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Special SC Bench to hear validity of

Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act

Yamuna grows toxic veggies?

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

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

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

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

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



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

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 The city's two major water treatment plants, Jiwani Mandi and Sikandra Water Works, are still stuck with outdated technologies that can only test for basic parameters like turbidity, color, pH, TDS, hardness, coliform, and E. coli.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

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

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

slammed regulatory bodies for failing to enforce pollution "If the Pollution norms. Control Board claims to have stopped factories from discharging waste into the

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Repatriate B'deshis staying illegally: Nizamuddin locals

mid the killing of Hindus

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Bangladesh, 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 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 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

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

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

Reacting to the two incidents, 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 2 | 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

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



Representative photo

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



ISKCON centre in Bangladesh burnt down: Radharaman Das

PTI KOLKATA

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

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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Kumar that she works in

Ferozepur, he said. The

groom's father said that the

marriage was fixed after

speaking to Kaur's parents

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

RANI SINGH RAJPUT CHANDIGARH/ NEW DELHI

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

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

bride "missing", adding insult to injury they also realised that the wedding venue did not exist. A month ago returned from Dubai to Jalandhar, Punjab to marry one Manpreet Kaur. Kumar had been talking to her via Instagram for three years, but had never met her in person, the police said. After realising he had been duped, Kumar lodged a police complaint against Kaur Kumar told the police that he along with his family had

travelled all the way from

village

Mandiali

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

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



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

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

over the phone, and guests were invited for the wedding. Meanwhile, Moga Assistant Sub-Inspector Harjinder Singh said they have received a complaint from Deepak Kumar. Singh said the complaint was lodged after the groom's family could not reach the bride as her phone was switched off. Further investigation in the

matter is underway, he said.

Kashmir-based NGOs under scrutiny

investigating agencies probing the role of facilitators and sympathizers responsible for deportation. rehabilitating illegal immigrants from Myanmar in and around vital security installations in Jammu have gathered credible evidence against some of the Kashmirbased Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs) who have deployed their young volunteers to assist them. Meanwhile, a senior Cabinet

minister in the Omar Abdullah-led government Saturday reacted to the media claiming power/water supply lines to housing illegal immigrants from Myanmar have been disconnected by the local administration in

Speaking to media persons in Jammu, Jal Shakti Minister Javed Ahmed Rana on

BISWAJEET BANERJEE MORADABAD

woman from the Kathghar area of

Amoradabad alleged that her

husband gave her triple talaq after she

expressed support for police action during the recent Sambhal violence.

The woman has filed a complaint with

the Senior Superintendent of Police

According to the woman, she married

her current husband in December 2021

after her first marriage ended in divorce

in 2021. She claimed her second

husband, who works in a local firm,

initially promised her marriage after

(SSP), seeking justice.

Saturday said the water supply will not be snapped to the slums housing the illegal immigrants, pending a call from the Centre on their government is duty-bound to ensure water supply to all human beings. We will ensure water supply to them (Rohingyas) on humanitarian grounds till the government of India takes a call on their issue," Rana, who is also minister for forest, ecology and environment, and tribal affairs, told reporters. According to reports, these

Kashmir-based volunteers run childcare centers where they impart elementary education to kids and also extend health care facilities to women. The same volunteers also distribute different aid materials to needy families in these illegal settlements.

During the current drive launched by the Union Territory administration to the majority of vehicles from



verify the credentials of these immigrants, camping across different clusters in Jammu, the field agencies were stunned to record the number of vehicles owned /parked in these settlements, especially in the Bhatindi, Sunjwan and Narwal Bala area of Íammu. Ironically, these illegal immigrants have purchased

locals without completing any paperwork. So far traffic police authorities and the Regional office of the Transport Officer have not launched any drive to seize these vehicles. Some of these illegal immigrants have also purchased e-rickshaws and ferried passengers without any scrutiny. Few others manage mobile ice cream

The majority of these illegal immigrants are also using smartphones and have acquired SIM cards from the local market without facing any scrutiny. A large number of Rohingyas also run their shops/eating joints, provision stores, tailoring shops, mobile repair shops, and meat shops, and purchase all items from different traders in Jammu to earn their livelihood.

Another section is working as sanitation workers and are hired by the contractors working with the Jammu Municipal Corporation. Several hotels have also recruited and relied on these sanitation workers cleaning floors and toilets. On the other hand, women also earn their livelihood by working as domestic workers and daily wage laborers. Minor children also work as

rag pickers and collect garbage. Woman faces triple talaq, purportedly after supporting Sambhal police action

> called her a "kafir" (non-believer), and divorced her by pronouncing triple talaq on the spot.
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> SSP Satpal Antil has directed the Kathghar police station in-charge to investigate the matter thoroughly and take appropriate action. Advocate Abhishek Sharma emphasised that every citizen has the right to freedom of expression under Article 19 of the Indian Constitution, which includes the right to express opinions, whether in support or criticism of any entity. The police investigation is ongoing.

in self-defense if attacked, her husband allegedly became furious,

Enforcement Directorate seizes ₹13.50 crore in alleged bank fraud case

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

In simultaneous carried out at seven locations in Mumbai and Ahmedabad, Directorate Enforcement (ED) officials on Saturday seized proceeds of alleged crimes worth Rs. 13.50 Crore in connection with an alleged fraud in the Nashik Cooperative Merchant (NAMCO) Bank, Malegaon town in north Maharashtra.

Acting on a complaint registered with Malegaon Chavani Police Station in Nashik district Maharashtra on November 7 against NAMCO Bank, the ED conducted raids on seven locations in Mumbai and Ahmedabad and made the seizure of Rs. 13.50 crore.

