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# Yamuna grows toxic veggies?

**BISWAJEET BANERJEE** 

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

Rivers'. study The exposes 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 Poiya 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 country.

The data is damning. In Agra, nickel levels touched 28.87 liter. micrograms per chromium soared to a staggering 135.15 micrograms per liter, while lead reached 23.41 micrograms per literseveral times above permissible limits. In 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 are 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 The city's two major water treatment plants, Jiwani Mandi and Sikandra Water Works, are still stuck with outdated technologies that can only test for basic parameters like turbidity, color, pH, TDS, hardness, coliform, and E. coli.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 don't currently have 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 norms. "If the Pollution Control Board claims to have stopped factories from

discharging waste into the

Yamuna, how are such dangerous levels of heavy metals still present in the river? This report exposes the regulatory failures and calls for immediate corrective action," said Dr. Sanjay Kulshreshtha, an

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. regulations and Strict immediate steps are essential prevent irreversible

With the specter of a full-blown environmental disaster looming large, experts are urging swift government action before the Yamuna turns into an irreversible toxic nightmare.

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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 by invaders and law-breakers".

'fundamentalist-barbaric 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

**December 21 is World Meditation Day, UNGA** 



File photo: Ranjan Dimri

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

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

in Mathura.

further underscored the potential "drastic consequences" of overturning the law, citing incidents like the Sambhal case, where a survey recent order triggered reportedly widespread protests and resulted in six fatalities. The committee warned that 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**

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

Amid the killing of Hindus Bangladesh, a delegation of prominent 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 exact number of 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 other 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 any establishment.

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

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#### **US** denies backing anti-India agenda

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

he United States Embassy L on Saturday rejected the Bharatiya Janata Party's allegations that organisations funded by the US State Department, and elements in the American "deep state" were behind attempts to 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 around the world.



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



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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

L colonies rocked Delhi on Saturday, with the ruling Aam Party (AAP) Aadmi <sup>'</sup> 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.

¬wo murders in different

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 Continued on page 5 | 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 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

Continued on page 5 | He said India's leadership in

# 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.

overall human wellbeing stems from "our civilisational

dictum #VasudhaivaKutumbakam - 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 lives.

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 firm commitment to overall human wellness and global leadership on this front in tune with our civilisational Kutumbakam". The World declaration Meditation Day comes at a 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 of meditation and its profound impact on our lives. It has been scientifically proven that meditation regular 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, Luxembourg, Mauritius, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Portugal and Slovenia.



## **ISKCON** centre in Bangladesh burnt down: Radharaman Das

PTI ■ KOLKATA

he 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 president Radharamn Das told PTI that the targetted attack on members of the 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 violent attacks.

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# 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

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

wedding at the venue that had been chosen by the bride and her family. Upon reaching Moga, the bride's family reportedly told 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 when they arrived in Moga, Mandiali village in that he worked as a labourer Punjab, only to find his Jalandhar to Moga for the in Dubai and had been in



touch with Kaur through Kumar that she works 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.

Namhatta Sangha, located in

His father Prem Chand said that 150 'baraatis' came for the wedding, and that he had already hired taxis, paid for catering and a videographer. Kaur reportedly hails from Further investigation in the Moga and had earlier told matter is underway, he said.

the platform Instagram for Ferozepur, he said. The the past three years. Kumar groom's father said that the said he had seen Kaur's marriage was fixed after photos but never met her in 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

# Saints define Kumbh grandeur, govt plays supporting role: Yogi

PNS PRAYAGRAJ

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath emphasised that the holiness and grandeur of the Maha Kumbh owe their essence to the revered saints. with the government and administration merely acting as partners in its organisation. He highlighted that the global recognition of Sanatan culture today is possible only because of the blessings and guidance of the saint commu-

nity.
"The blessings of saints are the foundation of everything good in Maha Kumbh. This time too, we look forward to their guidance for the fair administration," the chief minister said during an interaction with saints in the Maha Kumbh Mela area on Saturday.

During his one-day visit to Prayagraj, the chief minister invited representatives of all 13 Akharas, along with those from the Khak-Chowk, Dandibara and Acharyabara traditions, and pilgrimage priests, to participate in a special programme for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposed visit on December 13. Chief Minister Yogi stated that the prime minister would perform a puja at Sangam and inaugurate projects worth thousands of crores aimed at ensuring a clean, safe and well-organised Maha Kumbh. The saint community unanimously expressed their consent to attend the event, reflecting their commitment to the pro-

gramme. Discussing preparations for Maha Kumbh-2025, Chief Minister Yogi acknowledged some delays in projects due to the late receding of the Ganga's waters but assured that the state government would make every effort to meet the expectations of the saint community. He stressed the importance of cooperation from the sadhusaint community to maintain the cleanliness of the sacred rivers and enhance every pilgrim's experience visiting the Triveni Sangam.

# CM inaugurates 100 shelters with 25,000 beds for devotees

Saturday, inaugurated 100 public shelters, each with a capacity of 250 beds and equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, in the Maha Kumbh Mela area. He also launched a computerised lost and found centre to assist pilgrims during the

grand event. Highlighting the importance of public shelters, Chief Minister

Yogi said, "The Maha Kumbh attracts a massive influx of pilgrims and visitors, making proper accommodation a critical need. Traditionally, many pilgrims and saints stay in open spaces, which can be challenging, especially during cold weather. To address this, the government has established public shelters with a total capacity of 25,000 beds, ensuring a safe, comfortable and accessible experience for all pilgrims."

Equipped with modern amenities, each shelter includes 250 beds with mattresses, pillows and clean sheets. Separate toilets and bathrooms have been arranged for men and women, along with regular cleaning and sheet changes.

"The progress of Sanatan society is possible only under the guidance of saints. We must work together to make Maha Kumbh-2025 even grander than Kumbh 2019. With the blessings of saints and the guidance of the prime minister, the world is witnessing the transformation of Ayodhya, Varanasi and Braj Dham," he

saint community expressed immense gratitude towards Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for his direct communication and proactive approach in addressing their concerns. They hailed him as

Prayagraj (PNS): Chief Additional provisions include Minister Yogi Adityanath, on clean drinking water and 24x7 security. Devotees from all sections of society attending the Maha Kumbh can avail themselves of these facilities at

a nominal fee. The fee structure for the use of public shelters at the Maha Kumbh has been designed to be simple and accessible for all devotees. On regular days, a one-day stay will cost Rs 100, while a two-day stay will cost Rs 100 for the first day and Rs 200 for the second day.

During the main bathing festivals and surrounding days, the fee will be Rs 200 for the first day, and Rs 200 for the first day and Rs 400 for the second day for a two-day stay. Devotees can pay through cash or digital modes such as UPI and will be issued tickets upon payment.

The chief minister emphasised that this initiative is especially aimed at pilgrims who cannot afford hotels, guest houses or private camps. These public shelters will not only make their journey more economical but also provide them with a comfortable and safe place to stay during the

the protector of Sanatan The saints unanimously Dharma and noted that his declared their eagerness to leadership has instilled a sense contribute to Maha Kumbh-2025, emphasising its potential of pride in the Sanatan society. to spread a message of peace to Representatives from various akharas and saint traditions praised the preparations for Maha Kumbh, stating that the arrangements indicate it will surpass all previous Kumbh events in grandeur. They shared concerns about land Sanatan culture. allotment, camp locations,

cold weather," he said.

As part of preparations for Maha Kumbh 2025, Chief

Minister Yogi also inaugurat-

ed a computerised lost and

found centre in the Prayagraj

Mela area. Equipped with

state-of-the-art technologies,

this centre aims to address

issues related to missing devo-

tees swiftly, ensuring a safe and

organised experience for all

The government is dedicated

to making Maha Kumbh 2025

not just a religious gathering

but a living testament to India's

cultural and spiritual heritage.

Chief Minister Yogi stated,

cultural and spiritual legacy of

Uttar Pradesh and India on the

global stage, providing pil-

grims with a relaxing and

memorable experience even

during harsh winter condi-

The event was attended by

Industrial Development

Minister Nand Gopal Gupta

'Nandi', Jal Shakti Minister

Swatantra Dev Singh, the

Mayor of Prayagraj, Mela Officer Vijay Kiran Anand,

and other officials who accom-

panied the chief minister.

This event will showcase the

pilgrims.

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Maha Kumbh a resounding success, underscoring the crucial role of saints in preserving the spiritual and cultural heritage of India.

#### the entire world. They expressed satisfaction with the preparations under Chief Minister Yogi's leadership and anticipated a historic event that would uphold the pride of The chief minister reaffirmed his commitment to making

tal for treatment.

dent occurred during the wedding of a girl from Banarasi Tola. Raja Babu, the groom from Rae Bareli, had arrived at the Ram Janaki Guest House with his family and wedding procession around midnight. As preparations for the Dwarachar Puia were underway, the slum residents entered

the gathering under the guise of joining the dance. Inspector Vinod Tiwari of Aligani police station stated that efforts were underway to identify the culprits using CCTV footage from the area and videography from

MAN SHOT AT, NABBED

the wedding.

Deoria/Gorakhpur: A murder case suspect was shot in the leg and nabbed Saturday morning in the Surauli area of Deoria district, police said. Deepak Mishra was admitted to Maharshi Devraha Baba Medical College for treatment for a gunshot wound. On November 7, Nihal Singh (alias Shubham Singh), a resident of Musaf Colony in Deoria, was shot dead near Jaddhu Parsia village. A manhunt was launched for the shooter at Singh's mother's complaint and five people were arrested in the course of the investigation.

On Saturday, police, acting on a tip-off, intercepted Mishra near Vishunpur Morh in Surauli and opened fire when they were met with resistance. An illegal firearm was recovered from Mishra's possession, police said.

इण्डियन आवरसाज् बेक

(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)

Faizabad road on Friday night and succumbed to injuries on the way to RML Hospital. Police informed his family of

the incident after retrieving their contact details from his mobile phone, which was found on him.

station area. Hours after the incident, CCTV footage surfaced showing a pickup truck, and it is believed that the collision was caused by the loader. The police are reviewing additional footage to gather digital evidence and are trying to identify the driver using the available CCTV footage.

According to sources, the accused had been running the The victim has been identified illegal godown for a long time, and local police were aware of

the operation. "The officers ignored the illegal activities, allegedly in exchange for money. The accused failed to adhere to safety regulations for storing gas cylinders, which are strictly prohibited for commercial purposes," police sources said.

Consequently, both officers were suspended, and a probe

was initiated," the DCP said.

Around 7 pm on Friday, an

explosion occurred due to illegal gas refilling, resulting in a

fire. Four people working

inside the house and two chil-

dren standing at a distance sus-

tained severe burns.

#### ELECTRICIAN KILLED IN ROAD MISHAP

An electrician was seriously injured after his bike collided with a loader on Lucknow-

#### **Wedding procession turns violent** as gatecrashers molest women

Lucknow (PNS): A wedding procession heading towards the Ram Janaki Guest House in Aliganj turned violent late on Friday night when a group of youths from a nearby slum allegedly gatecrashed the event. The accused reportedly molested women who were dancing as part of the celebrations.

PNS LUCKNOW

A sub-inspector and a constable were suspended on

Saturday for negligence in connection with the cylinder

explosion case in Dubagga on

Friday evening.
DCP (West) Omveer Singh

provided details, stating that

the gas refilling operation had

been ongoing for the past 4-5

months, with the accused hav-

ing shifted the gas refilling work and the godown to the house of Rohit Gupta in

Shahpur Bhamaroli village, located within the Dubagga

Singh explained that the beat

incharge, Sub-Inspector Ram

Sewak Rana, and beat consta-

ble Manoi Kumar should have

been aware of the illegal activ-

ities taking place at the house

and in the area. "Immediately

after the explosion, which injured six people, including

two children, the Malihabad ACP was tasked with investi-

gating the local police's laxity. The beat incharge and beat

constable were found negligent

ing the illegal gas refilling

They should have known

about the illegality and acted on

information from their sources.

activities.

in failing to take action regard-

police station area.

When members of the wedding party protested, the situation escalated into a scuffle, and the gatecrashers allegedly pelted stones. The groom's younger brother, Raj, sustained a serious head injury during the altercation. Women at the ceremony fled into the guest house to save themselves.

Police reached the scene after receiving information and admitted the injured to hospi-

According to reports, the inci-

The accident occurred near Anaura Kala in the BBD police

Local residents later revealed that Rohit Gupta had been secretly and illegally refilling gas cylinders at his house. Sources claim the beat incharge and beat constable at Dubagga police station were unaware of the illegal activity. The DCP (West) ordered the suspension of both officials.

SI, constable suspended for negligence

as Atul Sharma (30), a resident of Safedabad Asaini in Barabanki. He worked as an

electrician at Goyal Society Hospital in the BBD area. His uncle Anuj shared that Atul commuted daily by bike.

"On Friday night, he was returning home when the accident occurred near Anaura Kala village," Anui said.

Atul's wife Ruchi was inconsolable, while his parents, Ram Pratap and Rekha, fainted upon receiving the tragic news. Atul's 7-year-old daughter Mishthi was in a state of shock.

CCTV footage also captured the loader involved in the accident, though the number plate of the vehicle is not clearly visible. The police are working to gather more information about the vehicle and its driver through additional CCTV footage from the area.



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Mr. Mahendra Babu Mishra S/o Munna Lal Mishra Owner of Property non agricultural land belonging to Khata No. 00283, Araji No. 676 & Araji No. 675 situated at village Gyaspur, Pargna-Sakatpur, Tahsil Chhibramau, Kannauj-UP. Below mentioned Original chain deed has been misplaced and any use of it by somebody else would be illegal. Chain deed details- 1. Sale Deed No. 729 dated 25/01/2016, excuted between Mr. Shyam Mohan and Mr. Ram Dayal in office of Sub-Registrar, Chhibramau Kannauj in Book No. 1 Volume No. 5294 on Page 1 To 20 at serial no 729.

