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Oh Canada! Student Direct Stream service scrapped

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Indian students dreaming of studying in Canada may face hardship now, as it has ended the fast track visa programme. The decision came in the backdrop of ongoing diplomatic tension between the two countries. The decision to cancel the fast-track visa service known as Student Direct Stream (SDS) raised concerns over delays in processing and uncertainty for many international students from India. In 2023, nearly 200,000 Indian students received study permits. The SDS was launched in 2018 to provide faster processing for eligible post-secondary students. It was introduced to simplify the visa application process for students from 14 countries, which included India.



In the latest measure targeting international students planning to study at a Canadian institution, Ottawa has announced that it is immediately ending the SDS initiative. According to a notice from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) late on Friday, SDS was launched in 2018 to "provide faster processing for eligible post-secondary students" and "eventually opened to legal residents" of 14 nations including India. It stated that "Canada's goal is to strengthen program integrity, address student vulnerability, and give all students equal and fair access to the application process, as well as a positive academic experience" to "meet this commitment" the SDS was scrapped on November eight. Study permits applied for after the announcement will be processed under the regular stream. The Canadian government has refrained from giving an explanation for ending the fast-track visa service. The move comes at a time when India and Canada's ties are strained due to the Trudeau government blaming the Indian government agents for the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. Indian aspirants are now likely to face extended waiting times for their study permits, which can be a significant setback. Indian students now have to navigate additional hurdles to

Modi's government in Canada, but they do not represent all Hindu Canadians," Trudeau said. The relations between the two countries came under severe strain following Trudeau's allegations in September last year of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in Nijjar's killing. New Delhi rejected Trudeau's charges as "absurd". India expelled six Canadian diplomats and withdrew its high commissioner Sanjay Verma and other "targeted" officials from Canada after strongly dismissing Ottawa's charges. India has been maintaining that the main issue between the two countries is that of Khalistan elements operating from Canadian soil with impunity. Last week, Khalistani supporters disrupted a consular event co-organised by the Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton and the Indian Consulate. The incident was condemned by Trudeau who said every Canadian has the right to practise their faith freely and safely. In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said that New Delhi remains "deeply concerned" about the safety and security of Indian nationals in Canada. The Indian consulate in Toronto said it was scrapping some of the planned consular events this month because of Canadian "security agencies conveying their inability to provide minimum security protection" to organisers.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves to the gathering during an election rally for the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly elections, in Akola district

Congress turns states into its ATMs: PM Modi

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Citing the examples of Himachal Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday charged that "wherever the Congress forms the government, that state becomes an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) of the party's shahi parivar" and said that the BJP would not allow the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) to turn Maharashtra into the ATM of the grand old party. Addressing an election rally at Akola in Vidarbha region of Assembly poll-bound Maharashtra, Modi accused the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government of collecting Rs 700 crore from liquor shop owners in Karnataka. "Wherever Congress forms the government, that state becomes an ATM of the 'shahi parivar' of the Congress. These days, states like Himachal Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka have become the ATMs of the royal family of Congress," the Prime Minister said. "People are saying that these days with elections in Maharashtra, the Congress has doubled the quantum of 'vasooli' (extortion) in Karnataka and neighbouring Telangana. The BJP will not allow MVA to turn Maharashtra into the Congress' ATM

for 'Mahaghotalebaaj,' PM Modi said. Singling out the grand old party for allegedly indulging in corruption in states ruled by it, the Prime Minister said that the MVA - comprising the Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (SP) - "stands for multi-crore scams, for extortion and token money. It stands for transfer posting racket and is completely immersed in scandals, loot, and corruption." Repeating the allegations that he had made in his election speeches on Friday that the Congress was dividing the SCs, STs and OBCs, PM Modi said: "The Congress knows the weaker the country becomes, the stronger the Congress will be... That's why the Congress has all along been resorting to the tactics of divide and rule. Over the years, the Congress created rifts within the SC-Dalits, ST-Adivasis and OBCs" Describing the BJP as "ek hai toh safe hain" party, Modi said: "For a safe and united Maharashtra, people should choose BJP-led Maha Yuti... ek hai toh safe hain". A day after he dared the MVA to get Rahul Gandhi to speak in praise of Veer Savarkar, Modi invoked Dr. BR Ambedkar's legacy to tear into the Congress to prove its respect for the architect of the constitution and his contributions to the country.

AMU does not exclusively belong to Muslims, says Yogi Adityanath

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, responding to the recent Supreme Court decision on Aligarh Muslim University's (AMU) minority status, asserted that AMU "does not exclusively belong to Muslims." He also invoked his controversial "batenge to katenge" (If Hindus are divided, they will be slaughtered) statement, calling for unity among Hindus to prevent historical divisions.



The Supreme Court recently overturned the 1967 Azeem Basha judgement, with a regular bench set to make the final determination on AMU's minority status. "AMU doesn't belong solely to Muslims," Adityanath stated at an election rally in Khair, Aligarh, questioning AMU's plans to reserve 50 per cent of its seats for minorities despite receiving central government funding. "If AMU is funded by the government, Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Other Backward Classes (OBC) should also have reservation there," he added. Adityanath accused opposition parties - Samajwadi Party (SP), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), and Congress - of denying reservations at AMU to SCs, STs, and OBCs, alleging that these parties prioritised vote bank politics. "These people are playing with your sentiments. Don't be blinded by them. If we are divided, we will be slaughtered," he said, referring to historical incidents of Hindu oppression through division.

Delhi AQI is likely to worsen



RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The air quality index (AQI) in Delhi remained in the "very poor" category with an average AQI of 352 on Saturday, marking the ninth consecutive day of smog due to calm wind, and local factors including vehicular emissions. The AQI is likely to worsen in the coming days as per the forecast by the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Meanwhile, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has held a meeting with Delhi Chief Secretary and directed to intensify efforts to remove highly polluting end-of-life (EoL) vehicles (petrol vehicles older than 15 years and

diesel vehicles older than 10 years) that are still in use in Delhi. The PM2.5 concentration is currently 32 times the World Health Organization (WHO) annual PM2.5 guideline value. The transport sector is the most significant contributor at 11.43 per cent, as per the Decision Support System data by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM). While the residential sector contribution is 2.872 per cent, industries contributed 2.537 per cent, construction 1.492 per cent, energy sector 1.317 per cent, waste burning 1.043 per cent, and road dust 0.82 per cent. According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), numerous areas across Delhi still registered AQI levels between 370 and 400, with some zones even surpassing the 400 mark. Nehru Nagar recorded AQI at 431, New Moti Bagh at 411 and Bhawana at 409. In contrast, other locations like Dilshad Garden (220) and Chandni Chowk (257) reported relatively lower AQI readings.

Oops! A Diwali greeting that shocked Varanasi



BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ VARANASI

In an unusual incident, around 40 unmarried girls from Ramna village in Varanasi received messages meant for pregnant women from the Ministry of Child Development on Diwali, sparking confusion and concern among villagers. Following complaints, the Chief Development Officer (CDO), Himanshu Nagpal, acknowledged the error and launched an investigation into the matter, delegating it to the District Panchayati Raj Officer (DPRO). The CDO confirmed that all erroneous data entries have been removed from the portal and attributed the incident to a "human error." Nagpal explained that complaints from the village

indicated that 40 unmarried girls were registered incorrectly as pregnant women on a government portal. As a result, these girls received a message from the Ministry of Child Development on Diwali, stating, "Welcome to Poshan Tracker. As a breastfeeding mother, you can avail services like hot cooked meals or ration, consultation, child health monitoring, and breastfeeding support through home visits with the help of Anganwadi Center." The message, designed to promote services for pregnant and breastfeeding women, caused confusion and anxiety among the girls and their families. The CDO traced the error to an Anganwadi worker from Ramna village who also serves as a Booth Level Officer (BLO). Currently, as part of the ongoing voter list summary revision, BLOs are required to visit households, collect Aadhaar information for residents above 18 years, and help register them for voter ID cards.

