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NTA takes SC call on NEET result

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Na Agency Testing National (NTA) on Saturday announced the centre and city-wise results for medical entrance exam NEET-UG, which is under the scanner over alleged irregularities. The results, initially which were announced on June 5, have been published in this format following an order of the Supreme Court, which is hearing several petitions alleged the about irregularities in the conduct of the exam, including paper leak.

The exam was conducted on May 5 at 4,750 centres in 571 cities, including 14 cities abroad, for more than 24 lakh candidates. The court had ordered that the results be announced while masking the identities of the aspirants, saying it wanted to ascertain whether candidates appearing at allegedly tainted centres secured more marks than those writing the exam elsewhere.

Candidates who appeared for the NEET UG 2024 can check their results on the official website of NTA NEET exams.nta.ac.in/NEET/ or neet.ntaonline.in.

On July 18, the Supreme Court directed the NTA to the announce the NEET UG results by July 20, at 12 noon. The court mandated that the Agency publish the students' marks on its website without



revealing their identities. A bench comprising Chief

The top court will resume counter strategy aimed at flushing out well-entrenched

The bench comprising of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra ordered for the announcement of the results separately, city and centre-wise by Saturday noon. The court had also stressed that NEET-UG reexamination can only be done on a concrete footing that

sanctity has been lost on a large scale.



Convoy of Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi arrives at the Police headquarters for a meeting, in Jammu, on Saturday

Army Chief in Jammu to bolster anti-terror ops

Pakistani terrorists from the

'Jammu Heights'. The crucial security review

MOHIT KANDHARI 🗖 JAMMU

Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra instructed that the NEET UG results be published separately by city and centre results by today noon.

hearing the arguments on Monday on a batch of pleas seeking cancellation, re-test and a court-monitored probe into the allegations of malpractice in the prestigious exam.

meeting was convened here at the Police headquarters. Director General Border Security Force, DG CRPF, DGP Jammu and Kashmir police, representatives of the Union Defence and Home Ministry, and top brass of the Intelligence agencies attended the brainstorming session over two hours. The Army Chief also

interacted with the top commanders of the Northern Command headquarters to discuss possible strategic Continued on Page 5 responses and measures to

counter the rising threats in

the Jammu region. The high-level security review After more than 50 bravehearts have been meeting assumes added martyred in the ongoing significance as it comes close on the heels of the recent counter-terrorism operations meeting of the Cabinet in the Jammu region since October 2021, the top brass of Committee on Security chaired by Prime Minister Security the Indian army led by Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Saturday landed Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Thursday. in Jammu to fine-tune its

The meeting took place amid a sudden surge in terror attacks in the Jammu region. Last month the Prime Minister had separately chaired a review meeting to assess the security situation in I&K.

Sensing the gravity of the prevailing security situation and to plug the gaps, the Indian Army has already inducted more than 3,000 troops comprising three infantry battalions in the Jammu region to take on the Pakistani terrorists. In addition around 400-500 elite para commandos have been deployed at various locations to minimise the response time in case of any exigency. Continued on Page 5

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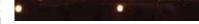
Airports function normal, full recovery awaited

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

irport systems in India resumed A operations normally from 3 am on Saturday, hours after major disruptions caused inconvenience to passengers. However, the overall system has not yet fully recovered, as confirmed by airport officials. The significant backlog cancelled and delayed flights and yet-to-be-delivered baggage means full restoration of normalcy may take a couple of days. Additionally, the process of rebooking affected passengers or processing refunds will begin as the systems are back up. The Ministry of Civil Aviation on



Naidu said airline systems across airports have started working normally, and all issues are likely to be resolved by noon on Saturday. The Ministry is constantly monitoring the operations at airports and airlines to ensure travel readjustments and refunds are taken care of, he added. "Since 3 am (Saturday), Airline systems across airports have started working normally Flight operations are going smoothly now," Naidu said. At Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport's Terminal 3, passengers experienced some improvement today, but a few problems persist as the Digi Yatra system, remained non-operational. Continued on Page 5



Saturday issued a statement saying airline systems across airports have started "working normally" and all issues related to travel adjustments and refund processes were being taken care of. Union Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan

Notification for State Capital Region issued

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The Uttar Pradesh government, on the pattern of National Capital Region, has decided to create State Capital Region for planned urban development in state cap-ital and its surrounding districts.

A notification was issued by the state government on Friday for the formation of a State Capital Region (SCR) which would include Lucknow and five other adjoining districts — Hardoi, Sitapur, Unnao, Rae Bareli and Barabanki — with a total area of 27,826 square kilometres.

The UP-State Capital Region comprising Lucknow and five districts is being formed keeping in mind the population pressure on the state capital city. The UP cabinet had approved a proposal to this effect in September 2022.

With an increased population in the state capital and surrounding districts, there is an emphasis on complaints about unplanned development and this decision has been taken keeping in mind future requirements for development.

According to 2011 Census, Lucknow has a population of 45.90 lakh, Hardoi has a population of 4,092,845, Sitapur of 4,483,992, Unnao of 3,108,367, Rai Bareli of 3,405,559 and Barabanki has a population of 3,260,699. Combining six districts together, the SCR will have a population of

nearly 2.3 crore people. As per 2011 numbers, Lucknow has a population density 1816 per square kilometres which is more than twice the state population density (829 per sq. km). Lucknow's population density is the third highest in the state following Ghaziabad (part of Delhi NCR) with 3,971 people per sq km and Varanasi with 2,395 people per sq km. 'People from different cities want to come here and make their permanent residence. The population pressure is also increasing in the surrounding districts and many times complaints of unplanned development are also received. In such a situation, keeping in view the future requirements, 'Uttar Pradesh State Capital Region' should be formed on the lines of National Capital Continued on Page 5

UPSC chairman Manoj resigns

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UPSC chairman Manoj Soni has resigned citing personal reasons before the expiry of his tenure in May 2029, official sources said on Saturday. His resignation is "not in any way connected to controversies and allegations surrounding the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) after probationary IAS officer Puja Khedkar issue came to the fore," they said.

"The UPSC chairman had tendered his resignation citing personal reasons over a fortnight back. It is yet to be accepted," a source said.

Eminent educationist Soni, 59, took over as a member of the Commission on June 28, 2017. He took oath as the UPSC chairman on May 16, 2023 and his term was to end on May 15, 2029. Sources said Soni was not keen on becoming the UPSC chairman and had requested to be relieved. However, his request was not accepted then, the sources said.

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RS handbook on Parliamentary etiquette for MPs

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA NEW DELHI

With a series of disruptions marking the Parliament proceedings in recent times leading to acrimonious scenes on floor of both the Houses - Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, a new set of "Handbook for Members of Rajya Sabha" has is to be issued for the been circulated to the members of the Lok Sabha drawing the members attention towards Parliamentary customs and Monsoon Session begins on any other slogans raised in

conventions and Parliamentary etiquette.

conclude on August 12 and This includes improperly raising of slogans like "Vande July 23 the annual Budget is scheduled to be announced. Bharat", "Jai Hind" usage of words like "Thanks" and also The manual has advised that MPs should not display abstaining from criticising "placards" on the floor of the rulings given by the Presiding House as this will tantamount officer and in this case to House is "not in order". "The decorum and the seriousness of the proceedings of the House require that there should be no 'thanks', 'thank you', 'Jai which every Parliamentarian Hind', 'Vande Mataram' or will have to abide. The

July 22 and is slated to the House," said a bulletin by RS secretariat.

The Opposition protests have been more frequent and aggressive in recent times following which Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar had engage in verbal duel with seniormost MPs as well.

The bulletin issued by the Table Office of the Rajya Sabha has mentioned a total of 28 conventions and etiquette that are usually practised in Parliament.

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senior student 'mother-in-law" and that while

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In a disturbing incident that has deeply shaken the victim and her family, a senior student from a polytechnic college allegedly barged into his junior's house in Madiaon, molested her, and threatened to disfigure her face with acid. Just a few days prior, a similar case had been reported where a stalker disfigured the face of a BBA student for rejecting his advances and blocking him on her phone to end his digital harassment. The victim's mother reported that when she contacted the police, the miscreant attempted to flee and rammed into a gate, injuring himself.

The police arrived at the scene and began their investigation. Based on the victim's mother's complaint, the accused student, Dheeraj, was arrested on Friday evening. The police have registered a case against him.

Dheeraj, a student pursuing a diploma in civil engineering, is a senior to the victim at their polytechnic college. According to the victim's mother, Dheeraj reached their home on Friday night in an intoxicated state and began pressuring her daughter to speak with him. When the girl refused, Dheeraj became disruptive.

The victim's mother recounted that when she threatened to call the police, Dheeraj responded by claiming that she was his



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Case against Raja Girl molested, Truck ploughs into roadside Bhaiya's wife for threatened by shanty, 4 of a family killed

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n a tragic incident, an out-ofturned after mowing them down," he said. He further said control truck plouged into a roadside shanty and overthat Umesh worked as a pitchturned, killing four members of a family on Ayodhya highway in the Chinhat area of Lucknow early Saturday morning. The accident occurred in front of BBD University, where the truck struck the victims before overturning. Among the deceased was an eight-monthpregnant woman whose stomach was torn due to the heavy impact. The victims, who resided in a roadside hut, were identified as 35-year-old Umesh, his 32-year-old wife Neelam Devi, and their two children — 4-year-old Golu and 13-year-old Sunny. The family hailed from Jaitpur in Barabanki. Miraculously, their 7-year-old daughter Vaishnavi survived the accident.

Umesh's nephew Dharam Singh recounted waking up to his niece crying and discovering that the family members were missing. "She pointed towards the heap of sand, and

ter on the road, forcing her to converse with him and threatening to wait at the college gate to confront her. She described the psychological toll on her daughter, who now trembles at the sight of him.

she had the right to reprimand

him, he did not want to be

apprehended by the authorities.

Despite her warning, Dheeraj

continued to create a scene.

When he learned that the

police were on their way, he

fled, threatening to disfigure the girl's face with acid. In his

attempt to escape, he rammed into the gate, sustaining injuries

The victim's mother revealed

that Dheeraj had been harass-

ing and stalking her daughter

for a long time. Out of fear of

societal stigma, they had initial-

ly avoided taking any action. Dheeraj frequently threatened

to harm the girl if she ignored

He had also previously threat-

ened to harm himself and

implicate her in a police case if

The mother described how

Dheeraj would stop her daugh-

she continued to reject him.

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or avoided him.

ine sight of him. Meanwhile, a 27-year-old man, accused of raping a four-year-old girl during a wedding programme, was arrested fol-lowing an encounter in Farrukhabad, police said on Saturday. The accused sup Saturday. The accused sustained bullet injuries on one of his legs and was admitted to a community health centre, CO said.

police Mohammadabad Arun Kumar said that a four-yearold girl who had come to attend a wedding ceremony was raped at a guest house on July 11.

Based on the complaint of the girl's father, a case was registered against the accused, and an investigation was launched, Kumar said.



er man. The truck driver fled the scene, hiding from the enraged public. Locals informed the police, who rushed to the scene and sent the bodies for the post-mortem examination. DCP (East) ated an investigation. Pawan Trivedi, a resident of Rae Bareli currently residing near Kalindi Park, runs a car Prabal Pratap Singh stated that the errant truck driver was

we found all the bodies buried

under it. The truck had over-

detained and the sand-laden truck seized. "The family had been living in a makeshift roadside hut. The victims were identified as the kin of a tile worker. Miraculously, 7-yearold Vaishnavi, who was asleep in the hut, narrowly escaped, said the police. The truck dri-ver, identified as Pankaj, confessed that the vehicle overturned after he applied the brakes suddenly.

BUSINESSMAN SHOT AT Three armed men in an SUV

overtook a businessman travelling in another SUV (Scorpio) near Pasi Chauraha, Sector 13,

Vrindavan Yojana, and forced him to stop before allegedly opening fire on him. Luckily though, the businessman survived as the shots missed their target, and the assailants fled the scene when a crowd gathered there. The victim has filed a written complaint with the PGI police, naming the accused. The police have initi-

washing centre. Pawan alleged that one of the accused, his former acquaintance Ramapati Tiwari, who claims to be an MLA representative, wanted to forcibly take over his service centre. He also claimed that Ramapati had previously assaulted a lekhpal, leading to a case against him. Additionally, Pawan alleged that his partner NK Yadav is also known for using muscle

oower. Pawan recounted that on Friday evening, he was heading to his service centre near Kalindi Park in his Scorpio

with friends. Near Pasi Chauraha, a Delhi-registered SUV overtook him. The SUV was occupied by Ramapati Tiwari, NK Yadav, and Mohammad Sajid, he said.

They forced Pawan to stop, made him get out of his vehicle, and then allegedly opened fire.

"I narrowly escaped as they missed the target. I cried for help, and when people start-ed gathering, the accused fled," Pawan said. He immedi-ately called the police, who aka Raja Bhaiya. The complaint, filed by Ashutosh Singh, a former company director, alleges that Bhanvi Singh conspired to remove him from his posiarrived at the scene and recov-ered a cartridge. They are currently searching for the fired shell. tion. Singh claims that he was ousted through fraudulent means involving forged signa-tures. He has also lodged a complaint with the Registrar's

Inspector, PGI, Brajesh Chandra Tiwari suggested that the incident might be the result of an old rivalry Office in Kanpur. The Hazratganj police have booked Bhanvi Singh under between Pawan and Ramapati. several serious offences, The two had been well including fraud, conspiracy, acquainted before falling out and intimidation. This develover previous issues. The inspector stated that the firing opment occurs against the allegation was under investigation and that legal action would follow based on the findings.

fraud, conspiracy PNS LUCKNOW divorce in Saket Court, Delhi,

case has been registered Act Hazratganj police sta-tion against Bhanvi Singh, the

citing cruelty and alleging that Raja Bhaiya had barred her from returning to their home since September 2020. wife of Pratapgarh's influential MLA Raghuraj Pratap Singh

Bhanvi Singh, born on July 10, 1974, in Basti, is the third daughter of Kunwar Ravi Pratap Singh of the Basti royal family. She completed her education in Basti and Lucknow. She married Raja Bhaiya in 1995, when he was about 25 years old. Over the vears, their relationship deteriorated, leading Bhanvi Singh to move to her residence in Delhi. Bhanvi Singh is a businesswoman with substantial assets, reportedly surpassing those of her husband. During the 2017 elections, Raja Bhaiya disclosed property worth Rs 14 crore in his affidavit. Of this, Rs 7.2 crore was in Bhanvi Singh's name, while Rs 6 crore was registered under Raja Bhaiya's name.

backdrop of a contentious divorce dispute between Bhanvi Singh and Raja Bhaiya. On July 18, Bhanvi Singh hinted at a potential

foray into politics. In a recent post on X, Bhanvi Singh expressed her frustrations, writing, "Sometimes, I think, women from princely states and roval families have to struggle so much to protect their honor and dignity. If they have to plead with the government and an IO (investigation officer) can speak in a threatening manner at someone's instigation, then what would happen to ordi-nary women? I will definitely fight my personal battle, but

will soon enter the field with the resolve to fight a bigger battle for women's interests. Wait for the right time." This post has fuelled speculation that she might be

preparing to enter politics. Bhanvi Singh, who comes from the Bhadri and Benti kingdoms, is currently living separately from Raja Bhaiya. Their ongoing divorce dis-pute is being handled in

court. Bhanvi Singh has made serious allegations against Raja Bhaiya, including assault and illicit relationships. In November 2022, she filed for

and optimal oncological out-

A critical aspect of the opera-

tion involved the mobilisation

of the liver, expertly performed

by Prof Rajneesh Kumar

Singh. The anesthesia team,

led by Drs Sanjay Dhiraj and

Amit Rastogi, played a pivotal

role in the success of the

surgery. They employed intra-

esophageal ultrasound (USG)

for real-time monitoring of the

The patient swiftly recovered

and was discharged on the

Dr Uday Pratap Singh com-mended the team's perfor-

mance, stating: "This success-

ful surgery is a testament to

SGPGI's dedication to adopt-

ing advanced medical tech-

nologies and fostering multi-

disciplinary collaboration. The

use of robotics has minimised

the surgical incisions and

blood loss, significantly reduc-

ing recovery time and improv-

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ing patient outcomes."

fourth day after surgery.

VC thrombus.

comes," Dr Singh said.

Minor boy beaten to death by lover's kin

 $A^{\rm minor\ boy\ was\ allegedly}_{\rm beaten\ to\ death\ by\ the}$ family members of his lover in the Diyoria area of ??Pilibhit on late Friday night. The family of the victim lodged

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a report against the girl's fam-ily after learning of the brutal murder on Saturday morning. Police registered a case and sent the body for post-mortem. Reports said that Shivam (17),

son of Sanjeev Kumar of Divoria area of Pilibhit district, was having an affair with a 15year-old girl from the same locality. When the girl's fami-ly came to know about it, they took strict action against him. Even after this, both of them

kept meeting secretly. The girl's family could not tolerate this and as part of a conspiracy, they made the girl call and invite Shivam to their house at around 12 o'clock on Friday family.

The CO said that the complaint had not been received yet and a report would be registered as soon as the complaint was received.

dered under a conspiracy.

who had gone out to defecate with her mother, was allegedly gang-raped by two youths of another community, police said on Saturday.

According to the police, the incident took place in a village in Khondare police station area on Friday night. Police said that on the complaint of the victim's father, a case was registered at the local police station under relevant sections

and one accused was arrested. Additional Superintendent of Police (East) Manoj Kumar Rawat said that late Friday evening, a Dalit woman and her minor daughter had left the house to defecate. Two youths of another community living in the same village were going on a motorcycle a little distance a motorcycle a fittle distance away from the village. He said that the accused stopped their motorcycle and dragged the minor girl to the field, where

they gang-raped her. Rawat said that on hearing the mother's screams, other vil-lagers reached there but by then the accused had fled leaving the motorcycle behind.

Police reached the spot after getting information about the incident and arrested one of the accused Shadab (28). The minor was sent for medical examination and treatment. Police have formed teams to

arrest the other accused. WEBOMETRICS **Robotic surgery** for kidney cancer

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY MARINE DEPARTMENT No. MD/ACCTSWK/R-08/2024/797 Date: 12.07.2024 E-TENDER CALL NOTICE (E-TCN) Name of the Work: Hiring of 01 no. Mooring Launch along with operational crew for daily one shift operation for a period of 07 (Seven) years. Total Estimated cost (including Hire Charges and Fuel Cost): Rs.12,11.88,139/-excluding GST. Estimated cost put to tender for hire charges only : Rs.5,16,20,376/-Excluding GST. Last date & time of Submission of tender through on-line bidding is 17:00 Hours

of tender through on-line bidding is 17:00 Hours on 05:08:2024. Date & time for opening of Technical Bid is 15:30 hours on dt.06/08/2024. For further details, please log on to the website: https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app. Sd/- Deputy Conservator, Paradip Port Authority DPADP(2024) 2025

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That, in view of this basic characteristics it has been brought to the notice of his good office that some of the notorious persons, one of them is identified as Mr. Vikas Gehlot who tried to use the identified as Mr. Vikas Gehlot who tried to use the name of my client for illegal activities including taking money for one or any other reason from the member/s of the public without his authority, permission, instruction, information or knowledge. After knowing some instances of alleged Mr. Vikas Gehlot, my client has sorted out the same in recent past with strict instructions to the alleged Mr. Vikas Gehlot or his accomplices not to repeat any such activities in future to bad name my client in any amone to any extend to taming the outblic image of manner to any extent to tarnish the public image my client.

