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MEA summons Canadian diplomat



MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal

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ndia on Saturday said it summoned the Canadian commission representative and lodged a strong protest over Ottawa's allegations against Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

"We had summoned the representative of the Canadian High Commission yesterday, a diplomatic note was handed over in reference to the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security in Ottawa on October 29, 2024," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

India protested in the strongest possible terms the references made by a Canadian minister about Shah and said that such "absurd and baseless" allegations will have serious consequences for bilateral ties between the two

countries, the MEA said on Saturday.

The comments came after Canada's Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister David Morrison on Tuesday alleged that Shah ordered campaign of violence, intimidation and intelligenceand ... targeting Sikii 'Ae Canada. gathering separatists Morrison had also told Canadian Parliament members of the national security committee that he had confirmed Shah's name to The Washington Post, which first

Jaiswal said this revelation that Canadian government officials deliberately leaked unfounded insinuations to international media as part of a conscious strategy to discredit India and influence other nations only confirms the view that the Indian government has long held about the current Canadian government's political agenda and behavioural pattern.

reported the allegations.

Image Source: VIDEO SCREENGRAB Replying to queries during a weekly Press briefing, Jaiswal said

such irresponsible actions will

have serious consequences for

bilateral ties. He said India summoned a Canadian High Commission representative on Friday and the official was served a diplomatic note to lodge the protest in strongest terms on the "absurd and baseless" references made by the Canadian deputy minister about India's Union Home Minister.

While addressing the Parliament members, Morrison did not say how Canada knew of Shah's alleged involvement. diplomatic relations between India and Canada deteriorated after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said a year ago that Canada had credible evidence agents of the Indian government was involved in the murder of Canadian Sikh activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in British Columbia

in June 2023. Dismissing the allegations as absurd, Indian government officials have consistently denied that Canada provided evidence.
Last month, India recalled its high commissioner Sanjay Verma after

the diplomat was named as 'person of interest' by Canada in its probe into Nijjar's killing. New Delhi withdrew its high commissioner and expelled six Canadian diplomats from its soil. Calling Canada's behaviour "the pits", Verma in an interview last week said India was backstabbed week said India was backstabbed and treated in a most unprofessional manner by a country that is supposed to be a friendly democracy. "A handful of supporters of Khalistan have turned the ideology into a criminal enterprise, which indulges in a range of activities such as gun-running and human trafficking and yet the Canadian authorities turn a blind eve because they comprise a vocal electoral bank for local politicians," Verma said. India also accused Canada of

indulging in "harassment and intimidation" of Indian consular staff by putting them under audio and video surveillance in "flagrant violation" of diplomatic conventions. "Yes, some of our consular officials were recently informed by the Canadian government that they have been and continued to be under audio and video surveillance. Their communications have also been intercepted. We have formally protested to the Canadian government, as we deem these actions to be in flagrant violation of relevant diplomatic and consular conventions" Jaiswal mentioned during the briefing. "By citing technicalities, the Canadian government cannot justify the fact that it is indulging in harassment and intimidation,



Patrolling begins at **Depsang**

PNS NEW DELHI

The Indian Army has commenced verification patrolling at Depsang, the second friction point in eastern Ladakh, the government said on Saturday. Patrolling at Demchok had begun on Friday, a day after the Indian and Chinese troops completed disengagement at the two friction points in eastern Ladakh.

Replying to a query at a weekly press briefing, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said following the disengagement agreement with China, the verification patrolling has begun on mutually agreed terms in both Demchok and Depsang. On Thursday, Indian and

Chinese troops also exchanged sweets at several border points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) on the occasion of Diwali. The traditional practice was observed a day after both countries completed troop disengagement at the two friction points, bringing a fresh thaw in Sino-Indian ties Sources had earlier said that the areas and patrolling status were expected to be moved back to pre-April 2020 level.

Forces gun down three terrorists in Kashmir

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Aday after a large number of residents, and tourists were seen bursting crackers and lighting diyas during Deepawali celebrations at Lal Chowk, the old city area of Khanyar in Srinagar witnessed its first anti-terrorist operation in the last 30 months. The forces gunned down Usman Lashkari, a commander of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) by the joint team of security forces and four jawans including two Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and two Jammu and Kasimal including two Jammu and Kasimal included two Jammu and Kasimal i (JKP) personnel received injuries in an over eight hour-long operation on Saturday.

Meanwhile, two more terrorists, one suspected to be a foreign terrorist, were neutralised by the security forces in the Halkan Gali area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Saturday. Of the two terrorists killed, one was a foreigner, and the other a local. Their group affiliation was yet to be ascertained, official sources

In another terror-related incident, a search operation was launched on Saturday after the movement of terrorists was observed in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district.

According to preliminary reports, a joint team of the Special Operations Group of JKP and the CRPF jawans had launched a cordon-and-search operation in Khanyar early Saturday morning, following inputs about the presence of terrorists in the area. The search operation turned into an encounter as the terrorists opened fire at the search party, which retaliated, they said. The residential house, where a group of terrorists were hiding, was completely raised to the ground after it caught fire in the heavy



exchange of gunfire. Inspector General Kashmir range VK Birdi said, "the day-long operation has been completed. Security forces have killed a terrorist, who has been identified as Usman Lashkari. IGP said the slain terrorist was the commander of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT). He is a foreign terrorist and his role and involvement in the murder of Inspector Masroor has come to light and further investigation is

While the encounter was still going on President of the Jammu Kashmir Conference Dr Farooq Abdullah sparked off a fresh controversy by suggesting that terrorists should be captured rather than killed, to uncover the masterminds behind the recent surge in terror attacks across Jammu and Kashmir.

being done in this regard.

Farooq Abdullah also demanded an investigation into the Budgam terror attack and said he doubted that it was done by the people who were trying to destabilise the government in Jammu and Kashmir.

daytime average that was



Four sanitary workers run over by Kerala Express

Four sanitary workers were run over by the speeding New Delhi-Thiruvananthapuram Kerala Express at 3

pm on Saturday.
The dead hailed from Tamil Nadu and were working for a firm hired by the Railways to remove the garbage and waste from railway tracks. Three bodies have been recovered and taken to the Government Hospital Shoranur for autopsy. Search for the fourth body, of that of a male, was called off by evening because of strong undercurrents in the river and fading lights. The Fire Brigade told media persons that a scuba team would be deployed on Sunday morning to

retrieve the body. All the victims hailed from Villupuram in Tamil Nadu. The incident occurred when the workers were collecting plastic garbage thrown at the tracks by passengers of trains. They were working at Kochin Bridge built over the Bharathapuzha which comes immediately after the Shoranur Railway Station.

No longer a hoax, live cartridge found on Dubai-Delhi flight

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n a major security breach, Air India on Saturday reported the discovery of an ammunition cartridge in the pocket of a seat on a flight from Dubai to Delhi on October 27. The cartridge was found on flight AI916 after it had landed at in the national capital, with all passengers safely leaving the plane. Following this, an FIR was registered under the Arms Act and a probe has been initiated.

"One ammunition cartridge was found in the pocket of a seat of our the case is under investigation and flight AI916 after it had landed from Dubai at Delhi on October 27, and all passengers had safely disembarked," an Air India spokesperson confirmed. The airline emphasised that passenger and crew safety is its top priority and assured the public that it is working closely with airport security and law enforcement to ensure all protocols are observed and the matter is

cleaning on a flight on October 27. (Indira Gandhi International Airport) Usha Rangnani said, "On October 27, Indira Gandhi International Airportary Police International Airport Police Registered as PVP round of ammunition during routine creating panic among cleaning on a flight. "She added that passengers.



further details will be shared as the

investigation progresses. However, this incident raises questions about potential lapses in security measures either at the Dubai departure airport or during the screening process, and investigators are expected to examine surveillance footage and passenger records as part of their

The police shared news on Saturday, an Air India staff found the live round of ammunition during routine

probe.

This comes after over 500 threat messages received by Indian carriers, many of which turned out to be hoaxes. Several air operators have reported such threats on their registered an FIR under the Arms to airlines, these threats were spread Act after Air India staff found a live across social media platforms,

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The 12-hour (from 8 pm to 8 am) reading of Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5) concentration on Diwali night was 34 per cent higher than Diwali night in October 2022, going from 289 μ g/m to 386 μ g/m . Moreover, PM2.5 levels this year were more than twice as high as the average nighttime pollution recorded over the seven nights before

In its Diwali air pollution analysis, the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has highlighted that the average concentration of PM 2.5 during this Diwali (6 am to 4 pm) was 92 per cent higher, compared to last year. However, the unique pattern of Diwali trend this year was sudden sharp increase at night and also quicker dissipation the day

The reasons behind this late build up and early dissipation of pollution on Diwali day were warm atmospheric conditions with relatively more efficient natural ventilation and adequate wind in the city.

This is supposed to be one of the warmest October this year.

According to analysis, the PM2.5 was in the poor category during the afternoon of October 31. But



Gasp! PM 2.5 is 92 per cent higher this year

during the preceding five days leading up to Diwali, showed a marked increase of 46 per cent from October 28 through October 31. By midnight on October 31, PM2.5 hit a peak of 603 microgram per cubic metre (μg/m)-13 per cent higher than Diwali peaks observed in both 2022 (when Diwali had occurred on October 24) and 2023 (on November 12)," it said.

"PM 2.5 levels that were the evening build-up peaked already rising steadily to hit the severe levels

during midnight, and stayed elevated until early morning next day. This time the dissipation has occurred quicker compared to previous years - not lasting as a smog episode (that is remaining elevated at severe level for at least three consecutive days). It came down to more moderate levels of 97 µg/m by noon. Interestingly, the daytime (6 AM to 4 PM) air pollution on Diwali day showed comparatively higher levels.

The average PM2.5 concentration during the

day was 92 per cent higher

than last year's Diwali

affected by the deeper inversion conditions of the winter. This reflects high local and regional pollution aided by the sharp increase in the share of farm fires. analysis further highlighted that there was a massive build-up of pollution in different parts hitting severe levels and increasing the peak exposure levels for a large section of the population. This year, 9 out of 38 air quality monitoring stations recorded PM2.5 concentrations exceeding the critical threshold of 900 μg/m on Diwali night. The highest levels were observed highest levels were observed at Nehru Nagar, reaching 994 μg/m, followed closely by Anand Vihar at 992 μg/m, Pusa IMD at 985 μg/m, Wazirpur at 980 μg/m, and JLN Stadium at 963 μg/m. Other affected areas are Okhla, CRRI-Mathura Road, Karni Singh Stadium, Lodi Road, Siri

According to analysis, there was sudden and sharp escalation in farm fire count on the day of Diwali and that combined with the change of wind direction to north westerly. This increased the share of its contribution to Delhi's air quality by 27 per

Goodbye Gudda, your legacy lives on

Rohit Bal was a storyteller, weaving his experiences and emotions into timeless garments

BY SAKSHI PRIYA

India's fashion world bid a heartfelt farewell to Rohit Bal, the visionary designer and cultural icon who transformed Indian couture with unmatched elegance, imagination and artistry. On Friday, the fashion industry mourned the loss of Bal, a legend whose work defined Indian fashion for over three decades. Affectionately called "Gudda" as in

the fashion community, he passed away at 63, in Delhi after a prolonged illness, leaving behind a legacy that will resonate through generations.

A true pioneer, Bal redefined

Indian fashion with his bold yet refined approach. Renowned for his exquisite craftsmanship and meticulous attention to detail, he blended traditional Indian aesthetics with modern sensibilities. From designing costumes for the popular Indian game show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' to creating breathtaking couture, Bal infused a sense of cultural poetry into each piece. His creations were more than garments, they were expressions of identity and creativity that made every wearer feel special. His passing marks a profound loss not only for the fashion world but also for countless admirers who were



captivated by his ability to turn

fabric into art. Bal's final show in October, titled 'Kaaynaat: A Bloom in the Universe, was a moving tribute to his creative spirit, celebrating the beauty of nature and cosmic wonder. Concluding Lakmé Fashion Week X FDCI with this enchanting finale felt like a poignant farewell from a designer who made elegance look effortless. Actress Ananya Panday wore the showstopper outfit that embodied Bal's timeless, graceful vision. Each piece showcased that day was an example of his devotion to beauty, detail and imagination. It was a fitting close to a career dedicated to

redefining luxury in India.

The Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) honoured Bal with a heartfelt statement: "We mourn the passing of legendary designer Rohit Bal. As a founding member of the FDCI, his blend of traditional patterns and modern sensibilities redefined Indian fashion, inspiring generations. His legacy of artistry and innovation will endure. Rest in peace, Gudda you are a legend."

Bal's influence extended beyond the runway, celebrated for his gift of connecting with audiences and bringing his designs to life through stories. His work featured intricate embroideries and rich fabrics,

celebrating India's diverse heritage. In an industry often driven by fleeting trends, Bal's designs stood out for their timelessness and authenticity. More than just a designer, Bal was a

storyteller, weaving his experiences and emotions into each creation. His passing serves as a reminder of life's fragility and the lasting power of true artistry. As India bids farewell to Rohit Bal, his creations, vision and spirit will continue to live on, ensuring his influence endures in every piece that tells his story. His legacy will inspire future generations of designers, honouring his extraordinary journey in the world of couture.

Those guilty of cow slaughter will get 7 years of imprisonment

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav said that promot-Jing cow rearing in Madhya Pradesh is contributing to the economic empowerment of farmers and cattle keepers. He said that cow-sheds will be established in cities to care for cows, replacing the traditional Kanji Houses.

Yadav highlighted efforts to boost milk production across more than 51,000 villages in the state, aiming to make Madhya Pradesh the leading state in dairy production nationwide. Additionally, he emphasized the goal of advancing from third to first place in the upcoming livestock census. The Chief Minister also mentioned a new initiative to provide credit cards for cow rearing. Recognizing the tradition of Govardhan Puja, which

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woman who was five

months pregnant

was allegedly made

to clean the blood from the

hospital bed on which her

husband had died after

being shot at in Dindori

district of Madhya Pradesh.

A video of the man's wife

cleaning the bed has emerged, sparking outrage,

but the hospital has claimed she had asked to be allowed

to wipe the blood with a

Four persons- a man and

his three sons - were shot at in Lalpur village in the tribal-dominated Dindori

district on Thursday over a

long-standing land dispute.

While the father and one of

the sons died on the spot,

two others, Shivraj and

Ramraj, were rushed to the

cloth to collect evidence.

farmers and cattle rearers celebrate after Diwali, he noted that for the first time, these ceremonies are being organized at the government level across the state to honor and preserve the state's ancient cultural heritage and respect for cows.

Yadav conveyed his best wishes to the citizens gathered for Govardhan Puja during the state-level celebration at Ravindra Bhavan in Bhopal. He inaugurated the festivities by lighting a lamp on the Ravindra

Bahiranga stage. Yadav said that a strategic plan has been developed to boost milk production in Madhya Pradesh through a partnership with the National Dairy Development Board. He highlighted the significant contributions of Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who energized the milk cooperative through cooperative societies.

movement, leading to the national and international success of "Amul" products. Inspired by the Gujarat model, the state has taken concrete steps to support farmers and cattle rearers in the milk cooperative sector. Dr. Yadav shared that alongside traditional dairy products like milk, ghee, and butter, innovations such as cowdung wood and artifacts made from cow dung are being promoted. To encourage cow rearing, the state government has doubled the grant for each cow in cow-shed from Rs 20 to Rs 40, and special grants will be given to those who rear 10 or more cows. The goal is to increase the state's share of Activities through milk unions will also be expanded to all villages, and this year, the state is celebrating the Gau-Vansh Raksha festival.

Chief Minister Yadav stated that adequate measures are being implemented to ensure the protection of cows in the state, which has a significant cow population. He emphasized that strict arrangements have been put in place to prevent cow slaughter, including a legal provision that mandates a imprisonment of up to 7 years for those found guilty of this offense.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav highlighted that Madhya Pradesh has a significant cow population, with approximately 1.39 crore cows. As per the 2019 animal census, the state currently ranks third in the country, and efforts are underway to secure the top

position in the next census. He detailed various government initiatives and schemes aimed at supporting cow-herders and promoting cow protection. Additionally, Dr. Yadav mentioned that cow ambulances are being operated across the state to provide timely veterinary

Yadav stated that Madhya Pradesh is actively working in various areas, including cow conservation, to fulfill the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He noted that India is currently the fifth-largest economy in the world and is on track to become the third-largest. Emphasizing the importance of animal husbandry and cow rearing, he explained that these activities, alongside agriculture, play a crucial role in boosting the economic prosperity of farmers in villages.



Pregnant woman forced to clean hospital bed

The woman was forced to clean the hospital bed on which her husband had died after being

Gadasarai Health Centre for treatment. Shivraj died of his injuries and his five-month-preg-nant wife, Roshni, was

Dindori district

shot at in

allegedly made to clean his hospital bed. The video shows Roshni holding a blood-stained cloth in one hand and

cleaning the bed using tissues with the other. Chandrashekhar

Tekam, a doctor at the Gadasarai Health Centre,

said staff was present at the facility and the woman had not been asked to clean the

national milk production from

the current 9 percent to 20 per-

cent, starting with enhanced

milk output in 11,000 villages

Listen to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com The men were shot at dur-

ing a land dispute on Thursday and two of them were brought to our facility. The wife of the man who died asked us to let her wipe the blood from the bed with a cloth so she could use it as evidence of the extent of the bleeding. She was not asked to clean the bed. I have not received any complaint from the woman or her family," he said.

The Gadasarai police have registered a case against seven people under various charges, including murder, for shooting at the four men. Some suspects have been taken into custody.

Aadhar e-KYC must for Samagra schemes

Bhopal: As per fresh directives issued by the Department of Justice Social Empowerment on Saturday Aadhar e-KYC will now be mandatory for all schemes operated through the Samagra portal. "Henceforth, any beneficiary must complete their Aadhaar e-KYC on the Samagra portal to avail benefits of departmental scheme," said a media brief issued by the department.

Completion of Aadhaar e-KYC on the Samagra portal will be necessary for applications being registered on the departmental portal. For schemes without an online system, the relevant approving authority will verify the Aadhaar e-KYC on the Samagra portal before granting approvals.

The instructions shall remain in force for all departmental schemes, linking of bank accounts to Aadhaar, and activation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).The Department of Science and Technology is facilitating the Aadhaar e-KYC process for citizens on the Samagra portal. Directives have also been issued to department officials to ensure Aadhaar e-KYC for all beneficiaries of pension schemes operated by the department.

