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Yamuna grows toxic veggies?

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

¬he Yamuna River's water has become so polluted that it is no longer safe for drinking, bathing, or even shocking irrigation, revelation made by the Central Water Commission's latest report, 'Status of Trace and Toxic Metals in Indian Rivers'.

dangerously high concentrations of heavy metals such as chromium nickel, and lead, threatening to unleash a public health crisis in cities like Agra and Mathura.

According to the report, water samples collected from three locations in Agra, including Poiva Ghat, and one in Mathura revealed alarming levels of these toxic metals. Agra and Mathura are now ranked among 187 worst-hit cities nationwide, where three or more hazardous metals were found in river water. earning them the grim distinction of having the "worst" water quality in the

The data is damning. In Agra, nickel levels touched 28.87 micrograms chromium soared to a staggering 135.15 micrograms per liter, while lead reached 23.41 micrograms per literseveral times permissible limits. Mathura, chromium was recorded at 138.02 and 0.55 micrograms per liter at different sites, while nickel stood at 56.04 micrograms per liter. Experts have warned that prolonged exposure to such contamination can trigger



skin diseases, ulcers, lung damage, weakened immunity, conditions, kidney failure, liver malfunction, and

even cancer. What makes the situation worse is that Agra's water treatment facilities woefully unequipped to handle such a toxic onslaught. The city's two major water treatment plants, Jiwani Mandi and Sikandra Water Works, are still stuck with outdated technologies that can only test for basic parameters like turbidity, color, pH, TDS, hardness, coliform, and E. coli. Heavy metal detection is entirely outside their scope Sikandra's 144 MLD MBBR plant, which supplies water to nearly half the city, lacks the necessary filtration systems to remove deadly metals. "We have currently don't equipment to detect heavy

metals in Yamuna water Samples are tested at external labs occasionally, but there's no real-time monitoring, admitted Arvendra Rajput, General Manager of the Waterworks Department.

The root cause of this toxicity is an unchecked flow of industrial waste into the Yamuna. Electroplating units, chemical factories, welding and refining plants, foundries, and even the automotive industry are said to be dumping hazardous waste into the river with impunity. Pollution from pesticides, detergents, and fertilizers has further aggravated the crisis. Environmentalists slammed regulatory bodies for failing to enforce pollution

Control Board claims to have

discharging waste into the

"If the Pollution

factories from

regulatory failures and calls for immediate corrective action," said Dr. Sanjay Kulshreshtha environmental expert. Echoing similar concerns, environmentalist Shachindra Sharma issued a stark warning: "The toxic state of the Yamuna River is a ticking

time bomb for both public

health and the environment

immediate steps are essential

prevent irreversible

Strict regulations

dangerous levels of heavy

metals still present in the

river? This report exposes the

With the specter of a fullblown environmental disaster looming large, experts are swift government urging action before the Yamuna turns into an irreversible toxic

Special SC Bench to hear validity of Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

With multiple petitions seeking surveys in mosques, claiming they were once temples, the Supreme Court has constituted a special Bench of three judges headed by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna to hear a batch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 on December 12 at 3.30 pm. Justices Sanjay Kumar and KV Viswanathan are the part of the special Bench.

The 1991 law prohibits conversion of any place of worship and provides for the maintenance of the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947. The law, however, made only one exception -- dispute over the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid in Ayodhya. The petitions filed by many Hindu organisations argue that the 1991 law created an "arbitrary and irrational retrospective cut-off date" of August 15, 1947, for maintaining the character of the places of worship or pilgrimage against encroachment done "fundamentalist-barbaric invaders and law-breakers".

The Union Government has yet to file its counter-affidavit in the matter, despite the several extension times given by the Supreme Court. On July 11, 2023, the Court asked the Union to file the counter by October 31, 2023. The Sc is already seized about six petitions, including the PILs



filed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Subramanian Swamy and lawyer Ashwini Upadhyay against certain provisions of the law.

The management committee of, Anjuman Intezamia Masajid, Varanasi, in its plea filed through lawyer Fuzail Ahmad Ayyubi, filed an intervention application in the top court seeking dismissal of the pending pleas against the 1991 law on the ground that they were based on "rhetorical and communal claims" that could disrupt communal harmony and the rule of law.

Upadhyay, in his PIL, sought setting aside of Sections 2, 3, 4 of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 on various grounds, including that these provisions took away the right of judicial remedy to reclaim a place of worship of any person or a religious group. While Swamy wanted the apex court to "read down" certain provisions to enable Hindus to stake claim over the

Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi and the Shahi Idgah Mosque in Mathura.

The Managing Committee of the Gyanvapi Mosque has filed an intervention before the Supreme Court on Friday on pleas challenging the validity of the Places of Worship Act 1991. It said that the consequences of the declaration sought by the petitioner that the Act was unconstitutional "are bound to be drastic."

The mosque committee further underscored the potential consequences" of overturning the law, citing incidents like the Sambhal case, where a recent reportedly triggered widespread protests resulted in six fatalities. The committee warned repealing the Act could lead to a surge in disputes over religious sites across the country, prompting tensions in "every nook and corner" while threatening communal

Repatriate B'deshis staying illegally: Nizamuddin locals

mid the killing of Hindus

delegation of prominent

Bangladesh,

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Ulemas and residents of the Hazrat Nizamuddin Dargah and Basti Hazrat Nizamuddin area met with Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Saturday and demanded a special drive to identify and repatriate Bangladeshis staying illegally in the city. The delegation further demanded that Bangladeshi people should not be given employment by any establishment and those who have given employment to them should remove them. Meanwhile, sources in the Delhi police said there is not much information about the number Bangladeshis in Delhi. In a statement, the Lieutenant Governor's office said, reiterating that they were worried about the situation of their Hindu brethren and minorities Bangladesh and worsening state-of-affairs in the country, the delegation demanded stringent action against Bangladesh nationals illegally staying in Delhi. In a letter submitted to Saxena, the delegation said they should not be provided rented accommodation or jobs in

According to the statement, the delegation demanded illegal Bangladeshi infiltrators should not be given houses on rent and those houses who have already rented out their premises should evict them.

any establishment.

US denies backing anti-India agenda

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The United States Embassy ■ on Saturday rejected the Bharatiya Janata Party's allegations that organisations funded by the US State Department, and elements in the American "deep state" behind destabilise India through targeted attacks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and business tycoon Gautam Adani. A spokesperson at the US embassy described the allegations as "disappointing" and asserted that the US government has been a champion of media freedom



The BJP had alleged on Thursday that the US deep state colluded with the media portal OCCRP (Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project) and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to "damage" India's image. The BJP had cited Gandhi's use of reports by OCCRP to attack the Adani Group and to accuse it of having closeness with the government.

disappointing that the ruling party in India would make these kinds of accusations," the US embassy spokesperson



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Two murders in a day, AAP raises law and order issue

PNS NEW DELHI

 $T^{
m wo~murders}$ in different colonies rocked Delhi on Saturday, with the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government blasting the Centre over the law and order situation in the National Capital. A 52-year-old businessman was shot dead by two unidentified assailants during his morning walk in Shahdara while a man was stabbed to death during a brawl in South Delhi's Govindpuri. The brazen killings and increased criminal activities have raised concerns about public safety and the efficacy of law enforcement in Delhi.

Reacting to the two incidents, AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal said that criminals have become "fearless" under the BJP rule. "After the firing in Vishwas Nagar, now news of stabbing is coming from Govindpuri. Under the BJP rule, criminals have become completely fearless," he wrote on X.

These latest crimes are sure to result in a major slugfest between the Centre and other political parties over the increasing lawlessness as the Delhi Police and law and order in the national Capital come under the jurisdiction of the Union Home Ministry. The The AAP is going to make law and order an electoral issue when Delhi holds Assembly polls in

February. In Shahdara, at least eight rounds were fired at the victim, identified as Sunil Jain, near the Yamuna Sports complex. Jain who ran a business of utensils, was returning home on a scooty, when two motorcycle-borne unidentified attackers opened fire at him in the Farsh Bazar

Shahdara Deputy Commissioner of Police Prashant Gautam confirmed that the police received a PCR call at 8.36 am, and at least seven bullets were fired at Jain after which the accused fled

December 21 is World Meditation Day, UNGA adopts resolution co-sponsored by India



Representative photo

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

India co-sponsored a UN General Assembly draft resolution that unanimously adopted to proclaim December 21 as World Meditation Day. India, including Liechtenstein, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Mexico and Andorra, was a member of the core group of countries that guided the unanimous adoption of the resolution titled 'World Meditation Day' in the 193-member UN General Assembly on Friday. "A day for comprehensive well-being and inner transformation! Glad that India along with other nations of the core group guided the unanimous adoption of the resolution on the declaration of December 21 as World Meditation Day @UN General Assembly today (Friday)," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish said in a post on X.

He said India's leadership in

overall human wellbeing stems from "our civilisational dictum

#VasudhaiyaKutumbakam the whole world is one family". Harish noted that December 21 marks the Winter Solstice, which in Indian tradition is the beginning of "Uttarayana an auspicious time of the year, especially for inner reflection" and meditation. It also falls exactly six months after the International Day of Yoga commemorated on June 21, which is the Summer Solstice. Recalling that India had in 2014 taken the lead in declaring June 21 as International Day of Yoga, Harish said that in a decade, it has become a global movement which has led to common people across the globe practising yoga and making it part of their daily

A press release by the Permanent Mission of India to the UN said India's instrumental role in the adoption of the resolution on

World Meditation Day was a "testimony to its commitment to human wellness and global leadership on this front in tune with our civilisational dictum of Kutumbakam". Vasudhaiva declaration of World time when various regions of the globe witness conflicts and growing tensions, the mission said.

It underlined that meditation is rooted in ancient practises and is an effective tool to achieve inner transformation and peace in the modern day. It is aimed at comprehensive human well-being, including mental, emotional, physical and spiritual dimensions. It prepares human beings to cope with several modernday issues such as heightened anxiety and stress and brings about harmony between mind and body, humans and nature.

"Modern science attests to the numerous benefits meditation and its profound impact on our lives. It has been scientifically proven that regular meditation significantly reduces stress, and enhances cognitive and physical functions," the Indian mission added.

The resolution, introduced by Liechtenstein, was also cosponsored by Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Burundi, the Dominican Republic, Iceland, Mauritius, Luxembourg, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Portugal and Slovenia.



ISKCON centre in Bangladesh burnt down: Radharaman Das

PTI KOLKATA

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) on Saturday alleged that its centre in Dhaka district in neighbouring Bangladesh was burnt down earlier in the day. Iskcon Kolkata vice président Radharamn Das told PTI that the targetted attack members of community and members of the Vaishnavite order goes on unabated as "vandals set ablaze idols inside the temple at the Namhatta property." He said in a post on X handle, "ISKCON Namhatta Centre burned down in Bangladesh. The deities of Sri Sri Laxmi Narayan and all items inside the temple were burned down completely The centre is located in Dhaka. Early morning today, between 2-3 AM, miscreants set fire to the Shri Shri Radha Krishna Temple and the Shri Shri Mahabhagya Lakshmi Narayan Temple, which fall under the Hare Krishna

Dhour village, under the jurisdiction of Turag Police Station, Dhaka district. The fire was initiated by lifting the tin roof at the back of the temple and using petrol or octane. Address: H-02, R-05, Ward-54," he said in the post. Das claimed that attacks are continuing and despite the ISKCON drawing the attention of the interim government in Bangladesh, not much is being done by the police and administration to assuage their grievances and address their concern. "Iskcon India has expressed concern about the safety of Hindus in Bangladesh and urged its monks and followers from Bangladesh not to wear 'tilaks' and practice their faith discreetly. The targeted attacks continue," he had earlier said.

The Iskcon Kolkata vice president also expressed concern over arrested Hindu community leader Chinmoy Krishna Das's safety following his denial of bail and the

Dubai returned dulha brings baraat, but dulhan gayab...

RANI SINGH RAJPUT CHANDIGARH/ NEW DELHI

The stage was set and the wedding party was ready to bring home the beautiful bride chosen by their Dubaireturned groom. The wedding had been planned online and this was the first time everyone, including the groom, would be meeting the lawyer-bride, or so they

thought. However, Deepak Kumar (24) and his entourage of 150 'baraatis' were shocked when they arrived in Moga, Punjab, only to find his

bride "missing", adding insult to injury they also realised that the wedding venue did not exist. A month ago returned from Dubai to Jalandhar, Punjab to marry one Manpreet Kaur. Kumar had been talking to her via Instagram for three years,

but had never met her in person, the police said. After realising he had been duped, Kumar lodged a police complaint against Kaur Kumar told the police that he along with his family had travelled all the way from Mandiali village

wedding at the venue that had been chosen by the bride and her family. Upon reaching Moga, the bride's reportedly told family Kumar that some people will escort him and his family to the wedding venue. However, even after waiting till 5 pm, no one showed up, Kumar said.

He added that they had asked the locals about the wedding venue named 'Rose Garden Palace' but were told that there was no such place in Moga. The groom said that he worked as a labourer Jalandhar to Moga for the in Dubai and had been in



touch with Kaur through the platform Instagram for the past three years. Kumar said he had seen Kaur's photos but never met her in person. Their parents had arranged the wedding over phone calls, police officials said, adding that Kumar also claimed to have transferred Rs 50,000 to Kaur earlier. His father Prem Chand said

Namhatta Sangha, located in

that 150 'baraatis' came for the wedding, and that he had already hired taxis, paid for catering and a videographer. Kaur reportedly hails from Moga and had earlier told

Kumar that she works in Ferozepur, he said. The groom's father said that the marriage was fixed after speaking to Kaur's parents over the phone, and guests were invited for the wedding. Meanwhile, Moga Assistant

Sub-Inspector Harjinder Singh said they have received a complaint from Deepak Kumar. Singh said the complaint was lodged after the groom's family could not reach the bride as her phone was switched off. Further investigation in the matter is underway, he said.

VIEWPOINT

Subhas Chandra Bose at Tripuri: Victim of non-violent violence?



Romit Bagchi

CAt the last Congress session, some rude hands have deeply hurt Bengal with an ungracious persistence. Please apply without delay a balm to the wound with your own kind hands and prevent it from festering," bindranath Tagore wrote to Mahatma Gandhi on March 29 1939, urging the latter's kind intervention to end Subhas Chandra Bose's predicament inside the Congress, post- his astounding election to the party's presidentship for the Tripuri session in the teeth of stiff opposition from the staunch Gandhiites. However, Gandhi (the title 'Mahatma' was given to him by Tagore) refused to mellow. He wrote back, "I have your letter full of tenderness. The problem you set before me is difficult. Í have made certain suggestions to Subhas. I see no other way out of the im-

The Gandhi-Subhas headon confrontation in the aftermath of the latter's victory for Tripuri is doubtless one of the most exciting and tense

IN BRIEF

Programmes slated to mark Bipin

Rawat's 3rd death anniversary today

DEHRADUN: Like previous two years, Devbhoomi Vikas

Sansthan is hosting programmes on December 7 to commemo-

rate the tragic air crash death of the former Chief of Defence

Staff Bipin Rawat. Its chairman and former chief minister

Trivendra Singh Rawat who is now Haridwar MP said that Ut-

tarakhand would never forget Rawat who embodied the valour

and sacrifice the State is known for. "His memory will never fade

out of Uttarakhand's collective mind. The whole country is

grateful to him for the outstanding works he did for the defence

sector," he said, adding that this year too, commemorative me-

morial programmes would be held to mark his death anniver-

sary. Last year, blood donation and health camps were organised

in Kotdwar and Dehradun. A series of memorial lectures on sev-

eral facets of Rawat's work and personality was hosted too.

Armed Forces Flag Day observed at Raj Bhawan

DEHRADUN: To mark the Armed Forces Flag Day, the direc-

tor, Sainik Welfare and Rehabilitation, Brigadier Amrit Lal

(retd) met the Governor Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (retd) at Raj

Bhavan on Saturday and hoisted the flag. The Governor while

welcoming the Brigadier sought information about the status

of the Sainik Welfare Boards operating in the State. He said that this day is important for Uttarakhand because the people

of the State contributed a lot to the army, adding that the number of ex-servicemen in Uttarakhand is high. "It is, therefore,

the duty of the people here to help their families," he said. Among those present on the occasion were the deputy director Sainik Welfare and Rehabilitation Colonel MS Jodha (retd) and

Tehri clinches gold at Khel

DEHRADUN: The competitions of the Group-2 under the

Khel Mahakumbh-2024 being organised by the State Youth Wel-

fare Department and kshetreey Praanteey Dal ended on Satur-

day. The football and boxing finals of the Under-20 boys were

played on the day. At the seesaw football final held at Maharana

Pratap Sports College, Tehri beat Champayat by 1-0 and clinched the gold medal while Dehradun beat Haridwar by 2-0

Sri Dev Suman Government Library now hi-tech

NEW THERI: The Tehri district magistrate Mayur Dixit con-

ducted an inspection of the Sri Dev Suman Government District

Library located at Bouradi in New Tehri on Saturday to take

stock of the renovation work going on on its ground floor. Under

the District Plan, the first floor of the library has been made hi-

tech to facilitate preservation of the old documents and books.

Besides, competitive exam-related books have been made on-

line. After the first floor of the library was done, work started to

give a new look to the ground floor. The DM stressed on com-

pletion of the work by March 2025. He also asked the authorities

to keep adequate space for children to sit in, increase competi-

tive exam-related materials, CCTV cameras, high-speed net

KU student's PhD oral final completed

NAINITAL: The Kumaun University DSB campus officials said

that a student of their Zoology department Toshiba had given

her final oral PhD examination. The Delhi University professor

Neeta Sehgal participated as an expert in this examination con-

ducted online. Besides, a number of KU professors, including

HCS Bisht, Manoj Kumar Arya, Deepika Goswami and Himan-

shu Lohani were present online at the research student's oral

exam. Toshiba did her research on the topic of triploidy induc-

tion using pressure shock at fry stage in snow trout and com-

parative growth of triploids and diploids. She completed her

research under the guidance of department head and senior pro-

fessor Major Harish Chandra Singh Bisht and N N Pandey.

Mahakumbh football final

Rawat's younger daughter Tarini was present.