It may be recalled that following a complaint, the police had lodged a FIR last month on mystery deposits of huge money of more than Rs 100 Crore in 14 newlyopened bank accounts at the NAMCO Bank.

In its FIR, the police named the prime suspect as Siraj Harun Memon, who operates a hot and cold beverages agency, and his accomplices who used "identity documents of various innocent persons (obtained by false promises / monetary considerations) to layer and transfer the proceeds of the

Upping the ante over the case, Bharatiya Janata Party's



former MP Kirit Somaiya alleged that the case was an alleged 'Vote-Jihad' matter and suspicious transactions took place in multiple states just weeks before the 20 November 2024 Maharashtra Assembly polls. The investigations by the ED revealed that at least five similar accounts were also maintained with the Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) Nashik Branch.

During its investigations, the ED went into the money trail of 'debit transactions' made through various modes of online banking channels from the 14 accounts at NAMCO Bank and the 5 accounts with BoM. The ED found during investigations that a majority of the funds through the debit transactions from these accounts were transferred to 21 sole proprietary concerns. A detailed analysis of the bank statements of the 21 proprietor-concerns where the hundreds of crores of rupees of funds were

transferred through online

banking channels, and these in turn were further routed various firms/companies said to be fake accounts. Subsequently, the analysis revealed that the huge monies were withdrawn in cash from these dummy accounts, including by Nagani Akram Shafi and Vasim V. Bhesaniya.

The duo then distributed the cash to various entities through 'angadiyas personal (traditional couriers) or 'hawala operators in Ahmedabad, Surat and Mumbai.The ED contended that the Bhesania-Shafi duo, later arrested for money-laundering charges, worked under instructions of one Mehmood Bhagad alias

Challenger King.
In November, the ED had carried out around 25 searches in Ahmedabad. Surat, Nashik and Mumbai and laid its hands on bank balances of Rs 5.20 crore, incriminating documents, digital evidence, bank deposits and other

101 farmers resume their march to Delhi today

allegedly sexually assaulting her in Gurugram. To evade legal trouble, he

The woman, who has three children,

alleged that her husband soon began

demanding dowry and harassing her.

She further accused him of inappropriate behavior toward her

daughter and claimed that her brother-

in-law also attempted to sexually assault

The situation escalated on December 4

when the woman visited her husband's

office. While standing nearby, she was

reportedly watching a YouTube video

showing people pelting stones at the

married her on December 17, 2021.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

 $P^{\text{unjab farmer leader Sarwan Singh}}_{\text{Pandher said on Saturday that they}}$ have not received any message from the Centre for talks to address their issues and added that a group of 101 farmers will again begin their march to Delhi on December 8. In a related development, farmer representatives and agricultural stakeholders urged the government to provide cheaper long-term credit, implement lower taxes, and double the PM-KISAN income support during a comprehensive pre-budget consultation with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday. Addressing the media at Shambhu on the

Punjab-Haryana border on Saturday, Pandher said 16 farmers suffered injuries and one of them lost hearing ability because of the teargas shelling by Haryana security personnel.Except four injured farmers, the rest of them have been discharged from hospital, he said, message from the Centre for holding talks. The (Narendra) Modi government is in no mood to hold talks."

He further said the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha have already decided that a 'jatha' of 101 farmers will again march towards the national capital on Sunday noon in a peaceful manner. As part of a call given by the farmer unions SKM (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha, a 'jatha' of 101 farmers began its march to Delhi on Friday from their protest site at the Shambhu border to press for their demands.

The 'jatha' was stopped by multilayered barricading erected by Haryana security personnel. Undeterred by prohibitory orders, the farmers attempted to force their way through the barricades but were stopped by security personnel who lobbed multiple tear gas shells to force



them to go back to their protest site at Shambhu, which falls in Punjab.

Meanwhile, the two-hour meeting saw a at addressing multiple challenges in the agricultural sector, with key demands focusing on financial relief, market reforms, and strategic investments. Bharat Krishak Samaj Čhairman Ajay Vir Jakhar emphasised the need for targeted interventions to boost agricultural productivity and farmer welfare. Primary demands included reducing interest rates on agricultural loans to as low as 1 per cent and increasing the annual PM-KISAN instalment from Rs 6,000 to Rs

Farmers' bodies also strongly advocated for zero-premium crop insurance for small farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. Taxation reforms were a critical component of the proposals, with stakeholders calling for exemptions on agricultural machinery, fertilisers, seeds, and medicines. The PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry requested a reduction of pesticide GST from 18 per cent to 5 per cent.

police during the Sambhal violence.

Her husband arrived and questioned

her about the video. When she

defended the police's right to respond

Jakhar proposed a targeted investment strategy of Rs 1,000 crore annually for eight years, focusing on specific crops like chickpeas, soybean, and mustard to enhance National agricultural productivity. This approach aims to strategically enhance crop yields, reduce import dependence, and improve national nutritional security, he told PTI

after the meeting. Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) Speaker Dharmendra Malik demanded a comprehensive review of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) mechanism, seeking calculations that include land rent, farm wages, and post-harvest

He also demanded the display of agricultural machinery prices on company websites, improvement in mandi infrastructure, widening MSP coverage beyond 23 commodities, disallowing imports and fixing minimum export prices only in emergencies.

PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry Chairman (Agribusiness committee) RG Agarwal called for a reduction in GST on pesticides from 18 per cent to five per cent, while highlighting the need to curb the sale of smuggled and fake pesticides while ensuring data protection for new

molecular developments. More ambitious proposals included constitutional reforms, such as adding agriculture to the Concurrent List and establishing a central Indian Agricultural Service. Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary and senior officials from finance and agriculture ministries attended the meeting, which included representatives from farmer producer companies, agricultural associations, and corporate sectors.