From Tihar, Sukesh Chandrashekar keeps his Bollywood fantasy alive

Offers 1,500 Crore, in cash for 50 per cent stake in Karan Johar's Dharma Productions

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI



In a development that has left both Bollywood and business circles in shock, alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekar, currently in Tihar Jail on charges of extortion, has made an audacious offer to buy a significant stake in one of India's most prestigious film production houses, Karan Johar's Dharma Productions. In his revised offer to Karan Johar, submitted through the legal firm Anantam Legal, Sukesh said it has been brought to his notice that you (Karan Johar) have finalised

the sale of a 50 per cent stake for Rs 1000 Crore at a company valuation of Rs 2000 Crore. "I am valuing Dharma at a 3,000 Crore valuation. Hereby, I am willing to acquire a 50 per cent stake at 1,500 Crore, all cash deal, this very day. As I mentioned before in my first offer letter to you, I did not want to put a

number as movies are a passion and Dharma comes a legacy, and that is prime to me, and not the value," the letter states. Sukesh said if the 50 per cent stake is not possible, Dharma could consider offloading a 20 per cent stake. "I am offering Rs. 600 Crore for the 20 per cent stake, at a valuation of 3000 Crores of your company. If the above mentioned offer is accepted or even under considerations, as of today we could Escrow the amount in full for you to understand our seriousness for this deal. If you consider our offer, the structure of your organisation will remain exactly the same, the way you want it to be, there would not be any riders, as we only want to associate and have no interest in the way the company operates, nor we want to appoint any person from our side in the

company," the letter, shared by Sukesh's legal team, states. "Kindly consider this offer of ours by either offloading the 50 per cent or at least the 20 per cent stake at a valuation, which is way above than anything offered to you. Once again to remind, all our Financials, legality could be produced for your full satisfaction and Due Diligence". This is the second time that Sukesh has sent a 'letter of Intent', to Dharma Productions. The bid, which Chandrashekar claims is motivated by his admiration for Jacqueline Fernandez, has sparked widespread curiosity, scepticism, and controversy across the country. While Sukesh's reputation is mired in controversy and legal issues, his letter portrays a deep-seated passion for films.

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'Ladli Behna Yojana' amount will soon be increased: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said that the Ladli Behna Yojana is a major step in fulfilling social responsibility. Initially, the scheme provided eligible beneficiaries with one thousand rupees per month, which was later increased to 1250 rupees, with plans for further increases. Yadav announced another initiative for women's empowerment: an increase in reservation for women in government services from 33 percent to 35 percent, marking a significant step forward. He emphasized that Madhya Pradesh is setting new benchmarks in empowering women. Additionally, he highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to

women's representation, with a recent announcement to grant 33 percent reservation for women in the legislature. Chief Minister Yadav transferred Rs 1,573 crore as the November installment to 1.29 crore beneficiaries of the Ladli Behna Yojana during a programme at Nehru Stadium in Indore on Saturday. Additionally, he transferred Rs. 333 crore to 55 lakh social security pension beneficiaries and Rs. 55 crore for gas cylinder refills into the accounts of 26 lakh Ladli Behnas. This event, titled "Shaurya Veera," featured a weapon art demonstration by Nari Shakti and was held in honor of the 300th birth anniversary of Lokmata Ahilya Devi. In a historic moment, thousands of girls and women set a world record by performing a syn-



chronized swordsmanship demonstration at a single location, showcasing unity and strength. Chief Minister Yadav said that Madhya Pradesh has a proud legacy of women empowerment, with many courageous women from the state playing key roles in defending the country's honor and independence. India's achievements in empowering women are recognized globally, and women's

empowerment remains a defining feature of our nation. Madhya Pradesh is advancing rapidly in this area, with initiatives like the "Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana-2023," designed to promote economic self-sufficiency for women, improve their health and nutrition, and strengthen their influence in family decisions. The state government has also been consistently providing gas cylinders to Ladli sisters, alongside beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Gas Connection Yojana, at a subsidized rate of Rs 450 since July 2023. Through this programme, over 26 lakh women beneficiaries who have refilled their gas cylinders are receiving Rs 55.60 crore directly in their Aadhaar-linked bank

accounts, facilitated by oil companies and the Madhya Pradesh Electronic Development Corporation. This subsidy is helping Ladli sisters reduce their household expenses by enabling them to access affordable LPG. On this occasion, Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development Smt. Savitri Thakur, Water Resources Minister Tulsiram Silawat, Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava, Divisional Commissioner Deepak Singh, Collector Ashish Singh, Police Commissioner Santosh Singh, MLAs Mahendra Hardia and Manoj Patel, District Panchayat Chairperson Reena Malviya, renowned film actress Jayaprada, Gaurav Randive, Chintu Verma and other public representatives were present.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav with BJP candidate Ramakant Bhargava during an election campaign for Budhni state assembly by-election in Rehti, Sehore district Madhya Pradesh on Saturday. Pioneer photo

Green corridors formed to transport organs

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Final farewell was paid with full respect by the Police Band to 73-year-old Girish Yadav whose organs were donated after he was declared brain dead on Thursday at Bansal hospital of the state capital. Two green corridors were formed in Bhopal on Friday, both the corridors were formed from Bansal Hospital. One corridor was made from Bansal to AIIMS, the other from Bansal to Indore. During this, some major roads of the capital Bhopal came to a standstill for a while. The traffic police did not divert any route for both the green corridors. The ambulance was given way only by halting the traffic for a while on the roads through which the ambulance had to pass.

One kidney was sent to AIIMS from Bansal Hospital in Bhopal and the liver was sent to Choithram Hospital in Indore. The second kidney will be transplanted in Bansal Hospital itself. Two eyes were donated to Gandhi Medical College. Kidney transplant was done in Bansal and AIIMS on Friday evening. The liver could be transplanted late at night in Choithram Hospital in Indore. The body of the donor was given a final farewell with full respect by taking out a funeral procession with a police band in the hospital. The family was also honored for taking the decision to donate the organs. Budhni resident Girish Yadav (age 73 years) died during treatment and his family decided to donate his organs. He had a brain stroke a few days ago and was admitted to Bansal

Hospital. On Thursday, the doctors declared the patient brain dead. Girish Yadav's elder son Vinay Yadav, on the advice of doctors, decided to donate the organs from his father's body. Girish Kumar Yadav's son Vinay said his father Girish Yadav was an advocate in Budhni. He was an active member of the Congress. He spent his entire life for the welfare of people and social service. This is the reason why he has decided to donate his organs, so that even after his death, his body can be useful for someone. The age of the brain-dead patient was 73 years. Due to which his heart could not be donated. Doctors said that due to brain stroke, the rest of the organs of the patient were fine, but the heart was not working properly. This is the reason why the heart could not be useful for anyone. Eyes were donated to Gandhi Medical College.

SBI chairman attends MSME outreach program

Bhopal: Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, Chairman of State Bank of India attended the MSME Cluster Outreach Programme held at Govindpura industrial area, Bhopal. This program, identified by the Department of Financial Services, focuses on promoting the growth and development of MSME sector by extending services to recognized MSME clusters. This program witnessed virtual presence of Union Finance minister and Minister of MSME. As part of this initiative, two key clusters Bhopal and Jabalpur have been selected, with Bhopal recognized as the engineering cluster. SBI Chairman shared valuable insights with the attendees, emphasizing the role of MSMEs in driving economic growth and innovation, and encouraged active participation from all stakeholders to foster a more robust business ecosystem.