As per the directives, Samagra Social Security Officers will coordinate with service provider agencies and district/assistant e-Governance managers in their area to set up camps at the village panchayat or ward level, to ensure completion of Aadhar e-KYC formalities are completed for beneficiaries on a time bound manner. The village panchayat secretary and ward in-charge can also assist beneficiaries in completing their Aadhaar e-KYC on the Samagra portal.

Cold conditions intensify in Madhya Pradesh

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old conditions would intensify across the state ✓in the second week of November, due to the effect of northern winds, night temperatures would dip in Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Uijain and other cities.

Pachmarhi was the coldest on the first day of November as for the first time in the season, the night temperature reached 12.6 degrees. Mercury remained below 20 degrees in more than 25 cities including Ujjain,

Mandla. According Meteorological Department, the temperature starts falling due to northern winds. The nights become more cold. The effect of winds will intensify in the second week. This will lead to a drop in mercury. However, the mercury will

remain around 30 degrees celsius during the day. Temperature of 12.6 degrees

was recorded in Pachmarhi. 15.6 degree celsius in Mandla, 16.1 degrees in Malajkhand, 16.5 degrees in Betul, 17.4 degrees in Rajgarh, 17.5 degrees in Rewa-Raisen, 17.8 degrees in Umaria, 18 degrees in Chhindwara, 18.2 degrees in Tikamgarh, 18.4 degrees in Bhopal-Khandwa.

It reached 18.6 degrees in Khargone, 18.8 degrees in Gwalior-Narmadapuram, 19 degrees in Jabalpur, Nowgong, Seoni-Ujjain, 19.4 degrees in Guna-Indore, 19.5 degrees in Khajuraho-Ratlam and 19.8 degrees in Narmadapuram.

After the end of the southwest monsoon, the weather is generally calm, but the sky remains covered with clouds. Humidity night temperature starts falling. Due to Western Disturbance, light rain occurs in many divisions including Gwalior, Chambal, Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Jabalpur. The mercury remains below 30 degrees during the day and 15 degrees Celsius at night.

In November, the night temperature in the capital reaches 9 to 12 degrees Čelsius. This has been the trend for the last 10 years. This time too, the mercury will fall rapidly from

the second week. According Meteorological Department, the night temperature in Bhopal has reached 6.1 degrees in November. This was recorded on 30 November 1941. There is also a trend of rain this month. It has rained twice in 10 years. In the year 1936, more than 5.5 inches of rainfall was recorded in a month.

Pediatric Deptt celebrates Diwali with children battling cancer

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n a heartwarming gesture, the Department Lof Pediatrics at AIIMS Bhopal celebrated Diwali with children undergoing treatment for cancer. <

Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal, lauded the initiative, saying, "Our team has always worked to make our young patients feel at home, especially during such challenging times. Diwali is a festival of hope and light, and today, we aimed to bring that light into the lives of these brave moved by the joy and resilience these children display. I extend my warmest wishes to them and their families for a swift recovery and a happy Diwali.'

Aimed at bringing the festive spirit to children who often face long hospital



sense of home and joy within the pediatric ward. The celebration saw the young patients, along with nursing staff and doctors, express their talents in the atmosphere. A delicious cake was

singing and poetry, adding warmth and laughter to

received special gifts distributed by Cankids-Kidscan, a support organization dedicated to aiding young cancer patients. The pediatric ward was festively adorned with vibrant rangoli designs and diyas, a combined effort by paruplift everyone's spirits.

Prof. (Dr.) Shikha Malik, Head of the Department of Pediatrics, extended heartfelt Diwali greetings to all the children and their families. She commended the efforts Pediatric Oncology support staff members Ms. Kanchana

Bharambe, Ms. Bharti, Priya, Mr.

Prashant, and Ms. Savita for their hard organizing this memorable celebration.

The Pediatric Department's Diwali celebration brought smiles and hope to the children, reaffirming AIIMS Bhopal's commitment to patient-centered care and the well-being of ents and staff, creating a every child battling illness.

16 suffering firecracker eye injuries treated at Sewa Sadan

hospital made

arrangements

round the clock

a minor surgery of multi-

ple foreign bodies in his eyes while bursting crack-

Apart from these, the other

injured persons include

Jitendra 30 years, Hitesh 12

years, Riya 04 years, Harish

Malviya 52 years, Sagar 48

years, Sahil 18 years,

Chandulal 54 years and

Ramesh Chauhan 43 years

from Bhopal, Vansh 07

years from Narsinghgarh,

Dulare Singh 58 years from

Semra, Suraj 14 years of

Kalapipal, Jalebi Bai 55

years from Vidisha and

. Savitri Devi 57 years from

Narsinghpur came for their

treatment of injured eyes.

All major and minor surg-

eries and procedures were

successfully done in the

hospital and their vision

was saved.

by deploying

doctors and

other staff

special

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s many as 16 injured people by burning crackers were successfully operated and treated in Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital here today. They were injured by burning crackers in the intervening nights of October 31 and November 01 during Deepotsav 2024 at mid-

For this purpose special arrangements were made by deploying doctors and other staff round the clock. Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital will remain open on the third day Saturday night also for the treatment of people being injured by firecrackers.

The changed names of the patients who were operated and treated are as fol-

Both the eyes of Mahesh 25 years from Sagar were seri-ously injured, which were successfully operated upon in time. Similarly, the surgery of Left eye of Kartik 13 years of Silwani was also performed. Mohar Singh 17 years of village Ahmedpur had to undergo

Seized vehicles gutted in fire **STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL Sewa Sadan

Hindu devotees offer prayers on the occasion of Govardhan Puja festival, organised by Tejas Jankalyan Samiti at Chhola Dussehra ground in Bhopal on Saturday.

udden fire engulfed the seized vehicles parked in front of Talaiya police station in the state capital on Saturday, two auto-rickshaws and a car were burnt to ashes due to the fire.

The reason for the fire is being said to be the negligence of the municipal corporation's sanitation workers. However, even after the incident, the police have not registered an FIR against anyone.

Station in-charge CB Rathore said that on Saturday afternoon, smoke was suddenly seen rising from the confiscated vehicles parked in front of the police station. Within a short time, flames of fire started rising. The policemen and local residents present on the spot immediately started trying to control the fire. After about 15 minutes of hard work, the fire was brought under control.

According to station in-charge CB Rathore, the municipal corporation's sanitation workers had set fire to the garbage accumulated near the confiscated vehicles. Due to this, a car and two autos also caught fire. All three vehicles were very old as well as confiscated.

Award distribution culminates vigilance awareness week at BHEL Bhopal

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fter the successful organization Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 at BHEL Bhopal, an award distribution ceremony was organized on Saturday.

On this occasion, SM Ramanathan, Executive Director, was present as the Chief Guest and Omkarnath Gupta, former Principal District Judge and State Information Commissioner was present as the Special Guest. Pankaj Paradkar, Senior Deputy General Manager, Vigilance Department, all General Managers and other employees were present in the pro-

Ramanathan in his address said that vigilance is a continuous process. Everyone should include it in their behaviour and all employee should maintain transparency and honesty in their daily work. Speaking on the occasion Gupta said that the sense of vigilance and honesty should be inculcated from the student days itself so that when they grow up and go to different positions, the path of transparency and integrity can be

strengthened. Under Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, various programs were organized by the Vigilance Department of BHEL Bhopal. Under this, the department organized programs in Vikram School, lawahar School, Government Higher Secondary School. The students were administered the oath of integrity in the schools of township, Adampur Chhawni and Kasturba College. On this occasion, the Head of the Vigilance Department Pankaj Paradkar, in his welcome address throwing light on this year's vigilance theme Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity", gave information about the various activities organized during the week. He said that during the entire vigilance week, more than 7500 people, including adults and children, were administered

the oath of integrity.
Abhishek Garg, Quality
Control Department along
with Rajeev Kumar Roy & Keshav Kumar of Vigilance Department. co-ordinated the program.

CM performs Govardhan Puja at his residence



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hief Minister Mohan Yadav performed Govardhan Puja with rituals in the cow-shed at CM's residence on Saturday. CM Dr. Yadav prayed for the prosperity of the entire state. Govardhan Puja programmes were organised by the government across

the state.

Yadav instructed to organise Govardhan Puja programmes at the government level. The tradition of Govardhan Puja on the second day of Diwali is very ancient. Govardhan and cow are worshipped symbolically. In fact, it is also a festival to worship nature. There is a rich tradition of

Govardhan Puja in folk life, special efforts were made by the government this year to make the younger generation aware of it.

Subsequently, Minister Yadav also spent some time with the cows in the Cow-Shed located at the CM's residence. He fed jaggery, sweets, etc to

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MP's share in milk production to be increased to 20 percent

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eading the Govardhan Puja celebrations from a ⊿state-level ceremony marking the occasion at the Ravindra Bhawan in the state capital, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) state unit chief Vishnudutt Sharma on Saturday announced a slew of measures aimed at increasing milk production in Madhya Pradesh.

The two leaders performed the ritual Puja before addressing the people of the state. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Yadav said that the state currently contributes nine percent of the milk produced in the country, and efforts are underway to claim at least 20 percent of the cumulative national produc-



Currently, efforts are being made to enhance milk production through dairy cooperatives in 11,000 villages, with plans to establish cooperatives in all 51,000 villages in the coming years.

Yadav stated that, similar to Gujarat's Amul, bonuses will be provided to dairy producers in Madhya Pradesh. He emphasised that the government will provide subsidies to those keeping more than ten

In his address, Sharma said Govardhan Puja represents the worship of nature and culture. He underlined the contribution of Gaushalas (cow shelters) in the development of rural settlements and praised the government's efforts to bolster the Sanatan tradition through its actions. Minister Lakhan Patel also spoke at the ceremony, where 10 outstanding cowherds from Madhya Pradesh were honoured for their contributions to cow service.

Yadav reiterated the government's commitment to enhancing farmers' income announced and Memorandum

Understanding (MoU) with the National Dairy Federation to promote dairy farming and increase milk production. The state government is also

actively working to sell cow products through exhibitions

to boost livelihoods for farmers and cowherds. He highlighted the growing significance of cow products, especially since the pandemic, and announced plans to construct Gaushalas with

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52-year-old pedestri-

an was mowed down

Lby a truck carrying LPG cylinders in the busy

Lalghati area under Kohefiza police jurisdiction

of the state capital on

Bystanders heaved a sigh of relief as an overturning of the swerving truck would have resulted in a major

tragedy. The police have registered a case and started an investi-

gation. The driver is

According to the police,

Nand Kishore Verma (52), a

resident of BDA Colony

Kohefiza, worked as a tailor

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A young man has died in a private hospital in the capital. The rapid test report of the

patient was positive. The

platelet count of the patient

had reached 8000. The fam-

ily members accused the

hospital of negligence in

Meanwhile, the health

department is trying to hide the matter. It is not ready to

accept the rapid test, while the private hospital claims that the patient had dengue. A 28-year-old youth died

during treatment in a pri-vate hospital in the city on

Wednesday. The hospital

management is calling it a

death due to dengue,

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capacities of 5,000 to 10,000 in the precincts of every municipal corporation, with the expenses covered by local authorities. Yadav described Govardhan Puja as a longstanding tradition that connects people to nature and divine protection.

Sharma showered praise on Yadav for bringing a new dimension to the Govardhan Puja, fostering cultural and ruja, rostering cultural and natural preservation. He commended the participation of members of the minority Muslim community in cow service, reflecting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of inclusive developvision of inclusive development. The ceremony aimed to demonstrate how small innovations can enrich and empower villages, reinforcing the significant role of Gaushalas in rural develop-

major tragedy

at a shop in Ibrahimpura. He was in his way after collecting cow dung for Govardhan Puja on Saturday afternoon when

the truck laden with highly inflammable LPG truck

rammed into him. Verma was killed on the

spot. The driver fled leaving behind the LPG-laden

truck. Police arrived on the

spot after revceiving infor-

was subsequently informed

First death of youth due to dengue reported in city

mation from passersby. The family of the deceased

Bystanders heaved a sigh of relief

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52-year-old man mowed down by speeding truck



Christians offer prayers at graves for the peace of the departed souls of their ancestors, at a cemetery at the occasion of All

New people's representative facility centre opens

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new People's represen-A tative facility centre was inaugurated on Saturday by Professor (Dr.) Ajai Singh, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal. tative facility centre was

This facility, established in Room No. 5 on the ground floor of the Mahatma Gandhi Block, is dedicated to ensuring a seamless treatment process for patients referred by public representatives. The Jan Pratinidhi Suvidha Kaksh is open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, excluding Sundays and public holidays, with additional support available in the Trauma and Emergency Department after 5:00 pm and on holidays.

Designed to facilitate a concare experience, the Jan Pratinidhi Suvidha Kaksh offers essential services such as registration, prescription assistance, investigation support, and billing. The facility also provides a waiting area, drinking water, and secure document storage for patients, aiming to enhance their comfort



tive processes during their

Speaking on the occasion, mitment to delivering quality healthcare services with empathy and efficiency. He said, "The inauguration of the Jan Pratinidhi Suvidha Kaksh represents our ongoing efforts to make healthcare at AIIMS Bhopal more accessible, especially for patients who come to us through public representa-

Those opposing cow worship will never come to power: Tomar

and streamline administra- tives. We are committed to providing a supportive environment for all patients, ensuring they receive prompt Professor (Dr.) Ajai Singh, and dignified care. This facil-Executive Director of AIIMS ity reflects our dedication to supporting our community effectively.

The Jan Pratinidhi Suvidha Kaksh is set to improve the experience of patients requiring specialized assistance, further strengthening AIIMS Bhopal's commitment to inclusive and patient-centric

If the claim of the private hospital is to be believed, then this is the first death in the city due to dengue. According to Sharad, uncle

of the deceased Ashish Borkar, Ashish himself

reached the hospital for treatment on October 28. He was having fever. Here, he was admitted when the platelet count came out to be very low in the examination. During the treatment itself, the platelet count of the patient reached 8000 . The family members said that they requested the hospital management several times to call experts for treatment, but no one listened. Around 3 o'clock in the night, his health suddenly deteriorated, after which the staff gave CPR in the ward itself. After this, he was taken to the ICU. Even after asking several times, it was not told what treatment is going on. On October 30, at 9 am, it was informed multi-organ (kidney and liver) failure caused by dengue.

In this case, the director of the hospital, Dr. Anoop Hajela says that the patient's repeat test report showed dengue positive. After this, the patient was treated by a team of four doctors includ-

ing MD Medicine, Critical Care Expert. The platelets had reached eight thousand, due to which multiorgan (kidney, liver and heart) failure occurred. The patient was critical, the relatives had earlier asked to shift the patient to Bansal and BMHRC, which was later cancelled by themselves. All this is recorded in

of the unfortunate incident

and the body was sent for a

post-mortem examina-

tion. The police said that the truck belongs to a LPG cook-

ing gas agency, they expressed confidence of the

early arrest of the errant dri-

Local residents who saw the

driver flee from the spot, said that the driver was under the

influence of alcohol at the

time of the accident Koh-e-

fiza Police have seized the

truck and have launched a

search for the driver.

writing.
Currently 25 dengue patients are admitted here, out of which 12 are critical. Their platelets are below 25 thousand. All are undergoing treatment. Dr. Hajela said that there are no separate specialists for dengue. Many doctors treat such patients together. There is a special team in the hospital

CMHO Bhopal Prabhakar Tiwari said that dengue cannot be considered positive until the ELISA report comes. The patient's ELISA report has come negative. Dengue is being considered positive on the basis of the report in which NS-

Layer of smog covers city, AQI on higher end of 'very poor'

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layer of smog covered Delhi-NCR Saturday morning, with the air quality index (AQI) level was in the higher end of the "very poor" category on Saturday after two days of Diwali festivities. According to data from the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), the contribution of residue burning to Delhi's air pollution surged to 35.2 percent on November 1 from 27.6 percent the previous day, marking the highest level for this season. This alarming highlighted worsening impact of farm fires in Punjab and Haryana. Meanwhile, a thin layer of toxic foam was also seen floating in river Yamuna as the pollution level in the river

remained high. According to data from the Central Pollution Control Board, the national capital recorded an average air quality index of 297 at 1 pm and settled at 316 at 4 pm. The most affected areas included Anand Vihar (380), Included Ahand Villar (580), IGI Airport (341), RK Puram (340), and Punjabi Bagh (335). Additionally, AQI levels between 200 and 300, indicating 'poor' air quality, were recorded in 19 other areas, including Alipur (295), Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

(284), and Mundka (288). In Delhi's neighbouring cities, Faridabad in Haryana recorded a 'moderate' AQI of 165 while Gurugram recorded a 'poor' AQI of 219. In Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad the AQI was 308 which falls in the 'very poor' category, in Greater Noida it was 'poor' at 202, and in Noida it touched 250, reflecting similarly 'poor' air quality across the region. Meanwhile, satellite remote sensing has revealed a significant surge in residue burning events associated with rice harvests in six Indian states. On November 2, satellites detected 861 such incidents, with Punjab notably at the forefront, recording 379 cases.

Haryana, 87 in Uttar Pradesh, none in Delhi, 80 in Rajasthan, and 296 in Madhya Pradesh. This discovery underscored the ongoing challenge of stubble burning as a major environmental concern. From September 15 to November 2, a total of 9,376 residue burning incidents were reported across these states. Punjab led the figures with 3,916 incidents, highlighting its longstanding struggle with managing post-harvest waste. MP followed with 2,302 incidents, UP with 1,272, Rajasthan with 1,036, and Haryana with 838.

The breakdown for the other states included 19 in

Insta friend rapes his girlfriend

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case of rape after developing friendship on ⚠Instagram was reported in the state capital, Talaiya police has registered a rape case against the youth on the complaint of the girl.

The victim alleged that the youth had called her to meet on the pretext of roaming around. After this, the accused took the victim to his house. Where he raped her. Later, he lured her by promising mar-After this, the accused had

sexual encounters with the girl several times and later refused to marry her. When the girl got engaged to another youth, he broke the relationship by telling the truth of their relationship to that youth. The victim reached the police station on Friday night and lodged a complaint, the police have taken the accused into custody.

According to Talaiya police, the 22-year-old girl lives in Shahjahanabad area. After studying till 12th, she stays at home. In March 2023, she became friends with a youth named Ahad Khan alias Wasi

Ahad had told the girl that he hails from Narsinghgarh, lives in Bhopal and does work with a private firm. He lives in a rented room near Kamla

When the friendship turned into a love affair, one day Ahad took her to his rented room on the pretext of taking her for a walk. Here he made physical relations with the girl on the pretext of marriage. He kept exploiting the girl for about a year. Whenever the girl spoke about marriage, he used to postpone the matter by making some excuse or the

The girl's family arranged her marriage with a young man. When Ahad came to know about the girl's engagement, he broke the engagement by telling the boy everything about the girl and her relationship. He was neither get-ting married himself nor was he letting her get married to

any other boy. Harassed, the girl reached the police station yesterday and complained about the matter. On which the police have registered a case under the sections of rape.

