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War of words follow Manmohan Singh



The mortal remains of former PM Manmohan Singh being taken to Congress headquarters for party leaders and workers to pay their last respects. PTI

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

A political row has erupted between the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Centre and Congress-led Opposition parties over a memorial for the former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh who was cremated with full State honours on Saturday in the presence of top dignitaries from India and abroad.

While the Home Ministry claimed to assure the late PM's family in a communication for a memorial in due course, the Congress, Samajwadi Party (SP) and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) demanded that the last rites should have been performed at a designated place where the Manmohan Singh's memorial could have been developed. Singh, 92, died on the night of December 26.

Simultaneously former President late Pranab Mukherjee's daughter Sharmistha too cried foul on the part of the grand old party which failed to honour the rights of Mukherjee who spent his entire life serving the Congress. The Congress alleged that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was "deliberately insulting" the first Sikh PM of the country by not designating a place for his funeral and memorial. While Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge urged

Rajghat. The BJP should refrain from presenting an inappropriate example of its narrow-minded thinking. History will never forgive them for this negative approach," he said. BSP president Mayawati said the wishes of Singh's family should be respected. "The Central government should ensure that the funeral and memorial of Dr Manmohan Singh, the country's first Sikh prime minister, are conducted at a location preferred by his family. No politics should be done on this matter and the government must honour the sentiments of Singh's family and the Sikh community." Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) also criticised the BJP for not allocating space within the Rajghat complex for the last rites of former prime minister Manmohan Singh and said that it "reflects poorly on India globally". AAP called on the BJP to clarify its stance and demanded an apology to Singh's family and the Sikh community. "Manmohan Singh, a global icon and India's only Sikh Prime Minister, was denied even 1,000 square yards of land for his cremation and memorial at Rajghat. Almost all former Prime Ministers were cremated there, but the BJP government refused this basic courtesy to Singh," said AAP National Convener Arvind Kejriwal. AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh accused the BJP of disrespecting the Sikh community and questioned the rationale behind the decision. In a statement, the Ministry of Home Affairs assured that a place would be allocated for Singh's memorial and that his family and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge had been informed. BJP President and Union Minister JP Nadda attacked Congress and the Gandhi family for getting into petty politics when the entire nation mourns the demise of Dr. Manmohan Singh.

Delhi LG orders high-level inquiry into AAP's ₹2,100 dole for women

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In a move that may once again rattle Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener Arvind Kejriwal, and his party ahead of the upcoming assembly polls, Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena ordered a high-level inquiry into the AAP led Delhi government's proposed Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana in which AAP's poll promise of Rs 2,100 to women if elected. The Lieutenant Governor also ordered that the Chief Secretary of the Delhi Government may bring the matter to the knowledge of the Election Commission of India (ECI) through the chief electoral office given that such canvassing is happening ahead of the election. "Intimidating" him and the alleged transfer of cash, in crores, from various parts of Punjab to Delhi with the Delhi Assembly elections around the corner. The Lieutenant Governor's order came in the wake of a representation from a former East Delhi Congress MP and the party's proposed opponent against former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal from the New Delhi Assembly constituency, Sandeep Dikshit, who made serious allegations against the AAP-led Delhi government and Kejriwal.



"This has reference to representation dated 25.12.2024 received from Sh. Sandeep Dikshit... he has alleged that the Chief Minister of Delhi and Sh Arvind Kejriwal have been announcing that Delhi Government is going to give every female in Delhi (above the age of 18 years) an amount of Rs 1000 per month... If AAP is elected back in the 2025 Vidhan Sabha elections, they will raise the amount to Rs 2100..." the communication from the LG's Principal Secretary to Chief Secretary Dharmendra and Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora stated. The communiqué read, "Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor has desired the Chief Secretary to get an inquiry conducted through Divisional Commissioner in the matter of collection of personal details and forms by non-government people." "Accordingly, Further, Commissioner of Police may direct the field officers to take action as per law against the person who is breaching the privacy of gullible citizens by collecting their personal details in garb of giving benefits. DCP's may be advised to take action against private individuals organizing camps for fraudulent enrollment of Government Schemes," the Lieutenant Governor's office said. Meanwhile, the AAP, in response, has alleged that the inquiry came not from the Delhi Lieutenant Governor but from the "office" of BJP leader Amit Shah. Addressing a press conference, AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal also rubbished an order by LG for enquiry into collection of details of women through registration under the scheme as "fake," saying the monetary promise was a poll announcement.



Shift Dallewal to hospital: SC gives Punjab Govt till December 31

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Saturday witnessed an unprecedented hearing on the issue of providing medical aid to Punjab farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, who is on fast-unto-death for over a month at Khanauri border seeking legal guarantee of Minimum Support Price (MSP) of crops among other demands. The hearing was conducted by a vacation bench of justices Surya Kant and Sudhanshu Dhulia, which gave time till December 31 to the Punjab Government to shift Dallewal to a nearby makeshift hospital, in an attempt to save his life.

Normally, the SC, during winter break, does not have vacation Benches to conduct urgent hearings on emergent issues, and sitting of a Bench on Saturday is unusual. The Bench pulled up the Punjab Government for allowing the situation to escalate and not complying with its earlier directions to provide medical assistance to Dallewal. Expressing helplessness, the Punjab Government said it is facing huge resistance from protesting farmers who have encircled Dallewal and are preventing him from being taken to hospital. Punjab Advocate General Gurminder Singh told the bench that a team of experts visited the protest site and tried to persuade Dallewal to shift to hospital and take medical help. "He (Dallewal) has refused any kind of medical aid, including (IV) drips, saying that it will undermine the cause of movement," he said.

Google maps misguides again: two injured in car accident

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ HATHRAS

In yet another incident of Google Maps leading travelers astray, a car accident occurred on an under-construction highway in Hathras district, leaving two people injured. The mishap took place in the Hathras Junction police station area near Vahanpur. According to the police, Bareilly residents Vimlesh Srivastava and Kushal Kumar were traveling to Mathura using Google Maps for navigation. Late at night, after passing through Sikandra Rao, they followed directions onto the under-construction Mathura-Bareilly Highway. Due to the absence of reflective boards warning about roadblocks, their car collided with a heap of stones and soil, causing significant damage. The injured duo promptly informed the police, who arrived at the scene, cleared the car from the highway, and rushed the victims to a hospital for treatment. This is not the first time Google Maps has caused inconvenience or accidents. Recently, a family from



Meerut endured hours of distress while trying to reach Saharanpur from Haridwar at night. Vinod Kumar, a resident of Meerut's Shastri Nagar, was traveling with his wife and son. Initially, their journey via Google Maps was smooth until they reached Bhagwanpur. The app then suggested a shortcut through a link road to Saharanpur. About 10 kilometers into this route, they encountered a dry but rocky stream, making it impossible to proceed. The app redirected them to another route, leading to hours of wandering in forested areas. Eventually, they managed to contact a

Highest single-day December rainfall in 101 years

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Delhiites experienced an overcast and chilly day after the city recorded the highest single-day December rainfall in 101 years. The city received 41.2 mm of rain between 8.30 am on Friday and 8.30 am on Saturday, marking the highest single-day December rainfall in 101 years. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the Capital had last recorded the highest-ever rainfall on a single day in the month on December 3, 1923, at 75.7 mm. While rain in December is not unusual, it is usually light. As per IMD data, Delhi usually sees 8 mm of rain during the month over half a day. The rain in the city over the past 24 hours is over five times that. The rains also made December 2024 the fifth-highest in terms of monthly rainfall since records began in 1901. In December 2024, Delhi logged 42.8 mm, the highest in the last 27 years when 71.8 mm of rain was seen in the month. "The cumulative 24-hour rainfall ending at 8.30am today is the second-highest since 1901 at Safdarjung. December's monthly rainfall is now the fifth-highest. The 24-



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AQI	139
MAX	15.8°C
MIN	12.7°C

hour cumulative rainfall refers to the precipitation recorded over the past 24 hours ending at 8.30am IST on the given date," the IMD official explained. The rainfall largely attributed to an active western disturbance interacting with easterly winds, transformed the usual dry chill of December into an anomaly. "The interaction between a very active western disturbance and a cyclonic circulation on the east, along with a few other factors, has brought about this unusual weather. November and December are the two driest months in Delhi. During these months, it is usually a western disturbance that brings rain to the capital. It is the different weather systems clashing that lead to heavy downpours," an

Heavy rainfall coupled with gusty winds continued to lash Delhi in the early hours of Saturday. Several areas, including Palam, Safdarjung, Lodi Road, Mehrauli, and Gurugram, reported uprooted trees, resulting in significant disruptions. In Sector-9, RK Puram, a portion of a road caved in, causing a motorcycle and a car to fall into the cavity. The last time December rains were this intense was in 1997, when the total monthly precipitation was 71.8mm. Going further back, the highest December rainfall was recorded in 1901 at 77.2mm, followed by 1967 (69.5mm) and 1936 (68.1mm). IMD classifies up to 15.5mm of rainfall in 24 hours as "light rain", 15.6-64.4mm of rainfall as "moderate", 64.5-115.5mm as "heavy rainfall" and 115.6-204.4mm as "very heavy rainfall". Delhi witnessed incessant rainfall since Friday morning causing severe waterlogging and traffic snarls in several parts, leading to the mercury dropping in the National Capital. In June this year, Delhi has recorded 228.1 mm of rain in the 24 hours in one of the wettest spells the capital has recorded causing waterlogging in several parts of the National Capital.

Kashmiriyat shines as snow envelops J and K

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

When it snowed heavily in different parts of Kashmir valley, unmatched Kashmiri hospitality and timely response of the Indian army brought much-needed cheer to the faces of stranded tourists stuck in snow-bound areas since Friday afternoon. Over 300 tourists were rescued across different locations in the last 24 hours as most parts of Kashmir valley were under a virtual whiteout. Normal life was thrown out of gear in the Union Territory as several parts of the Valley received snowfall that disrupted flight and railway operations and also led to the closure of the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway. Due to bad weather conditions, all flights at Srinagar Airport were cancelled on Saturday, a

spokesman of the Srinagar airport posted a message on X. Kashmir University also postponed all its examinations scheduled for Saturday due to the inclement weather. Fresh dates for the postponed exams will be notified separately, the University said. Moderate to heavy snowfall was recorded across Kashmir since Friday, including the season's first snowfall in Srinagar city and other plain areas of the valley. Tourists camping in Srinagar were seen enjoying snowfall in the busy Lal Chowk area and near the banks of Dal Lake. In south Kashmir, heavy to very heavy snowfall was recorded in the plains, while central Kashmir's plains received moderate snowfall. The plains of north Kashmir received light to moderate snowfall, the officials said. In

the Jammu region, higher reaches of Doda, Kishtwar and Kathua also witnessed a fresh spell of snowfall. Residents of the Gund area on the Srinagar-Sonamarg highway turned out to be real saviours when they decided to throw open the gates of Jamia Masjid late Friday night to accommodate stranded passengers from Punjab during the night. The warm hospitality and delicious food served by the locals to these tourists not only won their hearts but also sent a message of bonhomie and

mutual trust among the members of the different communities. A video of stranded passengers, relishing delicious meals inside Jamia Masjid, Gund also went viral on various social media platforms. "It was the best possible solution as the mosque has a 'hamaam', which stays warm throughout the night," said Bashir Ahmad, a resident. The tourists expressed their gratitude to the locals for their help. "We were stuck in the snow, and you came to our rescue. We are extremely thankful to all of you," one of them said. The Jamia Masjid at Gund is located less than 10 kilometres from the site of a terrorist attack in Gagangir, where six people, five non-local labourers and a local doctor, were killed in October this

year. In the South Kashmir district of Kulgam, Chinar Warriors responded to an emergency distress call to evacuate a pregnant lady from Munad village, Kulgam. Amidst heavy snowfall, the rescue team reached the location on time and the patient was evacuated to Government Hospital, Yaripora inside a JCB machine. The Indian Army also came to the rescue of stranded passengers in the famous tourist resort of Gulmarg. At least 68 civilians including eight children were safely evacuated by the army personnel from the snow-bound areas and several other passengers were provided with hot meals, shelter and medication. A family in the Kangan area of Ganderbal district also hosted stranded

passengers during the night after they were left stranded in the snowbound area. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah convened a video conference meeting with all districts across Jammu and Kashmir to review snow clearance operations and restoration of essential services following heavy snowfall in the Kashmir Valley. Police and civil administration across different district headquarters have already begun reaching out to stranded tourists, providing hot drinks and other necessities to keep them warm. While authorities launched snow clearance operations at the respective district headquarters, most of the main roads and roads to hospitals were cleared of snow, but many interior roads were still blocked, the officials said.