### Youths misbehave with cop, snatch his mobile phone Lucknow (PNS): Two youths and, when Verma tried to call Vrindayan to search the loca-

cleanliness, traffic manage-

ment and assistance amounts.

to which the chief minister

assured appropriate resolu-

tions through directives to

after they were asked to give passage to the cop as their car parked on the street was blocking the wav.

The incident occurred on Thursday night when Inspector Rai Kumar Verma, posted in Ambedkar Nagar, was returning home from his relative's

At around 10:50 pm, Verma noticed a car parked in front of a restaurant, blocking the road.

Despite blowing horn, the youths inside the car did not move their car. Verma introduced himself as an inspector and asked the occupants of the car to shift their vehicle to make way for him. In response, the youths became aggressive, started abusing the inspector,

Lakhimpur Kheri (PTI):

After a man and his two sons

took their lives within a 24-

hour period following alleged

harassment by relatives over a

property dispute, police on Saturday arrested four per-

sons, including a woman con-

stable, on charges of abetting

suicide, a senior official

The district police chief has also shunted out the police outpost incharge in Babupur

On Thursday, Ram Naresh,

Grant number 11 village.

snatched his mobile phone and fled the scene.

The Jankipuram police registered a case of theft and are investigating the matter. The inspector's mobile was later recovered. Sub-Inspector Hemendra Singh, who is investigating the case, confirmed that further action would be taken based on the available evidence.

Meanwhile, in another incident, a constable's mobile phone was snatched in the PGI police area. The constable. posted with the PAC, was on his way to visit a friend in the PGI area when two motorcycle riders snatched his phone near the Shadeed Path service lane on Thursday night. The consta-ble had stopped near

Triple suicide: Cop among four held for abetment

the 63-year-old father, ended

his life due to alleged harass-

ment over a property dispute

with his relatives. His sons

Sudhir (30) and Mukesh (35),

devastated by his death, fol-

Superintendent of Police Ganesh Prasad Saha said,

"Four individuals, including

Ramdevi, her daughters Arti

Devi and Shashibala, and her son Shivam, who were

accused of abetting the sui-

cides, have been arrested.

Additionally, Bankeyganj out-

lowed suit.

misbehaved with an inspector the police, one of the youths tion of his destination on the

ants struck. Inspector Ravi Shankar Tripathi of PGI police station confirmed that an investigation was underway based on the constable's complaint.

A fire broke out in a matrimonial office located on the first floor of Faridi Building on Maqbara Road in Hazratganj. On receiving information, Fire Services Officer Ramkumar Rawat rushed to the spot with three fire-tenders and started extinguishing the fire at both sides of the office. The fire was completely extinguished and the smoke was removed using smoke exhauster.

post in charge Jitendra Kumar

has been sent to police lines as

part of the investigation." Sudhir's suicide note had

accused the four arrested,

particularly Arti Devi, a police

constable, of harassment and

The SP has assured the fami-

ly members of a thorough

investigation into the matter,

including examining the role

of the local police. He also said

that departmental action

would be taken against Arti

claimed police inaction.

**FARIDI BUILDING** "They convinced me to invest

into the matter.

#### Man loses over ₹87 lakh in cyber fraud

Lucknow (PNS): A man was allegedly duped of Rs 87.10 lakh in a cyber fraud. The victim, Vinod Kumar Singh, a resident of Sushant Golf City, reported that he was contacted by employees and officials of a firm through various phone numbers and lured into making an investment for financial gains.

and trade in the stock market, promising good profits. After that, they invited me to join a WhatsApp group to track the performance of stock market trading. They then instructed me to download several apps, including one for financial management. Through a link, I downloaded the app and created an account. They conducted stock transactions through the app and instructed me to deposit money into different bank accounts. The funds would later appear on the app. In total, I invested Rs 7.10 lakh into one of the provided bank accounts," Singh explained. He later realised that he had been defrauded when the promised returns and transactions did not materialise. The police have registered a case and initiated an investigation

Branch- Chinhat Branch, 633/646 Near Matiyari Crossing Chinhat, Faizabad Road Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-227105 , Ph. No. 8925951923, E-mail:iob1923@iob.in 1) Mr. Chhote Lal Shah S/o Mr. Jawahar Shah, Address, S/o Mr. Jawahar Shah, Address, S/o Mr. Jawahar Shah 568/17, Ahmadpur, Kailashpuri, Alambagh, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Pin-226005 (Guarantor)

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Immovable Property

interest at contractual charges etc.

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#### POSSESSION NOTICE See Rule 8 (1) Relationship Beyond Banking

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer Bank of India under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial

Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices to below mentioned Borrower/Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice plus interest at other charges with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the below mentioned properties in exercise of power conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The borrower/ guarantor in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of India. The borrowers/guarantors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. Name of the Demand Notice Dt. | Possession Date **Description of Properties** 

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POSSESION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)]
Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of
Security Interest Act 2002 (For Immovable Properties)
Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the Indian Overseas Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice as detailed here in below calling upon the borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receint of the said notice

within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/
Mortgagors/Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act

read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on mentioned Date.

The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to

deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charges of the Indian

The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, In respect of time available to them, to redeem the secured assets.

Overseas Bank for the amounts and interest thereon mentioned against account herein below

Borrower/Guarantor Amount as per Demand Mortgaged/Owner of the Properties Branch- Shuklaganj, 7/28 Dwivedi Bhawan, Rajdhani Marg, Shuklaganj, Post- Gangaghat, Unnao Borrower: M/s Laxmi Demand Notice Dt. | Possession Date 16.03.2022 Rs. 16,90,222.86 (Rs. Sixteen Lakh Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Two and Paise Eighty Six Only) with interest and other charges (Mortgagor) and Mrs.

1. All part and Parcel of Plant and Machinery installed at Plot 2. All part and Parcel of Stock lying at Plot No. 154, Sahjani

Jnnao in the name of M/s Laxmi Mini Floor Mill. 3. Land and Building situated at Plot No. 154, Sahjani, Unna n the name of M/s Laxmi Mini Floor Mill.

Name of Mortgagor- Late Mr. Jai Prakash Gupta (Lega Heirs of Late Mr. Jai Prakash Gupta are Mrs. Rinki Gupta w/o Late. Mr. Jai Prakash Gupta and Mrs. Gujrati Devi w/o Babu

Arazi others, South: 15 ft. wide road

Mini Floor Mill (Proprietor - Late, Mr. Jai Prakash Gupta), Mrs. Rinki Gupta W/o Late Mr. Jai Prakash Gupta (Legal Heir of Proprietor Late Mr. Jai Prakash Gupta)

Lal Gupta (Legal Heir of Proprietor Late Mr. Jai

Property Owner's Name Late Mr. Jai Prakash Gupta. All the part and parcel of the property (house) situated at Plot No. 154, Sahjani, Unnao having boundaries as under: East: Plot of Ram Kumar Gupta, West: Plot of Maya Gupta, North:

Authorised Office: Bank of India

Date: 08.12.2024 Place: Kanpur

#### 3 of family among 5 killed in road accident Meanwhile, an alleged cow Gorakhpur/Meerut (PTI): Five and daughters Laado and Pari, declared dead at the hospital. smuggler was shot at and people, including three memboth infants, after attending a Both Monu and Suraj were also bers of a family, were killed in returning from a function, family function in Jatepur a collision between two motor-Uttari. When he turned towards police said. The condition of cycles in Gorakhpur district of

Saturday. Another biker rammed his vehicle into a truck while trying to avoid hitting the two motorcycles. Three people were critically injured in the incident which took place near the

Uttar Pradesh, police said on

Mohaddipur power station late on Friday night, they said. Vikrant (35), a resident of Mohaddipur Bijli Colony, was returning home with his wife Nikita (30), their son Angad (5)

Canal road, his motorcycle collided with another coming from Kundraghat, police said. A third biker crashed into a truck while attempting to avoid hitting the two motorcycles, they said.

After receiving information about the incident, police reached the spot and rushed the injured to a hospital. Vikrant and his daughters, Monu Chauhan (32) of Rustampur and Suraj (28) of Betiahata Hanuman Mandir area were

Nikita, Angad and the third motorcyclist, Chinmayanand Mishra, is stated to be critical and they are undergoing treat-ment at BRD Medical College here, they said. DM Krishna Karunesh and Senior Superintendent of Police Gaurav Grover visited the accident spot and the hospital to oversee the treatment of the injured. Vikrant's family members said they asked him to stay back after the function, but he chose to head back home.

arrested by police in a confrontation in an area under the Lohia Nagar Police Station early Saturday, a law enforcement spokesperson said. The incident happened when a team led by local SHO Vishnu Kumar, deployed to check on suspicious vehicles in Narheda village, got a call that some people were going to slaughter a cow near a graveyard. Police responded to the tip-off

and challenged the unknown men, who opened fire at the team and were shot at in retaliation.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Saturday, said that Bharatiyata (Indianness) had the power to unite all. "A secure nation ensures the security of religion and individuals," he said, emphasising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of dedicating every action to the nation.

He urged everyone to prioritise national interests, transcending personal, social, or religious boundaries, while staying connected to India's Vedic and spiritual traditions rooted in Sanatan Dharma.

Chief Minister Yogi made these remarks during the centenary celebrations of the Vihangam Yoga Sant Samaj at Swarved Mahamandir Dham. The event also featured the 25,000 Kundiya Swarved Gyan Mahayagya, which attracted lakhs of devotees and participants. Yogi commended the smooth arrangements made for the

grand celebration. The Vihangam Yoga Sant Samaj, founded by Sadguru Sadafal Dev Maharaj in 1924, is celebrating its centenary this year. Chief Minister Yogi reflected on his contributions and spiritual vision, noting that Sadguru Sadafal Dev Maharaj was born in 1888 in a small village in Ballia and dedicated his life to promoting yoga and spiritual prac-

Chief Minister Yogi further highlighted that Sadguru Sadafal Dev Ji Maharaj composed 'Swarved' in Uttarakhand, a practice that continues to thrive today. "A true yogi and saint cannot remain idle," he said, emphasising the role of spir-



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath speaking at the centenary celebrations of the Vihangam Yoga Sant Samaj at Swarved Mahamandir Dham in Varanasi on Saturday

itual traditions in fostering nationalism and social service. He credited Acharya Swatantra Dev Ji Maharaj and Vigyan Dev Ji Maharaj for continuing this legacy and leading campaigns to spread

awareness. Chief Minister Yogi praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for transforming his parliamentary con-stituency, Varanasi, over the last 10 years. "Kashi Vishwanath Dham, now recognised as the world's largest bathing ghat Namo Ghat,

has also been equipped with a helipad, allowing large events to take place. The ghats of Kashi have been renovated and now present a grand and majestic form," he remarked. The chief minister noted that since 2014, road, rail and air connectivity in Kashi has improved by 100 times, and waterways connecting Kashi to Haldia have expanded travel opportunities. Kashi has now emerged as a prominent pil-grimage destination, witnessing remarkable development in sectors

Chief Minister Yogi acknowledged that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, Uttar Pradesh is witnessing unprecedented growth, symbolising the vision of Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat. He further stressed that "good leadership brings about positive outcomes while combining heritage respect with public welfare initiatives.

Speaking about Prime Minister Modi's role in promoting yoga globally, Chief Minister Yogi high-lighted that over 175 countries now participate in yoga practices, following the prime minister's declaration of June 21 as World Yoga

Day. He also praised Prime Minister Modi's efforts in making the Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj recognised as an intangible cultural heritage and in the successful installation of Lord Ram Lalla in the divine temple in Ayodhya on January 22 this

year. Chief Minister Yogi said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated this ceremony on December 18, 2023 during the Shatabdi Mahotsav. On this occasion, Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Swarved Mahamandir and commended the works of the Vihangam Yoga Sant Samaj and the Swarved Mahamandir Trust. Chief Minister Yogi mentioned that similar programmes had been celebrated in 2021 under the prime minister's guidance. Acharya Swatantra Dev ji Maharaj, Swatantra Pravar Vigyan Dev Ji Maharaj, and Cabinet Minister Anil Rajbhar were present at the event.

# 'Bharatiyata has power to unite all' Yogi integrates solar energy into the Jal Jeevan Mission

#### Centre recognises initiative as model of best practices

PNS LUCKNOW

In a significant move towards envi-Ironmental conservation, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has prioritised renewable energy in Uttar Pradesh by integrating solar energy into the Jal Jeevan Mission.

The project is expected to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 13 lakh MT annually while lowering expenditures on traditional power supply, thereby bolstering the government treasury and setting a precedent for eco-friendly

governance.
The chief minister recently reviewed the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission in a meeting with officials. It was reported that a total of 40,951 schemes under the mission are currently operational in the state. These include 204 schemes based on surface groundwater sources under Phase-1, 7,504 electricity-based groundwater schemes, 14 surface

THE PROJECT IS **EXPECTED TO REDUCE** CARBON DIOXIDE **EMISSIONS BY** APPROXIMATELY 13L MT

source-based schemes under Phase-4, and 33,229 solar energy-based

groundwater schemes. The operation of 33,229 solar-powered schemes by the Yogi government is projected to save the state approximately Rs 1 lakh crore over the scheme's duration. To support these initiatives, solar panels with a combined capacity of about 900 MW have been installed. This innovation has been recognised by the Central government as the best practice. In addition to cost savings, the solar energy-based schemes are expected to significantly reduce car-

lakh metric tons annually. Furthermore, the state can earn 390 lakh carbon credits over the next 30 years, showcasing Uttar Pradesh's commitment to sustainability and environmental conservation.