Women worship a cow on the occasion of Govardhan Puja festival in Bhopal on Saturday.

Elderly to receive full benefits under Ayushman Yojana: CM

Bhopal:Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav stated that health facilities are steadily expanding across the state. Guided by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, efforts are being made to improve healthcare services for the general public. He said that the state government has expanded the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, providing senior citizens aged 70 and above with health coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh per year. Orders have been issued to implement this initiative, which will ensure accessible and highquality healthcare for senior citizens. This support will enable the elderly to lead healthy, dignified lives free from financial

Yadav said that the Union the Aadhaar card, with Aadhaar and Samagra Family ID required for registration. Under the scheme, a unique

senior citizens. Senior citizens aged 70 and already covered under the

scheme, will receive an additional annual top-up of up to Rs 5 lakh specifically for themselves, which they will not need to share with family members under 70.

For other eligible seniors, the scheme provides up to Rs 5 lakh in annual family-based coverage. Senior citizens who currently benefit from other public health insurance schemes, such as the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), or Ayushman Central Armed Police Force (CAPF), may choose either their existing scheme or the new one, with a one-time

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Closing date of tender: 28.11.2024, Tenderer will submit the tender online upto 28.11.2024 (15:00 Hrs.). Complete details & for submission of tenders can be en in Indian Railway website http://www.ireps.gov.in.

main opposition of employing deceit and lies to gain votes during elections. He was addressing a gathering on the sidelines of Govardhan Puja festivities at Goras village in the Karahal block of Vijaypur. Opposition parties have objections to celebrating Sanatan festivals. When our

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aunching into a massive

attack in the poll-bound

stituency, Chief Minister

Mohan Yadav on Saturday

said that even Congress

President Mallikarjun Kharge

has conceded that his party

indulges in false promises to

Accompanied by Assembly

Speaker Narendra Singh

Tomar, Yadav blasted the

Congress while accusing the

gain political benefits.

sition leaders raised objec-The Congress, which has

government decided to cele-

brate Govardhan Puja, oppo-

been out of power in Madhya Pradesh for 20 years, will never return to power if it continues to oppose cow worship, said an impassioned Yadav. Tomar said the BJP government regards cows as mothers. Goras village in Vijaypur

assembly has been famous for Gir cows for years. Cows from here have contributed to Brazil becoming the world's largest milk producer and have greatly strengthened Brazil's economy. Plans are underway to develop Goras village into a pilgrimage site for Gir cows. The event was also addressed

by state ministers and BJP candidates from Vijaypur assembly, including Ramnivas Rawat, Aindal Singh Kanshana, Rakesh Shukla, MP Shivmangal Singh Tomar, Chairman of the Sahariya Development Authority Toshinpal Singh, Vice Chairman Sitaram

Adiwasi, and former MLA

Ajab Singh Kushwaha.

In his remarks, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav stated that the Congress Party has always made false promises to the public during elections to gain votes and then backtracks after the elections. Mallikarjun Kharge acknowledges that the Congress makes false promises during elections, making it clear that the Congress Party sees the public merely as voters and does not want to work for their welfare.

While Congress makes promises it cannot keep, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, ensures that every guarantee is delivered, he said. Yadav underlined welfare initiatives, saying the central government, under PM Modi, provides Rs 6,000 annually to 11 crore farmers through the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. Whether it is the Ladli Laxmi Yojana or the Ladli Behna Yojana in Madhya Pradesh, all schemes are announced with financial feasibility in mind and are fulfilled.

Clearing the air over party candidate Ramnivas Rawat's decision to join the BJP, Yadav said that the former Congress leader quit the grand old party to ensure the development of the region. Yadav provided a comprehensive list of development work in the area while underlining roads, schools, hospitals, and irrigation facilities.

burdens.

Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Modi, has approved health coverage for all senior citizens aged 70 and above under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, removing any income-based restrictions. Launched on October 29, 2024, the scheme bases eligibility solely on the age recorded in

above, whose families are

card will be issued to eligible option to decide.

BJP says it stands for credibility of promises under PM Modi, Congress for crisis

BIP on Saturday asserted that it stood for credibility of promises made to people under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and the Congress for crisis of credibility, as the ruling party fired a fresh salvo at its rival in a war of words between them over unkept poll pledges.

BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi told the media that the ruling party had gradually stepped up the scope of its welfare schemes, ranging from health insurance to free grains and cash transfer for farmers, by resorting to first creation of wealth followed by its

distribution as the size of the made a fresh charge. Indian economy grew over Was Kharge speaking the the past decade.

"We believe in first the creation of wealth and distribution. The Congress stands for creation of corruption and destruction of wealth," he said, citing a host of alleged unfulfilled promises of Congress-led governments in different

A day after Mallikarjun Kharge claimed that "Modi ki guarantee" was a cruel joke on people after the prime minister had seized on the Congress president's advice to his state colleagues that they should be guided by budgetary constraints in making poll announcements, the BJP

had walked the talk.

truth on Friday or a day before, Trivedi said before, mockingly, suggesting that the Congress president's attack on the BJP was made under pressure to cover up for what he had said earlier. Trivedi cited the construction of the Ram temple, abolition of Article 370, construction of more than 14 crore houses for the poor, opening of over 51 crore Jan Dhan accounts, and India's tough stand against Pakistan on terrorism under Modi to assert that his government

As a veteran Congress member who has served in senior positions, Kharge has



seen leaders such as PV Narasimha Rao and Pranab Mukherjee, who deftly handled the economy under difficult circumstances, and is now seeing the party under the grip of urban Naxals due to Rahul Gandhi's influence, Trivedi

Rebutting Kharge's charges on a host of issues, Trivedi EPFO (Employees' said

suggested that its account holders had grown to 25 crore compared to 11 crore a decade ago.

He also cited a host of infrastructure work, including the construction of houses for the poor, 74 airports and 37 kilometres of road per day, and asserted that all these activities had led to a lot of employment. India is now third in auto manufacturing and second mobile phones

manufacturing and anyone still cannot see the country's development, then there is some serious weakness in their sight and mindset,

spokesperson said. When the BJP was in power

attracting investment under the Maharashtra Congress-led alliance's rule had slipped, he said, adding

that the situation was reversed after the BJP came to power in the western state while losing to the Congress in the southern state. "The brains of some parties are so empty that they end up emptying the treasury when in power," he said.

The Congress, alleged, had lost the ability to govern, noting that its promise to provide one woman in every household Rs 1 lakh annually would have cost the country Rs 31 lakh crore even though its entire budget was only about

Ponzi scheme promise and could be part of a well thought-out conspiracy as the Congress believes in triggering chaos, he said.
Citing the welcome Modi received recently in the US,
Russia and Ukraine from their top leaders, the BJP spokesperson said it was a testimony to the prime minister's standing. Any attempt to belittle him will

popularity, reputation and image, he added. To a question, he refuted opposition MP Asaduddin Owaisi's claim on Waqf boards, saying these were not religious bodies but constituted management.

has undergone a total

sentence of about 28 years and eight months, of which he

served 17 years as a death row convict. It has been over a

year since the top court directed the competent authority to decide on his mercy petition, he said. The plea referred to an April 2023

have no impact on his

India records 17.7 per cent decline in TB incidence from 2015 to 2023: WHO report

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India has recorded a 17.7 per cent decline in tuberculosis incidence from 237 per lakh population in 2015 to 195 in 2023, which is more than double the global decline of 8.3 per cent, Health Ministry sources have said citing a In its Global TB Report 2024

released on October 29, WHO has acknowledged the tremendous progress India has made in closing the gap of missed tuberculosis cases since 2015, the sources said. "In 2023, India is estimated to have had 27 lakh TB cases, of which 25.1 lakh were diagnosed and put on treatment. This has buoyed India's treatment coverage to

89 per cent in 2023 from 72 per cent in 2015, thereby bridging the gap of missing cases," an official source said. The source said WHO has "acknowledged a drop in India's tuberculosis incidence from 237 per lakh population in 2015, to 195 per lakh population in 2023 accounting for a 17.7 per cent

decline. "This is more than double the pace of decline as compared to the global decline of 8.3 per cent," the source said.

The Health Ministry sources asserted that the leap in coverage has been due to the momentum India has created around tuberculosis case finding and reflects the efforts decentralisation over 1.7 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs in the

country. While WHO had downsized its estimation of tuberculosis mortality in India last year, the current report documents the sustained reduction in deaths due to the disease achieved by India from 28 per lakh population to 22 per lakh population, a 21.4 per cent decline, they said.

The government has been able to strengthen and expand the National TB Elimination Programme with sustained domestic financing, official sources said.



The tuberculosis budget saw a historic 5.3 times leap in allocation from R 640 crores in 2015 to Rs 3400 crores in 2022-23. The WHO report noted that a majority of the funding for the programme comes from

government resources. Over the years, India has been able to scale up state-of-the-art molecular diagnostic tools, introduce newer and more efficacious treatment regimens and provide free screening, diagnosis and treatment to all tuberculosis

The government is procuring 800 artificial intelligence-enabled portable chest x-ray machines to complement India's extensive TB laboratory network, the largest in the world with 7,767 rapid molecular testing facilities and 87 culture and drug susceptibility testing laboratories, the sources said. This acknowledgement by WHO signifies the paradigm shift India has brought to tuberculosis care over the past eight years. In October, the government announced the under Nikshay Poshan Yojana (NPY) from Rs 500 per month to each patient for the entire duration of the treatment to Rs 1,000,"

another source said. To date, Rs 3,202 crore has been disbursed to 1.13 crore beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer under the scheme. While enhancement of NPY support will benefit all 25 lakh tuberculosis patients in a year, the introduction of Energy Dense Nutritional Supplementation would cover approximately 12 lakh undernourished TB patients.

Jaishankar, Thai counterpart discuss bilateral ties, multilateral cooperation

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Thai Maris counterpart Sangiampongsa discussed bilateral ties, multilateral cooperation and regional developments during a meeting in Delhi on Saturday. In a social media post, Iaishankar Sangiampongsa's visit for the Royal Kathina ceremony exemplifies the longstanding historical and cultural relations" between the two countries. The Thai minister is scheduled to depart India on Sunday. Jaishankar also shared pictures of the meeting at the South Block.

"Delighted to meet FM @AmbPoohMaris of Thailand today in Delhi. His visit for the Royal Kathina ceremony exemplifies the longstanding historical and cultural relations between our two discussed countries. We India-Thailand multilateral cooperation and regional developments," he said. Royal Kathina is a traditional Buddhist



visit to India was during July 11-13 for the second BIMSTEC Foreign Ministers' Retreat, hosted by the external affairs minister in New Delhi.

On July 12, Jaishankar held a bilateral meeting with Sangiampongsa and hosted a lunch in his honour. During that meeting, the two ministers reviewed progress across various areas of partnership.

The two ministers also exchanged views on issues of mutual interest and reiterated their commitment to closer cooperation in sub-regional, regional and multilateral fora, the Ministry of External Affairs had accordance with the vision of the two prime ministers, the ministers reaffirmed the mutual desire for a stronger India-Thailand partnership, it had said.

Thailand is a key partner for India in the ASEAN. India's 'Act East' policy, which is in its tenth year, finds convergence with Thailand's 'Act West' policy. Interactions between Jaishankar and the Thai foreign minister have contributed further strengthening of bilateral ties,

SC to hear Rajoana's plea seeking commutation of death sentence

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The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on November 4 a plea by Balwant Singh Rajoana, convicted in the 1995 assassination case of the then Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh, seeking commutation of his death sentence to life term due to an "inordinate delay" in deciding his mercy petition. A special bench of Justices B R Gavai, P Mishra and K Viswanathan will hear the plea of the former Punjab Police constable.

On September 25, the top court had sought responses from the Centre, the Punjab and Government administration of the Union Territory of Chandigarh on Rajoana's plea. In his plea, Rajoana has sought directions to the Centre and the Punjab government to commute his death sentence "due to inordinate delay" in its execution and in deciding the "mercy petition filed on his

Rajoana was convicted in



case. The former chief minister and 16 others were killed in a blast at the entrance of the secretariat in Chandigarh on August 31, 1995. A special court had sentenced Rajoana to death in July 2007. Rajoana has said that in March 2012, a mercy petition under Article 72 of the Constitution was moved by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) on his behalf. On May 3 last year, the apex court had refused to commute his death sentence and said the competent authority could deal with his mercy plea. In his fresh plea filed in the

order of the top court in a separate matter in which it directed all States and appropriate authorities to decide the pending mercy petitions at the earliest and without any inordinate delay. "Despite the above directions, the mercy petition of the petitioner herein has been kept pending. It is submitted that this extraordinary and inordinate delay in deciding his mercy petition, for reasons beyond the petitioner's control and not attributable to him, is an infringement of his right to life guaranteed under Article 21," said the plea, adding that the issue of keeping mercy petitions pending for long and the incarceration of the convict has come up for consideration before the apex

Modi destroyed dignity of PM's post with repeated hollow promises: Priyanka

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In a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress leader Kharge's comments that the Saturday said the prime minister has "destroyed" the dignity of the highest post of the country by repeatedly making "hollow promises" to 140 crore Indians. She also said that instead of

worrying about the Congress, Modi should work on "restoring the dignity of his post by resorting to truth". Her remarks came after Modi on Friday said the Congress stands "badly exposed" in front of the people for promising to them what the party knows it will never be able to

launched a fierce attack on the opposition party as he seized on Congress President Mallikarjun make promises that are properly budgeted.

He also said the developmental trajectory and fiscal health in the Congress-ruled states of Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana is going from bad to worse. Hitting back at the prime minister, Priyanka Gandhi said in a post in X in Hindi, "Mahatma Gandhi used to

'Truth is God'. 'Satyameva Jayate' written in Mundaka Upanishad is our national motto. These mottos establishing truth the basis of thousands of minister against the became the ideals of the years of culture, the person Congress are far from the



"In a country where truth is levelled the basis of thousands of minister

Indian freedom movement, the reconstruction of India and public life.

sitting on the highest post should not resort to falsehood." The allegations levelled by the prime

Congress started

fulfilling the promises made to the people as soon as it without waiting for the next Telangana or Himachal Pradesh, people's money is being put into their pockets everyday through guarantees," the Congress general secretary said in the

The prime minister has understood that his words no longer have any value before the country's people, she claimed.

Sharpening her attack on Modi, Priyanka Gandhi continued, "The '100 days plan', 'taking opinion of 20 lakh people for the roadmap for 2047', '2 crore jobs every year', '100 smart cities',

'reducing inflation and unemployment', 'doubling to the people as soon as it farmers' income', 'bringing formed the government, rupee at par with dollar' and 'bringing 'Achche Din' -promises wh have been proven false and now the people of the country have no faith in them.

Congress' media publicity department head Pawan Khera also slammed the prime minister, saying the latter has lowered the dignity of his post by resorting to false promises. Claiming that the Congress governments have fulfilled their promises in the states ruled by them, Khera alleged in a video statement that Modi had to even delete a post attacking the party out of fear of being fact-checked.

We are in touch with US authorities: MEA on sanctions on Indian entities

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

In the wake of the US imposing sanctions on several individuals and entities, including from India, for allegedly India, supporting Russia's military-industrial base, the MEA Saturday said New Delhi is in touch with Washington to clarify issues. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, in response to a query during his weekly briefing, also said India has a "robust legal and regulatory framework" on strategic trade and nonproliferation controls.
"We are also a member of

three key multilateral nonproliferation export control regimes," he added. "In keeping with India's keeping established with proliferation credentials, we are working with all relevant departments and agencies to sensitise Indian companies on applicable export control provisions as also inform them on new measures sanction being implemented that Russia



Indian impact companies certain circumstances," Jaiswal said. The US has imposed sanctions on 275 individuals and entities, including 15 from India, for allegedly supporting Russia's military-industrial base. The US Department of Treasury said in a statement on Thursday that companies from China, Switzerland, Thailand, and Turkiye have technology and equipment that it desperately needs to support its war machine. In addition to disrupting

global evasion networks, this action also targets domestic Russian importers and producers of key inputs and other material for Russia's military-industrial base, the statement said. Jaiswal on Saturday said, "We have seen these reports of US sanctions." "We are of US sanctions." also been slapped with also in touch with the US sanctions for supplying authoritie Russia with advanced he added. authorities to clarify issues,

India committed to Sendai Framework for disaster risk reduction: Principal Secretary to PM

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Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister P K Mishra has affirmed India's commitment to the Sendai Framework for disaster risk reduction and called for increased international collaboration on knowledge sharing, technology transfer and sustainable development to enhance disaster resilience globally.

globally.
Mishra said this while participating in the G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) ministerial meeting in Belem, Brazil, according to an official release. He led a high-level Indian delegation which took Indian delegation which took part in the meeting held from October 30 to November 1. With the active participation of the Indian delegation, a consensus was arrived at on finalising the first ministerial declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), the release

issued by the Union Ministry

of Home Affairs said. During

various sessions, Mishra

shared the progress made by the government of India in



upscaling disaster financing. emphasised proactive approach to disaster risk reduction on five priorities of the DRRWG which were enunciated during India's presidency of G20 -- early warning systems, disaster resilient infrastructure, financing, resilient recovery

and nature-based solutions. disaster resilient infrastructure, he spoke about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's global initiative of Coalition for Disaster Resilience Infrastructure (CDRI), which now has 40 and countries seven international organisations as world, the release said.

members, the release said. The Indian delegation also participated in a troika meeting with the ministers of Brazil and South Africa. It also held bilateral meetings with ministers from Brazil and other countries, namely Japan, Norway, South Africa, South Korea, Germany, and heads of invited international organisations. Responding to discussions on extreme heat, Mishra shared experience and steps being taken, including the focus on promoting traditional practices, to suit local conditions. The first DRRWG was

established on India's initiative during its G20 presidency in 2023. Mishra congratulated Brazil on its continuation of the DRRWG and scaling it up to the ministerial level and affirmed India's support to South Africa on the DRRWG during their G20 presidency next year. India's participation underscores its growing role in global DRR efforts and its commitment to building a safer and more resilient

for denying permission to its MP to attend Venezuela event PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

CPI(M) slams Government

NEW DELHI

The CPI(M) on Saturday slammed the Government for not granting political clearance to party MP V Sivadasan to participate in a parliamentary forum in Venezuela and called it an attempt to stifle the voices of those who did not conform with the ruling party's views. Terming the denial of permission "political discrimination", the CPI(M) said this should be a matter of concern for all opposition parties and their MPs.