Further in his visit, he handed over cheques totaling over Rs 1.5 crore to two prominent social organizations - People's General Association, Bhopal, and Adiwasi Sanrachana Seva Sansthan, Betul under the CSR initiative, aimed at bringing the underprivileged and marginalized sections of society into the mainstream. This support will significantly contribute to the revitalization of Government schools, Old age homes, Orphanages, Anganwadis, Primary Health Centres, and Girls' toilets across Nineteen districts across Madhya Pradesh. In addition, Mr. Setty inaugurated a large LED screen at the Local Head Office in Bhopal. This screen aims to effectively disseminate information about welfare schemes of the central and state governments, as well as the Bank, to the general public, enabling them to benefit from these programs.

Night temperatures recorded at 20 degree or below

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

After night, the effect of cold is now visible in the state during the day as well, on Friday, the mercury was recorded at 20 degrees or less in almost all the cities including the state capital. Now after the first week of November, the night temperature has dipped and remained 10 to 20 degrees in most of the places of the state. The mercury was recorded between 30 to 35 degrees during the day with partially sunny weather throughout the day. According to the information received from meteorologists, on Friday also the night temperature in Pachmarhi was recorded to be the lowest at around 11 degrees Celsius. At the same time, with the weather getting cold at night, people are facing seasonal diseases like cold, cough and fever.

Night temperature in Pachmarhi was recorded at around 11 degrees Celsius, the lowest in the State

According to meteorologists, most of the districts of the state are witnessing a period of cold winds at night. Even before November 15, a period of cold is being seen in most of the districts including the capital Bhopal. According to the information received from the Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board, if we talk about the five big districts of the state, then Bhopal's air was the worst on Tuesday. The AQI was recorded at 292 in Paryavaran Bhawan. Apart from this, 228 were

recorded in Ujjain, 225 in Gwalior, 205 in Jabalpur and 120 in Indore. On Friday, the capital Bhopal witnessed a mixed effect of sunshine and shade during the day. After bright sunshine throughout the day, a period of cold winds started in the evening. The Meteorological Department said that the weather will remain dry in most of the districts of the state for the next few days. The maximum day temperature in Bhopal was recorded at 31.5 degrees. At the same time, there was a jump in the minimum night temperature, which was recorded at 16.4 degrees. According to the information received from the Meteorological Department, the maximum temperature in the state on Wednesday was recorded at 32.2 degrees in Guna. Apart from this, Ujjain recorded 33.8 degrees and Khandwa recorded 33.1 degrees.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav during a motorized tricycles distribution programme to the Divyangs, organised at Rural Haat Bazaar, in Indore, Madhya Pradesh on Saturday. Pioneer photo

Female employee accuses Agri official of molestation

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A female government employee has accused Assistant Director of Agriculture Department Manoj Chaudhary of molestation in the state capital. The victim claimed that the officer touched her indecently. On the complaint of the woman, Koh-e-Fiza police have registered a case against the accused officer under sections of sexual harassment on Friday. This incident of molestation took place on Friday afternoon in D Block of Bhopal Collectorate, Old Secretariat. The Assistant Director of the Agriculture Department found the female employee alone on the stairs of the office and molested her. The victim reached Kohefiza police station with her husband late on Friday

The victim claimed that the officer touched her indecently. On the complaint of the woman, Koh-e-Fiza police have registered a case against the accused officer under sections of sexual harassment on Friday

night. She told the police that the accused officer has molested many female employees in the last few years. He used to call women to his chamber and touch them indecently. Not only this, he also used to pressure the female employees to meet him alone. An internal departmental complaint was also made about this. A female employee has accused Assistant Director of Agriculture Department Manoj Chaudhary of molestation. Victim has claimed that the officer threatened, if you do

not talk, I will defame you. The woman told the police in her complaint that she was going to the treasury for office work on November 8 at around 1 pm. While coming down the stairs of SDM Huzur office, Assistant Director Agriculture Manoj Chaudhary came from the front and touched her by holding her hand with bad intentions. The woman alleged that Manoj Chaudhary had done such an act earlier also. Such incidents have been going on for three years. According to the

woman, Manoj Chaudhary says that if you do not talk to me, I will defame you. Koh-e-Fiza police station of Bhopal has registered a case against Assistant Director Agriculture Manoj Chaudhary on the complaint of the female employee. In this case, Kohefiza police has registered a case under sections 74, 75 and 78 of BNS 2023. According to the woman's husband, Manoj Chaudhary has been posted here since 2016 and he has harassed many other women in this manner. Kohefiza police station in-charge Brijendra Merscole said that a case of sexual harassment has been registered. Statements have been taken from the complainant. The accused has not been arrested yet. Further action is being taken in the case. The accused will be arrested soon.

Women from neighbouring village protest against illegal sale of liquor

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

After administration and police failed to curb illegal sale of liquor women of Raipur village on Berasia Road on the outskirts of state capital took to the road against the illegal sale of liquor. They protested in front of District Panchayat Vice President Mohan Jat and talked about blocking the roads. A protest was also held on Friday regarding the illegal sale of liquor. Even before this, Sarpanch Dara Singh had made a written complaint to the Collector and SP and demanded action. Mohan Jat, District Panchayat Vice President said that liquor is being sold illegally in many villages of Berasia district area, which should be stopped. If this does not happen, then we will block the roads with the villagers. Sarpanch Dara Singh told in a letter written to the Collector-SP that illegal liquor is being sold in Raipur. Many men and women of the village are in the grip of addiction due to

They protested in front of District Panchayat Vice President Mohan Jat and talked about blocking the roads

being sold at a cheap price. Due to this, not only disputes are increasing in the houses but many crimes like fights have also increased. Therefore, the police and excise department staff should take strict action against those selling illegal liquor by checking. District Panchayat Vice President Jat said that women have protested in the village on Friday, he also reached the village and talked. Women said that illegal liquor is being sold in the entire village. The Police and Excise Department team are not taking any action. < Due to this many youth are in the grip of addiction, women protested on Saturday also.

Ayushman card distribution to continue on Nov 11, 12

Bhopal: As part of an ongoing drive for the issuance of Ayushman cards to senior citizens aged 70 and above, the health department announced on Saturday that the activity will continue on November 11 and 12 after a Sunday break. Over 2,600 cards have already been issued. Special camps will be organised at 18 municipal ward offices across the city in a joint effort between the health department and the civic body. Chief Medical and Health Officer (CMHO) Prabhakar Tiwari stated that 2,613 cards have already been issued. The camps are being organised to provide doorstep services to the elderly. Cardholders under the Ayushman scheme are eligible for cashless treatment of up to Rs 5 lakh per year at designated government and private hospitals enlisted by the government. The issuance of Ayushman cards will recommence on Monday at municipal offices in wards Nos. 02, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 49, 50, 58, 59, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85 on November 11-12. Meanwhile, several elderly people have complained about the digital system failing to scan their fingerprint impressions. Experts say that the fading of fingerprints with age is a natural process.

AAP State president Rani Aggarwal opens new party office in Bhopal

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Sarv Dharm Prarthna Sabha marked the inauguration of the new state office of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Saturday. Singrauli Mayor and State President Rani Aggarwal helmed proceedings, which were attended by a bevy of party leaders and workers. The office—located near the Subhash Nagar railway crossing, close to the Prabhat Petrol Pump in the state capital—will serve as the epicentre of party activities in Madhya Pradesh. AAP, which currently holds about 2.5 percent of the vote in the state, has been working to strengthen its organisation with attempts to reach out and address various sections of society, informs party spokesperson and media in-charge Bhupendra Sharma 'Vikal'. He said that the party's central leadership has promised to strategise future plans based on feedback received from the state unit. "We have appointed district-level bodies and cre-

ated and strengthened various wings to consolidate the party's performance in the state," he added. Meanwhile, State Unit Chief Aggarwal addressed the media and held consultations with various district presidents and unit chiefs who were present at the inauguration ceremony. The AAP has been promising a viable third alternative in the state, but repeated changes in the party's central command have set back its plans in the state. The party currently has 22 elected representatives in various civic bodies across the state and had surprised many with Aggarwal's stunning victory in the Singrauli mayoral election. Party leaders say that Aggarwal's win has helped AAP regain supporters who had lost interest in the party's activities. "We have worked tirelessly, and now we can say that we are in a position to consolidate our politics in the state," iterates Sharma. "We have ensured that the central leadership is both cognisant and supportive of our struggles in Madhya Pradesh," he adds.



