series at Adelaide Oval on Friday.

With the win in the second ODI game in Adelaide, the Men in Green have levelled the series against Australia by 1-1. The final ODI match on Sunday will be the decider of the series.

The win on Friday was also etched on the history books as it's Pakistan's first victory in Adelaide against Australia after 1996.

It seemed easy for Pakistan from the very first moment of the game. Mohammad Rizwan's side dominated the Aussies with the help of Rauf and Ayub.

In the first inning, it was Rauf who delivered a breathtaking spell to bundle out the Aussie batting

lineup at 163. During the run of the inning but it was too chase, Saim Ayub's knock late for the hosts to make a helped the Men in Green comeback in the game.

> Babar Azam (15 runs from 20 balls, 1 six) replaced Ayub on the crease and made a 32-run partnership with Shafique.

In the end, when Pakistan needed just one run to win the game, Babar Azam sent the ball over the mid-wicket and finished the game off in a style with a six and helped the Men in Green to clinch a nine-wicket victory.

Haris Rauf was named the Player of the Match following his staggering performance in the game.

#### Botham survives fall in crocodile-infested waters during fishing trip in Australia

TDG NETWORK

Legendary England cricketer Ian Botham survived a fall into crocodile-infested waters during a fishing trip in Australia.

The English cricket icon was rescued by former Australian cricketer Merv Hughes. England's Barmy Army, the fan club of the England cricket team, posted on X: "Ian Botham survived a fall into crocodileinfested waters on a fishing trip in Australia. Thankfully,

he was rescued by his close friend Merv Hughes. Glad you're OK, @BeefyBotham." Botham, regarded as one of the greatest all-rounders of all time, represented England in 102 Tests, scoring 5,200 runs at an average of 33.64, with 14 centuries and 22 fifties in 161 innings. His highest score was 208.

Botham also took 383 wickets in his Test career at an average of 28.40, with best bowling figures of 8/34. He ranks as the third-highest wicket-taker for England in Tests.



## Aus A solidify hold over 2nd unofficial Test as half of India A side dismissed

TDG NETWORK

A dominant bowling performance from Australia A loosened India A's hold on the second unofficial Test between both sides at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) on Friday.

At the end of day 2 action, India A was 73/5, with Dhruv Jurel (19\*) and Nitish Kumar Reddy (9\*) unbeaten.'

The day two started with Australia A at 53/2, with Marcus Harris (26\*) and Sam Konstas (1\*) unbeaten.

Khaleel Ahmed struck early on day two, removing Konstas for three, trapping him leg-before-wicket. Australia A was 58/3.

Pacers Prasidh Krishna and Mukesh Kumar also (13\*) and Beau Webster (5\*). Half of the side was back in the hut for 84 runs.

Marcus and wicketkeeper-batter Jimmy Peirson



Australia A was all out for 223 runs, leading by 62 runs in reply to India A's first innings score of 161 runs.

put on a fine partnership, run effort was undone by Krishna, who removed Peirson for 30 in 70 balls with five fours. Australia A

Krishna went on to retaking the team beyond move a well-set Harris (74 struck in quick succession, the 100-run and 150-run in 138 balls, with five fours) removing Oliver Davies mark. However, their 68- and Scott Boland (O). Australia A was 167/8.

Corey Rocchiccioli and Nathan McAndrew put on a half-century stand, taking Australia A beyond 200-

run mark. The partnership ended at 56 runs, with Corey dismissed for 35 in 28 balls, with three fours and two sixes by Mukesh. Australia A was all out for 223 runs, leading by 62 runs in reply to India A's first innings score of 161 runs.

Krishna (4/50) and Mukesh(3/41) were the top wicket-takers for India. Also, Khaleel took two wickets.

With India given a task to overcome this slender lead, they got off to a poor start, losing half the side for 56 runs.

KL Rahul (10), Abhimanyu Easwaran (17), among others. Sai Sudharsan (3), skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad (11) and Devdutt Padikkal (1) posting poor scores. India A ended the day with a small 11 run lead. Brief scores: Australia rich wrestling heritage, with ciation to make this cham-A: 223 (Marcus Harris traditional bouts and local 74, Corey Rocchiccioli 35) trail India A: 161 and 73/5 (Dhruv Jurel 19\*, Abhimanyu Easwaran 17, Beau Webster 2/14).

#### Wrestling: Bengaluru to host Senior National Championship from Dec. 6

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The Karnataka Wrestling Association (KWA) is set to host the upcoming 2024 Senior National Wrestling Championship in Bengaluru from December 6 to 8. This prestigious event will showcase India's top wrestlers, including Olympic Bronze Medallist Aman Sehrawat, U-20 World Wrestling Champion Antim Panghal, Sujeet, Deepak Punia, Reetika Hooda, Sonam, Radhika, Manisha, Bipasha, Priya, Udit, Chirag, Sunil Kumar, and Narinder Cheema,

For the first time, this marquee national championship will take place in the southern state of Karnataka, marking a revival of the sport in the region. Karnataka has a competitions historically attracting enthusiastic crowds. The forthcoming championship aims to rekindle this legacy and inspire a new generation of wrestlers. The event will be held at

the Koramangala Indoor Stadium under the aegis of the Wrestling Federation of India and is expected to feature over 1,000 participants and officials from 25 affiliated state member units, as well as the Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) and the **Services Sports Promotion** Board (SSPB). Competitions will span three disciplines: Freestyle, Greco-Roman, and Women's Wrestling.