The Polit Bureau of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) condemns the Central Government's decision denying political clearance to Dr V Sivadasan, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), to attend Parliamentarian's Against Fascism, being held in Venezuela," Caracas, CPI(M) said in a statement. "This is an attempt to stifle any voice that does not conform with the ruling party's views,'

it said.

The statement said the CPI(M) received an invitation from the National Assembly Venezuela to nominate its Parliament members for the forum. The party nominated Sivadasan to participate in the forum,

parliamentarians from many countries are going to be present. "It is highly deplorable that in spite of getting the FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act) clearance, the Ministry of External Affairs denied political clearance to Sivadasan, thus infringing his rights as a Member of Parliament," the CPI(M) said. MPs are required to obtain prior permission of the Centre for accepting any foreign hospitality during their private visits abroad or visits abroad in their personal capacity under the FCRA. The CPI(M) further said, "The Government is following a policy of political discrimination, differing voices are prevented from expressing their views. This should be a matter of concern for all opposition parties and their members of Parliament.'

Elephant attack leaves two dead in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, locals believe 'it's an act of revenge'

In an incident that is sure to echo in the sal-covered forests of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve for generations, three wild elephants trampled three men. killing two, on Saturday morning, barely four kilometres from Salakhaniya, where ten elephants have died in less than a

Attribute it to Bollywood or a local penchant for folklore, but many in the area are absolutely convinced that the elephant attack is an act of revenge.

Forest officials have neither confirmed nor denied that the attacking wild mammals belonged to the herd of thirteen, of which ten have perished this week.

They said that the remaining three from the herd are believed to have made their



Katni district, and efforts are underway to track their movement. Forest officials camping in the area since the outbreak of the elephantine tragedy have ordered the destruction of the Kodo millet harvest and crops in the area.

way into the neighbouring The little-known grain has emerged as the flashpoint of the controversy, as officials believe that grazing on contaminated Kodo has led to the loss of pachyderm lives. research Contradicting suggesting that Kodo crops

harvested in damp conditions

tribals who have grown the grain for generations say that they have never encountered any such issue with the crop. The order for the destruction of 'contaminated' Kodo is causing heartburn among the marginal farmers that dot the area, especially as there is no official word on how they would be compensated for their loss of earnings.

are deadly for human and

animal health, indigenous

Kodo has been widely grown in the region for decades, if not centuries, but the little-known millet came into the limelight last year when the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the United Nations declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets. The crop is now added to multigrain atta preferred by the health-conscious, and the

incentivised its production by offering an MSP on the yield. People in the area concede that fungus-infested Kodo does cause intoxication but refute claims and research suggesting that the tiny grain is detrimental to human or animal health.

With the controversy gaining mammoth proportions, Pradesh Madhya Mohan Minister convened top forest administration officials at his residence late on Friday

A brief released to the media stated that Chief Minister Yadav has dispatched a highlevel team, including MoS for Faorets Dilip Ahirwar, to Bandhavgarh to supervise investigations and present their report in 24 hours.

Gangotri temple to close for winter season

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The portals of the Gangotri temple at Uttarkashi were closed on Saturday for the winter season when it remains snowbound, an official of the temple committee said.

All temples located in the Garhwal Himalayas, also known as Char Dham, are closed during the winter.

Gangotri temple committee secretary Suresh Semwal said the gates of the temple located at a height of around 10,000 feet above sea level were closed amid rituals at 12.14 pm on the auspicious occasion of the Annakoot festival.

After the ceremonial closure of the temple gates amid chants of "Har Har Gange, Jai Ma Gange" by devotees and priests, the idol of

Goddess Ganga left in a palanquin for Mukhba where she will be worshipped for the whole of winter, he said. Gangotri is the first of the

Char Dham temples to be

More than eight lakh devotees visited the temple this season. The doors o Yamunotri and Kedarnath temples will be closed on Sunday while those of Badrinath will be shut on November 17.

These famous Himalayan temples are reopened in April-May each year with the onset of summer.

BJP faces tough battle for Seesamau seat in UP by-elections as SP's Solanki family holds firm ground

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

Uttar Pradesh is set to witness high-stakes by-elections on nine seats, including the Seesamau constituency in Kanpur. For the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), this seat has become a matter of prestige as it has been a stronghold of the Samajwadi Party (SP) for over two decades.

Adding to the challenge, a single Muslim family—the Solankis—has held onto this seat for the last 22 years, indicating not only their political influence but also the support they enjoy across all communities.

With nearly 40% of the constituency's population being Muslim and the rest comprising various other communities, the Solanki family's ability to



highlights their broad-based appeal and strong presence. The sustained hold on this seat reflects the trust the electorate places in the family, regardless of religious affiliations.

Naseem Solanki, the SP candidate and wife of former MLA Irfan Solanki, recently underscored this image of inclusivity during her campaign. Despite being a

historic Bankhandeshwar Shiv Temple in Kanpur on Diwali, offering a traditional oil lamp and performing a 'jalabhishek' on the Shiva Lingam, seeking blessings for victory. This act drawn significant attention and is seen as a symbol of the Solanki family's philosophy of "sabka saath, sabka vishwas" (unity and

trust of all communities).

The temple visit is just one among several steps taken by Naseem Solanki to reach out to voters across religious lines. She also visited a Gurudwara to offer her respects before continuing with campaign. Her husband, former MLA Irfan Solanki, and father-in-law, Haji Mushtaq, have historically contributed towards the development of religious places of all faiths, using their resources to fund various projects. However, such symbolic gestures from the Solanki family have surfaced publicly for the first time, prompting the BJP to label these actions as mere "election stunts."

A legacy of the Solanki family in Seesamau The legacy of the Solanki

family in Seesamau dates back to 22 years ago when the patriarch, family Mushtaq Solanki, first won the seat. Though Haji Mushtaq is no longer alive, his goodwill and communityfocused contributions remain fresh in the minds of Seesamau residents. His son Irfan Solanki, who is currently in jail, has also carried forward the legacy, and now, his wife Naseem is seeking to continue the family's representation. By reaching out to people from all walks of life, Naseem Solanki aims to secure her victory in this significant electoral contest.

Karnataka CM withdraws notices on farmers related to Waqf land issues

closed.



Mahakumbh set to boost tourism in Uttar Pradesh, creating jobs for over 45,000 families

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU

arnataka Chief Minister K Siddaramaiah on Saturday instructed officials to immediately withdraw all notices sent to farmers concerning Waqf land issues. A decision to this effect was

taken during a high-level meeting, with senior officials the Revenue department, the Minority Welfare department, and the Karnataka Board of Waqfs.

Siddaramaiah has issued a strict directive for the immediate retraction of all notices sent to farmers about Waqf land, emphasising that no disruption should be caused to them," a statement from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) read.

statement Siddaramaiah's dissatisfaction with recent actions by certain officials and highlighted concerns that the JD(S) and BJP were allegedly using the Waqf issue for political gains, potentially disrupting peace in the state. "Siddaramaiah has urged the

public to ignore any misinformation and directed officials to handle the matter with sensitivity," it added. statement

emphasised that all notices issued to farmers regarding land records tied to Wagi properties must be promptly withdrawn. Officials were instructed to

avoid harassing farmers or causing any issues related to lands under their possession. The CM further directed that any unauthorised changes made to land records (Pahani or RTC) without prior notice or legal procedures should be immediately nullified. The meeting was attended by

Karnataka Law Minister H K Patil, Revenue Minister Gowda, and senior government However, Minority Welfare and Waqf Minister B Z Zameer Âhmed Khan was not present.

Minister G Parameshwara said all District Deputy Commissioners have been directed not to issue notices to farmers under the Waqf He affirmed that revenue

Earlier, Karnataka Home

records would be considered final, and administrative actions would adhere to

The Chief Minister has instructed all deputy commissioners to withdraw such notices or letters.

The matter is now resolved though we are unsure of any developments,

Mumbai Police files extradition of Anmol Bishnoi



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Mumbai police have forwarded a proposal for extradition of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's younger brother Anmol Bishnoi, who has been named as an accused in some high-profile crimes, including the Baba Siddique murder case, an official said. The proposal was sent after the US authorities informed the Mumbai police about Anmol Bishnoi's presence in their country, the senior police official said on Saturday.

Last month, the Mumbai police's crime branch moved the special Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) court here stating that it intends to "initiate the extradition procedure of fugitive criminal Anmol Bishnoi".

Mumbai police filed an affidavit "for further necessary action", which was allowed by the special court. Both Lawrence and Anmol Bishnoi have been named as wanted accused in the April 14 firing incident outside the Bollywood actor Salman Khan's Ġalaxy Apartment in Mumbai's Bandra area. Vicky Gupta and Sagar Pal had carried out the firing.

They, along with Sonukumar Bishnoi, Mohammed Rafiq Choudhary and Harpal Singh, were arrested and are currently in judicial custody. One accused Anujkumar Thapan committed suicide

accused in the case. NCP leader and former MLA Baba Siddique was shot dead by three gunmen near the office of his MLAson Zeeshan Siddique on

the case, police have shown

Lawrence Bishnoi and Anmol Bishnoi as wanted

arrested 15 persons in connection with the murder. The role of Bishnoi brothers, who hail from Fazilka in Punjab, is suspected in the

Agency (NIA) recently announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh for information leading to the arrest of Anmol Bishnoi.

issued in April against Anmol Bishnoi, who had the firing incident outside Salman Khan's residence. An FIR was also registered

prominent persons".

during his police custody. In the chargesheet filed in

October 12.

The police have so far

The National Investigation

Bishnoi Lawrence currently lodged in a jail in Sabarmati in Gujarat. A lookout circular was

claimed responsibility for by the NIA against nine accused, including both the Bishnoi brothers, in August 2022 for being part of a conspiracy to "raise funds, recruit youth to carry out terrorist acts in the Union Territory of Delhi and other parts of the country" besides "targeted killings of

The Yogi Adityanath government is set to elevate

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

Uttar Pradesh's tourism induson skill development, with the upcoming Mahakumbh in Prayagraj anticipated to generate direct or indirect employment for over 45,000 families This monumental event, scheduled for 2025, is expected to attract millions of pilgrims and tourists, creating a significant demand for trained local service providers.

In an effort to prepare for this surge, extensive training programs are underway across Prayagraj. These programs aim to upskill local vendors, boatmen, street vendors, and tour guides, ensuring they are equipped to meet the needs of



By empowering these service providers, the government is not only supporting existing businesses but also laying the foundation for employment opportunities around religious tourist destinations, contributing to the region's economic growth. The Yogi administration's comprehensive tourism strategy took root with the launch of the Tourism Policy-2022, approved on November visitors with professionalism and customer-friendly service. 16, 2022. This policy envisions a substantial investment

inflow of Rs 20,000 crore and aims to generate 10 lakh jobs, cementing Uttar Pradesh's position as a tourism-friendly state. A key pillar of this strategy is to connect local service providers with targeted skill development programs, equipping them with essential in service and management. Regional Tourism Officer Aparajita Singh emphasized campaign's reach, saying that training sessions have been launched for a broad range of

The government is also promoting responsible tourism by raising awareness among service providers about maintaining a clean and welcoming environment at tourist sites. A notable initiative within this campaign focuses on boatmen who navigate the rivers near religious sites. The Tourism Department is providing training to 2,000 boatmen to broaden their skill set, enabling them to take on dual roles as river guides. This initiative, undertaken in collaboration with Manyavar Kanshiram Tourism Management Institute, has already trained 300 boatmen,

tourist-facing roles. From giving them the skills to boatmen and tour guides to enhance the tourist experience service by sharing insights about the providers are being trained in area's cultural and spiritual significance. "We are dedicated hospitality, hygiene, and significance. "We are dedicated communication skills to to preparing a robust, skilled rce for the Mahakumbh 2025," Singh said. "Our goal is to support livelihoods while enhancing the quality of services provided to our visitors." The training for tour guides is also progressing rapidly. Assistant Professor Prakhar Tiwari from the Manyavar Kanshiram Tourism Management Institute, who is overseeing the program, reported that seven batches of guides have completed the course, resulting in 420 wellassist pilgrims and tourists.

trained tour guides ready to The government's efforts extend to street vendors and taxi drivers as Recognizing the important

role of street vendors in

providing accessible goods to locals and tourists alike, the Tourism Department has launched a training program focused on customer service cleanliness skills standa vendors and 600 taxi drivers in Prayagraj have enrolled, with 250 vendors and 120 drivers already completing their training.
With the Mahakumbh serving

as a catalyst, Uttar Pradesh's tourism sector is undergoing a transformative phase, with skill development programs creating a wide range of employment opportunities for local youth. Singh estimates that over 45,000 families will benefit from this initiative, securing income through tourism-related roles and fostering a sustainable environment for the industry's growth around key religious

Jharkhand CM urges PM Modi to pay coal dues of 1.36 lakh crore

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

A head of the scheduled visits of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to pollbound Jharkhand, Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Saturday urged the Centre with 'folded hands" to clear Rs 1.36 lakh-crore coal dues to the State. Modi is scheduled to address two rallies in Jharkhand on November 4 while Shah will address three public meetings on November

The PM and the Home Minister are coming to Jharkhand. I once again request them with folded hands to clear the outstanding (coal dues) of Rs 1.36 lakh crore to Jharkhandis. This amount is crucial for Jharkhand," Soren posted on X. He also appealed to BJP MPs to facilitate clearance of the amount.

drawing your attention towards a serious issue which "I would also appeal to my is creating obstacles in the BJP colleagues, especially the path of state's development.



MPs, to help Jharkhandis in getting our dues," Soren posted on Social Media, sharing a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister. Soren emphasised that the dues with central PSUs, like Coal India, are "rightful" to the state and claimed that "non-clearance is causing irreparable harm to Jharkhand's development". "I, Hemant Soren, the Chief minister of Jharkhand, am

Our dues from coal companies stand at Rs 1.36 lakh crore," Soren wrote in the letter to the PM. "In spite of provisions in the law and judicial pronouncements, coal companies are not making any payment... These questions have been raised at various forums, including your kind office, Finance Ministry and NITI Aayog. But till now this compensation (Rs 1.36 lakh crore) has not yet been paid, he said.

A recent ruling by a nine-judge Supreme Court bench affirmed the State's right to collect its mining and royalty dues. Soren pointed out that development Jharkhand and essential socio-economic projects are getting hampered owing to the non-clearance of dues. "Jharkhand is an under-developed state and there are

non-payment of

justifiable demands," Soren wrote. Last month, he suggested a direct debit from Coal India's account to the state, similar to arrangements made Jharkhand State Electricity Board dues to the DVC. "This delay in payment of the just demand raised by the state has constrained me to write to you that this negligence is causing irreparable damage to Jharkhand and its people. Various social sector schemes in education, health, women & child development, clean drinking water and last mile connectivity are unable to be translated on the ground because of lack of funds," Soren said. Earlier, he accused the Central Government of indifference to the state's plight, highlighting the disparity in treatment regarding dues. The Jharkhand assembly polls will be held in two phases -November 13 and 20. The lots of social economic development projects which counting of votes will take are getting hampered due to place on November 23.

AQI 'poor', 'very poor' in several parts of Himachal post-Diwali

PTI ■ SHIMLA

The air quality at various The air quality at various places across Himachal Pradesh deteriorated post-Diwali due to bursting of crackers, officials said.

This year the average AQI in the state was at 140 (moderate) as compared to 92 last year. As per the data from the

pollution department, industrial areas in the state recorded air quality ranging between moderate to very poor and Baddi (industrial area) was the most polluted with a "very poor" AQI of 392 followed by Parwanoo at 217, Poanta Sahib at 145, Barotiwala at 139, Nalagarh at 128 and Una at 122. An AQI between zero and 50

is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', 401 and 450 'severe' and above 450 'severe plus'. The air quality of Shimla was satisfactory with AQI 66 against 78 last year as the district administration had allowed the bursting of firecrackers from 8 pm to 10 pm only. Though some violations were seen but majority of the residents abided by the directions, officials said.

The production of green crackers and its supply chain has increased. With people being aware of environmental hazards and the regulations in place, people generally have preferred bursting green crackers and adhering to the norms, they added. Meanwhile, Dharamshala recorded AQI at 109 against

140 last year. However, Manali saw an increase in air pollution with AQi increasing from 55 in 2023 to 80 in 2024 on Diwali day. Industrial areas of Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh, Poanta Sahib, Una, Damtak and Kala Amb have witnessed AQI above 100 but overall air quality in the state is average, the data indicated.

Attack on central Israel injures 11 as Iran's leader promises punishing response

n attack on a central Israeli Atown early Saturday injured 11 people as Iran's Supreme Leader vowed a punishing response to Israel's attack

The predawn strike on Tira, which followed air raid sirens across central Israel, was one of several barrages fired from Lebanon early in the day. Many of the projectiles were intercepted by Israeli air defences, while others landed in unpop-

The Magen David Adom emergency service said 11 people were hurt by shrapnel and glass shards in a direct strike on a building in Tira, a predominantly Israeli Arab town. Three were in moderate condition, while the others suffered milder injuries.

Footage showed significant damage to the roof and top floor of the three-storey build-

Tsrael launched dozens of intense

⊥airstrikes across Lebanon's north-

eastern farming villages on Friday,

killing at least 52 people and wounding scores more, the Lebanese Health

In central Gaza, Palestinians recovered

the bodies of 25 people killed in a bar-

rage of Israeli aerial attacks that began

Israel's military said, and some were

The Magen David Adom service said

ers had milder injuries. A photo the ser-

President

its allies to stop "watching" and

take steps before North Koreans

troops deployed in Russia reach

Zelenskyy raised the prospect of

a preemptive Ukrainian strike on

camps where the North Korean

troops are being trained, and said

Kyiv knows their location. But he

said Ukraine can't do it without

permission from allies to use

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the battlefield

Thursday, hospital officials said.

Ministry reported.

Iran-backed Hezbollah group claimed responsibility for firing missiles toward the Israeli military's Unit 8200 base in Glilot on the edge of Tel Aviv and for attacking central Israel's Palmachim Air Base with explosive drones, saying they "scored precise hits on targets." Israel's military has not confirmed either base was targeted or hit.

Hezbollah said the Saturday dawn missile attack directed at Glilot was in retaliation for the "massacres" that are being committed by Israel. It was likely that the claim was linked to the strike on Tira, which is about 20 kilometres away from

Tamar Abdel Hai, a resident of Tira, said that the attack was frightening. "I call upon all the leaders in the Arab world and the leaders in Israel and to everyone who can help to end this war. It's enough," he said. fighters have fired salvos of rockets into northern Israeli towns including Dalton, Yesud HaMa'ala and Bar Yohai.