Singrauli Mayor and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) State president Rani Aggarwal inaugurated new State office of the party at Old Subhash Nagar in Bhopal on Saturday. Pioneer photo

Mayor inaugurates Children's Fair at Cambridge School

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Mayor Malti Rai inaugurated the Children's Fair organised at Cambridge Higher Secondary School in the state capital on Saturday. The inaugural ceremony was attended by Councillor Priyanka Mishra, members of the school faculty, students and distinguished citizens. Rai cut the ceremonial ribbon to inaugurate the fair and visited stalls set up

by the students. The mayor interacted with the pupils and encouraged both the students and the school management for organising both educational and cultural activities. Separately, the Mayor formally performed the Bhumi Pujan for various civic projects in municipal wards number 48 and 49. At Ward 49, Rai commenced work on the road tarmacking at E-6 Arera Colony. The project involves an outlay of

Rs 45 lakh. At Ward 48, she laid the foundation for cement concrete roads, drains, and the installation of paving blocks in the Shahpura area. The projects involve an estimated cost of Rs 25 lakh. Speaking to residents on these occasions, Rai emphasised that the goal is to provide the best civic amenities to the citizens of the city. She said that providing prompt redress of civic complaints remains the focus of her office.

Tomar accuses Congress of divisive politics

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh Assembly Speaker Narendra Singh Tomar said that Congress ruled the country for years after independence but instead of developing the country, it developed itself. Whereas the Bharatiya Janata Party government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has worked on the basic mantra of Sabka Saath, He was addressing public meetings and street corner meetings at Simrai Bus Stand, Nayagaon, Badodakalan, Mohanpura, Kejri, Gaswani, Farara and Sahamram in support of party candidate Ramniwas Rawat in Vijaypur Assembly of Sheopur district



on Saturday. Tomar said that after leaving the Congress, Ramniwas Rawat has completed development works worth more than Rs 1 thousand crore for the development of the region. Bharatiya Janata Party is the guarantee of development. The cooperation of all of you in the

make eleven. He said that the BJP government does what it says. Rs 1250 per month is being sent to the accounts of one crore 29 lakh Ladli sisters. Congress never worked for the interests of farmers. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, the government is working to bring change in the lives of farmers. Madhya Pradesh Assembly Speaker Narendra Singh Tomar said that Congress did not do any work in Vijaypur in the name of development. Congress did not like the Ram temple, Congress leaders oppose Sanatan. We have to teach a lesson to Congress, which insults the sentiments of Hindus, by voting for BJP on 13 November.

The rural people of this region are most troubled by the pending cases related to the Forest Department, you make Ramniwas Rawat an MLA, he will solve the problems soon. He said that by implementing the Nal Jal Yojana in the area, water will be supplied to every farm and tap water to every house. Assembly Speaker Narendra Singh Tomar said that in this assembly by-election, BJP and state government minister Ramniwas Rawat are together. Our strength has increased due to the BJP and Rawat coming together. The people of this area will benefit from this increased strength. For the development of this area, you people should vote for BJP on 13 November and make Rawat victorious with a historic number of votes.



Fireworks on display during a programme of women volunteers 'Shaurya Veera' to display weapons, attended by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav in Indore, Madhya Pradesh on Saturday. Pioneer photo



Visitors go through Aesthetics of Bonsai and Gardening Exhibition organised by Green Waves foundation at Kushabhau Thackeray convention center in Bhopal on Saturday. Pioneer photo

MLA inspects works on Kolar road

Bhopal: With nocturnal inspections becoming a trend in the state, Bhopal (Huzur) MLA Rameshwar Sharma inspected various localities in the Kolar area of the state capital late on Friday night. Sharma arrived in the area following a meeting with Public Works Department (PWD) and Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) officials. Carrying out the post-midnight inspections, Sharma reviewed the ongoing Kolar six-lane project and other road-building activities at Danish Kunj and Hinotilya Alam. The legislator pointed out various deficiencies to officials and issued stern directives for improvements in civic amenities. Sharma also visited Mandakini Square, Bima Kunj, Demart, and Bairagarh Chichli, where he directed officials to accelerate construction work. Key directives included the completion of road construction at Sarvadharm Bridge, the development of parking spaces at the Kolar trisection, and the installation of additional streetlights in high-traffic zones. Sharma further instructed the removal of transformers from road dividers at Mandakini Square and the installation of two additional high-mast lights at a prominent traffic intersection in the area. He reiterated that all efforts are underway to ensure the timely completion of the Kolar Six-Lane project. He said that the main road in the area will be fully open to the public in the new year.

Cyber criminal held

Bhopal: Cyber Crime Branch Bhopal arrested the kingpin of gang and one gang member accused from Alwar Rajasthan for cheating people by creating fake Facebook IDs in the name of Bhopal Police Commissioner; investigation revealed that accused cheated about 100 people. They used to create fake Facebook IDs using photos and names of officers posted on high posts in the government administration. They used to deceive people by telling them that high officials were being transferred and used to deceive them by promising to sell furniture at low prices. They used to deceive people by promising to sell furniture at low prices and get money transferred from them.

Oxford-Sahodaya Bhopal organise training program for teachers

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL Development, OUP and chaired by Rev. Father Sebi Edattukaran CMI, President, Bhopal Sahodaya Complex. The training program was designed per the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) goals and the National Curriculum Framework (NCF 2023) for early education, to enable teachers to adapt and customize teaching processes, considering the children's age, interests, and learning abilities. It included interactive sessions, hands-on activities, and collaborative discussions with foundational and preparatory stage teachers. Participating educators appreciated the workshop for the engaging and activity-based teaching approaches and the valuable insights they gained to implement NEP 2020 and NCF 2023 in their classrooms, setting students up for success.

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL Oxford University Press India, a department of the University of Oxford, in collaboration with Bhopal Sahodaya Complex, organised a professional development program for the foundational and preparatory level teachers of Bhopal and neighbouring districts. The workshop-themed "Engage, Explore, Empower" aimed at empowering early-stage teachers to create dynamic, student-centered learning environments that support holistic development, foster exploration and inquiry, and set the foundation for future success in the 21st century. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Gurjit Kaur Bhatia, an academic advisor, and professional trainer, Ms. Shilpi Bhattacharya, Sr. Manager - Professional

Medi-Caps varsity hosts transformational event

PNS ■ INDORE The Department of Management at Medi-Caps University successfully hosted "Pariwrtan," an impactful and immersive program aimed at inspiring, educating, and empowering MBA students. This dynamic event was graced by Honorable Vice Chancellor Professor (Dr.) Dilip Kumar Patnaik, OSD to Chancellor Palash Garg, Director of Branding Saloni Garg, Pro Vice Chancellor Professor (Dr.) D.K. Panda, Dean of Management Department Professor (Dr.) Sanjay Jain, and Chief Guest