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कि मेरी पुत्री का सही नाम "अनिशिका सिंह (Anishika Singh)" है। जोकि शैक्षिक नभिलेख में अंकित है। त्रूटिवश मेरी पुत्री

When Shivam reached her home, his girlfriend's family held him hostage and later brutally attacked him with sticks and rods till he fell unconscious. The family then threw him out of the house and informed the police control room that a boy was lying

injured. On receiving information, the police took Shivam to the community health centre at Bilsanda where the doctors

pronounced him dead. The police took three people from the girl's family into custody and started questioning them. A woman is also among

those taken into custody. Circle Officer Pratik Dahiya reached Dioria police station and interrogated the accused. He also went to the house of the deceased and gathered information about the case from his

Meanwhile, after getting information, when the family reached the police station at six o'clock on Saturday morning, the teenager was found lying

soaked in blood. His father alleged that his son was mur-Meanwhile, in Gonda district, a 16-year-old minor Dalit girl,

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That actual/correct date of birth of deponent's son namely Harsh Pandey is 02/09/2006 which is mentioned in his birth certificate and his Aadhar Card but in his High School Marksheet having Roll no. 1234999/020 of ICSE Board his date of birth has wrongly been mentioned as 02/05/2005 due to mistake which is liable to be correct as 02/09/2006 according to birth certificate and Aadhar card of deponents's son. (Shiv Shankar Pandey) A-1491/8, Indira Nagar Lucknow-16

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"It stands declared and informed to all that Lease Deed dated 06.10.1958 stood lost and the subject property thereof i.e., Leasehold Plot No. 589, Block West, Scheme No. XXVI, Old Kanpur and House No. 2A/133, Azad Nagar, Kanpur Nagar, standing thereon sold and transferred by its co-owners i.e., Virendra Singh Chauhan, Mr. Jitendra Singh Chauhan, Mr. Mahendra Singh Chauhan, Mrs. Chandra Kanta Chauhan, Mr. Abhay Singh Chauhan, Ms Shruti Chauhan and Mrs. Santosh Devi, in favour of EIGHT CONSTRUCTION partnership firm and the same has been duly registered in the office of Sub-Registra Kanpur Nagar as Document No. 8236 o 15.7.2024. The said lost Lease Deed must be returned immediately at Flat No. G-3 Ground Floor, Passion Kaushik Apartmen Vishnupuri, Kanpur Nagar and any usage of the said lost Lease Deed by any unauthorized person will be deemed to be illegal"EIGHT CONSTRUCTIONS Partner, Prakhar Kasera Mob.: 9839031993 Partner, Parag Agarwal Mob.: 9919996999

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monitoring, mgmt system

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develop software that is not only web portal-based but also n a bid to promote transequipped with various features parency in government oper-ations, strengthen the dispute such as data customisation, progress data feeding, tracking, and monitoring. The system will resolution process and continuously monitor the progress of ongoing projects, the Yogi Adityanath government has iniinclude a hierarchical login process, allowing different lev-els of login based on roles and tiated the integration of an online web portal-based softdesignations. ware monitoring management system in the Irrigation and

Additionally, it will facilitate var-ious data-related tasks accord-Water Resources department. ing to the user's role and title, and serve as a means to gener-ate progress reports and other As part of this initiative, UP Electronics Corporation Limited has initiated the process types of reports.

The web-based portal will be of selecting a software developdeveloped under the Spring Security 6 protocol. It will be enabled for Windows 10 and ment agency through e-tendering. Only the software development agencies previously empanelled by UPLC will be able to participate in this selec-Windows 11 and will use the MVC Spring Boot framework. tion process, and they will be It will operate according to the assigned work under the service REST API Spring Boot, Java and HTML-enabled Azure VM provider category (B and C). A detailed action plan has been server specifications. The portal will be equipped with user interaction handling capabiliprepared for the development of an online monitoring management-enabled software system ties, security configuration, cusin the Uttar Pradesh Irrigation tom authentication, and security filters. It will also integrate the and Water Resources department. According to this plan, dispute resolution and monitorthe agency selected for this ing processes at various levels.

CITYBRIEFS

GREEN DAY

On Saturday, Green Day was celebrated in Children Palace Municipal Nursery School, Nagar Nigam, in which the principal, teachers and students planted saplings and put up posters with messages to protect the environ-ment. All the teachers and children participat-ed in the event while decked up in green dress.

VISIT

Deputy Managing Director, NABARD, Dr AK Sood visited Mubarakpur PACS, Barabanki on Saturday. The programme was attended by key stakeholders including bankers, SHG members, Farmer Producer Organisations, PACS mem-bers, etc. Chairman of Aryavarta Bank Santosh S welcomed Sood.

PLANTATION PROGRAMME

Ajanta Hospital and IVF Centre in Alambagh participated in the state government's large-scale tree plantation programme on Saturday.



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RANKING

Lucknow (PNS): Lucknow University has announced its latest ranking in the Webometrics Ranking of World Universities. The university is ranked 98th among higher edu-cation institutions (HEIs) in India and 47th among Indian universities. It is the only state university in Uttar Pradesh to make it into the top 100.

The Webometrics Ranking, conducted by the Cybermetrics Lab of the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) in Spain, evaluates over 31,000 higher education institu-

tions globally. The ranking assesses universities based on their web presence, impact, openness, and academic excel-LU spokesperson lence. Durgesh Srivastava noted, "The Webometrics ranking reflects the University of Lucknow's contributions and growing influence in the academic community." He added that the university continues to be a significant educational institution in India, offering a range of programs and fostering academic rigour and innovation.

performed at SGPGI

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The department of urology and renal transplantation at Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS) recently conducted a rare and highly complex robotic surgery for kidney cancer with tumour extension into the inferior vena cava (IVC) just below the level of the heart. This pioneering surgery, which has been performed only in a select few centers worldwide, marks a significant achievement for SĞPGI.

A 65-year-old woman with kidney cancer was referred for surgery by a prominent hospital in Varanasi. The intricate procedure was led by Dr Uday Pratap Singh, who utilised cutting-edge robotic technology to enhance precision and outcomes.

"The surgery required exceptional skill and coordination. particularly due to the extensive nature of the IVC thrombus. Effective IVC monitoring is vital during surgery to prevent thrombus migration, which can lead to severe com-

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accomplices in the same manner as he did earlier despite all cautions, strict instructions and advise of my client before he conclude his access to my or my cient before ne conclude his access to my client by stopping him for phone calls, physical visit, social presence or even family invitation or for any occasion that alleged Mr. Vikas Gehlot and/or his accomplices who is/are neither personally nor remotely related to my client, in personal or official capacity in any manner for any reason to any extent. plications such as pulmonary embolism or death. Utilising advanced imaging techniques and adhering to clinical guidelines ensures patient safety

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client recently has left with no option except to issue this public legal notice to avoid his personal and official defamation of his social stature and personality in the given circumstances. This is to notify to the public at large that the alleged Mr. Vikas Gehlot and his accomplices and/or any person known, unknown, related, not related, relatives, family, friends, subordinates, colleagues, any individual are hereby instructed not to receive any documents, cash, kind, donation, gift, pirze, reward or any form of consideration at all for and on behalf of my client in any manner to any extent here onwards.

Keeping in view of all the above facts and circumstances, this needs to be followed by the public at large in individual or in association or in any form of body corporate to avoid any such transactions enumerated hereinabove in any manner for and on behalf of my client for any purpose to any extent.

Despite the instructions through this public legal notice if anybody in individual capacity or in body corporate or in any association of persons, who tries to claim any such transactions has no locus & at here on risk and cost as it amounts to Nonest in the Law under Rule of Law of this Country as the same may be treated as sillegal, null and void ab initio.

Copy of this **Public Legal Notice** is retained in the office of the undersigned for all the future information record and action.

(Dr. Priya Ranjan Prasad Singh) Advocate Supreme Court of India Honorary Legal Adviso Delhi Commission for Safai Karamcharis, Govt. of NCT of Delh The ADR Centre, Tokas Complex Sector-19, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075 Mob.: 9599636056/9868882401 Date : 19[°] July, 2024 priyaranjanpsingh@gmail.com Place : Delhi

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Hospital's CGM KS Abbott and the administrative team actively took part in the event. The chief guest of the program was MLC Arvind Tripathi (Guddu Bhaiya).

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UP scripts history, over 36.51 cr saplings planted in single day

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Uttar Pradesh created histo-Ury on Saturday with over 36.50 crore (36,51,45,477) saplings planted across the state till 6 pm, surpassing the govern-ment's target by 1,45,477 saplings, on the occasion of the launch of a massive plantation drive by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

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In alignment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative, the Ped Bachao, Ped Lagao Jan Abhiyan-2024 was conducted on a large scale across the state. on a large scale across the state. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath kicked off the plantation cam-paign on the banks of the river Kukrail in Lucknow. Additionally, the chief minister planted saplings in Prayagraj and Gorakhpur.

Governor Anandiben Patel par-ticipated in the campaign by planting saplings in Sitapur, while all state government ministers also contributed by planting saplings in various districts.

Following the unexpected suc-cess of the Ped Lagao, Ped Bachao campaign, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath congratulated everyone on his official social media account 'X'. He wrote, "Today, in the 'New Uttar Pradesh' of 'New India,' the public welfare resolution of planting more than 36.50 crore saplings in a single day has been fulfilled. This record, expressing gratitude towards nature and Mother Earth, demonstrates the immense public engagement with the call of respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi

#Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam

Heartfelt congratulations and commendations to all the esteemed citizens, public representatives, social organisations and the government-administration who participated in this massive tree-planting mission!" Several ministers in the Yogi government took part in the campaign in different districts. Cabinet Minister AK Sharma participated in Mau and

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Azamgarh; Dharmpal Singh in Bareilly and Budaun; Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi in Ayodhya; Forest Minister Arun Kumar Saxena in Lucknow; Ashish Patel in Sultanpur; Rakesh Sachan in Hamirpur and Fatehpur; Yogendra Upadhyay in Etawah and Farrukhabad; Kapil Dev Agarwal in Kanpur Nagar; Narendra Kashyap in Ghaziabad and Bulandshahr;

and Raini Tiwari in Ihansi. During the 'Ped Lagao, Ped Bachao Jan Abhiyan 2024' on Saturday, a large-scale planta-tion effort took place across various areas, including forest land, defence and railway land, gram panchayat and community land, expressways, roads, canals, railway tracks, development authority areas, industrial complexes, medical institutions, educational institutions, other government lands, and private lands belonging to farmers and citizens. To ensure transparency, real-time updates were provided through the Android-based plantation monitoring system software developed by the Forest department.

Earlier, addressing a mega plan-tation campaign, he reiterated sis for the world. This crisis has been created by human selfishsis for the world. This crisis has



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath watering a sapling after planting it on the banks of Kukrail river in Akbarnagar on Saturday

Prime Minister Narendra ness, so the responsibility of controlling it should also be on Modi's campaign of calling all countrymen to plant one tree in the name of Mother (ek ped humans.

"If the tree is saved, the environment will also be saved. By promaa ke naam) on World Environment Day on June 5. tecting the environment, we can avoid the horrors of global He said that the environmentalwarming and heat waves. The ists are worried that global alarm bell has rung. The total population of UP is 25 crore, warming will create a new criand we are going to break the

> Yogi to worship Guru Gorakhnath.

record by planting 36.50 crore saplings. In such a situation, three trees are going to be planted in the name of every mother power in UP within a day today. About 12 crore saplings have been planted since morning. We have to plant trees, save them and pre-serve the environment," Adityanath said.

Even as the controversy over ment asking eateries to display

the name of the owner contin-

ues, these rules were enforced

during the Manmohan Singh-

led United Progressive Alliance

The rules said that all shop-

keepers, dhaba owners and

eateries should display their

names as well as addresses

and licence numbers. In 2006,

when Mulayam Singh Yadav was the chief minister of UP,

these rules were enforced in the

Apart from this, it was also stat-

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government in 2006.

state as well.

"For the first time, we faced the horror of floods. This affected 24 districts of UP, with a pop-ulation of more than 20 lakh. Due to excessive rainfall in Nepal and Uttarakhand, these were hit by floods. This is the ill effect of global warming. This time in May-June will be remembered for a long time," he

"The temperature here usually remains 42-45, but this time it reached 47-50. This ill effect will also create a water crisis. There will be untimely rains in some places and drought in others. Due to the changes caused by this, there is also a possibility of famine in many places," he said. The UP chief minister said that after the formation of the government in 2017, "we started a plantation campaign under the guidance and leadership of the prime minister. In seven years, the BJP-led government plant-ed 168 crore saplings. When a survey was conducted through a third party in the state, it was found that 75-80 per cent of the trees are still alive and have been established as a (part of) good

garden." Adityanath said that carbon emissions are damaging the environment. To protect it, farmers registered themselves with the tree planting cam-paign. Global institutions inspected their work. Arrangements were made to provide money in the form of carbon credits to 10 such farmers. As a result of the govern-ment's efforts, the Uttar Pradesh government is receiving a grant of 200 crores for this, he said. Adding that these trees also played a big role in stopping carbon emissions. Farmers will receive this amount continuously for five years. In the first phase, 25,000 farmers are provided the benefit of this facility. Adityanath noted that before 2017, cities used halogen street lights, leading to high electricity consumption and increased carbon emissions. "By replacing these with 16 lakh LED street lights, we saved electricity, and the money saved was used to improve city streets with better lighting. Banning single-use plastic is another significant effort to protect the environment and the living world," he added.

He also said that earlier, Akbarnagar (in Lucknow) was once a source of pollution, the Saumitra forest has been formed there in the name of Lord Ram's younger brother Laxman.

Adityanath recounted that 50 years ago, the Kukrail River flowed and joined the Gomti River. However, after 1984, the land mafia began filling it in for their gain, transforming it into a drain and a dumping ground for sewage. This destruction not only killed the river but also polluted the Gomti River, which turned black by the time it reached Lucknow. "The state government decided to estab-lish a night safari in Kukrail," he remarked.

Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh Congress on Saturday attacked Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath over planting a sapling at Kukrail where in the Akbar Nagar colony, declared illegal by the government, the houses of thousands of families were bulldozed

UPCC president Ajay Rai said that the Yogi government, after bringing tears to the eyes of thousands of mothers, is now pretending to plant trees in the name of mothers. The Yogi government is preparing its pretentious model of development by making thousands of families homeless on the basis of identity, he added.

Fresh guidelines on mining ordinary soil from own land

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The Yogi Adityanath gov-ernment has issued crucial guidelines for the mining of ordinary soil by the general public and farmers.

According to the new guide-lines, individuals can apply online for permission to mine and transport above 100 cubic metres of soil from their own fields. However, permission will not be granted under any circumstances for excavating and transporting soil from UP to another state. The Yogi government has instructed tehsil and police station personnel to strictly enforce this directive.

100 cubic metres of soil. Under Rule 3 of the I The government has received Pradesh Sub Mineral (Prevention) Rules, 1963, the extraction of ordinary soil up to a depth of two metres is not classified as mining. This activity is overseen by the Environment, Forest and Climate Change department. The department has granted exemptions from environmental clearance for various types of activities, including, extraction of ordinary soil or sand by manual methods for making earthen pots, lamps, toys, etc., by potters; extraction of ordinary soil or sand for the production of clay tiles through manual mining; removal of sand deposits

port of soil above 100 cubic mining of sand and ordinary metres. Individuals must register on upminemitra.in, and soil from sources within the with the registration copy, they can mine and transport soil community use in accordance with village customs; commufrom their own land. For mining and transporting more than 100 cubic metres of nity works such as desilting of rural ponds or tanks, construction of rural roads, ponds or dams under the Mahatma

soil, a permit is required. Applicants must submit their Gandhi National Rural online requests at upminemitra.in, and the per-mits will be issued following online approval by the district magistrate. Typically, a single tractor-trolley can transport 3:00 cubic metres of ordinary soil, requiring approximately 33 tractor-trolleys to transport

bless disciples on Guru Purnima Gorakhpur (PNS): On the floods by farmers, as well as the sacred festival of Guru Purnima, Gorakshpeethadhishwar and gram panchayat for personal or

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will perform a special worship of Guru Gorakhnath on Sunday, expressing reverence towards the Nath sect gurus. After completing the ritualistic ceremonies, he will bless his dis-

ciples. Employment Guarantee There is also a tradition of offering 'roti' to Guru Gorakhnath, considered an incarnation of Lord Shiva, on

Schemes, other government schemes, sponsored and community efforts; extraction of this festival. The ongoing Shri Ram Katha at the Gorakhnath ordinary soil for infrastructure projects like roads and pipelines; dredging and desilting of dams, temple will also conclude with ponds, bunds, barrages, rivers the 'purnahuti' on this auspicious occasion of Guru and canals for maintenance and disaster management pur Purnima The Guru Pujan (worship) at the Gorakhnath temple will begin early Sunday morning. Chief Minister Yogi will first perform a complete ritual worship of Guru Gorakhnath. Following this, there will be a special worship ceremony at the samadhi sites of all the Nath sect yogis and the temples of various deities. The worship will conclude with an aarti. After the Guru Pujan, Gorakshpeethadhishwar Yogi Adityanath will meet his disciples, who will individually apply tilak to the chief minister and receive his blessings.

UPA govt had asked eateries to display owners' names PNS LUCKNOW

Administrative lapse, says RLD

Lucknow (PNS): Amid the is related purely with the controversy over displaying name of the owners of the eateruprightness of food that ies along the upcoming Kanwar yatra. For this, the administration simply had to earmark eateries on Kanwar route with Yatra route, the Rashtriya Lok Dal said it was an administrared and green to demarcate clearly and save Kanwariyas tive lapse which had kicked off a political controversy. RLD national secretary Anupam Mishra said the rule for displaynon-vegetarian eatery," he said. ing the names of owners of business establishments was in place since the rule of Samajwadi Party leader Mulayam Singh Yadav and for-

a business establishment, there mer PM Manmohan Singh. vou see a board displaying the "A controversy started due to name of the owner and brand and product the company deals the administration's lapse. The main problem on Kanwar Yatra

the order on eateries on social media, calling it unconstitutional

"Creating division in society on the basis of caste and religion is a crime against the Constitution. This order should be withdrawn immediately and strict action should be taken against the officials who issued it," they said.

"Our Constitution guarantees every citizen that he will not be discriminated against on the basis of caste, religion, language, or any other basis. The divisive order to put up name boards of the owners of carts. kiosks and shops in Uttar Pradesh is an attack on our Constitution, our democrac

frequent complaints about the public being obstructed by the police and administration, who demand permits when individuals excavate soil from their fields for personal or community use. In response, the gov-ernment has issued new instructions to address these issues. Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh has directed all district magistrates, police commissioners, SSPs and SPs to ensure strict adherence to the government's orders regarding soil mining and transportation.

The instructions specify that the Geology and Mining department has set up an online registration system for the trans-

poses; manual excavation of lime balls, sacred places, etc. within the intertidal zone by traditional communities; digging of wells for irrigation or drinking water; excavation for the foundation of buildings, which does not require prior environmental clearance; excavation of ordinary earth or sand for filling up breaches in any canal, drain, water body, etc. on the orders of the district collector or district magistrate or any other competent authority to meet any disaster or flood-like situation; and activities classified as non-mining by the state government under relevant legislafrom agricultural land following

keeper will employ any person who is suffering from any kind of infection. It was said in the order that no shopkeeper had the right to sell goods on which there was no written information about the quality. The Food Safety Standards

Act, 2006 states that any person who wants to start work will have to apply to the designat-ed officer for a licence.

The Bharatiya Janata Party has accused the Sonia Gandhi and Manmohan Singh-led UPA government of being the originators of the controversial legislation requiring all food joints to display their owner's name prominently.

"It was Sonia Gandhi's Congress-dominated and Manmohan Singh-headed UPA government which decided to make it mandatory for dhaba owners to display their names and the licence number with their names in 2006 (amendment) and 2011 (rules). If it was right then, it is right now," the ruling party stated. The BJP's reaction comes amid widespread criticism of a recent Uttar Pradesh Police order mandating all eatery owners along the Kanwar Yatra route to display their name, addressexcited about this? Congress leaders have criticised es and signboards.

and our shared heritage," said with," he said. Privanka Gandhi Vadra Targeting the Congress and the Samajwadi Party, BJP IT Cell chief Amit Malviya has shared Muslim leaders criticised the move, alleging that it was intended to ensure that no a newspaper cutting on the 'Kanwariya' purchases anything from a Muslim-owned shop.

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Mishra said he did not see any

harm in the directive as it was

"If you visit a shopping mall or

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social media platform X, that states that this law was imple-The debate continues, with the BIP and Congress trading mented by the Mulavam Singh Yadav government in the year 2006. Amit Malviya wrote on X, The Uttar Pradesh government is merely implementing the rules made by the Samajwadi Party government in 2006 for the catering business. Why is everyone getting

accusations and the public divided over the necessity and implications of the eatery owner name display rule. Meanwhile, the UP government has intensified preparations for the Kanwar Yatra starting from July 22. The state government has also made elaborate security arrangements for the Kanwar Yatra.

CM Yogi releases ₹120 crore to 40 flood-hit dists

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The Yogi Adityanath govern-ment has released Rs 120 crore to 40 highly sensitive and sensitive districts for providing relief assistance to flood-affected individuals and families as grants. This amount has been allocated by the Yogi govern-ment to the flood-affected districts from the State Disaster Relief Fund. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has allocated Rs 5 crore to the districts most affected by the flood and Rs 1 crore each to the less affected districts.

Relief Commissioner GS Naveen stated that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is actively monitoring the floodaffected areas. "In addition, necessary guidelines for relief efforts have been issued to officials as needed. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has allocated Rs 120 crore to 40 districts to provide comprehensive support to those affected by the floods," he said. He continued, "Previously, Kasgani.

Chief Minister Yogi had allo-cated Rs 10 crore to 24 highly

sensitive and 16 sensitive districts to enhance flood preparedness. The new allocation of Rs 120 crore will be used for relief work, including providing assistance to flood-affectwell as agricultural investment ed individuals and families, compensation for damaged crops, and other relief measures.