The Central government has recognised the Yogi government's innov-ative use of solar energy in the Jal Ieevan Mission as a model of best practices. This initiative has become an inspirational example for the entire country, encouraging other states to adopt renewable energy solutions.

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh is not only ensuring the supply of drinking water in rural areas through the Jal Jeevan Mission but is also taking significant strides in environmental conservation. The adoption of solar energy-based schemes is reducing energy costs and contributing to the state's transformation into a 'green state'.

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provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities.								
	Name of the Borrowers	Name of Mortgagors	Description of the	Date of Demand Notice Date of Possession Notice				
lo.	Branch	Guarantors	Immovable property	Outstanding Amt.				
F	M/s Krishna Construction Company <b>Proprietor</b> (Shri Ram Narayan Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla)	S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla  1. Smt. Kusum Lata W/o Shri Ram Narayan Shukla 2. Shri Shesh Narain Shukla S/o Late Shyam	1. All that Part and Parcel of Land and Building situated at Arazi No. 63Mi, Sale Deed No. 1754, Mauza: Kakhawatu, Pargana & Distt.: Auraiya Area of the Property: 0.060 Hectare Owner of the Property: Shri Ram Narayan S/o Shri Shyam Sunder Shukla Bounded by: East: Auraiya- Dibiyapur Road, West: Bhumi No. 61 & Nali & Bhumi No. 58, North: Bhumi No.	24.04.2024 03.12.2024 Rs. 1,19,89,845.00 (Rupees One Crore Nineteen Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Five Only) as on 29.11.2024 with further interest w.e.f. 30.11.2024, charges and other expenses thereon.				
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		Shri Ram Narayan Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla  1. Smt. Kusum Lata W/o Shri Ram Narayan Shukla 2. Shri Shesh Narain Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla	3. All that Part and Parcel of Land and Building situated at Arazi No. 61, Sale Deed No. 9462, Correction Deed No. 2406, Mauza: Kakhawatu, Pargana & Distt.: Auraiya Area of the Property: 0.218 Hectare Owner of the Property: Shri Ram Narayan S/o Shri Shyam Sunder Shukla Bounded by: East: Bhumi No. 63 thereafter Road, West: Bhumi No. 60 thereafter Road, North: Nali thereafter Khet, South: Khet of Kusum Lata					
		Shri Ram Narayan Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla  1. Smt. Kusum Lata W/o Shri Ram Narayan Shukla 2. Shri Shesh Narain Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla	4. All that Part and Parcel of Land and Building situated at Residential Plot No. 58, Sale Deed No. 7730, Mauza: Kakhawatu, Pargana & Distt.: Auraiya Area of the Property: 74.349 Sq. Mtr. Owner of the Property: Shri Ram Narayan S/o Shri Shyam Sunder Shukla Bounded by: East: Property of Purchaser, West: Khet of Seller, North: Plot of Ram Narayan, Purchaser, South: Khet of Pushpa Devi					
		Shri Ram Narayan Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla 1. Smt. Kusum Lata W/o Shri Ram Narayan Shukla 2. Shri Shesh Narain Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla	5. All that Part and Parcel of Land and Building situated at Arazi No. 67, Sale Deed No. 2313, Mauza: Kakhawatu, Pargana & Distt.: Auraiya Area of the Property: 167.286 Sq. Mtr. Owner of the Property: Shri Ram Narayan Shukla S/o Shri Shyam Sunder Shukla Bounded by: East: Bambi, West: Auraiya-Dibiyapur Road, North: Plot of Smt. Kusum Lata, South: Plot of Shri Rajesh Kumar					
		Shri Ram Narayan Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla 1. Smt. Kusum Lata W/o Shri Ram Narayan Shukla 2. Shri Shesh Narain Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla	6. All that Part and Parcel of Land and Building situated at Arazi No. 67, Sale Deed No. 446, Mauza: Kakhawatu, Pargana & Distt.: Auraiya Area of the Property: 167.286 Sq. Mtr. Owner of the Property: Shri Ram Narayan S/o Shri Shyam Sunder Shukla Bounded by: East: Bambi, West: Auraiya-Dibiyapur Road, North: Plot of Purchaser, South: Arazi of Sujit Singh					
		Smt. Kusum Lata W/o Shri Ram Narayan Shukla     Smt. Kusum Lata W/o Shri Ram Narayan Shukla     Shri Shesh Narain Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla	7. All that Part and Parcel of Land and Building situated at Arazi No. 67, Deed No. 1769, Mauza: Kakhawatu, Pargana & Distt.: Auraiya Area of the Property: 446.097 Sq. Mtr. Owner of the Property: Smt. Kusum Lata W/o Shri Ram Narayan Shukla Bounded by: East: Bambi, West: Auraiya-Dibiyapur Road, North: Plot of Smt. Krishna Shukla, South: Khet of Seller (First Party)					
		Shri Ram Narayan Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla 1. Smt. Kusum Lata W/o Shri Ram Narayan Shukla 2. Shri Shesh Narain Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla	8. All that Part and Parcel of Land and Building situated at Plot No. 332, Sale Deed No. 3877, Correction Deed No. 2768, Mauza: Kakrahi, Residential Yojana No. 1, "Vikas Kunj", Pargana & Distt.: Auraiya Area of the Property: 167.28 Sq. Mtr. Owner of the Property: Shri Ram Narayan Shukla S/o Shri Shyam Sunder Shukla Bounded by: East: 20 Ft. Raasta to Colony, West: Plot No. 333, North: Plot No. 331, South: 20 Ft. Raasta to Colony					
		Shri Ram Narayan Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla 1. Smt. Kusum Lata W/o Shri Ram Narayan Shukla 2. Shri Shesh Narain Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla	9. All that Part and Parcel of Land and Building situated at Arazi No. 970, Sale Deed No. 2852, Mauza: Sehud, Pargana & Distt.: Auraiya Area of the Property: 33.457 Sq. Mtr. Owner of the Property: Shri Ram Narayan S/o Shyam Sunder Bounded by: East: Dibiyapur-Auraiya Road, West: Khet of First Party, North: Plot of Ram Narayan Shukla, South: Plot of Santosh Kumar Dubey & Rakhi Tripathi					
		Shri Ram Narayan Shukla S/o Late Shyam Sunder Shukla	10. All that Part and Parcel of Land and Building situated at Arazi No. 970, Sale Deed No. 2307, Mauza: Sehud, Pargana & Distl:: Auraiya					

Pargana & Distt.: Auraiya

Shyam Sunder Shukla

Sharma, South: Arazi of First Party

Place: Kanpur

Owner of the Property: Shri Ram Narayan S/o Shri

Bounded by: East: Nala therafter Dibiyapur-Auraiya

Road, West: Arazi of First Party, North: Plot of Rajendra

The Authorized Officer: Indian Bank

Smt. Kusum Lata W/o Area of the Property: 250.929 Sq. Mtr.

Shri Ram Narayan

. Shri Shesh Narain

hukla S/o Late Shyam

Shukla

Date: 07.12.2024

## Samajwadi Party snaps relations with MVA

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The Samajwadi Party announced on Saturday its decision to quit the Maha Vikas Aghadi, citing a newspaper advertisement and a social media post by a close aide of Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray that hailed the demolition of the Babri Masjid. Samajwadi Party spokesman Rajendra Chaudhary said here that following the direction by party president Akhilesh Yadav, Maharashtra party unit president Abu Azmi had made the announcement in Mumbai.

Chaudhary said the decisio to leave MVA was prompted by Shiv Sena (UBT) secretary and MLC Milind Narwekar's post on X, that celebrated the 1992 demolition with a quote from the party's late founder

Bal Thackeray.
The post included an image of the mosque's demolition alongside Thackeray's words: "I am proud of those who did this." It also featured photos of Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackery, his son Aaditya Thackeray, and Narwekar himself.

An advertisement was given by Shiv Sena (UBT) in a newspaper congratulating those who demolished Babri masjid. His (Uddhav Thackeray's) aide has also hailed the demolition of the mosque in post X. Abu Azami said, "If anyone in

the MVA speaks such language, what is the difference between the Bharatiya Janata Party and them? Why should we stay with them?"

The development comes in the wake of MVA's poor performance in Maharashtra assembly elections, where the BJPled Mahayuti alliance swept the recent state assembly elections. The SP had contested nine seats but managed to win just two. Azmi slammed the MVA leadership, saying, "We were not part of strategies or ticket distribution. What is the use of continuing in MVA? They don't talk to us."

# SP, Congress exploiting communal tensions for political gains: Maya

PNS LUCKNOW

Bahujan Samaj Party president Mayawati, on Saturday, accused the Samajwadi Party and Congress of exploiting communal tensions for political gains in Sambhal. Mayawati questioned the "silence" of Congress on the Bangladesh issue, saying that because of the "mistake" of Congress the people there are suffering.

"Hindus are becoming victims of crimes in large numbers in the neighbouring country Bangladesh, where many have fallen victim to crimes. In such a situation, the Central government, which the Bharatiya Janata Party is leading, should fulfill its responsibility so that the Dalit class people who are becoming victims of exploitation do not have to suffer... or they should be brought back to India by talking to the government there, because of the mistake of Congress, they are suffering losses,"

"Most of them are Dalits and people from weaker sections... Congress party is silent and is now shouting be careful' only for Muslim votes, the BSP chief said while addressing a press conference.

She further said that Congress, Samajwadi Party and their supporters are "two sides of the same coin". She alleged that both parties are inciting divisions within the Muslim community in Sambhal to secure votes. Mayawati claimed that Samajwadi Party and Congress are prioritising Muslim votes over other pressing issues. "These two parties are pitting Turks and non-Turks in the Muslim community against each other in Sambhal. Muslims must remain cautious about these tactics," she said. "The Congress has remained silent on atrocities against Hindus in Bangladesh but is now vocally addressing Sambhal solely to win Muslim votes. This proves that Congress and Samajwadi Party are two sides of the same coin," she remarked. Mayawati expressed disappointment over the silence of Dalit parliamentarians on issues affecting their community. She accused them of prioritising party loyalty over the interests of Dalits, whether in India or Bangladesh. The BSP chief mentioned historical injustices faced by Dalits during the Partition of India. According to her, the Jessore-Khulna region in Bangladesh, which was a Hindumajority area, was handed over to



Bahujan Samaj Party president Mayawati addresses a press conference at her residence, in Lucknow on Saturday

Constituent Assembly. Mayawati pointed out that Dalits and weaker sections, who form the majority of oppressed Hindus in Bangladesh, continue to suffer, and the Congress has turned a blind eye.

"It was due to these conspiracies that Dr Ambedkar resigned and returned to India. Today, Congress is shouting about Sambhal, but only to cater to Muslim voters, ignoring the broader issues," she

#### 'BSP CADRE MAY MARRY ANYONE CUTTING **ACROSS PARTY LINES**'

BSP chief Mayawati has refuted reports that a leader was expelled from the party for getting his son married to the daughter of an SP legislator. She asserted that the BSP cadre was free to marry anyone cutting across party lines.

BSP's Rampur district unit president Surendra Sagar's son recently tied the knot with the daughter of Samajwadi Party (SP) MLA from Alapur in Ambedkar Nagar district Tribhuvan Dutt. Earlier, Dutt was associated with the BSP but joined the SP before the 2022 UP Assembly elections. In a series of posts on X in Hindi on Friday night, Mayawati said

Sagar and the current district president of BSP in Rampur, Pramod Kumar, were expelled from the party

itics aimed at punishing Dalits for electing Dr BR Ambedkar to the due to a simmering dispute between them and had nothing to do with the them and had nothing to do with the marriage. "The quarrel between former party president of Rampur district Surendra Sagar and current party president Pramod Kumar was at its peak due to which the party's work was suffering. Both of them were expelled and it has got nothing to do with the marriage," Mayawati said. "The party (BSP) is not concerned with the personal relationships of its cadre. People are free to marry anyone they want. It all depends on their thinking. But be cautious of those who spread false propaganda about this," Mayawati said.

In another tweet, Mayawati said party members were barred from attending the wedding of former BSP MP Munqad Ali's son because his daughter contested the state Assembly by-election from Meerapur on an SP ticket. SP candidate from Meerapur Assembly constituency Sumbul Rana is married to former MP Qadir Rana's son Shah Mohammad. "The BSP also contested the seat. In such a situation, there was a general discussion about possible clashes between the people of both parties at the wedding. To avoid this, the party was forced to take this step. But the way it is being publicised is not right," Mayawati said. Rashtriya Lok Dal's Mithlesh Pal won the bypoll in Meerapur constituency in Muzaffarnagar district.