Empowering women: Madhya Pradesh leads the way

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL celebrated as a boon in Madhya Pradesh. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mantra of 'Sankalp se Siddhi', has worked tirelessly to make the women of the state, the "Ladli Behnas," self-reliant and empowered. Today, the impact of his efforts is visible across the state. The campaign to strengthen women has achieved significant milestones in empowering them and fostering self-reliance. Many states across the country have recognized Madhya Pradesh's initiatives in women's empowerment and have begun implementing similar measures. Through the Ladli Behna Yojana, a monthly sum of Rs 1250 is directly deposited into the accounts of nearly 1.29 crore women in the state. This groundbreaking initiative has set an example for other states, with Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, and Bihar adopting the Ladli Behna Yojana as a model for progress in women's empowerment. Twenty years ago, Madhya Pradesh was regarded as a malnourished state, but this is now a thing of the past. The state has emerged victorious in its sustained and phased battle

BJP members involved in blackmarketing of fertilizers: Jitu

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL Responding to BJP state unit chief VD Sharma's claims of adequate fertiliser supplies in the state, Congress state president Jitu Patwari questioned the ruling-party leader over the long queues of farmers outside cooperatives. Patwari alleged that ruling-party members were involved in black-marketing of fertilisers. He claimed that the going rate for fertilisers was between Rs 1,200 and Rs 2,000. "Videos of BJP Mandal Presidents and Block Presidents have surfaced. Whether in Mhow, Sendhwa, or other parts of the state, the situation regarding fertiliser is dire," said a statement issued by the state Congress office in Bhopal. In Budhni, farmers themselves are reporting a shortage. The BJP won by a margin of 108,000 votes in the previous election, but if fertiliser distribution had been done properly, and farmers had received the right quantity and price of fertiliser on time, the BJP would have won by 109,000 votes this time. However, the reality is the opposite, as farmers in Budhni are suffering due to the fertiliser shortage, said Patwari in reference to the upcoming bypolls in the area. Patwari said that the people of Budhni are turning against the BJP, which proves that something has gone wrong. The impact of the fertiliser crisis on the farmers' rights and their welfare has left a deep impression in Budhni. Questioning his counterpart

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in the ruling party, VD Sharma, Patwari sought answers on the total estimated consumption of DAP for rabi and kharif crops in the state. "The state government had also estimated the requirement for urea. How much demand was made to the central government, and how much was received? If the supply is only 20-30% of the demand, why would there not be a shortage of fertiliser?" he persisted. The Congress leader claimed that the BJP and Sharma were trying to deceive the public. He advised the ruling party to remain grounded and refrain from neglecting agrarian woes.

Father-in-law not liable to provide financial help to son's widow: HC

Bhopal: The Gwalior Bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court has reiterated that, under Muslim law, a father-in-law is not required to provide financial support to his deceased son's widow. In doing so, the High Court set aside the orders of the trial court and sessions courts, which had directed the petitioner, the father-in-law, to pay monthly maintenance to his daughter-in-law after the demise of his son. Justice Hirdesh was hearing a petition challenging the order of the courts. The petitioner, Bashir Khan, had sought relief, citing provisions of personal law. The petitioner had stated that

he was aggrieved by the order of the trial and sessions courts, as the award of Rs 3,000 per month in maintenance was in contravention of provisions under Muslim personal law. The respondent, Ishrat Bano, was married to Khan's son, Sharif, who passed away in 2015, leaving behind two young daughters. She had earlier sought maintenance of Rs 40,000 per month from her father-in-law to meet her everyday expenses.

Sleepless in the city: Inside Bhopal's largest Rain Basera

KISHAN SINGH RANA ■ BHOPAL Though the facility also offers its services to women, female residents are few and far between. The Rain Basera shelter, opposite Indira Gandhi Hospital at the cusp of the old city, is the largest of seventeen such facilities run by the Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) under the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM). "Our shelter is the most sought-after in the city, as we offer full boarding and lodging facilities," informs Arif. He says that the taken issued by the shelter can be used to get free food from the Deendayal Kitchen and to use the toilet and bath facilities free of charge. "We charge Rs 5 per night. The place is cleaned every day, and though we have fewer beds, the place shelters around 150 people. The mattresses on the floor are only meant to

accommodate the extras each night," he says. "We host the worst of the lot: pickpockets, addicts, drunks—you name it, and we welcome them." The caretaker says that he often goes out into the street to bring people into the shelter. Brawls at the shelter are not uncommon. "We pacify the troublemakers until the arrival of the police from the Talaiyya Thana, which stands a stone's throw from the facility. The police straighten things out," he adds. Arif says that the facility is well-equipped. He praises his superiors for their support. "We are fully equipped for all seasons. The facility has large air coolers for the summer, and the civic body provides firewood during the winter," says the BMC contractual staffer. He, however, laments the lackadaisical approach of the administration at Hamidia Hospital. "Hamidia Asptal mein in logon ki koi sunwayi nahi hoti. Dus barah log mere haathon mein dum tod chuke hain (No one cares for these people at Hamidia Hospital; 10-12 people have breathed their last in my hands)," he says. "Residents here chip in for the treatment of the ill. We don't turn anyone away," says Arif, pointing to an old man suffering from leprosy in the foyer. "We don't allow him in due to fears of infection, but we have provided him with a mattress and quilt. He sleeps outside," he adds. The old man in question sits on the floor outside. On the other side of the foyer, city traffic flows at its normal pace, oblivious to so much that remains hidden in plain sight.

Abducting accused nabbed

Bhopal: Kolar police arrested the abducting accused with a reward of Rs 10,000 who was wanted in a murder done in collusion with the deceased's wife. In Kolar police on the night of October 10, informant Sanjay Singh Thakur (36) of village Kajlikhedda informed that Babul Gaur (45) working in Bansal Company Kajlikhedda Plant, was lying dead on the bed in his slum. A case under section 194 BNSS was registered and investigation was started. On the basis of the statements of witnesses, crime scene inspection and short PM report, it was found that the deceased Babul Gaur was murdered by his wife Mankunwar Bai and Arun Saur by attacking him with an axe and sickle on the head and other parts of the body.

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Shah likens Jharkhand Govt to 'burnt transformer'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ RANCHI

Taking a jibe at the JMM-led coalition in Jharkhand, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday equated it with a "burnt transformer" that "failed" to relay the power of prosperity sent through the "high tension line" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Centre.

He also appealed to the people to vote for the BJP for peaceful Ram Navami celebrations, promising that he would participate in such festival in Hazaribag if the BJP government was voted to power. "Narendra Modi's government is like an HT (high tension) power line. An HT line cannot supply electricity directly to your homes; a transformer is needed. The Hemant Soren government (Jharkhand CM) is like a burnt transformer. The Centre sends lakhs of



crores of rupees through its HT line for development, but it is not transmitted to you. The time has come to change this burnt transformer," Shah claimed addressing a poll rally in Hazaribag.

Shah alleged that the JMM-led regime was involved in multiple scams, including Rs 1,000 crore in MGNREGA, Rs 600 crore in land deals, and Rs 1,000 crore in mining and liquor. He further accused the state

Water quality of Ganga in UP deteriorating due to discharge of sewage, observes NGT

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has observed that the water quality in the Ganga in Uttar Pradesh is deteriorating because of the discharge of sewage or sullage into the river.

Earlier, while considering the prevention and control of pollution in the Ganga, the green body sought compliance reports from various states, including Uttar Pradesh.

In an order dated November six, a bench of NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava said according to the report from Uttar Pradesh, there was a gap of 128 million litres per day (MLD) in sewage treatment in Prayagraj district.

Also, 25 untapped drains discharged untreated sewage into the Ganga in the district and 15 untapped drains discharged the sullage into the Yamuna, the bench, also comprising judicial member Justice Sudhir Agarwal and



expert member A Senthil Vel, said. "We find that out of the 326 drains disclosed in the report of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) dated October 22, 247 drains are untapped (in the state) and discharging 3,513.16 MLD of waste water into the river Ganga and its tributaries," the tribunal said.