Gurugram municipality forms dedicated Sanitation Security Force vehicles from Laser Valley completed this month. Soon

PARVESH SHARMA

The Municipal Corporation of Gurugram formed a (MCG) has formed a dedicated Sanitation Security Force (SSF) to monitor the growing waste management and cleanliness challenges in the district. The SSF has already seized six vehicles while monitoring various places in a single night. Additional Commissioner of

MCG Dr. Balpreet Singh said that monitoring and action against those who throw garbage and debris in the city has been further increased. "The force has caught six concerned police stations," he

Sector-29, Fountain Chowk, Khandsa Road Sector-37, Devi Lal Colony, Jawahar Nagar and Kataria Chowk while monitoring various areas on Thursday-Friday night," he said. He added that some of the

vehicles caught were also without numbers, for which the process of legal action is being adopted. Apart from this, some vehicles have also been using the name of MCG and dumping illegal garbage. "All the vehicles have been seized and FIRs have been registered against their owners or drivers in the "We appealed to the citizens

of Gurugram to inform MCG about those who dump garbage or debris illegally, so that action can be taken by the SSF on time. Also, keep an eye on such vehicles which are working using the name of the MCG. Cooperation of all citizens is expected in making the city clean," he asserted

Meanwhile, the civic body is installing CCTV cameras at all the secondary garbage collection points located in the MCG limits. CCTVs have been installed at eight locations, while work on the remaining six will also be all the 14 secondary garbage collection points of the will corporation monitored by the cameras. CCTV cameras have been installed in front of Atul

Kataria Chowk, Sheetla Mata Mandir, Roshanpura Sabzi Mandi, Beriwala Bagh, Bandhwadi Chakarpur, Bandhwadi Khandsa and Court Parking. Apart from this, the work of installing CCTVs at the secondary garbage collection points located in areas like Badshahpur, Fazilpur, Sikandarpur, Chauma.

Carterpuri and Dhanwapur will be completed by the end of December.

ISKCON centre

in Bangladesh

burnt down:

Radharaman

Vijay Goel leads padyatra to protest Delhi's garbage problem and 'Landfill Mountains'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Former Union Minister Vijay Goel will lead a padyatra on Sunday from Machhli Bazaar to Ghazipur to protest the persistent issues of garbage and 'Landfill Mountains' in Delhi under the AAP government. "The Kejriwal government has done nothing for the past 10 years and keeps asking for more time every year," Goel said in a statement.

Goel said that instead of reducing, the landfill mountains are only growing larger.

Goel also hit out at the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), saying, "If (Arvind) Kejriwal stops

handing out freebies, AAP candidates wouldn't even be able to save their deposits in elections, let alone form a government. The AAP Government has no significant achievements to show to the people, apart from distributing freebies. In this obsession with 'free, free, free, the Kejriwal government

has turned Delhi into a garbage dump. Goel said that there is no sign of relief for Delhiites from the towering garbage dump yards at Ghazipur, Bhalswa, and Okhla for the next four years. The Kejriwal-led MCD has extended the deadline to clear these landfill sites to December 2028

From page 1 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

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

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 Friday night between the siblings and a family who lived on the first floor of a building in lane number 6 of Govindpuri. According to

police, Bhikam Singh, his wife Meena, and their three sons Sanjay, 20, Rahul, 18, and a minor boy attacked the three when Sudheer youths, objected to the toilet not Minister being flushed.

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,"

Malik said. Sudheer's cousin, Sanjiv 11.30 pm. Sudheer was a native of Uttar Pradesh's Mainpuri and paid Rs 3,000 per month in rent for the driver. Bhikam Singh works at a building materials shop and had shifted to the building around 45 days ago. Union

Holding Minister Amit Shah responsible for Rohingyas "Both parties were tenants on 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 Saxena, who lives in the same building said the incident being caught? If Rohingyas took place around Friday are committing crimes, why aren't they being apprehended? Why isn't the Delhi Police catching them? aren't Why isn't Amit Shah taking house which he shared with action? This is what pains his brother, an e-rickshaw me," Kejriwal added.

US denies backing anti-India agenda other Rockefeller Foundation. "The

"The US government works independent organisations

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

Repatriate

and organisations. The OCCRP, headquartered in Amsterdam, is a media platform that largely

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" prosecutors charged Gautam like George Soros and the Adani, 62, his nephew Sagar

United States has long been a champion of media freedom around the world. A free and focuses on stories relating to independent press is an essential component of any democracy, enabling informed and constructive debate and holding those in power accountable," the US embassy official said. Last month, US

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 demanded Congress thorough investigation into the charges and accused the

government of shielding him. Education said. B'deshis staying illegally: Nizamuddin locals

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"Delhi residents must be directed that if they find that 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.

Card, Voter ID, or any other government document illegally acquired 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 illegal capital, Lieutenant-Governor

"Any documents like Aadhar Vinai Kumar Saxena's office has written to 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

accusing the ruling A for patronising the Rohingyas 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)

leaders Suvendu Adhikari, 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 crore Bangladeshi

immigrants illegally staying in India. The rise in the number Bangladeshi immigrants, which almost equals the size of the entire population of

Committed to enhance health facilities: CM

Nikshay Niramay campaign launched to eradicate TB

STAFF REPORTER

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said on Saturday that the expansion of health services and facilities was the top priority of his government. He said this at an event in which he launched a 100-day

Nikshay Niramay Chhattisgarh campaign at the AIIMS Auditorium in Raipur. Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal was

On this occasion, Sai also started the e-transfer of Rs 1,000 every month to the beneficiaries of Nikshay Poshan Yojana.