Resolve all claims of PESA Act within the time limit: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that all the claims presented in the PESA Act should be resolved on priority by setting a time limit, it will be reviewed in the upcoming Collector-Commissioner Conference. CM Dr. Yadav gave his approval to set up a PESA cell in the Tribal Affairs Department for the effective implementation of the PESA Act. As per the intention of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, cent percent saturation of all eligible brothers and sisters should be ensured in various beneficiary-oriented schemes under Dharti Aaba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan. He said that Madhya Pradesh is a big pro-



ducer of tendu leaves, but it is used commercially in other states. A strategy should be prepared to encourage tendu leaf collectors and various businesses related to it in the state itself and to provide its benefits to tribal brothers and sisters. Chief Minister Yadav was addressing the meeting of

the executive committee of the task force constituted for the effective implementation of Forest Rights Act and PESA Act at Samatva Bhavan (CM's residence). **Guidelines given on converting forest villages into revenue villages** Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that as per the notification

issued by the state government for converting forest villages into revenue villages, Record of Rights should be provided to the villagers soon. CM Yadav said that the officers of Forest, Revenue and Tribal Affairs Department should work in coordination at the district level. It has been decided to convert 827 out of the 925 forest villages existing in the state into revenue villages. Out of these, 792 have been converted into revenue villages and gazette notification of 790 villages has been issued so far. **Enhancing the living standards and conservation of forest areas is top priority** Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that enhancing the living standards of tribal brothers and sisters and conservation of forest areas should be given

top priority. Participation of local residents should be ensured in the conservation and management of community forest resources, along with this, activities should be expanded by involving social organisations. In the meeting, various aspects of the provisions of Madhya Pradesh Forest Rights Act and its implementation were discussed in detail. Also, as members of the executive committee, legal expert Dr. Milind Dandekar, subject expert Dr. Sharad Lele, Milind Thatte, former MLA Bhagat Singh Netam, Ram Dangore, Additional Chief Secretary Dr. Rajesh Rajoura, Ashok Barnwal, Principal Secretary Tribal Affairs Gulshan Bamra and other senior officials were present.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and BJP State President VD Sharma pay tributes to BJP stalwart leader Kushabhau Thackeray on his death anniversary, at Kushabhau Thackeray convention center in Bhopal on Saturday. Pioneer photo

CM for early preparations to prevent shortcomings

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav stated that the Global Investors Summit (GIS) is a global congregation, and there should be no shortcomings in the arrangements. With less than two months remaining, all preparations should be completed in a well-organized manner within the stipulated time. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally inaugurate GIS-2025 on February 24. Chief Minister Yadav reviewed the preparations for GIS-2025 at the Chief Minister's residence on Saturday. He emphasized focusing on core sectors during GIS and organizing activities that yield concrete results. He directed that proper arrangements be made for the accommodation, food, and transportation of all guests arriving from across the

GIS-2025

country and abroad for GIS-2025, including visits to nearby tourist attractions. Dr. Yadav instructed preparations for beautifying Bhopal city should begin on a war footing. Guests should also be informed about home-stay options. For this, the Culture, Forest, Tourism, and Local Administration departments should coordinate efforts. Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister's Office, Rajesh Rajora; Principal Secretary of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Raghendra Kumar Singh; MD of MPIDC, Chandramouli Shukla; Bhopal Commissioner, Sanjeev Singh; MD of Tourism Development Corporation, Ilaiyaraaja T.; Bhopal Collector, Kaushalendra Vikram Singh; Director of Public Relations, Anshul Gupta; and other senior officials of the

Industry Department attended the meeting. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav emphasized that GIS-2025 should be organized as a grand event that encapsulates Madhya Pradesh's rich cultural heritage, making it a cherished memory for participants. He highlighted that the year 2025 has been declared as the "Year of Industry." Dr. Yadav proposed organizing sectoral-expo or conclave every month across different divisions of the state, focusing on specific sectors like power, renewable energy, auto, agro, tourism, mining, health, education, and IT. The Chief Minister directed officials to prepare an annual departmental calendar of activities at the earliest. He also suggested an innovative approach by organizing a program involving experts, industry associations, and organizations from the industrial sector to facilitate

detailed discussions on creating a streamlined, simple, and efficient industrialization framework in the state for balanced industrial growth. Principal Secretary of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Raghendra Kumar Singh, provided a detailed presentation on the progress and future plans for GIS-2025 through a PPT. He informed that Madhya Pradesh's 8th Global Investors Summit (GIS-2025) will be organized at the Indira Gandhi National Museum of Mankind campus in Bhopal. The summit is expected to witness participation from over 20,000 attendees, and preparations are being made accordingly. The two-day global event will aim to comprehensively showcase the state's industrial ecosystem and investment opportunities at an international level.

Villagers clash over land demarcation, vehicle of Special DG's son-in-law attacked

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A major ruckus erupted in Barkheda Salam, Khajuri police station area, on Saturday afternoon during a land demarcation exercise, resulting in violence and chaos. Villagers, protesting against the land measurement, turned violent and attacked the Patwari and the land seller. Stones were pelted, and a farmer's wife consumed poison in the midst of the commotion. The land in question belongs to the son-in-law of Police Reform Cell Special DG Shailesh Singh. A Patwari had issued a notice to the opposing party to ensure the land measurement was conducted in their presence. However, the situation escalated into a dispute, with villagers attacking

the Special DG's vehicle using stones and a sickle. Upon receiving reports of the incident, a heavy police force was dispatched to the scene. Special DG Shailesh Singh also arrived later and attempted to counsel the villagers, eventually bringing the situation under control. However, the team responsible for measuring the land was initially surrounded and assaulted by the villagers. According to Khajuri Police Station In-Charge Neeraj Verma, the unrest stemmed from irregularities in the land settlement. The brother of the farmer who owns the land reportedly sold it without informing him. This discrepancy in land records is already under review in the SDM office. During the chaos, villagers accused the police of misusing their authority.

Slogans were raised against the police and the administration, and the DG's car was targeted. A policeman at the scene attempted to cover the nameplate of the DG's vehicle, but the villagers removed the cover and continued their protest. The situation worsened as women armed with sickles and daggers joined the agitated crowd. A scuffle ensued, but the police managed to separate the groups and control the violence. Villagers, however, continued to pelt stones at the DG's car and blocked attempts by the police to move it. Special DG Shailesh Singh clarified that the land belonged to his son-in-law, Gagan Gupta, and that all necessary documentation was in place. The Patwari had issued a notice to con-

duct the measurement in the presence of all parties involved. Gagan Gupta stated that the dispute escalated after the Patwari displayed anger during the proceedings. Gupta emphasized that he had purchased the land in 2023, and the title and transfer were in his name. He added that he was unaware of any internal dispute between the seller and their family, whose adjacent land might be involved. The incident highlights the persistent tensions surrounding land disputes and the challenges in resolving them. The farmer's wife who consumed poison was rushed to the hospital, and her condition remains critical. Authorities are investigating the case to address the discrepancies in the land records and ensure justice is served.



Artists display their work during a group artist painting exhibition organised by Ridhii Siddhi Art Studio, at Ravindra Bhawan in Bhopal on Saturday. Pioneer photo

National Automobile Olympiad opens; Students showcase their skills

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The two-day National Automobile Olympiad (NAO), jointly organized by the Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) and CBSE, concluded on Saturday at SCOPE Global Skills University. Students from various categories demonstrated their skills during the event, where ASDC President FR Singhvi interacted with the participants and motivated them. Winners across different groups were announced, with Aryan Jaiswal from DPS, Delhi securing the first position in Group 1 (Classes 6-8), followed by Drishti Verma and Poorbi Verma from DCM Presidency School, Ludhiana, in second and third positions, respectively. In Group 2 (Classes 9-10), the first position went to V. Sai Anish from Boaz Public School, Chennai, while Suryanshu Sundar Subudhi from DAV Public School,

Bhubaneswar, and Rituparna Barman from Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Guwahati, took second and third places. For Group 3 (Classes 11-12), Samarth Prakash from Khaitan Public School, Ghaziabad, won first place, with Vidhan Harpalani and Hitarth Sandeep Kumar from Our Own High School, Dubai, taking second and third positions. The Olympiad aimed to bridge the gap between academic education and industry needs, providing students with hands-on experience in advanced automotive technologies and challenges. Participants worked on the theme "Empowering Future Automotive Leaders", showcasing their creativity and expertise in robotics competitions, welding tasks, and presentations. ASDC experts also conducted training sessions on robotics, electric vehicles, and connected systems. The event began with a formal welcome to dignitaries, including ASDC CEO Arindam

Lahiri, Social Defense Fellow Rama Shankar Pandey, ASDC President F.R. Singhvi, SIAM Deputy Executive Director Atanu Ganguli, and Director of Sant Shiromani Ravidas Global Skills Park, Shameem Uddin. SCOPE Global Skills University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ajay Bhushan, Registrar Dr. Sitesh Kumar Sinha, and Convener Dr. Anurag Kulshrestha welcomed the guests. In his opening address, Arindam Lahiri praised the initiative, stating that the Olympiad provided a platform for Indian youth to reach new heights in the automotive sector. ASDC President F.R. Singhvi highlighted the significance of preparing the next generation of automotive leaders and reiterated ASDC's commitment to skill development aligned with industry demands. Rama Shankar Pandey emphasized the global recognition of India's auto-

mobile industry and the importance of nurturing young talent. F.R. Singhvi underlined the role of technical skills and innovation as the backbone of the industry and called such events a bridge between students and industry. Atanu Ganguli also highlighted the importance of the event. The closing ceremony included an awards distribution, honoring jury members and presenting trophies and certificates to the winners. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ajay Bhushan, in his vote of thanks, described the Olympiad as a platform to showcase India's technical potential and expressed gratitude to all participants and collaborators. Registrar Dr. Sitesh Kumar Sinha remarked that the Olympiad played a pivotal role in encouraging a new generation of automotive entrepreneurs and technical experts, setting the stage for stronger collaboration between industry and academia.

AIIMS Bhopal's Neonatology team saves prematurely born infant

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has once again demonstrated its excellence in medical research, innovation, and healthcare. Recently, a preterm newborn, born two months before the expected date, overcame significant challenges through exemplary medical care and the unwavering dedication of the mother. Born prematurely at just 30 weeks of pregnancy, in June 2024, the female infant weighed a mere 710 grams, classifying her as an extremely low birth weight (ELBW) newborn. The delivery was necessitated by high-risk pregnancy complications, including Oligohydramnios (A condition during pregnancy where there is too little amniotic fluid surrounding the fetus) and absence of Doppler flow, which prompted an urgent cesarean section. Under the expert supervision of the Department of Neonatology, the infant was provided intensive care in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for two months while being

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nourished exclusively on mother's milk, supplemented with a calcium tonic to support bone health. At six months, the infant has shown extraordinary progress, weighing 4.9 kilograms. AIIMS Bhopal ED Prof Ajai Singh highlighted the significance of this achievement and said: "This case exemplifies the synergy of advanced medical care, maternal resilience, and the unparalleled benefits of mother's milk. At AIIMS Bhopal, we remain committed to provide the highest standards of care for high-risk newborns and supporting families through every challenge. This success story underlines the critical role of comprehensive NICU care, the dedication of NICU nurses, and the life-sustaining nourishment provided by mother's milk."

Boy falls in borewell, rescue efforts on

Bhopal: Emergency operations were continuing to save the life of a ten-year-old boy after he fell into a defunct borewell in the Janjali area of Raghogarh in Guna district of Madhya Pradesh on Saturday. Rescue teams from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) said the boy was trapped at a depth of 25 feet. A National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team has also been requisitioned from the state capital to aid the rescue operation. The boy, Sumit Meena (10), a resident of Pipaliya village, went to his family's fields around 4 PM. His parents launched a search after he did not return home for several hours. Fearing the worst, the parents looked into the borewell and found him stuck in the narrow hole in the ground, with only his head visible. Villagers alerted the police, and a subsequent rescue operation was launched, with the administration pressing excavators into service to dig a parallel hole to rescue the child. Raghogarh Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Vikas Kumar Anand remained present to oversee the rescue operation. He expressed optimism about the success of the rescue mission.

Bhopal Municipal Corporation levies spot fines, fails to impress residents

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

In an effort to improve air quality and city cleanliness, the Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Saturday imposed spot penalties on builders and offenders, collecting over Rs 30,000 in fines. The penalties come amid intensified efforts by the BMC to curb particulate matter contamination in the city's air. A recent report by the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) had recorded a negative growth of these microscopic pollutants in the state capital. Even as the Air Quality Index (AQI) registered a significant improvement in the city's air on Saturday due to a shift in weather conditions, municipal employees surveyed the city and penalised polluters responsible for releasing stagnating pollutants. Those penalised on the day included persons failing to cover their under-construction civil projects with green nets, and improper disposal of construction and demolition (C&D) debris. In six cases involving C&D waste, Rs 8,500 was collected in fines. The municipal administration initiated fines after repeated appeals to builders and contrac-

tors to adhere to environmental norms governing construction in the city limits fell on deaf ears. The municipal team also took action against those failing to segregate waste at source, urinating in public spaces, and using banned plastic. In total, the team collected Rs 30,750 in spot fines/penalties across 113 cases. The BMC has renewed its appeal to building contractors to ensure full use of green nets during construction and cooperate with the ongoing efforts to improve air quality in the city, as failure to adhere could invite severe penalties in the future. Environment watchers, however, remain unmoved by the BMC's efforts. They say that seasonal initiatives, during peak pollution months in the winter, will not be enough to curb the worrying surge in contaminants that remain suspended in the air the city breathes. The fears are echoed by residents in high-pollution areas where the air quality has worsened due to continuing and abandoned road construction activities by the district administration. Last year, too, the BMC had embarked on an ambitious plan to curb PM10 and PM2.5 contamination. However, the efforts ended with the conclusion of winter.



Congress party leaders pay tributes to former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at PCC headquarters in Bhopal on Saturday.

Bhopal Junction EMR saves pregnant woman

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Swift action by the emergency medical team at Bhopal Railway Station saved the life of a pregnant woman after she experienced severe labour pains while travelling aboard the Telangana Express. On the night of December 27, Sheeba (27) was travelling in coach B5 of the Telangana Express with her husband, Anzar

Ahmed. The couple had boarded the train in Hyderabad for their journey to New Delhi. Sheeba began experiencing severe labour pains as the train neared Obaidullaganj station on the outskirts of the city. Railway employees immediately escalated the matter and coordinated with the emergency medical room located on platform number 1 at Bhopal Railway Station. Upon the arrival of the expectant

mother, the medical response team immediately took her to the medical facility for treatment. The response team was led by Dr Aman Mishra from Atharv Jyoti Hospital. He later said that the emergency medical room at Bhopal Railway Station was crucial in providing timely and critical health services to passengers. The emergency medical room at the station, which provides such services, was inaugurated on December 24.

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Hailstorms and rain disrupt life across MP, farmers bear the brunt

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh witnessed hailstorms and rain in several regions, including Bhopal and Khandwa, on Saturday, disrupting normal life and causing widespread challenges for farmers. The weather brought temporary relief after 1:30 pm as mild sunshine broke through the clouds, offering some respite. Similar weather patterns were observed on Friday across districts such as Ratlam, Mandsaur, Betul, and Alirajpur, where hailstorms and rain battered the region. The unseasonal rain caused significant difficulties for farmers. In Raisen, farmers who brought paddy in tractor trolleys to the Dussehra

ground spent the night protecting their produce with tarpaulin sheets to prevent damage. Despite their efforts, hundreds of sacks of paddy and wheat were soaked in Karhiya and Jabalpur of Rewa. Such losses have left many farmers anxious about recovering from the damage to their already harvested crops. In the past 24 hours, rainfall was recorded in 250 cities and towns across 42 districts, including Bhopal, Morena, Neemuch, Ratlam, Ujjain, Indore, Jabalpur, Rewa, and others. According to the Meteorological Department, Garoth in Mandsaur district and Satwas in Dewas received the highest rainfall, with 2.5 inches recorded.