Expressing dissatisfaction, it directed the state's chief secretary to file an affidavit disclosing the information regarding each drain across different districts, the sewage generated from those, the sewage treatment plants (STP) to which those were proposed to be connected and the timeline for making the STPs functional.

"The affidavit will also disclose the short-term measures that will be adopted to prevent the discharge of untreated sewage in the river in respect of each of the districts and drain till STPs are made fully functional and 100 per cent household connectivity is achieved," the bench said.

It also took note of the CPCB report disclosing the status of 41 STPs across 16 Ganga-front towns, which said six plants are non-operational and of the 35 operational STPs, only one complied with the rules.

Demonising Constitutional institutions pastime for some, cautions VP Dhankhar

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Demonising constitutional institutions and sermonising people is fast becoming a "pastime", Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said on Saturday and cautioned that such actions are a recipe for chaos.

He also said even those who "constitutionally matter in the political arena" are "sermonising all and demonising our constitutional institutions".

Addressing an event of an educational institution here, the vice president said it is time to "bid adieu to this".

"Also, I say with utmost restraint -- time for our elites to be elites. To them, I appeal -- to be a worthy elite, you have to be spurred by the fervour of nationalism," he said, without naming anyone.

Dhankhar also spoke on the crucial role of the alumni in strengthening the educational ecosystem, urging for active participation and



contributions to alumni associations.

"The alumni of an institution are in several ways its lifeline.... I strongly urge to have an alumni fund. Making annual contributions is all important. Some of the best institutions globally have been on an upward trajectory because these institutions are fuelled by alumni energy," he said.

The vice president said associations of trade, industry, business, and commerce must also come forward to fuel research and spur innovation through liberal financial contributions.

BJP claims Congress' Maharashtra unit has assured Muslim body of 10 per cent reservation, other demands

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Saturday here claimed that the Maharashtra unit of Congress has assured a Muslim body that it will take steps to fulfil its demands including a 10 per cent quota for the minority community in jobs and education and a ban on the RSS if Maha Vikas Aghadi is voted to power in the state assembly polls.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters, senior party

leader Ravi Shankar Prasad said that the All India Ulama Board (AIUB) has written to Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) offering its conditional support in the assembly elections.

"In its letter, the organisation has said that if Nana Patole (Congress), Uddhav Thackeray (Shiv Sena-UBT), Sharad Pawar (NCP-SP) and other parties want their support they will have to fulfil their demands which include opposition to Waqf Bill, 10 per cent reservation to Muslims in jobs and education..." he

claimed. It has also demanded a ban on the RSS if the MVA is voted to power in Maharashtra, Prasad claimed, terming the organisation's demands as "divisive and a charter for the disintegration of the country".

What is "painful" here is that the Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee in its reply to the organisation has assured that it will "definitely" take steps to fulfil their demands if voted to power in Maharashtra, the BJP leader



claimed. "We vehemently oppose such disruptive demands. We will never let them be implemented," he said, adding that the BJP will also "expose the so-called INDIA coalition" before the people and show that they can go to any extent for votes.

Prasad said that Muslims cannot be given a 10 per cent quota on the basis of religion as it is not permissible under the Constitution.

If a 10 per cent quota is given to Muslims on other grounds it will slash the existing share in reservations meant for the OBCs, SCs and STs, he said and asked Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi if it is acceptable to them.

"What has happened to you, Uddhav Thackeray? You forgot your own legacy. Balasaheb Thackeray had struggled so much against these things... You are his son."

"We vehemently condemned

it. It's very painful because we were once together," the BJP leader said as he accused Uddhav Thackeray of deviating from his party's original ideology.

Prasad also took on Sharad Pawar, asking why he has kept silent on the issue. "You are a seasoned player. I know you understand the Constitution. You are 80 plus and you command a lot of respect there. Did you make them understand that it's not possible (to fulfil AIUB's demands)... How far will you go for votes," he said.

Congress poses questions to PM Modi on his vision for Marathwada region

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Congress on Saturday posed questions to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his vision for the Marathwada region including his solution for water scarcity and inadequate rail infrastructure.

"The non-biological PM is in Nanded and Akola. Four questions for him - Where does the BJP stand on the issue of a caste census and raising the cap of 50% once 50 percent cap reservations for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and OBCs imposed by the Supreme Court?" Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh said in a statement.

He claimed the Congress government in neighbouring Telangana is starting its door-to-door caste survey on Saturday and will cover 1.17 crore households.

"Meanwhile, the non-biological PM will be in Vidarbha - which has played such a central role in the struggle for social justice in the country - and will likely be entirely silent on the pressing issue of a caste census and the raising of the cap of 50% on reservations for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and OBCs.

Why is the non-biological PM so silent? What is he afraid of?" he asked.

Congress leader also asked whether the PM will deliver on his promise to put the BJP's Rajya Sabha MP Ashok



Chavan in jail. Ramesh said while campaigning in Nanded on March 30, 2014, Modi had announced he would send Ashok Chavan to jail "within six months" if he became PM.

Ten years later, Ashok Chavan has joined the BJP and been rewarded with a Rajya Sabha seat.

His daughter is now a BJP contestant from the Bhokar assembly seat, he noted.

"Will this prove to be a promise delayed but not denied - or has the BJP Washing Machine cleared Mr. Chavan of any alleged wrongdoing?" Ramesh asked. The Congress leader also asked why has the Indian Railways performed so poorly in the Nanded division.

The Congress leader said the railway infrastructure in the Nanded division, which serves many areas in Marathwada, has been subjected to blatant neglect by the Modi government.

According to data furnished by the South Central

Railway (SCR) in 2021, Nanded only has 35 km of route electrification and only 83 km of track-doubling.

This puts it at the bottom in terms of electrification and only marginally ahead of the bottom in track-doubling compared to other SCR divisions, Ramesh said.

Additionally, it is the only division in its zone that still has 130 km of colonial-era meter-gauge tracks, he claimed.

In 2019, he said, the then Maharashtra Chief Minister Fadnavis promised a 20,000 to 25,000 crore package to build a water grid from Marathwada that would supply piped drinking water to every village.

Summer this year marked five years of this promise -- and it was one of the most water-scarce years that Marathwada has faced, the former Union minister said. He claimed that more than 600 villages and 178 hamlets in Marathwada were dependent on water tankers.

SC agrees to hear plea seeking to restrain felling of trees in Delhi without its nod

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a plea seeking to restrain the Delhi government from allowing felling of trees in the national capital without the apex court's permission.

The application, which stated that five trees are felled in Delhi every hour, also sought to restrain the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change from permitting diversion of forests in Delhi without the top court's nod.

The matter came up for hearing before a bench of Justices A S Oka and A G Masih on Friday. The court asked the Delhi government and others to respond to the

application by November 22. The application has also sought the constitution of an expert committee, headed by a retired judge of the SC or the Delhi High Court, to assess the tree protection regimen in the national capital. A report containing its recommendation for the protection and preservation of existing trees and forests in Delhi should be submitted by the committee before the apex court, it said.

The application referred to a February 2023 order of the Delhi High Court and said it was recorded that five trees were felled every hour in the national capital, based on the data provided by the Forest Department of Delhi. It sought to restrain the Delhi



government from allowing felling of trees in the national capital without the apex court's permission.

The preamble of the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act (DPTA), 1994 clearly states that it is "an Act to provide for the preservation of trees in the National Capital Territory of Delhi", it said.

"There are procedural safeguards provided within

the DPTA which are clearly visible in the flow of the Act wherein protection and preservation of trees precede the regulatory mechanism for felling of trees. These procedural safeguards have been grossly violated," it added.

Referring to Section 7 of the DPTA, it said it is clearly enshrined in the Act that it shall be the responsibility of the tree authority to "preserve all trees within its jurisdiction" and also undertake critical study of the proposals of various government departments for construction of buildings, roads and factories with regard to the protection of the existing trees and planting more.