Tuberculosis, leprosy and



malaria patients will be identified through Nikshay Niramay camps and door-todoor drives, and treatment will be ensured.

An official communique

said people will be educated about how to locate TB patients, identify persons with high risks, search for suspected leprosy patients and lead a healthy lifestyle.

The four-phased campaign will conclude in March 2025

Sai said health services will play a key role in achieving the goal of a developed Chhattisgarh by

Sai praised the dedication of the health workers that take health services to remote regions. 'Their spirit is no less than the spirit of army soldiers,"

Health and education are strongly linked to development. When every citizen is in excellent health and has a good education, they will be able to contribute their full potential to the growth of the nation, he said. Minister Jaiswal highlighted the initiatives the government has taken towards the expansion of health facilities.

Organic farming, crop rotation could prosper farmers: Tyagi

STAFF REPORTER ■ DANTEWADA

Organic farming specialist, progressive farmer and Padma Shri awardee Bharat Bhushan Tyagi on Saturday urged farmers in Chhattisgarh to adopt organic farming paired with crop rotation to boost soil fertility and production.

Tyagi, who belongs to Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh, was addressing the concluding session of a two-day 'Organic Dantewada Conclave' at Jawang in Dantewada district of Bastar region.

He encouraged farmers to embrace organic farming by educating them about the ill effects of chemical farming



and said he has been successfully cultivating crops using modern organic farming methods.

Cultivating pulses and oilseeds in the Rabi crop boosts the fertility of land and agricultural production, he

An Agriculture Department official later said that in Dantewada, organic farming was being practiced by 10,264 farmers, spread over 110 villages. Over 300 local

progressive farmers have been trained outside the state and are now prepared as organic workers and master trainers.

In the recently concluded Kharif season, green manure has been applied in over 1,200 hectares, and the SRI method of cultivation has been implemented in more than 800 hectares.

Soil Health Cards have been provided to all 23,000 farmers in the district, the official said.

Mahadev app betting case =

Share trader arrested for syphoning money



STAFF REPORTER

The Enforcement Directorate on Saturday arrested a share broker from Kolkata for his alleged

involvement in the Mahadev online betting app case. Gaurav Kedia was produced before the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Raipur which sent him to ED custody till December 12.

ED attaches assets worth Rs 388 Cr

STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

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m Saturday\ said\ it\ has\ attached}$ fresh assets worth about Rs 388 crore in its ongoing money laundering investigation into the Mahadev online betting case in which politicians and bureaucrats from Chhattisgarh are allegedly involved.

These include movable assets -- investment made by Mauritiusbased company Tano Investment Opportunities Fund related to 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.

Dubai-based "hawala operator" Hari Shankar Tibrewal through FPI and FDI -- and properties in Chhattisgarh, Mumbai and Madhva Pradesh in the name of promoters of multiple betting apps and websites, panel operators and associates of the promoters, an ED statement said.

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the agency in this case.

The ED has issued multiple h orders during investigation. With the latest order, assets worth Rs 2,295.61 crore have been either frozen, attached or seized. Eleven people have been arrested and the ED has filed four chargesheets.

The app's two main promoters, Sourabh Chandrakar and Ravi Uppal, hail from the state. According to the ED, the MOB app is an umbrella syndicate arranging online platforms for enabling illegal betting websites to enroll new users, create user IDs and launder money through a layered web of benami bank accounts.

HNLU symposium stresses on framing digital transformation laws



STAFF REPORTER ■

international Asymposium at the Hidayatullah National Law University in Raipur stressed the need to explore strategies to strengthen legal infrastructure for digital transformation in the Asia-Pacific region.

The symposium was held on the topic "Global Trade Dynamics: Digital Economy and the Rule of Law".

A communiqué from the university on Saturday said Prof Vivekanandan, Vice Chancellor and President of the Consortium of NLUs, highlighted the critical legal issues of data privacy, cyber security, IP protection, digital divide and regulation of

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY **TENDER NOTICE**

(1) Tender Notice No. E-R-T-93-24-25

Name of Work : Carrying out ultrasonic testing of FB welded joints by using Phased Array Ultrasonic Tester (PAUT) in all types of rails unde the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/I/R. Tender Value: ₹ 2,65,60,561/-, EMD: ₹ 2,82,800/-. Submission of Tender

Opening of Tender: 11.00 Hrs. or or further details/purchase of tende document, eligibility criteria & the complete details for the above work please contact office of the Sr

DEN(Co.)/ Raipur or refer/ download tender document which is available or our website www.ireps.gov.in. Sr. Divl. Engineer PR/R/Engg./AN/179 S.E.C.R., Raipur digital platforms as the challenges. Athita Komindr, Head,

UNCITRAL RCAP, highlighted UNCITRAL's efforts in developing harmonized legal frameworks for the digital economy, emphasizing key principles and ongoing projects to support global

legal consistency.
Priyanka Kishore,
Director and Principal Economist, Asia Decoded, Singapore, highlighted the impact of US trade policies on Asian economies and India's potential growth through Free Trade Agreement.

Dr. Jiankun Li, Assistant Professor and Master's Supervisor, International Law School, China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, discussed China's legal framework for digital trade and its future goals to enhance growth governance. enhance growth, governance, and data security.