The government has allocated Rs 5 crore each to Lakhimpur Kheri, Balrampur, Kushinagar, Shahjahanpur, Barabanki, Sitapur, Gonda, Bahraich, Siddharthnagar, Ballia. Bareilly, Gorakhpur, Bareilly, Azamgarh, Hardoi, Ayodhya, Budaun, Farrukhabad, Basti,

Deoria and Unnao. Meanwhile, Rs 1 crore each has been allocated to Maharajganj, Bijnor, Ghazipur, Mau, Ambedkarnagar, Shravasti, Sant Kabir Nagar, Pilibhit, Saharanpur, Shamli, Aligarh, Hamirpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Rampur, Prayagraj, Bulandshahar, Moradabad, Varanasi, Lucknow and

the disaster victims. Relief Commissioner GS

194 villagers trapped in Bahraich floods rescued

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tion or rules.

The Yogi Adityanath govern-I ment successfully rescued 194 villagers, who were trapped in floods while working in a field in a Bahraich village, following an intensive 12-hourlong overnight operation on Friday.

The overnight operation was launched soon after the administration received information about water released from Nepal inundating the village. The rescue team managed to save 63 people during the night, and the operation to rescue the remaining 131 continued until 9 am on Saturday. Among those rescued were many women and children, along with men.

Following the rescue, all individuals were medically checked and then safely transported back to their homes. Relief materials were also distributed to the victims.

The Yogi government is continuously monitoring the floodaffected areas in the state and providing all possible help to

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ALL THOSE RESCUED

Naveen informed that the State Emergency Centre received information at 6:30 pm on Friday that hundreds of people were caught in floodwaters in Bahraich. Subsequently, Devipatan Divisional Commissioner Shashi Bhushan Lal Sushil and Bahraich District Magistrate Monika Rani were rushed to the scene immediately. Divisional Commissioner Śhashi Bhushan Lal Sushil explained that over a hundred villagers from Chahalwa village in Dharampur pargana of Mihipurwa tehsil (Motipur) in Bahraich had gone to work in their fields on the other side of the river Ghaghra. At that time, the river's water level was the villagers about this.

low. However, in the evening, the water level rose suddenly due to water released from Nepal, flooding the area. Upon receiving the report, a

rescue team was dispatched to the location. It was found that about 194 villagers were trapped in the floodwaters, with the majority being women. District Magistrate Monika

Rani mentioned that a team consisting of the SSB, NDRF, SDRF and PAC was involved in the operation. The team managed to rescue 63 people during the night, while the remaining 131 were brought to safety after 12 hours of effort, by 9 am on Saturday. The district magistrate further noted that the operation was temporarily halted late at night due to strong water currents and darkness to avoid any casualties. The rescue operation resumed shortly after. The district magistrate said that all 194 people trapped in the flood were safely rescued. People living in villages near the river Ghaghra are being advised not to go near the river. Rescue teams are continuously alerting

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Opposition engaging in appeasement politics, says Maurya

PLANTATION CAMPAIGN

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m argeting Samajwadi Party}$ during his visit to Prayagraj on Saturday, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya accused the opposition of engaging in politics centered around Muslim appeasement, lacking both vision and mission, and attempting to disrupt the sanctity of the Kanwar Yatra. This event was part of a pro-gramme at Azad Park where Maurya launched a massive plantation campaign. Maurya announced that a

total of 36.50 crore saplings would be planted across the state, with 85 lakh of them specifically in Prayagraj. He encouraged widespread participation in the initiative and stated that he would also inaugurate the campaign in Kaushambi. Addressing media questions, Maurya criticised Akhilesh Yadav, suggesting that opposition members should participate in the Kanwar Yatra by carrying



<u>sunday pioneer</u>

Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurva addressing mediapersons in Prayagraj on Saturday

'kanwars' and offering water to Lord Shiva to clear their minds of any distortions. The Kanwar Yatra, a significant event during the holy month of Shravan starting on Monday, sees millions of devotees travelling to offer water to temples and 'Jyotirlingas' dedicated to Lord Shiva. Maurya asserted that those questioning the yatra were indulging in Muslim



(Left) CRPF personnel and others planting saplings in Kandwa area in Varanasi on Saturday; (right) tree plantation programme organised by IFFCO

appeasement politics and tioned that ministers had been making false statements to tardeployed to all districts to nish the yatra's sanctity. ensure the success of the tree plantation programme initiat-In response to a query about the upcoming by-elections, Maurya confidently stated ed by the Uttar Pradesh gov-ernment, with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath personally planting a tree in Lucknow to that the BJP would secure all seats in Uttar Pradesh, including Phulpur. He expressed determination to win the by-

kickstart the campaign. Meanwhile, a plantation drive elections, emphasising the took place on the IFFCO Ghiyanagar Phulpur campus. party's stronghold over the The event featured Dr SC state. Additionally, he men-

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Shukla, regional officer of the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board in Prayagraj, as the chief guest. Various fruit and medicinal plants, including neem, mango, and jamun, were planted within the IFFCO premises, and saplings were distributed to border villages for further planta-

tion. A total of 3,500 saplings were planted in the IFFCO Colony,

IFFCO Cordet, and IFFCO Plant, with plans to plant an additional 8,500 saplings over the next two days. Furthermore, 5,000 saplings will be distributed for planting in the border villages. Participants pledged to protect the environment by planting at least one tree each.

The event was coordinated by senior manager EPC Umesh Kumar Shukla and saw active

5-yr-old gets stuck Corruption complaints will

participation from various officials, including general manager AP Rajendran, JGMs Anita Mishra, Arun Kumar, Arvendra Kumar, HoD (HR) Shambhu Shekhar, IFFCO Officers' Association presi-Officers' Association presi-dent Anurag Tiwari, and gen-eral secretary Swayam Prakash, as well as IFFCO Employees' Union president Pankaj Pandey and general secretary Vinay Kumar Yadav. Numerous other IFFCO offi-cars and employees also joined cers and employees also joined in planting trees, demonstrat-ing their commitment to the environment.

Meanwhile in Varanasi, Managing Director of Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (PuVVNL) Shambhu Kumar, along with senior electricity department officers, planted saplings in

Bhikharipur. Additionally, the 95 Battalion of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), in collaboration with Srijan Samajik Vikas Nyas and Nagar Nigam, planted trees at the Kandwa playground by the pond. The event was attended by Varanasi Nagar Nigam Deputy Chairman Narsing Das presided over by and

not be tolerated: Jaiswal

Commandant of 95 Battalion Rajeshwar Balapurkar.

In a separate event, Namami Gange activists, joined by teachers and students from Composite Pre-Secondary School in Kabirchaura, took part in the state-wide plantation campaign. Regional coor-dinator of Namami Gange (Kashi) Rajesh Shukla emphasised the importance of trees for environmental protection, stating, "By planting trees, we can make our environment and surroundings clean and beautiful."

Meanwhile, the programme was launched by Prof Vinod Kumar Mishra from Rajiv Gandhi South Campus (RGSC) of Banaras Hindu University (BHU).

Additionally, a one-day camp organised by National Service Scheme (NŚS) volunteers, led by programme officers Dr. Savita Devangan and Dr. Shashidhar KS, saw the active participation of 200 NSS volunteers. They engaged in tree planting activities within RGSC and its surrounding areas, planting saplings of neem, bamboo, guava, banyan, peepal, and mahua.

DM inspects stadium in PM's adopted village

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District Magistrate S Rajalingam made a sur-prise inspection of the underconstruction stadium and the shelter for destitute cows in village Pure Bariyar under Sewapuri block after the end of the chaupal held in this village adopted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana.

During his inspection, the DM gave necessary instructions to the officers present on the

spot. During the inspection of the stadium, the gram pradhan said that facilities for playing volleyball and gym were available there.

Chief Development Officer Himanshu Nagpal said that a track would also be made for the children to run.

The DM directed the block development officer of Sewapuri and the gram prad-han present on the spot to get the entire stadium levelled so that waterlogging does not occur.

During the inspection of the destitute cow shelter, the DM took information from the custodian about the number of cows, straw, green fodder, regcows, straw, green fodder, reg-ister etc and instructed them to ensure that the cows are pro-Scheme, Bal Seva Scheme, bal S



vided with food, water and medical facilities on time. He warned that negligence will not be tolerated at any level in this. Also, the work of leveling and interlocking of the premises should be completed, he added.

Earlier, presiding over the chaupal, the DM heard the complaints of the people one by one and directed the officers of the departments concerned to resolve them.

the younger son of Birha Patel, was on the tractor during the ploughing. He fell off the tractor as it moved over uneven ground. Before the driver could react, Lalu was caught in the rotavator and died instantly.

The family was devastated, witnessing the child's death right nessing the child's death right before their eyes. A large crowd of villagers gathered at the scene. The family promptly cre-mated Lalu's body at the local Ganga Ghat. Kanya Sumangala Scheme, Har Ghar Nal Jal Scheme, toilet, Ayushman card, ration card, old age, widow and disabled pension schemes, and the current problems of the village were discussed and the DM

Karchana inspector incharge Krishna Mohan Singh reported receiving information about the directed the officers of the incident. However, the family departments concerned to benefit the left out eligible benefihad not informed the police. The police are now questioning the family regarding the circum-After the end of the chaupal, stances of the incident.

the 28-vear-old wife of an adv

in rotovator, dies ited the waterfall with her husband Saurabh Patel. The couple lived in Lala Ki Sarai, Shivkuti, Tn a tragic incident on Saturday and Saurabh practises in the High Court. They had married Imorning, a minor boy sitting on a tractor died after getting

in April earlier this year. On Friday, they left their home for a walk and reached Kyoti waterfall around 4 pm. Saurabh first took a picture, then began hrst took a picture, then began photographing Vartika. During this, Vartika slipped and fell into the ditch. Local police and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) launched a search that lasted six hours. Retrieving the body proved difficult due to the depth and darkness. The body was finally recovered on

Saturday morning. Relative Dhananjay Singh and other family members arrived at the scene late in the evening. The deep ditch posed significant challenges for the rescue operation, particularly due to slip-periness and darkness, which increased the risk of accidents. Rewa police Lalganj outpost incharge SI RB Singh explained that extracting the body at night was not feasible.

Saurabh Patel was deeply In a separate incident, Vartika, shocked by the incident. He witnessed his wife fall into the ditch and was inconsolable when family members arrived from Prayagraj. The tragic accident left him and the family grieving profoundly.

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Uttar Pradesh's Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ravindra Jaiswal said that complaints of corruption or convenience fee (bribe) will not be tolerated at any level. He was addressing a meeting with public representatives and officials on the major points related to development and public-related complaints in the district at the Circuit House here on Saturday. Jaiswal instructed the Electricity

department to ensure uninterrupted power supply and to immediately fix local faults. Expressing dissatisfaction over the lack of expected work despite the availability of sufficient funds due to the efforts of the energy minister to strengthen the power system in the district, he instructed officials to get the work done expeditiously. Expressing deep displeasure over the complaints of convenience fee for electricity connection by some corporators, the minister asked officials to identify such persons and take strict action against them. He clearly said that corruption would not be tolerated at any cost. Jaiswal directed the officials concerned to ensure that in view of the rainy season, the problem of sewer overflow and waterlogging were resolved immediately and there should be proper drinking water and uninterrupted power supply so that the general public does not have to face problems. He directed the officers concerned to check the sewer and drinking water lines so that there is no supply of contami-nated drinking water anywhere. He also gave instructions to make better arrangements for drainage at places where waterlogging occurs on PWD and nagar nigam roads.



JP Minister Ravindra Jaiswal inspecting Panchkoshi Parikrama Marg in Varanasi

er arrangements for regular garbage pickup, he said and added that after cleaning, fines on priority basis, a permanent solution to the problem of sewer overflow, contaminated water supply and waterlogging should be ensured. He said should be imposed on those who throw garbage on roads. He also gave instructions for strict action should be taken better arrangements for drainage and cleanliness in against the officers, employees and contractors who ignored the problem or deliberately or rural areas as well.

On the issue of slow progress created problems. He stressed on preparing a systematic action plan for the work to be of Jal Jeevan Mission scheme, raised by MLA from Ajgara, T Ram, instructions were given by the minister to the offices done by liaising with the local corporators for a permanent concerned to work in a quality manner along with expect-ed progress in the said work so that proper supply of drinking water can be ensured to the general public. While reviewing the work of the Karsada garbage plant, he gave instruc-tions for immediate disposal of the garbage dumped there. Along with immediate removal of permanent and temporary encroachments made on parks and roads, the minister gave instructions for better planning to solve the problem of traffic jams in the city. In view of a smooth traffic system, instructions were given for immediate removal of electric poles which are obstructing the roads and arrangements for systematic running of rickshaws and addiareas. tional parking spaces. He also talked about shifting the fish market to a more suitable place near the Chowkaghat bridge.

solution to these problems. The minister also asked all the officers and police station incharges to pick up the phone calls of the public and public representatives and to their problems immediately. During the meeting Cantonment MLA Saurabh Srivastava drew attention to the problems of sewer overflow, contaminated drinking water supply, waterlogging etc at var-ious places during the rainy season and sought their imme-diate solution. Ajgara MLA also raised the issue of slow progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme. All public representatives present raised the problems of their respective

stuck in a rotavator while ploug-ing a field in Rokdi village, Karchana police station area. The family cremated the body without informing police. Lalu Patel, a 5-year-old boy and

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banvan and Ashoka sa the secretariat premises. Project director, BDO, DPRO, lekhpal, secretary and other officials. gram pradhan and others were

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ily. Earlier, Deputy CM Keshav

cate, died after falling into a 300-foot deep ditch while visiting Kyoti waterfall in Rewa. The accident occurred as she was taking a photo. Vartika had vis-

> Along with better cleanliness in the city, there should be prop-

District Magistrate S Rajalingam directed the offi-cials that the points raised during the meeting should be resolved immediately and strict compliance of the instructions given by the minister should be concerned of the Varanasi Nagar Nigam, Jaiswal said that ensured.

Heavy security arrangements for Kanwar Yatra

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the DM and CDO planted

ernment about them.

Yatra is set to commence from Monday. The police have made extensive preparations Kanwariyas. This lane will be for the Yatra, deploying 3,000 policemen for the security of the Prayagraj to Varanasi route and the temples. Heavy vehicle entry on the Prayagraj-Varanasi route will be prohib-

PNS ■ PRAYAGRAJ With the beginning of Shrawan, the Kanwar Yatra is set to communication Inayat, Handia, and Bhadohi from Prayagraj. One lane will be reserved for them to exclusively for the Kanwar Yatra, with no vehicle traffic accommodate the continuous passage of Kanwariyas, their allowed. The route will be yatra, and accompanying DJ monitored by drones to ensure systems throughout the night. safety. Unlike in West Uttar Pradesh, shopkeepers' names Vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be restricted to the second

lane

ings in

DCP Abhishek Bharti is overseeing security arrangements, conducting meetings, and patrolling the route. He emphasised that one lane will be dedicated to the Kanwar Yatra, with security personnel present on the highway and at every temple. Patrolling teams have been deployed, and strong security measures are in place on various routes, including from Phaphamau to Jaunpur via Sahason, Phaphamau to Pratapgarh via Mauaima, the route from Shringverpur Ghat, and the Pandeshvar Nath Padila Mahadev Dham route in Tharwai. These comprehensive measures aim to ensure the smooth and secure conduct of the Kanwar Yatra, which attracts millions of devotees annually.

CM reviews preps for Maha Kumbh Vivekananda Smriti Sthal to be developed की विकास परियोजनाओं समीक्षा बैठक with ₹25 cr in 3 phases

PNS VARANASI

Uttar Pradesh's Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Stamp and Court Registration Fees Ravindra Jaiswal said that under the Tourism Development Scheme, Swami Vivekananda Smriti Sthal in LT College campus would be developed with about Rs 25 crore.

Swami Vivekananda stayed in Gopal Lal Villa located on the LT College campus for 39 days (February-March,1902), when he was unwell, just a few months before his death at Belur Math in Howrah on July Nandi's wife performed an 4 in 1902.

According to the minister, this development work will be done in three phases without damaging the heritage. For this, he has entrusted the responsibil-ity of making a comprehensive detailed project report (DPR) to the Culture department. Jaiswal reached LT College campus on Friday and inspect-ed the site. warmly welcomed before Maurya left for Kaushambi.

Minister Ravindra Jaiswal announced to give Rs 50 lakh from his MLA fund for the work to be done at a cost of one crore rupees in the first phase

During his visit, the minister announced to give Rs 50 lakh from his MLA fund for the work to be done at a cost of one crore rupees in the first phase in which a meditation centre, memorial halls etc will be built. As the land comes under the Education department, the minister directed the officials to write a letter to the government to transfer the land to the Culture department.

On the occasion, regional cul-ture officer Subhash Yaday, Tourism department officials and others were also present.

Issuing directives to the officials

UHSND session being held at an Anganwadi centre in Varanasi on Saturday



PNS PRAYAGRAJ

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath visited Prayagraj on Saturday to hold a review meeting with officials at the Circuit House regarding preparations for the Maha Kumbh-2025. Notably absent from the meeting was Keshav Prasad, who had already departed for Kaushambi before Yogi's arrival.

Shri Ram".

Following the review meeting, Yogi visited the residence of UP minister Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi' to bless his son and daughter-in-law. Upon Yogi's arrival at Nandi's house, the attendees raised slogans of "Jai

aarti for Yogi, and both Nandi and his wife touched the CM's feet to seek blessings. Yogi stayed at the reception for about 15 minutes and took photographs with Nandi's fam-Prasad Maurya had also visited Nandi's house with other BJP leaders, where they were

During the meeting, Yogi reviewed all ongoing construc-tion works and instructed the officials to ensure timely completion of all projects.

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778 Indian students return from violence-hit Bangladesh: MEA

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

A total of 778 Indian students have returned to India from Bangladesh through various land transit points, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Saturday as the neighbouring country contin-ued to reel under deadly clashes over a controversial jobquota system. More than 50 people have, so far, died.

Indian missions in Bangladesh are in regular touch with the authorities concerned to ensure the safety and security of Indian nationals and students, the MEA said.

"Thus far, 778 Indian students have returned to India through various land ports. In addition, around 200 students have returned home by regular flight services through Dhaka and Chittagong airports," the ministry said.

Bangladesh is reeling under deadly clashes, with protesting students demanding that the Sheikh Hasina-led government scrap the controversial jobquota system. More than 50 people have been killed in the clashes that broke out weeks ago.



MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal on Friday said the total number of Indian nationals in Bangladesh is estimated to be around 15,000.

The MEA said the Indian High Commission in Dhaka and the assistant high commissions in Chittagong, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Khulna have been assisting the return of Indian nationals home.

"In coordination with the local authorities, measures are being taken by the High Commission and the Assistant High Commissions to facilitate safe travel to the border crossing points along the IndiaBangladesh international border," it said in a statement. "The MEA is also coordinating with civil aviation, immigration, land ports and BSF authorities to ensure a smooth passage for our citizens," it

added The MEA said the Indian High Commission and assistant high commissions are in regular touch with more than 4,000 students remaining in various universities in Bangladesh and

are providing necessary assistance. Students from Nepal and Bhutan have also been assisted with their crossing into India on request, it said.



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a congrat-

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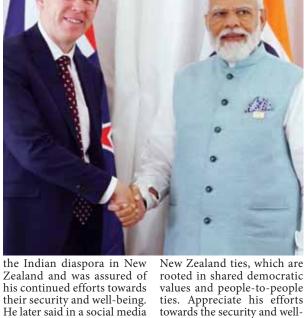
NEW DELHI

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India, New Zealand to

boost trade, economic ties

anchored in shared democratic values and close people-topeople ties, reiterating their firm commitment to take bilateral cooperation to new heights in the years to come. It said, "Highlighting the momentum generated by the recent high-level contacts between the two sides, they agreed to advance the mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation in various areas, including trade and economic cooperation, animal husbandry, pharmaceuticals, education, space among others." Modi thanked Luxon for looking after the interests of



post, "I thank Prime Minister Christopher Luxon for his call and warm felicitations. Reiterated our firm commitment to take forward India-Lok Sabha polls.

rooted in shared democratic values and people-to-people ties. Appreciate his efforts towards the security and wellbeing of the Indian diaspora in New Zealand." Modi returned to power for a third straight term in the recent

Indian Armed Forces personnel to vie for top honours at Olympics the Games for the first time,

tory.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELH

Twenty four (24) Armed Forces personnel are among the 117 Indian athletes who are all set to make the nation proud at the Paris Olympics beginning July 26. Among these 24 athletes, 22 are men, including star Javelin Thrower Subedar Neeraj Chopra, and two are women, which marks the maiden participation of female Service athletes at the Olympics, defence ministry said here on Saturday.