Cities such as Narmadapuram, Nasrullaganj in Sehore, and Udaipur in Raisen also recorded over two inches of rainfall. Thunderstorms and hailstorms were reported in multiple regions, adding to the intensity of the weather. The maximum wind speed during this period was recorded at 62 kmph in Bhand, followed by 56 kmph in Shajapur and 54 kmph in Sehore. Other regions, including Jabalpur, Barwani, Guna, Ujjain, and Chhindwara, experienced wind speeds ranging from 26 to 37 kmph. These strong winds, combined with heavy rain, caused damage to infrastructure, trees, and crops. In Bhopal, the capital city,

heavy rain accompanied by maize-sized hailstones and strong winds lashed the region for about 45 minutes on Saturday afternoon. Areas like MP Nagar, Kolar, New Market, and Ayodhya Bypass reported temporary flooding due to the downpour. Once the rain subsided, the sun emerged, clearing the skies and restoring normalcy in some areas. However, farmers in rural parts continue to grapple with the consequences of the sudden weather changes. Dense fog blanketed Bhopal on Saturday morning following Friday night's rain. The fog lasted until 9 am, reducing visibility and disrupting early morning activities. This weather anomaly is coupled with a record-

breaking cold winter. On December 15, Bhopal recorded a minimum temperature of 3.3 degrees Celsius, the lowest since 1966, when the temperature dropped to 3.1 degrees Celsius. The combination of rain, hailstorms, and cold has created an unusual weather pattern for December in Madhya Pradesh. While the second fortnight of December is typically cold, this year winter began earlier and has been accompanied by persistent rain. Meteorological experts attribute these changes to global climatic variations and predict that the pattern of rain and cold will continue throughout December, affecting agriculture and daily life in the state.



Commuters pass through the Kolar road amid heavy downpour in Bhopal on Saturday.

Pioneer photo



Unseasonal rain caused damage to the science projects and models displayed during the 11th Bhopal Science Fair at Jamboree ground in Bhopal on Saturday.

CM reviews fertilizer management in the State

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Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that while ensuring the timely availability of chemical fertilizers like urea, DAP, the use of cow-based bio-fertilizers should be encouraged in the state. Farmers are using organic manure on a large scale based on traditional experience and their own initiative. It is also beneficial for the quality of soil and the health of the earth. There is a need to calculate and document the quantity of organic manure being used. On this basis, a model should be developed to encourage farmers to increase the use of organic manure in the state. This initiative of the state will also be exemplary for other states.

To discourage chemical fertilizers, options like organic and natural manure should be made available to farmers. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav expressed these views during the review of fertilizer management in the state. Cooperative Minister Vishwas Sarang, Additional Chief Secretary Rajesh Rajoura, Additional Chief Secretary Ashok Barnawal, and other officials were present in the meeting held at the Chief Minister's Samatva Bhawan. Yadav said that advance storage should be ensured at major centers of fertilizer distribution so that fertilizers can be provided to farmers in time as per the crop cycle. Instructions were given to develop an action plan for this.

It was told in the meeting that the sowing of crops in the state is about 97 percent. In the current year, the availability of urea, NPK, SSP, and MOP fertilizers is the highest in the last four years. Out of the 35 lakh 68 thousand metric tons available to date, more than 32 lakh metric tons of urea have been distributed. Similarly, 9 lakh 29 thousand metric tons of NPK, 10 lakh 58 thousand metric tons of SSP, and 91 thousand metric tons of MOP have been distributed. Similarly, 10 lakh 82 metric tons of DAP and 20 lakh 11 thousand metric tons of DAP + NPK have been distributed. In the meeting, the monthly fertilizer system in various districts was discussed and necessary guidelines were given.

Day 2 of Science Fair presents a fusion of knowledge, innovation, and culture

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The second day of the 11th Bhopal Science Fair was filled with engaging discussions, insightful lectures, and vibrant cultural performances. The day kicked off with a student dialogue session, where Dr. Sunil Chaturvedi, the keynote speaker, set the tone for the event. The session's main objective was to foster direct communication between students and scientists. Dr. Chaturvedi emphasized that science is not just confined to laboratories but is a part of our daily lives. He described science as a "journey from the unknown to the known" and explained that its purpose is to improve human life through discoveries and innovations. Sharing his insights on how research shapes our future, he also highlighted significant scientific events up to the 18th century. During the session, students posed intriguing questions on science, which Dr. Chaturvedi answered in a simple and accessible manner. A special discussion on groundwater conservation followed, where Dr. Chaturvedi shared his research experiences and elaborated on how science provides a perspective that motivates us to solve real-world problems. The day's cultural program fea-

tured a street play titled "Cycle Ki Chain," performed by students from the Theatre School of Rabindranath Tagore University. The play creatively addressed issues such as health, environmental conservation, social welfare, and science. The fusion of music and dialogues left a lasting impact on the audience, prompting deep reflection on these important topics. In the afternoon, Dr. Vivek Kumar, from the National Innovation Foundation (NIF), India, delivered a special lecture on "Grassroots Innovations Scouting and Documentation" at Babul Gaur College. He highlighted the role of NIF in providing both technical and financial support to innovators. Through the example of innovator Roshanlal Vikram, who developed a significant technology to address water issues in sugarcane fields, Dr. Kumar inspired students to view innovation as a solution to challenges. He encouraged the audience to adopt a problem-solving approach and embrace science not only as a subject but as a way of life. The final session of the day was a workshop for science educators. Experts such as Mr. Sanjay Kaurav emphasized new methods of science education, stressing the importance of connecting science lessons with students' daily lives.

Delayed GG flyover sparks safety concerns with 32 accidents in past 10 months

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The construction of the GG flyover, which connects Gayatri Mandir to Ganesh Mandir, has faced delays of over two years, creating significant traffic and safety concerns. The ongoing metro and flyover construction has resulted in the formation of ten accidental zones in the area, including four major hotspots. Over the past ten months, 32 accidents have been reported in these zones, leading to 22 injuries and one fatality. Traffic police have raised several objections to the flyover's current state, preventing the issuance of a no-objection certificate (NOC) for its opening. Among the issues highlighted are the lack of dividers, unresolved road closures, the absence of speed breakers, and the need for road widening at key points. Officials have emphasized that addressing these problems is essential to ensure the safe operation of the flyover. One of the significant concerns is at Ganesh Mandir Chauraha, where a junction has formed between the Veer Savarkar Bridge and the flyover. A divider is needed to manage traffic flow and reduce accidents. Additionally, the connection between the Ganesh Mandir service road and the main road

has created another hazardous zone that needs to be closed to mitigate risks. The turning near Narmada Hospital poses a particular challenge, with vehicles converging from multiple directions, leading to congestion and accidents. This location has already witnessed 12 accidents due to poor road design and the absence of proper traffic management. In front of DB Mall Square, a pillar located near MP Nagar police station has caused 15 accidents in the past year. Officials have proposed increasing the rotary's size from nine meters to 18 meters to improve traffic circulation and reduce collisions. Similarly, the Vallabh Bhawan Rotary has become a problematic spot due to the combination of a rotary and signal, prompting a recommendation for a permanent rotary to ease traffic flow. Safety measures such as speed breakers and speed limits on the descending sections of the flyover are also absent, increasing the risk of high-speed accidents. Moreover, officials have stressed the need to widen the roads on both sides of the flyover by five feet each to accommodate the increasing traffic volume. Accidental zones have been reported in various areas, including Habibganj, Ganesh

Mandir, Fracture Hospital, and RKMP station. These zones have seen 11 accidents in the past ten months, resulting in eight injuries. In MP Nagar and locations near DB Mall, Gayatri Mandir, Board Office Square, and Pragati Petrol Pump, 21 accidents have occurred, leaving 14 injured and one dead. Many minor accidents in these zones remain unreported, further underscoring the urgency for remedial measures. PWD officials acknowledge the issues and emphasize the need for collaboration with other agencies to prepare a comprehensive traffic management plan for the flyover. KPS Rana, ENC of PWD, stated that new tenders would be issued to address the problems, and work would begin after consultation with all stakeholders. Sanjay Kumar Singh, DCP Traffic, reiterated that it is not feasible to open the flyover for traffic until all obstacles are removed. Ajay Bajpai, ACP Traffic, confirmed that the PWD has been informed about the formation of four major accidental zones under the metro and flyover between Gayatri Mandir and Ganesh Mandir. He noted that these objections must be addressed before traffic can be allowed on the route.

Twins use CCTV alibi to commit robberies

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh police have uncovered an extraordinary case of theft involving identical twin brothers who used an elaborate trick to carry out robberies and mislead authorities. The brothers, Saurabh and Sanjeev Verma, devised a method where one would commit the crimes while the other ensured he was seen on CCTV at a different location, creating an airtight alibi. If caught, the criminal would present the CCTV footage to prove his innocence, claiming he was not at the crime scene. This ingenious scheme remained undetected for a while, but the police recently uncovered the ruse and arrested the twins. Their latest robbery took place on December 23, when they targeted a vacant house in Mauganj city. After breaking in, the brothers forced open cupboards and boxes, stealing valuables worth lakhs, including jewellery and cash. A massive manhunt ensued, leading to the arrest of three suspects, including Saurabh Verma. However, the case took a dramatic turn when Sanjeev appeared at the police station, claiming to be the man who had already been arrested. The appearance of Sanjeev caused confusion among officers, who initially believed the detained suspect had escaped.

A year of notable achievements: 2024 laid foundation for water revolution

AVNEESH SOMKUNWAR

The year 2024 will be remembered as the year, which laid the foundation for the Water Revolution in Madhya Pradesh. The efforts that began early this year finally reached the culmination with a solid foundation laid by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The long-awaited Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal river link project kindled hopes by the end of the year and the foundation stone for the country's first National River Linking Project, Ken-Betwa, was also laid by the Prime Minister. These two projects will be milestones in ensuring equitable distribution and justifiable use of water resources, not only in Madhya Pradesh but across the country, and will serve as an example for other nations too. The year 2024 has been a year of some important activities and achievements for Madhya Pradesh. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, the state government completed one year in the office. Several radical decisions were taken, which will prove transformative in the future.

Encouraging Industrial Investment
The year 2024 was fruitful in terms of industrial investments. Influenced by the government's industry-friendly policies and decisions, investors made substantial investments through regional industrial clusters. Positive and encouraging changes have been noticed in State's industrial investment landscape. For the first time, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav took the initiative to bring industrial investments to various geographic regions. The regional industrial clusters were organized with the vision of ensuring that industrial investments are distributed equally across the state rather than concentrated in a particular geographic area. The idea is that each region has its own unique characteristics and investment potential, which need to be strategically harnessed. This approach will lead to large-scale job creation alongside industrial development. In the coming years, the results of these efforts will be visible. Through 6 regional industry clusters, investment proposals worth over Rs. 3 lakh crores were received. These investments will positive-

ly change the employment scenario. During Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav's visits to the UK and Germany, investment proposals worth Rs. 78 thousand crores were received. Roadshows in Mumbai, Coimbatore, Bangalore, and Kolkata attracted proposals of Rs. One lakh crores, and the mining conclave in Bhopal received investment proposals worth Rs. 20 thousand crores. Thus, 2024 was an encouraging year for industrial investment, which will create significant employment opportunities while helping the State become an industrial hub. **Innovations and Recognitions**
By the end of the year, Madhya Pradesh gained national recognition on several fronts. The state's tourism sector received global recognition and was ranked as one of the most attractive tourist destinations. The constructive use of information technology to increase accessibility and simplify public services proved to be a highly successful and commendable initiative with the launch of the Cyber Tehsils. This effort eliminated the possibility of human errors. In a revolutionary step, the state also established a special

Delimitation Commission for the reorganization of district administrative units. The Commission has started its work and based on its recommendations, district and division boundaries will be laid in the future, resolving many administrative challenges. Madhya Pradesh also achieved remarkable success in revenue collection in 2024. This has been attributed to increased trust between taxpayers, business groups, and the state government, fostering a culture of self-motivated tax submission. The government successfully resolved many pending revenue cases and rectified revenue records through the Revenue Maha Abhiyan campaigns 1, 2, and 3. A major step in education was the launch of PM Colleges of Excellence in all districts. In the healthcare sector, the government took several unprecedented steps. The launch of the PM Shri Air Ambulance Service was a sensitive initiative to provide timely treatment by airlifting critically ill or accident victims from remote areas. The medical education and public health departments were merged to enhance work efficiency. To promote the production of

millets in the interest of farmers, the Rani Durgawati Shree Anna Promotion Scheme was implemented, providing farmers with a special incentive of Rs. 1000 per quintal. At the beginning of the year, the government demonstrated its sensitivity and commitment to the welfare of the poor by paying Rs. 224 crore to 4800 worker families of the Hukamchand Mill in Indore. Similarly, efforts will be made in other cities like Gwalior to revive closed mills, modelled after Indore's approach. In a historic move for tribal families, the first-ever Prime Minister JANMAN residential Colony came up at Shivpuri district for the Sahariya tribal families. **Spiritual Awakening**
Year 2024 can also be called a year dedicated to cultural and spiritual awakening. Several important steps were taken in religious tourism and cultural revival. The PM Shri Religious Tourism Helicopter Service and the PM Shri Tourism Air Service were launched. The world's first Vikramaditya Vedic Clock was inaugurated in Ujjain, giving the global community a chance to witness India's ancient time calculation mechanism.