Subedar Major ML Bhatt

and won the bronze medal.

connectivity and RO drinking water.

phases in the history of the party since its Surat split. Now, let us look back on what happened before and after the

Sensing the impending danger to his undisputed supremacy over the Congress with Bose remaining ironwilled to contest the presidential election for the second consecutive term, Gandhi proposed the name of Jawaharlal Nehru to take on Bose. It was a shrewd move aimed at driving a wedge between the two ideologically fellow travellers. Nehru refused and named Maulana Azad instead. Azad proposed the name of Pattabhi Sitaramyaya. It is intriguing why they made him the candidate though he was a lightbehind redoubtable Bose who had already emerged as the uncompromising anti-Gandhi face.

When Bose was preparing to wrest the control of the Congress from the Old Guard which, according to him, was vegetating when the world was staring at a grim crisis with the clouds of the Second World War hovering across, the true-blue Gandhiites led by Sardar Patel conceived a move to scuttle his plan. They said that as the presidential election had been a unanimous affair so far a contest was undesirable. While lending support to Sitaramyaya they pressured Bose to withdraw. The historians said that this move had Gandhi's full support.

Exasperated, Bose said that Patel and other Gandhi acolytes were nastily conspiring against him. Nehru wrote to Bose, asking him to not doubt the bona fides of his colleagues. Gandhi supported none of the candidates but re-

A few days before the Tripuri Congress, Gandhi intriguingly went to Rajkot and got deeply involved in a dispute with the Princely States. As a prelude to the session, a Congress Working Committee meeting was slated at



marked that anarchy was awaiting the country.

The election was held amidst this vitiated atmosphere and Bose defeated Sitaramyaya by 1580-1375 votes. Stunned, Gandhi famously said that it was more his defeat than Sitaramyaya's. He further said that he was happy with Bose's victory and he was now free to form his own team and implement his policies. "After all, Subhas Babu is not an enemy of the country. He has suffered for it...Those who feel uncomfortable in being in the Congress may come out, not in a spirit of ill-will but with the deliberate purpose of rendering more effective service." The historian Amalesh Tripathi wondered what could be a deadlier challenge couched in a gentle language. Wardha. Bose requested its deferment, citing his serious illness. Meanwhile, to mount pressure on Bose, 12 out of 15 CWC members, including Patel, Rajendra Prasad and Govind Ballabh Pant, resigned. Later, Nehru followed suit. In another move meant to coerce Bose into submission. Pant introduced a resolution at the CWC meeting, asking Bose to form the next CWC in accordance with Gandhi's wishes, a move that amounted to an explicit expression of no-confidence in the newly elected president.

The open session at Tripuri was held on March 10, 1939. Burning with fever, Bose came. His speech was read by his elder brother Sarat Chandra Bose. The speech focused itself on issuing an ultimatum to the British government,

stating that it must address the country's demands in view of the deepening international crisis failing which there would be a full-blooded people's movement to oust the government. The fuming Old Guard cast doubt on Bose's illness which triggered an acrimonious uproar. To further push Bose back to the wall, they got the Pant resolution approved. Bose's wings were clipped. Defeated and humiliated, he left Tripuri.

Later, Bose made repeated and desperate attempts to mend fences with Gandhi. He put a proposal for a composite committee that would include his followers and members of the Old Guard. But Gandhi remained un-

Then the inevitable happened at the AICC session in Calcutta. Hemmed in by hostility, Bose offered to resign. He said it was not possible for him to form his team in accordance with the Pant resolution and he would feel uncomfortable in the team if the AICC formed it. Nehru requested him to not resign and proposed a compromise which Bose declined. Then Sarojini Naidu who was chairing the session asked Bose to clarify his offer to resign. Bose said it depended on the AICC's decision about his composite team proposal. Naidu then accepted Bose's resignation hastily sans vote and appointed Rajendra Prasad as the next president. All hell broke loose thereafter and

Guard fled to escape the wrath of the mob comprising Bose's followers. The final act came up a few days later when the new CWC expelled Bose, debarring him from any elected post for three years. Further, to rub salt into his wound, Prasad dissolved the Bengal Congress Committee. provoking Bose to an open rebellion. Gandhi commented sarcastically: "I could understand rebellion after seces-

This is a brief account of what happened. But the question is: why Gandhi was so implacably and uncharacteristically bellicose to Bose. Historian Amalesh Tripathi gave a plausible reason though he emphatically said that its authenticity was not verified. The senior Congress leader from Bombay K M Munshi is supposed to have told Ashok Majumdar, the son of the eminent historian Ramesh

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Chandra Majumdar, that Bose while in Bombay used to meet the German Consular at a friend's home in disguise. The British intelligence department learnt about it and Munshi who was then the finance minister of the Bombay State was informed. According to Tripathi, he might have told Gandhi. Gandhi kept it to himself and did not disclose it to his close lieutenants like Nehru and Patel as he knew that Bose would have reacted furiously had the information been incorrect. Nevertheless, it might have created a doubt in Gandhi's mind and he might have thought that if Bose was allowed to gain control he would have directed the party into a direction that would have been an anathema to Gandhi, given the Nazi pogrom and other inhumane acts.

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Pipping ceremony of Special

A pipping ceremony was organised at the Indian Military Academy (IMA) on Saturday in which 43 officer cadets of Special List-37 course, passed out from

The course comprises meritorious soldiers of the Indian army who have excelled in every field to be elevated to the rank of officers. The commandant of the IMA Lieutenant General Sandeep Jain presided over the ceremony. In his address the IMA commandant exhorted the course to selflessly serve their motherland. The course is considered as a



the Officer Cadets was immaculate. During the course

all aspects the course gives them the confidence and skills necessary to be worthy Officers post commissioning. They are now well motivated and suitably prepared to assume the enhanced responsibilities that they will be entrusted with in one of the finest

armies of the world," a said. The junior under officer Dinesh Singh Negi and officer cadet Karthikeyan Nair Pwere were awarded with the Commandant's gold medal and silver medal respectively in the ceremony

List -37 course held at IMA Designed to focus on

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significant milestone in the endeavours and aspirations of

Indian Army. "Having already communiqué from the IMA served in the Indian Army for a few years as trained soldiers, the discipline and conduct of

of their training at IMA, the Officer Cadets were put the meritorious soldiers of the through structured training.

665 degrees, 12 gold medals conferred on students at IUU's convocation

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The 8th convocation of IMS Unison University (IUU) was held on Saturday during which 665 degrees and 12 gold medals, along with the founder chairman medal and the president's medal, were conferred on the students. The president and managdirector of Volvo ing Group India Kamal Bali

the was chief guest while the founding vice. chancellor of Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skills University (RTMSSU) Apoorva Palkar was the guest of honour.

Naveen Agarwal founder chairman medal was awarded to Sarthak Baluni while the president's medal was awarded to Isha Kansal. Gold medals were awarded to 12 toppers, nine of whom were

The vice-chancellor, IMS Unison University, Anil Subba Rao Paila, in his Subba Rao Paila, address, said that the graduating students have reached an important milestone and are now stepping

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into a new phase of their journey.

Bali exhorted the students to cling to the ethical values they have imbibed in the university throughout their lives.

Palkar also addressed the students and commended their academic achievement.

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Tender Closing Date Time	31.12.2024 16:00	31.12.2024 16:00	31.12.2024 16:00	
Advertised Value (Rs.)	1,20,76,823.20	2,71,72,852.20	1,81,15,234.80	
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Bidding Start Date	17.12.2024	17.12.2024	17.12.2024	
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2.	694277610000204	Mr. Anand Sharma	228, Shanti Nagar Bankhardi Rishikesh	12.2 Gram	Bank of India, Rishikesh Branch Kailash Gate Muni Ki Reti Distt. Tehri Garhwal Mob- 95579-02284
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4.	721177610000512	Mr. Bhusan Kumar	Prem Nagar Saleempur Rajputana Roorkee	4.45 Gram	Bank of India, Roorkee Branch, Malviya Chowk Mob. 87932-50732
5.	721177610000335	Mr. Rajesh Chauchan	Shakti Vihar Colony Roorkee Distt Haridwar	9.74 Gram	Bank of India, Roorkee Branch, Malviya Chowk Mob. 87932-50732
6.	705877610000468	Mr. Ram Krishna Pant	Khasra No. 191, Arkedia Colony, Opposite Bank of India, Badowala, Dehradun	18.20 Gram	Bank of India, Badowala Branch, Shimla By Pass Road, Badowala Near Indian Petrol Pump. Mob. 73006-19628
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Rain and snowfall forecast in most parts of State today

Yellow warning- thunderstorms with lightning likely in Dehradun and six other districts

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A fter nearly two months of Champawat and Udham Singh Nagar districts on Sunday. winter months, Uttarakhand is likely to witness rain and snowfall today. The rain and snowfall will not only provide relief from the dry cold but also bring about a gradual drop in the maximum and minimum temperatures across the State where many parts are not yet wit-

Apart from this, light to moderate rain is likely to occur at some places over Dehradun, Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Rudraprayag, Rudraprayag, Pithoragarh and Bageshwar districts and very light to light rain is likely to occur at isolated places in the remaining dis-



nessing the biting cold generally experienced during December. The State Meteorological Centre has issued a yellow warning (Watch) regarding the possibility of thunderstorms accompanied with lightning likely to occur at isolated places over Dehradun, Tehri, Pauri,

tricts of the State today. The provisional State capital Dehradun is likely to witness a mainly clear to partly cloudy sky becoming generally cloudy towards the evening/night. Very light to light rain/thunderstorm is likely to occur towards the evening/night. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be about

21 degrees Celsius and six degrees Celsius respectively in Dehradun today. The temperature drop is already being experienced in Dehradun and other parts of the State, with the minimum and maximum temperatures in Dehradun recorded a degree below normal on Saturday. The minimum temperature is forecast to drop two degrees Celsius below normal on Sunday.

The maximum and minimum temperatures recorded in various parts of the State on Saturday were 21.7 degrees Celsius and 7.3 degrees Celsius respectively in Dehradun, 24 degrees Celsius and 4.4 degrees Celsius in Pantnagar, 15.5 degrees Celsius and 4.9 degrees Celsius in Mukteshwar and 14.6 degrees Celsius and 5.9 degrees Celsius in New Tehri. The maximum and minimum were both a degree below normal in Dehradun while the minimum was three degrees below normal in Pantnagar. The maximum was a degree above normal in Mukteshwar while the maximum was degrees below normal and the minimum was a degree below normal in New Tehri.

Officials told to focus on boosting winter Char Dham Yatra: CM

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Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the officials concerned have been directed to facilitate the winter Char Dham Yatra. Dhami visited Omkareshwar Mandir in Ukhimath, the winter abode of Lord Kedarnath on Saturday, where he prayed to the lord for the wellbeing of the people. Participating in the Pandav Nritya organised on the occasion, he stressed on collective efforts for the conservation and upliftment of the State's cultural heritage.

Addressing the public on the occasion, the CM thanked the public for electing the Bharatiya Janata Party candidate Asha Nautiyal in the Kedarnath Assembly bypoll, adding that various development works are being taken forward by the government in the area. He said that various announcements have been made for the Ukhimath area which will be executed soon. Various construction works have also been appoved for the Kedar directed all the officials convalley after the disaster witnessed in the area earlier this year. Stating that he himself ing guidelines for this purwas present amidst the public after the disaster witnessed in the valley in July, the CM said that the second phase of the pilgrimage to level meeting is also slated to



Kedarnath was resumed soon after the disaster.

Dhami said that the State government is working to develop Rudraprayag into an ideal district. The women in the Kedar valley are consistently boosting innovation with efforts including quality production and packaging. The demand for the local products is rising across the nation and the government is also abetting this initiative.

"The State government has cerned to boost the winter Char Dham Yatra and is issupose. All the necessary arrangements are being spruced up for the winter Char Dham Yatra. A high-

be held soon regarding the winter Char Dham Yatra. Our government starts preparing for the next Yatra season as soon as the current pilgrimage season ends. We are also working to ensure that the people get work for the winter pilgrimage," he

Recalling that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said in Kedarnath that the third decade of the 21st century belongs to Uttarakhand, the CM said that the State government is working to fulfill this vision.

MLAs Asha Nautiyal, Bharat Singh Chowdhary, Badrinath Kedarnath Temple chairman Committee Ajendra Ajay and others were also present on the occasion.

CM asks DMs to make arrangements in night shelters for poor in winter

Tn view of the warning of cold wave like conditions issued by the meteorological department due to rain and snowfall

especially women, children and ill people should be shifted to the night shelters set by the administration. The CM expected on Sunday and also directed the DMs to make



Monday, chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has directed all district magistrates to make necessary arrangements in the night shelters. He said that new night shelters for the poor should be opened where necessary. The CM said that blankets should be distributed to the poor persons. He said that destitute persons

arrangements for setting up bonfires at public places. He said that in view of the forecast of snowfall in the higher reaches the cold conditions are likely to prevail in other areas of the State and the administration should take necessary action to provide necessary facilities to the poor in winters.

Home Guards discharging key responsibilities: Dhami

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Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has said that the organisation of Home Guards is working actively for social security and maintaining law and order in the State. He was addressing a programme organised on the occasion of the foundation day of the Home Guards after reviewing the ceremonial parade at Nanurkheda, Dehradun on Saturday.

He said that the Home Guards are ready to fulfill their responsibilities in every situation and they play an important role in maintaining law and order, controlling traffic and during religious events such as Chardham Yatra, Kumbh Mela and Kanwad Yatra.

The CM announced that the volunteers of the Home Guards deployed at an altitude of more than 9,000 feet will be given an additional incentive of Rs 200 per day like the personnel of State Police and SDRF. He said that the Home Guards deployed with SDRF personnel will get an incentive of Rs 100 per day. The CM also said that the uniform allowance given to the Home Guard personnel will now be given every year. He said that the ex-gratia



amount given to every Home Guard on attaining the superannuation age of 60 years from the Home Guards welfare fund will be increased by Rs 50,000.

The CM said that the State government has taken several decisions for the welfare of the Home Guards. He said that a state of the art indoor firing range is being constructed in Premnagar, Dehradun, which will benefit our Home Guards in arms training. The CM said that the facility of CSD canteen has also been started for the Home Guards. He said that the State government has also taken the decision to provide maternity leave to women

Home Guards.

In the programme, the CM handed over scholarship cheques to the meritorious children of Home Guards. He also released the Souvenir 2024 and departmental calendar 2025 of Home Guards and Civil Defense department on the occasion.

Raipur MLA Umesh Sharma Kau, Rajpur MLA Khajan Das, former Mayor Sunil Uniyal Gama, secretary Shailesh Bagoli, director general police Deepam Seth, commandant general Home Guards PVK Prasad and others attended the programme.

Mahara seeks high level inquiry in Police Lines incident

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Karan Mahara has demanded a high level inquiry to investigate the November 4 incident that took place at Police Lines, Dehradun. He said that the police was responsible for the unsavory incident that occurred between youth Congress workers and jour-

In a letter to the director general of police, Mahara the Police Lines incident of December 4 occurred due to the gross negligence of the police and administration. He said that after the mass detention in the secretariat march, he and the youth Congress workers were taken to the police incident occurred due to the

lines and were made to sit on the stairs. He said that the Congress workers and leaders were not told about the event being organised by the media personnel there.

The PCC president added that perhaps the journalists also had no knowledge of the detention of Congress workers. "In this misunderstanding, the journalists probably thought that we had come there to protest against them and in this commotion and misunderstanding, this incident hap-pened, for which police officers and personnel posted there on duty are responsible," he said.

Mahara said that though the

negligence of the police personnel and misunderstanding, a deliberate conspiracy cannot be ruled out. The PCC president also raised questions on the absence of police personnel in the police lines ground.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Youth Congress workers entered into a verbal duel and scuffle with the mediapersons at Police lines ground on November 4. The PCC president has already expressed regret over the incident. On Saturday morning Mahara visited the Uttaranchal Press club and met its office bearers. He again expressed regret for the incident in the meeting.

ing 4 new KVs in U'khand Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has expressed gratwill have a capacity of 960 students. The CM said that the ini-

CM thanks Modi for approv-

itude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union cabinet for giving approval to open four new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KV) in Uttarakhand. He said that the Union cabinet has approved 85 new KVs in the country. These schools will be constructed with an estimated budget of Rs 5,872.08 crore and these will provide quality education to 82,560 students and jobs to 5,388 people. Every new school KVs.

tiative of the Union cabinet will set a new dimension of quality education in remote areas of the country. In Uttarakhand the KVs would be opened at Narendranagar and Madan Negi towns of Tehri district, Kotdwar of Pauri district and Dwarahat of Almora district. There are 47 KVs in Uttarakhand at present. After the approval of the union cabinet for opening four new schools, the State will have 51

CEO takes public feedback on special summary revision programme

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The chief electoral 1 officer BVRC Purushottam visited booths in many Dehradun on Saturday and took feedback on the super checking campaign underway in the State under the special summary revision programme- 2025 of the electoral rolls. He met the general public and took the feedback of the campaign. The CEO visited the booths located at Kanwali road, Kanwali village, Bindal bridge, Majara and Old Dalanwala and took feedback on randomly selected claims and objections.



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Whereas, undersigned being the Authorised Officer of KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act], 2002(54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 04.06.2024 calling upon the borrower/ mortgagor/ guarantors : (1) M/s Shiv Hardware and Paints, Represented by its Proprietor, Mr. Shubham Gupta, (2) Mr. Shubham Gupta S/o Mr. Raj Kumar Gupta, (3) Mrs. Anita Gupta W/o Mr. Rajkumar Gupta, All No (1) to (3) are residing at: #172/4 Nehru Nagar, Roorkee, Haridwar, Roorkee Uttarakhand - 247667, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.47,79,554.09 [Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Four and Paise Nine Only] under PSOD Account No. 6677000600007201 along with future interest from 01.06.2024, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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For Karnataka Bank Ltd Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

Winter Char Dham Yatra to be a milestone for State's economy: Bhatt

PNS DEHRADUN

The Bharatiya Janata Party to visit the Char Dham ■ State president Mahendra Bhatt welcomed the State government's focus on encouraging the winter Char Dham Yatra, stating that it will prove to be a milestone for the State's economy. He told the media that Uttarkahand is fortunate to have the four sacred Dham, adding that the blessings of these deities are for the whole world. He said that the pilgrimage has been continuing due to believers of Sanatan Dharma who have been expressing their devotion by visiting these shrines for centuries. There has been considerable improvement in the pilgrimage and the facilities with time but inclement weather and time constraints make it

during the main pilgrimage season.