Chopra, the 2020 Tokyo Olympics Gold medalist, will again vie for top honours as his participation in the Paris Olympics comes on the back of exceptional performances which earned him a Gold medal each at the 2023 Asian Games, 2023 World Athletics 2024 Championship, Diamond League, and 2024

Paavo Nurmi Games. 2022 Commonwealth Games Bronze medalist Havildar Jaismine Lamboria and 2023 Wrestling Asian Championships Bronze medalist Reetika Hooda are the two women Service personnel who are taking part in

Amit Panghal (Boxing); Tajinderpal Singh Toor (Shot-Put); Avinash Mukund Sable (3000m Steeplechase); Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Muhammed Ajmal, Santhosh Kumar Tamilarasan Mijo Chacko Kurian (4X400M Men's Relay); Abdulla Men's Relay); Abdulla Aboobacker (Triple Jump); Tarundeep Rai and Dhiraj Bommadevara (Archery) and Sandeep Singh (Shooting) are also among the Service personnel who

and would aim to create his

They will feature in Boxing

and Wrestling respectively.

the country. The participation of the Service personnel at the Paris Olympics

would aim to bring laurels to

underscores the Armed Forces' commitment to promoting sporting excellence and fostering a culture of athleticism, while enhancing the sports consciousness across the nation.

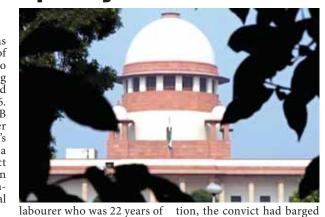
As the country gears up to witness the performances of these athletes, it stands united in extending best wishes and unwavering support to each participant.

SC stays death penalty awarded to convict in rape and murder case

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has stayed the execution of the death sentence awarded to a man convicted for raping and murdering a 30-year-old law student in Kerala in 2016. A bench headed by Justice B R Gavai passed the order while hearing the convict's plea challenging the Kerala High Court's May 20 verdict that upheld his conviction and confirmed the death sentence handed to him by a trial court.

The execution of the death sentence shall remain stayed pending the hearing and final disposal of the present appeal," the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Karol and K V Viswanathan, said in its order passed on July 16. The high court had confirmed the death sentence awarded to Muhammed Ameer-Ul-Islam, a migrant



labourer who was 22 years of age at the time of the incident in April 2016.

It had noted in its verdict that the facts were deeply disturbing and "represent an egregious violation of human upon her. dignity and sanctity of life, for after committing rape in an inhumane manner, the victim home state Assam the folhas also been murdered horrendously". According to the prosecuin June 2016.

In its order, the apex court

said the original case record be summoned from the trial court and the high court. The bench directed that the State shall place before it the reports of all the probation officers relating to the appellant within eight weeks. Besides passing other directions, it said the superintendent of prison, Central Prison and Correctional Home, Viyyur, shall submit within eight weeks a report regarding the nature of work performed by the appellant while

in jail and a report with regard to his conduct and behaviour while in prison. lowing day and was arrested within eight weeks. The top court has posted the

matter for further hearing after 12 weeks. In its judgment, the high court had said, "Before part-

ing with the case, it is necessary to observe that it is with a heavy heart that we uphold the ultimate penalty of death sentence to the accused in the case?

"We hope and fervently believe that this judgment would serve as a resolute deterrent to those who would consider perpetrating such abhorrent acts in future, so that persons similarly placed like the victim, who are innumerable in our society, would live with a sense of security and without fear," it had observed.

The trial court had convicted the man for offences punishable under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, including that of rape and murder, and sentenced him to death.

Plea in apex court for steps to eradicate superstition, sorcery

PTI NEW DELHI

A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking directions to the Centre and states for taking appropriate steps to eradicate the menace of superstition, sorcery and

other similar practices. The plea says a strict antisuperstition and sorcery law is urgently needed to do away with the unscientific acts prevalent in the society that adversely impact the community and also to prevent fake seers from exploiting innocent people.

The petition, filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, stition, sorcery and other simhas also sought directions to the Centre and states for taking steps to develop a scientific temper, humanism and the Sanhita (BNS) and the spirit of inquiry and reform among the citizens in the spir-Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

"Petitioner is filing this writ

petition as PIL under Article

order or direction to Centre

and states to take appropriate

steps to control superstition

and sorcery in order to secure

the fundamental rights guar-

anteed under Articles 14, 21,

25 of the Constitution," the

plea, filed through advocate

Ashwani Kumar Dubey, says.

It has alternatively sought a

direction to the Centre to

constitute an expert commit-

tee for ascertaining the feasi-

bility of criminalising super-

ilar practices by adding a

chapter in the Bharatiya Nyaya

32 seeking appropriate writ,

it of Article 51A of the Constitution, which deals with fundamental duties. "A stringent anti-superstition and sorcery law is urgently needed to deal with the probneeded to deal with the problem of irrational views prevalent in society. However, all of them cannot be eradicated by the force of law only. For this, a mental change is necessary," the plea says.

It says bringing a legislation to deal with this social issue shall only mean half the battle won. "A meaningful reform will need to increase awareness among the masses through information campaigns and by roping in community/religious leaders to debunk the myths surrounding such practices," the plea says.

It says some superstitious practices, which are brutal, dehumanising and exploita-tive, need to be dealt with by a law specifically addressing those.



into the victim's house on April 28, 2016 with an inten-'The Government Medical tion to rape her and when she resisted, he attacked her with College, Thrissur shall cona knife and inflicted injuries stitute a suitable team for the purpose of carrying out a The prosecution further said the convict had escaped to his

psychological evaluation of the appellant," it said, adding that the report of the evaluation be submitted before it

bolster anti-terror ops

From Page 1

Ever since troops belonging to the Uniform Force were shifted to eastern Ladakh to tackle the threat posed by the Chinese incursions there in May 2020 the Pakistani handlers were exploiting these gaps to push small groups of heavily armed terrorists inside the Indian territory for a long time.

This was the second visit of the army chief to Jammu in less than three weeks after taking charge as the 30th chief of the Indian Army on June 30. Nine army personnel, including a captain, have been 'killed in action' in two separate terror attacks in remote forest belts of Machhedi in Kathua and Dessa forest in Doda on July 8 and July 15.

On July 16, the army said all formations of the Udhampurbased northern command are committed to eliminating the scourge of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

conducting a series of joint border and are moving in the upper reaches of Udhampur, Doda, and Kishtwar districts in Jammu region and thereafter to Kashmir.

According to the assessment of the security forces, the Pakistani terrorists behind the attacks are believed to be battle-hardened in Afghanistan and belong to the

outfit. These terrorists, armed with modern weapons

devices, steel core bullets, and encrypted highly communication equipment, executed the attacks after carefully studying the pattern of the army's movement in the area and returning to their safe hideouts with the help of their local guides. These terrorists have divided themselves into small groups of 4 to 5 members and at least over 50 Pakistani terrorists are active across the Jammu region. In November 2023 the then Northern Army Commander Lt General Upendra Dwivedi had said at least 20 to 25 The army said it has been terrorists were operating in twin districts of Rajouri-

Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorist

like American M4 Åssault rifles, telescopic lenses, night vision

and coordinated operations Poonch. He said it would take with J-K Police to eliminate the army at least a year to root foreign terrorists who have out the terrorism from the infiltrated from across the region. Similarly, over 20 terrorists are active across the Doda region, and a few groups in the upper reaches of the Kathua and Reasi districts of Jammu.

Army Chief in Jammu to Airports function normal, full recovery awaited

From Page 1 Long queues were observed at the departure terminals as passengers struggled to check in manually. Airport authorities have deployed additional staff to assist travellers and manage the congestion. Between 6-7 am today, the system continued to experience glitches while issuing boarding passes. However, the scenario improved later in the day.

In contrast to the chaos, most flights managed to stay on schedule, with the waiting period at Terminal 3 departures averaging around 3 to 5 minutes. The situation marked a significant improvement from Friday when the global outage rebooking

led to widespread delays. Meanwhile, Air India said none information. of its flights were cancelled on Saturday on the account of the worldwide outage of travel systems. According to officials, Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport fared better than its counterparts in Delhi and Bengaluru. Although long queues were reported, operations are running more smoothly today. At Mumbai airport two flights, one to Varanasi and one to Kochi, were cancelled this morning, and several international flights were rescheduled.

At Chennai airport, nearly six best efforts and all our services to eight flights in the domestic sector were cancelled today. However, on the international sector, there were no cancellations on Saturday and certain flights plying to Doha, Kuwait were delayed for a few hours."About six flights in the domestic sector, including those airlines operating in Coimbatore, Kolkata, Kochi, Pune were cancelled by some airlines on Saturday. On the international route there were no cancellations and some airlines reported a delay in the

departure and arrival," an official said. In a notification, Chennai Airport appealed to the passengers to contact their respective airlines for and refund IndiGo had to cancel 192 flights

on Friday due to the outage. India's largest carrier said on its website that it has cancelled 93 services scheduled for Saturday. Indigo has urged the passengers to check their flight status before heading to the airports. The domestic airline said that while their systems are "back online", they are "diligently working" to resume normal operations which could extend into the weekend.

"In light of the recent global travel system outage, our team is continually putting in their

are gradually being restored, including baggage handling. Our dedicated team is working round the clock to ensure your bags are delivered to you as swiftly as possible. We deeply regret the difficulties you have experienced and thank you for your continued support and trust," Indigo said on X.

The reservation and check-in systems of most of the airlines, including IndiGo, SpiceJet, Akasa and Air India Express, are now operational, according to a source. "I am going to Ahmedabad. Online printing (Digi Yatra) is convenient, which wasn't happening yesterday. Everything's fine today. Flights are on time. What happened yesterday was a network issue. No one can do anything about that," said a passenger at Delhi Airport Airports across the country witnessed chaotic scenes after the online passenger booking, reservation and boarding systems turned to manual mode due to the outage, resulting in higher passenger handling processing time and consequently hundreds of flights were delayed and many cancelled. There is a backlog because of disruptions on Friday, and it is getting cleared

gradually, according to the

Manoj resigns

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They said Soni has now desired to devote more time to "socio-religious activities.'

The development assumes significance as the UPSC on Friday said it has lodged a criminal case against Khedkar for faking her identity to fraudulently avail attempts in the civil services beyond examination eligibility, and taken steps to debar her from future selections.

Since Khedkar's case of misusing power and privileges came to fore, social media is abuzz with claims and counter-claims on use of fake certificates by Indian

serving Administrative Service (IAS) and Indian Police Service (IPS) officers, Service among others.

Social media users have shared names, pictures and other details of a few IAS and IPS officers, claiming they used bogus certificates to claim benefits available for those belonging to Other Backward Class (nonand layer) creamy Economically Weaker less that Sections (EWS). Prior to his strength. takes SC

appointment in the UPSC, Soni had served three terms as Vice-Chancellor.

cal These include two consecutive terms from August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2015 as VC of Dr Babasaheb From Page 1 Ambedkar Open University The 2024 NEET-UG - for entrance to undergraduate (BAOU), Gujarat; and one term as VC of The Maharaja medical courses - can only Sayajirao University (MSÚ) be conducted again if the "sanctity" of the test held on May 5 was "lost on a of Baroda from April 2005 to April 2008. At the time of joining the MSU, Soni was large scale" as a result of leaked questions the youngest ever Vice-

Supreme Court said. Chancellor in India. A scholar of political science with specialisation in international relations, Soni taught international relations at Sardar Patel University (SPU), Vallabh Vidyanagar between 1991 and 2016, except for the period when he served as Vice-Chancellor of the two universities.

Soni has earned a number of recognitions and awards and has significant number of publications to his credit. The UPSC is headed by a chairman and can have a maximum of ten members. At present, there are seven members in the UPSC, three less than its sanctioned

Controversy over the 2024 NEET-UG exam broke last month after allegations the question paper had been leaked subsequent inquiries indicated the leak was orchestrated by a national 'solver gang' network - on social media that also rocked the Parliament during the Special Session convened for the taking over of the third term of NDA led Narendra Modi government. Several arrests have been made by multiple probing agencies including the CBI, EoW and States police like Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

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Notification for State Capital Region issued

Patel on Friday approved the establishment of Uttar fication.

This declaration came under tion (1) of Section 3 of the urban planning), divisional Development, Finance, convincing the Centre.

Region (NCR)," Chief Minister Yogi said. UP Governor Anandiben Development Authority Ordinance, 2024.

The UP-SCRDA, with its Pradesh State Capital Region headquarters in Lucknow, Development Authority (UP-SCRDA) and the Housing and Urban Planning Department issued the noti-Other members of the UP-SCRDA include additional the powers vested in sub-sec- chief secretary (housing and

commissioners of Lucknow and Ayodhya, district magistrates of all the

districts concerned, vice-chairmen of Lucknow, Unnao-Shuklaganj and Rae Bareli development authorities among others. The team consists of more

than three dozen members, including head of the departments from the

Environment, Rura Development, Irrigation, Public Works, Transport, Agriculture, Tourism departments and chief town planner.

The UP-SCRDA, is expected to have a wider jurisdiction to promote economic growth in the state and would work with the objective of improving the infrastructure of the Housing, Revenue, Urban towns within its scope by

RS handbook on Parliamentary etiquette for MPs

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statement.

On the issue of rulings by the Chair, the bulletin noted that rulings are given by the presiding officer according to the precedents of the House, Referring to Parliamentary and where there is no precedent, the usual Parliamentary practice has offensive and been followed. "Rulings given expressions

by the Chair should not be criticised directly or indirectly inside or outside the House." etiquette, it said words containing insinuations, offensive and unparliamentary should be

scrupulously avoided. "When Chair" while entering or the Chair holds that a particular word or expression is unparliamentary, it should be immediately withdrawn without any attempt to raise any debate over it," the handbook underlined. It also reminded every MP as is the House to hear his or her the practice should "bow to the reply.

leaving the House as also before taking or leaving the seat. Further, when any member offers a criticism of another member or a minister, the latter is entitled to expect that the critic should be present in

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AP WASHINGTON

irlines, banks, hospitals and Aother risk-averse organizations around the world chose cybersecurity company CrowdStrike to protect their computer systems from hackers and data breaches.

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But all it took was one faulty CrowdStrike software update to cause global disruptions Friday that grounded flights, knocked banks and media outlets offline, and disrupted hospitals, retailers and other services. "This is a function of the very

homogenous technology that goes into the backbone of all of our IT infrastructure," said Gregory Falco, an assistant professor of engineering at Cornell University. "What really causes this mess is that we rely on very few companies, and everybody uses the same folks, so everyone goes down at the same time."

The trouble with the update issued by CrowdStrike and affecting computers running Microsoft's Windows operating system was not a hacking incident or cyberattack, according to CrowdStrike, which apologized and said a fix was on the way.

But it wasn't an easy fix. It required

"boots on the ground" to remediate, said Gartner analyst Eric Grenier. "The fix is working, it's just a very manual process and there's no magic key to unlock it," Grenier said. "I think that is probably what companies are struggling with the most here.'

sunday pioneer

While not everyone is a client of CrowdStrike and its platform known as Falcon, it is one of the leading cybersecurity providers, particularly in transportation, healthcare, banking and other sectors that have a lot at stake in keeping their com-puter systems working.

They're usually risk-averse organizations that don't want something that's crazy innovative, but that can work and also cover their butts when something goes wrong. That's what CrowdStrike is," Falco said. "And they're looking around at their colleagues in other sectors and saving, Oh, you know, this company also uses that, so I'm gonna need them, too." Worrying about the fragility of a globally connected technology ecosystem is nothing new. It's what drove fears in the 1990s of a technical glitch that could cause chaos at

"This is basically what we were all

the turn of the millennium.

worried about with Y2K, except it's Founded in 2011 and publicly tradactually happened this time," wrote Australian cybersecurity consultant Troy Hunt on the social platform X. Across the world Friday, affected computers were showing the "blue screen of death" — a sign that something went wrong with Microsoft's Windows operating system.

But what's different now is "that these companies are even more entrenched," Falco said. "We like to think that we have a lot of players available. But at the end of the day, the biggest companies use all the same stuff.

ed since 2019, CrowdStrike describes itself in its annual report to financial regulators as having "reinvented cybersecurity for the cloud era and transformed the way cybersecurity is delivered and experienced by customers." It emphasizes its use of artificial intelligence in helping to keep pace with adversaries. It reported having 29,000 subscribing customers at the start of the year.

The Austin, Texas-based firm is one of the more visible cybersecurity companies in the world and spends heavily on marketing, including

Super Bowl ads. At cybersecurity conferences, it's known for large booths displaying massive action-figure statues representing different state-sponsored hacking groups that CrowdStrike technology promises to defend against.

CrowdStrike CEO George Kurtz is among the most highly compensat-ed in the world, recording more than USD 230 million in total compensation in the last three years. Kurtz is also a driver for a CrowdStrike-sponsored car racing team.

After his initial statement about the problem was criticized for lack of contrition, Kurtz apologized in a later social media post Friday and on NBC's "Today Show."

We understand the gravity of the situation and are deeply sorry for the inconvenience and disruption," he said on X.

Richard Stiennon, a cybersecurity industry analyst, said this was a his-toric mistake by CrowdStrike.

'This is easily the worst faux pas, technical faux pas or glitch of any security software provider ever," said Stiennon, who has tracked the cybersecurity industry for 24 years. While the problem is an easy technical fix, he said, it's impact could be

long-lasting for some organizations because of the hands-on work needed to fix each affected computer. "It's really, really difficult to touch millions of machines. And people are on vacation right now, so, you know, the CEO will be coming back from his trip to the Bahamas in a couple of weeks and he won't be able to use his computers." Stiennon said he did not think the outage revealed a bigger problem with the cybersecurity industry or CrowdStrike as a company. "The markets are going to forgive them, the customers are going to forgive them, and this will blow

over," he said. Forrester analyst Allie Mellen credited CrowdStrike for clearly telling customers what they need to do to fix the problem. But to restore trust, she said there will need to be a deepcrew. er look at what occurred and what changes can be made to prevent it

from happening again. "A lot of this is likely to come down to the testing and software development process and the work that they've put into testing these kinds of updates before deployment," Mellen said. "But until we see the complete retrospective, we won't know for sure what the failure was.

Houthis strike another ship in Gulf of Aden

PTI SINGAPORE

A Singapore-flagged vessel was damaged in an attack alleged-ly by Houthi militants southeast of Yemen on Friday, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) said in a statement.

The MPA said it was informed that container vessel the LOBIVIA was hit by "unidentified projectiles" while transiting the Gulf of Aden, resulting in a fire onboard that was subsequently extinguished by the

There are no Singaporeans among the crew, Channel News Asia reported, citing the authority and adding that all crew are accounted for and safe. Despite being hit, the vessel was able to set sail and arrived at Somalia's Berbera Port. Damage assessment and repairs, if needed, will be car-

ried out, it said. MPA said it is in contact with the vessel manager to provide any assistance that might be needed. The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) has also alerted its security partners in the Gulf of Aden region to provide help, it added.

In a televised speech, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said the group had launched ballistic missiles and drones towards the LOBIVIA. According to the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations, the LOBIVIA was hit about 83 nautical miles southeast of the port city of Aden, Yemen, on two separate occasions by two missiles.

"The ship was transiting northeast along the Gulf of Aden when a merchant vessel in the vicinity observed 'light and blast' where the ship was located," Channel News Asia had British security firm Ambrey as saying.

Ambrey said the ship appeared to perform evasive manoeuvres immediately and switched off its automatic identification system approximately an hour later.

Since November, Houthi militants in Yemen have launched drone and missile strikes in shipping lanes in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. The group has said its actions are in soli darity with Palestinians affected by Israel's war in Gaza.

Despite curfew, deaths mount in Bangladesh student protests

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The protesters are demanding an

end to a quota system that

reserves up to 30% of govern-

AP DHAKA

Police imposed a strict curfew Pacross Bangladesh and military forces patrolled parts of the capital Saturday to quell further violence after days of clashes over the allocation of government jobs left several people dead and hundreds injured.

The curfew follows what was likely the deadliest day yet in the weeks of protests despite a ban on public gatherings. Reports vary on the number of people killed Friday, with Somoy TV reporting 43. An Associated Press reporter saw 23 bodies at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, but it was not immediately clear whether they all died on Friday.

Another 22 people died Thursday as protesting students attempted to impose a "complete shutdown" of the country. Several people were also killed Tuesday and Wednesday.

The protests, which began weeks ago but escalated sharply when violence erupted Tuesday, repre-

utive term in office after elections in January that were boycotted by the main opposition groups. Police and protesters clashed in the streets and at university campuses in Dhaka and other cities across the south Asian country. Authorities moved to block online communications by banning mobile and internet services. Some television news channels also went off the air. and the websites of most Bangladesh newspapers were not loading or were being updated. Authorities could not be reached immediately to confirm figures for the overall deaths, but the Daily Prothom

since she won a fourth consec-

Alo newspaper reported 103 people were killed since Tuesday. The United States Embassy in Dhaka said Friday that reports indicated "hundreds to possibly thousands" were injured across Bangladesh. It said the situation was "extremely volatile."