"The Wrestling Federation of India is proud to bring the Senior National Wrestling Championship to Karnataka for the first time. All of India's top wrestlers will participate in this event, and we are excited to work alongside the Karnataka Wrestling Assopionship a success," said Sanjay Singh, President of the Wrestling Federation of India, according to a press release from the Karnataka Wrestling Association.

## Korean Masters: Kiran George marches into men's singles semi-finals

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Indian shuttler Kiran George advanced to the semifinals of the ongoing Korea Masters badminton tournament with a decisive win over Japan's Takuma Obayashi on Friday.

According to Olympics. com, George claimed victory with a score of 21-14, 21-16 in the men's singles event in Iksan City, South Korea.

The 24-year-old, currently ranked world number 41 in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings, took



just 39 minutes to defeat world number 34 Obayashi in the quarterfinals of the BWF Super 300 tourna-

The Indian maintained control from the outset, establishing a 5-1 lead and holding onto his advantage to clinch the opening game.

The second game was more competitive, with both players exchanging the lead George, the only Indian com-

TDG NETWORK multiple times. However, peting in the tournament, secured the final four points to win the match and reach his first semifinal of the year. In the round of 16, George had stunned third-seed Chi Yu Jen from Chinese Taipei. He will now face Paris Olympics 2024 silver medallist and top seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand in the semifinal clash on Saturday.

## Kush Maini completes another successful Formula 1 test, inches closer to F1 dream

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India's motorsport sensation, Kush Maini was back in action on Thursday at the Lusail International Circuit in Qatar.

The young driver took to the track as part of his Formula 1 testing with the BWT Alpine F1 team who are coming off a double podium from the weekend's Grand Prix at Sao Paulo. Yesterday's test marked the fourth one for Maini in the last 6 months. He has now tested with the team in their Formula 1 car



in Austria, Italy, Abu Dhabi and Qatar.

The multiple-day test at Oatar's brand-new circuit marked Maini's first time

racing on the track, where he will be back in action shortly for the last leg of his Formula 2 season. Maini was back in his F1 car

Abu Dhabi at the Yas Marina Circuit where he had another stupendous showing. His consistency with the BWT Alpine F1 team car has made him a top contender for the reserved seat for the Enstone-based outfit. With three confirmed grad-

a few weeks after his test in

uates into F1 from this year's F2 class, Kush Maini could be another addition to this supremely talented pool in the near future.

Later this month, Kush will be returning to Qatar for his Formula 2 race.

Manchester United secured its first win in Europe in more than a year by beating PAOK 2-0 in the Europa League on Thursday.

Two second-half goals from Amad Diallo sealed the victory at Old Trafford and boosted United's hopes of progressing in the competition, while Tottenham's 100% start was ended by a 3-2 loss at Galatasaray.

United's last win in Europe was against Copenhagen in the Champions League on Oct. 24 last year, but that run came to an end after Diallo's double.

The winger's looping header beat PAOK goalkeeper Dominik Kotarski in the 50th minute and he followed that up with a deflected shot from outside the area that nestled into the bottom corner in the 77th.

It's two wins from three games for United under interim head coach Ruud van Nistelrooy, who has one more match — against Leicester on Sunday — before handing over to Ruben Amorim.

It is not clear if there will be a role for the Dutchman



Europa League: Man U end winless run

in Europe, Galatasaray beat Tottenham

after his temporary reign, but he is doing what he can to ensure that United is in the best possible position for when Amorim takes

Erik ten Hag was fired last week after a woeful start to the campaign left the team in 14th place in the Premier League and without a win in Europe's secondary competition the Europa League.

Amorim was quickly hired in his place, but it has been left to Van Nistelrooy to fill the gap while the Portuguese serves a notice period at Sporting Lisbon.

He has delivered wins in the English League Cup and the Europa League either side of a draw with Chelsea in the league.

Osimhen double Earlier, Victor Osimhen scored twice in eight minutes to help Galatasaray beat Tottenham 3-2 in Turkey.

Osimhen scored his first goal in Europe for Galatasaray after his transfer from Napoli with a precise low shot inside the right post to give the host a 2-1 lead in the 31st minute and added his second eight minutes later by heading home a curled cross from the right by Dries Mertens.

It was Tottenham's first loss in the competition after three wins. Galatasarav remains unbeaten with three wins and a draw.

Every game on Thursday was preceded by a moment of silence to honor the victims of the devastating flooding in Spain.

In Istanbul, Yunus Akgün put Galatasary ahead in the sixth minute when

Spurs failed to properly clear a free kick by Mertens and the midfielder volleyed home from outside the area past goalkeeper Fraser For-

Tottenham equalized in the 19th minute through Will Lankshear, who made only his second senior appearance for the London club and netted from close range after a cross from Brennan Johnson. However, Lankshear was later sent off for a second yellow card on the hour mark.

Substitute Dominic Solanke pulled a goal back for Tottenham with a backheel finish in the 69th.

Eintracht Frankfurt beat Slavia Prague 1-0 thanks to Omar Marmoush's secondhalf goal, while Roma was held to a 1-1 draw at Union Saint-Gilloise, another disappointing result after a 3-2 loss to Hellas Verona in Serie A over the weekend.

Rangers held last year's Conference League champion Olympiacos to a 1-1 draw in Greece.

Athletic Bilbao beat Ludogorets 2-1 to stay unbeaten with three wins and a draw, while Qarabag upset Bodø/ Glimt 3-1 in Norway to earn its first points.