"Efforts have been undertaken for a long time to encourage the winter Char Dham Yatra but today our government has been successful in the real sense to meet the standards needed to facilitate it. This will enable the devotees to pay obeisance to the deities throughout the

year. Revolutionary changes have been achieved with the allweather road and other necessary facilities under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's guidance and chief minister Pushkar impossible for many devotees Singh Dhami's able leadership,"



the BJP State president said.

Bhatt said that the continuation of the Char Dham Yatra throughout the year will be welcomed by the devotees while also being considerably bene-

ficial for the State's economy. The attitude of the people towards tourism is changing and many are visiting the mountains and cold places during the winter these days. In such a situation, the scope for paying obeisance to the deities, enjoying the clean air and environment, bathing in the winter and enjoying the

peace will increase the number of visitors. This will boost the tourism business Uttarakhand and enhance the local economy, the BJP State president said

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Loan No. XOHEHRA00002055623 Borrower & Co-Borrowers:- 1. SANJAY KUMAR S/O JYOTI PRASAD, 2. JITENDRA KUMAR S/O JYOTI PRASAD, 3. SUNITA GOSWAMI W/O SANJAY KUMAR, 4. LEELAWATI DEVI W/O PHOOL GIRI JYOTI PRASAD, R/O: House No. 441,chaw Mandi Roorkee, Near Bhagwati Hospital Roorkee, Haridwar 247667 ALSO AT: House No. 246, Chaw Mandi Roorkee, Haridwar Uttarakhand 247667 5. M/S JYOTI & SONS Through Its Partner (SANJAY KUMAR) # 551, Near Bhagwati Hospital Roorkee Haridwar 247667	15-01-2024, Rs. 34,66,587/- AS 0N 09/01/2024 With Further Interest And Charges Thereon.	Property measuring 92.283 sq. meters registered as per sale deed bearing document number 11,813 dated 29/10/2007 situated in Chao mandi, Roorkee Tehsil roorkee, Distt. Haridwar	Rs. 75,00,000/- Rs. 7,50,000/- Rs. 1,00,000/-	17-01-2025 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. 16-01-2025 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. As Per Appointment

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Government committed to make school education accessible: PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said his government has taken another big decision to make school education as accessible as possible with the Cabinet approving the opening of 85 new Kendriya Vidyalayas.

He asserted that while the step will benefit a large number of students, many employment opportunities will also be created.

"Our government has taken another big decision to make school education as accessible as possible. Under this, 85 new Kendriya Vidyalayas will be opened across the country.

While this step will benefit a large number of students,



created," Modi said in a social media post.

The prime minister said the government is committed to providing school education to every section of the many new employment society in accordance with residential and quality opportunities will also be the National Education school education to a larger

another post in Hindi.

The prime minister also said

government

determined to improve across the country. "In this direction, government approved the Rithala-Kundli corridor under the fourth phase of Delhi Metro in the National Capital Region. This will make commuting between Delhi and Haryana easier," Modi said. The Union Cabinet approved on Friday the opening of 85 new KVs and 28 new NVs. It also gave its nod

expanding one KV. The opening of these new provide an KVs will opportunity for over 82,000 students to receive affordable and high-quality education across country. The total estimated requirement of funds for the

establishment of the 85 new KVs and the expansion of one existing KVs is Rs 5,872.08 crore spread over a period of eight years from 2025-26. As of date, there 1,256 functional Vidvalavas, including three abroad Moscow, Kathmandu and Tehran - and 13.56 lakh students are studying in these schools, an official statement said. The Union Cabinet also

corridor of the Delhi Metro's Phase-IV project that will further enhance connectivity between the national capital neighbouring Haryana. The entire stretch will comprise 21 stations, all of elevated. decisions were taken at a

approved on Friday the

26.463-km Rithala-Kundli

A provisional order was Cabinet meeting chaired by

ED attaches fresh assets worth ₹388 Crore in Mahadev online betting case

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI/RAIPUR

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Enforcement Saturday said it has attached fresh assets worth about Rs 388 crore in its ongoing money laundering investigation into the Mahadev online betting case in which various high ranking politicians and bureaucrats from Chhattisgarh are alleged to have been involved. These include movable assets

investment made by Mauritius-based company Tano Investment Opportunities Fund related to Dubai-based "hawala to Dubai-based Shankar Hari operator" Tibrewal through FPI and FDI - and properties in Chhattisgarh, Mumbai and Madhya Pradesh in the name of promoters of multiple betting apps and websites, panel operators and associates of the promoters, the federal agency said in a statement.

issued under the Prevention

past that its probe into the

of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) on December 5 to attach these assets with a total value of Rs 387.99 crore, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said

Tibrewal investigated by the agency in this case.

The ED has issued multiple such orders during this investigation and with the latest order, assets worth Rs 2,295.61 crore have been either frozen, attached or seized so far.

Eleven people have been arrested in this case and the has chargesheets.

The agency has alleged in the

Mahadev Online Betting (MOB) gaming and betting has shown the involvement of various highranking politicians bureaucrats Chhattisgarh.

The app's main promoters, Sourabh Chandrakar and Ravi Uppal, hail from the state.

According to the ED, the MOB app is an umbrella syndicate arranging online platforms for enabling illegal betting websites to enrol new users, create user IDs and launder money through a layered web of benami bank

Rajnath Singh to visit Russia on Sunday, witness commissioning of Indian naval warship

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will embark on a three-day trip to Russia on Sunday to witness the commissioning of a stealth warship into the Indian Navy and hold talks with his Russian counterpart Andrey Belousov on the expansion of bilateral cooperation in co-production of military hardware.

The Russian-manufactured multi-role stealth guided missile frigate INS Tushil will be commissioned on Monday in the coastal city of Kaliningrad. The warship, billed as one of the most technologically advanced frigates globally, is expected to significantly bolster the Indian Navy's operational capability in the Indian Ocean, a region that has witnessed increasing Chinese forays. Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi

commissioning ceremony. Defence Minister Singh will pay an official visit to the Russian Federation from December 8 to 10, an official readout said on Saturday.

It said Singh and Belousov will co-chair the 21st meeting of the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M&MTC) Moscow on December 10.

The defence minister's visit to Russia comes five months Prime Minister Narendra Modi travelled to Moscow and held summit talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin. In the talks, both sides decided to further bolster two-way defence ties. Singh and Belousov will review the entire range of multi-faceted relations between the two countries in the field of defence, including military-to-military

will accompany Singh to the industrial cooperation, the defence ministry said in the readout. "They will also exchange views contemporary regional and global issues of mutual interest," it said.

"As part of that, our

government has approved

country. This will expand

new

Vidyalayas

Navodaya

across the

People familiar with Singh's said India-Russia visit cooperation in co-production of military hardware will figure prominently in the talks between the two defence ministers. "As part of the visit, the defence minister will also commission the Indian Navy's latest multi-role stealth guided missile frigate 'INS Tushil' at Yantra Shipyard, Kaliningrad on December 9, the ministry said.

It said Singh will also pay tributes at 'The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier' in Moscow to honour the Soviet soldiers killed during the Second War. He is also World scheduled to interact with the members of the Indian community in Moscow.

Union Health Ministry determines compensation for patients with faulty Johnson & Johnson implants

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

viving a ray of hope to Upatients who received faulty implants manufactured by DePuy International Limited (now Johnson & Johnson Private Limited) in India, the Union Health Ministry has reconstituted a central panel of experts to determine the compensation for affected individuals.

A recent public notice issued by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) informed the public about the reconstitution of committee.

'The central committee is reconstituted under the chairmanship of Dr Ajay Kumar Shukla, Professor Orthopaedics, Hospital (New Delhi), to determine the quantum of

compensation as admissible and medical management for the affected patients who were implanted with faulty ASR hip implants," the notice read. The ASR hip implants were manufactured by M/s DePuy international Limited, UK and imported by M/s DePuy Medical Private, Mumbai now Johnson and Johnson Private Limited - according to the notice.

In 2010, the company issued a global recall on the product following complaints related to hip implants from other parts of the world.

The affected patients who were implanted with faulty ASR hip implants and are suffering from disability and other losses may approach either the Central Expert Committee or the state-level committee in accordance with

CISF sets up Quality Control Unit to enhance aviation security



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CISF has set up a quality control unit to "enhance" the "operational efficiency" of its aviation security wing that provides a counter-terrorist cover to 68 civil airports of the country

An spokesperson for the paramilitary force said on Saturday that the Internal Quality Control Unit (IQCU) will play a "crucial" role in

security procedures and technology for the airports that are used by lakhs of domestic and international passengers every day. initiative

compliance with the National Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Programme (NCASQCP) of 2024 issued by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and the Aircraft (Security) Rules of 2023, he said.

The BCAS, under the civil

aviation ministry, frames security policies for the Indian civil aviation sector. The new unit will bring about uniformity in civil aviation security procedures and training, recommend new technology available world over, allow internal audits of CISF security units and their protocols and identify "gaps"

Center (ASCC) - located in the national capital - which works as a centralised base for coordinating security at all 68 civil airports that are under the security ambit of the force. The latest system will also cover the airports that come

The unit will be part of CISF's

Aviation Security Control

Scheme (UDAAN), the spokesperson said. "The IQCU will be led by a senior CISF officer and a

under Regional Connectivity

team of certified aviation security instructors will run it," he said. The about 1.80 lakh people-

strong Central Industrial Security Force, under the Union home ministry, is the national civil aviation security force and it has deployed around 50,000 personnel to guard the 68

Maharashtra opposition stages walkout over EVM manipulation allegations

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Still to recover from a shocking defeat in the recent Maharashtra Assembly polls, the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) on Saturday staged a walkout from the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly during the first day of the oath-taking ceremony, alleging that the BJP-led MahaYuti registered a landslide victory in the Assembly polls because of the manipulation of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs).

However, the MLAs belonging to the MVA - comprising the Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (SP) may take oath on Sunday, the second and final day of the oath-taking ceremony. While the MVA MLAs staged a walk out en masse from the State Assembly, two MLAs belonging to the Akhilesh Yadav-led Samajwadi Party took oath. The three MVA constituents collectively account for 46 MLAs in a 288member State Assembly as against the combined strength of the ruling MahaYuti -comprising BJP, Shiv Sena (ES) and NCP (Ajit Pawar-of 235 in the House. After staging a walkout from the House, the MVA leaders gathered near the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and explained their stage a walk from the State Assembly,

Talking to media persons, state Congress President and senior party MLA Nana Patole said: "Despite the BJP alliance forming the government after the state assembly elections, the public sentiment is that this government does not reflect their votes. It is not a government of the people's mandate. The sentiment of the people in Markadwadi mirrors that of the majority in the state. Respecting opinion, members Mahavikas Aghadi (MVA) have decided not to take their oath today". "We boycotted the oath-taking ceremony as democracy is being murdered

by the use of EVMs. This is not the mandate of the public, it is the mandate of EVM and the Election Commission of India," said Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Aaditya Thackeray, who is the leader of the legislature party. Meanwhile, pro-tem Speaker Kalidas Kolambkar who is administering oath to the newly elected members administered oath to a majority of 235 ruling MVA members on Saturday. He will complete the administration of oath-taking to rest of the new members on Sunday. On Monday, there will be

election to the post of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, which is a mere formality considering the small strength of the Opposition.

This is for the first time in the history of Maharashtra, that there would not be a Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the state Assembly.

The Opposition MVA comprising Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (Sharad Pawar) -put up a pathetic performance by winning a meagre 46 seats. While the Shiv Sena (UBT) secured 20 seats, the Congress and NCP (SP) won 16 and 10 seats respectively. Such was the rout of the MVA in the polls that there will be no Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the State Assembly. Because, none of the MVA constituents -Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT)

and NCP (Sharad Pawar) - has won 10 per cent of the total 288 seats in the House to stake a claim for the LoP's post. In view of the fact that none of the Opposition parties including Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (SP) managed to get even ten per cent of the total 288 seats, Fadnavis was earlier asked if there will be a leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly. "We will treat the public of the Opposition with respect. As far as LoP is concerned, it is a decision to be taken by the Speaker," the chief minister

Health Minister JP Nadda launches 100-day TB elimination campaign

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH

non Saturday said the rate of decline of tuberculosis incidence in India has doubled since 2015 and is ahead of the global average.

Nadda said this while inaugurating a nationwide campaign in Haryana's Panchkula to reduce such cases and mortality due to it. The 100-day TB elimination campaign will implemented in 347 districts of 33 states where the prevalence of the disease is higher.

The campaign is focused on enhancing detection, reducing diagnostic delays and improving treatment outcomes.

Under this programme, we have taken detection, tests, treatment and supportive strategies forward in an accelerated way.

100-day feel this programme will prove to be a milestone in making a 'TBmukt Bharat' and it will have far-reaching impact,"

Nadda said. The Union health minister highlighted the country's long struggle in its fight against tuberculosis, saying that at one time TB meant a slow death'.

"Even family members

suffering from TB were isolated to prevent its spread. Since 1962, there have been many campaigns against tuberculosis, but in 2018 the Services have treat tuberculosis,"

Union health minister said.

prime minister put forth a vision to end TB much before the 2030 deadline of the Sustainable Development Goals." "We changed strategies to achieve the aim. decentralised and now, 1,73,000 AAMs (Ayushman Arogya Mandirs) will have the facilities to detect and He also informed the gathering that molecular technologies have been introduced for TB detection. Also, a new and shorter regimen of tuberculosis treatment has been started which will help increase compliance and fight TB, he In 2014, there were 120 laboratories for TB detection

and their number has now

reached 8,293, said Nadda.

notify any tuberculosis patient so that their treatment can be followed up immediately. "This might look like a small step but it has led to an eight-fold increase in the

17.7 per cent now, which is much ahead of the global

Deaths due to tuberculosis also reduced significantly in India by 21.4 per cent in the last 10 years,

"Ni-kshay support worth Rs crore has been provided through direct benefit transfer to over 1.17 crore tuberculosis patients," the minister said and underscored the government has increased Ni-kshay poshan amount recently from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000 and added energy boosters for the nourishment support for TB patients. Ni-kshay Poshan is not only

a policy decision, this is a financial commitment for people in the health sector to eliminate TB, he said. Nadda said the government

has now made it mandatory for even private practitioners

rate of TB notifications in the private sector," Nadda

He highlighted that the rate of tuberculosis incidence underscores the Union decline in India has doubled government's commitment TB by addressing the challenges of tuberculosis notification and mortality in India under the National TB Elimination Programme of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Some of the key focus areas of the campaign are increasing advanced diagnostics, targeted screening among vulnerable groups, specialized care for high-risk individuals, and provision of expanded nutritional support. Speaking about Haryana, he said earlier, there were only six medical colleges and now the number has grown to 15.

The Haryana chief minister has announced to opening a medical college in each district, he said. Nadda further said the

number of undergraduate seats for doctors has increased from 650 in 2014 to 2,185 in Haryana. Similarly, the number of post-graduate increased from 243 to 889

On this occasion, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and state Health Minister Arti Singh Rao were also present.

now, he added.

for improvement. 73 complaints against obscene ads on private TV channels

addressed: Govt tells Parliament



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Seventy-three complaints have been received against obscene and vulgar advertisements on private television channels by the regulatory bodies over the past three years, the government has told parlia-

In a written reply in the Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Murugan said

complaints were "suitably addressed by a three-level grievance redress system. Murugan said the mechanism, established under the Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, includes self-regulation

broadcasters, self-regulation by self-regulating bodies of the broadcasters, and an oversight mechanism of the central government. The minister said appropriate

"Advisories, Warnings, 'Apology Scroll' Orders and Off-air orders." In reply to a separate question, Murugan said OTT platforms

action is taken wherever

violation of the Advertising

Code is found by issuance of

are required to adhere to the Code of Ethics under Part-III of the IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. These codes are selfregulatory in nature," the

minister said. Murugan said these Code of Ethics require the publishers not to transmit any content which is prohibited by law and to undertake age-based self-classification of content into five categories, based on general guidelines provided in

the Rules The guidelines provide that while undertaking such self classification, the context of the period depicted in such content and the contemporary standards of the country and people to which such content relate, are to be kept in mind, he said. Murugan said the Code also provides that the OTT platforms will put in place adequate safeguard for restricting age inappropriate content for children.

Opposition Christian MPs urge Church body to support Muslims on Waqf issue

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

hristian community Should take an in-principle stand on the Waqf Bill as it affects minority rights enshrined in Constitution, Christian MPs are learnt to have told the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) at a meeting in the national capital. CBCI, the apex body of Catholics in India, called a meeting on December 3 of all Christian MPs.

The meeting was attended by around 20 MPs, most of

them from opposition

parliamentary party leader Derek O'Brien, Congress MPs Hibi Eden, Dean Kuriakose, Anto Antony, and CPI (M) MP John Brittas were among the MPs who attended the meeting, while union Minister of State George Kurian joined later, a source who was present at the meeting told PTI. CBCI president president Archbishop Andrews chaired the meeting, the first such held in decades. meeting's agenda

included the role

Christian

MPs

of

supporting and protecting the community and its rights, increasing attacks threats against minorities, especially Christians, and misuse of FCRA to target Christian institutions. The source said a senior opposition MP suggested that leadership community should also highlig<u></u>ht "positive points, the important role being played by the community today' and "not just be only reactive to negative news." A suggestion made was to in convey to the government under the consideration of

and the public that three out of four students in Christian institutions, were in fact from different communities. One MP said that there is a need to put a stop to "photo ops," and stressed that the Christian leadership should take a stand to "call out those who are not protecting the Constitution." Another MP who attended the meeting confirmed that multiple opposition MPs raised strong objections to certain provisions of The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, now

Committee (JPC). The Bill, among other things, changes composition of the Central Waqf Council and Waqf Boards to include non-Muslim members. Another

the Joint Parliamentary

MP from Kerela told PTI that the issue of seats for Anglo Indians Christians) in Lok Sabha and 10 state assemblies being abolished was also Foreign raised, and Regulation Contribution Act (FCRA) licences of some Christian organisations being targeted and cancelled in recent years was also brought up. The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere but the MPs sharply criticised the church handling of its relationship with the government since 2014. One MP even suggested it was getting 'transactional,' a leader who attended the meeting told PTI. By the time, Kurien, a BJP leader and Union minister, came opposition MPs were done speaking, the source said. Two BJP MPs, both Christians, were absent.