Local media also reported that

ment jobs for relatives of vetersome 800 inmates fled from a ans who fought in Bangladesh's prison in Narsingdi, a district war of independence in 1971 north of capital Dhaka, after protesters stormed the jail facility against Pakistan. They argue the system is discriminatory and set it on fire Friday. Meanwhile, ome key governand benefits supporters of ment websites, including that of Hasina, whose Awami League Bangladesh's central bank and party led the independence movement, and they want it replaced with a merit-based systhe prime minister's office, appeared to have been defaced tem.Hasina has defended the The curfew began at midnight quota system, saying that veterans deserve the highest respect and is set to relax from noon to 2 pm to allow people to buy for their contributions to the war, essentials before being put back in place until 10 a.m. Sunday. A regardless of their political affil-

iation. 'shoot-at-sight" order was also in Representatives from the both place, giving security forces the sides met late Friday to find a resauthority to fire on mobs in olution. At least three student extreme cases, said lawmaker leaders were part of the meeting Obaidul Quader, the general secretary of the ruling Awami in which they demanded a reform in the quota system, an opening of student dormitories The chaos highlights cracks in across the country and the step ping down of university officials for failing to prevent violence on Bangladesh's governance and economy and the frustration of youths who lack good jobs upon the campuses.

Law Minister Anisul Huq said the government was open to dis-cussing the student leaders' demands.



A Turkish parachuter prepares for a landing as fly over the military parade with a Turkish flag and portrait of the Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey, during a military parade, in the Turkish occupied area of the divided capital Nicosia (Cyprus) on Saturday. The tinny howl of air raid sirens echoed across ethnically divided Cyprus at the crack of dawn on Saturday, marking 50 years from the day that changed the island nation's history. It's heard every year as the Greek Cypriot controlled south laments the date Turkish troops invaded in the wake of a coup by supporters of union with Greece

Nepal PM Oli likely to win Biden vows to fight on; to get back | Irump pledges to on campaign trail next week vote of confidence today

sent the biggest challenge to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

PTI WASHINGTON

User S President Joe Biden has ue his campaign for reelection and take on rival Donald Trump, as he deals with the fallout from his COVID-19 diagnosis and growing calls from Democrats for him to quit the race. Biden, who tested COVID-19 positive a few days ago, is in isolation at his Delaware residence, where he is expected to spend the rest of the week.

"Donald Trump's dark vision for the future is not who we are as Americans. Together, as a party and as a country, we can and will defeat him at the ballot box," Biden, 81, said in a statement issued by his campaign on Friday, a day after Trump, 78, formally accepted his party's presidential nomination at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee.

"I look forward to getting back on the campaign trail next week to continue exposing the threat of Donald Trump's Project 2025 agenda while making the case



for my own record and the vision that I have for America: one where we save our democracy, protect our rights and freedoms and create opportunity for everyone," he said.

The president also criticised Trump's Thursday night keynote speech at the Republican National Convention. "For over 90 minutes, he focused on his own grievances, with no plan to unite us and no plan to make life better for working people," said the president referring to Trump's speech.

"He avoided mentioning his Project 2025 agenda, but still proudly flaunted the worst of MAGÁ (Make America Great Again) extremism," Biden said.

he wants to take this country, Biden said. The Biden-Harris campaign

alleged that despite promising a call for unity and toned-down rhetoric, Trump's speech was a 90-minute reel of his greatest hits: focused entirely on himself, lashing out at his enemies, laying out his grievances, and ril-ing up his base with inflamma-

tory extremism. 'Trump is still the same twiceimpeached, 34-time convicted felon consumed by revenge and hellbent on seeking retribution in a second term. He did not

turn a new leaf; he did not usher in a new era of civility; and he certainly did not change course," the campaign said. Biden has been sidelined since

Wednesday when he was diag-nosed with COVID-19 moments before delivering remarks in Las Vegas. He abruptly cut his trip short and

flew to his beach home. Democrats remain split on whether Biden can beat Trump in November and on Friday at ast 10 Democrats joined the cho-Americans know exactly where rus calling on Biden to resign.

end war during call with Zelenskyv

PTI WASHINGTON

 $D_{ ext{to end Ukraine's war with}}^{ ext{onald Trump has pledged}}$ Russia after its President Volodymyr Zelenskyy reached out to the former US president to congratulate him on his Republican presidential nomination.

The two leaders spoke on Friday over the phone. "President Zelenskyy of Ukraine and I had a very good

phone call earlier today. He congratulated me on a verv successful Republican National Convention and becoming the Republican nominee for President of the United States," Trump said in a post on Truth Social, a social media post. The call gains significance as this is his first conversation with a foreign leader after officially becoming the Republican Party's presidential nominee. It also reflects the growing realisation among the internation-al community of his electoral

chances in the November 5 elections.

"I appreciate President Zelenskyy for reaching out because I, as your next President of the United States, will bring peace to the world and end the war that has cost so many lives and devastated countless innocent families. Both sides will be able to come together and negotiate a deal

paves a path forward to pros-perity," Trump wrote. Trump said during the call Zelenskyy condemned the heinous assassination attempt on him last Saturday and remarked about the American

times. In his post on X, Zelenskyy said that he spoke with Trump to congratulate him on the Republican nomination and condemn the shocking assassi-

PTI KATHMANDU

Nepal's newly appointed Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli is expected to win a vote of confidence in Parliament on Sunday, nearly a week after he was sworn in to lead another coalition government in the Himalayan nation facing frequent power struggles. The 72-year-old veteran

Communist leader was sworn in on Monday as the Himalayan nation's prime minister for the fourth time. He was administered the oath of office and secrecy along with 21 other members of the Cabinet.

According to Nepal's Constitution, Oli needs to alliance, Oli is also likely to secure a vote of confidence from Parliament within 30 days of appointment, which he is likely to secure easily.

The minimum number to form a government in the 275-strong House of Representatives is just 138. The Chairman of the CPN-

UML, Nepal's largest commu-nist party was appointed as prime minister on Sunday by ly to secure more than 200 votes in the floor test, according to sources close to CPN President Ram Chandra UML. Oli succeeds Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda,' who lost Paudel to lead the coalition government with the Nepali Congress (NC), the largest party in Parliament, apart

the vote of confidence in the HoR last week, leading to the formation of the new government.

Nepali Congress and Communist Party of Nepal-The three Opposition parties Unified Marxist Leninist — Prachanda's Communist (CPN-UML) have a com-Party of Nepal-Maoist Centre bined strength of 167, and two other ruling parties, Janata Samajwadi Party and (CPN-MĊ), Rastriva Swatantra Party (RSP), and Communist Party of Nepal-Lokatantrik Śamajwadi Party, Unified Socialist (CPN-US) — held a joint meeting on Friday and decided not to have seven and four seats, With this, the ruling alliance has a strength of 178 in the support Oli in the vote of confidence.

The CPN-UML Chairman now leads the new coalition government that faces the daunting challenge of providing political stability in the Himalayan nation.

Janata Samajwadi Party Nepal JSP), Nagarik Unmukti Party Nepal has faced frequent (NUP) and Janamat Party. The RPP has 14 seats, JSP political turmoil as the country has seen 14 governments in the past 16 years after the Nepal has five, NUP has four, and Janamat has six seats. introduction of the Therefore, the alliance is like-Republican system.

Iran closer to developing a nuclear bomb: US

AP ASPEN

ran is talking more about get-Ling a nuclear bomb and has made strides in developing a kev aspect of a weapon since about April, when Israel and its allies overpowered a barrage of Iranian airstrikes targeting Israel, two top Biden administration officials said Friday. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and national security adviser Jake Sullivan, speaking at separate panels during a security forum in Colorado, said the United States was watching closely for any signs that Iran had made a decision to pursue actual weaponization of its nuclear program.

However, Sullivan said, "I have al community believe Iranian

not seen a decision by Iran to move" in a way that signals it has decided to actually develop a nuclear bomb right now. "If they start moving down that road, they'll find a real problem with the United States," Sullivan said at the Aspen Security Forum, which draws US policymakers, journalists and others. Iran resumed progress on its nuclear program after the Trump administration ended

US cooperation with a 2015 deal that gave Iran relief from sanctions in return for allowing tougher oversight of the

program. Iran says its nuclear program is for civilian purposes. The US and others in the internation-

Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei long has held off from giving any final go-ahead for Iranian scientists to develop a nuclear weapon.

But Iran's poor performance with conventional weapons on April 13, when it launched its first-ever direct attack on Israel as part of a dayslong exchange of strikes, has had observers watching for any increased Iranian interest in pushing for-ward with a nuclear weapon. At the time, Israel said it, the United States and other allies shot down 99% of about 300 missiles and drones launched by Iran following an alleged Israeli strike that killed two

Iranian generals. "What we've seen in the past

actually moving forward" on developing fissile material, Blinken said Friday. Fissile material could be used to fuel a bomb. He blamed the decision by the Trump administration to pull out of the nuclear agreement. Trump called the deal "defective at its core" when he ended US

participation in 2019. "Instead of being at least a year away from having breakout capacity to produce fissile material for a nuclear weapon, they're probably one or two weeks away from doing that," Blinken said, adding that "where we are now is not a good place."

'Now, they haven't produced a weapon itself, but ... you put

weeks and months is Iran is those things together, fissile material, an explosive device, and you have a nuclear weapon," he said.

The United States was watching "very, very carefully" for any sign that Iran was working on the weapon side of produc-ing a bomb, he said. The US is also working on the diplomatic side to contain any further effort, Blinken said.

Meanwhile, Sullivan said, the US has noted "an uptick of public commentary from Iranian officials musing about that possibility" since the April attacks and counterattacks between Iran and Israel and its allies. "That was new. That was something that got our attention," he said.

13 Palestinians killed in central Gaza strikes

A t least 13 people were killed in three Israeli airstrikes that hit refugee camps in central Gaza overnight into Saturday, according to Palestinians health officials, as cease-fire talks in Cairo appear to make progress. Among the dead in Nuseirat Refugee Camp and Bureij Refugee Camp were three chil-dren and one woman, according to Palestinian ambulance teams that transported the bodies to the nearby Al-Aqsa Martyrs hospital. The 13 corpses were counted by AP journalists at the hospital. The latest casualties follow

ravaged Gaza, after a medical teams recovered a live baby from a heavily pregnant Palestinian mother killed in an airstrike that hit her home in Nuseirat late

from other smaller parties.

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Prajatantra Party (RPP),

Thursday evening. Heavily pregnant Ola al-Kurd, 25, Heaving pregnant Ola al-Kurd, 2.3, was killed along with six others in the blast, but was quickly rushed by emergency workers to Al-Awda Hospital in northern Gaza in the hope of saving the unborn child. Hours later, doctors told The Associated Press that a baby boy had been delivered. The still-unnamed newborn is stable but has suffered from a shortage of oxygen and

has been placed in an incubator, said Dr. Khalil Dajran.

The baby boy's father was wounded in the same strike, but survived.

The war in Gaza, which was sparked by Hamas' October 7 attack on southern Israel, has killed more than 38,900 people, according to the territory's Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between combatants and civilians in its count.

The war has created a humanitarian catastrophe in the coastal Palestinian territory, displaced most of its 2.3 million population and triggered widespread hunger.

AP DEIR-AL-BALAH a rare moment of hope in war

nation attempt in Pennsylvania.

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STORY OF INDIA'S FIRST OLYMPIC QUALIFIER IN HEAVY WEIGHT CLASS OF 76KG

PTI NEW DELHI

oing through the painful and energy-sucking process of weight-cutting is a nightmare for wrestlers but Reetika Hooda did not have to worry about it.

Wrestlers usually have to go without food, sometimes even without water, to ensure that the weight scale does not tilt against them.

But Reetika's team ensures that she takes additional small meals to gain strength, and chicken was added to the meal plan, defying the family tradition.

She goes through all these because the 22-year-old wrestler from Rohtak used to wrestler from Rohtak used to compete in 72kg but last year she jumped weight class to see if she can succeed in the Olympic weight-class of 76kg. She not only succeeded, but pushed out established pushed out established wrestlers like Kiran Bishnoi, whom she idolises, to qualify for the Paris Olympics after crowning herself as the U23 World Champion. Her natural body weight is around 74-75 kg. So, it was never a great struggle to bring

body type is such that weight drops quickly. But the real struggle is to take

But the real struggle is to take the weight to 78kg. "I just munch, train, munch, train and repeat. Of course, it's healthy protein intake. I have a different struggle," she said with a hearty laugh just before a training operation.

a training session. "I have 3 meals in my schedule and I have to eat in between as well. Before sleeping also, I take something. My nutritionist Mitali decides what I need to eat and mother ensures that I have that.

"I had to start eating chicken for protein intake. It was difficult to develop a taste for that. My mother tried a lot of combinations and now I have settled for a semi-gravy type chicken. No one eats chicken in my family," she added. Her mother Neelam is aware of

the requirement and learnt a few chicken recipes from YouTube. "We don't eat chicken at home.

So, I had no clue how to so, I had no clue how to prepare it. I was told that she had to be given home-made food. So, I took help from YouTube to learn. I don't like

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These tournaments, Chaubey said, will give Indian players

more international exposure.

"No matter whether we play against a lower-ranked team or

higher-ranked team, the aim is

to win. It will also create more match time for players. Yes, these matches will also give

more international exposure to the players," he added.

Chaubey said there was an overwhelming response to the advertised position of the head coach of the Indian men's

We have received a total of

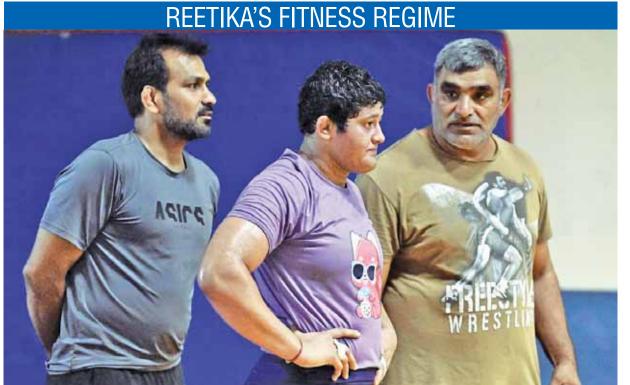
291 applications and we have

shortlisted 17 names from

them. There are Indian and

foreign names. We will have a

football team.



school level basketball player. As she prepares for the Paris actually, they have exceeded their own expectations. "I was considered a probable for 2028 Games. Last year's U23 world title motivated me Olympics, Reetika reveals that qualifying for 2024 Games was not even the target, and

to do well at senior level." THE JOURNEY: SWITCH **FROM HANDALL:** Reetika is a strong believer in destiny. She that belief. says she can do what is in her

hands -- working hard -- rest everything will fall in place if it had to. Her career underlines

She did not even pick wrestling

as her preferred sport. She used to play handball and even made it to the state team for the junior Nationals but as fate would have it, her father suggested that she pick an individual sport instead of a

team game. The journey began in 2015. "My father took me to Chhotu Ram Akhada. I was asked to perform a certain attack by my perform a certain attack by my coach Mandeep and he was happy the way I did it, so they took me in. Now wrestling is everything. I eat, sleep, dream about wrestling. I can't think of anything else," said Reetika. Neelam said it was Reetika's fother Jachir who wanted her

father Jagbir who wanted her daughter to pick an individual

She was picked to play Nationals as goalie of the state handball team. She came home and broke the story about her selection. Her father asked if selection. Her father asked if she really wants to pursue sport seriously and when Reetka nodded, he said you should play an individual game.

"He asked Reetika her preferred sport and she mentioned Judo and kabaddi but her father suggested to take up wrestling and she agreed. On 15 August 2015, she was

enrolled in Akhada," recalled Neelam. Talk about the Paris Olympics.

Reetika gets philosophical. "I can only put in hard yards, which I am doing. If you are meant to achieve something it will fall in your lap. I did not even think of winning the Under 23 world championship. "I didn't even know that I was up against a world champion (Kennedy Blades from USA) in

the final. But it was meant for me so I got it. "I have idolised Kiran di (Bishnoi) since taking up this sport and see now I beat her in

the Olympic trials. "I also beat Divya Kakran in the National Games. These wins boosted my confidence and I began to believe that destiny is pushing me in a certain direction and I will play along." Reetika says a tough draw and big names do not demotivate or scare her.

"I actually enjoy competing against the big wrestlers. There will be 16 wrestlers in Paris. I have studied each and every wrestlers' game style through UWW videos and YouTube. "When the draw is made, I will know who are the four in my group but I am ready for anyone," she signed off.

T ondon Olympics bronze

Lwinner Yogeshwar Dutt is confident that wrestling will yet again fetch India a medal

at the Olympic Games and the number could be more than one if the grapplers get a favourable draw.

India will have a six-member wrestling contingent in Paris where the mat competition

Only Aman Sehrawat (57kg) could qualify in the men's section but the women put up

a strong show by qualifying in

five of six Olympic weight divisions. Only 62kg is

India have not missed a

will begin on August 5.

missing from the list.

We will pick a coach who can bring results, won't go by big names: AIFF president Chaubey



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The All India Football Federation (AIFF) president Kalyan Chaubey said the new head coach of the national team will be picked based on the ability to bring in right results, and a high-profile candidate will not be selected blindly.

detailed discussion about them in the Executive Committee meeting," he noted. Executive AIFF The Chaubey said former Indian Committee is due to meet soon to decide the successor of Igor captain IM Vijayan, who is now the head of the technical Stimac, who resigned as head coach after India lost nine committee, will also be matches and drew two in his consulted

I will miss my daughter, but it's also about Wrestlers will continue medal-winning trend in achieving Olympic medal: Archer Deepika Paris: Yogeshwar PTI NEW DELHI

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Deepika Kumari is torn between two worlds. One where the doting mother longs to be with her 19-monthold daughter Vedika, and another where the ace Indian archer craves for an elusive Olympic medal. But the resilience she showed in fusing those two different spaces in her life has taken Deepika to the Paris Games, the

fourth showpiece in her career. Deepika's determination to achieve glory in the ultimate sporting event in the world was evident when she stayed away from her daughter for two months to finetune her preparation.

"It's difficult to explain the pain of being away from my daughter. But it's also about achieving what we have worked for over so many years," Deepika told PTI in an exclusive interaction.

Finally, Atanu Das, her husband and himself an international archer, took Vedika to Army Sports Institute in Pune just before Deepika departed to Paris.

It was an achingly emotional moment for Deepika. "I miss her a lot, but that's how it is. But then came the flicker of hope.

hankfully she has been really



But this time the Indian will have a 21vear-old South Korean Lim Si-hyeon to tame in Paris. Lim has defeated Deepika twice this year - at Shanghai and then at the Yecheon World Cup. Deepika is not worried. "I cannot change the past. I'm fully prepared and happy with the way I'm shooting. We

"We have to take it like any other competition. The pressure (on the Indians) is more mental," she said. Deepika wanted to remain under the

radar. "I don't want any attention. We have done well consistently to be able to make it here.

We just have to get a good rank in the qualification to get a favourable draw." D E E P I K A - D H I R A J COMBINATION: The individual rankings determine the mixed team and on current form, Deepika and Dhiraj Bommadevara could be

shooting together. Dhiraj has been in phenomenal form winning 10 international medals in the last 12 months including a team gold

India's best recurve mixed team combination," he said. Deepika remembers the controversy in Tokyo when she had to unwillingly partner Pravin Jadhav in the mixed team event as the latter had qualified ahead of Atanu.

wrestling medal since 2008 Beijing Games where the legendary Sushil Kumar won a bronze. "A lot will depend on the draw. If India get a favourable draw,

PTI Videos on the sidelines of

an AIFF event

Deepika? "If they top the qualifiers, they will be

then I am expecting three medals," Yogeshwar Dutt told Singh. So, will Dhiraj take some pressure off

beating Korea.

beating Korea. He also won an individual bronze at Antalya World Cup stunning Tokyo silver medallist Mauro Nespoli. "He is young and uber cool and an individual medal prospect. He doesn't falter in big moments," said India's high-performance director Sanjeeva Singh.

last 12 games in charge.

"I believe the result matters a lot. We will be looking at someone who can develop Indian football. And whoever gets appointed as chief coach, we want him to add a lot of potential to the national team's performance," Chaubey told PTI videos in an interview.

The incoming head coach will have some important assignments such as a trination tournament in October that also involves hosts Vietnam and Lebanon.

Chaubey hoped the new coach can bring in some desired results from these events. "We are looking to utilise all

the FIFA windows which we have in the month of September. October, November and March next year," he said.

"We are in touch with the technical committee. As Vijayan is overseas now, he will be consulted through a virtual

meeting," he said. Chaubey said players like Lallianzuala Chhangte have the potential to step in for former skipper Sunil Chhetri, who recently retired from interretired from international football. Chhangte was adjudged the Best Men's Player during the AIFF awards on Friday. "Who is after Sunil Chhetri? This question comes to everybody's mind. I think

Chhangte, who has won the player of the year award this year, has a lot of potential. He can

Definitely make a long career. Such awards will inspire a player to put in an even bigger effort," he said.

supportive and has adapted well with my in-laws and Atanu," added Deepika. But Deepika's turmoil had started immediately after giving birth to her daughter in December 2022.