The task force for the preparations of Simhasth-2028 has begun its work. The Shri Krishna Pathay Scheme was launched to connect all the pilgrimage sites related to Lord Krishna's life and deeds, and the construction of these sites has begun. The unique Vrindavan Gram Scheme was introduced, by which one village in each development block will be modelled as an ideal Vrindavan village. A historic decision was taken to establish Gita Bhavans in all urban bodies, marking a revolutionary step in cultural resurgence. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, Madhya Pradesh set a record by planting 5.5 crore saplings. The state also set several records, including a Guinness World Record for Kathak dancers performing together in Khajuraho, playing "Damsru" and 1500 artists together in Ujjain and tabla players performing "Vande Mataram" in Gwalior. On the occasion of Gita Jayanti, over 5000 vedik scholars and batuks together recited the verses from the Gita, setting another Guinness World Record. (Author is Deputy Director in Publicity Department of MP)

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Whereas The Authorised Officer of the IndusInd Bank Ltd., under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 10-April-2024 calling upon the Borrower M/s Anil Agencies (Proprietor: Mr. Raj Kumar Lalwani) and the Guarantors/Mortgagor Mr. Raj Kumar Lalwani, Mr. Ashok Lalwani and Mrs. Anju Lalwani to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being of Rs. 92,15,604.29 (Rupees Ninety Two Lakh Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Four and Twenty Nine Paise) as on 08-April-2024 together with further interests from 09-April-2024 plus costs, charges and expenses, etc. thereon within 60 days from the date of the said notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 26th day of December of the year 2024.

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IndusInd Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs. 92,15,604.29 (Rupees Ninety Two Lakh Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Four and Twenty Nine Paise) as on 08-April-2024 and further interests from 09-April-2024 plus costs, charges and expenses etc. thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
6, Old Sindh Colony, Opp. Sai Mandir, Bhopal (M.P.) land admeasuring 1800 Sq. Feet and construction thereon existing and future **Boundaries** : East: House of Maharaj Naradlal, West: Road, North: House of Dayaldas, South: House of Hargundas Tanwani

Place: Bhopal **Authorised Officer:** IndusInd Bank Ltd.
Date: 26-12-2024

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The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 27th day of December of the year 2024.

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IndusInd Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs.1,39,32,606.00 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Nine Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Six Only) as on 30-Nov-2023 and further interests from 01-Dec-2023 plus costs, charges and expenses etc. thereon.

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
Part of Land Khasra No. 329, admeasuring 2192 Sq Ft, ward No. 17, Village Ibrahimpora, Tehsil Huzur, Bhopal and **Bounded as under:** East: Goyal Complex, West: Property of Samiullah, North: Seller's property, South: Gali.

Place: Bhopal **Authorised Officer:** IndusInd Bank Ltd.
Date: 27-12-2024

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Several Union Ministers and CMs to attend WEF at Davos

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Union Ministers Ashwini Vaishnav, CR Patil, Chirag Paswan, K Ram Mohan Naidu and Jayant Chaudhary, alongside three Chief Ministers -- Devendra Fadnavis, Chandrababu Naidu and Revant Reddy, will join hundreds of Government and business leaders from across the globe in Swiss ski resort town Davos next month for the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2025. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Naidu will also be joined by his son and senior minister in his state Nara Lokesh, while Karnataka's Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Tamil Nadu Minister TRB Rajaa and Uttar Pradesh Minister Suresh Khanna will also be there for the five-day annual congregation of the world's rich and powerful, starting January 20, 2025. Actor Bhumi Pednekar,

known for films like Dum Laga Ke Haisha, Toilet: Ek Prem Katha, Shubh Mangal Saavdhan, Pati Patni Aur Woh, Badhai Do and Saand Ki Aankh, would also be there. Besides over 50 Presidents and Prime Ministers from across the world, top officials of international organisations like the United Nations, IMF, World Bank, Interpol, NATO, European Central Bank and WTO are also expected to be in Davos for the WEF Annual Meeting 2025. Senior ministers from Pakistan and Bangladesh, including Bangladesh Government's Chief Adviser and head of the interim government Muhammad Yunus would also be present. Vaishnav, Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & IT, had also attended the last WEF annual meeting, alongside Smriti Irani and Hardeep Singh Puri from the Union Council of Ministers.

This time, Vaishnav will be joined by Jal Shakti Minister Patil, Food Processing Industries Minister Paswan, Civil Aviation Minister Naidu and Minister of State for Skill Development and Education Chaudhary. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also attended the meeting in the past, but there is no official word so far about his participation in the high-profile summit, for which the main theme this time will be 'collaboration for the intelligent age'. Expected to be attended by nearly 50 heads of state and governments from across the world, the annual meeting would take place against the backdrop of a change of regime in the US and various geopolitical and macroeconomic issues, including the Ukraine war and continuing West Asia crisis. Both Modi and Donald Trump attended the WEF Annual Meeting in 2018 for the first time as India's Prime



Minister and the US President, respectively. While Modi became Prime Minister of India for the third consecutive term earlier this year, Trump is set to assume office for the second time on January 20, and his return is expected to be among the key topics of discussion at Davos. Maharashtra Chief Minister Fadnavis and Andhra Pradesh

Chief Minister Naidu have been to Davos multiple times, while Telangana Chief Minister Reddy attended the WEF Annual Meeting in January 2024 as well. Besides Government leaders and civil society members, the Indian presence would comprise top executives of business conglomerates like Reliance, Tata, Adani, Birla, Bharti,

Mahindra, Godrej, Jindal, Bajaj and Vedanta groups. Besides Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani, the next-generation leaders from their groups are also expected to be present, while technology leaders, including Salil Parekh of Infosys, Rishad Premji of Wipro, as also Sumant Sinha of ReNew, Vijay Shekhar Sharma of Paytm and Adar Poonawalla of Serum Institute are expected in the Swiss Alpine resort town. Geneva-based WEF, which describes itself as an international organisation for public-private cooperation, will convene leaders from government, business and civil society as well as scientific and cultural thinkers for its 55th annual meeting under the theme of 'Collaboration for the Intelligent Age'. According to the WEF, the meeting will serve as a trusted global platform for dialogue and cooperation, bring together a diverse community

of stakeholders, seek to connect the dots in an era of complexity and be firmly future-oriented -- both in terms of insights and solutions. Several sessions are expected to be attended by Indian leaders, including one on 'India's Economic Blueprint'. As one of the world's fastest-growing major economies, India has been growing at over 8 per cent, and this growth has been buoyed by a focus on promoting local innovation and startups in technology and manufacturing, representing a departure from traditional export-oriented models. The leaders would deliberate how India has capitalised on this new blueprint and to what extent it can continue to drive global growth. According to the WEF, the annual meeting will take place at a time when geo-economic fragmentation, geopolitical polarisation and divisions over values continue to impact countries and communities across the world. At the same time, exponential innovation and deployment around whole sets of inter-connected technologies -- from AI and quantum to energy tech, biotech and health tech -- offer an unprecedented opportunity to increase productivity and hence, standards of living. Reviving and reimagining growth is critical to building stronger and more resilient economies, and the meeting would seek to discuss how to avoid an Age of Fragmentation and instead work together on a can-do, people-centred agenda for an Intelligent Age. The global leaders would also deliberate on how to reinvent the muscle of collaborative innovation to get out of the current low-growth, high-debt world economy and address common challenges from climate change to the ethical use of AI.

PM CARES fund contributions fall to ₹912 crore in FY 23

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The total voluntary contribution to the PM CARES Fund fell to Rs 912 crore in the fiscal year 2022-23, its lowest since the public charitable trust was created in March 2020 following the COVID-19 outbreak. A study of the audited statements on the Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES) Fund website shows that the voluntary contribution peaked at Rs 7,184 crore in 2020-21 and then fell to Rs 1,938 crore in 2021-22, before declining further in 2022-23 as the Covid threat receded after 2021. The fiscal 2022-23 is the last year for which the statement is available on the website.



Foreign contribution has seen a sharper decline, registering a high of Rs 495 crore in 2020-21, before falling to Rs 40 crore and Rs 2.57 crore in the next two years. The total expenditure in 2022-23 was around Rs 439 crore, with Rs 346 crore of it used by the "PM Cares for Children", a government

initiative to support children who lost both of their parents, legal guardians or surviving parents to the Covid pandemic. An amount of nearly Rs 92 crore was spent on the procurement of oxygen concentrators, according to the statement. The Narendra Modi government had set up the

PM CARES Fund with the primary objective of dealing with any kind of emergency or distress situation, like the one posed by the Covid pandemic, and to provide relief to the affected. It was registered as a public charitable trust. The prime minister is the ex-officio chairman of the body and the fund consists entirely of voluntary contributions and does not get any budgetary support. The fund has been used over the years to boost emergency care, including for setting up oxygen plants and purchasing ventilators in hospitals run by the central and state governments as part of the larger exercise to meet the challenges posed by the pandemic. In 2021-22, an amount of Rs 1,703 crore was spent on

Indian Army contingent leaves for Nepal to participate in joint military exercise Surya Kiran

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An Indian Army contingent comprising 334 personnel departed for Nepal on Saturday to participate in 18th edition of battalion level joint military exercise Surya Kiran. The exercise will be conducted in Saljhadi, Nepal from December 31 to January 13, defence ministry said here adding it is an annual training event conducted alternatively in the two countries. The Indian Army contingent is led by a battalion from the 11th Gorkha Rifles. The Nepal Army contingent will be represented by Srijung Battalion. The aim of the exercise is to enhance interoperability in jungle



warfare, counter terrorism operations in mountains, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief under United Nations Charter. The exercise will focus on enhancing operational preparedness, aviation aspects, medical training, and environment conservation. Through these activities, the troops will enhance their

operational capabilities, refine their combat skills and strengthen their coordination to operate together in challenging situations. This edition of the exercise follows successful visits by Army chief General Upendra Dwiwedi to Nepal, and the visit by General Ashok Raj Sigdel, Chief of the Army Staff of Nepali Army to India.

Mauritius announces flying flag at half-mast as mark of respect to Manmohan Singh

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Mauritius has announced that its national flag will fly at half-mast at all government offices and institutions till sunset on Saturday as a mark of respect to India's former prime minister Manmohan Singh. Bhutan's national flag was flown at half-mast across the country, its embassies and consulates abroad, according to the Royal Bhutan government as a mark of respect to the departed. In a note, Mauritius Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam's office also urged the private sector to fly the flags at half-mast. Mauritius Foreign Minister Dhananjay Ramful travelled to Delhi and paid respects to the former prime minister. "Following the passing away of Dr Manmohan Singh,

former Prime Minister of the Republic of India, the public is hereby informed that the Mauritius Flag will be flown at half-mast on all government buildings until sunset today Saturday, the day of his funeral," the Mauritius prime minister's office said. "An appeal is also made to the private sector for all flags to be flown at half-mast," it said in the note. Singh, who served as the prime minister from 2004 to 2014 and widely known as the architect of India's economic reforms, died on Thursday night. He was 92. India's relations with several key countries, including Mauritius, saw significant upswing during Singh's prime ministership. Singh's last rites were held with full state honours on Saturday at the Nigambodh Ghat cremation ground in Delhi. President Droupadi

Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and King of Bhutan Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck were among those who attended Singh's funeral. Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck attended the funeral of former prime minister Manmohan Singh, a day after leading the Himalayan nation in offering prayers for the Indian leader at a Buddhist monastery in Thimphu. Separate prayer ceremonies were held for the former Indian prime minister at all 20 Dzongkhags or districts of Bhutan, according to the Bhutan government. Bhutan's national flag was flown at half-mast across the country and at its embassies, and consulates abroad, according to the Royal Bhutan government. A thousand butter lamps were lit at the ceremony held in



Thimphu's Kuenrey of Tashichhodzong that was led by the King. The prayer was attended by Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, Indian ambassador Sudhakar Dalela, several members of the Royal family and senior officials of the Bhutanese government. "As a mark of respect to the

late former prime minister and in solidarity with the government and people of India, all national flags across the country and at Bhutan's embassies, missions, and consulates abroad are being flown at half-mast," the Bhutanese government said in a social media post on Friday. India's relations with several key countries including Bhutan saw significant upswing during Singh's prime ministership. India and Bhutan enjoy strong bonds of friendship based on goodwill, trust and mutually beneficial cooperation. The basic framework of India-Bhutan relations is the "Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation" signed in 1949. It was renewed in February 2007 when Singh was the prime minister. The cooperation in the hydro-power sector is one of the cornerstones of the relations. The ongoing cooperation between India and Bhutan in the hydro-power sector is covered under the 2006 bilateral agreement for cooperation and its Protocol signed in 2009. The pact and the protocol were inked during Singh's

tenure as the prime minister. Meanwhile, Abed Elrazeg Abu Jazer, the charge d'affaires of the Palestine embassy in India, on Friday paid his last respects to the former prime minister and appreciated his support to Palestine. Jazer said Singh played a key role in Palestine getting land for its embassy in Delhi. "We have a history of relationships. He (Singh) met Yasser Arafat in 1991 when he was finance minister, he met (State of Palestine) President Mahmoud Abbas several times throughout his tenure," the diplomat told reporters outside the Congress headquarters where he paid tribute to the former prime minister on behalf of Palestine. He also laid a wreath on behalf of the president of the State of Palestine. "We had good relations with

him (Singh). He met our president several times during his tenure. He also provided land for establishing the Palestinian embassy in Delhi, gave support to build the embassy, and also inaugurated it in 2012," Jazer said. "We appreciate his support to Palestine, we are remembering his contributions. We stand with the Indian people to show our respect for the leader," he added. Abbas visited New Delhi several times during the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government. In a speech before the UN General Assembly in September 2011, Singh had said India supported "the Palestinian people's struggle for a sovereign, independent, viable and united State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital".