President Murmu lays foundation for six projects in Odisha

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE BANGRIPOSI (ODISHA)

 $P_{\text{Murmu on Saturday laid}}^{\text{resident}} \quad \text{Droupadi}$ the foundation for six Odisha, including three new railway lines, worth a total of Rs 6,400 crore. Bangriposi-Gorumahisani, Buramara-Chakulia and Badampahar-Keonjhargarh are the railway for which the foundation stones were laid by Murmu in the presence of Chief Minister Odisha Charan Majhi, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram, among others.

The President also virtually laid the foundation for three other projects in Rairangpur Tribal Research and Development



Dandbose Airport and a hospital. sub-divisional Addressing a gathering on expressed confidence that the rail projects and the airport would boost transportation, commerce, and business in the region.

The new 100-bed hospital would provide better health facilities to the locals, she the occasion, the President said. Noting that Odisha is getting benefitted from the 'Purvodaya' vision of the central government, the President said development are being established for of the entire region is getting tribal children. She

accelerated through various welfare education, health, development, tourism and transportation. Murmu said that Eklavya Model Residential Schools

that after getting education from these schools, tribal children would be able to contribute towards the progress of society and the According

more than 100 new Eklavya Model Residential Schools are being established in

Odisha, including 23 in Mayurbhanj district.
She expressed confidence

the sources, 82-km Badampahar-Kendujhargarh line will pass through Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar districts.

project will be developed at an estimated cost of Rs 2,106 crore. The 86-km-long Bangriposi-Gorumahisani line will be built at an expenditure of Rs 2,549 crore. It will facilitate the movement of passengers and freight and contribute to

the economic growth of Mayurbhanj district, they said. Similarly, the 60-km Buramara-Chakulia line, connecting Mayurbhanj district with Jharkhand's

East Singhbhum district, will be built at a cost of Rs 1,639 crore. The new rail line will improve access between these mineral-rich areas and boost the local economy by enhancing the transportation of goods, particularly for industrial sector.

Murmu on Saturday ended her five-day tour of Odisha during which she attended a series of events including the Indian Navy Day celebration at Blue Flag Beach in Puri on December 4 and OUAT's convocation

Bhubaneswar on December

native Mayurbhanj: Murmu

 $P^{\text{resident Droupadi Murmu}}_{\text{said she has broken the protocol}} \text{ and undertaken}$ several tours of Odisha and her native Mayurbhani district in order to speed up development work. "Generally, there is no provision of visiting own state

Broken protocol,

undertaken several tours of

and district as the President. However, I broke the protocol and came down here frequently because of the difficulties faced by the people of this area. Keeping in view the requirements of this area, I do whatever is possible



on my part," Murmu said. Noting that the love and affection of the people have drawn her to the place, Murmu said she always remains concerned about the development of her native place despite being busy with important work

Assam CM Himanta expands his Cabinet

PNS GUWAHAT

ssam Chief Minister Asam Chief Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday expanded his cabinet with four BJP MLAs sworn in as ministers. Governor Laxman Prasad Acharva administered the oath of office to the four new ministers Prasanta Kaushik Phookan, Rai, Krishnendu Paul, and Rupesh Goala Sankardeva Srimanta Kalakshetra here. The chief minister and members of his cabinet were present on the occasion.

Phukan is a four-time MLA from Dibrugarh, Paul a twotime MLA from Patharkandi while Rai and Goala are first-time MLAs from Lakhipur and Doom Dooma respectively. Phukan and Goala represent the Upper Assam tea districts of Dibruagah and Tinsukia respectively while Paul and Rai are from the two Barak Valley districts of Sribhumi (formerly Karimganj) and



Cachar. Sarma now heads a 19council ministers. Tea Welfare and Labour minister Sanjay Kishan, who represents the constituency,

for Goala with both representing the tea tribe community.

Kishan has since been appointed as the Chairman of the Assam Food and Civil Supplies department. resigned from office on Parimal Suklabaidya had Thursday, to pave the way resigned from the Himanta Parimal Suklabaidya had

Biswa Sarma cabinet after he was elected to the Lok Sabha from Silchar constituency earlier this year. All the new ministers thanked the chief minister for including them in his ministry. They also pledged to serve the people and work

for the development of the

The ministers are yet to be allocated their portfolios with the chief minister likely to reshuffle and redistribute the departments among the 19 ministers by Saturday evening. The newly swornin ministers will attend their first cabinet meeting later tonight.

Sarma heads the NDA alliance government in the state with two Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) ministers Atul Bora and and Mahanta United Party, U G Liberal Brahma members of his cabinet.

The ruling NDA has 84 members in the 126member state assembly. The chief minister and 14 other ministers were sworn in on May 10, 2021. Sarma expanded his ministry on June 9, 2022, with the induction of two BJP legislators Nandita Garlosa and Jayanta Malla Baruah as

Rock bolt technology successfully treating active landslide zones: BRO

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $B_{(BRO)}^{\rm order\ Roads\ Organisation}$ on Saturday said the rock bolt technology is successfully treating active landslide zones in the hilly areas of Uttarakhand where landslides occur almost regularly in the hill areas of the State, especially during monsoon blocking roads and causing inconvenience to Chardham pilgrims, and often claiming

Active landslide zones on Gangotri and Yamunotri highways have been a major issue for the Chardham pilgrims as well as the local people for years, the official said. The Australian rock bolt technology involves removing loose landslide debris by soil nailing in soil and rock bolting in bedrock, BRO Commander Vivek Srivastava

It is being used at present in

the treatment of active landslide zones in Raturisera and Bandarkot on Gangotri highway in Ut district, he said. Uttarkashi technology was used earlier too in the treatment of Nalupani and Chungi Badethi landslide zones which had long been active along the highway and the good results at the two points encouraged authorities to apply elsewhere too, he said.

The technology is 90 per cent effective in preventing landslides, the BRO official said. In the widening work done under the Chardham road project, landslide zones active for years have been treated successfully with this technology. technique is now being used in Raturisera and Bandarkot,

The official said that Rs 19.8 crore is being spent on this work in Raturisera and Rs 9.3 crore in Bandarkot. The target is to complete landslide treatment work at both places using the technology by March next year, he said.

Eight-fold rise in per capita income needs to be achieved to realise goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047: Dhankhar

PNS ■ PATNA/MOTIHARI

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday asserted that an eight-fold rise be achieved to realise the goal of "Viksit Bharat" (developed India) by the year 2047.

Addressing the second convocation ceremony of Mahatma Gandhi Central Bihar's University in Dhankar also Motihari, expressed hope that the country, which was currently the "fifth largest economy" in the world, would "soon leave Germany and Japan behind". Lavishing praise on the Narendra Modi government at the Centre, without taking any names, Dhankhar said, "The last 10 years have been marked by eradication of a culture of corruption and middlemen seem to have been eliminated. The world looks at us with surprise as we keep marching towards getting our due place on the global stage. We are the fifth largest economy as of now but



things are looking up and soon we will leave Germany and Japan behind," said the Vice President.

He was speaking in presence of Bihar Governor Rajendra Arlekar and local MP and former union minister Radha Mohan Singh. Dhankhar also pointed out that the nation needs to cover a lot of ground if the goal of "Viksit Bharat" is realized by the time 100 years of Independence is celebrated

that day", said the 74-year-old Vice President, adding: "The onus is on young people like the students present here. We must strive to raise the per capita income to eight times of what it is today. This would require our youth to make

Dhankhar also spoke of the progress made in Bihar under the Chief Ministership of Nitish Kumar, who was not present on the occasion. in 2047. Without mentioning the "I am not likely to live to see JD(U) supremo by name, the

sacrifices.'

Vice President said, "I was an MP when your current CM was a Union minister. So much has been achieved in state under his rdship. He has drawn lessons from our past in which we saw grim episodes like the country's gold reserves being pledged".

The allusion was to the Prime Ministership of late Chandra Shekhar in 1990 when, in the wake of a severe financial crisis, the Reserve Bank of India had to pledge several tonnes of gold with foreign banks to raise loans. Earlier, the Vice President

planted a sapling in memory of his deceased mother as part of "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam (One tree for mother)" drive. At the convocation ceremony, he said, "People must not be sceptical of the impact their individual efforts could have. Consider this Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign and imagine how much difference it could make to our environment if all 140 crore people plant just one sapling each".

SP quits MVA alliance in Maharashtra

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In an expected fallout of the Lunited Opposition front's debacle in the recent Maharashtra Assembly polls, walks out of the Congress-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) citing many reasons, including lack of coordination among the coalition partners on seat-sharing issues and the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT)'s stand on the Babri Masjid demolition.

Announcing his party's decision to quit the MVA, State SP President Abu Azmi said that there was absolutely no co-ordination between his party and the MVA constituents on the seatsharing process and there were also differences on various issues during the electioneering.
"There was absolutely no co-

ordination between my party and the main MVA and the main MVA constituents during the seatsharing process as well as campaigning.. They never called us for meetings or joint Uddhav Thackeray, at an



rallies. They used to avoid sharing each other's campaign platforms and all this resulted in the MVA parties' massive debacle in the Assembly polls," Azmi said

The SP, which had sought 12 from the MVA, contested six seats in the St4ate Assembly polls and bagged two. While Azmi himself won from Mankhurd-Shivajinagar (Mumbai), Rais Kasam Shaikh romped home Bhiwandi East in Thane

internal meeting, told party colleagues and workers to aggressively pursue Hindutva agenda (ahead of the civic polls). On December 6, the party posted a message on social media in favour of Babri mosque demolition. How can this be tolerated?," Azmi asked.

One of the main reasons for the SP's exit from the MVA is a post put out on micro-blogging site "X" by Uddhav's personal assistant and MLC Milind Narvekar, hailing the demolition of the Babri Masjid. The post carried

photographs of late Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray, former Maharashtra Chief Minister and MLC Uddhav Thackeray and his son Aaditya Thackeray, who is an MLC from Worli in Mumbai. (UBT) leader posted a social media message claiming credit for the (undivided) party on the razing of the Babri Mosque demolition (1993). How can we tolerate this?," Azmi asked.

"Such posts hurt our sentiments and go against the values of unity and respect for all communities. We are here to promote harmony, not divide people," Azmi said. Azmi made it clear that the SP stood for secular values, saving democracy and the Constitution, and hence it would not side with any party adopting such a communal

approach.

Asked if his party's decision to quit the MVA would affect the status of the SP national party chief Akhilesh Yadav vis-à-vis his equations with INDIA block, Azmi was non-committal.

Maharaj, who was born in a small village in Ballia in 1888 and founded the Vihangam

Yog Sant Samaj in 1924. "Vihangam Yog Sant Samaj is

determined to connect crores of devotees through its efforts

by building a divine and

grand temple through Swarved Mahamandir Trust, as well as to take India's yoga

tradition and spiritual flow to

"Maĥaraj took the spiritual

campaign forward and also

the people," he said.

Mayawati hits out at SP, Congress for 'exploiting' Sambhal violence for political gain

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Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) Chief Mayawati on Saturday lashed out at the opposition parties, accusing the Samajwadi Party (SP) and Congress of using the recent violence in Sambhal for political gains. She alleged that instead of raising public welfare issues in Parliament, the opposition was focused on manipulating Muslim voters by creating divisions within

Speaking at a press conference Lucknow, Mayawati SP and claimed, "The Congress are not concerned about national issues. They are using the Sambhal violence as a political tool to serve their vested interests. They are even trying to create a divide between Turk and non-Turk Muslims." She urged the

the community.



wary of such political tactics. The BSP supremo also took aim at Dalit MPs from various political parties, accusing them of remaining silent on concerning oppression to please their political bosses. highlighted the plight of Hindu minorities, especially Dalits, in Bangladesh, alleging that they face widespread atrocities. "Despite being elected by the Dalit community, many MPs stay quiet on such issues. Whether

India or the persecution of minorities Bangladesh, they have failed to raise their voices," she said. Mayawati linked the historical oppression of Dalits to what she called Congress's "casteist conspiracy" during India's Partition. She alleged that Hindu-majority areas like Jessore and Khulna, from where Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was elected to the Constituent Assembly, were deliberately handed over to Pakistan forcing Ambedkar to resign and return to India.

Demanding urgent action, Mayawati urged the BJP-led central government to the return of facilitate persecuted Dalits and Hindus from Bangladesh. She warned that if the government failed to act, the BSP would see no difference between the BJP and Congress on the issue of it is the oppression of Dalits in Dalit welfare.



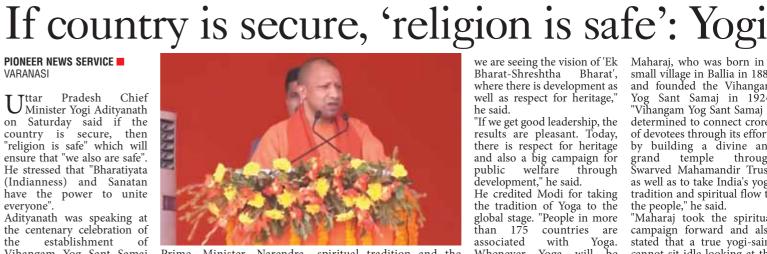
Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday said if the country is secure, then "religion is safe" which will ensure that "we also are safe". He stressed that "Bharativata (Indianness) and Sanatan have the power to unite everyone'

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Adityanath was speaking at the centenary celebration of the establishment of Vihangam Yog Sant Samaj held at Swarved Mahamandir Dham, the UP government said in a statement.

Praising the contributions of Sadhguru Sadafal Dev Maharaj, who founded the Vihangam Yog Sant Samaj, the chief minister said he told the world that a true yogi cannot sit idle looking at the conditions of the country and

Adityanath emphasised



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's belief that all work should be done while prioritising the country's interest and urged everyone to rise above individual, societal, sectarian religious boundaries.

"If the country is safe then religion is also safe. If religion is safe then we are also safe, Adityanath said advocating actions that conform with India's Vedic-

spiritual tradition and the values of Sanatan Dharma. The chief minister also spoke about the development works undertaken in Prime Minister Modi's parliamentary constituency Varanasi in the

last 10 years. "Be it health or education, Kashi is shining today in various aspects of development and along with Kashi, the entire UP is moving ahead under the guidance of PM Modi. Now we are seeing the vision of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat', where there is development as well as respect for heritage," he said.

he said.
"If we get good leadership, the results are pleasant. Today, there is respect for heritage and also a big campaign for public welfare through development," he said.

He credited Modi for taking the tradition of Yoga to the

the tradition of Yoga to the global stage. People in more than 175 countries are associated with Yoga. Whenever Yoga will be discussed, it will inspire a

feeling of reverence towards the sages of India in the minds of citizens across the world," Adityanath said. He noted that due to the prime minister's efforts, UNESCO recognised Maha Kumbh as an intangible

cultural heritage of humanity in 2017. The UP chief

minister paid tributes to Sadhguru Sadafal Dev

stated that a true yogi-saint cannot sit idle looking at the conditions of the country and "When the country was bound by the shackles of

slavery, Sadhguru Sadafal Dev Ji Maharaj, with his spiritual practice, participated in the freedom movement to free the country from foreign slavery and associated himself with the call of the country's first freedom struggle from Barrackpore," he said.

South Korean President Yoon's impeachment fails

Ruling party boycotts vote, public protest likely to intensify

South Korean legisla-A tive push to impeach President Yoon Suk Yeol over his short-lived imposition of martial law fell through on Saturday after most lawmakers from his conservative governing party boycotted the vote. The defeat of the motion is

expected to intensify public protests calling for Yoon's ouster and deepen political chaos in South Korea, with a survey suggesting a majority of South Koreans support the president's impeachment. Yoon's martial law declaration

drew criticism from his own ruling conservative party, but it is also determined to oppose Yoon's impeachment apparently because it fears losing the presidency to liberals.

Impeaching Yoon required support from two-thirds of the National Assembly, or 200 of its 300 members. The opposition parties who brought the impeachment motion had 192 seats, but only three lawmakers from PPP participated in the vote. The motion was scrapped without ballot counting because the number of votes didn't reach 200.

National Assembly Speaker Woo Won Shik called the result "very regrettable" and an embarrassing moment for the country's democracy that has

been closely watched by the world. "The failure to hold a qualified vote on this matter means we were not even able to exercise the democratic procedure of deciding on a critical national issue," he said.

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Opposition parties could submit a new impeachment motion after a new parliamentary session opens next Wednesday.

There are worries that Yoon won't be able to serve out his remaining 2 ½ years in office because his leadership took a huge hit. Many experts say some ruling party lawmakers could eventually join opposition parties' efforts to impeach Yoon if public demands for it grow further.

If Yoon is impeached, his powers will be suspended until the Constitutional Court decides whether to remove him from office. If he is removed, an election to replace him must take place within 60 days.

Woo repeatedly urged ruling party members to return to the chamber to participate in the vote, waiting several hours for them to come.

At one point, Democratic Party leaders visited a hall on the floor below the main chamber where PPP lawmakers were gathered, attempting to persuade them to vote. After being blocked from entering, they angrily accused the conservatives' leadership of preventing its lawmakers from voting

Earlier Saturday, Yoon issued a public apology over the martial law decree, saying he won't shirk legal or political responsibility for the declaration and promising not to make another attempt to impose martial law. He said would leave it to his party to chart a course through the country's political turmoil, "including matters related to my term in office." The declaration of this martial

law was made out of my desperation. But in the course of its implementation, it caused anxiety and inconveniences to the public. I feel very sorry over that and truly apologise to the people who must have been shocked a lot," Yoon said.