She developed muscle stiffness and lifting the 19-kg bow was next to impossible.

"We had planned for the delivery in such a way that we would be able to compete in Paris. But it was like starting

"Forget about shooting or lifting the bow, she was not able to do even simple daily chores," Atanu recalled.

"Gradually, she started jogging and put in a lot of hard work at the gym to get going again." Deepika even thought that her career

has come to a close.

"Career lagta hai khatam ho gaya, kya main aur shooting nahin kar paoongi? (It seems my career is over...Won't I be able to shoot again?" she would ask Das.

Deepika dominated the Games in Goa last year, returning with two gold and one silver.

It led her to the big decision of training under the legendary Korean coach Kim Hyung-Tak, the first full time coach under whom the archery heavyweights made their debut at Los Angeles in 1984.

"It was not just about the skill aspect but his guidance also plays a part in bringing clarity to shooting. It really set me off," said Deepika, who won a silver at the Shanghai World Cup, her first podium finish in two years.

Subsequently, the 30-year-old excelled in the three-month long selection trials, even though her husband-cum-mentor Atanu failed to make the cut.

LIM FACTOR: Despite her phenomenal feats in other world meets, Deepika is yet to bag that coveted medal with five rings on it.

She came close to it in Tokyo but lost to eventual gold winner An San in the quarterfinals.

will see what happens on the match day if at all we have a match-up," she added. HAPPY PARIS MEMORIES, BUT NO PRESSURE: Paris has been a happy-hunting ground for Deepika where she won a hattrick of gold medals in the 2021 World Cup - individual, team and mixed team along with Atanu.

She had also clinched a World Cup Final silver in 2013 and a World Cup silver last year in the French capital. But she wanted to treat the Olympics as any other top-level competition. "I don't understand why there is so

much hype surrounding the Olympics in our country. Everyone looks up to archery once the Olympics nears and it creates unnecessary pressure.

The national federation could have changed the combination but they went by the rule and the team exited in the last eight.

"I don't want to talk about what happened. Dhiraj has been shooting well and we hope for the best," Deepika added.

Will she miss the presence of Atanu in Paris?

"He has a greater responsibility -- to take care of Vedika," she smiled clutching an empty bag, a gift from her bushand husband

"I've told her she must win the medal and bring it back in this bag," Das said. Perhaps, she can cram in it an Olympic medal and some baby clothes and toys.

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Marta can't help but be nostalgic tournament with the Brazilian national team.

But, for the 38-year-old six-time world player of the year, the time has come to step away finally. "I contributed what I (was)

supposed to give to the national team, you know? I'm feeling so comfortable to leave because when I look around me, I see really, really good players, young players, who can keep doing the work and keep representing Brazil so well," Marta said.

Marta will play in her sixth Olympics in France before handing the team she captains to the next

generation. "It's been so much of my life since I was 14, I left home and then I just live soccer every single day," she added.

"I just feel like maybe it's time to just take a little bit away from that and let the young players shine."

A tournament championship would be the perfect way to cap an international career that has spanned over 20 years, and her

teammates know it. "I feel like every time you step on the field, playing with Marta by your side, it's such a great responsibility. She's a great player and we have to play for her now,"

Marta pursues soccer gold at Olympics while preparing to pass torch to Brazil's youngsters

said defender Rafaelle.

"She was like my biggest idol since I was growing up. So, playing with her now is such a dream for me." Better known just by her first name, Marta Vieira da Silva has scored a record 118 goals in 183 international appearances with Brazil. In addition to her six Olympics, she has also played in six women's World Cups.

She has the record for most World Cup goals with 17, and she has 13 Olympic goals, one away from matching fellow Brazilian Cristiane's record.

Marta grew up playing street soccer with the boys in Dois Riachos, a town in eastern Brazil some 1,250 miles (2,011 kilometres) north of Rio de Janeiro. She was just 17 when she appeared at the 2003 World Cup, held in the United States.

Over time, her role has changed in Brazil. In recent years she's been more of a player coach, guiding the team's up-and-coming stars. "Of course, I bring all of the experience that I achieved in my career, like playing in big



proud to be there. Like, we expect the best of you. That's why you are

tournaments like the Olympics and the World Cup, playing against good teams, against good players," she said.

"So, I try to share the best of me and

the best of what I live in soccer with here, so this is the goal and then do the players to make them feel your best." comfortable, or make them feel

Marta is still a valuable asset on the field, and she's proven it this season with the Orlando Pride, her club

team in the National Women's Soccer League.

She's got five goals in 12 games this year with the Pride, who are undefeated and sit atop the league standings. Marta has played with Orlando since 2017.

"I still can read the game, like, really well," she said. "And, I try to put myself in a good situation to give my best to the team.

"So, I'm not going to compete all the time with a player that's 10, 11 years younger than me. But, I may be able to put my brain to work a little faster and then read the situation and try to do my best." With the many accolades Marta has earned throughout her career, one thing has eluded her: A championship trophy in a major international tournament.

Brazil's best finish at the World Cup was runner-up in 2007. Brazil won silver medals at the 2004 and 2008 Olympics, but a gold medal has remained out of reach.

"With her saying it's her last Olympics, it just brings more responsibility to her and to us to end this tournament on a good "In the last four consecutive

Olympics, we got medals from Wrestling. So I hope, wish & pray the fifth time in a row, wrestling will bring medal for the nation. I wish all the wrestlers all the very best. I think they are well- prepared,"

"After hockey, wrestling has given India the most number of medals. It has given seven medals ahead of all other Olympic sports. Wrestling is without doubt the number one individual Olympic sport for India."

The former India wrestler, who is also a BJP leader now, feels that India will return with its best ever show in Olympics.

"I am expecting Indian contingent to win more than 10 medals," he said.

note with this title that the national team doesn't have and she doesn't have either," Brazilian teammate Adriana said. "So, it's more motivation for us to help her with this and to hopefully win."

While the Women's World Cup will be hosted by Brazil in 2027, Marta is not thinking about sticking around for another three years. But, she's told the federation she'll help

in any way possible. She's wistful as she thinks about her favourite moment with the national team. The two that stick out to her are the 2004 Olympics, her first when Brazil advanced to the final but fell 2-1 to the United States.

And, the 2007 World Cup, when the Brazilians got revenge by beating the Americans 4-1 in the semi-finals. Marta scored twice in that match and won the tournament Golden Boot with seven goals despite Brazil dropping

the title match against Germany. "It's the passion," she said about her love for the game. "The passion that we show when we play, the passion that we see from when the people celebrate a goal. We make people happy.

"You make all the people happy and you make people dream - and it's not only about soccer - it's about what it's like to believe. Believe in vourself. Believe in your potential. So, soccer gives you a lot of things like that.



INDIA EYE UAE SCALP, WOMEN'S ASIA CUP SEMIFINAL BERTH

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ominant India will be eager to perfect their

Deager to perfect their tactics further while warding off United Arab Emirates which also can push them firmly towards the semifinals of the women's Asia Cup here on Sunday. Defending champions India's supremacy was evident in their facile seven-wicket victory over arch-rivals Pakistan on Saturday, and the UAE will require a giant-sized miracle to stop Harmanpreet Kaur's side. India currently have two points and a Net Run Rate of +2.29, and a Net Run Rate of +2.29, and a win over the Emirates will take them to four points, which will also have a positive reflection on their NRR. It would not be an exaggeration to say that India

exaggeration to say that India will look more inwards in their match against the UAE, than fretting over the rivals. There were excellent spells from Deepti Sharma, Renuka Singh and Pooja Vastrakar, who though was slightly on the expensive side, against expensive side, against Pakistan, and their effort would have pleased the management to no limit.

They will hope that left-arm spinner Radha Yadav, who returned to the India fold during the home series against South Africa recently, too can join the wicket-takers' list on Sunday.

"It was a good spell and there was some assistance from the weather as well. Of course, I could execute all the plans that



nets," said Renuka in the postmatch press meet. To top it, the Indian batters were ruthless in hunting down a non-challenging target with

a hon-chanenging target with 35 balls to spare. Openers Shafali Verma and Smriti Mandhana gave the team a flying start adding 85 runs in just 9.3 overs and the loss of three wickets from that position was a minor aberration.

Hence, India would hope that there would be a matching effort from the middle-order batters in the upcoming I have been working on at matches, starting with the

good chance for us to get ready for the World Cup," she said. The Asia Cup also presents India with a wonderful That said, India would do well opportunity to prepare for the not to lose focus on the present T20 World Cup to be held in Bangladesh later this year. assignment and the UAE have the ability to give some tight moments as they showed against Nepal on Friday despite Renuka said India are treating this event as a preparatory ground for the ICC showpiece. "The Asia Cup is important for a six-wicket defeat.

In the day's second match, Pakistan will look to bounce back with a win when they face a tricky Nepal.

TEAMS (FROM):

INDIA: Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Jemimah Rodrigues,

Richa Ghosh (wk), Uma Chetry (wk), Pooja Vastrakar, Deepti Sharma, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh, D Hemalatha, Asha Sobhana, Radha Yadav, Shreyanka Patil, Sajana Sajeevan. UAE: Esha Rohit Oza (C),

UAE: Esna Konit Oza (C), Kavisha Kumari Egodage, Rithika Rajith, Samaira Dharnidharka, Lavanya Keny, Emily Thomas, Heena Harish Hotchandani, Mehak Thakur, Indhuja Nandakumar, Rinitha Rajith, Khushi Mohan Sharma, Rishitha Rajith, Suraksha

Theertha Kotte, Satish, Vaishnave Mahesh.

A bhishek Nayar and Ryan ten Doeschate are set to join the support staff of newly-appointed head coach Gautam Gambhir during India's white ball tour to Sri India's white ball tour to Sri Lanka, starting from July 27. Nayar, who has played three ODIs for India, and Doeschate, who was a hard-hitting all-rounder for Netherlands, have worked closely with Gambhir at the Kolkata Knight Riders and are likely to come in as assistant coaches, the PTI has learned. Nayar comes with a high reputation as a sharp cricket mind and a

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lifestyle/motivational coach who have worked with the likes of Dinesh Karthik and

join India in SL as assistant coaches

Abhishek Nayar, Doeschate likely to

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Rinku Singh. Doeschate is currently working with LA Knight Riders in the ongoing Major League Cricket (MLC) and Gambhir has openly expressed his admiration for the team-first attitude of the Dutchman. While there was no clear view on the appointment of the bowling coach, it seems that T Dilip, who was part of Rahul Dravid's regime, will continue in the role of the fielding coach.

coach. Gambhir had suggested to the BCCI the names of former India seamers R Vinay Kumar and L Balaji and former South African pacer Morne Morkel for the role of bowling coach. The PTI had reported on July 10 that Morkel could get the role ahead of Vinay and Balaji.

While Vinay and Balaji have associated with Gambhir at the KKR, Morkel worked alongside him at the Lucknow Super Giants.

If indeed Morkel gets the nod, he could be the first foreign bowling coach after bowling coach after Australian Joe Dawes, who did the duty under Duncan Fletcher until the tour of England in 2014. Morkel was also the bowling coach of Pakistan until the 50-over World Cup in India.

The Indian team is scheduled to travel to Colombo from Mumbai in a chartered flight on July 22.

Nayar and Dilip could also be travelling with the team while it's not yet clear when Doeschate would link up with the side.



ICC keep watch on security situation in Bangladesh, venue of women's T20 WC PTI NEW DELHI ment a record six times in 2010,

2020 and 2014 2018





Mayank, Devdutt, Vyshak among retained players ahead of KSCA T20 auction

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runners up, chose to stay with captain Karun Nair, CA Karthik, \mathbf{C} ome of the top state cricketers SU Karthik and the hard-hitting all-rounder Manoi Bhandag The Mystics have retained Devdutt Paddikal even though he missed the previous season's campaign due to an injury. Vyshak Vijaykumar has also been retained by the Gulbarga side along with Smaran Ravi and Aneesh KV.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) said it has been keeping a watch on the security situation in Bangladesh, the venue of the women's T20 World Cup later this October. The Bangladesh Police imposed curfew and military forces patrolled Dhaka on Saturday after violence escalated in the capital and elsewhere over protests by students, demanding reforms of the quota system for government jobs.

We have independent security monitoring across the world. So, yes, we are keeping a watch on it (the situation in Bangladesh)," an ICC Board member told PTI on conditions of anonymity. Australia are the most successful team in the women's T20 World Cup winning the tourna-

2023. England and the West Indies

won the event once each, while India under Harmanpreet Kaur will look to grab their maiden title.

India are currently playing in the Women's Asia Cup in Dambulla, Sri Lanka, and pacer Renuka Singh had said the team was using the tournament as a preparation for the ICC showpiece. "The Asia Cup is important for us because after this we don't have many matches (ahead of T20 WC) and we will have to rely on practice. "So, this is a learning experience

for us, and the conditions (in Bangladesh) could be similar. So, this is a good chance for us to get ready for the World Cup," she said.

Netherlands, where it was undergoing its final preparation. I arrived in Paris on Thursday night and have taken stock of the arrangements inside the Games Village for the Indian contingent. Archery and rowing were the first Indian

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teams to arrive on Friday and have comfortably checked-in. The athletes are slowly settling in and are exploring the Village," said Narang, the 2012 London Olympics bronze

medallist shooter. He further stated the mood among the athletes is that of excitement and anticipation. "The mood is certainly upbeat. We have the Indian men's hockey team arriving on Saturday. Surely, I am

reminded of my hay days at the

Olympics as an athlete.

"While there is a lot of excitement, athletes will also want to get some game time in the competition arenas. We want to make sure the athletes' have everything they need ahead of the start of their respective events," added Narang, a four-time Olympian. The decorated Indian shooter, who is also the recipient of the prestigious Khel Ratna and the Padma Shri awards, expressed his gratitude to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for appointing him as the chef-demission for the Paris Games. "It is a matter of great honour for me to travel with the Indian contingent as the Chef-de-

express my heartfelt gratitude for considering me for the role, and giving me a chance to once again serve my country on the sports' biggest stage," Narang

said. "As an athlete myself, I fully understand the requirements of elite athletes at the world's greatest sporting extravaganza. I will work strenuously to motivate and inspire the Indian contingent, while also safeguarding their priorities to perform their optimum. 'I am delighted to have the opportunity to play the role of the primary liaison between

our athletes, the organising committee, and other relevant stakeholders during the

Mission for Paris Olympics. I Games and will ensure a smooth and efficient process," he said.

India will be represented by 117 athletes across 20 disciplines at the Paris Olympics.

"It is a matter of great pride for me to see the growing number of medal contenders in the Indian contingent. Each and every athlete in our contingent is capable of not only being onpar against the best athletes of the world but can also surpass them and bring laurels to the nation," Narang said.

"Having a strong contingent puts India on the hot seat as we gear up for Paris." The Paris Games will be held

from July 26 to August 11.

ivank Agarwal. Devdutt Padikkal and Vvshak Vijavkumar have been retained by the teams ahead of the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 auction later this month.

The third edition of the tournament will be held from August 15 to September 1 at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium here. Defending champions Hubli Tigers, runners-up Mysore Warriors, Gulbarga Mystics, Bengaluru Blasters, Mangaluru Dragons and Shivamogga Lions retained four players each from their previous season's squad. The Hubli outfit retained the services of skipper Manish Pandev, wicketkeeper Shrijith KL and young all-rounder Manvanth Kumar and ace medium pacer

The Bengaluru Blasters' retentions include Agarwal, Suraj Ahuja, Shubhang Hegde and Mohsin Khan.

Mysore Warriors, the last year's

Katie excited about swimming after all these years

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For Katie Ledecky, there is seemingly no such thing as burnout.

Sure, there are times when it all gets a bit monotonous, staring at that black line at the bottom of the pool, turning lap after interminable lap with nothing on the line.

Yet, a dozen years after she burst on the scene with a surprising gold medal at the London Olympics, Ledecky keeps finding ways to enjoy swimming as much as ever. The times may not be quite as fast. But the ultimate payoff is staying on top year after year, Olympics after Olympics, even as other swimmers struggle to deal with the mental and physical demands of a grueling sport that only provides onceevery-four-years gratification. Ledecky is one of the most consistent swimmers in history. "I pride myself on that consistency," the 27-year-old Ledecky said. "I challenge myself to stay

consistent. Yeah, I mean sometimes it can be tough feeling like you're not having a breakthrough. But to be really consistent is something I'm really happy with. I've learned to just really enjoy each day of training and take in every moment and just appreciate the fact that I've been

able to have this long of a career, stay injury free, stay pretty healthy, be able to do this for this many vears."

Perhaps the greatest freestyle swimmer history, Ledecky heads to her fourth Olympics in a familiar role.

A gold-medal favourite. The focus of so much attention. The template for sustained excellence.

"Such a big influence," said fellow American swimmer Erin Gemmell, who has looked up to Ledecky much of her life and will be joining her as an Olympic teammate. "I don't think I would really be here

if it weren't for her." Gemmell's father used to coach Ledecky. Young Erin once dressed

up as Ledecky for Halloween. They've spent so much time together at the pool, Gemmell has had a unique perspective on Ledecky's tedious brilliance.

"It's really special to be able to be that close to someone who is so inspirational, getting to see the dayto-day work that they put in," Gemmell said.

"It makes it seem more achievable, in a way, being so close. It makes them seem a lot more human."

Ledecky isn't as dominant as she once was, but she'll definitely be the swimmer to beat in the two longest freestyle events, covering 800 and 1,500 metres. She already has six individual gold medals, the most of

any female swimmer in Olympic history. "Every athlete, as they get older, has to learn new ways to set goals, learn new ways to evaluate the results,"

Ledecky said. In many ways, she's still driven by her very first Summer Games, where she burst on the scene at 15



with a gold medal in the 800 freestyle. She provides further perspective on that experience in her new book, "Just Add Water, My Swimming Life." Olympics."

'I wanted to get back to that level, prove that I wasn't just a one-hit wonder," Ledecky said. "At the same time, I reminded wav.

focused and keeps me enjoying the sport so much, enjoying the teammates and the people that are around me," Ledecky said.

She's an old soul, for sure. Even in her teens, Ledecky had young swimmers looking up to her. "I was definitely an annoying child,"

Gemmell said, grinning. "But I think she was just so welcoming to a little 7-year-old fan. When I think about it, she was only a sophomore in high school at the time. I think if someone had acted like that towards me when I was a sophomore in high school, I would have been really weirded out. But she was kind and welcoming with

Eight years ago in Rio de Janeiro, Ledecky turned in one of the greatest performance in swimming

All these years later, after all those trips to the top of the medal podium, she feels much the same 800 freestyle with a pair of world records (the 1,500 was not yet an this year.

"That's the perspective that I've be Olympic event for women, or she able to maintain and that keeps me undoubtedly would've won that, too). For good measure, she anchored the US to a gold in the 4x200 free relay with a time that was more than a second faster than anyone else in the final.

Five years later in Tokyo, the rest of the world began to catch up in the shorter races. For the first time, she was beaten in an individual race when Australia's Ariarne Titmus took gold in the 400. Ledecky didn't even reach the podium in the 200, settling for fifth.

Ledecky doesn't plan to swim the 200 free in Paris even though she won that event at the US Olympic trials. She's a definite underdog in the 400 free, where Titmus and Canadian phenom Summer McIntosh would appear to have the upper hand. McIntosh might even give Ledecky a run for the gold in the 800 free - an event Ledecky has won at the last three Olympics after beating her at a low-level meet

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myself that anything more than that is just like icing on the cake, the cherry on top, because, I just never thought I'd make it to that one all of it."

history. She took gold in the 200, 400 and

The Shivamogga Lions retained Abhinav Manohar, the most expensive player in last year's auction with a price tag of Rs 15 lakh. Nihal Ullal, Shivraj and pacer Vasuki Koushik have also been retained by the Lions. The Mangaluru Dragons handed retention to Nikin Jose, Rohan Patil, Siddharth KV and Paras Gurbax Arva.

Vidwath Kaverappa.



A MODEL FOR INDIA'S SMART CITY ASPIRATIONS

From integrating advanced technologies to fostering community engagement, New Taipei City offers a wealth of lessons that can guide Indian cities towards a smarter and more sustainable future, writes **GYANESHWAR DAYAL**

ew Taipei City,

Taiwan's most populous city, has emerged as a leading example of smart city dovelopment

example of smart city development, integrating advanced technology, sustainable practices, and citizencentric services. As India embarks on its ambitious Smart Cities Mission, there are valuable lessons to be learned from New Taipei City's

approach to urban planning and management.

One of the biggest achievements of New Taipei City is its involvement of citizens in various facets of planning and execution and participation. New Taipei City actively involves its citizens in the planning and decision-making process. "Through public consultations, digital platforms, and community programs, residents are encouraged to participate in shaping the city's future. This collaborative approach has fostered a sense of ownership and responsibility among citizens," says Dr Tih-Ju Chu, deputy mayor of New Taipei City, Government of Taiwan.