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) (CIN:136911R)1996PLC011381) Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleshwar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur - 302001 APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act. 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice dated 15-Jul-24 calling pon the Borrower Lav Kumar Dhirhi (Borrower), Mangla Dhirhi (Co-Borrower), (Loan Account No. L9001071033915411) to repay the amount mentioned in the notices being is Rs. 25,76,388/- (Rs. Twenty-Five Lac Seventy-Six Thousand Three Hundred

ighty-Eight Only) a within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the 04th day of December of the year 2024.

The borrower/mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby autioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for an amount of Rs. 25,76,388/- (Rs. Twenty-Five Lac eventy-Six Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Only) as on 11-Jul-24 and nterest and expenses thereon until full payment.

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

All That Part And Parcel Of Residential/Commercial Property Land / Building Structure And Fixtures Property Situated At Khasra No 343-1, Champa,

Dist-Jahangir, Chhattisgarh. Admeasuring 0.014 Hectare. Owned By Mangla Dhirhi

Date : 04/Dec/2024 Place: Jahangir, CG **AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

Authorities educate people to end gender-based violence

Participants from Bastar division's seven districts took out torch rallies on Saturday.

STAFF REPORTER DANTEWADA

Ahead of the International Human Rights Day, authorities in Chhattisgarh are running an awareness campaign to end gender-based violence, an official communique said on Saturday.

Women and Development Department is conducting the campaign from the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on November 25 to the International Human Rights Day on December 10.

Under this, they are holding awareness drives to educate women and girls about their rights and how to seek help. Students and self-help groups are speaking up about important issues like child marriage, sexual harassment of women and domestic violence at various levels. Protection Officer Manisha Thakur urged women to come forward and report sexual harassment.

She informed them about the Sexual Harassment electronic Box (SHe-Box)



complaints about sexual harassment in the workplace. The camps also educate about juvenile crimes and children's rights,

Child Helpline 1098, Sakhi One Stop Centres, local complaint committees, and the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign.

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APPENDIX-IV-A- [See proviso to rule 8(6)] Sale notice for sale of immovable properties -auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002

read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s)/Co-Borrower (s)/Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described nmovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of AU Small inance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank), the same shall be referred herein after as AUSFB. The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", "As is

what is", and "Whatever there is" basis through E-Auction for recovery of amount mentioned in the table below along with further interest, cost, charges and expenses being due to AUSFB viz. Secured Creditor.

It is hereby informed you that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net									
Borrowers/Co Borrowers/	Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice	Date Of Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price For Property	Earnest Money For Property	Date & Time Of E-Auction	Date of Bid Submission		Contact Person and Property Visit Date
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060128543806, Virendra Sagarvanshi (Borrower), Urvashi Sagarvanshi W/O Virendra Sagarvanshi (Co- Borrower)	10-Oct-22	20-Sep-24	Property Situated at	Rs.	Rs.	22-Jan-	On or	AU Small Finance	Gopal Das
	Rs. 17,27,831/-		Sheet No. 90-D, Plot	16,55,000/-	1,65,500/-	25	Before	Bank Ltd., Branch	Bairagi &
	Rs. Seventeen		No. 74, Ward No.	Rs. Sixteen	Rs. One	2.00 PM	20-Jan-	Address : -	Deepak Jain
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	as on		Admeasuring		Only.	minutes			

10-Oct-22 The terms and conditions of e-auction sale:

(1). The E-Auction sale of Secured Asset is on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatever there is" and "no recourse" basis for and on behalf of the Secured Credito riz. AUSFB and there is no known encumbrance which exists on the said property

218.77 Sqyd

Place: Chattisgarh

(2). For participating in online e-auction sale, Bid document, copies of PAN Card, Board Resolution in case of Company and photo ID, address proof are required to be submitted along with EMD, which is payable by way of RTGS/NEFT/DD in the name of MSME AUCTION POOL ACCOUNT OF AU Small Finance Bank Limited, Current account No.1921201121711599 AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED Fifth and Sixth Floor Sunny Big Junction STC Khasra No. 64 to 67, Gram Sukhaipura New Atish Market Jaipur 302020, IFSC Code: AUBL0002011, Once an Online Bid is submitted, same cannot be withdrawn. Further any EMD submitted by bidder will be equired to send the UTR/Refno./DD no. of the RTGS/NEFT/DD with a copy of cancelled cheque on the following email IDs i.e. auctions@aubank.in(3). All Interested participants / bidders are requested to visit the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net & https://www.aubank.in/bank-auction for furthe

details including Terms & Conditions, to take part in e-auction sale proceeding and are also advised to contact e-mail of **auctions@aubank.in** Please Note: This is also a 30 days notice Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9(1) to the Borrowers/Co Borrowers/Mortgagors of the above said loan account about sale through tender / inter se bidding on the above-mentioned date. The property will be sold, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the borrower in the

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Government committed to make school education accessible: PM Modi

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

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

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

While this step will benefit a large number of students,



created," Modi said in a social media post.