Since taking office in 2022, Yoon has struggled to push his agenda through an opposition-controlled parliament and grappled with low approval ratings amid scandals involving himself and his wife.

In his martial law announcement on Tuesday night, Yoon called parliament a "den of criminals" bogging down state affairs and vowed to eliminate "shameless North Korea followers and anti-state forces."

The turmoil resulting from Yoon's bizarre and poorlythought-out stunt has paralysed South Korean politics and sparked alarm among key diplomatic partners like the US and Japan.

Tuesday night saw special forces troops encircling the parliament building and army helicopters hovering over it, but the military withdrew after the National Assembly unanimously voted to overturn the decree, forcing Yoon to lift it before daybreak Wednesday. The declaration of martial law was the first of its kind in more than 40 years in South Korea. Eighteen lawmakers from the ruling party voted to reject Yoon's martial law decree along with opposition lawmakers. Yoon's speech fuelled specula-

tion that he and his party may push for a constitutional amendment to shorten his term, instead of accepting impeachment, as a way to ease public anger over the marital law and facilitate Yoon's early exit from office.

Lee Jae-myung, the leader of the main liberal opposition Democratic Party, told reporters that Yoon's speech was "greatly disappointing" and that the only way forward is his immediate resignation or impeachment. His party called Yoon's martial law "unconstitutional, illegal rebellion or coup." The passage of Yoon's impeachment motion appeared more likely Friday when the chair of Yoon's party called for his

have started leaving Syria. He

added that Iran-backed fight-

ers in eastern Syria, mainly

from Afghanistan and Pakistan

have withdrawn into central

The shock offensive began November 27 led by the jihadi

Hayat Tahrir al-Sham group, or

HTS, during which gunmen captured the northern city of

Aleppo, Syria's largest, and the

central city of Hama, the coun-

try's fourth largest city. The

group has its origins in al-

Qaida and is considered a terror-

ist organisation by the US and

HTS leader Abu Mohammed al-

Golani told CNN in an exclusive

interview Thursday from Syria

that the aim of the offensive is

to overthrow Assad's govern-

said Syrian troops have with-

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removal on Friday, but the party remained formally opposed to impeachment.

On Saturday, tens of thousands of people densely packed several blocks of roads leading up to the National Assembly, waving banners, shouting slogans and dancing and singing along to K-pop songs with lyrics changed to call for Yoon's ouster. Protesters also gathered in front of PPP's headquarters near the Assembly, angrily shouting for its lawmakers to vote to impeach Yoon.

A smaller crowd of Yoon's supporters, which still seemed to be in the thousands, rallied in

sending reinforcements to

Homs, where a battle is looming.

If the insurgents capture Homs,

they would cut the link between

Damascus, Assad's seat of power,

and the coastal region where the

president enjoys wide support.

The Syrian army said in a state

ment Saturday that it has carried

out redeployment and repositioning in Sweida and Daraa

after its checkpoints came under

attack by "terrorists." The army

said it is setting up a "strong and

coherent defensive and securi-

ty belt in the area," apparently to

defend Damascus from the

south. Since Syria's conflict broke

out in March 2011, the Syrian

government has been referring

to opposition gunmen as terror-

ists. In the gas-rich nation of

Qatar, the foreign ministers of

Iran, Russia and Turkey were

scheduled to meet to discuss the

situation in Syria. Turkey is a

main backer of the rebels seek-

separate streets in Seoul, decrying the impeachment attempt they saw as unconstitutional. Lawmakers on Saturday first voted on a bill appointing a special prosecutor to investigate stock price manipulation allegations surrounding Yoon's wife. Some lawmakers from Yoon's party were seen leaving the hall after that vote, triggering angry shouts from opposi-

apology over Tuesday's martial law declaration at the National Assembly in Seoul on Saturday. The signs read, 'Punish'.

South Korea's main opposition Democratic Party leader Lee Jae-myung, bottom centre, and his party members stage a rally to denounce President Yoon Suk Yeol's

On Friday, PPP chair Han Dong-hun, who criticised Yoon's martial law declaration, said he had received intelligence that during the brief period of martial law Yoon

tion lawmakers.

ordered the country's defence counterintelligence commander to arrest and detain unspecified key politicians based on accusations of "anti-state activ-

Hong Jang-won, first deputy director of South Korea's National Intelligence Service, told lawmakers in a closeddoor briefing Friday that Yoon had ordered him to help the defence counterintelligence unit to detain key politicians. The targeted politicians included Han, Lee and Woo, according to Kim Byung-kee, one of the lawmakers who attended

The Defence Ministry said Friday it suspended three military commanders including the head of the defence counterintelligence unit over their involvement in enforcing mar-

Vice Defence Minister Kim Seon Ho has told parliament that Defence Minister Kim Yong Hyun ordered the deploy ment of troops to the National Assembly after Yoon imposed martial law. Opposition parties accused Kim of recommending to Yoon to enforce martial law Kim resigned Thursday, and prosecutors imposed an over-

Syrian troops rush to defend Homs

Ukraine, and Lebanon's power-

ful Hezbollah, which at one

point sent thousands of fight-

ers to shore up his forces, has

been weakened by a yearlong

Iran, meanwhile, has seen its

proxies across the region

degraded by Israeli regular

Rami Abdurrahman, who

heads the Syrian Observatory

for Human Rights, a Syria war

monitor, reported Saturday

conflict with Israel.

airstrikes.

The Syrian army withdrew I from much of southern Syria on Saturday, leaving more areas of the country, including two provincial capitals, under the control of opposition fighters, the military and an opposition war monitor said.

The redeployment away from the provinces of Daraa and

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भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली की अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 (यथा संशोधित) के तहत् सर्व संबंधित को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेसर्स हाई टेक सुपर सीमेंट एण्ड स्टील प्राईवेट लिमिटेड, ग्राम-बिल्हा व मोहभट्ठा, तहसील-बिल्हा, जिला-बिलासपुर स्थित खसरा क्रमांक 302/1/क, 302/1/ग, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327/2, एवं 17 (पार्ट), कुल क्षेत्रफल-7.22 एकड़ (2.92 हेक्टेयर) में पूर्व में जारी पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति अनसार स्टैंड एलोन सीमेंट ग्राईडिंग यूनिट क्षमता-1,000 (2 गुणा 500 टन) टन प्रतिदिन में परिवर्तन किये बिना 90 प्रतिशत से अधिक रॉ मटेरियल एवं 100 प्रतिशत उत्पाद का परिवहन रेलमार्ग के स्थान पर 'रॉ मटेरियल एवं उत्पाद का परिवहन सड़क एवं रेलमार्ग से किये जाने के पर्यावरणीय स्वीकित हेतु लोक सुनवाई बाबत् छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल में आवेदन किया गया है। उक्त परियोजना के संबंध में आपत्ति / सुझाव/टीका-टिप्पणी इस सूचना के जारी होने के दिनांक से 30 दिवस के अंदर क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, छ.ग. पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, बिलासपुर के कार्यालय में मौखिक अथवा लिखित रूप से कार्यालयीन समय में प्रस्तुत की जा सकती है इस परियोजना के लिए लोक सुनवाई दिनांक 10/01/2025 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे, ग्राम मोहभट्ठा, प०ह०नं० 10, रा०नि०मं० बिल्हा, तहसील-बोदरी, जिला-बिलासपुर (छ.ग.) में स्थित भूमि ख०नं0 322, 325 में नियत की गई है। सूचित हो कि लोक सुनवाई के दौरान भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवाय परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के आफिस मेमोरेंडम F No. 22-25/2000-IA, III दिनांक 14.09.2020 तथा कोरोना वायरस के नियंत्रण एवं रोकथाम हेतु शासन द्वारा जारी समस्त दिशा-निर्देशो का अक्षरशः पालन कराय

ई.आई.ए. अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 (यथासंशोधित) के प्रावधानों वे अनुसार ड्राफ्ट ई.आई.ए. रिपोर्ट, कार्यपालकसार की प्रति (हिन्दी व अंग्रेजी में) एवं इसकी सी.डी. (साफ्ट कॉपी) जन सामान्य के अवलोकन/पठन हेत कलेक्टर, कार्यालय कलेक्टर, जिला-बिलासपुर, मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी, कार्यालय, जिला पंचायत बिलासपुर, जिला बिलासपुर, अनुविभागीय अधिकारी (रा०), कार्यालय, अनुविभागीय अधिकारी (रा.) बिल्हा, जिला-बिलासपुर, कार्यालय मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, जिला व्यापार एवं उद्योग केन्द्र बिलासपुर, जिला-बिलासपुर, मुख्य नगर पालिका अधिकारी, कार्यालय नगर पंचायत-बिल्हा / बोदरी, जिला-बिलासपुर, क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय छत्तीसगढ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, व्यापार विहार पं. दीनदयाल उपाध्याय पार्क के पास बिलासपुर, सरपंच/सचिव कार्यालय ग्राम पंचायत-मोहभट्ठा, झल्फा, मुढीपार, मुरकुटा तिलसरा, बोडसरा, नगरौढी, धमनी, धौराभाटा, परसदा, रहंगी, बिटकुली, बरतोरी केवांछी, गमा, बोहारडीह, नवागांव, हथनी, करही, सिलयारी, उदंताल, अमेरी अकबरी अमेरीकांपाँ, उतगन, गोढही, सेंगर, काया, पेण्ड्रीडीह, घोघरा, उमरिया, दगौरी, निपनिया हरदी, हिरी, अर्टरा, सम्बलपुरी, तहसील-बिल्हा / बोदरी, जिला-बिलासपुर (छ.ग.) डायरेक्टर, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन, मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, वायु विंग, जोरबाग रोड़, नई दिल्ली, क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन व एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, अरण्य भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, रायपुर एवं मुख्यालय छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, पर्यावास भवन, नॉर्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, रायपुर (छ.ग.) में रखी गई है। सदस्य सचिव

छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, जिला-रायपुर (छ.ग.)

Road mishap in Ivory Coast leaves 26 dead

AP ■ ABIDJAN (IVORY COAST)

A fiery crash involving two minibuses in Ivory Coast on Friday killed at least 26 people and injured 28 more, authorities said. The two vehicles collided in

Brokoua, a village in the centre west of the country, the transportation ministry said in a statement without providing further details. However, the statement said an investigation was launched.

Ten of the 26 killed died in a fire that followed the collision, according to the ministry. Videos from the scene from local media outlets showed the two vehicles in flames.

The Minister of Transport invites, once again, all road users to be more vigilant in road traffic, by respecting traffic regulations," the statement read. Accidents are common in dilapidated roads and reckless driving, killing over 1,000 people annually, according to the ministry.

Last month, 21 people were killed and at least 10 others injured in a road accident. Earlier this year, a tanker truck crashed into a bus in northern Ivory Coast, leaving 13 people dead and injuring 44.

Iran poised to raise stock of weapons-grade **Uranium: IAEA chief**

AP MANAMA (BAHRAIN)

Iran is poised to "quite dra-matically" increase its stockpile of near weapons-grade uranium as it has started cascades of advanced centrifuges, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency warned Friday.

The comments from Rafael Mariano Grossi came just hours after Iran said it conducted a successful space launch with its heaviest payload ever, the latest for its programme that the West alleges improves Tehran's ballistic missile programme.

The launch of the Simorgh rocket comes as Iran's nuclear nium at 60%, a short, technical step from weapons-grade levels of 90%. While Iran maintains its programme is peaceful, officials in the Islamic Republic increasingly threaten to potentially seek the bomb and an intercontinental ballistic missile that would allow Tehran to use the weapon against distant foes like the

The moves are likely to further raise tensions gripping the wider Middle East over Israel's continued war on Hamas in the Gaza Strip and as an uneasy ceasefire holds in Lebanon. However, Iran may as well be

preparing the ground for possible talks with the incoming administration of Presidentelect Donald Trump, who in his first term unilaterally with-drew America from Tehran's nuclear deal with world pow-

The US intelligence community in a report released Thursday said that while "Iran is not building a nuclear weapon" it ertaken activ better position it to produce one, if it so chooses.

The Iranian debate over seeking the bomb "risks emboldening nuclear weapons advocates within Iran's decision-making apparatus and shifting the thinking of current and future Iranian elites about the utility of nuclear weapons," the report

NY cops push to identify CEO killer, FBI offers reward

The gunman who killed the CEO of the largest ■ US health insurer likely left New York City on a bus soon after the brazen ambush that has shaken corporate America, police officials said. But he left something behind: a backpack that was discovered in Central Park.

Nearly four days after the shooting of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson, police still did not know the gunman's name or whereabouts or have a motive for the killing. Investigators were looking at whether the shooter may have been a disgruntled employee or client of the insurer, Chief of Detectives Joseph Kenny told reporters.

The FBI announced Friday night it was offering a USD 50,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

Video of the gunman fleeing Wednesday's shooting showed him riding a bicycle into Central Park and later taking a taxi to a bus terminal that offers commuter service to New Jersey and Greyhound routes to Philadelphia, Boston and Washington, D.C, according to Kenny.

Police have video of the man entering the bus station but no video of him exiting, leading them to believe he left the city, Kenny said. Investigators on Friday found a backpack in the

park that had been worn by the gunman during the shooting, police said, following a massive sweep to find it in a vast area with lakes and ponds, meadows, playgrounds and woods. Police didn't immediately reveal what, if any-

thing, it contained but said it would be analyzed

The gunman made sure to conceal his identity with a mask during almost all of his time in the city, including during the attack and while he ate, yet left a trail of evidence in view of the nation's biggest city and its network of securi-

The gunman arrived in New York City on Nov 24 and shot Thompson 10 days later outside his company's annual investor conference at a hotel just blocks from Radio City Music Hall and Rockefeller Center.

The gunman got off a bus that originated in Atlanta and made several stops along the way, Kenny said. Police have not determined where he got on the bus. Investigators have a list of passengers, but none of them would have had to provide an ID when they climbed aboard, Kenny

Investigators believe the suspect used a fake identification card and paid cash, Kenny said, when he checked in at the hostel, which has a café along with shared and private rooms and is blocks from Columbia University.

Investigators have tested a discarded water bottle and protein bar wrapper in a hunt for his DNA. They also were trying to obtain additional information from a cellphone found along the

gunman's escape route. Photos of the suspected shooter that were taken in the lobby of a hostel on Manhattan's Upper West Side appear to from the only time he removed his mask, Kenny said. The images showing a man smiling in the lobby of the HI New York City hostel. They are among a collec-

tion of photos and video circulated since the shooting — including footage of the attack, as well as images of the suspected gunman at a Starbucks beforehand. "From every indication we have from witnesses, from the Starbucks, from the hostel, he kept

his mask on at all times except for the one instance where we have him photographed with the mask off," Kenny said. His roommates at the hostel also said he didn't

speak to them. Nothing of investigative value was found in a search of the suspected shooter's hotel

Focus on batting as demoralised India look to avoid series defeat against Aus

PTI ■ BRISBANE

desperate India will Aneed their under-fire batters to step up in the Women's ODI against Australia here on Sunday, as the visitors aim to avoid yet another series loss Down Under.

India's batting woes continued as the tourists were bundled out for 100 in the series opener, leading to a demoralising five-wicket defeat, their heaviest in terms of balls remaining since ODIs were reduced to 50 overs a side.

India have never won a series Down Under and they will have their task cut out against a quality Australian side, which showed no signs of rust despite playing in the format after a gap of nine

On the other hand, it was the Indians who appeared under-prepared as the squad

was unable to train together as some of the players were competing in domestic T20 tournaments while others played in the Women's Big Bash League.

Additionally, one of their two practice sessions here was washed out due to rain.

After opting to bat, the Indian batters were unable to capitalise on good batting conditions.

They lost wickets at regular intervals, were unable to stitch partnerships, and were done in by Megan Schutt's brilliant spell with the new

"We were expecting a good score if our batters had applied themselves better. If we had more runs on the scoreboard, anything could have happened." India coach Amol Muzumdar conceded after the match.

With the batting inconsistencies continuing from the



series, time is running out for India, who will host the ODI Wold Cup next year.

The Indian think tank will be keen to stabilise their batting and bowling lineup ahead of the marquee

Even though the bowlers had a small target to defend, they did well to pick five wickets. The only silver lining in an otherwise forgettable outing for India was pacer Renuka Thakur and young leg-spinner Priya Mishra. The tourists will have to

regroup fast and having already played a game here, they will hope to give a account themselves

The major thing we talked about was that one match doesn't make you a good team or a bad team. We played a match and it did not go our way. It's fine, we'll take a step back and evaluate what we could have done better. We have played some good cricket this year we will take it from there.

"The conditions are a little different then we are used to but we will be able to adjust to it," pacer Titas Sadhu said on the eve of the second ODI.

Meanwhile, Australia produced an almost flawless performance despite missing regular skipper

Veteran pacer Schutt registered career-best figures of 5/19 before young Georgia opener impressed on debut. Australia will be keen on

putting up a similar display to seal another series win against India but the hosts are unlikely to take Harmanpreet Kaur and Co lightly.

cannot be "Ìndia underestimated and we will not make the mistake of

being complacent. I think the Indian batsmen will come back strongly in the next match but I have worked a lot on my bowling and I hope to maintain this rhythm, she had said after the first match, Schutt had said after the opener. Teams (from):

India: Harmanpreet Kaur (c), Smriti Mandhana (vc), Priya Punia, Jemimah Rodrigues, Harleen Deol, Uma Chetry, Richa Ghosh (wk), Tejal Hasabnis, Deepti Sharma, Minnu Mani, Priya Mishra, Radha Yadav, Titas Sadhu, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh Thakur, Saima Thakor

Australia: Tahlia McGrath (c), Ashleigh Gardner (vc), Darcie Brown, Kim Garth, Alana King, Phoebe Litchfield, Sophie Molineux, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Annabel Sutherland, Georgia Voll,

India's nemesis Head powers Australia with blazing ton

PTI ■ ADELAIDE

ravis Head continued to be a thorn in India's flesh with a counterattacking 141ball 140 and powered Australia to a dominant 332 for eight at dinner on the second day of the pink ball Test here on Saturday. Thanks to Head's eighth

Test century, which he reached in 111 balls after toying with India's formidable bowling attack, India's Australia have taken a 152-run first innings lead as they looked to restore parity in the five-match series after the 295-run hammering in the opener at Perth.