The early Saturday attacks may be only a precursor to a more severe strike against Israel. Meanwhile, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, on Saturday threatened Israel and the US with a punishing response over attacks on Iran and its allies following Israel's October 26 airstrikes

The enemies, whether the Zionist regime or the United States of America, will definitely receive a crushing response to what they are doing to Iran and the Iranian nation and to the resistance front," Khamenei said in video released by Iranian state media.

that targeted Iran's military

bases and other locations.

A further attack by Iran, which has already launched two direct attacks against Israel this year,

Israel pummels Lebanon and Gaza

East closer to a broader conflict. Israel is already battling the Iran-backed militant group Hamas in the Gaza Strip and Hezbollah in Lebanon.

The fight against Hezbollah has weakened the group but has also taken a heavy toll on southern Lebanon and other parts of the country. On Friday, Israel launched

dozens of intense airstrikes across Lebanon's northeastern farming villages, killing at least 52 people and wounding scores more, the Lebanese Health Ministry reported.

Since the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah erupted in 2023, more than 2,897 people have been killed and 13,150 wounded in Lebanon, according to a Health Ministry update early Friday. United Nations agencies estimate that Israel's ground invasion and bombardment of Lebanon has displaced 1.4 million people.

Residents of Israel's northern communities near Lebanon, roughly 60,000 people, have also been displaced for more than a year.

Israel has also stepped up its offensive against Hamas' remaining fighters in Gaza, raising concerns about humanitarian conditions for civilians still there. The World Health Organisation has said it plans to finally resume its polio vaccination campaign on Saturday, but only in Gaza City as towns further north remain inaccessible as Israel tightens its siege Israel's war in Gaza has killed more than 43,000 Palestinians since October 7, 2023, when Hamas militants killed roughly 1,200 people in Israel and took some 250 hostages back to Gaza. Health officials inside Hamas-run Gaza do not distinguish between civilians and combatants, but say more than half of the dead in the enclave are women and children.



Usha Vance smiles as her husband Republican vice presidential nominee Sen. JD Vance, R-Ohio, speaks at a campaign rally

It's fight to finish in races that will determine control of Congress

AP WASHINGTON

The final doors are being knocked, ads are blaring and candidates are making a last pitch to voters. Even with the high-energy final push, the races for control of Congress are at a stalemate, essentially a toss-up for the House and fight to the finish

for the Senate. The outcome of Tuesday's election will shape the country's future, determining whether the new White House has allies or sceptics on Capitol Hill — or faces a divided Congress like this past session, which has been among the most tumultuous and unproductive in modern times.

As voters assess their presidential options between Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Kamala Harris, they also are sizing up who will represent them in Congress.

This is why I'm an independent," said voter Gary Motta of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, who isn't happy with either choice for president, as he showed up at an early Sunday morning event for Republican Kevin

Coughlin, who is trying to unseat Democratic Rep. Emilia Sykes. The struggle for control of Congress has gone on for months. Candidates have tussled over the big issues — the economy, the border, reproductive health care and the future of democracy — but also over Congress itself, which had a chaotic session as the GOP-led House ousted its speaker and barely fended off government shutdowns. This is the first presidential election since the January 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol, and many Republican lawmakers who voted against certifying Democrat Joe Biden's White House win over Trump are up for reelection.

backed by the former president, are finding themselves having to answer for him on several fronts. Among them is the decision by the Supreme Court, with three justices who were nominated by Trump, that ended the right to abortion

Republican candidates, many

Democrats face tough questions over the Biden-Harris record on the US-Mexico border and on inflation during their time at the White House Most of the closely contested House campaigns are being waged beyond the presidential swing states, including in New York and California, where Republican Kevin McCarthy, who was ousted as speaker and then left Congress, had made inroads in his home state. Democrats under New York's Hakeem Jeffries, the party's House leader, are now trying to win them back.

Starting Saturday, California Rep. Pete Aguilar, the Democratic caucus chairman, is making a nine-stop swing through the Golden State to win back seats.

"There's a lot of energy out there," said Washington Rep. Suzan DelBene, who leads the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, in an interview from Omaha, Nebraska, a surprising battleground, after a swing through New York. "We're just working hard to get out the vote."

She said there are "tons of volunteers on the ground, lots of energy, people very, very focused. They understand there's a lot at stake.

The latest violence comes against the backdrop of a renewed diplomatic push by United States President Joe social services in Lebanon. Hezbollah began firing rockets, drones Biden's administration, days before the presidential election, to reach temporary and missiles from Lebanon into Israel cease-fire deals. Israel's emergency serin solidarity with Hamas immediately after the Hamas-led Oct. 7, 2023, attack vices said seven people were injured before dawn Saturday in attack in the on Israel, which triggered the war in central town of Tira. Three projectiles Gaza. The yearlong cross-border fightcrossed into Israel from Lebanon,

ing boiled over to full-blown war on Oct. 1, when Israeli forces launched a ground invasion of southern Lebanon for the first time since 2006.

appeared to be an apartment building. Israel has stepped up its offensive

against Hamas remaining fighters in

Gaza, pulverizing areas in the north and

raising fears of worsening humanitar-

ian conditions for civilians still there.

In Lebanon, Israel has broadened its

strikes in recent weeks to bigger urban

hubs, like the town of Baalbek, home to

80,000 people, after initially targeting

smaller border villages in the south,

where Hezbollah conducts operations.

Iran-backed Hezbollah doubles as a

major political party and provider of

two of those injured were in moderate
In Lebanon's Bekaa Valley — where condition from the attack, and the oth- small villages, olive groves and wineries nestled between the country's mounvice released showed damage to what tain ranges had largely been spared the

worst of Israeli bombardment until recently — Israel conducted a series of heavy airstrikes Friday, killing at least 52 people, driving more families to flee with whatever they could carry and sending thick plumes of smoke over the

Intensified Israeli airstrikes on and around the northeastern city of Baalbek after Israel issued evacuation warnings have prompted 60,000 people to flee, emptying nearby villages, said Hussein Haj Hassan, a Lebanese lawmaker representing the region.

In Lebanon, rescuers searched for survivors after airstrikes killed nine people and brought down a building that had housed 20 people in the town of Younine. Further Israeli strikes killed 12 people in the town of Amhaz and 31 others across at least a dozen villages in Lebanon's northeast, bringing the total death toll to 52, the Health Ministry said. The bombardment left 72 people wounded, the ministry added. There was no immediate comment

from Israel on the deadly strikes. In Lebanon's capital, Ísraeli planes pounded the southern suburb of Dahiyeh overnight and early Friday for the first time in four days, spreading panic after a rare lull. The Israeli mili tary, which warned residents to evacuate at least nine locations in Dahiyeh said it hit Hezbollah weapons manufacturing sites and command centers.

There were no reports of casualties from Dahiyeh, where fears of Israeli bombings drive a mass outflow of residents each night. Bulldozers rumbled through clouds of dust and smoke Friday, clearing rubble from the pulverized roads where Israeli warplanes had reduced dozens of buildings to their skeletal remains. Formerly home to families and businesses, mid-rise apartment blocks were left open to the breeze, walls blown off and furniture buried. Hezbollah supporters in several locations raised the group's bright yellow banner atop the rubble. Since the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah erupted in 2023, more than 2,897 people have been killed and 13,150 wounded in Lebanon, the Health Ministry reports, not including Friday's rising toll. Health authorities say that a quarter of those killed were women and children

Rescuers end search after canopy collapse

AP NOVI SAD

Cerbian rescuers stopped Saturday after pulling out 14 bodies from underneath tons of concrete from a fallen canopy at the entrance of a railway sta tion in the northern city of

Novi Sad. Serbia's government declared Saturday a day of mourning as officials promised a thorough investigation into Friday's collapse of the roof that fell on people sitting below it. The dead included a 6-year-old girl and a citizen of North Macedonia while three people were seriously injured, Interior

Minister Ivica Dacic said. Doctors said the injured ranged

from 18 to 24 years old and remained in life-threatening condition on Saturday. The train station has been ren-

ovated twice in recent years, and critics of Serbia's populist government attributed the disaster to corruption and sloppy renovations. Members of the opposition planned to protest in front of the station later on

Officials have insisted that the canopy had not been part of the

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Western-made long-range Russia's Kursk region near weapons to hit targets deep Ukraine's border and are preparinside Russia.

before N Korean troops reach front

Zelenskyy urges allies to take steps

watching, Britain is watching, Germany is watching. Everyone is just waiting for the North Korean military to start attacking Ukrainians as well," Zelenskyy said in a post late Friday on the Telegram messag-

The Biden administration said Thursday that some 8,000 North Korean soldiers are now in

ENGINEERING WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 33 of 2024; Date: 30-10-2024. E-tenders are invited works: Tender No.: DCESTMLG-23 2024. Name of work & Location Procurement and installations work fo replacement of worn out Basketball cour no. 2 synthetic flooring. Tender Value ₹37.09.771.94: Earnest Money ₹74,200.00; E-ten der will be closed a 13:00 hrs. on 21-11-2024 and will be opened at 13:00 hrs. on 21-11-2024. Fo details please visit www.ireps.gov.in. Dy. Chief Engineer/Estate

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE SOLUTIONS" have changed registered office from First Floor, Office no. 104 105, Balaji Chamber, D-246/10, Laxm Nagar, Delhi-110092 to Room no. 203 Second Floor Front Side, Stirring Mind ffice Space, Aruna Asaf Ali Road Turkman Gate, Delhi-110002. No any claim(s) or objection(s) from old days from publication of this notice.

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK AT MALIGAON

Mukesh Kumar (Advocate)

E-Tender Notice No. 08 of 2024-25. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works E-Tender No. N-2024-25-08-Dv CSTE-NW. Name of work: Repair and maintenance of various telecom H.Q. premises including complete Maligaon and Pandu area, Tender Value: ₹33,34,669/-, Earnest Money ₹66,700/-. Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 15.00 hrs. of 21-11-2024 & opening at 15.30 hrs. of 21-11-2024. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in.

Sr. Signal & Telecom Engineer Network, Maligaon NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

On Saturday, Ukraine's military intelligence said that more than 7,000 North Koreans equipped with Russian gear and weapons had been transported

coming days.

ing to help the Kremlin fight

to areas near Ukraine. The gency, known by its acronym GUR, said that North Korean troops were being trained at five locations in Russia's Far East, It did not specify its source of nformation. Western leaders have described the North Korean troop deployment as a

significant escalation that could also jolt relations in the Indo-Pacific region, and open the door to technology transfers from Moscow to Pyongyang that could advance the threat oosed by North Korea's nuclear weapons and missile programme. North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui met with ner Russian counterpart in Moscow in Friday. Ukrainian eaders have repeatedly said hey need permission to use Western weapons to strike arms lepots, airfields and military pases far from the border to

motivate Russia to seek peace.

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E-Tender Notice No. DCBL/14

Kemi Badenoch elected new Conservative Party chief, UK Opposition Leader

Kemi Badenoch on Saturday became the Conservative Party as she succeeded Rishi Sunak in the House of Commons as the Leader of Opposition.

The 44-year-old Nigerian-heritage parliamentarian defeated former Cabinet minister Robert Jenrick after a three-monthlong leadership election following Sunak's resignation after the Tories suffered a bruising general election defeat on July 4. The shadow secretary of state for Housing, Communities and Local Government began by thanking her predecessor – who was the first British Indian leader of the

'I want to thank Rishi, no one could have worked harder in such difficult times. Rishi, thank you for everything you did. We all wish you and your wonderful family the very best for the future," said Badenoch in her acceptance speech.

Sunak took to social media to extend his support. "Congratulations to Kemi Badenoch on being elected Conservative Party leader. I know that she will be a superb leader of our great party. She will renew our party, stand up for Conservative values, and take the fight to Labour. Let's unite behind her," he said.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer also congratulated the new Opposition leader and welcomed her as the "first Black leader of a Westminster party" as a proud moment for the country.



"I look forward to working with you and your party in the interests of the British people," he said.

After a phased election process that had whittled down the finalists in the leadership race to just two, Badenoch bagged 53,806 votes to beat Jenrick who won 41,388 from the Tory membership who had voted via online and postal ballots over the last month.

Bob Blackman, the chair of the influential Tory 1922 Committee of backbench MPs, announced the result in London as the returning officer.

He revealed that the election had 131.680 eligible electorate of Conservative Party members up and down the UK, with a turnout of 72.8 per cent.

"Another glass ceiling shattered," Blackman said as he announced the party's new

Badenoch, Member of Parliament for North West Essex, has long been popular among the Tories since she ran in a pre-

vious leadership race in 2022.

country. But to be heard, we have to be honest, honest about the fact that we made standards slip. The time has come to tell the truth... to stand up for our principles, to plan for our future, to reset our politics and our thinking, and to give our party and our country the new start that they deserve. It is time to get down to business, it is time to renew," she said, pledging to get the party ready for government in time for the next election in 2029. Having previously served as business and

"Our party is critical to the success of our

trade secretary and dealt with free trade agreement (FTA) talks with India, Badenoch indicated during the course of the Tory leadership campaign that she blocked the deal over demands for more

"As business secretary, even as I was trying to do things to limit immigration, we had an India FTA where they kept trying to bring in migration and I said no. It's one of the reasons why we didn't sign it," Badenoch reportedly told 'The Telegraph'. Both candidates had put immigration in the spotlight during the campaign, with Jenrick singling out India as one of the countries that should be subjected to tough visa restrictions across all categories unless it takes back its nationals who enter Britain illegally.

Badenoch, meanwhile, condemned new migrants bringing their disputes from India to cause unrest on the streets of the

Saturday.

renovation work.

Pak parliamentary body approves bill to raise number of SC judges to 25

APakistan parliamentary panel has approved a controversial bill to increase the number of judges in the Supreme Court from 17 to 25 despite its disapproval by the opposition lawmakers who termed it an attempt to manipulate the judiciary

The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Act 2024' which sought to increase the number of judges from 17 to 25 was moved in the Senate last month by independent senator Abdul Qadir to deal with the risits meeting was chaired by Senator Farooq H Naek of the Pakistan Peoples Party.

The committee approved a bill proposing an increase in the number of judges in the Supreme Court (SC) from 17 to 25 despite opposition from the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) After the committee's approval, the bill would be presented to the Senate for discussion.

Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf. After the bill was moved last month, PTI leader Ali Zafar said that the government should have introduced reforms in the lower judiciary instead of talk-

ing about increasing the number of judges in the SC. This is called court-stacking," he said, adding that several African, Latin American, and Asian countries in the past had

increased the number of judges in the superior judiciary in line with the same practice. 'The purpose is to take over the Separately, the government on

Friday presented in the Senate a controversial ordinance promulgated by President Asif Ali Zarďari in September giving a dominant role to the Chief Justice of Pakistan in the formation of benches.

The Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) (Amendment) Ordinance 2024, was laid in the house by Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar and referred to the standing committee concerned by the deputy

composition of the committee

(Practice and Procedure) Act, The three-member commit-

tee originally comprised the Chief Justice and two senior judges of the court. Now it will consist of the Chief Justice, the next most senior judge, and a judge to be picked by the Chief Justice. Another significant change is the handling of cases under Section 184(3) of the Constitution, as the ordinance makes it mandatory to document why a particular case is considered a matter of public importance before it is taken up by the court.

PTI ISLAMABAD Senate Standing Committee on ernment would pack the court judges who are favourable to a that forms benches and fixes with the choicest judges to influ-Justice, which met on Friday and certain regime." cases under the Supreme Court ence cases about leaders of

ing number of "pending cases". It was then referred to the

The bill aims to address the issue of delay in cases.

in the apex court. However, the

opposition alleges that the gov-

About 60,000 cases are pending

court system by bringing those

chairman.

The ordinance changed the

SPINNERS DO THEIR JOB WELL, TIME FOR BATTERS TO SALVAGE PRIDE

Exploiting the spin-friendly conditions, Ravindra Jadeja and R Ashwin chiselled through the New Zealand batting line-up to bring India to a stage from where they can force a face-saving victory in the third Test which is now headed for an intriguing finish.

New Zealand ended day two at 171 for nine with an overall lead of 143, which might look small but even a target in the vicinity of 150 will pose serious challenge for the Indian batters, considering the fast deteriorating Wankhede track. This was after half-centuries from

This was after half-centuries from Shubman Gill (90) and Rishabh Pant (60) and a crucial 38 not out from Washington Sundar gave India a slender 28-run lead as they put on board 263.

A total of 15 wickets fell on the second day, underlining the fact that life won't be easy for the hosts while betting fount.

while batting fourth. Ashwin (3/63) found his rhythm while Jadeja (4/52) added four more dismissals after his 5/65 in the first essay to keep India's hopes alive to avert a clean sweep at home for the first time.

Ajaz Patel (7) was at the crease when Jadeja cleaned up Matt Henry (10) for the penultimate wicket on the final ball on the second day.

Will Young's gutsy 51 was the only resistance from the Kiwis who succumbed to pressure, after Patel (5/103) recorded yet another fiveHaving made a subdued impact so far, Ashwin's delight on getting Rachin Ravindra (4) stumped was evident as he beat the charge of the

evident as he beat the charge of the batter with bounce and turn. With Glenn Phillips (26) using the long handle to a good effect, Ashwin cleaned up the New Zealand batter for another crucial breakthrough.

Zealand batter for another crucial breakthrough.
Young, who batted as solid as he did in the first innings, was Ashwin's third victim giving the bowler catching practice after being outfoxed on a carrom ball.
The 37-year-old Ashwin made impact beyond his bowling when he took an outstanding catch to end a stubborn 50-run association

stubborn 50-run association between Young and Daryl Mitchell

(21), who, for a passage of play, threatened to take the game away. Young and Mitchell had steadied the ship after New Zealand's toporder was blown away, but the latter's charge against Jadeja proved costly as he did not get the distance in his stroke.

From mid-off, Ashwin covered 19 metres running sideways to his left and put in a fabulous dive to complete the dismissal, post which New Zealand crumbled further. Tom Blundell (4) chopped one onto his stumps off Iadeia while Ashwin

his stumps off Jadeja while Ashwin cleaned up Phillips, who had switched to aggressive batting knowing New Zealand desperately

needed more runs. At the start of Kiwis' reply, Akash provided a rare sight of a pacer disturbing a batter's furniture on turning track when he dismantled



Tom Latham's (1) off and middle stumps in the first over.

Earlier, India's progress suffered a severe blow with the exit of Pant towards the end of the morning session, as its effects were felt acutely when play resumed post

lunch.

From Pant's dismissal in the 38th over to India eventually folding in the 60th, the team managed eight fours and two sixes - the wicketkeeper-batter alone hit that many during his brisk half-century

Patel, finding the right length, reaped rewards as the Kiwi spinner claimed another five-for at the Wankhede Stadium, following up his world record 10/119 in the first innings of the 2021 Test here.