# HC to hear petition in another mosque-temple dispute

Prayagraj (PTI): In yet another litigation related to mosque-temple disputes, the Allahabad High Court is likely to hear next week a petition filed by the management committee of Jaunpur's Atala Mosque against the orders of the lower court allowing registration of a suit which claimed that the structure was originally a Hindu temple. The suit was filed before a Jaunpur court by the Swaraj Vahini Association (SVA) and Santosh Kumar Mishra. It sought the "disputed" property be declared 'Atala Devi Mandir' and followers of the Sanatan religion be allowed the right of worship there.

weeks to the plea by the mosque committee and asked the petitioner to file a rejoinder affidavit within a week. In the suit, the SVA had prayed for the possession of the structure and sought a mandatory injunction to restrain non-Hindus from entering the property. The plaintiffs had also sought permission to sue under Order 1 Rule 8 CPC in a representative capacity. Under Order 1 Rule 8 of the Code

Pakistan during Partition as a deliberate move by the Congress. This,

she said, was an act of casteist pol-

Ranjan Agarwal directed SVA and Mishra to file their reply within three

of Civil Procedure (CPC) dealing with a representative suit, one or more persons can sue or defend on On November 8, Justice Rohit behalf of all persons having the same

interest in a suit. This prayer was allowed in May this year and the same was upheld by an order of the District Judge in August this year. Both the orders have been challenged in the petition before the High Court. The high court observed that a petition challenging the earlier passed on May 29, 2024, was rejected on August 12, 2024, by the district court solely on the grounds of non-maintainability. The court said, "Matter requires con-

sideration. Let a counter affidavit be filed by both the respondents within a period of three weeks." The mosque management committee pleaded before the High Court that the complaint was defective, as the plaintiff SVA, a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, was not a juristic person and, thus, was not competent to file the suit in a representative capacity. Further, the society's bylaws do not authorise it to engage in litigation of this nature, it claimed

Several litigations filed in various courts related to temple-mosque disputes have come into the limelight including on Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi, Shahi Idgah Mosque in Mathura, Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal, Ajmer Dargah of Sufi saint Moinuddin Chishti and Budaun's Jama Masjid Shamsi.

# **Committed to protecting daughters: Yogi**

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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Saturday, emphasised that the doubleengine Bharatiya Janata Party government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is steadfast in its commitment to protecting daughters and safeguarding their dignity in all circumstances.

Speaking at the wedding ceremony of 401 couples, solemnised the Mukhya Mantri Samuhik Vivah Yojana at the National Inter College grounds in Pindra tehsil, the chief minister highlighted the transformative changes brought under PM Modi's leadership since 2014. He noted that the emergence of a New India has created a respectable and empowered position for women in

Referring to the Beti Bachao. Beti Padhao initiative launched by PM Modi, Chief Minister Yogi said, "This programme has enabled daughters to excel and prove their talent in every field across the country. Protecting, educating, and empowering our daughters remains a paramount respon-

sibility." He added that the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao initiative is deeply connected to the safety, honour, and self-reliance of daughters. The Mukhyamantri Samuhik Vivah Yojana, he remarked, is a historic step in this direction, symbolising the collective effort to support women's dignity and societal welfare.

Today, when the demon of dowry creates problems for many families, so many daughters remain unmarried. In such a situation, this mass marriage scheme as a great event," he said, while blessing the newlymarried brides and grooms and also congratulating them and their parents participating in this programme.
The Chief Minister praised

the Mukhyamantri Samuhik Vivah Yojana event, emphasising its role in addressing societal issues. "This event sends a strong message that together, we can combat social evils. The resolution of 401 brides and grooms joining the marriage bond is truly remarkable, commendable and praiseworthy. They have taken a stand against child marriage and dowry by committing to dowry-free marriages," he said.



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath giving blessings to a newly-married couple in Varanasi on Saturday

#### **Three youths** killed as two bikes collide

PNS PRAYAGRAJ

 $T_{\text{a collision between two}}^{\text{hree youths were killed in}}$ motorcycles in Semri, near Sarai Mamarez police station in Prayagraj, late on Friday night. In addition to the fatalities, three individuals riding the bikes were seriously injured and were rushed to the Community Health Centre in Pratappur, from where they were referred to Prayagraj in critical condition.

The victims were identified as Rahul Yadav (25), a resident of Pratappur Khurd in Phulpur, who was travelling with his companions, Chanchal (17) from Pratappur and Vijay (25) from Janghai. They were head-ed towards Miya Ka Pura vil-lage on their bike when they their motorcycle collided with another bike ridden by Sunny Kumar (24) from Boudai, along with Vikas Kumar (25) and Manieet Kumar (20) from Phulpur, who were returning from an event late on Friday night. Rahul Yadav, Sunny Kumar, and Manjeet Kumar died on the spot

Chanchal, Vijay, and Vikas Kumar, who were also on the bikes, sustained serious injuries. The police immediately took the injured to the CHC

in Pratappur. Inspector Yogesh Pratap Singh of Sarai Mamarez police station stated that all the critically injured individuals were later referred to Swaroop Rani Nehru Hospital in Prayagraj. Villagers present at the scene reported that both bikes were travelling at high speeds, with three people riding each.

The severity of the crash was evident from the wreckage of the motorcycles, which were badly damaged. Witnesses also noted that if the riders had been wearing helmets, their could have been saved.

# Yogi inspects preparations for Maha Kumbh

Prayagraj (PNS): Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath visited Prayagraj on Saturday to inspect the ongoing preparations for Maha Kumbh 2025 and to assess the arrangements in anticipation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit.

He spent over five hours in the city, reviewing various projects and also visiting the proposed venue for Modis meeting.

Yogi emphasised the importance of vigilance from the Uttar Pradesh Police, noting that even foreigners now praise the force. He stressed the need for heightened awareness during the Maha Kumbh, warning that any lapse in police vigilance could lead to conspiracies by opponents. He also underscored the importance of preventing rumours from spreading among the crowd and ensuring constant monitoring of social media

updates.

The issue of advocate Akhilesh Shukla's death was raised during the meeting with BJP leaders. The CM responded, stating that the matter was under investigation. He also urged that the PM's programme be a success, calling for a historic crowd at the rally. He emphasised the responsibility of coordinating transporta-tion, specifically buses, to bring

people to the event. Instructing BJP leaders, he advised them to stay away from negative narra-tives and instead focus on spreading awareness about the divinity of the Kumbh.

Speaking about the Maha

Kumbh, CM Yogi stated that an estimated 40 crore people would attend the event, making it the largest gathering in the world, with the population expected to surpass that of any other country, except for India and China. Following his inspection, the chief minister reviewed the Alopibagh flyover and the roads, and also inaugurated several key facilities. These included a public accommodation centre in Sector 1 of the Maha Kumbh area, a temporary office for the Mela administration, and a 'lost and found centre' at the Sangam

The chief minister's helicopter, which took off from Varanasi, landed at the Police Line in Prayagraj around 1:30 pm. From there, he proceeded to the Circuit House, where he reviewed the progress of the Maha Kumbh preparations and the prime minister's programme. He also held a meeting with BJP office-bearers to finalise the details of the PM's

# CM unveils 11 LED screens at Kashi Vishwanath Temple

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath unveiled 11 LED screens installed by Axis Bank in the Kashi Vishwanath Temple (KVT) complex here late Friday evening, after offering prayers at the temple. Prior to that, Yogi also sought blessings of the almighty at Kal

Bhairav temple.
During his stay there, the chief minister directed officials to ensure that Shiv Dhun is played at the main crossings of Kashi

as before. These 11 LED screens have been installed at 10 prominent locations in the Kashi Vishwanath Dham complex for the convenience of devotees. This initiative of the bank focuses on providing a complete spiritual experience to the devotees. Through these LED screens, necessary information like locker room, prasad counter, helpline number and direction of important places in the temple complex will be continuously displayed to the devotees. Apart from this, devotees. Apart from this, devotees will be able to watch darshan of Baba, aarti and all other programmes live, which will make the overall experi-

Speaking on the occasion, Axis Bank Chairman and Branch Banking Head Arnika Dixit said, "We are thrilled to be a part of this incredible journey and are working closely with the UP government and Varanasi Municipal Municipal Corporation to make the spiritual journey of devotees seam-

ence of the devotees even bet-

less and hassle-free." Divisional Commissioner Kaushal Raj Sharma, Kashi Vishwanath temple officials including CEO Vishwa Bhushan Mishra, SDM Shambhu Sharan and Deputy CEO Nikhlesh Kumar Mishra, Axis Bank Regional Branch Banking Head (North)

Shrikesh P and others were also present.

After that, the chief minister inspected the road widening work being done on Pandeypur-Lamahi road. He directed the PWD engineers to complete the construction work on a war footing.

Prior to that Yogi gave necessary instructions to the officials by conducting a detailed review of the progress of development works and law and order with administrative and police officials at Circuit House. He said a large number of devotees coming for Maha Kumbh would also visit Varanasi, and keeping in view their number, all the action plans should be prepared by December 15 and the works should be completed by December 30.

'All the departments concerned should coordinate with each other and speed up the works," he stressed. He laid special emphasis on the quality of the projects and warned that negligence will not be tolerated at any level.

UP Labour and Employment, nad Coordination Minister Anil Raibhar, Minister of State for Stamp and Court Registration Fee (Independent Charge) Ravindra Jaiswal, Minister of State for AYUSH and Food Security (Independent Charge) Dr Dayashankar Mishra 'Dayalu', Zila Panchayat Chairperson Poonam Maurya, Mayor Ashok Tiwari, MLC Hansrai Vishwakarma, MLAs Dr Neelkanth Tiwari, Saurabh Srivastava, Dr Awadhesh Singh, Sunil Patel, T Ram and Sushil Divisional Singh,

Commissioner Kaushal Rai Sharma, Commissioner of Police Mohit Agarwal, District Magistrate S Rajalingam, Additional Director General of Police Piyush Mordia, Joint Commissioner of Police Dr K Egilearassane, Additional Commissioner of Police S Chinnappa, Managing Director of Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited Shambhu Kumar, Varanasi Development Authority Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg, Chief Officer Development ` Himanshu Nagpal and officers from various departments were

# **Mechanic comes in contact with** high-tension wire, burnt alive

A 25-year-old mechanic was burnt alive after coming into contact with a high-tension (HT) line at Rahimpur intersection in the Jhunsi police station area of Prayagraj on Saturday.

While working in a building in the Jhunsi area, the mechanic made contact with an 11,000-volt high-tension line and died instantly. His body continued to burn in front of onlookers, and smoke spread throughout the area. The crowd gathered outside the building filmed the tragic scene, capturing the mechanic's body burning. Local residents accused the electricity department of negligence, citing the prevalence of exposed electric wires in the area, which they claim leads to frequent accidents.

According to Jhunsi police station in-charge Upendra Pratap Singh, police reached the scene and sent the body for an autopsy. The deceased was identified as Ramesh Yadav, and authorities are

LOCAL RESIDENTS **ACCUSED THE ELECTRICITY** DEPARTMENT OF NEGLIGENCE, CITING THE PREVALENCE OF **EXPOSED WIRES** 

now searching for the contractor responsible.

#### **3 WOMEN ROBBED**

Incidents of chain snatching have risen sharply in Prayagraj of late, with three such cases reported in just two days. On Friday night, Pooja Singh, a resident of Pritam Nagar, was heading to the market when two individuals on a bike approached her and snatched the gold chain from her neck before speeding off the scene.

A crowd quickly gathered at the scene, and the police arrived shortly afterwards. The police are are reviewing CCTV footage and conduct-

ing searches to locate the sus-

In another incident, Nisha

Bhattacharjee, who was travelling to her office in an erickshaw from her home in Old Bairhana, had her gold chain snatched. The chain, valued at around Rs 1.5 lakh, was snatched by miscreants while she was accompanied by four other women in the rick-

Nisha has filed a complaint at the Civil Lines police station. Meanwhile, Shaista Parveen, a resident of the Airport area, reported to local police that she was returning home by an autorickshaw after teaching at Mahamaya Girls' Inter College in Makhuppur Chayal, Kaushambi when two miscreants on a bike snatched her bag containing Rs 18,000 in cash, her PAN card, important

near Jhalwa Tiraha. SHO, Civil Lines, Ramagya Yadav confirmed that the victims have filed reports, and police are actively searching for the perpetrators.

school documents, school keys, and two small purses

# Students protest seeking removal of mosque from college campus

Tempers ran high at Uday Pratap College here after a large group of students staged a demonstration demanding the removal of a mosque from the campus.
On Friday, hundreds of students gathered

at the college gate, shouting "Jai Shri Ram" and waving saffron flags. They attempted to enter the campus, but were

student leader Vivekanand Singh said if the land on which the mosque stands does not belong to the Waqf board, the structure should be removed from there. He added that if namaz continues to be offered at the mosque, students would respond by reciting the Hanuman Chalisa there.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), Cantonment, Vidush Saxena, confirmed that a group of students came forward to voice their concerns and "although the situation became somewhat aggressive, police were able to calm things down."
The ACP said some miscreants have been identified and that necessary action would be taken against them

Amid the escalating tensions, police on Thursday restricted outsiders' entry to the campus, allowing only students with valid identity cards. The move followed Tuesday's unrest

after students recited the Hanuman Chalisa when namaz was being offered near the mosque. Seven men were briefly detained after the row on Tuesday, according to the local police.

In a related development, students of the college have formed a "student court" and sent an 11-point letter to the Uttar Pradesh Waqf Board, demanding a response within 15 days regarding the status of the mosque and its ownership. Mohammad Yaseen, joint secretary of the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, had earlier said that he wrote to the Uttar Pradesh Central Waqt Board to check the status of the mosque on Tuesday

"The Uttar Pradesh Central Waqf Board has clarified that its 2018 notice claiming the mosque as Waqf property was cancelled on January 18, 2021. There is no reason for the current controversy," Yaseen had claimed.

The tensions arose after students protested against "outsiders" offering prayers at the mosque, citing concerns about unauthorised entry into the college campus.

A local official said the college management had reached out to the administration, seeking verification of the identity of the entrants to the campus and that police have since been vigilant to prevent further disruptions.

#### **Advocates demand** arrest of accused in colleague's murder

**Prayagraj (PNS):** A large group of advocates on Saturday staged a protest at Mayo Hall intersection, demanding the immediate arrest of Atul Pratap Singh, the main accused in the death of advocate Akhilesh

The advocates were firm in their demand to halt the convoy of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and present a memorandum. During the protest, the advocates raised slogans, and the police appeared unable to control the crowd or persuade them to end the demonstration.