"A comprehensive study of all the meetings of the tree authority revealed that the tree authority has met a total of only eight times since its inception in 1995 till March 2021. Whereas, the tree authority had an obligation to meet once every three months," the application said.

It said the importance of preserving fully grown trees, including generational trees or heritage trees, cannot be undermined and it was the need of the hour.

The law laid down by the apex court has great significance for Delhi as the National Forest Policy mandates that one-third of the total land area of the country should be under forest or tree cover, it said.

BRGavai nominated as executive chairman of NALSA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Supreme Court judge B R Gavai has been nominated as the executive chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), which is mandated to provide free legal services to the weaker sections of society.

A notification issued by the Department of Justice on Friday said Justice Gavai's nomination as the executive chairman of NALSA will be effective from November 11. While the chief justice of India is the patron-in-chief of NALSA, the seniormost judge after the CJI is its executive chair.



As of now, CJI D Y Chandrachud is its patron-in-chief and Justice Sanjiv Khanna is the executive chairperson. Justice Chandrachud demits office as the CJI on Sunday and Justice Khanna will assume office on Monday. Justice Gavai will be the seniormost judge after the CJI from Monday.

Indian Navy set to demonstrate its maritime capabilities in Odisha on Navy day

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian Navy is set to demonstrate its formidable maritime capabilities and operational strength at the Blue Flag Beach of Puri in Odisha on the occasion of Navy Day on December four, officials said on Saturday.

President Droupadi Murmu has consented to be the chief guest for the event, a Navy spokesperson said in a statement.

This event showcases the Navy's multifaceted competencies, enhances maritime awareness among citizens and honours India's

rich seafaring heritage. The 2024 'Operational Demonstration' or 'Op Demo' is set to be held against the backdrop of the pristine Blue Flag Beach that symbolises the connection between the Indian Navy and the maritime legacy of the state of Odisha, the statement said.

Puri received the Blue Flag Beach certification a few years ago.

The Blue Flag designation signifies an eco-tourism model aimed at providing beachgoers with clean and hygienic bathing facilities, a safe environment, and sustainable development practices.

The Indian Navy said it is

working closely with the Odisha government and local authorities to ensure the smooth execution of the event. Seating arrangements would be made to accommodate local spectators and tourists, offering everyone a chance to witness the live demonstration from the beach.

The event will also be broadcast live on national television and streamed via the Indian Navy's YouTube channel to reach a wider audience, it added. In 2022, President Murmu witnessed the operational demonstration by the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam on December 4.

LJP (Ram Vilas) to counter RJD's 'MY' combine in Bihar with own support base: Chirag

Tarari (Bihar), Nov 9 (PTI)

Union minister Chirag Paswan on Saturday claimed that his Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) would counter the RJD's formidable 'MY' (Muslims and Yadavs) combine in Bihar with its own support base of women and the youth.

The NDA partner was talking to reporters in Tarari assembly constituency, on the sidelines of a rally he addressed for BJP candidate Vishal Prashant along with Chief Minister and JD(U) president Nitish Kumar,

among others. "I am glad at the candidature of Vishal Prashant who is young. My party had contested and won five seats in Lok Sabha polls. Four of our candidates were young", said Paswan, who himself clinched Hajipur, the pocket borough of his late father Ram Vilas Paswan.

The 42-year leader, who did not mention the RJD by name, said "There are some who speak of an MY combination which is just mobilisation along the lines of cast and religion. My party, too, has its own MY

combination which stands for mahila and yuva. Our stance towards women is obvious with two of our MPs being females".

Paswan, who is known to have excellent personal relations with the family of RJD supreme Lalu Prasad, extended birthday greetings to the latter's son and heir apparent Tejashwi Yadav, calling himself a "big brother" of the young leader.

When asked whether he would like to give any political advice to Yadav, the third-term MP broke into a sheepish grin and remarked



"Given his family background, he has no dearth of good advisors".

Paswan, however, deplored a statement by RJD's Buxar MP Sudhakar Singh who

recently threatened to "beat up with sticks" BJP workers in Ramgarh assembly constituency where assembly by-poll has been necessitated by his election to Lok Sabha and his party has fielded his younger brother Ajit. Paswan said, "This is the type of language and behaviour that is always associated with RJD, a reason why the party is blamed for jungle raj in Bihar while it was in power. I was a teenager back then and still remember how much the bad reputation of the state used to rile its self-

respecting people". Responding to another query, the Union minister said "Hindus are being targeted, in countries where they are a minority, by extremists from other faiths. Canada is an example. But, it is disgusting that when Narendra Modi government brought the CAA for persecuted Hindus, the opposition criticized it".

"Fear-mongering has become the defining trait of INDIA bloc. They claimed CAA would deprive a section of population of citizenship though there was

no such provision in the Act. They also said Modi, in his third term, will do away with quotas and scrap the Constitution. That too has been proven false", Paswan said.

Asked about Independent MP Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav's claims of getting threatening calls from people posing as aides of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, the Union minister "if he is making such complaints, these must be investigated and he must be provided with adequate security".

Safety must get highest priority while constructing roads: Gadkari

PTI ■ RAIPUR

Union minister Nitin Gadkari has drawn attention to the rising number of road accidents and consequent deaths, and stressed on giving safety the highest priority while constructing pathways in the country. Addressing the 83rd annual session of the Indian Roads Congress at Pt Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium here on Friday, he said if anyone dies in an accident due to road engineering fault in the future, then he will hold himself guilty for it. Highlighting the Centre's

efforts to prevent road accidents, he urged government engineers to quit their jobs and start a good DPR (detailed project report) making company, assuring them to give work on a priority basis. The Minister of Road Transport and Highways emphasized on production of bitumen and CNG from stubble in agriculture-dominated Chhattisgarh, arguing the move will cut dependence on fossil fuels and check pollution. He announced a slew of road projects for Chhattisgarh and said he believes the state will have a road network

similar to that of America in the next two years. "Every year 1.50 lakh deaths due to road accidents are reported which has now increased to 1.68 lakh. Efforts are on to improve the shortcomings in road engineering and automobile engineering but defective DPR has created a major problem," the minister maintained. He advised government engineers to quit their jobs and start a good DPR-making company. "We have been making serious efforts to prevent road accidents. Nearly 60 per cent victims of road



accidents are aged between 18 and 34 years. I would like to urge you to build roads where no accidents take place (due to defective engineering works)," he said.

Improvement in road engineering will curb accidents and save lives, Gadkari asserted. "We have made rules in automobile engineering. If anyone dies in an accident due to road engineering in the future, then I will feel that I am guilty for it," he told participants at the event. Pointing at the gathering of officials and engineers, the minister said no tenders should be issued without carefully examining DPR for projects. Road safety should be given the highest priority to prevent accident deaths, he added.

Gadkari emphasized the significance of waste-to-energy technologies and urged Chhattisgarh to work on producing CNG and bitumen using paddy straw. The Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) and the Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun, have developed bio-bitumen from paddy straw and it is being used in Meghalaya, he told the gathering. "It (paddy straw) can be used up to 35 per cent in bitumen. The country's requirement of bitumen is 90 lakh metric tonnes and capacity of refinery is 40-50 lakh metric tonnes. We are importing 50

lakh metric tonnes," Gadkari said. If Chhattisgarh starts producing bitumen from stubble, it will be a waste-to-wealth move, he said. Similarly, 400 projects for producing bio-CNG and bio-LNG from paddy straw have started in Punjab and Haryana. If Chhattisgarh will do the same, no petrol and diesel will be required in the state, the Union minister opined. Gadkari underlined the need to develop robust infrastructure to realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" (self-reliant India).