Gill fell short of his century while others continued to disappoint.

Perhaps, there was no greater disappointment than to see Sarfaraz Khan looking like a fish out of water during his four-ball struggle, failing to open his account at his home turf runs for fun.

Sarfaraz failed to read the length of his first ball and went for a mighty sweep against Patel in his pomp, but was beaten by the bounce and turn

on the next.

on the next.

He might have fallen on the third ball when it bounced off his glove but there was no silly point.

But he had to walk back when the bounce and turn had the ball settling in 'keeper Tom Blundell's gloves after kissing the shoulder of his bat.

his bat.
Gill, who showed no flaws in his 146-ball stay with seven fours and a six - longest for any batter in this Test - was also among Patel's victims on the day as the Mumbai-origin Kiwi spinner had him caught at the first slip after a fine knock. Jadeja (14) too was caught at first slip, albeit off Glenn Phillips, as Washington waged a lone battle

Washington waged a lone battle among the three all-rounders scoring a brisk 36-ball 38 not out with four boundaries and two sixes. Having ceded control to New Zealand in final minutes of the opening day's play with an embarrassing collapse, India showed better resolve to make a

speedy recovery. Pant's quickfire 60, laced with eight fours and two sixes, was instrumental in taking the advantage away from the Kiwis who were gifted three unexpected wickets by the Indians with batting mainstays Virat Kohli (4) and Yashasvi Jaiswal (30) committing

Two-time Olympic

Owsley signs for

Delhi SG Pipers

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medallist Lily

staying with RCB till 2027

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Virat Kohli has dropped elaborate hints that he would like to continue playing competitive cricket till 2027 with an aim to complete 20 years with Royal Challengers Bengaluru after being retained by the franchise for a hefty fee of Rs 21 crore. Having entered the twilight zone of his illustrious career,

zone of his illustrious career, speculations are rife about how long the 36-year-old would continue in top flight cricket having endured a prolonged lull for the last four years since the start of COVID-19.

Kohli has been playing for RCB ever since IPL's inception in 2008 and is the leading run-scorer competition, amassing over 8,000 runs at a healthy if not spectacular strike rate of 131.97, including eight

"At the end of this cycle, it is going to be 20 years that I am going to be playing for RCB and that in itself is a very, very special feeling for me," Kohli told 'RCB Bold Diaries' indicating that he aims to continue for at least another

three years till 2027. "I have never thought that I am going to play so many years for one team, but the relationship has truly become special over so many years.

He reiterated that he doesn't see himself playing for any other franchise.

"I don't see myself anywhere other than RCB, and I am very happy that it happened. I am very excited that I got a chance to create a strong new squad in this auction, something that we are really looking forward to as a franchise, as a team," Kohli said in RCB's Bold Diaries



that he shared a close bond with the franchise and its fans, while his goal would be to win the elusive title.

everyone knows what RCB coming years. means to me. It's been a very, "Virat's retention won't come very special relationship over as much of a surprise to so many years, which anyone in India. He is and will continues to grow stronger, and what I have experienced playing for RCB is truly special. I hope that the fans everyone connected to the franchise feel the same way," he continued.

am also just looking forward to this cycle. Obviously, the goal is to win the IPL title at least once in the next cycle.

He promised that RCB will leave no stone unturned to win their elusive IPL title.

We are going to give it our best shot as always and try to make everyone proud of the way we play our cricket. A big shout out to the fans for your unwavering support over so many years. I am really grateful, really thankful," Kohli concluded.

KOHLI WILL BE A KEY TO RCB'S SUCCESS: ANDY FLOWER: Meanwhile,

following Kohli's retention, RCB head coach Andy Flower admitted that while the retention itself is not surprising, he would be the key to RCB's success in the He also pondered on the fact "I am super excited as ever as

be a key to RCB's success in the future. He was sensational last year. He was one of the leaders who propelled us into the playoffs despite a poor first half of the season," he told JioCinema.

Besides Kohli, RCB has also retained two more players — Rajat Patidar (Rs 11 crore) and Yash Daval (Rs 5 crore). As a result, RCB will have a purse of Rs 83 crore heading into the mega auction tentatively scheduled later this month.

The franchise would also contain three Right To Match (RTM) cards, allowing it to retain three more players (an uncapped player and two capped players, or three capped players).

Glenn Maxwell, Mohammed Siraj, Faf du Plessis and Cameron Green are among the top RCB players set to go under the hammer.

Virat Kohli drops hints of | Zverev beats Tsitsipas and joined by Rune, Humbert, Khachanov in Paris Masters semis

A lexander Zverev advanced to the Semifinals of the Paris Masters by beating Stefanos Tsitsipas 7-5, 6-4 and knocking the Greek player out of contention for the ATP Finals.

The third-seeded German saved the only handle resist he food.

break point he faced. Zverev, the French Open runner-up, next faces 2022 champion Holger Rune for a shot at the title. He's into his third Paris semifinals in the past four years, though he's never won the hard-court tournament.

The first break point opportunity came in the 11th game as Tsitsipas struggled with his first serve. Zverev got the break for 6-5 on an unforced error.

Tsitsipas then saved two set points but squandered his only break point chance with his 17th unforced error before Zverev



closed out the set.

Zverev broke again in the third game of the second set to take full control. He rattled off 12 straight points in his final three service games.

With the victory, Zverev became the first player born in the 1990s to record 100 wins over top-20 players. Daniil Medvedev The 10th-seeded Tsitsipas, who reached

the ATP Finals for five consecutive years,

had 28 unforced errors to 18 winners. Rune outlasted Alex de Minaur 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 in a 2 1/2-hour baseline fight. Rune improved to 3-2 against the Australian. Grigor Dimitrov's hopes of making the ATP Finals were set back after the 2023 finalist was upset by 2018 champion Karen Khachanov 6-2, 6-3 for the first time. Khachanov lost their four previous

Dimitrov was 10th in the race to the topeight ATP Finals in Turin.

Khachanov improved to 12-1 in the last three weeks after winning the Almaty title and reaching the Vienna final.

He'll face in the semifinals local hope Ugo Humbert, who defeated Jordan Thompson of Australia 6-2, 7-6 (4) a day after stunning Carlos Alcaraz.

Humbert has reached his first Masters semifinal, and he's the first Frenchman to go this far in Paris in seven years

Delhi SG Pipers on Saturday announced the acquisition of England's woman hockey midfielder and superstar Lily Owsley for the upcoming season of Hockey India League (HIL). The 29-year-old two-time Olympic medallist will be replacing 28-year-old Dutch midfielder Xan de Waard following her pull-out from following her pull-out from HIL this season due to personal reasons.

Owsley is one of the most highly decorated players in English hockey, having won the gold medal at the Rio Olympics 2016, followed by the bronze in Tokyo 2020. Besides, she also won the gold silver Commonwealth Games in

Birmingham 2022 and Glasgow 2014, respectively. European Championship gold in London

medals and 2015 bronze Amstelveen 2017. "Losing Xan de Waard,

undoubtedly one of the best players in the world, is a setback for the team. But, being able to replace her with a 2-time Olympic medal winner, Lily Owsley, is a big relief," said Delhi SG Pipers women's team coach Dave Smolenaars in a statement.

"She will bring in her experience, leadership and high-speed play to help the

get underway on December 28, comprising four teams, with the other three sides being Odisha Warriors, Rarh Bengal Tigers and Soorma Hockey Club. The tournament final takes place in Ranchi on February 1 next year.

Mohun Bagan SG say AFC 'recognised' club's decision to forego match in Iran match of the ACL - the

PTI KOLKATA

Mohun Bagan Super Giant on Saturday said the Asian Football Confederation the top has "recognised" Indian club's pullout from their AFC Champions League 2 match in Iran last month as a case of force majeure.

Keeping the players' "safety and security" in mind, Mohun Bagan SG last month decided to forgo their October 2 match against Tractor FC in Iran due to the volatile situation prevailing in the West Asian nation at the time

The continental body reacted promptly and the Kolkatabased club was withdrawn from the tournament, pending further decision on the matter. According to the MBSG, the AFC has now recognised their concerns but added the club remained withdrawn from the



tournament

"On 2nd November 2024. Mohun Bagan Super Giant has been communicated by the Asian Football Federation (AFC) that in response to the club's appeal, the AFC Competitions Committee has decided to recognise the matters raised by Mohun Bagan SG as an event of force majeure," the club said in a statement.

"Consequently penal consequences, as per clause 5.7

of AFC Champions League 2 Competition Regulations shall not apply to Mohun Bagan SG." MBSG added in their statement, "However, in terms of AFC Champions League 2 Competition Regulation clauses 5.5 and 5.6 even in case of force majeure events MBSG shall stand withdrawn from the tournament for ongoing

Mohun Bagan SG were scheduled to play Tractor FC on October 2 in a Group A

competition. However, the players expressed their unwillingness to travel to Iran, which was then in a state of mourning following the

continent's second-tier club

death of a prominent general of the Revolutionary Guard in an Israeli air strike. Mohun Bagan had taken the decision to not travel to the

country after Iran launched missiles on Israel, escalating political tensions between the two countries. Meanwhile, the AFC had rescheduled matches across its

tournaments due to the security situation in Iran, weeks after Mohun Bagan Super Giants "withdrawn" competitions, forcing Indian club to accuse the continental football body of

"unequal treatment".

team reach its potential." It will be the inaugural edition of the Women's HIL, slated to

F1 braces for more Verstappen-Norris drama and Hamilton to drive Senna's car

AP ■ SAO PAULO

Max Verstappen suggests he won't change his aggressive driving this weekend at the Brazilian Grand Prix as he bids for a fourth successive Formula 1 title. Lando Norris needs a win at Interlagos in Sao Paulo to maintain any realistic title hopes

New elements could spice up the clash between the drivers, who have received penalties in the past two races in Austin, Texas and Mexico for their boldness on the track. Interlagos has a new tarmac, rain is expected all weekend, and Verstappen received a five-place penalty on the grid after he and Red Bull decided to use a new engine.

Friday's free practice was not a good omen for Verstappen; he finished 15th, more than one second behind Norris, who clocked the best lap in his McLaren. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, who also has a shot at the title, was sixth.

The sprint race qualifier in the was

Verstappen; he was fourth but the Mexican GP last weekend. He almost one second behind leader was fined 10,000 euros (almost and Norris teammate Oscar Piastri. Norris was second.

Saturday will feature penultimate sprint race of the season and a tribute to three-time world champion Ayrton Senna, who died 30 years ago. Seven-time F1 champion Lewis Hamilton will drive a McLaren once steered by Senna in front of 60,000 fans.

Norris closed the gap on Verstappen to 47 points in Mexico after a furious encounter that caused penalties to the Dutchman amounting to 20 seconds. The British driver was penalized in the previous race at the U.S. Grand Prix as he battled the defending champion.

Leclerc, 70 points behind Verstappen, told media on Thursday he was not expecting a leading performance by his team this weekend.

The Monegasque driver also had to face the stewards in Brazil for Verstappen has won twice at the 84better for swearing in a press conference after

\$11,000), of which half is suspended as long as there is no further breach of a similar nature within the next 12 months. "During the hearing Leclerc

expressed his regret for his momentary lack of judgment and shared that he understood his responsibility as a role model for the sport," the stewards' decision said. Verstappen was punished with one day of community service for the same reason during the Singapore

CHALLENGES VERSTAPPEN AND MCLAREN: Verstappen said in Mexico that F1 has become over-policed. Upon his arrival in Brazil, he said he didn't care about critics of his aggressive driving. Though he and Norris claim to have a respectful relationship, another showdown is expected between the two in Sunday's race. The McLarens are expected to have the upper hand.



year-old Interlagos including last year, when Norris finished second

Verstappen's last victory was 10 races ago in Spain in June, after a period of seven wins in the first 10

"We want to do well, but of course it also needs to be possible. We still have a good lead," Verstappen said. "I just try to enjoy the moment, try just always optimize the performance."

The earliest the title could be won by Verstappen is in Las Vegas on Nov. 24. For Norris to have a

chance, he will likely have to take the title fight to the December finale

was," Piastri said.

in Abu Dhabi.

Norris' bid is a tough one, and McLaren has a better chance of dethroning Red Bull in the constructors' championship. Ferrari jumped ahead of Red Bull to second in the standings after Carlos Sainz Ir.'s win in Mexico.

Red Bull, which has won the last two constructors' titles, is third. Another challenge for drivers at Interlagos is the new asphalt. McLaren's Piastri was not excited about it on the first day of practice. "I think everybody was thrown off a bit by just how bumpy the track

HAMILTON HONORS SENNA: For the second time in his life, Mercedes' Hamilton will be on board a McLaren once driven by Senna, who died in 1994 after crashing during the San Marino GP. Hamilton will steer Senna's titlewinning MP4/5B after Saturday's sprint race. Weeks ago, Honda and McLaren said they would bring the

car that allowed the Brazilian to

1990

drivers'

the

championship.

During his time at McLaren, Hamilton drove Senna's MP4/4 car around Silverstone in 2009 for a British TV program.

"It will be an emotional experience," Hamilton said in Sao Paulo. He arrived at Interlagos for Thursday's media day wearing a shirt that read "rest in peace, Ayrton Senna" and pants in the color of the Brazilian flag. "Every time we come here it's an opportunity to do that (honor Senna), and I think so many of the drivers also do that," Hamilton said. "But I never in a million years thought I'd ever get to drive Senna's car here."

Not everyone was excited about Hamilton driving Senna's car.

'We have a lot of love for Hamilton, but he will be racing anyway, former driver Rubens Barrichello told TV Band. "I have Interlagos in my heart. The thing is, I think it should be a Brazilian driver." Senna won six races in the season

he drove the car that Hamilton will steer around Interlagos.

VIVACITY 08











REFLECTIONS C H A S I N G

Sara Ali Khan lit up the runway as the showstopper for *Abhinav Mishra's* latest collection, '*The Man in* the Mirror'. Drawing inspiration from Rajasthan's Kalbeliya dance, the collection showcased vibrant colours, intricate mirror-work, and elegant silhouettes, says SAKSHI PRIYA

he runway lights illuminated the venue and as the audience held their breath, the showstopper Sara Ali Khan emerged, radiating elegance and confidence. Dressed in a breathtaking ensemble from *Abhinav Mishra's* latest collection, she set the

tone for a night that celebrated not just fashion but a rich blend of Indian culture. Her stunning ensemble featured delicate floral motifs beautifully embellished with mirrors, sequins and crystals, adding a touch of opulence to the muted tones. The regal silhouette flowed gracefully maintaining a refined structure, with each detail thoughtfully executed to create a

harmonious blend of artistry sophistication. Runway Couture titled Showcase. "The Man in the Mirror," was a stunning ode to the craftsmanship of mirror-work, which has become a hallmark of his designs. This year, the collection arrived just in time for the festive season, captivating guests with its vibrant celebration of weddings and

A standout segment of the collection was 'Kalbeliya, inspired by the folk dance of rooted in Rajasthani culture. Each piece drew from the Kalbeliya tribe's distinctive style, showcasing colourful motifs and intricate patterns that reflect their intricate nomadic heritage. This

cultural traditions.

segment was not only a visual delight but also a tribute to the artistry that

but also a tribute to the artistry that often goes overlooked in modern fashion. Mishra's designs in 'Kalbeliya' captured the essence of the tribe, incorporating a palette of bold colours like black and ivory, paired with unexpected combinations found in traditional attire. Each ensemble was meticulously handcrafted, adorned with floral motifs, geometric patterns and an array of embellishments, including pearls, sequins and his signature mirrors. The luxurious fabrics, silks, soft wool, and sheer materials flowed

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materials flowed beautifully, ensuring that every piece felt ethereal and festive. Silhouettes varied traditional from

> anarkalis contemporary kaftans, providing something tor every function. blouses featured daring necklines and chic short kurtas, while the kaftans introduced a modern twist to the classic designs. This

fusion of styles

ensured that the collection appealed to a wide audience, from brides to modern women seeking elegance. In addition to bridal wear, Mishra's collection highlighted the versatility of

menswear and womenswear. The show reflected his commitment to reviving this ancient craft while seamlessly blending it contemporary aesthetics.



EACH ENSEMBLE WAS METICULOUSLY HANDCRAFTED. ADORNED WITH FLORAL MOTIFS, **GEOMETRIC PATTERNS AND** AN ARRAY OF **EMBELLISHMENTS** INCLUDING PEARLS **SEQUINS AND HIS** SIGNATURE MIRRORS.THE LUXURIOUS FABRICS, SILKS, SOFT WOOL, AND SHEER MATERIALS FLOWED BEAUTIFULLY, ENSURING THAT EVERY PIECE FELT ETHEREAL AND FESTIVE

Reflecting on the significance of the event, *Mishra* expressed his excitement: "I'm thrilled to present 'The Man in the Mirror,' a personal presentation that invites you into my imaginative world, where the craft of mirror-work takes centre mirror-work takes centre stage. This showcase is a serene, star-lit wonderland blending tradition and modernity." The atmosphere was enhanced by exquisite jewellery from The House of Rambhajos, known for its stunning polki and diamond pieces. The décor, envisioned by Rani Pink, transformed the venue into a mesmerising oasis, reminiscent of a desert under a starlit sky. As the final looks hit the runway, Abhinav Mishra's "The Man in the Mirror" revealed itself as more than just a collection; it was a nod to the rich stories and traditions of Indian couture. The show captivated the audience with its emphasis on the

beauty of mirror work and the importance preserving heritage crafts in modern fashion. With his blend of classic and contemporary elements, Mishra once again proved why he's couture ensuring that In d'i an craftsmanship continues to s h i n e worldwide.



OFFERINGS



THE WRITTEN CANVAS

Art Konsult presents "The Written Canvas: Letters to Keshav Malik from Artists and Thinkers," an exhibition honoring the birth centenary of acclaimed art critic and poet Keshav Malik. This rare collection of letters, featuring correspondences with cultural icons like Harivansh Rai Bachchan, Krishen Khanna and F.N. Souza reveals Malik's profound influence on Indian art and thought. Dive into the timeless art of letter-writing and experience the cultural dialogues that shaped India's profound in the shaped in the sh artistic heritage.