The police commissioner, who arrived at the scene, managed to calm the protesters by assuring them that the arrest would be made as soon as possible.

As the chief minister's helicopter landed at the Police Line ground, a large number of advocates gathered at Maharana Pratap Crossing in Mayo Hall. The police were unable to prevent the protesters from blocking the route, as the CM's convoy was scheduled to pass through.

The advocates expressed frustration, pointing out that despite the passing of several days since Akhilesh Shukla's death, the main accused remained at large.

Police Commissioner Tarun Gauba, along with a heavy police presence, arrived at the site and reassured the protesters that the arrest would be made soon. Following this assurance, the advocates ended their

### Falls and Frailty Clinic starts at NCA-BHU

Varanasi (PNS): A specialised Falls and Frailty Clinic has been started at National Centre of Aging (NCA) in the Department of Geriatric Medicine, Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (IMS-BHU) here. In this OPD, specialised validated tools will be used to screen various domains, along with advanced devices like hand dynamometers and body composition analysers to assess physical, mental and social factors affecting fall risk, making it one of the first clinics in north India dedicated to this area of geriatric care.
Giving the details, head of department and nodal officer

of NCA Prof Anup Singh said that at this clinic, the expert team comprising geriatrics medicine doctors, medical officers, physiotherapists and nursing officers would not only develop and guide plans to prevent future falls through various interventions but would also collaborate with other departments, such as ophthalmology, neurology and orthopaedics, to address specific situations through consul-

tations. "The growing population contributes to a heavier burden of diseases, particularly with geriatric health issues like cognitive decline, loss of mobility, frailty, and falls. These issues worsen the quality of life of the patient as well as increase healthcare costs," he "Fall is a serious problem in the

elderly which is now becoming a global challenge with prevalence reaching 26.5 per cent worldwide. Falls can cause acute loss of function due to trauma resulting in injuries such as bone fractures, and head trauma. In addition to that, it also leads to loss of confidence in the elderly resulting in fear of falls. Increasing age, cognitive decline, sarcopenia (muscle loss), balance issues, psychoactive drugs, vision problems, depression, and unsafe environments (slippery floors, and poor lighting) are among the major factors increasing fall risk," he said., adding that another very common geriatric syndrome occurring in older adults which goes hand in hand with falls is frailty.

#### **Health camp for adolescents with disabilities** PNS VARANASI

n celebration of the International Day for Persons with Disabilities Week, a comprehensive health camp was organised by the Adolescent Health Centre of the Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, in collaboration with Mamta Health Institute for Mother and Child, New Delhi, National Health Mission and the Wellbeing Services Cell, BHU at the DSW Lawn, BHU here on Saturday. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Nodal

Officer Prof Sangeeta Rai. The event aimed to address the unique health and well-being needs of adolescents with disabilities. It focused on promoting inclusive healthcare and empowering young individuals through awareness and education, covering a range of topics, including anaemia management, balanced nutrition, menstrual hygiene, dental checkups and awareness about the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.

The attendees actively participated in screening sessions conducted for hemoglobin levels, dental check-ups, height, weight and biomass index



(BMI) and blood pressure. These screenings provided valuable insights into the overall health status of the adolescents, enabling timely interventions and support.
Dr Shuchi Jain from the obstet-

rics and gynecology department at IMS-BHU provided a detailed session on menstrual hygiene and the importance of HPV vaccination. She highlighted the causes, symptoms and prevention of HPV, stressing the need for vaccination to safeguard young women against it.

Dr Sarita Chaudhary from the paediatric surgery department at IMS-BHU delivered an informative session on anemia

and nutrition, a prevalent health issue among adoles-cents, particularly girls. Her lec-ture emphasised the signifi-cance of early detection and management of anemia to ensure optimal health and wellbeing.

Dr Rajesh Bansal from the

dental sciences department at IMS-BHU, delivered a lecture on the significance of dental care in maintaining overall well-being as well as addressing the unique challenges faced by adolescents with disabilities in maintaining oral hygiene. Counsellor Neha Choudhary and Akanksha Singh conducted an interactive demonstration on the proper use of sanitary pads, equipping the participants with practical knowledge for maintaining menstrual hygiene.

#### CMO FLAGS OFF POLIO AWARENESS RALLY

Chief Medical Officer Dr Sandeep Chaudhary flagged off the awareness rally of Pulse Polio Special Campaign from his office here on Saturday. District Immunisation Officer District Immunisation Officer Dr AK Maurya, World Health Organisation's SMO Dr Chelsea, UNICEF's BMC along with ASHA workers of urban area participated in the rally. During the rally, they raised slogans, stressing the need to administer polio drops to children. To save the children from polio, they appealed to the people not to forget to give polio drops to their wards up to five years old at the medicine

all parents should get polio drops administered to their children up to five years of age at the booth only. In this six-day long campaign, 5,68,511 children will be administered polio drops. The campaign is starting with Booth Day on Sunday. In this, polio drops will be administered at 1,813 booths in the district.

booths only. The CMO said that

#### Week inaugurated Varanasi (PNS): Energy Electrical Service Engineer Conservation Week-2024 was Bhardwaj Choudhary, Chief inaugurated at Banaras

**Energy Conservation** 

Locomotive Works (BLW) here on Saturday under the auspices of its electrical department. The primary objective of this special week is to raise awareness about the importance of energy conservation among employees, officials and the

general public.
To mark the beginning of the week, an Energy Conservation Awareness Rally was flagged off by the General Manager Naresh Pal Singh from the administrative building. The rally passed through key locations within the BLW premises, including the BLW Auditorium, Kundan crossing, Central Hospital and concluded at the BLW Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) station.

The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation from senior officials, employees, and their families, including Principal Chief Electrical Engineer SK Srivastava, Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer Subrato Nath, Chief Design Engineer (Electrical) MK Gupta, Chief Bhardwaj Choudhary, Chief Design Engineer (Project) Anurag Gupta, Chief Electrical Loco Engineer Manoj Kumar Singh, Chief Electrical Inspection Engineer Arun Sharma and Deputy General Manager Anuj Katiyar. Speaking on the occasion, the

general manager said, "Energy conservation is not only a means of economic savings but also plays a crucial role in maintaining environmental balance. It is our collective responsibility to contribute towards energy conservation in every possible way."

He said that the BLW achieved the top position in the railway workshop sector for energy conservation in 2022 and was honoured by the Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency under the Additional Energy Sources department of the Government

of Uttar Pradesh. "BLW has made significant strides in utilising solar energy by installing solar panels across its administrative buildings and workshop areas," he

# 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, many new employment society in accordance with residential and quality opportunities will also be the National Education school education to a larger



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 country. This will expand

Policy.

"As part of that, our government has approved 28 new Vidyalayas across the

another post in Hindi. The prime minister also said government determined to improve connectivity across the country. "In this direction, our government has 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 to determined to improve

It also gave its nod to expanding one KV.

The opening of these new
KVs will provide an
opportunity for over 82,000 receive students affordable and high-quality education across the 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 Kendriya Vidyalayas, 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

approved on Friday the 26.463-km Rithala-Kundli corridor of the Delhi Metro's Phase-IV project that will further enhance connectivity between the national capital and neighbouring Haryana. The entire stretch will comprise 21 stations, all of elevated. them decisions were taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by

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

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 $T_{\text{Directorate (ED) on Saturday said it has attached}}^{\text{he}}$ fresh assets worth about Rs 388 crore in its ongoing money laundering investigation into the Mahadev online betting case in which various highranking politicians and bureaucrats from Chhattisgarh are alleged to have been involved. These include movable assets

investment made by Mauritius-based company Investment Tano Opportunities Fund related to Dubai-based "hawala operator" Hari Shankar operator" Hari Shankar 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.

A provisional order was issued under the Prevention



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.

being 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 ED has filed four chargesheets.

The agency has alleged in the

past that its probe into the Mahadev Online Betting (MOB) gaming and betting app has shown the involvement of various highranking politicians and bureaucrats Chhattisgarh.

The app's two main promoters, Sourabh Chandrakar and Ravi Uppal, 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 layered web of benami bank

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Sing 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

walkout

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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 military-to-military

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 Cooperation Technical (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

will accompany Singh to the industrial cooperation, the defence ministry said in the readout. "They will also cacnange views on contemporary regional and global issues of mutual interest," it said. People fam:1'

People familiar with Singh's visit said India-Russia 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 World War. He is also 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 ■

Giving a ray of hope to patients 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.

central committee is reconstituted under the chairmanship of Dr Ajay Kumar Shukla, Professor of Orthopaedics, RML 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.

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

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 Unit to enhance aviation

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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 Saturday that the Internal Quality Control Unit (IQCU) will play a "crucial" role in establishing "world-class" security procedures and technology for the airports that are used by lakhs of domestic and international passengers every day. every day.

The initiative compliance with the National Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Programme (NCASQCP) of 2024 issued by the Bureau of

access

targeted screening among

specialized care for high-risk

individuals, and provision of

support. Speaking about Haryana, he said earlier,

there were only six medical colleges and now the number

The Haryana chief minister

has announced to opening a medical college in each

Nadda further said the

number of undergraduate seats for doctors has

increased from 650 in 2014

Similarly, the number of

increased from 243 to 889

diagnostics,

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has grown to 15.

district, he said.

to 2,185 in Haryana.

post-graduate



Aviation Security (BCAS) and the Aircraft (Security) Rules of 2023, he

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" for improvement.

The unit will be part of CISF's Aviation Security Control Center (ASCC) located in the national centralised base 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 under Connectivity Scheme (UDAAN), spokesperson said.

The IQCU will be led by a senior CISF officer and a team of certified aviation security instructors will run it," he said.

The about 1.80 lakh peoplestrong 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 airports.

#### ceremony. While the MVA MLAs staged a walk out en masse from the State Assembly, two MLAs Assembly, two MLAs belonging to the Akhilesh Yadav-led Samajwadi Party took oath. The three MVA constituents 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

#### **ISKCON** centre in Bangladesh burnt down: Radharaman

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Since the installation of the interim government and the dislodging of the Awami League from power in August, ISKCON properties have come under attack at various places across Bangladesh in the past four months.

West Bengal BJP president and Union minister Sukanta Majumdar in a post on X said, "Strongly condemn the horrific arson attack on the #ISKCON Namhatta Centre in Dhaka, Bangladesh, which destroyed the Deities of Sri Sri Laxmi Narayan and sacred temple items." "This is an unforgivable act of hatred against a place of worship. Immediate action must be taken to bring the culprits to justice and ensure the safety of religious minorities," the Union Minister of State for Education said.

# Health Minister JP Nadda launches 100-day TB elimination campaign

NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH

Health Minister J P Nadda on Saturday said the rate of decline of tuberculosis incidence in India has doubled since 2015 and is ahead of the mukt Bharat' and it will have global average.
Nadda said this while

inaugurating a nationwide campaign in Haryana's highlighted the country's Panchkula to reduce such long struggle in its fight 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

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

treatment and supportive strategies forward in an accelerated way.

I feel this programme will prove to be a milestone in making a 'TBa far-reaching impact," Nadda said.

The Union health minister against tuberculosis, saying that at one time TB meant a 'slow death'.

isolated to prevent its spread. Since 1962, there have been focused on many campaigns against detection, tuberculosis, but in 2018 the prime minister put forth a "Under this programme, we the Sustainable Development decline in India has doubled

strategies to achieve the aim. Services have been decentralised and now, 1,73,000 AAMs (Ayushman Arogya Mandirs) will have the facilities to detect and treat tuberculosis," the Union health minister said. 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 "Even family members which will help increase suffering from TB were compliance and fight TB, he

In 2014, there were 120 laboratories for TB detection and their number has now reached 8,293, said Nadda. vision to end TB much He highlighted that the rate before the 2030 deadline of of tuberculosis incidence

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

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

"Ni-kshay support worth Rs 3,338 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

India under the Medical Commitment of the Ministry of Family Welfare.

Nadda said the government has now made it mandatory for even private practitioners to notify any new 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 rate of TB notifications in the private sector," Nadda said.

The 100-day campaign underscores the Union government's commitment to achieving the goal of end-TB by addressing the challenges of tuberculosis notification and mortality in India under the National TB Elimination Programme of the Ministry of Health and

people in the health sector to Some of the key focus areas now, he added.

**US** denies backing anti-India agenda and

> crime and corruption. The BJP had referred to a French media report and said it revealed that OCCRP is funded by the US State Department's USAID, along with other "deep state figures" like George Soros and the

United States has long been a champion of media freedom holding those in power accountable," the US embassy

Rockefeller Foundation. "The and other defendants for paying over USD 250 million in bribes between 2020 and 2024 to Indian government officials to win solar energy contracts on terms that could potentially bring in more than USD 2 billion in profit. Following the charges, the Congress demanded a thorough investigation into the charges and accused the government of shielding him.

# Repatriate B'deshis staying illegally: Nizamuddin locals

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"Delhi residents must be directed that if they find that any illegal Bangladeshi infiltrators are living in their neighbourhood, they should provide the information in this regard to the police," read the statement. It also said that the Delhi Police and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) should be directed to remove any encroachments government land, footpaths, parks and other public places by such people.

"Any documents like Aadhar Card, Voter ID, or any other government document acquired illegally by Bangladeshi infiltrators be cancelled immediately. If any Masjid or Madarsa has given shelter to such infiltrators, they should immediately evict them. A special drive be launched to identify such infiltrators and they be sent back to Bangladesh," the letter read.