As individuals age, singlehood may also bring economic, emotional challenges: Study

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Although marriage or long-term relationships are often seen as the norm, remaining single for life is becoming an increasingly common choice. While singlehood can provide independence and freedom, a new study reveals that it may also bring economic and emotional challenges, particularly as individuals' age and become more dependent on others for support. Published in the journal Psychological Science, the study highlights the lower life satisfaction and distinct personality traits of lifelong singles compared to their partnered peers. "When there are differences, they might be especially important in elderly people who face more health issues and financial issues," said Julia Stern, one of the lead authors and a senior researcher at the University of Bremen in Germany. "They need more help, and



the help is usually the partner." The study used a survey of more than 77,000 Europeans over the age of 50 and was the first of its kind to look across cultures and at people who had been single their entire lives. Stern and colleagues compared single people and partnered individuals on life satisfaction ratings and the Big Five personality traits (openness to experience, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness, and neuroticism). The findings revealed that, in

addition to lower life satisfaction scores, lifelong singles are less extraverted, less conscientious, and less open to experience, compared to partnered people. Although this study cannot definitively decipher if personality differences are due to selection, people with certain personality types may be more likely to start relationships, or socialization, long-term relationships could change personalities, the evidence points to the former. Stern

said that changes to personality from being in a relationship are small and temporary. For instance, although an extraverted person beginning a new relationship may be keen to stay in with their partner, eventually their extraversion comes back. But she warned that the results are average effects and not necessarily descriptive of everyone; of course, there are single extraverts and introverts in committed relationships. For singles, living in a society where marriage is the expectation may affect their life satisfaction. For instance, in countries with higher marriage rates (such as southern European countries), singlehood resulted in even lower life satisfaction scores, but the effects were small. Stern suggested developing new kinds of programs to prevent loneliness that take these personality traits into consideration and help older singles meet like-minded people.

CBI searches premises of Assistant Director of ED in Shimla

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has searched the premises of an Assistant Director of the ED in Shimla, who managed to give a slip to the agency during a trap operation on Sunday and escaped, officials said. The Assistant Director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) posted at Shimla and his brother Vikas Deep, a senior manager in the Punjab National Bank in Delhi, had allegedly gone to Chandigarh to receive bribe money from a businessman, who is facing a case lodged under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), they said. The businessman filed a complaint with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) about alleged extortion, based on which the Chandigarh unit of the agency planned the trap operation where the complainant was asked to give a bribe of Rs 55 lakh in cash to the officer with CBI sleuths keeping an eye, the officials said. It was planned that the



CBI would nab the accused after the bribe was allegedly received by him, they said. The ED officer, who is on deputation from the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), got alerted during the operation and allegedly fled the spot with the cash, the officials said. The agency has been trying to locate him for six days. It has even launched technical surveillance to pin-point his location but to no avail. So far, cash amounting to around Rs 1 crore, including the bribe amount, has been recovered, they added. The

Principal Secretary to PM condoles Manmohan Singh's passing

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In his condolences on passing away of former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, Principal Secretary to PM Dr PK Mishra on Friday said the country has lost a very distinguished leader, an eminent economist and a great human being. "My memories of Dr. Manmohan Singh dates back to the time when he was teaching at the Delhi School of Economics and I was in my M.A. first year. Seeing him among the stalwart professors in that era was reassuring for a student like me, having come from Sambalpur district in Odisha. Those were the days when very eminent professors such as Amartya Sen, Mrinal Datta Chaudhuri, A.M. Khuroo, K.N. Raj, Sukhamoy Chakraborty, Dharma Kumar and others were teaching there," Mishra said in a statement.

ED summons BRS Leader KT Rama Rao and others in formula-e money laundering case

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

The Enforcement Directorate has summoned Bharat Rashtra Samithi leader KT Rama Rao and some others for questioning next month in a money laundering case linked to alleged payment irregularities during a Formula-E race held in Hyderabad in February 2023, official sources said on Saturday. The federal agency filed an enforcement case information report (ECIR) or FIR last week in the case under various sections of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), taking cognisance of a Telangana Police Anti-corruption Bureau (ACB)



complaint. Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president and son of former Telangana chief minister K Chandrashekhara Rao, Rama Rao has been asked to depose for recording of his

statement on January 7, the sources said. Senior IAS officer Arvind Kumar and retired bureaucrat and former Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) chief

engineer BLN Reddy have been summoned on January 2 and January 3, respectively, they added. The probe against 48-year-old Rama Rao, popular as KTR, pertains to alleged payments of about Rs 55 crore, some of it in foreign currency without approvals, to conduct a Formula-E race in Hyderabad during the previous BRS regime in February 2023. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is also probing possible foreign exchange violations in the case under the provisions of Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), as per the sources. Rama Rao had denied any

Tribals who received recognition from Manmohan Singh mourn his demise, recall cherished memories

PTI ■ KORAPUT/ODISHA



As the nation bid adieu to former prime minister Manmohan Singh in New Delhi on Saturday, two tribals in a remote Odisha district, who were honoured by him in 2012 for biodiversity conservation, recalled with tears cherished memories with the beloved leader. Railla Muduli, a resident of Boliguda village and Chandra Pradhani of Nuaguda, said words were not enough to express their grief over the demise of Singh. The former PM passed away on Thursday night at Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences due to age-related medical complications. He was 92. Muduli and Pradhani had received Certificates of Recognition for their contribution to biodiversity

back tears while recalling his brief interaction with Singh. "Sir smiled at me as I received the award and motivated us to continue our efforts in preserving biodiversity. His words will remain an inspiration for years to come," he said. "I wish I had more opportunities to meet him," Pradhani said. Prasant Parida, director of the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation in Jeypore, said Korapat was recognised as a Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System (GIAHS) by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in 2012. "Railla and Chandra were instrumental in representing Korapat at the event where the former prime minister acknowledged their community's efforts," said Parida.

Manipur CM N Biren Singh condemns militant firing, four injured in Imphal east district



PTI ■ IMPHAL

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Saturday strongly condemned the indiscriminate firing by militants in Thamnepokpi and Sanasabi areas of Imphal East district in which four persons were injured. The CM in a post on X said, "Strongly condemn the indiscriminate firing by Kuki militants at Sanasabi and

Thamnepokpi in Imphal East, which injured civilians and security personnel. This cowardly and unprovoked attack on innocent lives is an assault on peace and harmony." Singh said additional security forces have been rushed to the affected areas and called for calm and unity in the wake of such challenges. "Adequate security personnel have been rushed to the

affected areas. The injured are receiving necessary medical assistance, and the government calls for calm and unity in the face of such challenges. Central forces and state police should have proper coordination and understanding when dealing with such situations" Singh added. A video journalist was injured in firing by armed men from the hills in Manipur's Imphal

East district on Saturday morning, police said. L Kabichandra, a video journalist of a private TV channel, sustained bullet injuries on his left thigh and was rushed to a hospital, they said, adding that he was hit by a bullet fired likely by a sniper. Kabichandra was reporting the attack by armed men at Thamnepokpi village since Friday. Security forces also retaliated the fire, they said. On Friday night firing by militants towards Thamnepokpi in Imphal East district from the surrounding hills of Kangpokpi district an elderly woman was injured. She was rushed to Yaingangpokpi Primary Health Centre for treatment and is out of danger. Earlier on Friday, two persons including a security personnel were injured in firing at Sanasabi.

Kerala Congress slams CM Pinarayi Vijayan for inaugurating airport event amid national mourning for former PM

PTI ■ KOCHI



The Congress in Kerala on Saturday criticised Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan for participating in an official inauguration ceremony at the international airport here while the nation was mourning the demise of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. Speaking to reporters here, Leader of Opposition in the state Assembly V D Satheesan described the Chief Minister's action as "disrespectful" and "inappropriate". It is disrespectful and inappropriate for someone like the CM to attend and inaugurate an official event at Kochi airport while the funeral of Manmohan Singh, who served as Prime Minister of India for ten years, is being held in New Delhi, the LoP said. He added that the Chief

Minister of Kerala should not have attended such an event and that a request had been made to the airport management to postpone the function and inform the Chief Minister about it the day before. Satheesan expressed his "grief and protest" over the "disrespect" shown by the CM. Earlier in the day, Vijayan inaugurated the Taj Cochin International Airport, a five-star hotel developed by Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) and operated by the IHCL Taj Group.

Four lives lost in separate road accidents in Madhya Pradesh

PTI ■ BHOPAL



Four men were killed and two others suffered injuries in separate road accidents in Sehore and Katni districts of Madhya Pradesh on Saturday, police said. Vinand Gyanchand (20) and his cousin Ajay Ghasiram Verma (25) were crushed to death by a truck when they were returning home in Kothari village of Sehore district, Ashta area Sub Divisional Officer of Police (SDOP) Akash Amalkar told PTI. The truck driver fled from the spot, located around 25 km from the district headquarters, but was caught within a few minutes, he said. The victims' bodies were sent to a government hospital for post-mortem, Amalkar said.

The process to register a case against the driver was on and investigation was underway, he added. In the second accident, drivers of two trucks were killed after their vehicles collided on Katni-Damoh road, about 33 km off the Katni district headquarters, Rithi police station inspector Rajendra Mishra told PTI.

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मध्यप्रदेश शासन

Putin apologises to Azerbaijani leader for 'tragic incident' involving crashed plane

AP ■ MOSCOW Russian President Vladimir Putin on Saturday apologised to his Azerbaijani counterpart for what he called a "tragic incident" following the crash of an Azerbaijani airliner in Kazakhstan that killed 38 people.

The plane was flying from Azerbaijan's capital of Baku to Grozny, when it turned toward Kazakhstan and crashed while making an attempt to land. There were 29 survivors. On Friday, a US official and an Azerbaijani minister made separate statements blaming the crash on an external weapon.

Azerbaijani minister directly addressed the statements blaming air defences. Kirby told reporters on Friday that the US "has seen some early indications that would certainly point to the possibility that this jet was brought down by Russian air defence systems," but refused to elaborate, citing an ongoing investigation.

clusions by experts point at external impact," as does witness testimony. Passengers and crew who survived the crash told Azerbaijani media that they heard loud noises on the aircraft as it was circling over Grozny.

fic, Yadrov said that after the captain made two unsuccessful attempts to land, he was offered other airports but decided to fly to Aktau in Kazakhstan, across the Caspian Sea. He didn't comment on statements from some aviation experts, who pointed out that holes seen in the plane's tail section suggested that it could have come under fire from Russian air defence systems.

Earlier this week, Rosaviatsia cited unspecified early evidence as showing that the pilots diverted to Aktau after a bird strike led to an emergency on board. In the days following the crash, Azerbaijan Airlines blamed "physical and technical interference" and announced the suspension of flights to several Russian airports. It didn't say where the interference came from or provide any further details.

According to a Kremlin read-out of the call, Putin apologised to Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev "for the fact that the tragic incident occurred in Russian airspace."

Neither Kirby or the Azerbaijani minister made separate statements blaming the crash on an external weapon. Friday's assessments by Rashan Nabyev and White House national security spokesman John Kirby echoed those made by outside aviation experts who blamed the crash on Russian air defence systems responding to a Ukrainian attack. Neither Kirby or the

General public is hereby informed that Mrs. Neelam wife of Mr. Harish Rawat is intending to sell One Portion bearing Plot No. 305, on Third Floor from side (without roof rights), Built on Property bearing MCD No. 1793-F in Ward No. 3, out of Kharsa No. 115/30 m.m., situated at Ashwini Apartment, in the Block 'L' of Sector of Village Mahuli, New Delhi-110028, (1) Ms. Neelam and (2) Mr. Sohyeb both D/S/O of Mohamad Mubarak (Ms. Mubarak) to be financed & mortgaged by my client i.e. Mrs. Save Housing Finance Limited. The Original Sale Deed dated 08.06.1998 as Doc. No. 3994 and Original Sale Deed dated 16.09.2006 as Doc. No. 12058, pertaining to the aforesaid property have been lost and company bearing LR No. 2441584/2024 was registered on 27.12.2024, with Datta Palace. Any person(s) found in possession of aforesaid original sale deeds, then kindly contact the undersigned along with original property document, within 14 days from date of this notice on below address, failing which, the claim as per aforesaid sale deed shall be treated as null and void in respect of the subject property. Raghuw Tiwari, Advocate Ch. 830, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi - 110001 Mob. +91-926768909

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ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FOR BIU E-Tender Notice No. DCBL/17/2024/MLG, dated: 26-12-2024. Open E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No.: DCBL392024MLG; Name of works: Annual Maintenance for BIU 1 & 2 at Bogibeel near Dibrugarh for 06 (Six) years. Approximate Tender Value: ₹48,67,500/- Bid Security: ₹97,400/- Date of closing of Tender: 17-01-2025 at 15:00 hrs. Date of Opening of Tenders: 17-01-2025 at 15:05 hrs. at office of the Deputy Chief Engineer/Bridge-Line/Maligaon, Guwahati- 781011 (Assam). For Details please visit www.ireps.gov.in

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Soni Mishra, W/o- No. 8377938K WO Ashutosh Mishra, R/o- H.NO.- 04, Azad Road, Chandausi, Dist- Sambhal, U.P.- 244412, have changed my name from Soni Mishra to Soni Tiwari for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 28/12/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

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Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said act) read with rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said rules). In exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) of the said act read with rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of HHFL has issued demand notice under section 13(2) of the said act, calling upon the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s), to repay the amount mentioned in respective demand notice issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower & Guarantor to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated here in below. The detail of the Borrower & Guarantor, amount due and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Table with columns: Name of Borrower/Guarantor/Co-Borrower, Demand Notice issued Date, Loan Account No., Amount Due as on Notice Date, Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property). Rows include Mr. DEEPAK ATOODE, Mrs. ARATEE ATOODE, Mr. GOPAL PATEL, Mrs. RAVINA PATEL, Mr. MANISH SISODIYA, Mrs. RENUKA SISODIYA, Mr. OM PRAKASH NIGAM, Mrs. GAYATRI NIGAM, Mr. RAJKUMAR SENDHAV, Mrs. POOJA SENDHAV, Mr. RAMMURTIJI, Mrs. NIRMALA HADA, Mr. KALURAM HADA, Mr. SAHIL WADHWANI, Mrs. GEETA WADHWANI, Mr. Sanjay Chouhan, Mrs. Kall Bai, Mr. Gala Singh, Mr. Sunil Raiikwar, Mrs. NEETA RAIKWAR, Mr. Vikas Yadav, Mrs. Kiran Yadav, Mrs. VISHAKHA YADAV, Mr. BHARAT RUGNATH, Mrs. POOJA PATIDAR, Mr. JITENDRA KUMAR, Mrs. ASHA BAI YADAV, Mr. RAKESH VERMA, Mrs. NISHA VERMA, Mr. Sourabh Soni, Mrs. Divya Soni, All Legal Heirs of Deceased Mr. PRADIP PATEL, Mr. Dinesh Patel, Mrs. Durga Bai, Mr. Pooja SHARMA, Mr. Abhishek Sharma, Mr. SUNIL RAO, Mrs. ASHOK BANNIYA, Mrs. INDRABAI

If the said Borrower/ Guarantor fail to make payment to HHFL as aforesaid, HHFL may proceed against the above secured assets u/s 13(4) of the said act and applicable Rules entirely at the risks, costs and consequence of the Borrower / Guarantor. For further details, please contact to Authorised Officer Mobile No. - Vaibhav Shrivastava - 7987969803, Rajesh Chakotiya - 8435511111, Sitaram Prajapat - 9584567867, Ankita Patil - 7723055195, Aishwarya - 90246 088717 and Address Regional Office :101 B, 1st Floor Hinduja Housing Finance, NRK Business Park, Vijaynagar, Indore (M.P) Pin Code 452010.