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

"As part of that, our government has approved Navodaya new Vidyalayas across the country. This will expand another post in Hindi. The prime minister also said government determined to improve across the country. "In this direction, 1,256 government approved the Rithala-Kundli corridor under the

fourth phase of Delhi Metro in the National Capital Region. This will make commuting between Delhi and Haryana easier," Modi said. The Union Cabinet approved on Friday the opening of 85 new KVs and 28 new NVs. It also gave its nod

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

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

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

decisions were taken at a A provisional order was Cabinet meeting chaired by

involved. These include movable assets

Mauritius-based Tano The Union Cabinet also approved on Friday the to Dubai-based 26.463-km Rithala-Kundli Hari operator" panel operators

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI/RAIPUR

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

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

The agency has alleged in the

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

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

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

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

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

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

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

Moscow on December 10. The defence minister's visit to Russia comes five months Prime Minister Narendra Modi travelled to Moscow and held summit talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin. In the talks, both sides decided to further bolster two-way defence ties. Singh and Belousov will review the entire range of multi-faceted relations between the two countries in the field of defence, including military-to-military

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CISF sets up Quality Control Unit to enhance aviation security The unit will be part of CISF's



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 Quality Control Unit (IQCU) will play a "crucial" role in

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

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

CISF security units and their

protocols and identify "gaps"

for improvement.

initiative

The BCAS, under the civil aviation ministry, frames security policies for the Indian civil aviation sector. it," he said. The new unit will bring about uniformity in civil aviation security procedures and training, recommend new technology available world national over, allow internal audits of

works as a centralised base for coordinating security at all 68 civil airports that are under the security ambit of the force. The latest system will also cover the airports that come under Regional Connectivity

Aviation Security Control

Center (ASCC) - located in

the national capital - which

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

team of certified aviation security instructors will run The about 1.80 lakh people-

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

Maharashtra opposition stages walkout over EVM manipulation allegations

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Health Minister JP Nadda launches 100-day TB elimination campaign

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Even family members



suffering from TB were isolated to prevent its spread. Since 1962, there have been Services have treat tuberculosis,"

prime minister put forth a vision to end TB much before the 2030 deadline of the Sustainable Development Goals." "We changed strategies to achieve the aim. decentralised and now, 1,73,000 AAMs (Ayushman Arogya Mandirs) will have the facilities to detect and 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 which will help increase compliance and fight TB, he

many campaigns against tuberculosis, but in 2018 the

In 2014, there were 120 laboratories for TB detection and their number has now

reached 8,293, said Nadda.

17.7 per cent now, which is much ahead of the global Deaths due to tuberculosis also reduced significantly in India by 21.4 per cent in the last 10 years, "Ni-kshay support worth Rs

crore has been provided through direct benefit transfer to over 1.17 crore tuberculosis patients," the minister said and underscored the government has increased Ni-kshay poshan amount recently from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000 and added energy boosters for the nourishment support for TB patients.

Ni-kshay Poshan is not only a policy decision, this is a financial commitment for people in the health sector to eliminate TB, he said. Nadda said the government

has now made it mandatory for even private practitioners notify any tuberculosis patient so that their treatment can be followed up immediately. "This might look like a small

step but it has led to an eight-fold increase in the rate of TB notifications in the private sector," Nadda

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

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

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

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

increased from 243 to 889 now, he added. On this occasion, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and state Health

were also present.

Minister Arti Singh Rao

73 complaints against obscene ads on private TV channels addressed: Govt tells Parliament



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

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

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

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

violation of the Advertising Code is found by issuance of "Advisories, Warnings, 'Apology Scroll' Orders and Off-air orders." In reply to a separate question, Murugan said OTT platforms

action is taken wherever

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

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

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

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

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

The meeting was attended by around 20 MPs, most of

them from opposition

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

MPs

Christian

of

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

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

Committee (JPC). The Bill, among other things, changes composition of the Central Waqf Council and Waqf

the Joint Parliamentary

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

President Murmu lays foundation for six projects in Odisha

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE BANGRIPOSI (ODISHA)

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

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



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

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

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

progress of society and the According the 82-km Badampahar-Kendujhargarh line will pass through Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar districts.

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

Odisha, including 23 in Mayurbhanj district.
She expressed confidence

that after getting education

from these schools, tribal children would be able to

contribute towards the

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

the economic growth of Mayurbhanj district, they said. Similarly, the 60-km Buramara-Chakulia line, connecting Mayurbhanj district with Jharkhand's East Singhbhum district, will be built at a cost of Rs 1,639 crore. The new rail

line will improve access

between these mineral-rich

areas and boost the local

economy by enhancing the

transportation of goods,

particularly for industrial sector. Murmu on Saturday ended her five-day tour of Odisha during which she attended a series of events including the Indian Navy Day celebration at Blue Flag Beach in Puri on

December 4 and OUAT's convocation Bhubaneswar on December

undertaken several tours of native Mayurbhanj: Murmu

Broken protocol,

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

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



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

Assam CM Himanta expands his Cabinet

PNS GUWAHAT

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

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



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

for Goala with both representing the tea tribe community.

Kishan has since been

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

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

to serve the people and work

for the development of the

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

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

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

Rock bolt technology successfully treating active landslide zones: BRO

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

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

landslide zones which had long been active along the highway and the good results at the two points encouraged authorities to apply elsewhere too, he said.

the treatment of active

landslide zones in Raturisera

and Bandarkot on Gangotri highway in Utt district, he said.

technology was used earlier

too in the treatment of

Nalupani and Chungi Badethi

Uttarkashi

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

T N RAGHUNATHA

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

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

electioneering.
"There was absolutely no coordination between my party and the main MVA and the main MVA constituents during the seatsharing process as well as campaigning.. They never called us for meetings or joint Uddhav Thackeray, at an



SP quits MVA alliance in Maharashtra

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

determined to connect crores of devotees through its efforts

by building a divine and

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

tradition and spiritual flow to

"Maĥaraj took the spiritual

campaign forward and also

the people," he said.

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

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

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

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

the community.