Head, who got off the mark with a cracking boundary off Jasprit Bumrah (4/59), got a reprieve on 76 as Mohammed Siraj failed to complete the catch despite getting both hands to it after the batter tried to slogsweep R Ashwin, having just smashed his third six against the off-spinner.

Amid the rejoicing around Head's century at the Adelaide Oval, Siraj was rewarded for his discipline as he had Alex Carey caught behind following a faint outside edge with Australia's lead crossing 100.



Australia from swelling their lead further, India took the second new ball the moment it was made available to them, and their lead pacer Bumrah too was brought back into the attack.

Bumrah, however, pulled up and was seen holding his adductor muscle as the physio attended to him. Fortunately for India, Bumrah was up on his feet quickly and ready to bowl again, even as Head flicked him for two boundaries in between.

During his knock, Head played some incredible shots, including a pick-up

Desperate to prevent six over Siraj over deep square leg, but the pacer had the last laugh as he brought his innings to an end when he cleaned him up with a

> In all, Head struck 17 fours and four sixes.

vorker.

Earlier, Rohit Sharma giving his strike bowler Bumrah only four overs in the first session was a bit strange, and so were some of his field placements. Then, in another surprising move, he started the proceedings after with Ravichandran Ashwin instead of the fast

Luck, though, was with Ashwin as Mitchell Marsh decided to walk off despite an half-baked appeal by the Indian team.

Seeing Marsh heading in the direction of the dressing room, Richard Illingworth raised his finger too, but replays clearly showed there was a gap between bat and

Unperturbed by all these, Head went about his task in the manner he does best -dictating the terms to the bowlers with his freeflowing strokes.

None of the Indian bowlers, including Bumrah, looked like they could cause problems for Head.

Straight after tea, the left-hander aggressive employed a late cut against Bumrah to send the ball in the gap between gully and backward point. And he continued in same vein until he was dismissed.

This was after Marnus Labuschagne regained form with a composed half-

Labuschagne (64), whose place in the team was debated prior to this game owing to his prolonged lean run with the bat, registered his 26th half-century and then launched himself into a flurry of boundaries in what

were worrying signs for India.

But promising all-rounder Nitish Reddy cut short Labuschagne's innings as the batter tried to guide him through gully only for Yashasvi Jaiswal to hold on to the sharp catch.

Looking to fight their way back into the game after Australia's dominance on the opening day, India got an early breakthrough through who else but

Playing in only his second Test after a forgettable debut Nathan Perth, McSweeney had no answer to one of many excellent deliveries from Bumrah, which straightened fraction after landing on the perfect length and all the batter could do was get a little nick while trying to

defend after getting stuck on the crease. Steve Smith's poor run of form continued as the former captain got out in the most unfortunate fashion. Smith looked to flick a Bumrah delivery tickling down the leg side but only ended up edging it to the keeper Rishabh Pant who completed a neat catch diving to his left.

Rohidas is world's best rusher, says TN Dragons head coach Van Eijk PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tamil Nadu Dragons Dutch head coach Rein Van Eijk believes Olympic-medal winning India defender Amit Rohidas is the best "first rusher" in the world and hopes his multiple skills will benefit the franchise in the upcoming revamped Hockey India League (HIL).

Two-time Olympic bronze medallist, Rohidas is one of the best first rushers in the world when it comes to defending penalty corners. As if that was not enough, the player from Odisha is also a potent dragflicker and a senior member of the Indian men's team. "For us, getting Amit

(Rohidas) was obviously the one thing that we wished for. He's the number one rusher in the world and a warrior in his style of play. He defends and leads by action, which will be a great motivation for the team. He is able to play multiple positions, can also dragflick," Van Eijk told PTI video in an exclusive interview.

Rohidas has international caps to his credit and has scored more

praise for young India striker

than 25 goals.

Rohidas Paris complemented by Olympics silver medalist Moritz Ludwig of Germany, another elite rusher, ensuring a solid defence for Tamil Nadu Dragons from set

"I think there are four top rushers in the world. Obviously, Amit Rohidas is probably the number one of those four, but Moritz Ludwig, the German player that we've gotten, is in the top four as well. So our corner defense should be very solid,' said Van Eijk, coach of Germany's 2023 Under-21 World Cup-winning side.

The coach reserved special

and Tamil Nadu player Karthi Selvam.

"With Karthi, we have a very talented forward. His performances in the 2022 Asia Cup and Asian Champions Trophy showed his strength. His goal-scoring ability and explosiveness bring all the good. He's also physically very imposing and very strong on the ball.

"I think scoring nine goals in the game where they won 43-0 with the Tamil Nadu hockey unit says a lot about his qualities. I hope that this can be his way back into the Indian men's national team to solidify his spot," Van Eijk

India dismiss Australia for 337, trail by 157 runs

PTI ADELAIDE

Travis Head struck a sensational century while Labuschagne Marnus returned to form with a resolute fifty as Australia took a 157-run first-innings lead over India on day two of the pink ball Test here on Saturday.

For India, the peerless Jasprit Bumrah (4/61) and Mohammed Siraj (4/98) were the most successful bowlers as Australia were all out for 337 in reply to India's 180.

Local hero Head, who was dropped twice, made the most of his reprieves as he struck almost a run a ball 140 in front of his home crowd.



maximums in his 141-ball knock as the game drifted away from India.

Siraj put an end to Head's entertaining knock, which allowed the Australian lower order to bat with freedom.

However, Bumrah dismissed Pat Cummins off the last ball of the second session while Siraj struck with the first delivery after dinner to get Mitchell Starc, before sending back Scot Boland to end the Australian innings.

Everton vs. Liverpool postponed because of Storm Darragh **AP** ■ LIVERPOOL

The Merseyside derby between Everton and Liverpool was postponed on Saturday because of Storm Darragh, which brought dangerous winds and rain to the west coast.

The Premier League match was due to kick off at 12.30 p.M. U.K. Time, but Everton issued a statement in the morning to say it would not go ahead.

The Met office said parts of Wales had experienced wind gusts of over 90 mph.

Storm Darragh continues to bring strong winds across the UK, with red, amber and yellow wind warnings in force," the office said on social

Aston Villa will host



Southampton in a 3 p.M. Kickoff. The team urged fans to use extra time to get to Villa Park in Birmingham.

'We want to advise all supporters to allow extra time for travel to today's game due to poor weather conditions across the country. Please take extra care and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you at

the game," the team said in a statement.

Three other games were scheduled in the Premier League on Saturday.

Manchester United was hosting Nottingham Forest at 5:30 p.M. Local time. United has not commented on the

In London, Brentford was

hosting Newcastle, and Crystal Palace was hosting Manchester City. Both games are at 3 p.M. Brentford and Palace both

said their games will be played. "Today's match is still

scheduled to go ahead despite the bad weather," Brentford said. "Please travel safely, plan ahead, and allow extra time for your journey."

Storm Darragh was expected to "gradually ease from late morning as it crosses the UK, so the strongest winds in the west will start to reduce through Saturday," Met Office chief meteorologist Steve

Willington said. Everton and league leader Liverpool issued nearly identical statements about the postponement.

"Following a Safety Advisory Group meeting at Goodison Park, attended by officials from both clubs, as well as representatives Merseyside Police and Liverpool City Council this morning, it was decided that, due to the risk to safety in the local area due to strong wind gusts, and an amber severe wind warning that remains in place until 6 a.M. On Sunday, today's fixture should be postponed on safety grounds,"

Everton's statement read. 'We apologize for the inconvenience caused and thank supporters for their understanding. Whilst we appreciate this will be deeply disappointing for supporters, the safety of fans, staff and players is of paramount importance."

Milestones galore as England leads New Zealand by 533 runs in the 2nd test after 2 days

AP ■ WELLINGTON

 $E_{\rm by~533~runs~with~five}^{\rm ngland~led~New~Zealand}$ second-innings wickets in hand Saturday after another day of extraordinary incidents and milestones, including a hat-trick on the second day of the second test at the Basin Reserve.

At stumps, England was 378-5 in its second innings with Joe Root 73 not out and captain Ben Stokes unbeaten on 35.

Root was among the historymakers Saturday, reaching his 100th score of 50 or more in tests. When he reached his 65th half century, which goes along with his 35 centuries, he became the fourth player after Sachin Tendulkar, Jacques Kallis and Ricky Ponting to

achieve that feat. When Stokes declares, overnight, New possibly Zealand will have to achieve the highest successful fourthinnings run chase in test history to win the match and

level the three-match series. England won the first test by eight wickets in Christchurch. The record successful fourth innings total currently sits at

418, achieved by the West

Indies against Australia at St.

John's in the Caribbean 21

years ago.

Under any normal circumstances, Stokes probably would have been happy to declare by now, confident in his bowlers' ability to defend such a mammoth lead.

But the match has progressed so fast and so far with 783 runs being scored and 25 wickets falling on the first two days, that three full days are still available to New Zealand reach its winning target. Most other winning fourth-innings totals in tests have had some

The pitch at the Basin Reserve which has been bathed in sunshine on the first two days also is becoming more docile. Stokes came to the crease 30

element of a time constraint.



minutes before stumps English bowler and the first Saturday and immediately hit since Moeen Ali in 2017 to Saturday and immediately hit a four and a six in the first over he faced from Matt Henry, then another six in what seemed a tacit announcement of an impending declaration. By declaring overnight, Stokes will allow the England bowlers to rest and start fresh on the third day. The England second innings

also saw two batters fall in the 90s, Jacob Bethell on 96, just short of his maiden test century, and Ben Duckett on 92. Harry Brook made 55 to go with his 123 in the first innings and his 171 in the first innings of the first test.

All of those innings would which on any normal day of cricket have notable on their own. But they came one after the other and in quick succession so that Gus historic Atkinson's achievement of the morning session seemed somehow

distant. Atkinson became the 15th take a test hat-trick

The Surrey pacer claimed the last three wickets of New first innings, Zealand's dismissing Nathan Smith, Matt Henry and Tim Southee with consecutive deliveries as England bowled out New Zealand for 125 to take a 155-

run first-innings lead. "It feels good," Atkinson said. "I've never really thought about getting a hat-trick until I was at the end of my run and I was on a hat-trick. (It) ends the year nicely.

Atkinson bowled Smith (14) with the third ball of the 35th over of the innings. Smith dangled his bat at a delivery wide of off stump, tried too late to leave the ball but managed only to deflect it onto his stumps.

That brought out Henry, a competent batter with an average of almost 20 in tests, who received a ball which bounced sharply from just short of a length and reached

chest high. Henry tried to fend the ball away but it skewed from the splice to Duckett in the gully.
That left Southee to face the hat-trick ball. The veteran

seamer in his last test series averages 15.6 and has hit 95 sixes in an illustrious career. Southee clearly was expecting another short ball, the field was set for it. But the delivery from Atkinson was full and straight, struck the batter on the front pad and clearly was

going on to hit middle stump.

Atkinson is a statistical marvel who, in just his 10th test, has taken 12 wickets in an innings (12-106 against the West Indies at Lord's in July) and scored a century (118 against Sri Lanka at Lord's in August). He now adds a hattrick to that already

impressive resume.

Atkinson was not privy to Stokes' thoughts about a declaration.

"I'm not really sure what the plans are to be honest," he

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OF LOVE, OBSESSION AND REVENGE RETURNS

to Netflix with Season 2. Directed by Sidharth Sengupta, the web series brings back its gripping narrative style while aiming to keep the audience engaged with a fresh dose of action. The cast features Tahir Raj Bhasin, Shweta Tripathi, and Anchal Singh in the lead roles, supported by notable performances from Saurabh Shukla, Surya Sharma, and Arunoday Singh.

The second season picks up right where the first left off, resuming the suspenseful narrative with the abduction of Purva, played by Anchal Singh. The creators have consciously tried to maintain the series' intensity, diving straight into the action from the first episode. This decision sets a fastpaced tone that remains consistent throughout the season.

While the relentless action sequences and tightly woven plot aim to fascinate the audience, the series struggles to break new ground. While effective in parts, the continuous focus on action begins to feel repetitive, causing the narrative to lose the unique spark that made the first season stand out. Despite the attempt to

fter nearly three years, Yeh maintain the thrill, the over-Kaali Kaali Ankhein makes reliance on similar storytelling its much-anticipated return techniques limits its ability to reliance on similar storytelling techniques limits its ability to surprise and entertain viewers

The cast of Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhein Season 2 brings their characters to life with relentless dedication, providing the primary reason for viewers to stay invested



in the series. Arunoday Singh

Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhein Season 2 fascinates with its cast and narrative but falls short of delivering the unpredictability that thriller fans crave, writes ABHI SINGHAL



delivers a compelling performance as the contract killer Aditya Hafeez, embodying a skilled kidnapper's intense and menacing aura with his brooding demeanor and serious expressions. His portrayal is both convincing and impactful, adding a layer of depth

to the narrative.

determination with precision. His Tahir Raj Bhasin once again shines serious and gritty portrayal further as Vikrant Singh Chauhan, the solidifies his reputation as a versatile actor capable tormented protagonist at the heart of the story. Bhasin's performance is an example of his remarkable acting prowess, as he portrays Vikrant's inner turmoil and

commanding attention with every Shweta Tripathi returns as Sikha,

the love interest of Vikrant,

although her role is noticeably reduced in this season. Despite her limited screen time, Tripathi ensures that her presence is felt in all the key moments. The character's development takes an unexpected turn as Sikha finds herself married to a new police officer, adding an intriguing layer to the storyline.

A notable new addition to the cast is Gurmeet Choudhary, whose performance as Guru, a close friend of Purva, makes an immediate impression. Choudhary makes out a distinctive space for himself in the series, bringing a fresh dynamic to the plot. His character's arrival stirs up

the narrative, introducing a sense of unpredictability and piquing the audience's curiosity about the unfolding events.

While the show's thrilling plot and dramatic twists may resonate with a general audience, it may fall short of expectations for ardent crime and thriller enthusiasts. The plot, while engaging in parts, tends to feel stretched as it goes into repetitive themes, leaving the story feeling somewhat incomplete. Despite these shortcomings, the series manages to sustain interest, largely due to its talented cast and their performances.

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"It is in literature that the concrete outlook of humanity receives its expression"

- Alfred North Whitehead



t is a paradox of sorts: while people's reading habits are at an all-time low, there is a flood of writers producing content on virtually every subject. From fiction and non-fiction to cookbooks and travelogues, the book market is booming like never before. The Indian publishing industry was valued at approximately INR 500 billion in 2019, with projections indicating growth to INR 800 billion by 2024. This sector significantly contributes to India's economic development, fostering learning, education, and employment for over 1.2 million people.

Recent reports suggest that the industry is expanding at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of around 19.4%, with some estimates as high as 25%. This growth is particularly notable in the printbook market, which is anticipated to see substantial increases in value. Educational books dominate the sector, while the increasing adoption of eBooks and digital content is transforming the industry. Despite a decline in print publishing revenues due to shifting consumer preferences towards online books, magazines, and newspapers, the combined revenue from print and digital publishing continues to grow, illustrating that publishing as a whole is not in decline.

India has approximately 19,000 publishers. The publishing industry in India is vibrant but scattered, with no single association having more than 1,000 members. Evaluating publishers can be challenging, as it involves considering factors such as market size, reputation, genres covered, and influence on the literary landscape. Among the prominent names in Indian publishing, Penguin Random House India stands out as a major player, recognised for its diverse portfolio, literary excellence, and global reach. It publishes celebrated authors such as Arundhati Roy and Salman Rushdie, establishing itself as a giant in the industry.

HarperCollins India, established in 1992, is another notable publisher with a strong presence across genres, including fiction, self-help, and business books. It is home to renowned authors like Amitav Ghosh, Chetan Bhagat, and Paulo Coelho. Rupa Publications, one of India's oldest and most respected publishers, specialises in Indian fiction, biographies, and academic works, with imprints such as Rupa, Oak, and Fingerprint.

Bloomsbury India launched in 2002, has also made a mark in the industry with its high-quality literary fiction, non-fiction, children's books, and academic texts. Together, these publishers play a vital role in shaping India's literary landscape and catering to the evolving preferences of readers. But when it comes to writers it is another story. Given the size of the country, even a small percentage of people trying their hand in writing becomes large in absolute terms. However, not all are equally talented or taught. Of course, creativity cannot be taught in school, but style and form can be. With very few institutions that hone the craft of writing the writing suffers and only a handful of writers stand out in the ocean of mediocrity.

Of course, Books cannot be strictly categorised as good or bad; they are simply those you cherish and those you don't. Some books resonate deeply, while others leave you wondering who they were written for. Even so, labelling a book as 'bad' feels unfair; what one dislikes might be perfect for someone with different tastes or standards. But having said that it is also true some books leave a bad taste in the mouth for almost all. Though the number of writers is swelling, which is indeed a good thing that cannot be said about the quality of books written by them. There is a

Where are the bold, thoughtful voices that once defined Indian literature? As commercial pressures dominate, the true art of writing seems increasingly overshadowed, writes GYANESHWAR DAYAL

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growing trend among new Indian authors to just write and have a book under their name. This is perhaps more true of writers writing in English than in other Indian languages. Many recent books feel amateurish and hastily written. It's frustrating to see many careless writings being passed off as literature, leaving readers feeling duned.

Many books are being churned out with similar themes as if other streams have dried up — ala Bollywood which tends to produce similar films after a blockbuster, hoping to cash in on the success. Others who experiment often end up with juvenile themes and shallow characters. It seems the trend began with the overwhelming success of Chetan Bhagat. While Bhagat's book was light and entertaining, its success led many aspiring writers to believe they could replicate his formula without effort—by simply injecting Bollywood-like clichés into their stories. Many times writers succumb to commercial temptations, trying to publish which would get them a filmmaker like Slumdog Millionaire after the film adaptation's Oscar triumph. Thus, we have a trend: literature crafted to satisfy a superficial public demand, rather than to challenge or inspire.