Place: Indore, Date: 29.12.2024 Authorised Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001 Notice under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institutions Act 1993 read with rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rule) 1993) in the matter of TA No.196/2022 Date: 21.10.2024

MR. VIJAY KISHORE & ORS. Versus Respondent

To, DEFENDANT 1. MR. VIJAY KISHORE House No.E-162, Sushant Lok Phase-II, Sector-56, Gurgaon, Haryana-122011

2. MRS. SUNITA SINGH House No.E-162, Sushant Lok Phase-II, Sector-56, Gurgaon, Haryana-122011

3. SHUBHKAMNA BUILDTech PVT. LTD. R/O 197 E Pkt.-IV, Mayur Vihar Phase-I, Delhi-110091. Also At: Plot No.GH/05 Sector-137 Noida -201301.

Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs.48,23,705/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Five Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 14.02.2025 at 11:00 A.M.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence. All the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing or Physical and for that purpose:-

(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application / Software.

(ii) "Meeting ID" and "Password" for the date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Hon'ble Presiding Officer / Registrar shall be displayed in the daily cause list itself at DRT Official Portal i.e. "drt.gov.in".

(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocate / Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph.No.23748478.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal this 21st Day of October 2024. BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL, SECTION OFFICER, DRT-II, DELHI

SPECIAL TRAINS

In order to clear extra rush of passengers, Railways have decided to run the following Special Trains as per details given below:-

Table with columns: Train No., STATIONS, ARR., DEP., Train No., STATIONS, ARR., DEP. 03255/03256 Patna Jn. - Anand Vihar (T) - Patna Jn. Express Special Train (Bi-Weekly) 08 Trips

DATE OF RUN: 03255 from Patna Jn. (Sun, Thu) on 02.01.2025 to till further advise (Expt-12.01.2025, 30.01.2025, 02.02.2025 & 13.02.2025) 03256 from Anand Vihar (T) (Mon, Fri) on 03.01.2025 to till further advise (Expt-13.01.2025, 31.01.2025, 03.02.2025 & 14.02.2025)

STOPPAGES: Danapur, Ara Jn., Buxar, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn., Prayagraj Jn. & Govindpur Jn. stations.

ACCOMMODATION: AC-2 Tier, AC-3 Tier, AC-3 Tier Economy, Sleeper & General.

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GUTSY REDDY'S MAIDEN TON KEEPS INDIA AFLOAT

PTI ■ MELBOURNE Nitish Reddy, an unknown Nentiy in red ball cricket before the start of Border-Gavaskar series, virtually bailed India out with his dogged maiden Test century here on Saturday, severely denting Australia's hopes of winning the Boxing Day contest.

round of boos and faced three deliveries from home skipper Pat Cummins. Both Reddy and his father Muthyala's expressions changed with each ball but Siraj survived to allow Reddy savour the moment he must have dreamt a thousand times.

कार्यालय आयुक्त चिकित्सा शिक्षा 6वीं मंजिल सतपुड़ा भवन भोपाल (म.प्र.) दूरभाष क्रमांक : 0755-2550186, 2441895 फैक्स : 0755-2578844 ई-मेल : dme12001@yahoo.com वेबसाईट : www.medicaleducation.mp.gov.in

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Bank of Maharashtra PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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THE YEAR THAT WAS: FASHION

A year of creativity, celebration and heartfelt goodbyes, 2024 showcased Indian fashion's evolving soul and the stories it tells, writes **SAKSHI PRIYA**

PHOTOS : PANKAJ KUMAR

INDIAN COUTURE WEEK

In July, Fashion in 2024, showcased at *Indian Couture Week*, celebrated Indian craftsmanship with bold innovation. Designers like *Abu Jani Sandeep Khosla* infused traditional embroidery with modern silhouettes, while *Amit Aggarwal's ANTE VORTA* featured futuristic metallics. ASAL's MARD redefined menswear with gender-fluid designs and *Falguni Shane Peacock's Rang Mahal* exudes opulence. *Jayanti Reddy* highlighted understated elegance, *Gaurav Gupta* stunned with sculptural draping and *Rahul Mishra* merged nature-inspired motifs with intricate embroidery. *JJ Valaya* added royal grandeur, while *Dolly J* showcased ethereal designs, alongside many others who enriched the event. The year embraced sustainability, inclusivity and modern aesthetics, marking a milestone in Indian couture.

MISHRU BY SWAPNA ANUMOLU

October in Delhi brought a wave of creativity and couture to the city, with *Resonance 2024/25* by *Mishru* taking centre stage at the Embassy of Belgium. The artistry of *Swapna Anumolu*, whose latest collection beautifully fused nature with urban aesthetics. Each piece told a story, blending intricate craftsmanship and vibrant textures. The highlight of the evening was Bollywood's *Shradha Kapoor*, who graced the runway as the showstopper, effortlessly bringing the collection to life. *Mishru's* stunning fusion of traditional techniques with modern designs marks a new chapter for Indian fashion, embracing both heritage and future innovation.

THE MAN IN THE MIRROR BY ABHINAV MISHRA

The 2024 couture season brought a stunning celebration of tradition and innovation with *Abhinav Mishra's* "The Man in the Mirror." The collection showcased mirror-work, with pieces like 'Kalbeliya' drawing inspiration from Rajasthan's folk dance, featuring bold colours and intricate patterns. From traditional lehengas to contemporary kaftans, Mishra's creations blended heritage with modern flair.

Fashion is the art of self-expression, a canvas where creativity meets elegance, a place where every stitch tells a story and every design carries a vision. As we bid farewell to 2024, this year has truly proven to be a defining moment in the world of fashion. From the grand showcases at *Indian Couture Week* to the dazzling displays at *Lakmé Fashion Week*, Delhi has been the stage for timeless elegance and bold creativity. Designers like *Rahul Mishra*, *Gaurav Gupta* and *Ravi Bajaj* have brought their unique touch to Indian fashion, seamlessly blending tradition with modern innovation. The year culminated in *Rohit Bal's* emotional final show, marking the end of a legendary era. As we look forward to the exciting promises of 2025, we wish our readers a year ahead filled with inspiration, style, and unforgettable moments in the ever-evolving world of fashion.

QUETZALLI BY SUNEET VERMA

Suneet Verma's Quetzalli collection fuses Mexican craftsmanship with Indian Couture, celebrating heritage and artistry. *Varma's* Quetzalli collection, in collaboration with *PATRÓN Tequila*, brought together the best of Mexican craftsmanship and Indian couture. The show was a visual feast, with gowns adorned in intricate lacework, metallic motifs and dramatic feather details. The collection, which blended traditional techniques with modern sensibilities, captivated the audience from start to finish. A fitting grand finale left a lasting impression, showcasing *Varma's* genius in weaving cultural stories through couture.

AURUM BY RAVI BAJAJ

Ravi Bajaj's new label, 'Aurum,' made its debut with a stunning fashion show that beautifully combined traditional Indian elements with a modern twist. The collection, focused on wedding wear, featured intricate designs in lace, organza

LAKME FASHION WEEK

In October 2024, the fashion world was treated to an unforgettable display of Indian craftsmanship and innovation. *Péro* by *Aneeth Arora* opened the season with its enchanting "HELLO péro" collection, which creatively blended nostalgia and modernity. *Kalki's* "Mushk" collection wowed with its intricate handwoven embroidery, while *Monisha Jaising's* luxurious designs made a bold statement. *Payal Pratap's* work elegantly fused traditional techniques with contemporary silhouettes. *Samant Chauhan's* showcase stood out with his unique handloom weaves and rich textures. The grand finale, presented by *Rohit Bal*, unveiled his breathtaking "Kaaynaat: A Bloom in the Universe," where intricate embroidery and flowing fabrics celebrated nature's beauty, leaving a lasting impact with Lakmé muse *Ananya Panday* as the showstopper.

and pearls, with men's kurtas and womenswear lehengas showcasing timeless elegance. The collection's gold and white colour scheme symbolised prosperity, offering a fresh take on bridal attire. As 2024 ends and the wedding season approaches, 'Aurum' stands out, redefining modern wedding wear with grace and sophistication.

A FAREWELL TO A FASHION ICON

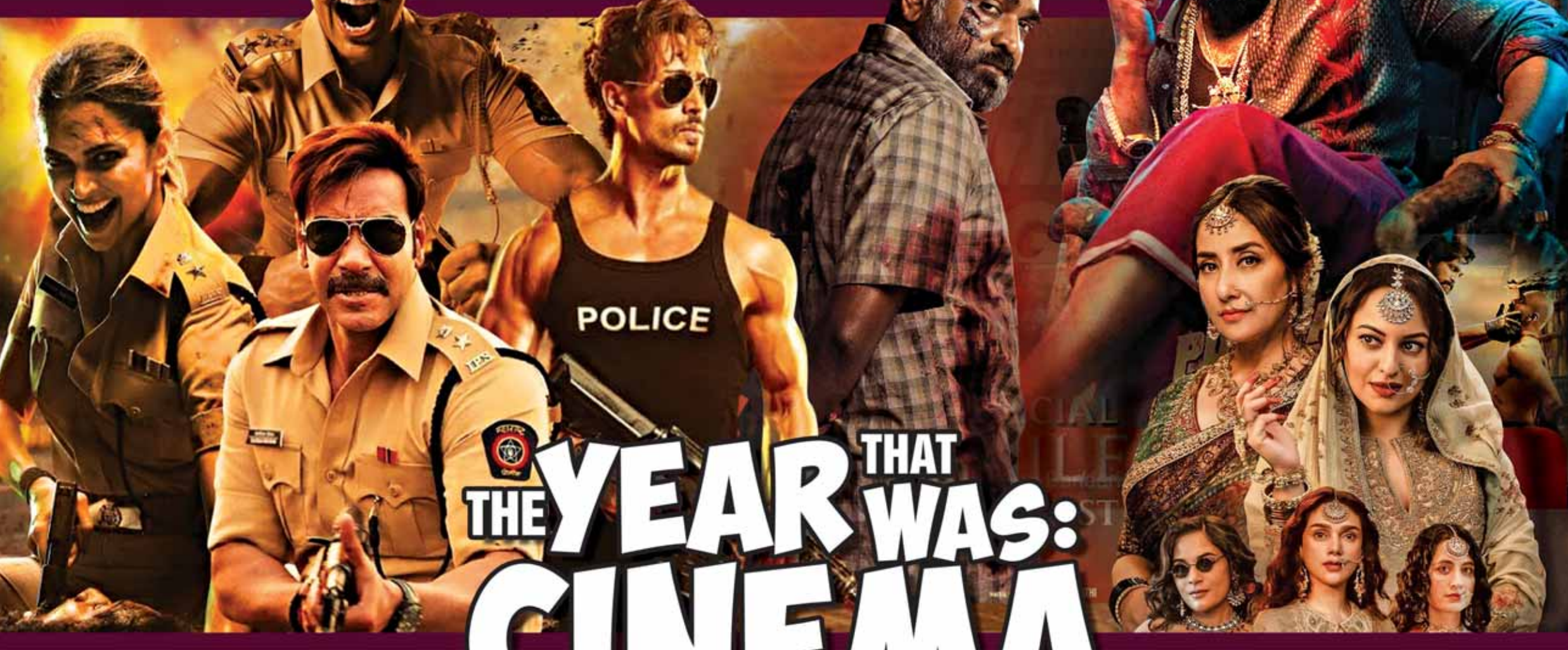
As 2024 unfolds, it has been a year of both celebration and sorrow in the fashion world. We witnessed monumental achievements in design and innovation, but also faced the heart-wrenching loss of *Rohit Bal*, affectionately known as "Gudda." His final show at *Lakmé Fashion Week*, titled "Kaaynaat: A Bloom in the Universe," was a moving tribute to his creative spirit, celebrating the beauty of nature and cosmic wonder. Actress *Ananya Panday*, the showstopper, embodied Bal's timeless, graceful vision, while each piece showcased his devotion to beauty, detail and imagination. His legacy will endure.

BAARAAT BY TASVA BY TARUN TAHILIANI

Men's fashion has evolved dramatically, with 2024 marking a defining year in wedding wear. The spotlight shifted to the modern groom, embracing his individuality and heritage. 'BAARAAT by Tasva,' a showcase designed by the renowned *Tarun Tahiliani*. The collection featured exquisite sherwanis and bandhgallas, each a perfect blend of tradition and contemporary flair. The collection, with intricate detailing and luxurious fabrics, allowed grooms to shine, making a powerful statement about embracing personal style while honoring their roots.