As far as the Indian smart city concept is concerned, it has been a bureaucratic exercise where citizens have had hardly any role to play. Engaging citizens in the smart city development process is crucial for ensuring that the initiatives meet the needs and aspirations of the people. Indian cities should leverage digital tools and community engagement strategies to involve residents in planning, implementation, and monitoring of projects. We embarked upon making Varanasi into Kyoto but have reached nowhere. Perhaps the biggest reason for this has been the government's top-down approach where people come last. Local people know their city better than any bureaucrat or politician and their input can go a long way in preserving the cultural heritage of the city and modernising it at the same time.

New Taipei City fosters a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, providing support for startups and encouraging technological advancements. The city has established innovation hubs, incubators, and co-working spaces

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that nurture talent and drive economic growth. Encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship should be a priority for Indian smart cities too. By creating supportive ecosystems for startups, providing access to funding, and facilitating collaboration between academia, industry, and government, Indian cities can become hubs of innovation and economic development. After all, no city can thrive without a robust locally sustained economy. People must find jobs and reasons to settle in a smart city, else it may end up like several ghost cities of China. Yet another initiative that makes New Taipei City a model is sustainability. "The city mayor places a strong emphasis on sustainability, incorporating green building practices, renewable energy, and

efficient waste management systems. The city has extensive green spaces, promotes the use of public transportation, and encourages ecofriendly practices among residents," says Dr Tih-Ju Chu. Indeed, sustainable urban development should be at the core of India's smart cities initiative. By prioritising green infrastructure, renewable energy projects, and comprehensive waste management systems, Indian cities can reduce their environmental footprint and enhance the quality of life for their residents. New Taipei City has implemented intelligent transportation systems (ITS) to enhance mobility and reduce traffic congestion. These systems include smart traffic signals, realtime traffic monitoring, and integrated public transportation

networks. The city's focus on multimodal transportation options has made commuting more efficient and accessible. Unfortunately, traffic and commuting are one of the biggest challenges . In a city like Bengaluru, India's IT hub, commuting is a nightmare. To address urban mobility challenges, Indian smart cities should invest in ITS, including smart traffic management, real-time public transport information, and infrastructure for non-motorized transport. Developing a comprehensive and efficient transportation network can alleviate congestion and improve the overall commuting experience. One of the cornerstones of New Taipei City's success is its adoption of cutting-edge technology to

implemented an integrated digital platform that connects various departments, enabling real-time data sharing and decision-making. This has resulted in efficient public service delivery, reduced administrative costs, and improved transparency. Indian smart cities can benefit from creating unified digital platforms that foster interdepartmental collaboration, enhance service delivery, and promote transparency. Investing in robust ICT infrastructure and data analytics can drive more informed policy decisions and optimize resource allocation. Situated in a region prone to natural disasters, New Taipei City has prioritised building resilient infrastructure and robust disaster management systems. The city employs advanced monitoring and early warning systems, conducts regular drills, and has developed comprehensive emergency response plans. Implementing early warning systems, conducting regular drills, and involving communities in disaster management plans can significantly reduce the impact of disasters.

Let us face it, India's smart city project faces several significant challenges that hinder its progress. Foremost among these is the bureaucratic approach that often sidelines citizen participation and local insights, resulting in top-down planning that lacks community buyin. Additionally, there is a persistent lack of robust infrastructure and technological integration, impeding the development of effective digital platforms and smart solutions. Moreover, coordination between various government departments and private stakeholders is often fragmented, leading to inefficiencies and delays. Without addressing these fundamental issues, the ambitious vision of India's smart cities may remain unfulfilled. We must be open to such initiatives outside of india and there would be no harm in trying the best practices from around the world. The lessons from New Taipei City serve as a blueprint for India's smart cities to follow, ensuring that they meet the needs of their residents while addressing the challenges of the 21st century.



HE WHO STUDIES MEDICINE WITHOUT BOOKS SAILS AN UNCHARTED SEA, BUT HE WHO STUDIES MEDICINE WITHOUT PATIENTS DOES NOT GO TO SEA AT ALL - WILLIAM OSLER

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A TALE OF TWO COUNTRIES INDIA AND CHINA BEYOND BINARIES

There is more to India and China relations that meets the eye and a lot goes behind the curtain in the people's republic of China writes GYANESHWAR DAYAL

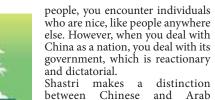
he book "Two Binaries: The World of India and China" by Shastri Ramachandran has generated significant interest. It explores several issues confronting the two countries and their bilateral relations. The author has ostensibly analysed why they behave as they do and what prevents the two countries from closer. Shastri coming Ramachandran is a journalist and well-versed in Chinese culture, having spent considerable time there, which makes him an authority on the subject. Indeed, he knows more about China than many so-called experts here. Although I haven't read the book, I recently participated in a discussion organised by the publishers to promote the book and initiate an informed debate. The discussion was chaired by Professor Madhu Bhalla, with veteran journalist Paranjoy Guha Thakurta and Professor Arvind Yelary as other panelists. The discussion certainly achieved

its purpose and initiated a debate on Indo-China relations and our skewed understanding of China as a country beyond TV news and newspaper articles, often superficial in nature. China is always on the minds of most Indians. We have a love-hate relationship with it: we love it when we use its cheap products and buy them to profit in the domestic market. As Paranjoy Guha Thakurta pointed out, most businesses would struggle without Chinese imports. Most pharmaceutical companies use raw materials from China, as do many car companies which import Chinese spares.

PROF MACHU EHALLA DR. ARAVIND YELERY

Indeed, India and China represent 40 percent of humanity and wield enormous power by sheer population size. However, coming together requires overcoming many obstacles. Shastri has the benign notion of making this the Asian century, which is not possible without India and China burying their hatchet. But that is easier said than done. They have historical and geographical factors that keep them apart. Shastri sees Western influence, amplified by our media, as a root cause of strained relations. He praises the Chinese people and believes it is possible to bridge the divide between the two peoples, as we are more than two countries - two

civilizations. However, there is a problem with perception. He sees China as a country painted by the West as evil, and we are expected to accept that view. We do so happily, gulping down Western propaganda as the gospel truth. There is some truth in that. The There is some truth in that. The West has a powerful media with unparalleled reach, capable of making or breaking anyone's image. But that is only part of the truth. Giving China a clean chit is definitely oversimplifying the situation. Let's put it this way: China and the Chinese government are two separate entities often at cross purposes. When you interact with Chinese



between Chinese and Arab dictatorships in their construct, but the end result is the same: an oppressive, intolerant, and regressive structure focused on self-preservation. Simply assuming a communist facade does not make one truly communist. Let's face it: Stalin was a dictator, Nicolae Ceau?escu was a dictator, Kim Jong Un is a dictator, and so is Xi Jinping. Having a party like Hitler's doesn't

qualify one to be called a qualify one to be called a Communist (a much-abused term, but I would think of Lenin as one). A fun fact here: Hitler's party was officially called the National Socialist German Workers' Party! On October 22, 2022, Hu Jintao, former General Secretary of the former General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, was escorted out of the hall at the closing ceremony of the 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party. He was pulled from his seat by two men while Xi maintained a stoic face. Was it a Western construct? When Shastri says, and I quote,

"Nancy Pelosi leads a delegation to Dharamshala with business stakes in Taiwan, and the Dalai Lama

receives treatment in the US, making clear what is happening," he trivializes the Tibetan struggle and casts aspersions on the Dalai Lama's credentials. The human rights violations and systemic cleansing in Tibet are beyond the scope of this piece. It is not just about Tibet; the Uyghur province, dominated by Muslims, has seen enough misery. The Uyghur province of China has witnessed a series of human rights violations. It includes mass arbitrary detention, torture, enforced disappearances, mass surveillance, cultural and religious persecution, separation of families, forced labour, sexual violence, and violations of reproductive rights. Many of the cases are well documented. And by the way, there is nothing capitalist about the students' protest in Hong Kong. I wish someone on the panel had spoken about these issues too. Most of them were fixated on Doklam and Galwan and relished Chinese cuisine and the great economic strides China made and

how everyone wants to have a piece of the Chinese pie. Interestingly, after taking advantage of Chinese largesse, many African and Asian countries are now waiting their countries are now waiting their turn to go bankrupt. China's 'Belt and Road Initiative' is turning out to be a noose around hapless economies. China is doing in the 21st century what the West did in the 19th. Do we have a locus standi in criticising China's human rights violations when we have skeletons in our cupboard? Sure, we do. Martin Luther** King Jr. said, and I quote, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere!"

INSPIRATIONS BEHIND ZAIRA AND AUTHORSHIP JOU

Beyond Binaries

THE WORLD OF INDIA AND CHINA

Professor VINITA DHONDIYAL BHATNAGAR shares the personal inspirations behind her novel ZAIRA and reflects on her journey from literature scholar to published author

What inspired you to write

time and attention

to really crave that

Zaira? Were there any personal experiences or specific events that sparked the idea for this novel?

Zaira was inspired by many events and incidents. I saw a terrible accident on a flyover near my office. The young man was hurled across the parapet and crashed onto the road below. The blood was trickling from his head like a rivulet. This scene has stayed with me and informs one of the most pivotal moments in the plot.

The awareness as a mother and as a college teacher about the vulnerability of our young population also played a part. This is the age of

experimentation and exploration, which is fantastic. But they should not fall prey to addictions or to habits that endanger their lives and their futures. This inspired me to write about the cynical, profiteering men who might make a fortune by luring people into consuming drugs.

Can you share your journey as a writer? What were some of the key moments or turning points that led you to become a published author?

I have been studying literature since 1985 and have a Phd in literary studies. So I have a long history of reading. It took guts to jump into writing especially because in my mind I kept comparing myself to the literary greats I had studied. I kept writing and kept getting rejected. Part of the problem was that my characters were not gripping enough. My father passed away in 2010 and his last words to me were not to give up. I am going to keep to that. The publishing industry has changed drastically in the last few years. Maybe my time was now. My editor friend Kaneez, told me of Book Bakers, my literary agent and they helped place my book.

How do you balance your roles as a professor and a writer? Do you find that your story is not hers. The



character is. I asked her at

points "What would you wear

to this?"or "What would you

eat? "Since I understood her

Zaira is filled with

unexpected twists and

suspenseful moments. How

do you approach plotting a

story to maintain tension

and keep readers engaged? My professor Malashri Lal

live audiences. It's a very

difficult art. Listeners get

restless and children are

bound to say "I am bored"

when They are bored. That

gives my writing urgency. I

don't want to bore you. I don't

want to waste your precious

suggested I start storytelling to

academic work and storytelling complement each other?

In my fantasies I would have well I could imagine what her responses might be in certain circumstances. Rajyawardhan been a full time writer, locked up in a room with my thoughts for company. In is based partially on my favorite film star. I saw him on reality I am juggling a home, and a job in which I have VIP road in Bhopal and I said seventy young people in a classroom and they come to myself, "This man will be a legend." I think he is on his from far off places and with way to becoming one. I won't distinctive personalities and say more or I might be sued! life stories of their own. I now With Jai I was thinking of the recognise this as strength. It migration of the Sindhis to may give me less time to write Bairagarh near Bhopal after but it gives me deeper partition. A character carries compassion and the history of his people and I understanding. I teach hope some of that is reflected communication skills and my in Jai's story. What changed purpose in writing is significantly throughout the primarily to communicate course of the writing was the relationship outcome of Jai rather than impress. My book has been written primarily for and Zaira's story. I was so the type of people I teach. keen to write a romance. Alas!

The characters in Zaira are richly detailed and complex. Can you share your process for developing characters like Zaira, Rajyawardhan and Jai? Did any of them change significantly from your initial concept? Thank you! As you know characterization is what I have struggled with the most. So your words are a healing balm to my soul. Frankly, Zaira is based on a friend of mine who is like a daughter to me. The

The book touches on serious issues like drug trafficking and personal trauma. What kind of research did you conduct to ensure these aspects were portrayed accurately and sensitively? I didn't do specific research on these topics but I have always stayed aware of these issues in society. I listened to ex-drug addicts speak about the fear of slipping back into the habit and of the humiliating lives they had led when they were in the grip of addiction. I knew a fantastic young man who just slipped away. It makes me sad. It makes me angry. We are letting our younger generations down if we don't do enough to protect and inform them. I was in the process of losing my mother as I wrote the book. I didn't know it then at a conscious level. But at a subconscious level, something inside me was preparing to let go. That rawness, that vulnerability and ache found itself on to the page

Fyodor Dostoevsky works often explore deep psychological and moral issues. How Has Dostoevsky influenced your writing, particularly in Zaira? Are there specific aspects of his work that resonate with you? During my MPhil days at Delhi University, I attended a seminar course of Russian Literature. (I must tell you the first four years of my life were spent in Russia. They believed then that the only privileged class should be children and I was treated accordingly.) I think I am obsessed with him because my uncle once dismissed somebody else's writing as "He is no Dostoevsky" Since then he has become my standard of good writing!

As a storyteller, are there any elements of Fyodor Dostoevsky's work that have influenced your writing, particularly in Zaira? Ha Ha! I am arrogant enough

comparison. Dostoevsky doesn't bother with facts as much as with states of mind. I find it difficult to add irrelevant details just to enhance the literariness of the language or story. He explores the two radically opposing sides of a character or situation. When I read his morally ambiguous characters I feel "This could be me, I could respond like this in this situation." I am hoping readers will feel the same way about my work.

You've mentioned that no change is possible unless the story touches the hearts of its readers. How do you ensure your stories have this emotional impact? Even as a teacher I am aware miracles can happen and mountains can move if you can touch the hearts of your students. I do have a worldview, an urgent sense of how I think things should be. If I wrote them in a pamphlet it would be thrown away. So I weave a story. One of my favourite writers just revealed that he cried through the writing of his book. He knew the reader could feel the emotion because he felt it first.That is my greatest challenge. Years of struggling with literacy issues of theme, character, plot and conflict means I have a head first approach. I have to get in touch with my own heart to write. When we communicate heart to heart, we understand each other better. That's all I am going for.

What do you hope readers will feel or think about after finishing Zaira? Is there a particular message or feeling you want to leave them with? I am hoping they will feel energised and empowered. Mistakes happen. So what? Why be afraid of heartbreak and betrayal to an extent where we forget to live? There are possibilities and opportunities all around us. We have a story to live. Let's make it grand!

BOOK REVIEW

A GRIPPING TALE OF AMBITION, THRILLER AND SELF-DISCOVERY

Zaira is a gripping thriller that blends suspense with societal critique, following a young woman's perilous journey through Bollywood and drug trafficking to uncover the truth behind her idol's death, says SAKSHI PRIYA

ZAIRA

BHATNAGAR

AIRA by Prof. Vinita Dhondiyal Bhatnagar is a compelling young adult ∠thriller that masterfully blends suspense with social commentary. Set against the glamorous backdrop of Bollywood and the dangerous world of drug trafficking, the novel follows the journey of Zaira, an ambitious college student from Bhopal, as she navigates the complex intersection between her dreams of fame and the traditional expectations of her family.

The book introduces key characters like Jai, who provides stability and support to Zaira and Rajyawardhan Singh, Layla's charismatic lover whom Zaira admires. Rajyawardhan's presence adds complexity to

the story, intertwining with Zaira's ambitions and the dangers she faces. Bhatnagar skillfully portrays Zaira's internal conflict as she navigates her relationship with Jai, initially a source of joy and comfort, which becomes a lens for her own desires and aspirations. Jai plays pivotal roles in shaping Zaira's journey, enriching her character development. Rajyawardhan also influences Zaira's decisions, adding depth to the narrative dynamics. One of the most striking

aspects of the book is its exploration of societal pressures and their impact on individuals, especially women. Zaira, initially portrayed as a somewhat naive and idealistic young woman, faces judgment and ridicule from her peers for her choices. The dialogue between Shikma and Deepa, who mock Zaira for her slipping grades and newfound relationship, highlights the harsh scrutiny that women often face. This criticism is not merely about academic performance or personal relationships but is deeply rooted in societal expectations and the pressure to conform to traditional roles.

The book grips you from the first page to the last, urging you to finish it in one sitting as you delve into every character and their stories. Author beautifully portrays Zaira's journey, creating a remarkable reading experience. The subplot involving

Rajyawardhan Singh adds suspense and danger, Zaira's involvement in a dangerous drug trafficking investigation and the subsequent threats to her life bring a sense of urgency and tension. Her time in isolation, grappling with fear and turmoil, showcases her inner strength, particularly in her struggle to maintain sanity and selfawareness.

Bhatnagar's writing is engaging and evocative, drawing readers into Zaira's world from the first page. The pacing is wellmanaged, balancing the thriller elements of the drug trafficking investigation with moments of introspection and character development. The author's ability to weave together personal growth, suspenseful plot

twists and broader societal issues is commendable. The novel's exploration of the complexities of human relationships and emotions adds depth to the narrative. Zaira's evolving relationships with her family members, her romantic entanglements and her changing perception of Layla (whom she initially idolizes) all contribute to a human connection and growth.

ZAIRA is more than just a thrilling page-turner; it's a profound exploration of personal growth, societal pressure and the quest for justice. Bhatnagar's nuanced

characters, engaging plot and evocative writing create a story that resonates long after the final page is turned. Once you start reading, you'll be eager to finish it in one go, drawn to explore every character and their stories. The book is highly recommended for readers who enjoy emotionally rich narratives combined with cultural authenticity and suspenseful elements. ZAIRA stands out as a remarkable contribution to contemporary Indian literature. It offers a thought-provoking experience that prompts readers to reflect on their own life choices and the societal forces that shape them. Vinita Dhondiyal Bhatnagar has crafted a novel that is both a gripping thriller and a sensitive portrayal of a young woman's journey to self-discovery, making it a must-read for fans of the genre and beyond



PART OF THE SECRET OF A SUCCESS IN LIFE IS TO EAT WHAT YOU LIKE AND LET THE FOOD FIGHT IT OUT INSIDE - MARK TWAIN

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LOBSTER LOVE

PAWAN SONI discovers how Delhi is experiencing a culinary renaissance with new venues offering world class ingredients



PAWAN SONI Food critic and founder of the Big F Awards

etting high-quality lobster in Delhi can be quite a challenge. This is challenge. This is why I make it a point to attend most crab and lobster festivals in the city, where the freshness and quality of these exquisite sea creatures are guaranteed. I have enjoyed several memorable meals at Shang Palace, Shangri-La Eros Delhi, and the ongoing 'Clawsome Chobster' meal was no Chobster' meal was no exception. This special menu features dishes made with both chicken and lobster, likely to appeal even to those who don't typically enjoy shellfish. We began with a lobster and mango salad, a perfect summer dish. The sweetness of the lobster meat and fresh mangoes, combined with the coconut sauce, was perfectly complemented by the texture of lettuce and the acidity of lemon. For those who enjoy Chongqing chicken with its bullet chili heat, the lobster version is a must-try. The lobster, with its meat still clinging to the shell, is truly a palate pleaser. After tasting this, I wonder if I'll ever enjoy the chicken version as much. The only chicken dish we tried in starters was the bang bang chicken. Coated with panko/breadcrumbs f



mixed with sweet chilly sauce. In the dim sum selection, we tried the kaffir lime lobster dumplings served with oscietra caviar. Though the kaffir lime flavor was somewhat subdued, these beautifully crafted dumplings were delightful. The lobster and chicken siu mai

included fried rice with lobster, chicken, and egg. Another intriguing option was the Chobster, a whole grilled chicken served with lobster rice. This dish, as our server mentioned, requires about 45 minutes to prepare, so we opted for the chili pepper

asked about the sourcing of their lobsters, he proudly shared that they are flown in from Canada. I am eagerly anticipating their new festival offerings, which will feature an abundance of lobster, reflecting their commitment to bringing top-quality seafood to In

ingredients. If you love seafood as much as I do, don't miss this special menu, available only until July 21, 2024.