No doubt publishing is a business like any other and must make a profit. It also has to compete with the reader's attention span of human goldfish- the GenZ. But that often comes with a big price tag. Where are the bold, thoughtful voices of Indian literature? Where are the Salman Rushdies, Amitav Ghoshes, R.K. Narayan, and Anita Desais of today? Literature thrives on diversity, but the current scene of Indian writing in English seems weighed down by opportunists chasing fame over craft. And make no mistake this trend is here to stay. It is all over -- visible in the literature festivals even in the reputed ones.

as they say, it is easy to write a book but difficult to make a person read it. To make it readable it needs to be worth the time and effort of the reader – give him or her some insights, information or perspective he didn't have or make him laugh or cry if that is intended. Translating thoughts into words is an art that deserves to be approached with seriousness. To do so, one must often seclude themselves, almost in a spiritual sense, and dedicate their focus to the act of writing. Writing retreats are an excellent opportunity to refine your skills, learn the ropes, and gain insight into the publishing industry. Mentors, often editors from the industry, along with established writers, offer valuable tips and guidance.

In a world increasingly characterised by distractions, writing retreats have emerged as sanctuaries where budding writers can focus, grow, and thrive. These retreats offer a unique blend of solitude, community, and professional guidance, making them appealing to anyone passionate about honing their craft.

Writing retreats often take place in idyllic settings, mountains, beaches, countryside estates, away from the hustle of daily life. This change of scenery not only inspires creativity but also provides the peace needed to concentrate on storytelling. Many retreats combine workshops, one-on-one mentoring, and group discussions, creating a collaborative yet personal environment. Fortunately, we have many literary retreats to choose from, some good, others very good! TheWriteScene's Landour Writers' Retreat recently unfolded as a vibrant tapestry of inspiration and creativity. Founded by awardwinning author Deeba Salim Irfan, this retreat was not just a gathering of minds but a sanctuary for writers from across India, offering them the opportunity to refine their craft in the tranquil surroundings that once inspired the renowned author Ruskin Bond. "I founded the Landour Writing Retreat to provide aspiring writers with the support they need to thrive. Drawing from my own experience as a published and award-winning author, I understand the challenges and rewards of the writing journey. The serene setting of Landour inspires creativity and focus. Beyond Landour, I organise retreats in picturesque locations like Kangra Valley, India, Slovenia and Lapland (Northern Lights) fostering a global community of writers. I also





curate the English and Filipino sessions of the Tahbib Literary Festival in Dubai, a platform for diverse voices and literary exchange," Deeba says with a smile and a sense of satisfaction.

The sense of community is another powerful draw. Writing can be a solitary endeavour, and retreats allow participants to connect with like-minded individuals. "Writing is a solitary profession. You sit alone with memory and imagination, both equal parts dangerous and exciting. Writing retreats are a warm hand extended in time, nudging you on, picking

you up and sometimes, putting you back on track" says author and lawyer Sonia Chauhan. The Landour Writing Retreat is one such retreat. From the hosts to the sessions to the participants, it was a motivating journey. Sharing ideas, receiving feedback, and networking with peers and mentors can be incredibly motivating and lead to lifelong creative partnerships. What participants feel is indeed writ large on their faces, "the Landour Writing Retreat was more than a getaway, it was a turning point in my writing journey. I discovered the art of truly listening to my inner voice. The retreat's emphasis on discipline balanced with creativity taught me to treat writing as both a craft and a calling. Sessions by seasoned experts from the publishing industry added technical depth, knowledge, and insights into demystifying the process of writing and publishing in India," says Bijetri Roy, an upcoming writer in her

Additionally, retreats often invite established authors, editors, and publishers to guide participants. This access to industry professionals offers budding writers' invaluable insights into the craft of writing and the business of getting published.

For many budding talents, the challenge isn't just about writing—it's about finding the time and discipline to do so consistently. Writing retreats provide structured schedules that balance writing time with relaxation, fostering a productive rhythm. They also encourage writers to step out of their comfort zones, experiment with new styles, and confront creative blocks.

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"The Landour Retreat was a perfect combination of creativity-sparking processes, sufficient unstructured time to allow writing whenever one entered a flow, and quality discussion time with a bunch of like-minded people who write because they love to, and who felt like long-known friends even though we had all just met. The insights shared by publishing industry professionals at the Retreat were invaluable eye-openers for me, says gratified Nilanjana, an avid reader and a writer.

In recent years, writing retreats have gained immense popularity, driven partly by the rise of remote work and digital nomadism. People now seek fulfilling, creative experiences that go beyond their day-to-day routines. As more people explore writing as a career or serious hobby, the demand for such retreats has surged. This trend reflects a cultural shift toward valuing personal storytelling and selfexpression. Networking at retreats is also a valuable opportunity to build connections that could open doors to literary agents, publishers, and collaborative opportunities. "India's literary scene is a dynamic blend of tradition and modernity, marked by its linguistic diversity and exploration of contemporary themes like gender, mental health, and identity. Regional narratives and translations are gaining prominence, while digital platforms and self-publishing empower emerging voices. Young writers experiment with genres like fantasy and speculative fiction, and women authors tackle issues of patriarchy and empowerment. International accolades, such as Geetanjali Shree's Booker Prize win, highlight India's global literary impact," says Rajul, who is a well-known mentor and editor. Writing retreats are more than just creative

Writing retreats are more than just creative getaways; they are transformative experiences that equip writers with the tools, confidence, and connections needed to succeed. Whether you're an aspiring novelist, a poet, or a memoirist, a writing retreat could be the spark that ignites your literary journey.

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Kashmirana serves authentic Kashmiri food with a cosy setting, bringing the flavours of Kashmir to Gurugram

Pawan Soni Food critic and founder of the Big F Awards



friends have been dedicated patrons of Kashmirana, a Kashmiri restaurant nestled in Rodeo Drive that's gained a steady following in its five years. They've shared their experiences numerous times, so I was eager to see what the buzz was about on my first visit.

Kashmirana has a cosy vibe with a mix of comfortable table seating and a few low tables for those looking to linger. My wife aptly described the interiors as reminiscent of a houseboat's warmth and charm.

We found ourselves indulging in a variety of dishes, given we round ourselves indulging in a variety of dishes, given her vegetarian preference. In the non-vegetarian starters, the Tabakmaaz and mutton seekh kebabs were both outstanding. The Tabakmaaz had that perfect crispiness, yielding to the fatty richness inside, while the mutton seekh had a delicate, hollow centre that retained a satisfying bitesome of the juiciest I've had in Gurgaon. My wife, on the other hand enjoyed the latter root faithers (no days think) other hand, enjoyed the lotus root fritters (nadru chips), cut into long, crispy strips and coated with a flavourful, addictive spice blend.

In the mains, the rista and goshtaba were delightful, with the same signature spongy meatballs but distinct gravies that made each dish memorable. I prefer bigger balls but these tasted as good. On the vegetarian side, the haaq, rajma, and nadru yakhani shone brightly, leaving us no choice but to pack up the leftovers - vegetarian for us and non-vegetarian for my friends. And if I say we loved the non-veg, it's only fair to note the vegetarian options were no less satisfying.
Traditional brassware enhanced the authenticity of the

experience, and the kehwa added an extra layer of warmth, perfect for the season. Though the phirni was good, I've had more refined versions. However, the dry fruit-laden shufta, cooked in desi ghee, was a decadent finale.

Kashmirana's portions are ample, the pricing fair, and the food impressive, especially as the restaurant filled with fellow Kashmiris as we dined, a clear testament to its authenticity and popularity among those who truly know





Chor Bizarre's Odia pop-up brings an authentic, unique taste of Odisha, writes TEAM AGENDA



Left to right - Culinary Collaborator Mona Lisa Bal, Chef Srinivasulu. A and Actor & Filmmaker Nandita Das

Then one thinks of India's diverse culinary landscape, it's easy to be drawn to the well-known dishes of the north or the spicy delights of the south. But what about the understated flavours of Odisha? Often overshadowed by its more famous Often overshadowed by its more famous counterparts, Odisha's cuisine is a hidden gem, rich in taste and steeped in tradition. The recent *Odia pop-up* at Chor Bizarre, the iconic Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi restaurant, offered a rare opportunity to experience the unique vegetarian dishes of Odisha, expertly curated by actor-filmmaker Nandita Das and her culinary collaborator Mona Lisa Bal. collaborator Mona Lisa Bal.

The event was an exciting foray into the lesserknown corners of Indian cuisine, offering an authentic glimpse into the simple yet bold flavours of Odisha. With the restaurant's longstanding reputation for bringing regional Indian cuisines to the forefront, this pop-up felt like a welcome celebration of the states rich culinary heritage, especially for those in New Delhi who

may not have had the chance to explore it.

The carefully crafted vegetarian menu showcased the simplicity and brilliance of Odia cuisine. The meal began with "Ghole Dahi" (Odia Chhas), a

traditional yogurt-based drink that was both refreshing and tangy, setting the tone for the meal ahead. It was the perfect introduction to a menu that relied on fresh, local ingredients and a delicate balance of spices.

The starters were a real treat, with dishes like "Biri Boda with Dhaniya

Chutney" (Lentil Fritters with Coriander) and "Besara Chhatu Potra Poda" (Mushrooms with Mustard in Banana Leaf) capturing the essence of Odisha's cooking style. The lentil fritters were crispy on the outside, soft on the inside, and paired beautifully with a fresh coriander chutney that added a burst of flavour. The in banana leaves, offered a smoky, earthy flavour that exemplified the depth of Odia culinary

When it came to the main courses, the dishes truly shone. "Dahi Baingan" (Shallow Fried Eggplant with Tempered Yogurt) was a standout, with its crisp, golden eggplant and creamy, tangy yogurt creating a delicious contrast in texture and taste. "Dalma," a hearty lentil and vegetable stew with coconut, was a comforting dish, light yet full of flavour. The

addition of "Kusala Saaga" (Amaranth Leaves with Garlic) and "Santula" (Sautéed Vegetables with Five Spices) further exemplified the region's love for vegetables, bringing out the freshness and natural taste of the ingredients in every bite.

The accompaniments were the perfect complements to the main dishes. "Chakuli Pita," a soft, chewy flatbread made with lentils and rice, was ideal for scooping up curries, while the steamed "Bhaata" (rice) acted as a neutral base

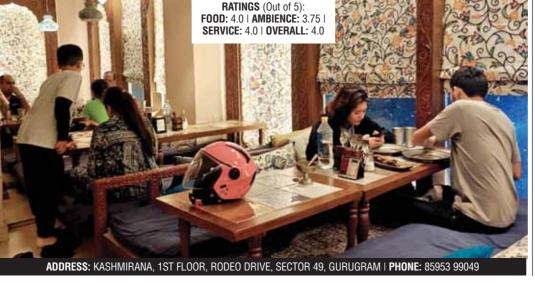
to balance the complex spices. No meal would be complete without dessert, and Chor Bizarre didn't disappoint. "Kheer Sagar" (Chhena Balls in Thickened

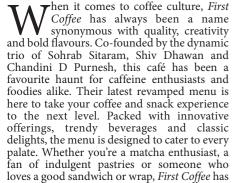
> end to the meal, while "Chhena Podo," a baked chhena dessert, had a beautiful caramelised flavour that left a lasting impression. The vegetarian menu was, without a doubt, the star of the pop-up. However, it's worth noting that the non-vegetarian thali also garnered rave reviews, with

Milk) offered a rich and creamy

guests praising its perfect blend of spices and execution. Chor Bizarre's ability to balance both vegetarian and non-vegetarian offerings with such precision only further cements its reputation as a destination for authentic regional cuisine.

The Odia pop-up at Chor Bizarre was an heart of Odisha's culinary culture. For those who have yet to explore the delights of Odia cuisine, this pop-up provided a rare and memorable experience, showcasing the region's unique approach to vegetarian dishes that are as healthy as they are flavourful. With its emphasis on fresh ingredients, simple yet creative preparations, and a deep respect for tradition, this pop-up was a celebration of the incredible variety India's regional cuisines have to offer.





AND COFFEE, **COMFORT** CONVERSATIONS: First Coffee's interiors feel like a warm hug. With cosy seating, soothing earthy tones and the irresistible aroma of freshly brewed coffee, the café offers the perfect setting for everything from a quick catch-up to a leisurely workday. The ambience strikes a delicate balance between modern design and laid-back charm, making it a space

you covered.

you'll want to stay in. TRENDY SIPS: THE MATCHA LATTE

Among the highlights of the new menu is the Matcha Latte, a drink that's as vibrant as it is intriguing. Known for its earthy, slightly grassy



Co Founders: Sohrab Sitaram and Shiv Dhawar



flavour, matcha has become a favourite among those looking for a trendy yet healthy alternative. While it might take some getting used to for first-timers, it's a sip worth acquiring. First Coffee's version offers a creamy, balanced taste that pairs beautifully with savoury bites like the paneer tikka sandwich or

the chickpea Veggie wrap.

NEVER GO OUT OF STYLE: As much as First Coffee excels in innovation, they also understand the value of keeping things classic. Their Classic Iced Coffee remains a cornerstone of the menu, offering a refreshing pick-me-up that's as dependable as it is delicious. Perfectly brewed and served chilled, it's a reminder of why First Coffee became a beloved name in the first place.

SWEET DREAMS IN EVERY BITE: Sweet tooth? You're in for a treat. The new menu introduces the incredible range of pastries. First up is the freshly baked Choco-Berry Dream Doughnut, a decadent creation that combines the richness of chocolate and custard with a fresh twist of blueberry jam and shaved chocolate on top. If you're a fan of chocolate, the Choco Truffle Éclairs are not to be missed. They combine deep, indulgent chocolate flavours with just the right amount





First Coffee's revamped menu combines innovative flavours, trendy beverages and classic favourites, creating the perfect coffee and snack experience, writes TEAM AGENDA





of berry sweetness, making them the perfect treat for anyone with a sweet tooth. For something a bit more adventurous, the Blueberry Passion Eclairs and the Nutella Cinnamon Roll are a must-try. The cinnamon roll, in particular, is topped with marshmallows and toasted seeds, adding extra texture and sweetness to every bite. **SAVOURY DELIGHTS:**

savoury offerings on the menu are just as impressive. The Truffle Mushroom Sandwich is a symphony of flavours, combining truffled mushrooms, caramelised onions and

gooey cheese. It's rich, satisfying, and indulgent. For a spicier kick, the Chipotle Veggie Sandwich features Mexican-inspired vegetables and melted cheese layered on hearty Italian bread.

Wrap lovers will adore the Chickpea Veggie Wrap, a flavour-packed burrito-style wrap filled with spicy chickpeas, and tangy pickled onions. Pair it with a side of their crispy Classic Fries for a meal that's as comforting as it is filling.

SWEET AND SAVOURY PAIRINGS: The new menu is designed with pairings in mind, offering a curated experience that complements every dish. Enjoy their signature Crunchy Hazelnut Smash for a heavenly mix of chocolatey sweetness and nutty richness. Or, pair the bold Flaky Chicken Seekh Wrap with a soothing Ginger Tea and Masala tea for a balance of spice and warmth.



If you're in the mood to experiment, the Cascara Thunder, a refreshing mix of cascara syrup over ice and lemonade, offers a zesty complement to the bold flavours of wraps. Each pairing has been thoughtfully created to elevate your dining experience. DESSERTS AND SIDES THAT DELIGHT: First

Coffee has also introduced indulgent sides and desserts that are worth savouring. The Korean BBQ Potato and Chicken Poppers

are perfect companions to their wraps and sandwiches, while the Brookie, a fusion of brownie and cookie, is a dessert dream come WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT: First Coffee's new

menu blends trendy offerings like the Matcha Latte with timeless classics like the Iced Coffee, creating a menu that caters to every taste and preference. Add in the cosy, welcoming ambience and you have a café that's more than just a place to grab a coffee, it's a

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estled gracefully in the foothills of the Kumaon region in Uttarakhand, Mukteshwar is a serene and unspoiled retreat that has yet to gain the limelight it truly deserves. Perched at an elevation of 2,171 meters, this picturesque hill station is located approximately 51 kilometers from the bustling town of

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Mukteshwar offers you an idyllic escape for those seeking solace amidst nature's bounty and a peaceful respite from the chaos of urban life.

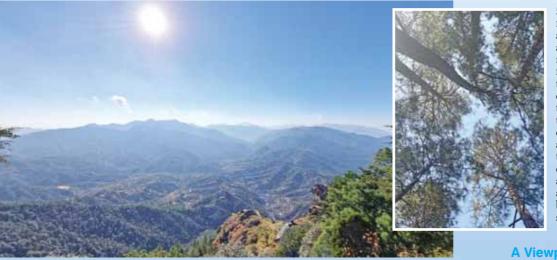
The Journey to Mukteshwar

The journey to Mukteshwar is as scenic as the destination itself. Once you cross the town of Nainital and continue your ascent, the winding roads begin to carve through the hills, offering a thrilling experience of hairpin bends and steep curves. The air grows crisper, and the lush greenery surrounding you seems to come lush greenery surrounding you seems to come alive, offering a visual treat to your senses. The long stretches of forested hills and cascading valleys make the drive a captivating experience, setting the stage for the calm that awaits you.

A Gateway to Himalayan Grandeur Formerly known as Muktesar, Mukteshwar serves as a gateway to the majestic Himalayas, providing breathtaking views of snow-clad peaks. The Himalayan panorama here includes the towering Nanda Devi, the second-highest peak in India, standing tall as a symbol of nature's grandeur. The pristine mountain air and serene ambiance work like a balm, calming your soul and rejuvenating your spirit. Mukteshwar's unspoiled beauty makes it an ideal destination for mindful activities such as meditation, yoga, or simply soaking in the peace of the surroundings.