EVENT DETAILS

Venue: Annexe Art Gallery, India International Centre,

Dates: November 4 – November 9

Timings: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m

REDISCOVER AUTHENTIC CHINESE FLAVOURS

Radisson Blu MBD Hotel Noida is thrilled to introduce an all-new menu at RED (Rare Eastern Dining), offering an authentic journey into the world of Chinese cuisine. Curated by Executive Chef Sachin Malik and Master Chef Ghanshyam Thapa, the menu presents a range of dishes from delicate dim sums to bold Sichuan flavours and creative reinterpretations of classic recipes. Standouts include Truffle Edamame, Exotic Green Vegetables with Liquorice, and Sichuan specialities like Mapo Tofu and Braised Aubergine with Peppercorn. Enjoy these dishes with cocktails inspired by Chinese heritage, including the Dragon on the Sky and Junshan Island Sundowner. Island Sundowner.

DETAILS Timings: 7:00 – 11:30 PM Price for Two: Rs 4500 (plus taxes) For reservations:



FACES OF RESILIENCE

Faces in my Window by Nelofar Currimbhoy, at the Open Palm Court Gallery, Habitat Centre, captures the resilience and spirit of those often overlooked. With each photo Currimbhoy's language. photo, Currimbhoy's lens brings viewers face-to-face with the untold stories of survival on the streets of Delhi. An entrepreneur, author and photographer,



Currimbhoy's work extends beyond photography. Her docu-stories, like Ratni's Red Lipstick, highlight lives of perseverance, reflecting her passion for capturing human resilience. Influenced by Gandhi and Mother Teresa, her art is both an homage to her subjects and a call for empathy. Step into Faces in my Window for a poignant glimpse into lives that often go unseen.

EVENT DETAILS

Exhibition Open Till: November 5, 2024 Venue: Open Palm Court Gallery, Habitat Centre,

LONELY PLANET FAILED ROMANTIC DELIVERY

A lacklustre narrative undermines *Lonely Planet's* visual appeal, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**

hot with landscapes around Morocco giving a beautiful backdrop, *Lonely Planet* is an addition to the old woman young man romantics list. The film is an American Netflix romantic drama directed by Susannah Grant. The movie stars Laura Dern as Katherine Loewe and Liam Hemsworth as Owen Brophy. The film plots around a writer, Laura Dern and explores her romantic angle with *Owen Brophy* after they meet on a retreat of writers.

Laura Dern as Katherine Loewe has been shown as a successful female novelist who comes on a writers retreat to overcome a struggling love life due to a separation from her longtime partner. Liam Hemsworth as Owen Brophy comes on the same retreat with her girlfriend Lily Kemp (played by Diana Silvers), whose first novel becomes a best coller. Chapting becomes a best seller. Changing attitude of *Lily Kemp* on the retreat creates a rift between her and her boyfriend Owen Brophy, after which Owen finds himself attracted towards Katherine Loewe after meeting her closely in some sudden circumstances.

explores story understanding romance between Laura and Liam. The story tries to emphasise on the importance and need of having an understanding partner with whom you can feel light and help you grow, but doesn't fall up to the point.

Talking about the characters the cast seems to have overplayed their

part due to the weak plot. Owen doesn't have deep talks with his love interest, which is the want of the movie. *Laura's* character has been too into herself killing the expectations of what the audience really wants. *Lily Kemp's* character feels like a character played without

an effort. Lonely Planet fails to deliver the truly wanting script because of its weak plot. It tries to land up to a

space of the fantasy world where

the guy meets the woman and they fall in love, with all the butterflies which is actually not the demand of the film. The film's pacing is uneven, with

certain scenes dragging while others feel rushed. The ending doesn't compliment the story at all and becomes too flat. The movie can be too boring for the people who love the romantic genre as it doesn't live up to the standards. The 96 minutes drama has been failing

to deliver a desired thoughtful romance being a romantic genre. Summarising, Lonely Planet is a missed opportunity. It has the potential to be a poignant and thought-provoking exploration of love and loss, but it settles for a generic and formulaic approach. While the stunning Moroccan landscapes are a visual treat, the landscapes are a visual treat, the film's lackluster script and characters ultimately leave a lot to be desired **Rating - 2.5/5**

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"Nothing is easy in cricket.

Maybe when you watch it on

TV, it looks easy. But it is

not. You have to use your

brain and time the ball"

— Rohit Sharma

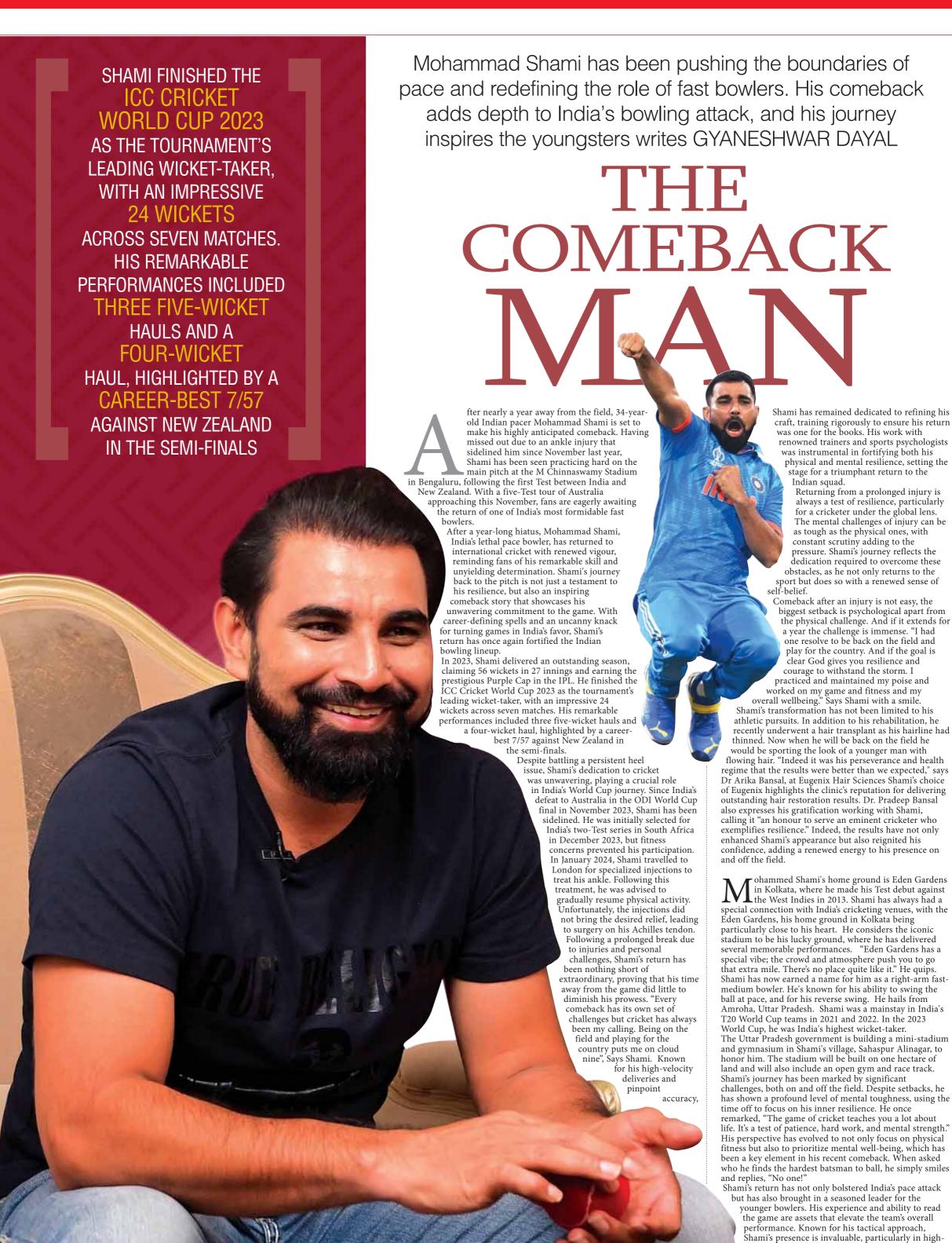
stakes matches, where his sharp instincts and

As Shami steps back into the limelight, his journey stands as a testament to grit and resilience. The Indian cricket fraternity and millions of fans eagerly watch as he once again takes to the pitch, embodying the spirit of Indian cricket at its finest.

seasoned techniques shine.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar







Wynn Macau's Drunken Fish redefines Chinese dining with bold seafood creations and Moutai-infused dishes crafted by **Executive Chef Henry** Zhang, writes RUPALI DEAN



vibrant tribute to Chinese culture, Drunken Fish at Wynn Macau, led by Executive Chef Henry Zhang, redefines luxury dining by marrying tradition with contemporary flair. Chef Zhang's innovative approach spotlights the ocean's rarest treasures, enhanced with China's revered national liquor, Moutai, creating an exceptional culinary experience.

In Chinese mythology, the creature Kun lives in deep, shadowed waters, where light barely reaches its vast form. Rising to the ocean's surface, Kun morphs into Peng, a radiant bird soaring to lofty altitudes and casting its expansive shadow below. Symbolising transformation and boundless ambition, this legend mirrors Drunken Fish at Wynn Macau, led by

ambition, this legend mirrors human potential, urging us to transcend limitations. Inspired by this myth, Wynn Macau presents its latest venture, Drunken Fish, or 'Jiu Kun,' under Zhang's expert vision. This dining experience showcases a lavish seafood spread featuring prized ingredients such as French blue lobsters, Sri Lankan crabs, and



Malaysia's famed 'king of river fish,' all crafted using traditional Chinese techniques with modern twists. "Our philosophy respects tradition while embracing innovation," Zhang affirms.

EXCEPTIONAL SEAFOOD, ARTFULLY CRAFTED

Drunken Fish employs an array of traditional Chinese techniques that amplify the natural flavours and nutrients of the seafood. Steaming preserves freshness, while stir-frying ensures a delightful texture, and braising and poaching add layers of aromatic richness. The restaurant offers a wide range of preparations, inviting guests to explore local and global flavours, including spicy Sichuan, Hong Kong-style, and a fusion of Singaporean, Thai, and Japanese influences. This diverse approach results in a stunning variety of dishes designed to satisfy every palate.

Cooking with Moutai is an exhilarating process that demands balance to enhance rather than overpower a dish's flavour. At Drunken Fish, this unique liquor is used in two signature offerings, demonstrating the culinary finesse required to incorporate Moutai's distinct, pungent essence without it overshadowing

SAVOUR THE EXPERIENCE

the seafood's natural taste

A highlight of the menu is the Moutai flambé crispy chicken, a dish that harmonises tradition with innovation. The crispy skin and tender meat, infused with the distinct flavour of Moutai, create an unforgettable taste experience. Another standout is the red-spotted grouper with pickled tomato, chili, and bean sprouts—a nod

to the traditional sour soup of the Miao and Dong ethnic groups of Guizhou, where the liquor subtly enhances the fish's freshness. Additionally, the empurau, a rare Malaysian fish steamed in soy sauce using Cantonese methods,

presents a remarkable delicacy, available only in select seasons and prized for its exquisite taste.

Drunken Fish at Wynn Macau offers a captivating dining experience that celebrates traditional Chinese flavours while embracing innovative culinary techniques. The warm and welcoming setting, accentuated by custom hand-bent aquariums and a chic turquoise Moutai bar, creates an ideal atmosphere for seafood lovers. With a menu that skilfully blends familiar and daring dishes, each visit promises a memorable journey for the senses. Interactive auctions of fresh seafood and exclusive liquors on weekend evenings add to the allure, ensuring each dining experience is as

(Awarded the "Best Food Writer in the Country" by the Indian Culinary Forum, WACS, and the Ministry of Tourism, Rupali Dean writes on food

engaging as it is delectable.

Oktoberfest on a Platter

This Oktoberfest season, Smoke House Deli, in collaboration with United Breweries, brings a month-long celebration featuring a host of special culinary delights

ur Oktoberfest menu captures the essence of the celebration elevate the beer experience," says Chef Shamsul Wahid, Group Executive Chef, Impresario Entertainment & Hospitality Pvt Ltd. "We've curated a unique selection, including Pizza Dogs, Panuzzos, and Tramezzas, blending tradition modern with innovation. It's a menu designed to surprise and delight, offering a fresh, exciting take on exciting

SPECIAL MENU

The well-crafted menu offers a variety of small plates, hearty mains and indulgent desserts, all crafted to pair perfectly with your favourite brews. There's a selection of Pizza Dogs, Panuzzos, Tramezzas, alongside other delectable dishes. It's more than just a

meal—it's a festive feast

in true Smoke House

Deli fashion, where great

food meets great beer for a

Oktoberfest while staying true to the festive spirit," he

celebration you won't forget. Start your feast with a delicious selection of Pizza Dogs, each offering a unique twist on a classic favourite. Try the Plant-Based Sausage Dog, topped with mozzarella and tomato. For a smoky kick, the Smokin' Chicken Frank is loaded with ketchup, mustard, citrus chilli, and gherkin relish. Meat lovers won't want to miss the Bolognese Dream Dog, featuring a chicken frank and bold paprika for an unforgettable

flavour. Next, indulge in Panuzzos—a lineup of hearty sandwiches that bring bold flavours and fresh ingredients to the table. Enjoy the Mediterranean, packed with nutty hummus, grilled vegetables, and finished with tahina, or the Classic Caprese, featuring tomato, mozzarella, herby basil, and

black pepper. For something a bit more savoury, try the Chicken Balsamico with balsamic chicken, tomato, onion, and fresh greens, or through bold, vibrant the A-BLT, with crispy bacon, flavours thoughtfully crafted to lettuce, avocado, and tomato for a

satisfying crunch. Tramezzas truly pack a punch of flavour in every bite, perfect for those who crave a satisfying yet balanced meal. Do not miss the

Truffle Shuffle, a

decadent mix of

brie and truffle oil tossed with oyster, shiitake, button and mushrooms. For a more comforting option, the Deli Roast brings together roast chicken with hollandaise and caramelised onions. If you're craving something richer, try the BLT Molten Brie, combining bacon, brie, tomato, and lettuce, or go for the crispy, creamy combination of The Pollo Frito, featuring fried chicken and a creamy

egg salad. For å heartier choice, the Shroom Smash blends tenderloin patty with grilled mushrooms for a deliciously savoury experience.

And of course, no Oktoberfest is complete without beer! Pair these delicious dishes with a variety of beers from United Breweries, available in buckets of 4 and 8, specially selected to enhance your dining experience and bring the festive spirit to life.

SIGNATURE VEG DISHES

- Plant Power Frank (Pizza Dog) Italian-style hot dogs served with French Fries (Plant-based sausage, mozzarella and tomato). (Plant-based
- Classic Caprese (Panuzzo) -Crispy, stuffed turnover pizza NON-VEG DISHES sandwiches served with French Fries (Tomato, fresh mozzarella, basil, EVOO & ground black
- pepper). Truffle Shuffle (Tramezza) –



Folded pizza sandwiches served • with French Fries (Brie, truffle oil tossed oyster, shiitake & button mushrooms).

- Bolognese Dream Dog (Pizza Dog) - Italian-style hot dogs served with French Fries (Minced mutton bolognese, chicken frank and paprika).
- Chicken Balsamico (Panuzzo) -Crispy, stuffed turnover pizza sandwiches served with French Fries (Creamy, diced balsamic chicken, tomato, onion & fresh greens).
 - The Shroom Smash (Tramezza) -Folded pizza sandwiches served with French Fries (Smashed tenderloin patty & grilled mushroom).

- Peach House Bitter Ginger Roku Gin, Peach Schnapps & Ginger Beer.
- Nobel Nectar Hendrick's Gin with Fresh Cucumber Juice & Elderflower Tonic.
- Gimlet Di Basilico Roku Gin, Limoncello, Basil Oil & Shiso

COMFORT MEETS SOPHISTICATION

Smoke House Deli is renowned for contemporary culinary experience, offering guests comfort food in a casual and relaxed ambience. The menu is curated using locally sourced ingredients, elevating familiar dishes into gastronomic masterpieces. Smoke House Deli is celebrated for its diverse range of modern European cuisine, featuring exceptional grills, artisanal pizzas, exquisite charcuterie, fine spirits, delectable bakes, sumptuous desserts, and a variety of pastas. Each outlet reflects a Deli-style architecture, telling the tales of the unique history and landmarks of its locale, adorned with whimsical décor, creating the perfect setting for memorable dining experiences. It's an ideal destination for a family meal, a romantic date, or a catch-up with friends, offering a versatile and inviting atmosphere for any

'For over a decade, Smoke House Deli has evolved from a café into a cherished classic, known for its beautifully crafted food and memorable experiences," says Chef Shamsul. "At the core of our ethos is a deep commitment to serving comfort food made from ethically sourced, wholesome ingredients. What truly sets us apart is the attention to detail-whether it's sourcing organic produce from local farms or handcrafting every dish with care. Our whimsical décor, combined with novel offerings and a thoughtfully curated, ever-changing menu, strikes the perfect balance between indulgence and mindful eating. This creates a warm, inviting space that has been cherished by our guests for years."

Sharmila Chand is an author, $columnist,\ and\ journalist\ who\ writes$ on Food, Travel, Culture, and



Vegan Wonders: Where to Eat Next!

BY TEAM AGENDA

MISS MARGARITA

Miss Margarita features a newly launched menu with a dedicated section for vegetarian and vegan dishes, showcasing its commitment to inclusive dining. Highlights include Classic Guac 'N' Chips with fresh guacamole, Avocado Agua Chile, Charred Sweet Potato & Crispy Cauliflower Tacos, and Stuffed Chilli and Chipotle Potato Skewers, all designed to please plant-based diners.

BEEYOUNG BREWGARDEN

BeeYoung Brewgarden offers an exciting range of vegan cocktails that emphasise innovative drinking options. Signature drinks include Hearts on Fire, Pulp Fiction, and Nuttea Sour, along with unique choices like Trufflesome and To Beer, or Not to Beer. These cocktails reflect the venue's dedication to flavourful, inclusive beverages.

ROSE CAFE

Located in Malviya Nagar, Rose Cafe is known for its extensive vegan menu featuring hearty soups, fresh salads, and delicious pastas and pizzas. Diners can enjoy options like Roasted Tomato & Basil soup, Big Greek salad, and Aubergine Parmigiana, all within a cosy atmosphere that makes it a must-visit for vegans.

GUPPY AND THE GRAMMAR ROOM

Guppy and The Grammar Room are celebrated for their creative vegan offerings, focusing on fresh, seasonal ingredients. These restaurants provide inviting spaces for diners to enjoy delightful plant-based meals that highlight vibrant flavours and sustainability.

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LIVING IT UP IN AN AIRBNB IN LONDON

When planning my trip to London, selecting the perfect Airbnb was crucial. I focused on vibrant neighbourhoods, safety and charming details to ensure an unforgettable experience in this bustling city

BY AKANKSHA DEAN

RELYING ON AIRBNB

For my travels, I have relied on Airbnb with unwavering confidence. Whether transitioning between flat shares or advising friends, it remains my top choice. The perks include local insights, a genuine neighbourhood experience, and costs often lower than hotels but far superior to hostels. While some listings require minimum stays, and occasionally hosts can be problematic, the advantages far outweigh the drawbacks. Thus, I enthusiastically recommend London Airbnbs.