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

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

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

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday said if the country is secure, then "religion is safe" which will ensure that "we also are safe". He stressed that "Bharativata (Indianness) and Sanatan have the power to unite everyone' Adityanath was speaking at the centenary celebration of the establishment of Vihangam Yog Sant Samaj held at Swarved Mahamandir Dham, the UP government

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

Adityanath emphasised



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

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

spiritual tradition and the values of Sanatan Dharma. Modi's

The chief minister also spoke about the development works undertaken in Prime Minister parliamentary constituency Varanasi in the last 10 years. "Be it health or education, Kashi is shining today in various aspects of development and along with Kashi, the entire UP is moving ahead under the guidance of PM Modi. Now we are seeing the vision of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat', where there is development as well as respect for heritage," he said.

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

He credited Modi for taking the tradition of Yoga to the

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

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

cultural heritage of humanity in 2017. The UP chief

minister paid tributes to Sadhguru Sadafal Dev

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

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

South Korean President Yoon's impeachment fails

Ruling party boycotts vote, public protest likely to intensify

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

The defeat of the motion is expected to intensify public protests calling for Yoon's ouster and deepen political chaos in South Korea, with a survey suggesting a majority of South Koreans support the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

its implementation, it caused anxiety and inconveniences to the public. I feel very sorry over that and truly apologise to the people who must have been shocked a lot," Yoon said. Since taking office in 2022, Yoon has struggled to push his agenda through an opposition-controlled parliament and

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 follow-

grappled with low approval

ratings amid scandals involving

ers 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 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, waving banners, shouting slogans and dancing and singing along to K-pop songs with lyrics changed to call for Yoon's ouster. Protesters also gathered in front of PPP's headquarters near the Assembly, angrily shouting for its lawmakers to vote to impeach Yoon.

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

sending reinforcements to

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-

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

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

tion lawmakers.

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

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

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

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

Syrian troops rush to defend Homs

Ukraine, and Lebanon's power-

ful Hezbollah, which at one

point sent thousands of fight-

ers to shore up his forces, has

been weakened by a yearlong

Iran, meanwhile, has seen its

proxies across the region

degraded by Israeli regular

Rami Abdurrahman, who

heads the Syrian Observatory

for Human Rights, a Syria war

monitor, reported Saturday

that Iran's military advisers

conflict with Israel.

airstrikes.

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

The redeployment away from the provinces of Daraa and

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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-Qaida 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 govern-

The Britain-based Observatory said Syrian troops have withdrawn from much of the two southern provinces and are

Homs, where a battle is looming. If the insurgents capture Homs, they would cut the link between Damascus, Assad's seat of power, and the coastal region where the president enjoys wide support. The Syrian army said in a state ment Saturday that it has carried out redeployment and repositioning in Sweida and Daraa after its checkpoints came under attack by "terrorists." The army said it is setting up a "strong and coherent defensive and 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 terrorists. In the gas-rich nation of Qatar, the foreign ministers of Iran, Russia and Turkey were scheduled to meet to discuss the situation in Syria. Turkey is a main backer of the rebels seeking to overthrow Assad.

I Mr. Shaeed Ahmed (Aadhar No. 9198-0907-9948) S/o Mr. Basheer Ahemed R/o F-400-A, Gai No. 15, Jawahar Park, Laxm Nagar, Delhi-110092. I the above name Nagar, Delin-110092. I the above named deponent, do hereby solemnly affirm and inform that I have dis-owned my son Mr. Intjar Ahmed, my daughter-in-law Mrs. Kaushar and their children Mr. Ayan Ahemed and Ms. Altasha Beebi from my. all moveable and immoveable properties due to their mis-behave and non co-Shaeed Ahemed

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//सर्वसंबंधितों को सचना//

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

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

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

Road mishap in Ivory Coast leaves 26 dead

AP ■ ABIDJAN (IVORY COAST)

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

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

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

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

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

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

AP MANAMA (BAHRAIN)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NY cops push to identify CEO killer, FBI offers reward

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

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

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

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

Police have video of the man entering the bus station but no video of him exiting, leading them to believe he left the city, Kenny said.

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

thing, it contained but said it would be analyzed The gunman made sure to conceal his identity

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

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

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

Rockefeller Center.

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 addition-

al 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.

"From every indication we have from witnesses, from the Starbucks, from the hostel, he kept his mask on at all times except for the one instance where we have him photographed with the mask off," Kenny said.

His roommates at the hostel also said he didn't speak to them. Nothing of investigative value was found in a search of the suspected shooter's hotel

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

PTI ■ BRISBANE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With the batting inconsistencies continuing from the



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

India's nemesis Head powers Australia with blazing ton

PTI ■ ADELAIDE

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

were worrying signs for India.

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

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

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

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

defend after getting stuck on

Rohidas is world's best rusher, says TN Dragons head coach Van Eijk

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Rohidas has international caps to his credit and has scored more

than 25 goals. praise for young India striker

Rohidas

Paris complemented by Olympics silver medalist Moritz Ludwig of Germany, another elite rusher, ensuring a solid defence for Tamil Nadu Dragons from set "I think there are four top

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

The coach reserved special

and Tamil Nadu player Karthi Selvam.

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

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

India dismiss Australia for 337, trail by 157 runs

PTI ADELAIDE

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aston Villa will host



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

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

the game," the team said in a statement.

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

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

In London, Brentford was

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AP WELLINGTON

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By 533 runs with five spirituals in second-innings wickets in hand Saturday after another day of extraordinary incidents and milestones, including a hat-trick on the second day of the second test at the Basin Reserve.

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

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

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

level the three-match series. England won the first test by eight wickets in Christchurch. The record successful fourth innings total currently sits at 418, achieved by the West

John's in the Caribbean 21 years ago. Under any normal circumstances, Stokes probably would have been happy to declare by now, confident in his bowlers' ability to defend such a

mammoth lead.

Indies against Australia at St.