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"Cinema's characteristic forte is its ability to capture and communicate the intimacies of the human mind"
— Satyajit Ray



THE YEAR THAT WAS: CINEMA

2024 has yet again been an amazing year for films, from iconic performances to thrilling narratives and unexpected misses, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**

TOP 10 FILMS

Amar Singh Chamkila: The film takes you through the lives of pop star duo Amar Singh Chamkila and Amarjot Kaur, shedding light on their rise to fame in the 1980s through chart-topping songs.
RATING: 4/5

Do Patti: Do Patti is a story of twin sisters, whose troubled relationship is tested by love, betrayal, and redemption. The film explores the themes of domestic violence with standout performances by Kriti Sanon.
RATING: 4/5

Maharaja: After his home is broken into, a barber seeks revenge by cryptically telling police that his "lakshmi" has been abducted. The story of his journey to retrieve "lakshmi" begins.
RATING: 4/5

Bhaiyya Ji: A retired crime boss is pulled back into a world of bloodshed and violence as he seeks vengeance against those who killed his younger brother, featuring Manoj Bajpayee as Bhaiyya Ji.
RATING: 4/5

Lucky Bhaskar: Lucky Bhaskar a Telugu-language period crime drama about a lower-middle-class man who turns to financial scams to overcome debt and humiliation, featuring Dulquer Salmaan in a compelling titular role.
RATING: 4/5

CTRL: CTRL is a thriller directed by Vikramaditya Motwane, plotting the dark side of the digital age and the dangers of oversharing online.
RATING: 3.5/5

Article 370: The story follows Yami Gautam as a special agent, assigned a high-stakes mission to quell violence in Kashmir and render Article 370 ineffective.
RATING: 3.5/5

Berlin: In 1993, the Bureau accused and arrested a deaf-mute young man of spying in New Delhi. An interpreter with expertise in sign language is brought in.
RATING: 3/5



Laapataa Ladies: Laapataa Ladies is a humorous and heartwarming tale of identity, empowerment, and self-discovery, marking Kiran Rao's triumphant return to direction.
RATING: 4.5/5



Sector 36: Sector 36 is a chilling crime thriller showcasing Vikrant Massey as a psychotic serial killer. The 124-minute drama is a must-watch for crime genre enthusiasts, delivering an unsettling narrative.
RATING: 3.5/5

WRONG CHOICES (FLOPS)

Bade Miyan Chote Miyan: Bade Miyan Chote Miyan is a Hindi sci-fi action film directed by Ali Abbas Zafar, starring Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff, and Prithviraj Sukumaran. The story follows two ex-soldiers racing to thwart a vengeful scientist's plan to attack India.

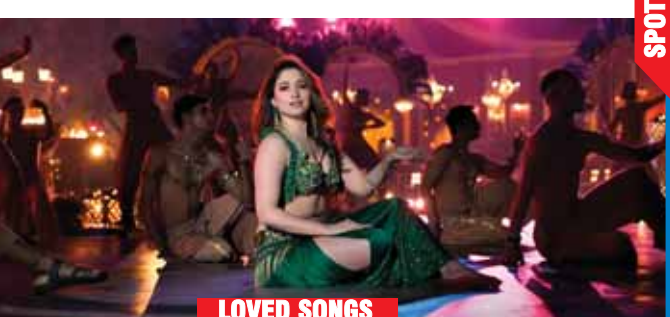
Sarfira: Sarfira is a Hindi drama directed by Sudha Kongara, starring Akshay Kumar, Paresh Rawal, and Radhika Madan. A remake of Soorai Pottru, it follows a man's fight to create affordable airlines for low-income people, battling numerous obstacles along the way.

Maidaan: Maidaan is a biographical sports drama directed by Amit Ravindernath Sharma, starring Ajay Devgn as Syed Abdul Rahim, a pioneering football coach in India.

The Buckingham Murders: The Buckingham Murders is an Indian crime thriller directed by Hansal Mehta, starring Kareena Kapoor Khan as a grieving British-Indian detective investigating a child's murder in Buckinghamshire.



Yodha: Yodha an action thriller following Arun Katyal (Sidharth Mahotra), a former soldier suspended after a failed mission, who is found on a hijacked plane years later. Blamed for the hijacking, Arun seeks revenge against the system.



Aaj Ki Raat: Madhubanti Bagchi, Divya Kumar, Sachin -Jigar
Sahiba: Jasleen Royal
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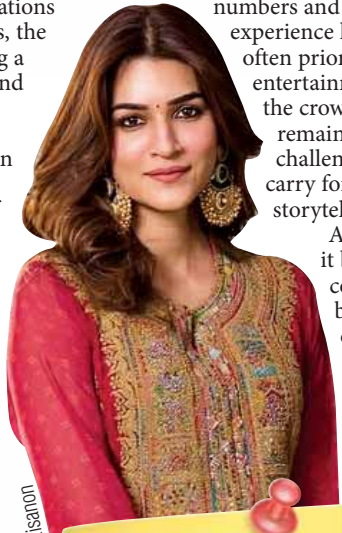
Cinema has long been a reflection of society, a medium of mass communication, and an instrument for change. From its inception, films have served as more than just a source of entertainment. They have been a mirror to society, amplifying voices, shedding light on pressing issues, and sparking conversations that transcend borders. Over the decades, the cinematic landscape has evolved, offering a fascinating mix of artistry, storytelling, and technical brilliance. This year was no exception.

Looking back at the journey of Indian cinema, it is astonishing to witness its evolution—from the poignant realism of Satyajit Ray's "Pathar Panchali" and the thought-provoking narratives of Shyam Benegal to the visual spectacles crafted by modern filmmakers like S.S. Rajamouli and Sanjay Leela Bhansali. Over 69 years, the industry has grown into a cultural phenomenon, shaping not just entertainment but also the values and ideals of its audience.

The early years of Indian cinema were driven by socially conscious storytelling, as seen in classics like Shatranj Ke Khilari, Sadgati, and Aparajito. These films addressed societal issues with sensitivity and depth, using the medium to educate and inspire change. Directors like Ray and Benegal paved the way for a golden era where art met purpose, creating a legacy of films that resonated deeply with audiences.

In recent years, however, talking about

films like Pushpa 2, Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya, Kalki 2898 AD, Kill, and more there has been a discernible shift in the motives behind filmmaking. While the essence of cinema as an art form endures, the industry has leaned heavily towards commercialisation. With a focus on box office numbers and global appeal, the cinematic experience has transformed into a spectacle, often prioritising grandeur and entertainment over substance. Yet, amidst the crowd of mass-market releases, there remain exceptions about the films that challenge norms, provoke thought, and carry forward the tradition of meaningful storytelling.



Actor of the year
Kriti Sanon stole 2024 in her name by her stellar, glamorous performances and delivering back to back hit films even with female protagonists loved by the audience.

As we look back at the year that was, it becomes evident that cinema continues to straddle the line between its artistic roots and its commercial aspirations.

The past year has been a testament to the diversity of the medium, offering a mix of groundbreaking narratives, record-breaking successes, and a glimpse into the future of filmmaking will also some flops which didn't do well. This retrospective explores how the industry has evolved over time and examines the key highlights of the cinematic journey this year, from the unforgettable performances to the innovative storytelling that defined 2024.



TOP 5 WEB SERIES

1 Jannapaar: Jannapaar is a series on Amazon Mini TV about Shanky Bansal, a young man from East Delhi grappling with identity and aspirations. Struggling with feelings of inferiority, Shanky disowns his roots but eventually learns to embrace and take pride in them.

2 Gyaarah Gyaarah: Gyaarah Gyaarah, streaming on Zee5, is an Indian adaptation of the South Korean series Signal. It blends time travel, suspense, and crime drama across three timelines.

3 Heeramandi: Airing on Netflix, Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar is a 2024 Hindi period drama by Sanjay Leela Bhansali, exploring the lives of tawaifs in Lahore's Heera Mandi during India's independence struggle. The star-studded cast includes Manisha Koirala, Sonakshi Sinha, and Aditi Rao Hydari.

4 Mirzapur Season 3: The third season of Mirzapur gets into an intense power struggle between Guddu, Sharad Shukla, and Kaleen Bhaiya, as alliances shift and rivalries deepen in the lawless city.

5 Ranneeti: The web series Ranneeti: Balakot and Beyond is a 2024 action series streaming on Zee5, following an R&AW agent and his team as they combat hybrid warfare post-Pulwama attacks. They race to rescue a captured pilot, expose Pakistan's propaganda.

SPOTLIGHT

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The year that was: food

With 2024 about to end, we reflect on the food trends and unforgettable flavours that defined the year, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

A YEAR TO SAVOUR: FOOD MOMENTS OF 2024

As 2024 draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the tastes and trends that defined our culinary year. From viral dishes that united food lovers to beloved celebrity recipes that took over our kitchens, the year reminded us how food connects us. Whether it was the streets of Delhi buzzing with chatter over piping-hot kachoris or Instagram feeds flooding with quirky food combos, 2024 proved that our love for good food knows no bounds. So, let's dive into the highlights that made this year a feast for both our plates and our hearts.

VIRAL CELEBRITY RECIPES

Jackie Shroff's Anda Curry Patta and Baingan Bharta

Jackie Shroff's *Anda Curry Patta* became a go-to comfort dish for many, while his smoky *Baingan Bharta* gave eggplant a superstar moment. Everyone seemed to try their hand at his recipes, inspired by the way he explained each step in his cooking videos, peppered with his trademark "bhidu" charm. Fans couldn't get enough, rating his dishes a solid 10 out of 10 for their earthy, soulful, and undeniably delicious flavours. Jackie truly became the culinary hero of 2024!

Aditi Rao Hydari's Khagina

Aditi Rao Hydari's *Khagina* became a sensation as everyone tried recreating her rich, buttery take on the classic egg dish. Her charming explanation, "cut the onions into moon-shaped slices, cook until pinkish, crack the eggs and top with masala", made it a viral hit. Fans across the internet hailed it as the perfect brunch staple, calling it a true "taste of warmth".

Farah Khan's Yakhni Pulao

Farah Khan's *Yakhni Pulao* was the culinary sensation of the year. A soulful mix of tender meat and fragrant rice, the dish captivated fans who couldn't stop praising its simplicity and rich flavour. On her YouTube channel, she showed every step, making it easy to recreate. Viewers loved her detailed tips and rated it a perfect 10, proudly sharing their own versions online and creating videos titled "Trying Farah Khan's Favourite Yakhni Pulao".



INSTAGRAM VIRALS

Vada Pav in Delhi: A tiny stall in the heart of Delhi sent Mumbaikars into a frenzy! Foodies queued up for hours to get a taste of this Mumbai classic, proving that Delhi truly embraces all flavours.

Popcorn Momos in GK: Momo mania reached new heights with this crunchy, buttery twist. Found at a GK corner, this snack became the ultimate winter indulgence, drawing food bloggers and crowds alike.

Viral Cucumber Jar Salad: Healthy eating met Instagram aesthetics with this layered cucumber salad in a jar. With its vibrant colours and zesty dressing, it became a favourite for fitness enthusiasts and food photographers.



THESE DISHES NOT ONLY DEFINED THE CULINARY LANDSCAPE OF 2024 BUT ALSO REMINDED US OF THE DEEP CONNECTIONS BETWEEN FOOD, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY. HERE'S TO MORE DELECTABLE ADVENTURES IN THE YEAR AHEAD!

CELEB VIRAL FOOD COMBOS



Deepika Padukone's Ema Datshi
Deepika's love for the Bhutanese cheesy chilli dish *Ema Datshi* had people flocking to Tibetan restaurants to experience its fiery, creamy magic.



Janhvi Kapoor's Idli and Chicken Curry
This unlikely combo went viral after Janhvi shared her love for it. Foodies everywhere couldn't resist trying it, and it quickly became a trending dish, with fans recreating it at home and experimenting with the combo in their own kitchens.

Shradha Kapoor's Varan Bhaat
This Maharashtrian classic became a viral sensation as Shradha shared her family recipe. Fans across India tried recreating this simple yet comforting dish.

FLAVOURS THAT TRAVELLED

As we say goodbye to 2024, we revisited the places that captured our hearts and taste buds (Travel page III), where every bite told a story. Here's to the flavours that made this year's travels truly special.

Banaras #malaiyo #tamarchaat

Banaras delivered on all fronts this year, especially with its food. The winter-special *Malaiyo*, a frothy dessert that melts in your mouth, became a seasonal must-try. Meanwhile, the tangy and spicy *Tamatar Chaat* delighted foodies with its zesty flavours, making it the city's street-food superstar.

Kashmir #kahwa #roganjosh

The "Paradise on Earth" showcased its culinary treasures alongside its natural beauty in 2024. *Kahwa*, the traditional spiced tea and the aromatic *Rogan Josh* were must-haves for travellers seeking warmth and flavour amidst the snow-draped landscapes.

Ladakh #thukpa #buttertea

Ladakh's dishes weren't just delicious, they were soul-soothing. The hearty *Thukpa*, a noodle soup packed with vegetables and meat, became a favourite, while the creamy, salty *Butter Tea* was a comforting companion in the chilly weather.

Goa #porkvindaloo #crabxecxec

Goa's cuisine stole the spotlight in 2024 with its bold and flavourful offerings. The spicy and tangy *Pork Vindaloo*, *Crab Xec Xec* and fiery *Prawns Balchao* cemented their place as iconic dishes, bringing joy to every table.

Lakshadweep #muskaavab

The smoky and succulent *Mus Kaavab* paired perfectly with the aromatic, coconut-infused *Tuna Curry*, making every bite a celebration of coastal flavours. Each meal offered a taste of island life, blending the sea's bounty with vibrant flavours.



ALL-TIME FAVOURITE FOOD STREETS OF DELHI

Let's remember Delhi's iconic street food, a delight for food lovers. Delhi's street food scene never fails to impress.
Chandni Chowk: This winter, Chandni Chowk dazzled with iconic *dahi bhallas*, *daulat ki chaat* and hot *jalebis* paired with *creamy rabri*.
Kamla Nagar: A shopper's paradise, the area also shone for its unbeatable *chole*

bhature and *Sharma Ji's kachoris*.
Lodhi Colony: *Anna Durga South Indian* offered perfect *dosas* and *idlis*, earning its spot as a social media favourite.
Connaught Place & Janpath: From *Jain Chawal Wale's* iconic *rajma rice* to *mini samosas* and *Wenger's* timeless baked treats, CP and Janpath were unmissable.