Citing "a sudden spurt in the number of illegal immigrants" in the national Lieutenant-

the Chief Secretary, Delhi Police Commissioner, and other senior officials, asking them to take urgent action last month. Saxena also directed the civic agencies, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and Chief Secretary of Delhi to be on "alert" as these illegal immigrants may approach them to get fake citizenship and election identity cards. The BJP leaders in Delhi have been

Governor Vinai Kumar

accusing the ruling A for patronising the Rohingyas Saxena's office has written to and Bangladeshi living illegally in the city.
Diplomatic ties between the

two nations have been strained since Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus assumed interim leadership in Bangladesh after Sheikh Hasina's ouster in August. Several Hindus and Hindu organisations have come under attack in Bangladesh since the unceremonial removal of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in August. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Australia.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, BJP national president JP Nadda, Assam Chief Minister Hemanta Biswa Sharma and several other leaders have also demanded to remove Bangladeshi infiltrators. It is learnt that there are two Bangladeshi crore immigrants illegally staying in India. The rise in the number Bangladeshi immigrants, which almost equals the size of the entire population of

leaders Suvendu Adhikari,

# Two murders in a day, AAP raises law...

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A team from the local police station was immediately dispatched to the scene. He was rushed to a hospital but succumbed to his injuries," police said. Police added that they are looking into the CCTV cameras installed in the area to identify the accused. Jain's family said neither he had any enmity with anyone nor received any threats.

Meanwhile, in Govindpuri, an 18-year-old scrap shop worker died of stab wounds he suffered in a fight with his neighbours over a common toilet not being flushed. Sudheer was rushed to a hospital with multiple stab wounds, reportedly made with a kitchen knife, in his chest, scalp, and face. He died at the hospital. His brother Prem, 22, is still undergoing treatment and a friend, Sagar, was given a discharge.
The fight broke out late

lived on the first floor of a building in lane number 6 of house which he shared with Govindpuri. According to his brother, an e-rickshaw me," Kejriwal added.

youths, when Sudheer objected to the toilet not being flushed.
"Both parties were tenants on

the first floor of the building and had a common toilet. The quarrel started when Bhikam's youngest son used the common toilet and didn't flush," police said in a statement. A case of murder has been registered and Bhikam and his family have been apprehended for investigation, they said. Sagar Malik, a neighbour, said that the victims were beaten up with rods and knives. "Bhikam's family called the police and told them that their mother was attacked,"

Sudheer's cousin, Sanjiv Saxena, who lives in the same The fight broke out late 11.30 pm. Sudheer was a Friday night between the native of Uttar Pradesh's siblings and a family who Mainpuri and paid Rs 3,000 per month in rent for the

Malik said.

police, Bhikam Singh, his wife driver. Bhikam Singh works at Meena, and their three sons a building materials shop and Sanjay, 20, Rahul, 18, and a minor boy attacked the three around 45 days ago.

Holding Únion Home Minister Amit Shah responsible for Rohingyas Minister and Bangladeshi immigrants staying illegal in Delhi, AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal questioned, "Who brought the Rohingyas to Delhi? Rohingyas are either coming from Burma or Bangladesh. "How did they cross the border?

"That was also Amit Shah's responsibility. After crossing the border, how did they reach Delhi? That was Amit Shah's responsibility as well; he is the country's Home Minister. Who settled them in Delhi? It was Amit Shah who settled them.

So, he knows where the Rohingyas are. If Rohingyas are in Delhi, why aren't they building said the incident took place around Friday are committing crimes, why aren't they being apprehended? Why isn't the being Delhi Police catching them? Why isn't Amit Shah taking action? This is what pains

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"The US government works independent organisations

programming that supports professional development and capacity building training for iournalists. This programming does not influence the editorial decisions or direction of these organisations," the official said, confirming the US funding to

organisations. The OCCRP, headquartered in Amsterdam, is a media platform that largely focuses on stories relating to

around the world. A free and independent press is an essential component of any democracy, enabling informed and constructive debate and official said. Last month, US

prosecutors charged Gautam Adani, 62, his nephew Sagar

# 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

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.

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 opposi-tion 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 embarrassing moment for the country's democracy that has angrily accused the conserva-

tives' 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 respon-sibility 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 opposi-tion-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 speculation 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

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

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, 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 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-

tion lawmakers. 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 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 closed-door 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 deployment 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 overseas travel ban on him.

# **Syrian troops rush to defend Homs**

 $T_{\rm from\ much\ of\ southern}^{\rm he\ Syrian\ army\ withdrew}$ 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 Sweida came as Syria's military sent large numbers of reinforcements to defend the key central city of Homs, Syria's third largest, as insurgents approached its outskirts.

The rapid advances by insurgents is a stunning reversal of fortunes for Syria's President Bashar Assad, who appears to be largely on his own, with erstwhile allies preoccupied with other conflicts.

His chief international backer, The Britain-based Observatory Russia, is busy with its war in Ukraine, and Lebanon's powerful Hezbollah, which at one point sent thousands of fighters to shore up his forces, has been weakened by a yearlong conflict with Israel.

Iran, meanwhile, has seen its proxies across the region degraded by Israeli regular airstrikes.

Rami Abdurrahman, who heads the Syrian Observatory monitor, reported Saturday

have started leaving Syria. He added that Iran-backed fighters in eastern Syria, mainly from Afghanistan and Pakistan, have withdrawn into central Svria.

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 country's fourth largest city. The group has its origins in al-Oaida and is considered a terrorist organisation by the US and the United Nations.

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 government.

said Syrian troops have with drawn from much of the two southern provinces and are 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 statement Saturday that it has for Human Rights, a Syria war carried out redeployment and repositioning in Sweida and



A Syrian opposition fighter holds a rocket launcher in front of the provincial government office, where an image of Syrian President Bashar Assad is riddled with bullets on the facade, in the aftermath of the opposition's takeover of Hama,

Daraa after its checkpoints came under attack by "terrorists." The army said it is setting "strong and coheren defensive and security 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-

In the gas-rich nation of Qatar, the foreign ministers of Iran, Russia and Turkev were scheduled to meet to discuss the situation in Syria. Turkey is a main backer of the rebels seeking to overthrow Assad. Qatar's top diplomat, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, criticised Assad for failing to take advantage of the lull in fighting in recent years

to address the country's underlying problems. "Assad didn't seize this opportunity to start engaging and restoring his relationship with his people," he said.

Sheikh Mohammed said he was surprised by how quickly the rebels have advanced and said there is a real threat to Syria's "territorial integrity." He said the war could "damage and

destroy what is left if there is no sense of urgency" to start a political process.

After the fall of the cities of Daraa and Sweida early Saturday, Syrian government forces remain in control of five

provincial capitals — Damascus, Homs and Quneitra, as well as Latakia and Tartus on the Mediterranean cost. Tartus is home to the only Russian naval base outside the former Soviet Union while Latakia is home to a major Russian air base.

Russian air base.
On Friday, US-backed fighters of the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces captured wide parts of the eastern province of Deir el-Zour that borders Iraq as well as the provincial capital that carries the same name. the same name.

The capture of areas in Deir el-Zour is a blow to Iran's influence in the region as the area is the gateway to the corridor linking the Mediterranean to Iran, a supply line for Iran-backed fighters, including Lebanon's Hezbollah.

With the capture of a main border crossing with Iraq by the SDF and after opposition fight-ers took control of the Naseeb border crossing to Jordan in southern Syria, the Syrian government's only gateway to the outside world is the Masnaa border crossing with Lebanon.

## in Ivory Coast leaves 26 dead

Road mishap

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 the west African country due to 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 pro-

The launch of the Simorgh rocket comes as Iran's nuclear programme now enriches uranium 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 withdrew America from Tehran's nuclear deal with world pow-

The US intelligence communisaid that while "Iran is not building a nuclear weapon" it has "undertaken activities that 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

 $T^{\text{he gunman who killed the CEO of the}}_{\text{largest US health insurer likely left}}$ 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

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

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, play-

grounds and woods. Police didn't immediately reveal what, if anything, it contained but said it would be analyzed for clues.

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 security cameras.

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 collection 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.

# Ukraine confirms second Danish delivery of F-16s

Denmark has delivered a second batch of F-16 fighter jets to Ukraine, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Saturday as he travelled to Paris to meet with top politicians and

In a message on Telegram, Zelenskyy praised Denmark and lamented a lack of dedication from other allies.

'The first batch of planes provided by the Danes are already shooting down Russian missiles: rescuing our people and our infrastructure. Now our air shield is reinforced even further," he said. "If all partners were so determined, we would have been able to make Russian terror impos-

The announcement comes as Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia region marks a day of mourning for 10 people killed in a Russian attack on Friday. A further 24 people, including two children, were injured when a missile struck a local service station, said regional Gov. Ivan Fedorov. Another three people were killed in a strike on the Ukrainian city of Kryvyi Rih Friday, Ukraine's State Emergency Service said. Addressing the attacks, Zelenskyy said that

Russian President Vladimir Putin did not seek "real peace." Putin "only seeks the ability to treat any coun-

try this way, with bombs, missiles, and all other forms of violence," Zelenskyy said. "Only through strength can we resist this. And only through strength can real peace be established." Zelenskyy is due to meet other world leaders on Saturday, including French President Emmanuel Macron, at an event in Paris celebrating the renovation of Notre Dame Cathedral after a devastating fire in 2019.

# Pearl Harbor survivor recalls confusion, chaos during Japanese bombing 83 years ago AP PEARL HARBOR (US)

Bob Fernandez thought he'd go dancing and see the world when he joined the US Navy as a 17-year-old high school student in August 1941.

Four months later he found himself shaking from explosions and passing ammunition to artillery crews so his ship's guns could return fire on Japanese planes bombing Pearl Harbor, a Navy base in Hawaii.

"When those things go off like that, we didn't know what's what," said Fernandez, who is now 100. "We didn't even know we were in a war." Two survivors of the bombing — each 100

or older — are planning to return to Pearl Harbor on Saturday to observe the 83rd anniversary of the attack that thrust the US into World War II. They will join active-duty troops, veterans and members of the public for a remembrance ceremony hosted by the Navy and the National Park Service. Fernandez was initially planning to join them but had to cancel because of health issues. The bombing killed more than 2,300 US servicemen. Nearly half, or 1,177, were sailors and Marines on board the USS Arizona, which sank during the battle. The remains

of more than 900 Arizona crew members are still entombed on the submerged vessel. A moment of silence will be held at 7:54 am, the same time the attack began eight decades ago. Aircraft in missing man formation are due to fly overhead to break the silence.

Dozens of survivors once joined the annual remembrance but attendance has declined as survivors have aged. Today there are only 16 still living, according to a list maintained by Kathleen Farley, the California state chair of the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors. Military historian J Michael Wenger has estimated there were some 87,000 military personnel on Oahu on the day of the attack.

Many laud Pearl Harbor survivors as heroes, but Fernandez doesn't view himself that wav. "I'm not a hero. I'm

iust nothing but an ammunition passer," he told The Associated Press in a phone interview from California, where he now lives with his nephew in Lodi.

his ship, the USS Curtiss, the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, and

planned to go dancing that night at the Royal . Hawaiian Hotel in Waikiki. He brought sailors coffee and food as he wait-

ed tables during breakfast. Then they heard an alarm sound. Through a porthole, Fernandez saw a plane with the red ball insignia painted on Japanese aircraft fly by. Fernandez rushed down three decks to a magazine room where he and other sailors waited for someone to unlock a door storing 5-inch (12.7-centimeter), 38-caliber shells so they could begin passing them to the ship's guns.

He has told interviewers over the years that some of his fellow sailors were praying and crying as they heard gunfire up above. "I felt kind of scared because I didn't know what the hell was going on," Fernandez said. The ship's guns hit a Japanese plane that



Fernandez was work- poses for a photograph with medals from

crashed into one of its cranes. Shortly after, its guns hit a dive bomber which then slammed into the ship and exploded below deck, setting the hangar and main decks on fire, according to the Navy History and Heritage Command. Fernandez's ship, the Curtiss,

lost 21 men and nearly 60 of its sailors were injured. "We lost a lot of good people

you know. They didn't do nothing," Fernandez said. "But we never know what's going to happen in a war." After the attack, Fernandez

had to sweep up debris. That Pearl Harbor Navy veteran Bob Fernandez night, he stood guard with a rifle to make sure no one tried ing as a mess cook on his military service, in Lodi, Calif. AP/PTI to come aboard. When it came time to rest, he fell asleep next

to where the ship's dead were lying. He only realized that when a fellow sailor woke him up and told him. After the war, Fernandez worked as a forklift driver at a cannery in San Leandro, California. His wife of 65 years, Mary Fernandez, died in 2014. His oldest son is now 82 and lives in Arizona. Two other

sons and a stepdaughter have died. He has traveled to Hawaii three times to participate in the Pearl Harbor remembrance. This year would have been his fourth trip. Fernandez still enjoys music and goes dancing at a nearby restaurant once a week if he can. His favorite tune is Frank Sinatra's rendition of "All of Me," a song his nephew Joe Guthrie said he still knows by heart.

The ladies flock to him like moths to a flame," Guthrie said.

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# TALE OF LOVE, OBSESSION AND REVENGE RETURNS

return 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 ' 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

fter nearly three years, Yeh sequences and tightly woven plot Kaali Kaali Ankhein makes 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 maintain the thrill, the overreliance on similar storytelling techniques limits its ability to surprise and entertain viewers fully.

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 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,

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



narrative. Tahir Raj Bhasin once again shines as Vikrant Singh Chauhan, the 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 determination with precision. His serious and gritty portrayal further solidifies his reputation as a versatile actor capable of commanding attention

with every scene. 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 largely due to its talented cast and officer, adding an intriguing layer to the storyline.