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A CULINARY COACH

Introducing Capital Diner, a unique restaurant located in a refurbished railway coach, providing travelers and locals with a nostalgic and immersive dining experience at the New Delhi Railway Station

estled within the bustling confines of New Delhi Railway Station lies Capital Diner, an enchanting escape that seamlessly blends the nostalgia of old-world train journeys with the flair of contemporary dining. This innovative restaurant, housed within

innovative restaurant, housed within a meticulously refurbished railway coach, promises an unforgettable culinary experience for travelers and locals alike. Stepping into Capital Diner is equivalent to embarking on a journey through time. Capital Diner offers a unique blend of history, ambiance and exquisite cuisine, making it an ideal spot for travelers and locals alike. Upon entering Capital Diner, guests are transported back in time, as the restaurant's design combines the charm of American diners with the luxury of old-world train journeys. The interior, fashioned from a retired The interior, fashioned from a retired Indian Railways coach, exudes an air of elegance and charm reminiscent of the bygone era of train travel. Rich brown vertical stripe wallpaper, evoking memories of the legendary Orient Express, complements plush mallard shade suede booth seating and tasteful mosaic tiling. Soft beige LED lighting strips cast a gentle, starlit glow, enhancing the ambiance with a touch of luxurious warmth. Beyond its captivating aesthetics, Capital Diner delights diners with a diverse menu that celebrates both traditional Indian flavors and international cuisines. From hearty kadhai paneer paired with freshly baked naan to creamy penne tomato pasta with succulent chicken, every dish is crafted with meticulous attention to detail and premium ingredients. Each bite is a witnessed to the culinary expertise of restaurant's dedicated chefs, ensuring a gastronomic journey that satisfies even the most discerning palate. "We are delighted to introduce Capital Diner, where the romance of



railway travel meets the sophistication of modern dining," shares Mr. Harish Kumar Arora, Founder of Capital Diner. "Our aim is to create a dining experience that not only tantalises the taste buds but also evokes cherished memories of train journeys past." Capital Diner stands as a

testament to innovation in the culinary landscape of New Delhi, offering more than just a meal but an immersive experience that celebrates the cultural heritage of India's railway history. Whether seeking a quick bite before catching a train or a leisurely dining experience amidst the station's vibrant atmosphere, Capital Diner promises an unparalleled fusion of nostalgia and culinary excellence.

So, next time you find yourself at New Delhi Railway Station, don't just pass through - immerse yourself in the allure of Capital Diner. Indulge in the ambiance, savor the flavours and rediscover the magic of train travel through a dining experience like no other.

extra crunch for this juicy chicken breast filling, it surely had the bang. Though for the sauce, I missed the mayonnaise in the dip which is normally

were expertly made with thin skins and juicy fillings. Feeling quite full after the starters, we decided to skip the carbohydrate dishes, which

lobster tail instead. During our meal, Mr. Abhishek Sadhoo, General Manager of the hotel, stopped by, and we exchanged pleasantries. When

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EMBRACING VEGANISM ZURICH

When considering a trip to Switzerland, famous for its chocolate and cheese, you may question if it suits vegans. Yet, surprisingly, Switzerland is an exciting destination for vegans, offering unexpected delights. In Zurich, there are chances to explore innovative sustainable dining options

BY **AKANKSHA DEAN**

¬ witzerland pleasantly Surprised me with its vegan options. Local supermarkets carry a variety of vegan products such as plant milk, tofu, lentils, and Swiss vegan brands like New Roots Cheeses and Planted Vegan Meats. The cities like Zurich, Geneva, Lugano, Bern, and Lucerne offer many veganfriendly restaurants listed on Happy Cow. Zurich and Geneva stand out in the vegan scene, but other cities also provide for vegans. Be sure to check food labels for hidden dairy ingredients. Swiss cities feature diverse vegan eateries like Tibits and Hiltl serving global cuisine. Do try the traditional Swiss dish Rösti. During my month-long stay in Zurich following a vegan diet, I discovered the city's vibrant vegan scene, surprising given its reputation for banking and luxury shopping. Haus Hiltl, the world's oldest vegetarian restaurant on Sihlstrasse 28, 8001 Zürich, offers classic dishes like house-made meatballs and rich Bolognese bowls. Guests can enjoy a la carte options or the vegetarian buffet, allowing them to savour various flavours. Hiltl Sihlpost near the main train station offers buffet options for breakfast and other meals. One remarkable aspect of Haus Hiltl is its carefully curated menu, making it a top choice for those with specific dietary needs like gluten-free, nut-free, or soyfree preferences. Discover and savour these top dining destinations in the city.

REDIFINING GASTRONOMY Zizi Hatab, a Moroccan immigrant raised in a multicultural setting near the Mediterranean coast of Spain, is redefining gastronomy with plants. Despite starting with a background in Spanish fishing gastronomy, Zizi's journey led her to Barcelona for engineering studies, where she balanced hosting dinners in her student dorm with exploring tapas venues. Transitioning to a corporate engineering role in Switzerland, Zizi's passion for cooking persisted. Without professional culinary experience, she boldly approached top Swiss chef Andreas Caminada, securing an internship at his renowned restaurant, Schloss Schauenstein. Returning to Zurich in 2019 to prepare for the launch of her debut restaurant, KLE, Zizi made a bold decision to offer an exclusively plantbased menu and lifestyle. Despite scepticism from various quarters, Zizi remained steadfast in aligning her values with her culinary vision, believing in the transformative power of a plantbased diet and food's ability to connect people. Through KLE, Zizi aims to inspire a change in consumer habits by offering a culinary experience based on love, innovation in plant-based cuisine, and sustainability. Emphasizing locally sourced ingredients and sustainability, Zizi creates a welcoming atmosphere for both her teams and guests, fostering memorable dining encounters. Her pioneering work in plant-based



fine dining at KLE has garnered recognition both locally and internationally, solidifying her influence in the gastronomic realm. Her second establishment, DAR, swiftly became recognized and was highlighted as a top spot by The 50 Best. Particularly noteworthy is DAR being awarded a distinguished Green Michelin Star in 2022. This accolade marks Zizi as the first Swiss vegan chef to attain such an honour, affirming her status among the global culinary leaders. In the same year, Zizi was honoured as one of the 10 emerging chefs influencing the evolution of gastronomy in the 50 Next prestigious list.



ELEGANT YET APPROACHABLE FINE DINING AT KLE

Located in the vibrant District 3 of Zurich, KLE'S diverse team brings a multicultural flair to Zurich's dining landscape, creating an intimate and welcoming ambiance. An inviting outdoor terrace provides a charming setting for open-air dining when the weather is pleasant. Recently awarded both a green and red Michelin star, KLE stands out as Switzerland's first plant-based restaurant to receive such recognition, a testament to the chef's dedication to culinary excellence. Each dish emphasizes quality ingredients, such as the 'black pearl mushroom' with a

sauce crafted from 25 locally sourced elements like Weggis lemongrass. The house bread, reminiscent of Moroccan buns, served with egg-free aioli made from 'aqua-faba' and Moroccan hummus, along with unique pickled vegetables, showcases the chef's inventive twists on traditional flavours. Sauerklee, a cherished ingredient in various cuisines, highlights KLE's blend of local and global culinary influences, inviting diners to savour a sensory exploration of the chef's culinary heritage.

DAR & IT'S COCKTAIL BAR

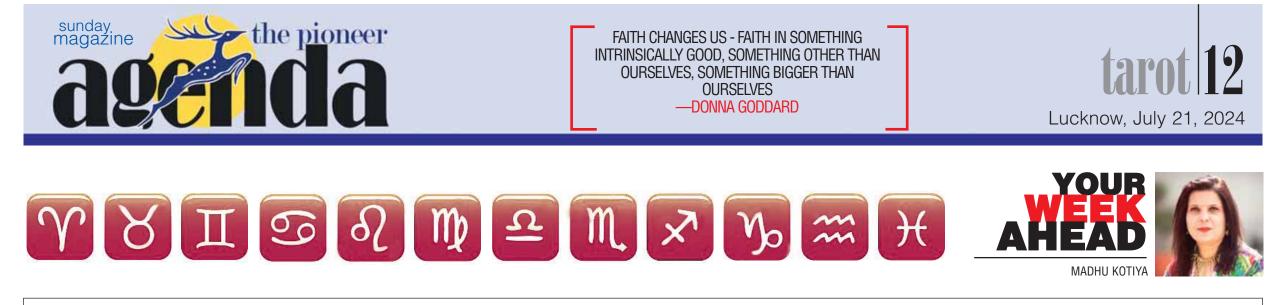
My visit was truly eye-opening. DAR, meaning 'to give' in Spanish, fuses Moroccan and Spanish influences to create a remarkable plant-based dining experience. The menu showcases fresh seasonal vegetables, artisanal bread, and delectable desserts, inviting diners to explore global flavours like salted lemon mustard buns and turmeric-infused roasted beets. Opting for the chef's selection treats guests to a well-curated array of snacks, entrees, and sweets that leave a lasting impression. Reserving ahead is essential for a table at DAR, especially for the popular weekend vegan brunch featuring delightful honeycomb-shaped pancakes. Adjacent, the Cocktail Bar offers sustainably crafted vegan drinks that embody the vibrant tastes of Spain and Morocco. This 'slow fast food' concept extends to enjoying homemade vegan burgers while respecting the environment.

DAR's atmosphere celebrates guilt-free pleasures that blend taste, tradition, and ethical dining, offering a truly gratifying experience.

PINXTOS AND WINE AT COR

Cor on Weststrasse is a hidden treasure in the heart of Zurich. offering a cosy atmosphere where wine and tapas are the stars. Zineb and Bernd Vogel's love for Catalan cuisine is evident in the carefully crafted plant-based tapas and pintxos. The wine selection, featuring mainly Spanish and French wines, adds elegance to the experience, promising a diverse culinary journey with each bottle. Savouring delights like stuffed peppers and 'pa amb tomaquet' reveals Cor's dedication to organic, local ingredients. What distinguishes Cor is its innovative wine menu, constantly evolving to complement the diverse menu offerings. Whether for an impromptu aperitif or a relaxed dinner, Cor's charming ambiance and delicious offerings make it a top choice in Zurich's dining scene. A visit to Cor promises a delightful blend of flavours, setting, and warmth that truly elevates the dining experience in Zurich.

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ARIES March 21-April 19

This week, you possess significant physical and mental strength. Utilize your willpower to overcome challenges. Here are some tips: focus entirely on your goals, seize opportunities, and actively participate to succeed. A journey or trip may be on the horizon. Pay attention to all details before making decisions. Your actions are usually quick, but this week calls for patience and strength. Firm decisions will lead to a more meaningful and stable life. Midweek, domestic issues may require your attention, with discussions around travel, marriage, or property matters. Towards the end of the week, you may receive marriage proposals. Those already in relationships will find their bonds strengthening, with increased intensity bringing you closer. Emotional moments may arise; keep them in check

Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Coral Lucky day Wednesday

TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week begins on a high note with a clear understanding of

both personal and professional landscapes, allowing for

efficient and effective action. You exhibit strong leadership

and a robust self-confidence, positioning yourself as a source

of inspiration and a driving force for many. As the week progresses, you'll find yourself at the heart of familial warmth

and affection, playing a pivotal role in deepening bonds among loved ones. A long-held wish may see fruition during

prepared for some internal conflicts as cherished beliefs and

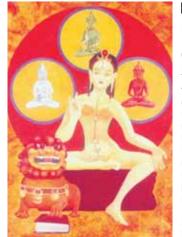
Embrace flexibility and consider thoughtful changes to ensure

this time, bringing your efforts into the spotlight and

garnering appreciation. However, as the week closes, be

established methods may need reevaluation. This could

pertain to personal habits or professional approaches.



LEO July 23-Aug 22

Now is the time to engage in discussions and seek equilibrium. Refreshing your energies is essential for achieving mental clarity and tranquility. Challenges may surface, such as relationship strains, financial worries, or minor health concerns. You may experience confusion and uncertainty, leading to a feeling of bewilderment. It's important to address emotional, domestic, and health issues with renewed focus, especially in matters such as reconciling estranged relationships or navigating separations. Liberating your mind from entrenched beliefs and barriers is crucial for embracing new opportunities. During unfavorable periods, it's wise to allow time to unfold naturally while preparing for future opportunities to maximize benefits. This approach will help you navigate through difficult phases with resilience and lay a solid foundation for success in more promising times.

Lucky number 14 | Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Saturday

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week promises a rich sense of emotional fulfillment. You may find yourself reconnecting with loved ones from your past, nurturing bonds that have stood the test of time. Expect a dynamic period ahead, with the possibility of embarking on an international journey related to a fresh professional role. Harness your creative energies this week, as they are peaking and could lead to significant achievements. Midweek brings recognition for your recent efforts, enhancing your sense of accomplishment. You'll notice an expansive outlook positively impacting your decisions. As the week closes, a new employment opportunity may arise, alongside a burst of inspiration to launch a new project. This could set the stage for future success. Overall, the week holds promise for professional growth, fulfilling travel, and joyful connections.

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Blue Lucky day Wednesday

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22



Currently, vou're encountering a challenging phase where vital aspects of your existence demand urgent attention and a balanced approach. As the week progresses, you might find yourself feeling disengaged and desiring a break from the hustle, prioritizing personal needs over others. It's important to value your current blessings and concentrate on savoring the here and now. Your progress in various areas might seem stalled, potentially leading to a sense of confusion. Beware of negative influences from those around you, and be proactive to counteract their effects. Be cautious with new romantic or professional offers this week as they could lead to complications. Though times seem tough, it's not the end. Strive for equilibrium and unity in your actions and relationships.

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Orange Lucky day Tuesday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week presents a notable period of achievement both at home and in your professional life, as favorable circumstances align to support your endeavors. Any project you undertake is likely to succeed effortlessly. Consider making significant decisions related to family or real estate during this time. You'll find yourself in a position of influence and leadership, recognized for your ability to manage and inspire. Your natural charisma ensures that others are receptive to your ideas. Engagements in meetings, networking, and partnerships are particularly advantageous, leading to positive outcomes. Your ability to leverage the strengths of those around you shines, driven by your insight and magnanimity. As the week concludes, you'll experience a sense of substantial personal and business growth. A thoughtful discussion with elders could be beneficial, enhancing family dynamics.

Lucky number 1 | Lucky colour Grey Lucky day Monday

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week promises a significant shift in your daily routine, possibly affecting either your professional environment or personal life. You may find yourself moving to a favored location or adapting to a new role. As you anticipate these changes, you'll find your thoughts deeply engaged in planning for what lies ahead. By midweek, take a moment to appreciate the abundance life offers, as your well-being and satisfaction contribute to your allure and positive demeanor. Achieving a balance between a joyful home and fulfilling work life reflects your resilience and determination. Your steadfastness in facing challenges has set the stage for you to enjoy the rewards of your efforts. Embrace this period as an opportunity for growth and self-reflection, leading to deeper insights and personal development

Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Saturday

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week heralds a burst of inspiration and the potential for a spiritual renaissance. Harnessing this dynamic surge creatively could yield significant achievements. However, prudence is advised as your actions will come under scrutiny, potentially leading to complications. It's wise to monitor your actions closely. The outcomes of your recent and past efforts are shaping your future prospects, aligning with the principles of karma. A significant triumph may be on the horizon, rewarding your justified endeavors. Should you encounter any legal challenges, they are likely to resolve favorably. A deep sense of thankfulness for the blessings in your life will pervade, culminating in celebratory gatherings with loved ones towards the week's end. You'll find yourself invigorated and exuberantly connected with those around you.

Lucky number 12 | Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Wednesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Pink

continued progress.

Lucky day Sunday

Your persistent efforts are about to pay off, manifesting as tangible successes. You have a profound sense of stability and security, which reflects in your demeanor, professional endeavors, and interpersonal relationships. Your innovative spirit and enthusiasm for your work empower you to master your environment. Those around you, including peers and team members, appreciate your sincerity and commitment to collective well-being. You radiate positivity and skillfully navigate challenges through informed decisions, leaning on historical precedents and strategic negotiation. Professionals in advisory roles excel during this time, harnessing their strength, discipline, and accumulated wisdom. With your dedication, self-assurance, and solid foundation, you are wellpositioned to succeed. This is an excellent time to maximize vour capabilities and achieve

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Lemon Lucky day Mondav



CANCER June 21-July 22 This week, there is a notable surge in impulsive behavior



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21 This week heralds a period of fruitful outcomes and vibrant



and a tendency to rush decisions, which could lead to chaos and loss of control. It's essential to manage your emotions and reflect deeply on your challenges. You might feel compelled to distance yourself from your current environment, possibly through a quickly organized trip. Be prepared for unexpected disagreements that could arise. Now is not the optimum period to initiate new ventures. You will overcome various challenges. whether they are mental, physical, emotional, or spiritual. As the week closes, you'll likely turn towards spiritual growth, finding answers and peace through reflective practices Engaging in spiritual rituals and acts of kindness will provide you with great comfort and aroundina

Lucky number 20 | Lucky colour Lavender Lucky day Thursday

energy. You may find yourself yearning for advanced learning opportunities, with prospects from abroad presenting themselves enticingly. Despite the fierce competition, your perseverance and tenacity will see you through successfully. Your professional life might require relocation or travel, but this shift promises to align with your broader ambitions and prove beneficial. Exercise caution in interactions with colleagues to avoid unnecessary disputes. Overall, this week is exceptionally favorable for both your career and personal relationships. Your innate potential and creativity are at a peak—harness these qualities to maximize every opportunity. Additionally, your personal life could see significant growth or a joyful addition. A sense of renewed purpose may invigorate your pursuits, leading you toward exciting and innovative ventures.

Om – The Shabda Brahman

Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Mint Lucky day Friday



and finish. Expect harmony and joy within the family sphere. Relationships, both romantic and platonic, are likely to thrive alongside comfortable living conditions. Children will experience success, and longstanding matters, particularly those related to family assets, are poised to reach favorable resolutions. However, potential disagreements with colleagues might arise. Facing these challenges with constructive strategies will be key. Your patience and wise handling of differing viewpoints will help navigate any tensions smoothly. As the week concludes, you'll discover effective solutions to your concerns, paving the way for new opportunities. With confidence in your capabilities and a persistent positive outlook, you're set to triumph over the week's challenges. Enjoy the week!

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Teal Lucky day Sunday

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◀oday is Guru Purnima, dedicated to the torch bearer in one's life the Guru - in the annular Hindu calendar. Heartfelt salutation to my revered Guru on this solemn occasion. For, he in his own ingenious ways helped me rise over the limitations of mind and emotion, expand my vision, making me worth serving as guiding spirit to many. Also, I greet other Gurus who have been enlightening their disciples. The importance of the word: 'Guru' is hidden in its very construct. Guru is made of two syllables - 'Gu' meaning darkness/ignorance and 'Ru' implies light. Guru, thus, is the one who enlightens to remove

darkness/ignorance. Here, it is important to understand the difference between a teacher and a Guru. Teacher is academically aware of a particular subject or discipline, which he carries forward to the students. Guru, on the other hand, who through his intense sadhana, gets over the limitations of mind and emotions, whence he has access to the whole landscape of mind, which knows no limits. He then explores and realises the truths of life both eternal, which includes even subtle

realities operative at unseen level, and living realities of life. Only such realised masters could intuitively comprehend the soundless sound Om. Now coming back to the subject matter under discussion since the previous issue, we have seen why the sound note Om is also termed as Shabda-Brahman. Shabda in Sanskrit means word - both written and as heard. The word Brahman here means the primal-source and effective cause of all creations.

The Shabda-Brahman concept is laid down in the Vedas as: Prajapatirvai idam-asit Tasya Vagdwitiya asit Vagvai paramam Brahman

In the beginning was Prajapati which is another name assigned to the source and effective cause of all creations. The word Prajapati is made of two words: Praja and Pati, respectively meaning the subjects and their lord, the two when combined means lord of all creations. The word came second - spoken of as second because it was first potentially in and then emerged as the evident power from Him. The word is that ultimate Brahman.



This finds resonance even in the Biblical scripture, the fourth Gospel: "In the beginning was the Word; and the Word was with God; and the Word was God". The 'Om?' symbol, as we see, is written as the Hindi letter 'ऊँ ' (\overline{U}) towards its main body. On top of it is placed a crescent having a dot within, which is spoken of as Hindi letter 'm?'. The

crescent sign with the dot within symbolises particular action or the stirring at the primal source. The main body - $(\bar{\mathfrak{G}})$ reflects what followed thereafter, which eventually culminated in the manifest plural world of name and form.

Supposedly following Pranava (causal stress) at the primal source, arose Nada

(sound). The crescent here symbolises the arousal of causal stress. When the causal-stress gathered up and gravitated further, energy streams got released with a bang. Here, the dot within the crescent has two-fold implications. First, it symbolises the dense singular source where from the world process took off. Second, it symbolises centralisation of causal stress and issuance of energy streams there from. The second part, \hat{A} (U) symbolises the manifest energy as the world experience.

A question will naturally arise in curious human mind: "Why and how the scope for causal-stress at the primalsource, believed to be originally in equilibrated state?" The dictionary meaning describes 'stress', as a system of forces applied to a body. Evidently, when two things attract or distract each other, will lead to stress (the resulting force arising thereof). It is therefore possible that mutual

attraction/distraction amongst energy particles constituting the primal source, hitherto in equilibrated state, would be subject to stress. This phenomenon being the self-activated cause of all

further actions in the world process is termed as causal stress. This, when gathered momentum, and got centralised, found issuance of forces with a roaring 'Hum' sound. Here, a mention about the state of atom, seemingly inactive, becomes imperative to make things clear. At the centre of an atom lies the positively charged nucleus, which apparently remains in an inactive state. Negatively charged electrons circle around the nucleus. The bonding energy between the two provides stability to the atom. If the bonding energy gets any way disturbed, the atom releases enormous energy. Similarly, it is very well possible that stress arising out of mutual attraction amongst the energy particles constituting the primal source would have disturbed the bonding energy, which had earlier held these particles in equilibrated state.

The issue continues.....

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