Mukteshwar Dham: A Spiritual Treat

The town derives its name from the revered Mukteshwar Dham, an ancient temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. Believed to be over





Mukteshwar is a quite destination that will help you discover your calmer self, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**



5,350 years old, this temple is not only a place of worship but also a testament to the spiritual and historical richness of the region. Located 21 kilometres from the town centre, the temple is perched atop a hill, offering mesmerizing views of the valley below. To reach the temple, visitors must embark on a short yet rewarding trek of about 15 minutes. There are two paths leading to the temple: one with well-paved stairs and another with a steep incline, allowing visitors to choose based on their preference and

A Viewpoint like No Other

Tust a short walk from the Mukteshwar Dham lays Zero Point, a spot that offers unparalleled views of the Himalayan range. The 10 to 15minute walk to this viewpoint is well worth the effort, as the vistas that greet you are nothing short of magical. A small entry fee of Rs. 60 is required, but the sight of the towering peaks bathed in golden sunlight or shrouded in misty clouds is a reward far greater than the cost. Zero Point allows visitors to fully immerse themselves in the raw beauty of the mountains, leaving an indelible mark on their hearts.

Why Mukteshwar?

Mukteshwar is more than just a destination, it is an experience that soothes the mind, body, and soul. Whether you are looking to relax in silence, embrace the beauty of nature, or embark on a spiritual journey, this quaint hill station has something for everyone. With its charming landscapes, rich history, and spiritual essence, Mukteshwar stands as a testament to the timeless beauty of Uttarakhand's Kumaon Hills. The place is a must visit if you want to detox yourself.

WAY TO MUKTESHWAR

Mukteshwar promises not just a tranquil retreat but also a journey filled with stunning views. Whether you prefer flying, riding a train, or driving through scenic routes, the travel itself becomes part of the adventure. From picturesque landscapes to steep turns on the mountain roads, each mode of transport offers a unique charm. Comfortable travel options ensure that reaching this beautiful destination is as delightful as staying there.

Mukteshwar by Road

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Mukteshwar is well-connected by road, lying 353 km from Delhi, 51 km from Nainital, and 42 km from Haldwani. Staterun buses link Mukteshwar with nearby Uttarakhand cities, including Kathgodam. Luxury buses are also available on the Delhi-Kathgodam route, with buses departing from Delhi's ISBT. The journey from Delhi to Kathgodam takes about 8 hours. For those driving from Delhi, follow NH 24 to Rampur, then NH 87 to Ranibagh. From Ranibagh, take the state highway to Bhowali, and finally another state highway via Ramgarh to Mukteshwar

Mukteshwar by Train

Kathgodam Railway Station is the closest railhead to Mukteshwar, offering connections to major cities like Delhi, Lucknow, and Kolkata. From Kathgodam, travelers can hire taxis or take buses to reach Mukteshwar conveniently.

Mukteshwar by Air

The nearest airport to Mukteshwar is Pantnagar Airport, located 111 km away. Another option is the Jolly Grant Airport in Dehradun. From both airports, travelers can hire taxis to reach Mukteshwar comfortably.



s someone who lives for the thrill of **A**discovering untouched destinations, my recent journey to Jihar Village was a revelation. Nestled in the Almora district Uttarakhand, this unspoiled hamlet, perched at 5,400 feet, offers a serene escape from the chaos of modern life. It lies about 45 km beyond the ever-popular Jim Corbett National Park, yet few venture this far-a detail that adds to its charm. What awaited me was a perfect blend of natural beauty, cultural heritage, and heartwarming simplicity.

The drive to Jihar was nothing short of mesmerising. The winding road was flanked by pine forests and occasional streams that glistened under the sunlight. Accompanied by lovely music in the car, I was lost in the serenity of the place. Two jackals darted across the path at one point, a reminder of the region's rich wildlife. As I drew closer, the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas greeted me, reaffirming that I had made the right choice to explore this lesser-known gem.

For accommodation, I opted for Nivriti Summit View, a boutique property near Basot village. Travelling with my family, I needed a place that catered to both comfort and scenic beauty, and this property delivered on all fronts. The first thing that struck me upon arrival was the sheer grandeur of the views. On one side, the majestic Himalayan ranges seemed close enough to touch, while on the other, the



picturesque horizon. The sight of the Ramganga River winding its way below added to the allure.

thoughtfully designed rooms, was a sanctuary in itself. Each room had large windows that framed the surrounding beauty like a painting. What made the stay even more special was the personal touch of the owner, Randhir Brar, whose love for travel and nature was evident in every corner. From curated books to artistic décor, every detail told a story. My mornings began with the golden glow of Nanda Devi, and my evenings ended with a cup of tea as Trisul's snowy peaks reflected the last light of the day.

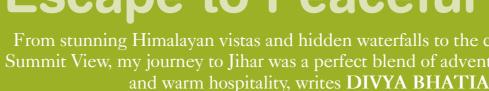
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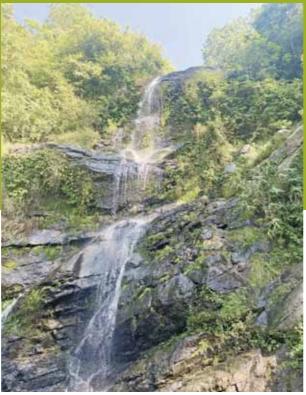
endless valley stretched into a

The property, with its six

was the sprawling garden—a perfect space to play and unwind. For me, it was the property's glasshouse rooms, which allowed me to gaze at the stars from the comfort of bed. The culinary Churdkani and Aloo ke



Escape to Peaceful Jihar From stunning Himalayan vistas and hidden waterfalls to the charm of Nivriti Summit View, my journey to Jihar was a perfect blend of adventure, tranquillity



their continental offerings, Kumaoni dishesprepared with fresh, local ingredients—stole the show. Don't miss the chance to savour dishes like Bhatt ki

Gutke, prepared expertise.

After a full day of relaxation, we set out the following morning to explore Jihar. Our first stop was the Bhona Devi Temple, a revered shrine



nestled deep within the and the sacred hearth of forests. Located about 14 km Harju Devta. The moment we from Kalason Basot, the temple is more than 250 years old and steeped in local legend. It houses a Shivling, a pillar of Kaal Bhairavnath,

stepped into the temple premises, a serene calmness enveloped us, as though the place radiated an abundance of positive energy. However, it



wasn't just the spiritual aura that captivated us. The temple offers stunning panoramic views of the Himalayan range and the five regions of Salt-Talla, Malla, Vichalla, Palla, and Valla. Its potential for spiritual tourism undeniable, but tranquillity must preserved.

Next on the itinerary was a hidden waterfall, about 25 km from the property, towards Almora. Accessible only on foot, the path to the falls remained elusive until a local guide helped us navigate the terrain. From the road, it appears like a modest stream cascading down the mountainside, but once you hike up, the scene transforms. The effort was worth it. At the top, I was greeted by a crystal-clear pool fed by cascading waters. Taking a dip in the cool, pristine water felt like

nature's own therapy.
A jungle walk leading to a secluded spot by the Ramganga River was another unforgettable highlight. Summit Nivriti

leaves and flowing water, the experience felt like stepping into another world. The locals mentioned occasional sightings of leopards, though they assured us these majestic creatures had never harmed anyone-a testament to the harmonious coexistence of humans and wildlife here. Evenings back at the property were spent stargazing. The clear skies above Jihar unveiled the Milky Way in all its glory, a humbling reminder of the universe's vastness. It's rare to find a place where time slows down, where each moment invites introspection and wonder. Jihar, with its unpretentious beauty, offers precisely that. In today's fast-paced world, places like Jihar remind us of the beauty of simplicity. It's not just a destination; it's an experience—a chance to slow down, breathe, and reconnect with what truly matters. Whether you're a nature lover, an adventure seeker, or simply someone looking to escape the crowds, Jihar promises memories you'll treasure for a

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short of magical. Surrounded

by the sounds of rustling

HOW TO GET TO JIHAR Reaching Jihar is part of the adventure. The nearest airport is Pantnagar, about 140 km away, while Kathgodam railway station is 100 km from the village. From these points, the scenic drive to Jihar is best enjoyed in a private cab or local bus.





















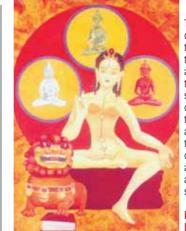




ARIES March 21-April 19

This week holds significant promise, particularly in financial matters. You may find yourself receiving substantial gains early in the week. Celebrations are in order, with joyful gatherings that underscore your recent successes in your professional life. Happiness permeates the home front as well, with key contributions from the women in your life, who display remarkable health, creativity, and energy. Their nurturing roles enhance the joy and unity of those around them. The week may also feature meaningful family events such as the joyous arrival of a new family member or the initiation of a lucrative opportunity, bringing loved ones together to share in the collective joy. As the week closes, expect a shift in perspective that could profoundly reshape your approach to life, setting the stage for enduring benefits.

Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Amber Lucky day Tuesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week calls for measured actions and a calm demeanor. Embracing moderation rather than giving in to impulsive reactions will serve you well. Opportunities that could significantly improve your circumstances may arise, yet there's a risk of undermining these prospects through unchecked pride or a dismissive attitude. While self-respect is crucial, maintaining a balance with how others perceive you is equally important. You might find that new beginnings in your endeavors could stir envy among competitors. Stay vigilant as you could become the target of negative intentions. It's wise to be observant and understand the motivations of those around you. Secure your valuable possessions and keep a close eye on those who have access to your personal

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Magenta **Lucky day** Thursday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week, you'll find yourself feeling invigorated and full of life, ready to tackle any obstacles that come your way. There's a sense of cosmic alignment that seems to enhance your efforts, steering you towards successful outcomes. Your energy is well-placed, boosting areas of your life that need the most attention. With a clear vision and unwavering resolve, you're set to conquer your highest aspirations. At home, the atmosphere buzzes with the promise of significant events that bring joy and fulfillment. A deep-seated wish of yours may finally come to fruition, possibly linked to family growth or children's achievements, which might include academic successes or securing opportunities they've eagerly sought. Your belief in your abilities and a higher power greatly shapes your reality, fostering a positive environment that encourages you to achieve remarkable things.

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Turquoise Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week is heavily influenced by your emotional and sentimental nature. You may find yourself in a nurturing role, eager to care for those close to you. Your compassionate demeanor makes you a source of solace and advice for many, although this could distract you from your professional responsibilities. Be mindful of those around you, as there's a risk that your straightforward approach might be exploited. It's essential to strategize and act decisively to ensure stability and financial security. Without active efforts and concrete plans, mere wishful thinking won't yield the desired results. Stay focused on your objectives and manage your emotions effectively to navigate through the week successfully.

Lucky number 15 | Lucky colour Crimson Lucky day Sunday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week, individuals born under Virgo may experience a sense of isolation and a disconnection from everyday activities. Challenges in personal relationships, such as a break-up or a marital strain, could be impacting your emotional well-being. You might also find obstacles in your professional life; despite diligent efforts, progress seems stalled. This period requires patience and resilience. Stay prepared to counter any resistance you face as this may be the final test before you achieve your objectives. An influential figure may emerge to assist you, providing the support needed to overcome your current challenges. Expect a shift towards spiritual growth and a surge of new ideas. This fresh perspective will infuse your endeavors with innovation and a stronger sense of self-

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Olive Lucky day Saturday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week, you may find yourself navigating a mix of emotions and detachment in your personal relationships. Minor irritants could lead to disagreements, but ultimately, decisions will be reached mutually. In your professional life, your kindness and generosity will shine, enhancing your reputation. Unexpected financial gains could provide a sense of security, bolstering your ability to handle both personal and professional challenges with skill and efficiency. Your reliable and devoted nature will make you a trusted figure at work. A natural curiosity will drive your desire to acquire new knowledge, fueling your success and making you a source of inspiration for others. You will uphold strong ethical standards. advocating for your beliefs and demonstrating integrity in all your endeavors.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Maroon **Lucky day** Friday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week, you demonstrate a compelling sense of authority and determination. Your strength lies not in physical prowess but in your ability to lead and inspire others to action. Your charismatic yet firm approach garners respect, although it leaves little room for emotional considerations. This could lead to some challenges in personal relationships, possibly causing strain or even separation. Family tensions may arise. particularly with maternal figures possibly opposing your choices in personal partnerships, leading to disagreements. Midweek, you might find yourself overwhelmed, struggling to make autonomous decisions due to these pressures. However, by week's end, you will find both financial and emotional enrichment as a respected elder, possibly a paternal figure, steps in to support you. Their fair and generous actions will lay the groundwork for your future achievements.

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Wednesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

In the coming period, you may encounter situations that test the strength of your relationships, potentially leading to deep emotional impacts. Embrace these challenges as they arise; they are opportunities for personal growth and resilience. Fear of not meeting expectations or achieving success might loom large, yet remember that true bravery emerges from confronting and mastering these fears. Should a new opportunity present itself, seize it with confidence and move decisively toward your aspirations. Let go of any reservations and clear any obstacles from your path. If recent achievements seem less significant than anticinated take time to reassess and refresh your strategies. By week's end, you could find yourself in a more prosperous position, with increased financial prospects or an attractive proposal coming your way.

Lucky number 1 | Lucky colour Lavender Lucky day Wednesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week presents a dynamic and steady phase for you, marked by significant authority and confidence. You find yourself in a scenario where confronting and engaging with influential individuals is not only possible but likely. This period allows you to relish a surge of energy and maintain strong connections with those around you. You may find yourself acting as a guiding figure, providing advice, setting goals, and fostering a sense of security for others. There's a harmonious alignment of your physical, mental, and emotional states, enhancing your decision-making prowess. Your presence demands respect, as you consistently uphold your principles, make fair judgments, and speak honestly. Your ability to maintain a clear vision ensures that emotions do not cloud your decisions, positioning you as a leader who views the broader context of any situation

Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Fuchsia Lucky day Sunday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week is a time for rejuvenation. Step away from the whirlwind of your daily activities and allow yourself some moments of relaxation. Embrace self-care by engaging in activities that refresh both your physical and mental well being—consider routine health screenings, engage in mindful exercises, take leisurely strolls, and ensure you are getting ample rest. Such practices will equip you to navigate the energetic pace of life that lies ahead. Your professional life may soon pulsate with new opportunities and potential advancements such as raises or promotions. At home, expect to be more involved with family duties, especially in attending to children's needs, which could increase your expenditures. Additionally, consider planning a getaway that promises romantic undertones and quality family time.

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Teal Lucky day Saturday

ogito, ergo sum' ... I

René Descartes

If you have decided to read this

Whether you think you can or

you think you can't, you're right!

The only thing absolutely in our

It shapes our reality. Influences

our emotions. Translates to actions. And ultimately defines

the quality of our lives. This

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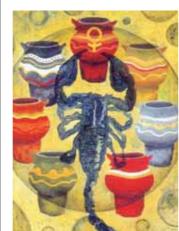
resonates with many ancient

Stop. Think what you are

thinking now. Because ...

power is our Thought.

Think therefore I am. ...



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Currently, you possess a significant intensity and strength, which enhances your ability to understand the core of any situation distinctly. Your sharp insights and deep perceptiveness are at their peak, simplifying the process of dispelling any confusion that has obscured your inner truths and for releasing the constraints of your past that have impeded your progress. Focus is now essential on your aspirations, accompanied by a profound spiritual enlightenment. Dedicate your time to harmonizing with the natural world—engage in morning or evening walks, embrace practices like yoga and meditation, or even consider participating in sports at a professional level. Embrace the flow of life's currents, allowing them to guide you forward naturally.

ucky number 14 | Lucky colour Coral Lucky day Sunday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

Individuals born under this sign possess boundless potential, enabling them to transform and craft their reality as they see fit. While it is not feasible for everyone to uncover every mystery, these individuals often lead others capabilities. Known for their deep spiritual focus, they wield considerable power to enrich and fundamentally change lives. They adhere to a strong belief in balance and fairness, understanding that every action triggers a corresponding reaction, echoing the principles of cause and effect. To cultivate positive outcomes, they maintain a mindset geared toward making decisions that align with their desired results. This clarity of thought facilitates the full realization of their goals and alleviates many of life's challenges. Anticipate a significant journey or change in the near future.

ucky number 17 | Lucky colour Purple

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Thoughts shape reality; regulate them to transform your destiny.

The Power of a Thought The quality of our thoughts directly influences our reality. A

positive mindsetattracts positive experiences. Positive Thinkingis not merely wishful thinking. It is a conscious effort to reshape our cognitive patterns. This idea is echoed in various scriptures that advocate for a mindset centred on optimism and well-being.

"असतोमासदगमय' "Lead me from the unreal to the

This shloka from the Brihadaranyaka Upanishad encourages individuals to move from ignorance to knowledge. By focusing on positive and truthful thoughts, we navigate through the complexities of life towards clarity peace and Holistic wellbeing. A thought is energy. Almost impossible to stop from flowing in. Having a sizeable impact effect on every facet of our life. What however is possible and should be the goal is to regulate them conscientiously so as to have them supportively influence and nourish our present moment. How we nurture out thoughts is in our control. Thereby we can

manage how they impact us. If we



allow the negative to nest within for a long period, we create a cyclic trap which is detrimental. It is important to emphasize here that when we stay on and nourishthoughts, we become what we think. Yet ... we must recognise that and understand that we are not our thoughts. We

have the ability to rise above them.

Meditation and mindfulness practices are vital in harnessing the power of our thoughts. They help in cultivatingconsciousness, allowing us to observe our thoughts without attachment. This detachment is crucial in

understanding the transient nature of thoughts.

'शान्ताकारंभुजगशयनंपशुपतिंयोगिनाम" "Peaceful in form, resting on a serpent, Lord of all beings, O

This shloka refers to Lord Shiva, symbolising inner peace and

mastery over the mind. Through practices that promote mindfulness, we can align our thoughts with tranquillity and purpose. The power of thoughts extends

beyond the individual. It influences our ecosystem. The teachings of the Upanishads highlight the interconnectedness of life and the importance of collective positivity. The power of our thoughts is a profound truth recognised in ancient Indian philosophy. By cultivating positive, constructive thoughts, we can transform our reality, contribute to our wellbeing, and enhance our connections with ourself, others and the Universe. As we navigate through life's challenges, our thoughts hold the key to our experiences, shaping our destinies with each conscious choice we

As Raman Maharishi said - The degree of freedom from unwanted thoughts and the degree of concentration on a single thought are the measures to gauge spiritual progress. We are the seat of limitless Power - through our thought. Just One Thought can make all the difference!! I Think therefore I am.

"यथा संकल्पतेमनःतदनुसम्पद्यते" "As the mind thinks, so it becomes?

texts, highlighting the