A notable new addition to the RATING: 3/5

adding a layer of depth 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, 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

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 none 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** 

# The write thing!

s they say, it is easy to write a book but difficult to make a person read it. To A 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 Writing retreats emerge as havens for writing

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 innealing 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



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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, profession. You sit alone with memory and imagination, both equal parts dangerous and exciting. Writing retreats are a warm hand

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

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 duped.

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.

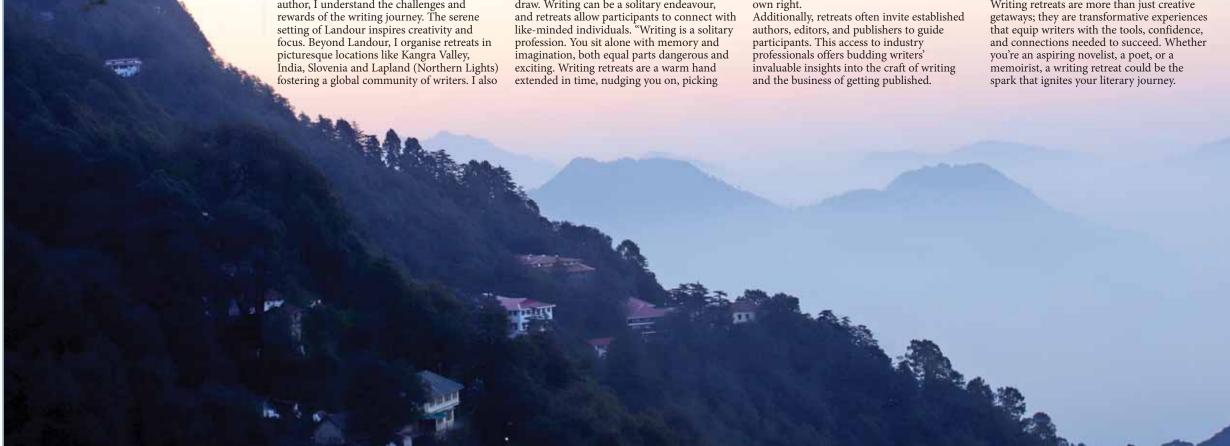
No doubt publishing is a business like any other and must make a profit. It also has to compete with the reader's attention span of human goldfish- the GenZ. But that often comes with a big price tag. Where are the bold, thoughtful voices of Indian literature? Where are the Salman Rushdies, Amitav Ghoshes, 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.

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

"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

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 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



# Art of Authentic

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





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 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 bite some of the juiciest I've had in Gurgaon. My wife, on the 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 this cuisine.



hen it comes to coffee culture, First Coffee has always been a name synonymous with quality, creativity and bold flavours. Co-founded by the dynamic trio of Sohrab Sitaram, Shiv Dhawan and Chandini D Purnesh, this café has been a favourite haunt for caffeine enthusiasts and foodies alike. Their latest revamped menu is here to take your coffee and snack experience to the next level. Packed with innovative offerings, trendy beverages and classic delights, the menu is designed to cater to every palate. Whether you're a matcha enthusiast, a fan of indulgent pastries or someone who loves a good sandwich or wrap, First Coffee has you covered. **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'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





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 Eclairs are not to be missed. They combine deep, indulgent chocolate flavours with just the right amount









# The Heart of Odisha's Cuisine

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 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.

The event was an exciting foray into the lesser-known 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 state's 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 rispy on the outside soft on the inside paired beautifully with a fresh coriander chutney that added a burst of flavour. The mushrooms, cooked with mustard and wrapped in banana leaves, offered a smoky, earthy flavour that exemplified the depth of Odia culinary techniques.

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

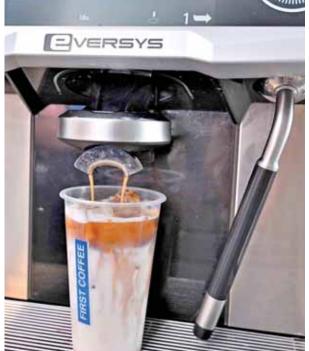
Milk) offered a rich and creamy end to the meal, while "Chhena Podo," a baked chhena dessert, had a beautiful caramelised flavour that left a lasting impression. The vegetarian menu was, without a doubt, the star of the pop-up. However, it's worth noting that the non-vegetarian thali

also garnered rave reviews, with 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 enlightening and flavoursome journey into the 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



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





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: The

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.



you're in the mood to experiment, the 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 destination.

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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 Nainital.

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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.

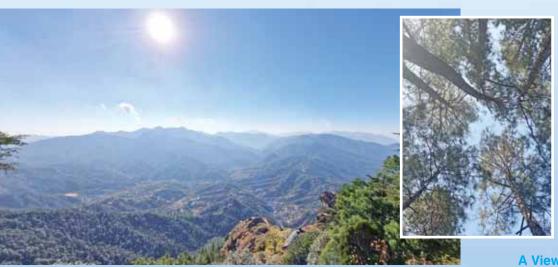
The Journey to Mukteshwar

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 alive, offering a visual treat to your senses. The long stretches of forested hills and cascading valleys make the drive a captivating experience. valleys make the drive a captivating experience, setting the stage for the calm that awaits you.

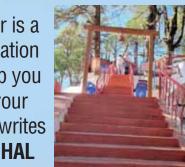
A Gateway to Himalayan Grandeur
Formerly known as Muktesar, Mukteshwar
serves as a gateway to the majestic
Himalayas, providing breathtaking views of
snow-clad peaks. The Himalayan panorama here includes the towering Nanda Devi, the second-highest peak in India, standing tall as a symbol of nature's 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 stamina.

Zero Point:
A Viewpoint like No Other

Just a short walk from the Mukteshwar Dham lays Zero Point, a spot that offers unparalleled views of the Himalayan range. The 10 to 15-minute 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.

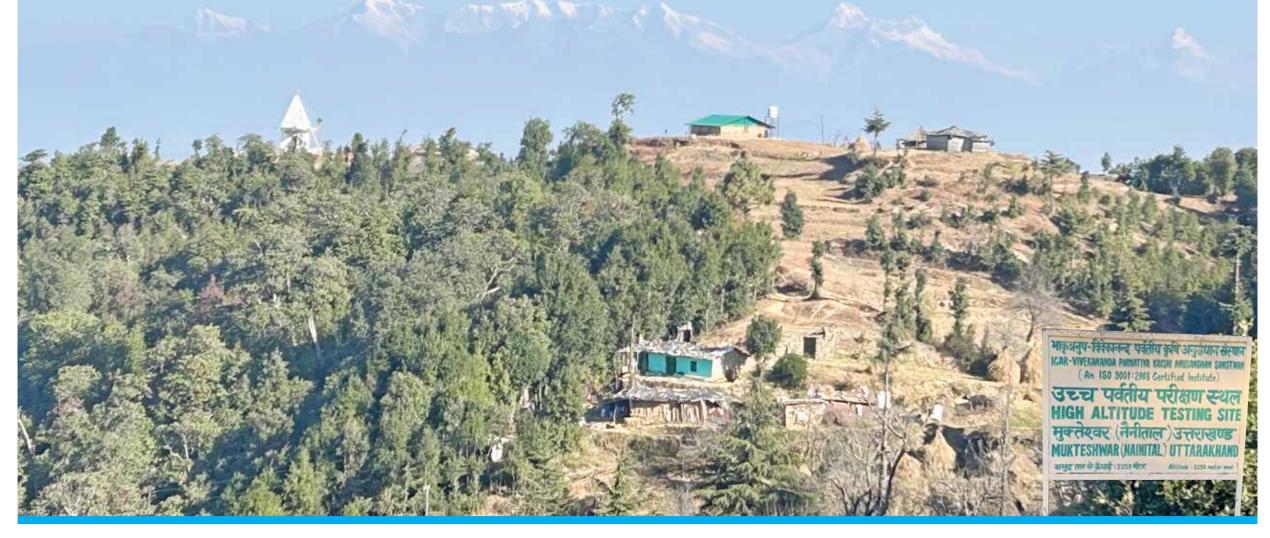
#### Mukteshwar by Road

Mukteshwar by Road
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 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

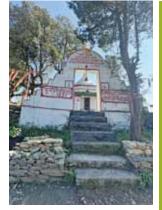
The nearest airport to Mukteshwar is Pantnagar Airport, located 111 km away. Another option is the Jolly Grant Airport in Dehradun. From both airports, travelers can hire taxis to reach Mukteshwar comfortably.



s someone who lives for the thrill of discovering untouched destinations, my recent journey to Jihar Village was a revelation. Nestled in the Almora district of 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 seemed close enough to experience was equally touch, while on the other, the memorable. While I enjoyed



endless valley stretched into a picturesque horizon. The sight of the Ramganga River winding its way below added to the allure.

The property, with its six 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. The highlight for my children was the sprawling garden—a perfect, space to play and

perfect space to play and unwind. For me, it was the property's glasshouse rooms, which allowed me to gaze at views. On one side, the the stars from the comfort of majestic Himalayan ranges my bed. The culinary

# **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, and warm hospitality, writes DIVYA BHATIA



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 Churdkani and Aloo ke Temple, a revered shrine



nestled deep within the forests. Located about 14 km from Kalason Basot, the temple is more than 250 years old and steeped in local legend. It houses a Shivling, a place radiated an abundance

and the sacred hearth of Harju Devta. The moment we stepped into the temple premises, a serene calmness enveloped us, as though the pillar of Kaal Bhairavnath, 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, 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. hike up, the scene transforms. The effort was worth it. At the top, I was greeted by a crystalclear pool fed by cascading waters. Taking a dip in the cool, pristine water felt like natures own therapy. A jungle walk leading to a secluded spot by the Ramganga River was another unforgettable highlight. Nivriti Summit View

Nivriti Summit

short of magical. Surrounded by the sounds of rustling 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,

arranged a picnic lunch for us there, and it was nothing

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

**HOW TO GET TO JIHAR** 

lifetime.

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.

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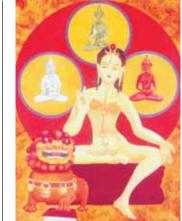




#### **ARIES** March 21-April 19

This week holds significant promise, particularly in inancial 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 space or property.

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 selfassurance

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Olive Lucký 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 anticipated, 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 wellbeing—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



#### 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 achieving your objectives. This period is optimal for 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.

Lucky 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 to explore and tap into their own depths to unveil untapped 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.

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour Purple ucky day Friday

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C V Srikanth experiences. Thoughts shape reality; regulate them to transform your destiny.

"यथा संकल्पतेमनःतदनुसम्पद्यते"

# The Power of a Thought

ogito, ergo sum' ... I Think therefore I am. ... René Descartes If you have decided to read this. Stop. Think what you are thinking now. Because ... Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right! The only thing absolutely in our power is our Thought. It shapes our reality. Influences our emotions. Translates to actions. And ultimately defines the quality of our lives. This concept is deeply embedded in various philosophical and spiritual traditions, including ancient Indian wisdom, emphasizing the profound impact of our mental processes, manifesting into our

In the realm of Vedic philosophy, the Nature of thoughts is not just merely a fleeting phenomenon. They are powerful forces that can create or destroy. The idea that "you become what you think" resonates with many ancient texts, highlighting the significance of cultivating positive thoughts.

"As the mind thinks, so it becomes?

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. "शान्ताकारंभजगशयनंपशपतिंयोगिनाम' "Peaceful in form, resting on a serpent, Lord of all beings, O yogis...'

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.

# **Travis' ton helps Australia take control as** India's top-order crumbles again

Australia tightened their grip on the pink ball Test as their formidable pacers scythed through India's top-order after nemesis Travis Head's counterattacking century handed his team a substantial first-innings lead on a riveting second day here on Saturday.

The Adelaide Oval was throbbing with life through the three sessions of play as Head dominated India with his wide range of strokes on way to a 140 off 141 balls before the trio of Scott Boland (2/39), Mitchell Starc (1/49) and Pat Cummins (2/33) left the visitors in a spot of bother at 128 for five in their second innings and trailing by 29

At stumps, Rishabh Pant was living dangerously on a 25-ball 28 and Nitish Reddy was batting on 15 off 14.

Thanks to Head's eighth Test century, which he reached in 111 balls after toying with the Indian bowling attack, Australia ended with 337 all out, and more importantly, a 157-run first-innings lead.

hammering in the opener at

Head's hundred, the fastest in a pink ball Test, reduced Marnus Labuschagne's (64) half-century, composed coming after a lean run of form, to a mere footnote.

India lost KL Rahul (7) early in their second innings and Yashasvi Jaiswal (24) was done in by a peach of a delivery from Boland, who again struck with his first delivery that had a hint of late movement.

Boland then had Virat Kohli (11) caught behind after he got one to land right in the channel which has been troubling the Indian batting mainstay for a while now. To make matters worse for the

visitors, Starc knocked down Shubman Gill's (28) middle stump with his late in-swing doing the damage to leave India at 86 for four in front of a record crowd of over 50,000. However, unperturbed by the Australian inroads, Pant looked to be batting in a universe of his own and played some outrageous shots against the fast bowlers, leaving everyone stunned. The hosts are looking to Least bothered by the fact that restore parity in the five- India were three down with hands to it after the batter match series after the 295-run not enough on the board, tried to slog-sweep R Ashwin,



Pant danced down the track first ball and smashed Boland over mid-off for a boundary, and he maintained that audacious approach until the umpires called stumps.