"LIVE LIFE WITH NO EXCUSES, TRAVEL WITH NO REGRET"
— OSCAR WILDE


WANDERLUST OF INDIAN DESTINATIONS

KASHMIR



#winterwonderland #switzerlandofindia
Kashmir, often called "Paradise on Earth," boasts breathtaking natural beauty with vibrant autumn foliage, crystal-clear lakes reflecting the snow-capped peaks, and verdant valleys nestled amidst majestic mountains. This pretty landscape, with its serene charm, makes Kashmir a truly unforgettable travel destination.

BANARAS



#gangaarti #kashivishwanath
Banaras or Varanasi or Kashi, a sacred city in Uttar Pradesh and it holds immense significance in Hinduism. It is a renowned pilgrimage site, deeply intertwined with traditions of death and mourning. The city was known for the most visited and trending places in India in 2024.

2024 has been all about travel, realising the importance of travel, be it solo or in groups. Travel in every way is a gateway to self-discovery and deeper connections with the world around us, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**

LADAKH



#pangonglake #kargil
Ladakh also known as Little Tibet, is a breathtaking region in India soared with snow-capped mountains, frozen lakes, ancient Buddhist monasteries perched on dramatic cliffs, and vibrant festivals filled with music and dance. Ladakh is one of the most loved places in 2024.

LAKSHADWEEP



#tropicalparadise #islandescape
Lakshadweep, a pure archipelago in the Arabian Sea, is a true beauty on Earth. Pristine white sand beaches lapped by clear turquoise waters, coral reefs teeming with marine life, and lush coconut palms swaying gently in the breeze. Lakshadweep offers a unique blend of natural beauty, and cultural richness.

GOA



#goadiaries #beachlover
Goa, a coastal paradise in India, is a vibrant blend of Portuguese heritage and Indian culture. There are pristine beaches lined with swaying palm trees, azure waters perfect for swimming and watersports, delicious seafood, and a lively nightlife scene.



THE YEAR THAT WAS: TRAVEL

Travel isn't just a physical journey, it's a soulful expedition, and some people always loved it while others have started loving it through social media. It opens doors to diverse cultures, helping us understand people and their unique stories. Exploring new destinations promotes a sense of spirituality, connecting us with something bigger than ourselves. Whether it's the tranquillity of a mountain sunrise or the vastness of an ocean, nature teaches us to embrace its beauty and simplicity. Meeting new people on these adventures broadens perspectives, bridging gaps and giving a sense of empathy. Travel is a reminder of how small yet interconnected the world and fills your heart with gratitude for the experiences that shape your journey through life.

#NEWYEARGETAWAYS

FOR TROPICAL CLIMATE LOVERS

GUWAHATI



From Guwahati you can expect a cool and pleasant weather in the north east on the New Year and can plan a getaway around visiting Kamakhya Temple.


KERALA



Kerala, "God's Own Country," can work as a perfect New Year's getaway helping in rejuvenating yourself amidst serene backwater cruises, and lush greenery.


FOR WINTER LOVERS

MANALI




Manali has started receiving the snowfall and has become a white paradise. It is the perfect getaway, offering snow-covered peaks and cosy cafes.

AULI



Auli as a destination is beautiful and scenic and has snowfall predictions on 27th December and after, making it a perfect destination for your new year.

MUKTESHWAR



Mukteshwar is an untouched beauty to help you find yourself and peace this new year. The charming trails and dense forests make it ideal.



YOUR WEEK AHEAD

MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19

This week holds significant potential for financial and business success. You are poised to make impactful decisions that could lead to considerable gains, especially from real estate investments. Those involved in trading, finance, or property management may find their efforts yielding substantial rewards due to their dedication and hard work. Expect unexpected opportunities to arise, presenting offers that may surprise you with their favorable terms. Your ability to maintain connections primarily through digital means will be crucial, as your schedule may not allow for face-to-face interactions. Toward the week's end, you might find yourself drawn more towards spiritual activities. Engaging in worship, charitable acts, and assisting those in need could provide a profound sense of fulfillment. Exercise caution with financial transactions during this time to ensure everything proceeds smoothly.

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Amber
Lucky day Sunday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week starts on a high note for you, as recent efforts begin to show promising progress. You're deeply engaged and pushing forward with vigor, bolstered by the support and encouragement from your close ones. Partnerships, in particular, are flourishing, bringing satisfying outcomes your way. As the week progresses, stay vigilant; some opposition may arise, prompting a need to rethink plans made with family. Unexpected commitments will emerge, demanding prioritization, which may shift your scheduled activities. Pay particular attention to your health and financial management. It's wise to consult a healthcare professional to stay on top of any potential issues and to handle financial matters with care to avoid overspending, safeguarding against future economic challenges.

Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour White
Lucky day Friday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

You are known for your generosity and your willingness to invest in spiritual growth, as well as your interest in supporting charitable causes. Managing finances may become important soon, particularly regarding the educational needs of your children. Family matters may also demand more of your attention. This period calls for an understanding of how crucial balance is in managing life's various demands. Establishing a structured, disciplined approach will be essential to meet your obligations effectively. Any ongoing legal matters are likely to resolve favorably for you. Expect some joyful moments towards the end of the week, including long-awaited positive news. There might be opportunities for relocation or changes in your work environment that align with your preferences. Your reputation as a diligent individual will be reinforced in your community.

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Yellow
Lucky day Saturday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week, you may find that your efforts at work are progressing more slowly than expected. Despite initiating projects and investing time, the outcomes may not be immediately apparent. Patience will be crucial during this period. Approach your tasks with the diligence of a farmer tending to crops, from planting to harvest. As the week progresses, anticipate some unexpected shifts that could positively impact your financial situation, with additional income sources emerging. For some, work-related travel or a favorable relocation might be on the horizon. Any funds previously extended to others are likely to be repaid. By week's end, you may find yourself indulging in fantastical thoughts and seeking material comforts, which might distract from your actual objectives. However, input from family will help steer you back towards practical paths.

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Black
Lucky day Friday



VRIGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week is pivotal for those who excel in critical thinking and analysis. You are approaching a decisive moment in an essential aspect of your life, which could significantly influence your future direction. This could pertain to either personal or professional realms. For some, an enticing professional opportunity with a promising offer might arise. Midweek, you may find yourself needing some form of healing or medical assistance. Recovery will bring you a sense of renewal and improved quality of life. However, towards the week's end, you may experience a dip in your energy levels. Emotional sensitivity could lead to conflicts, especially if family tensions are present. Your inclination to dissect situations logically could exacerbate these issues. This period calls for stepping back from conflicts and focusing on rest and personal rejuvenation.

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Jade
Lucky day Sunday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

The week begins on a high note, marked by joyful gatherings and significant life events that bring friends and family together in celebration. As the week progresses, you'll find yourself driven by a surge of determination and resilience, pushing you to dedicate yourself diligently to your pursuits. Despite encountering hurdles along the way, your inherent wisdom enables you to navigate through them effectively. A spiritual journey later in the week offers a profound sense of solace, clarifying any lingering doubts and fostering inner peace. Towards the weekend, financial mindfulness becomes crucial; recent oversights in spending may lead to a tight financial situation. This period calls for a reassessment of your budgeting strategies, possibly considering borrowing options or seeking assistance from close ones to stabilize your financial footing.

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour Parrot Green
Lucky day Thursday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week is set to be a dynamic one, marked by a series of shifts and transitions. It begins on a joyful note, with family and personal well-being bringing you considerable joy. Expect a surge in creativity and a flurry of new opportunities that could enhance your professional and financial landscape. Promising developments from distant places might bring uplifting news, and you might find yourself hosting or celebrating a significant event at home. As the week progresses, you'll find yourself contemplating necessary changes in your routine, diet, or overall lifestyle. This period of transformation is crucial for paving the way to a more fulfilling future. Towards the week's end, focus on financial and health matters becomes essential. Review any outstanding debts or financial obligations, and consider a health check-up to ensure everything is in order.

Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Lilac
Lucky day Monday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Be mindful of negative influences that may be surrounding you. Emphasize honesty and fairness in your dealings to mitigate potential disruptions. There could be challenges arising from hidden agendas or unethical temptations that may put you in a difficult situation. It's essential to clear away these adverse energies to maintain your well-being. As the week progresses, expect a significant shift in your perspectives and convictions. This change will usher in surprising developments, helping you become more structured and responsible. You will find yourself being more attentive and caring towards others, particularly close relatives and friends. Toward the week's end, a profound personal experience might inspire you, boosting your resolve and strength to overcome any obstacles. This period could be pivotal in fostering a deeper connection with your spiritual self.

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Opal
Lucky day Tuesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

As the week begins, you may encounter challenges that disrupt your progress on an important project or assignment. These obstacles could lead to moments of doubt and frustration, tempting you to abandon your efforts. However, a resilient spirit within you will rise, empowering you to confront these challenges with renewed vigor. This determination will guide you to triumph and a sense of fulfillment. Midweek brings a wave of positivity that touches various aspects of your life, from financial gains and familial joy to impressive achievements by your children, perhaps even securing rewarding career opportunities. Your creativity will surge, filling you with enthusiasm and inspiring you to undertake new ventures. The week concludes on a reflective note, drawing you towards community and spiritual engagement.

Lucky number 22 | Lucky colour Fuchsia
Lucky day Tuesday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week starts with a sense of fulfillment and gratitude. Early on, you'll experience deep connections and a harmonious relationship with your partner, enhancing both your emotional bonds. Spiritual growth is also a highlight, allowing you to dedicate time to achieving your spiritual aspirations. As the week progresses, you might find yourself wrestling with intrusive thoughts or unexpected impulses that could challenge your peace of mind. However, guiding insights will help maintain your equilibrium. Towards the week's end, your creative energies will surge, paving the way for significant achievements. Expect an acceleration in professional endeavors and an increase in financial rewards. This period also brings personal joy, possibly from family or close relationships, with the potential for welcoming a new family member or celebrating a significant personal milestone.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Beige
Lucky day Tuesday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week, some individuals may find themselves deeply focused on personal goals, seemingly blind to new prospects that may arise. Often, they prefer solitude, finding comfort in their own company. Despite this, they maintain connections through digital means such as online chats and calls, bridging the gap between isolation and social interaction. As the week progresses, a burst of creativity leads to a meaningful encounter with someone influential, poised to offer significant financial guidance. This period also hints at potential prosperity, prompting desires to embrace a fuller experience of life. Toward the week's close, transactions involving real estate are favorable. Strengthening relationships with family, particularly extended relatives, is advised. Children's needs come into focus, and for those residing afar, a brief return to one's roots may occur, coupled with constructive family discussions that promise beneficial outcomes.

Lucky number 15 | Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Friday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

Navigating through the early days of the week may feel challenging as concerns about investments could cause unease and disturb your peace of mind. This is a time to address your fears and manage stress carefully. However, as the week progresses, expect a shift in fortune. You'll find yourself in a position to reap the rewards of your earlier efforts, possibly through significant financial gains. This period also highlights generosity and charity, enhancing your sense of fulfillment. The week is particularly favorable for working individuals who balance multiple responsibilities with grace. Their resilience and nurturing qualities come to the forefront, possibly influenced by a positive female presence in their lives. Acknowledging and cherishing relationships with key figures like a mother, spouse, or elder sister could be crucial for personal growth.

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Gray
Lucky day Wednesday

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The Significance of Khar Maas



Khar Maas, a revered period in the Vedic calendar, begins on December 15, 2024, when the Sun enters Sagittarius and concludes on January 14, 2025, with its transition into Capricorn, marking the celebration of Makar Sankranti. This month holds a unique spiritual essence, encouraging individuals to focus on inner growth, devotion, and alignment with divine energies. The origin of Khar Maas is rooted in an ancient story. It is said that the Sun God, Suryadev, drives his chariot, pulled by seven celestial horses, to maintain the cosmic cycle of day and night. One day, the horses, thirsty and weary, sought a break to drink water. To allow this, Suryadev temporarily replaced them with donkeys. The slower pace of the donkeys extended the journey to thirty days, giving rise to what we now call Khar Maas, as "Khar" means donkey in Sanskrit. This period is observed as a sacred time for reflection and devotion. However, traditions discourage undertaking new ventures or life events with long-term implications during this month. Weddings, engagements, housewarming ceremonies, groundbreaking rituals, and the establishment of new businesses are avoided. Instead, individuals are encouraged to turn their focus inward, prioritising spiritual practices over material pursuits.

Khar Maas is an ideal time for self-purification and strengthening one's connection to higher energies. Devotees often engage in tapasya (austerities), perform fire rituals (hawans), embark on pilgrimages, and undertake charitable acts. These activities are believed to cleanse the soul, resolve karmic imbalances, and invite divine blessings.

During Khar Maas, fasting is another common spiritual practice observed by many. Fasting is believed to purify the body and mind, allowing individuals to detach from material desires and focus on spiritual upliftment. Consuming sattvic food-pure, vegetarian meals devoid of onion and garlic-is encouraged during this time to maintain a calm and

balanced state of mind. Additionally, devotees are advised to recite sacred mantras like the Gayatri Mantra and meditate daily to enhance their connection with the divine. Acts of kindness, such as feeding the poor or supporting those in need, are also emphasised, as they not only cleanse negative karma but also reinforce the

spirit of compassion and service. To maximise the benefits of this spiritually charged month, several practices are traditionally followed. Offering water to the Sun every morning is a powerful ritual that signifies gratitude and invokes clarity and strength. Chanting the Aditya Hridaya Stotram, a hymn dedicated to Suryadev, is another common practice that fosters vitality and mental focus. In the evenings, lighting a ghee diya near Goddess Tulsi is believed to attract positivity, prosperity, and divine protection. Khar Maas serves as a reminder of the cyclical nature of life, urging us to embrace moments of pause and reflection. While the material world may temporarily slow down, the soul is given an opportunity to grow. This sacred period helps prepare individuals for new beginnings and auspicious endeavours that can commence after Makar Sankranti. As the Sun resumes its celestial journey with renewed vigor, the energy for material and spiritual success flows harmoniously once again. This month is a gift to recalibrate, focus on devotion, and nurture inner peace. By honouring the practices and teachings of Khar Maas, one can achieve a sense of spiritual fulfilment and create a strong foundation for future endeavours.

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THE LIFE GUIDANCE

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