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



announcement 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

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 hatto that trick

impressive resume. Atkinson was not privy to Stokes' thoughts about a declaration. "I'm not really declaration. "I'm not really sure what the plans are to be honest," he said

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

to the narrative. 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 commanding attention with every

Shweta Tripathi returns as Sikha, the love interest of Vikrant,

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

to the storyline. A notable new addition to the cast is Gurmeet Choudhary, whose performance as Guru, a close friend of Purva, makes an immediate impression. Choudhary makes out a distinctive space for himself in the series,

bringing a fresh dynamic to the plot. His character's arrival stirs up

officer, adding an intriguing layer

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

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

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

- Alfred North Whitehead



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Art of Authentic

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

Pawan Soni Food critic and founder of the Big F Awards



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

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

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

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

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

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





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



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

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

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

may not have had the chance to explore it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

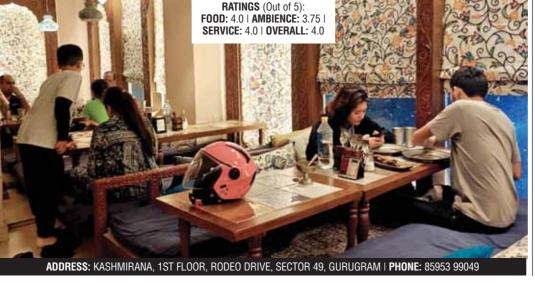
to balance the complex spices. No meal would be complete without dessert, and Chor Bizarre didn't disappoint. "Kheer Sagar" (Chhena Balls in Thickened

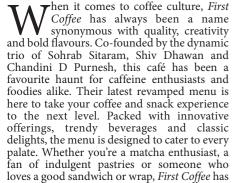
> end to the meal, while "Chhena Podo," a baked chhena dessert, had a beautiful caramelised flavour that left a lasting impression. The vegetarian menu was, without a doubt, the star of the pop-up. However, it's worth noting that the non-vegetarian thali also garnered rave reviews, with

Milk) offered a rich and creamy

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

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





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

you covered.

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

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



Co Founders: Sohrab Sitaram and Shiv Dhawar



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

the chickpea Veggie wrap.

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

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





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





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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

> FACT SHEET **LOCATIONS:** Cyberhub, Gurugram Pacific Mall, Jasola Pacific Mall, NSP

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

the pioneer

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

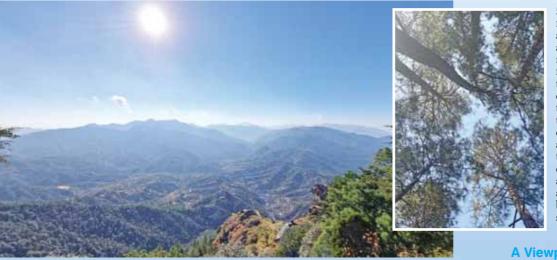
The Journey to Mukteshwar

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

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

Mukteshwar Dham: A Spiritual Treat

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





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



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

A Viewpoint like No Other

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

Why Mukteshwar?

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

WAY TO MUKTESHWAR

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

Mukteshwar by Road

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

Mukteshwar by Train

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

Mukteshwar by Air

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



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

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

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



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

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

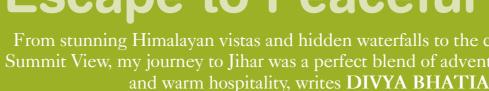
The highlight for my children was the sprawling garden—a

experience was memorable. While I enjoyed

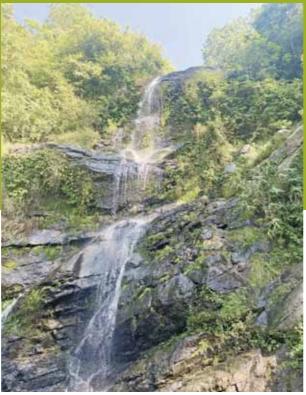
endless valley stretched into a

The property, with its six

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



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



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

Gutke, prepared expertise.

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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by the sounds of rustling

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





















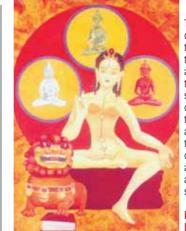




ARIES March 21-April 19

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

Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Amber Lucky day Tuesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

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

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



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

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

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Turquoise Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

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

Lucky number 15 | Lucky colour Crimson Lucky day Sunday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

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

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Olive Lucky day Saturday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

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

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



GEMINI May 21-June 20

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

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Wednesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

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

Lucky number 1 | Lucky colour Lavender Lucky day Wednesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

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

Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Fuchsia Lucky day Sunday



CANCER June 21-July 22

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

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Teal Lucky day Saturday

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René Descartes

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In the realm of Vedic philosophy,

the Nature of thoughts is not just

They are powerful forces that can

significance of cultivating positive

merely a fleeting phenomenon.

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"you become what you think"

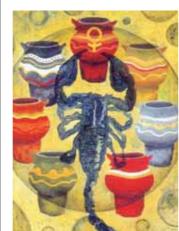
resonates with many ancient

Stop. Think what you are

thinking now. Because ...

power is our Thought.

Think therefore I am. ...



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

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

ucky number 14 | Lucky colour Coral Lucky day Sunday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

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

ucky number 17 | Lucky colour Purple

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Thoughts shape reality; regulate them to transform your destiny.

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

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

"असतोमासदगमय' "Lead me from the unreal to the

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

manage how they impact us. If we



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

have the ability to rise above them.

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

understanding the transient nature of thoughts.

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

This shloka refers to Lord Shiva, symbolising inner peace and

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

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

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

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

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