Earlier, Head continued to be a thorn in India's flesh with yet another magnificent knock that powered Australia's response after bowling out India for 180. Head, who got off the mark with a cracking boundary off Jasprit Bumrah (4/61), got a reprieve on 76 as Mohammed Siraj failed to complete the having just smashed his third six against the off-spinner. Amid the rejoicing around Head's century, Siraj (4/98) was rewarded for his discipline as he had Alex Carey caught (15) behind following a faint outside edge with Australia's lead crossing

Desperate to prevent Australia from adding to that advantage, 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 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 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 yorker.

In all, Head struck 17 fours and four sixes.

Earlier, Rohit Sharma giving his strike bowler Bumrah only four overs in the first session seemed odd, and so were some of his field placements.

Then, in another surprising move, he started the proceedings after tea with Ashwin instead of the fast bowlers.

Luck, though, was with Ashwin as Mitchell Marsh decided to walk off despite a 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

## 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 Olympic-medal believes 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.

has 200 Rohidas international caps to his credit and has scored more than 25 goals.

Rohidas complemented by Paris 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 praise for young India striker and Tamil Nadu player Karthi

"With Karthi, we have a very talented forward. 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

Reserve Price (in Lakh)

# Focus on batting as demoralised Indian women look to avoid series defeat against Australia

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batters to step up in the Women's ODI against Australia here on Sunday, as the visitors aim to two practice sessions here avoid yet another series loss

were bundled out for 100 in conditions. 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 score if our batters had will have their task cut out applied themselves better. If against a quality Australian we had more runs on the side, which showed no signs of rust despite playing in the format after a gap of nine months.

On the other hand, it was

**▼**ndian challenger D Gukesh

Lyet again proved equal to

the task with defending

champion Ding Liren of

China as the 10th game of the

World Chess Championship

match between them ended in

a draw without much

excitement here on Saturday.

It was by far the easiest of the

game with black pieces for

Gukesh as the position played

itself out of a London system

took no risks and was also

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was unable to train together as some of the players were competing in domestic T20 ODI Wold Cup next year. what we could have done being complacent. I think better. We have played some good cricket this year we come back strongly in the desperate India will competing in domestic T20 A desperate India will competing in domeste India while others to step up in the played in the Women's Big Bash League.

was washed out due to rain. Down Under.

India's batting woes continued as the tourists

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

> 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 scoreboard, anything could have happened." India coach Amol Muzumdar conceded after the match.

batting With the

The seventh consecutive draw

— and eighth of the match —

left both players on an identical tally of 5 points

each, still shy of 2.5 points in

The two players signed peace

Just four more classical games

are left to be played in the

USD 2.5 million prize money

championship and if a tied

result happens after 14

under faster time control to

order to win

championship.

after 36 moves.

game wherein Ding Liren rounds, there will be games

apparently happy with the determine the winner.

drawn result.

The Indian think tank will

be keen to stabilise their batting and bowling line-Additionally, one of their up ahead of the marquee event. 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 bout was that one match doesn't make you a good team or a bad team. We played a match and it did the Indians who appeared inconsistencies continuing not go our way. It's fine, we'll underestimated and we will Sutherland, Geor under-prepared as the squad from the New Zealand take a step back and evaluate not make the mistake of Georgia Wareham not go our way. It's fine, we'll

World Chess: Gukesh plays out easy draw, scores remain tied

The 32-year-old Liren had

won the opening game while the 18-year-old Gukesh had

emerged victorious in the

Liren continued with his

London system in the

opening and came with a

slight change early that left

symmetrical. The tactic might

have worked on another day

but Gukesh for once decided

not to press hard as black out

Gukesh, the younger ever challenger, had his task cut

out and he passed all the tests

pawn

of an equal position.

structure

third game.

the

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 Meanwhile, Australia

produced an almost flawless performance despite missing regular skipper Alyssa Veteran pacer Schutt

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

putting up a similar display to seal another series win against India but the hosts unlikely to Harmanpreet Kaur and Co lightly.
"India cannot be

underestimated and we will

Before the start of the 10th

game, Liren had three white

games against Gukesh's three

but now it's a level playing

field with just four more

For Gukesh, the hardest

decision was to go for a

completely equal position on

move 11 and even though the

position had occurred a few

times before in Grandmaster

games, it did not look like

either the Indian or Liren was

aware of what had happened

It did not take long for the

with flying colours.

games to go.

in those games.

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 Litchfield, Sophie Molineux, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Annabel Sutherland, Georgia Voll,

world to decide when Liren

went for a series of exchanges,

including the queen, that the

game was heading towards a

However, as per the contract,

both players were still obliged to play 40 moves before

Gukesh offered a trade of the

last remaining rook on board

on move 23 and Liren had to

exchange it. A few moves

later, the Knights were off the

board too leading to a pure

Bishops endgame with neither side having anything

agreeing to split the point.

draw.

to play for.

# Bank of India

Name of Borrower /Guarantors.

Demand Notice date, Amount &

#### **E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SECTION SARFAESI ACT 2002**

128/24 Om Laxmi Tower, H-Block, Kidwai Nagar, Kanpur-208011, Tel: 0512-2985004

of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with rule proviso to 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of India, Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on below mentioned date for recovery of mentioned amount in demand notice issued due to the Bank of India, secured creditor from below mentioned borrowers / guarantors The details of the property as given below, reserve price and EMD amount are marked against all the properties.

**Description of Mortgage** 

140.	Possession Date/Type of Possession	& Owner of Property	Deposit (in Lakh)
Jh	ansi Branch: Plot No. 331/2-331/B 1 Jhokan Bagh, Near Nar	ayan Dharmshala, P.P. Plaza First Floor, Private Shop No. F-2,	Jhansi (U. P.)-284401
1.	Borrower: M/s New Rudra Hotel	Commercial building situated at part of Arazi No.	Rs. 43.85
	Partner: 1. Mr. Janardan Yadav S/O Mr. Ram Bachan Yadav 2. Mr. Rajal Yadav S/O Late Thakur Das Demand Notice Date: 15.04.2024 Amt.: Rs. 25,58,613.54 + Interest w.e.f. 15.04.2024 + other charges Possession Notice: 08.07.2024/Symbolic	1478/1, Mauza Khailar Abadi, Indra Nagar, Tehsil & Distt Jhansi Area: 116.17 Sq mtr Boundaries of Premises: East: 1478/2, Property of owner (Proposed seller) followed by Shir Ram Colony and Mandir, West: Jhansi Babina Main Road North: Property of Kaptan Singh, South: Shop of Rajendra Ghanhotra	
2.	Borrower: 1. Mr. Raghav Verma S/O.Mr. Narayan	All land and building situated at House No. 75 $\!$	Rs. 27.65
	Das Verma 2. Mr. Ravi Prakash Soni S/O Mr. Kailash Narayan Soni Demand Notice Date: 29.08.2022 Amt.: Rs. 26,64,789.99 + Interest w.e.f. 29.08.2022 + other charges Possession Notice: 21.11.2022/Symbolic	102 New Mohalla Nursingh Rao Torriya, Tehsil & Distt. Jhansi Area: 114.77 Sq mtr Boundaries of Premises: East: House of Smt. Mithala Devi Tripathi, West: House and Chabutra of Natthu Rayakwar, North: House of Ramdas Pahlwan, South: Shop of Rajendra Chanhotra	
Ka	anpur SME Branch: 50-A, Cooperative Industrial Ar	ea Dada Nagar Kanpur, Kanpur (U. P.)-208022	
3.	Borrower: M/s Baheti Industrise Pvt. Ltd.	1. All land and building situated at C-50 Industrial	Rs. 165.40
	Director/Guarantor: 1. Mrs. Anita Baheti 2 Mr. Kailash Baheti	Area: 1612.50 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 16.54

Guarantor-Term Loans: 1. Mr. Rohit Baheti 2. Mr Sajjan Kumar Maheshwari Demand Notice Date: 31.05.2023 Amt.: Rs. 2,74,48,051.61 + Interest w.e.f.

31.05.2023 + other charges Possession Notice: 28.10.2024/Physical Area: 1612.50 Sq. Ft. Ownerd by Borrower Mr. Rohit Baheti Boundaries of Premises: East: Plot C-15, West:

2. Hypothecation of Plant & Machinery and other fixed asset installed at Premises No. C-50 U.P.S.I.D.C. Textile Zone Industrial Area Rooma Kanpur Nagar Azad Nagar Branch: 2A/157 Hasting Ave Azad Nagar Nawabganj Kanpur U.P-208002 4. Borrower: Mr. Raj Gaur S/o Shri Raj Kishor Gaur

Rs. 38.51

Rs. 23.41

Rs. 2.34

Guarantor: Mr. Akash Kumar S/o Mr. Shivpulan Demand Notice Date: 28 05 2024 Amt.: Rs. 21,33,044.09 + Interest w.e.f. 28.05.2024 + other charges Possession Notice: 21.10.2024/Symbolic

Ratan Lal Nagar Branch: Plot No.1352 and 1352 A Kanpur Nagar

Co-Borrower: Mrs. Anchal Gaur W/o Shri Raj

All Land and building situated at premises No.117/620 Q Block Sharda Nagar Kanpur Owner: Mr. Rai Gaur Area: 86.12 Sq mtr Boundaries of Premises: East: House No. 117/636, West: 30Ft, Wide Road, North: House No. 117/619, South: Remaining part of H. NO.

5. Borrower: M/s Vayu Industries Proprietor: Mrs. Malini Srivastava W/o Rakesh

Srivastava Demand Notice Date: 09.01.2024 Amt.: Rs. 38,70,158.12 + Interest w.e.f. 09.01.2024 + other charges

All Land and building situated at House No. 128/253 Y 1 Block Kidwai Nagar Kanpur Owner: Mrs. Malini Srivastava W/o Rakesh Kumar Srivastava Area: 182.27 Sq mtr Boundaries of Premises: East: Plot No.742 West: 40 Ft. Road, North: Plot No. 252, South: Pvt Land

Last date for submission of EMD for all the above properties is 09.01.2025 by 04.00 PM

# Milestones galore as England leads New Zealand by 533 runs

**AP** WELLINGTON

England led New Zealand by 533 runs with five 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

Root was among the history-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, possibly overnight, New 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

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 makers Saturday, reaching his 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 element of a time constraint.

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

minutes before stumps 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 Atkinson's historic achievement of the morning session seemed somehow

distant. Atkinson became the 15th English bowler and the first since Moeen Ali in 2017 to take a test hat-trick. The Surrey pacer claimed the

last three wickets of New Zealand's first innings, dismissing Nathan Smith, Matt Henry and Tim Southee with consecutive deliveries as England bowled out New Zealand for 125 to take a 155run 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 through this portal. 5. After registration in the web portal, the interested bidders should upload the following documents in the web portal before submitting the tender. 1. Copy of PAN Card 2. ID Proof (KYC) like Self Attested Aadhar Card Noter ID - Card / Driving License / Passport etc. 6. Only tenderers having valid User ID, Password will be able to participate in the e-auction process. 7. Onl those interested bidders who have made EMD payment by 09.01.2025 within the stipulated time will be able to participate in the e auction process, 8, If the reserve price of the property is up to Rs, 50 lakh the incremental value bid will be in multiple of 25000 and it reserve price is above 50 lakh it will be Rs. 50000. 9. The highest bidder shall be declared the successful bidder with the permission of the authorized officer. The information of which will be given - to him by electric mode on his email address. 10. The Authorized Officer will not be bound to accept the highest bid and the Authorized Officer will have the right to accept/reject any bid. 11. EMD amount of successful bidder will remain in BAANKNET Wallet and all unsuccessful bidder's amount can be withdrawn from BAANKNET. No interest will be payable by BAANKNET on the EMD amount. 12. The successful bidder will have to deposit 25% (including EMD amount) of the selling price (i.e. maximum bid amount) immediately. He has to deposit the remaining balance amount within 15 days, In case successful bidder failed to deposit bid amount in prescribe time the amount deposited will be forfeited without any prior notice. 13. Bidders are advised to go through the detailed terms and condition at https://www.bankofindia.co.in, https://www.BAANKNET.com before submitting the tender. 14. TDS tax will be payable by the successful bidder on the maximum sale price under Income Tax Act 1941 (A), if the selling price exceeds Rs. 50 lakhs or more and additional GST will be payable

E-Auction of above mentioned properties will be held on Date 09.01.2025 Time at Morning 11 AM to 5.00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 min. interval

Terms and Conditions of Sale:-1. This e-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER IT IS"

basis. 2. The property being auctioned by the Authorized Officer is free of charge till the maximum information and belief, yet the intending tenderer should independently enquire all the encumbrances, title claim statutory dues (Customs and Excise Tax/Income

Tax) before participating in the e-auction and or any other government agency etc. All assets are being sold with all current and

future encumbrances known or unknown. The Authorized Officer will not be liable for any claim rights and liabilities of any third / third

party. 3. It is the responsibility of the tenderers to inspect the property and satisfy itself completely before participating in the e-

auction. You can contact the concerned branch of Bank of India for property inspection. 4. Interested tenderers will be able to get

their User ID and Password free of cost by registering on the web portal https://www.BAANKNET.com and EMD can be deposited

#### to the bid, no objection will be accepted in this regard. 16. Bids above reserve price will be accepted. 30 days sale notice to borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors

(wherever applicable) on the sale price as per Government rules, 15. The intending tenderer should have proper resources related

The above mentioned borrower / depositor / mortgagor is informed to pay the amount mentioned in section 13(2) before the date of auction. In case of failure to deposit the amount, the property will be auctioned and the balance amount along with interest and cost will be recovered from you or the borrower can also participate in the auction organized by the bank on the above date to recover the amount due in his account.

Date: 08.12.2024 Authorised Officer: Bank of India