SELECTING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

When selecting my Airbnb in London, the area was my first consideration. If you have a specific itinerary in mind, staying nearby is a no-brainer. Each neighbourhood in London feels like its own city, so I explored options that sparked my excitement. For a taste of the hipster scene, Hackney, Brixton, and Shoreditch were perfect choices. For luxury, Westminster, Soho, Fitzrovia, or Kensington beckoned, while Hampstead, Islington, and Greenwich offered a cosy, local vibe. These insights gave me a clearer picture of what each neighbourhood had to offer.

I opted for a two-bedroom flat in Marylebone. Nestled between Hyde Park and Regent's Park, this area embodies serene sophistication in London's heart. Its upscale charm provided easy access to Mayfair, Westminster, and The City, as well as the captivating shopping, dining, and majestic architecture of the iconic West End. It's truly a refined oasis amidst the bustle. My Airbnb was within walking distance of Marylebone Station, Tesco, and a couple of delightful restaurants, including one that served amazing Vietnamese food and another renowned for its Fish and Chips.

DETAILS MATTER

When considering my stay, I focused on price points, assessing my overall budget and daily accommodation expenses. In London, Airbnbs typically range from £30 for a private room to £80-£100 for an entire unit. Prices climb as you approach Central London. I always seek discounts for kitchen to save on meals, and choose a location within walking distance of must-see sites.

This time, the Airbnb I liked was



roughly £300 over my budget for the entire stay. I messaged the host on the app, and they kindly waived the extra cost. While it may not be paramount for everyone, the details matter when finding the perfect Airbnb in London. I prioritise essentials like Wi-Fi, a washing machine, a tea kettle, microwave, toaster, hairdryer, lift, and air conditioning. I also appreciate visually appealing rooms, often with a splash of colour or, if I'm fortunate, a lovely view. This time, I enjoyed a spacious terrace adjacent to the living room, offering beautiful views and

SUPERHOST FOR THE WIN When browsing for an Airbnb, I always

make it a point to delve into the reviews. No matter how visually appealing a property might be, a poor host can mar the entire experience. I pay particular attention to feedback from other women, as safety is my foremost concern when selecting accommodations. While security measures are in place, one can never be too cautious. If I encounter a single negative review over something trivial, I typically brush it off. However, if there are multiple red flags, it's wise to take your hard-earned pounds elsewhere. I personally favour the "Superhost" glowing reviews and little extras that enhance the stay dramatically. Though some might say it's controversial, I recommend booking your London



Airbnb well in advance — falling in love with a place only to discover it's fully booked is disheartening. Once you find an Airbnb that fits your budget and has good reviews, seize the opportunity and don't look back. After finalising my travel plans, I saved two or three potential Airbnb options. I compared them and made my booking a month in advance. highlight of my trip. Visiting London without indulging in afternoon tea is akin to going to Paris and skipping the





LONDON EXPERIENCES

My tea experience began at Sketch, nestled in a stunning 18th-century the restaurant's signature pink dining room, adorned with whimsical artwork by David Shrigley. By night, this charming tea room transformed into a

vibrant restaurant and cocktail bar led by renowned French chef Pierre

For more culinary adventures, I discovered the modern European flair of The Ivy Cafe Marylebone, the Art Deco elegance of The Wolseley, the fresh seafood at Scotts Mayfair, and the decadent Austrian charm of Fischer's Marylebone. No shopping spree is complete without a visit to Selfridges on Oxford Street, a landmark since 1909, followed by a stroll down Marylebone High Street, where boutiques like Le Labo and Lululemon await.
Culturally, I explored The Wallace Collection, housed in a historic Marylebone townhouse, featuring masterpieces by Titian, Rubens, and Rembrandt, I also visited the renowned British Museum nearby. I discovered a world of luxury at the UK's premier shopping destination, Bicester Village. explored over 150 chic boutiques in the charming Oxfordshire countryside. With brands like Gucci, Armani, and Givenchy, I indulged in a rich retail

experience and enjoyed savings of up to 60%. As a special guest, I even received an extra 10% off the Village price—truly a shopper's paradise. Surrounded by beautiful parks, my London experience was truly unforgettable.

THE LAST LEG

As my journey from London began, I couldn't help but feel excitement for my return home after a good two weeks in London. I had chosen a Premium Economy seat with Virgin Atlantic after extensive research. For those who don't know, Virgin Atlantic, founded by Richard Branson in 1984, stands out as a refreshing alternative to conventional carriers. Flying in Premium, simply called Premium, was a transformative experience. The leather seats offered noticeably more space than standard Economy, with an extra inch of width and enhanced recline, making the longhaul flight far more comfortable. I appreciated the adjustable headrest and the additional luxuries, like a pull-out footrest. The in-seat entertainment system, Vera, featured a 13-inch screen packed with an impressive selection of

Ultimately, my upgrade was a brilliant choice, making the journey back home a truly enjoyable experience. Akanksha Dean is an independent food She is the first Indian to have trained at Osteria Francescana in Modena, Italy, rated as the world's best restaurant in 2016 and 2018.







Srisailam: A journey to spiritual splendour

Discover Srisailam, the "Kailash of the South," where spirituality meets natural beauty. This sacred Andhra Pradesh town offers a profound journey through ancient temples, serene landscapes and cultural wonders, says VISHESH SHUKLA



rith a spirit of adventure and a heart full of curiosity, I set out from Bhubaneswar, the vibrant capital of Odisha, on a journey that promised to be extraordinary. Boarding the Yesvantpur Superfast Express, excitement coursed through me as I made my way to a small town in Andhra Pradesh, often called the "Kailash of the South." This enchanting place is home to Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy, one of the twelve sacred Jyotirlingas, and Goddess Bhramaramba, one of the eighteen Mahashakti Goddess Peethas, giving it an aura of deep spiritual significance. Nestled in the picturesque Nandyal district, Srisailam is a town where natural beauty and profound spirituality merge, offering a treasure trove of experiences waiting to be uncovered.

Markapur Road railway station serves as the gateway for devotees bound for Srisailam, with convenient connections to this revered destination. Upon arrival, travellers can hire autos for ?30 to reach Markapuram bus stand, where buses run regularly to Srisailam. The 2.5-hour journey, costing ₹250, offers breathtaking views of the lush landscape, especially during the monsoon season. After arrival, the Shiva temple is within walking distance from the bus stand. Affordable accommodations, such as Kakatiya Anna Satra Sangam (?1100), cater to pilgrims'



The Mallikariun Swami and Mata temple, a primary attraction, welcomes devotees until late evening. Local eateries like Trishul Family Restaurant provide delicious refreshments. Srisailam's well-organised transport and amenities ensure a hassle-free experience for pilgrims, making the spiritual journey truly unforgettable.

JOURNEY TO SERENITY

After a refreshing night's sleep, one can start





Hatkeshwar Mahadev Temple, where Lord Shiva defeated the demon Tripurasura. Following the blessings of Lord Shiva, visitors often head to the unique Sakshi Ganpati Swamy temple, where Lord Ganesha is the morning with a visit to the ancient depicted seated with a pen and paper, journey.

recording devotees' wishes to fulfil them. As the sunlight gently touches the mountains, the Paldhara-Panchdhara waterfall awaits, captivating visitors with its serene beauty. Covering all the scenic spots, I proceeded to Pathal Ganga, where I enjoyed a ropeway ride and boating on the Krishna River, savouring the serene view of the Srisailam reservoir. After visiting the major sites, I stopped for brunch at a local hotél serving delicious idli, dosa, and menduvada. Satisfied with my meal, I returned to my place to rest and took a two-

SOUVENIRS OF SRISAILAM

The next morning began at 5 AM. After checking out of the hotel, I enjoyed a hearty dosa breakfast before taking an express bus from Srisailam to Markapur for ?200. I reached Markapur railway station around 10:15 PM to board the Vasco-da-Gama Shalimar Express. With around eight hours left in my journey, I had breakfast from the train's pantry car and spent some time reading. As the journey concluded, I was met with an enchanting surprise—the breathtaking beauty of Chilika Lake, which unfolded before me as the train traversed its waters. Unaware of its majesty, I found myself mesmerised by this unexpected sight, a perfect conclusion to an extraordinary

























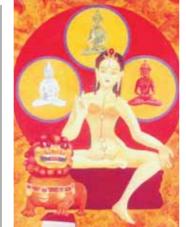




ARIES March 21-April 19

This week holds promise, particularly in the realm of finances, where opportunities to enhance your resources appear promising, especially at the start of the week. Celebrations and gatherings underscore your achievements, bringing joy and festivity to your social and work life. At home, the atmosphere is cheerful, with significant contributions from women who bring vitality, creativity, and joy, enriching the lives of those around them with their nurturing roles. The week might also herald joyful family events, such as welcoming new beginnings or celebrating expansions that bring family members closer. As the week closes, expect a shift in your perspective, leading to fresh insights that could significantly benefit your future path. This period is marked by positive transitions and communal

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Rose Pink



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week calls for a balanced approach, especially for those who naturally lead with charisma and passion. Emotions may run high, but it's crucial to channel this energy wisely rather than letting impulsiveness or a rigid stance guide your actions. Opportunities may arise that could significantly enhance your circumstances. However, these same opportunities could slip through your fingers if not handled with care due to tendencies toward stubbornness or indifference. Respect for oneself is important, but it's equally vital to maintain respect towards others. Watch for new developments that might stir envy among competitors. Be cautious, as you might also attract negative intentions from others. Remain vigilant about your environment and the motivations of people around you, especially those you employ or who assist you in your daily activities.

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Violet Lucky day Monday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week, you will experience a noticeable surge in vitality and purpose. Your endeavors are backed by a universal alignment that propels you toward success. All your energies are harnessed effectively, guiding you to make significant progress in important areas of your life. You possess both the clarity and the resolve to tackle challenges and turn your ambitions into achievements. A joyful event at home may also occur, bringing fulfillment to a longstanding wish. This could relate to family joy, particularly through children, who may achieve significant academic success or secure opportunities they have been hoping for. Your confidence in your abilities and spiritual support is robust, fostering a conducive environment for positive developments. The possibility of significant transactions involving real estate could also arise, marking a prosperous period.

Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Saffron Lucky day Sunday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week, your emotional and sentimental nature will be particularly prominent, offering you an opportunity to express nurturing qualities towards those you care about. Your instinctive ability to heal and counsel will draw others to seek your guidance. However, amidst this emotional engagement, there's a risk of overlooking your professional obligations. Stay vigilant as your straightforward nature could be exploited. It's crucial to strategize and implement new plans aimed at enhancing stability and securing your financial future. Passive daydreaming won't suffice; staying focused on your objectives and managing your emotions effectively are essential to making tangible progress. Keep an eye on your goals and temper your sensitivities to navigate this period successfully

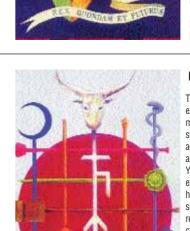
Lucky number 22 | Lucky colour Lemon Yellow Lucky day Wednesday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week, you might experience a sense of isolation and a disconnect from daily engagements. This could stem from romantic disappointments or a break in a close relationship. impacting your emotional state. Challenges in your professional life are also evident, as your diligent efforts seem to yield little to no progress. Patience is key during this period. It's important to stay prepared and alert, as you may face some opposition. Recognizing and harnessing your strengths will be crucial in navigating these obstacles. As you approach the resolution of these challenges, expect a transformative shift within yourself. Support may arrive in the form of an influential individual who will play a significant role in guiding you. This guidance will spark a renewal in creativity and optimism, prompting innovative approaches in various aspects of your life.

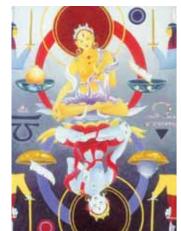
Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Burgundy Lucky day Wednesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week, you may find yourself navigating a mix of emotions and detachment in personal relationships. Couples might face several challenges that seem minor but can evoke strong reactions like tears, loud arguments, and eventual agreement. In professional settings, your approach is kind and benevolent, contributing positively to your reputation. You might experience some unexpected financial benefits, enhancing your sense of security. Your ability to effectively handle both personal and financial matters will be evident. showcasing your competence. Your commitment and reliability make you a trusted figure at work. A natural curiosity drives your desire to learn and succeed, potentially making you a source of inspiration for others. Throughout this period, your integrity and courage in standing up for your beliefs could set a powerful example for those around you.

Lucky number 81 Lucky colour Aqua Lucky day Friday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week finds you wielding significant influence and determination. Your ability to lead and inspire others stems not from physical prowess but from your strategic position and charisma. You maintain a strict and disciplined approach, leaving little room for emotional considerations. This may lead to challenges in your personal relationships, potentially causing rifts or disappointments in romantic connections. Family dynamics may become strained, particularly regarding significant life choices, as disagreements over such decisions could emerge, possibly involving maternal opposition. Midweek, you might feel overwhelmed by pressure, finding it difficult to make decisions autonomously. However, as the week concludes, you will experience both financial and emotional enrichment. Support from an elder, likely a paternal figure, will provide you with both balance and guidance, setting a foundation for future achievements. Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Grass Green



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Currently, you may experience a strained relationship, which could bring significant emotional discomfort. However, embracing these challenges can fortify your resilience and prepare you for future hurdles. Remember, true bravery emerges only in the presence of fear. Should an opportunity arise, it's essential to push past your uncertainties and seize it with determination. Now is the moment to pursue your aspirations vigorously, casting aside all doubts and obstacles. If you sense that your efforts have fallen short or the outcomes aren't as fulfilling as anticipated, take time to reassess your strategies and explore alternative avenues. By doing so, you're more likely to align yourself with a path that leads to success. By week's end, you may find yourself encountering opportunities for increased financial gain or an enticing proposal

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Saturday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week presents an opportunity for profound influence and decisive actions. You'll find yourself in scenarios where engaging directly with influential figures is not only possible but beneficial. Your ability to navigate these interactions showcases your knack for leadership and strategic thinking. You'll be seen as a source of inspiration, providing guidance and stability to those around you. Enjoy a sense of control and respect, as your balanced approach to life's challenges allows you to make sound decisions. Your presence commands respect, as you are known for your fairness and unwavering commitment to your principles. This period highlights your talent for overseeing the bigger picture without losing sight of your core values, ensuring that emotions do not cloud your decision-making process.

Lucky number 16 | Lucky colour Mustard Lucky day Tuesday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week, take some time to unwind and recharge, Prioritize healing through various wellness practices, from mindful exercises to enjoying nature's subtle offerings and ensuring adequate rest. This will equip you to handle the brisk pace of upcoming events. Your professional life appears dynamic. with potential positive shifts in your current role, possibly signaling a promotion or financial reward. Responsibilities at home, particularly involving children, will also demand your attention, bringing both joy and some additional expenditure. Romantic gestures could lead to planning special getaways with loved ones. For those unattached, the period is ripe for encountering significant connections that could lead to longterm commitments. Enjoy a sense of closeness with your partner as the weekend approaches, reinforcing your bond.

Lucky number 15 | Lucky colour Grey Lucky day Tuesday

APPINESS is the one thing



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

You possess remarkable strength, potentially even overwhelming at times. Your deep perceptiveness and sharp intuition enable you to penetrate to the core of any matter. Your analytical abilities are at their peak, making the realization of your ambitions significantly more attainable This period marks an excellent opportunity to dispel any obscurities that have obscured your true understanding and to sever ties with past constraints that have limited your progress. It's an ideal time to prioritize your objectives and pursue personal growth. A profound spiritual renewal is also on the horizon. Engage in activities that harmonize you with the natural world, such as walking, yoga, meditation, or even pursuing a sport at a professional level. Rather than resisting life's flow, allow it to guide you forward

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Burgundy Lucky day Thursday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

Individuals born under your sign possess an expansive potential that enables profound transformations and creations according to their will. While unraveling all mysteries may not be feasible for everyone, you excel as a mentor to those eager to delve into their psyche to unlock their latent capabilities. Your focus on spiritual growth and introspection can significantly enrich lives and bring about transformative changes. You hold a strong belief in the principle of fairness and the reciprocal nature of actions. The choices you make continuously shape your future outcomes, advocating for deliberate and positive decisions to cultivate desirable experiences. Such clarity in thought ensures the realization of goals and resolves many of life's challenges. A significant journey may soon be forthcoming, presenting new opportunities for growth and exploration

ucky number 20 | Lucky colour Magenta

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Pursuit of happiness

Let us welcome the new year with open arms and alet go of the negativity that holds us back. Only a heart bereft of pessimism can embrace happiness



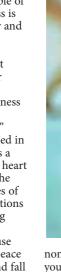
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that everybody is seeking. People do find happiness but it is momentary; for couple of hours or days. True happiness is when you find inner stability and comfort. You know you are connected to something unimaginably bigger and that there is an unshakable power within you. Here are a few pointers to ensure that happiness simply wells up in you. HEALTH: In India, "swastha" refers to one who is established in oneself. A healthy person has a smile on the face, love in the heart and strength and vitality in the body. Seeing life with the eyes of wisdom makes negative emotions go away and you start smiling from the core of your being. ATTACHMENTS: These cause feverishness that take away peace of mind. You are in pieces and fall prey to misery. Your first step is directing your attachment to the

Knowledge and the Divine. Your





non-attachment to the mundane is your charm. Your attachment to the Divine is your beauty. PROBLEM: Five steps to solve a problem are as follows: 1) Accept

the problem and see it as a challenge. 2) Know that the problem is not real. 3) Know that nature has provided you the solution even before giving you

the problem. 4) If it concerns people, keep in touch with them instead of avoiding them. 5) Talk less and give time a chance. **INSECURITY:** How much time

have you spent being insecure and gloomy? It builds up toxins in your body. Know that there are good people in the world who will come to your help. There is a

power which will guide you and help you out. With this wisdom and understanding, get over your insecurity.

NEGATIVITY: This mindset needs a hook to hang on — this person or that thing. Negativity or aversion for even one person can guarantee a one-way ticket to hell – you need nothing else! Don't focus on the support of negativity; look at the seed. In a negative atmosphere, be like a drop of ghee and float.

SUCCESS: My parameter for success is an undying smile, a confidence that cannot be shaken and a fearless attitude. Take life not as a struggle but as a challenge; not as a suffering but a way to express the multitude of emotions.

Break through all the barriers and feel that you are Blessed. This is the one and only step you have to take — the rest will happen happily enough.

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