Indian Army flags off motorcycle expedition in Arunachal Pradesh

PTI ■ ITANAGAR

A motorcycle expedition organised by the Indian Army was flagged off from Mipi in Arunachal Pradesh's Dibang Valley, an official said on Saturday. The expedition was organised to honour the soldiers who fought for the nation during the 1962 Sino-India conflict and commemorate the Battle of Walong, defence spokesperson Lt Col Mahendra Rawat said. Dao Division's General Officer Commanding Major General VS Deshpande flagged off the expedition on Friday in the presence of Anini MLA Mopi Mihi and state government officers. The expedition team, comprising 10 personnel of the Army's Spear Corps and 10 civilians, have scheduled halts at Roing in the Lower Dibang Valley district and Hayuliang in the Anjaw district. Lt Col Rawat said the motorcyclists will ride through the Mishmi ranges and cross the pristine Dibang and Lohit valleys. The ride will end at the historic Walong War Memorial in Anjaw district on November 11, he said. The fierce Battle of Walong unfolded in the unforgiving terrain of Kibithu, Namti Tri Junction (famously known as



Tiger's Mouth), Walong and adjoining features in the easternmost parts of Arunachal Pradesh, according to the Army. "In October 1962, as Chinese forces advanced aggressively into Indian territory, the responsibility of defending the strategically crucial Walong sector fell upon the gallant 11th Infantry Brigade of the Indian Army's esteemed 2nd Infantry Division," the Army earlier said. This brigade, comprising the battle-hardened units of 6 Kumaon, 4 Sikh and 3/3 Gorkha Rifles, was tasked with holding their ground against an adversary that was not only numerically superior but also better equipped and entrenched in advantageous positions, it added. The valiant stand of the 11th Infantry Brigade delayed the Chinese advance, providing a

critical morale boost to the nation and demonstrating the unyielding courage of the Indian soldiers, the Army said. The route, tracing a historic path through the beautiful landscapes of Arunachal Pradesh, symbolises the Indian Army's commitment to fostering unity and promoting adventure tourism in border areas, Lt Col Rawat said. Each halt will be an opportunity for the riders to connect with the local communities, highlighting the strength, resilience and solidarity that define the spirit of the region, and promote national integration, he said. The motorcycle expedition is a part of the month-long celebrations that started on October 17 to mark the 62nd anniversary of the Battle of Walong fought during the 1962 Sino-Indian War.

India has effective mechanism to monitor oceans: Navy Chief

PTI ■ KANNUR

India has a highly effective mechanism for monitoring the oceans, known as maritime domain awareness, and is fully aware of "who is where and who is doing what" to ensure the country's interests are not compromised, Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi has said. The Navy Chief also dismissed the dual carrier operation by China in the South China Sea as "nothing we should be concerned of". Addressing the media after the grand finale of THINQ 2024, a nationwide quiz competition organised by the Indian Navy on Friday evening, Tripathi also said India keeps a "close watch" on activities in its "area of interest". He made these remarks at the Ezhimala Naval Academy here in response to a question on China's growing influence in the region through its cooperation with Sri Lanka. "What China does in any part of the globe, let them do it. What they do in our area of interest, we are keeping a close watch. Nothing happens in our part of the world which we do not know," CNS added. He said the Navy is keeping a very close watch in our areas so that India's national interests are not



compromised in any way, anywhere. "When their units, whether military or non-military, operate in the Indian Ocean region, we do ensure that our national interests are not compromised. We have got a fantastic organisation to keep the oceans under watch, which is maritime domain awareness, and we know exactly who is where and who is doing what," the Navy Chief said. He said the dual carrier operation is nothing concerning India. "We have done these dual carrier operations for many years now," he added. Tripathi also said the Indian Navy is very proud of the two young women Naval officers who are now on a mission to circle the globe in a boat as part of the Navika Sagar Parikrama-2. "They are reaching their first port of call in Australia on Saturday. During the voyage, they will only touch four ports across the globe. It is a very challenging journey, as

they will have to face rough seas and weather. But they are well-equipped and well-trained. They already have training for 36,000 nautical miles," Tripathi said. Talking about the initiatives like THINQ quiz competition, he said that the Navy has several such initiatives to popularise the force among the countrymen, especially youths, and educate them on what the Navy does during peace and during 'not-so-peaceful times'. He said innovation is one of the top priorities for the Navy, and the Indian Navy always wanted to remain on top of the technology curve. "There is a process in which we recruit our officers and cadets. We assess the suitability. I am not worried about the quality (of resources) which we are getting," he added. He said the Navy also involved big public sector undertakings, medium, small, and micro establishments, and start-ups for technology sessions in an initiative to popularise the Navy's pursuit of technological mastery. For the THINQ 2024 editions, as many as 12,600 schools from 3,800 cities and towns in the country participated. Sixteen teams entered the semifinals, and eight teams contested in the grand finale held here.

Odisha DCM announces date for three-phase disbursement of Subhadra Yojana's first installment

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Odisha Deputy Chief Minister Pravatī Parida on Saturday said that around 20 lakh more beneficiaries under the Subhadra Yojana are likely to receive their first instalment of Rs 5,000 by November end in the third phase of disbursement. The state government so far has disbursed Rs 5,000 each to about 60 lakh beneficiaries in two phases. Parida told reporters that about 20 lakh women beneficiaries during the third phase of disbursement are likely to get the money in their bank accounts on November 24 at a function to be held at Sundergarh. Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Jual Oram are scheduled to attend the function. The remaining eligible beneficiaries will get the money in the 4th phase of disbursement sometime in December, she said. The scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 17. The state government's flagship Subhadra Yojana is aimed at empowering women under which each beneficiary is entitled to get Rs 50,000 over a period of five years. The beneficiaries will receive



Rs 10,000 in two instalments in a year. While around 25 lakh women received the money in the first phase, the amount was credited to the bank accounts of 35 lakh beneficiaries in the second phase on October 9. Asked about the applications rejected so far, Parida said that every panchayat office has been asked to publish the rejection list. "We also have a list of those with problems in their bank details. They can be included in the subsequent phase," she said adding that applications of around 2.67 lakh women beneficiaries have reportedly been rejected for various reasons. Stating that about 1 crore women would be covered under the Subhadra Yojana, Parida said the government would expand its coverage, extending the benefits to Anganwadi workers, without a government employee in their family.

AP CM launches demo seaplane flight from Vijaywada to Srisaillam



PTI ■ AMARAVATI

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday launched a seaplane demo flight from Prakasam Barrage in Vijayawada to Srisaillam in Nandyal district. Within an hour, he landed on water at Srisaillam project (reservoir) in Nandyal. After disembarking from the flight, the chief minister, who was also accompanied by Union Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu, was received by the district officials. Later, the CM took a ropeway to reach the top of a hill at Srisaillam project and boarded

a bus to visit Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Varla Devasthanam (temple). Earlier, addressing a meeting during the launch of the demo flight at Punnami Ghat on the Krishna river in Vijayawada, the CM said, "This is a new experiment (seaplane demo flight). I am very happy. If anything new happens in the country, it should happen in Amaravati. We are going ahead with that motto." According to Naidu, seaplane services would be an innovative opportunity which will promote economic activities to create employment.

Air quality poor in large parts of Punjab, Haryana; Chandigarh very poor

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

The air quality in several parts of Punjab and Haryana was recorded in the 'poor' category on Saturday, while it was worst in the joint capital city of Chandigarh with an AQI of 322 which falls in the 'very poor' band. According to the Central Pollution Control Board's Sameer App, which provides hourly updates, Haryana's Bahadurgarh recorded an Air Quality Index of 314 -- also in the 'very poor' category -- at 9 am. Among other places in Haryana, the AQI at Sonapat was 290, Hisar (285), Bhiwani (277), Jind (275), Charkhi Dadri (258), Gurugram (259), Faridabad (220), Yamunanagar (213), Rohtak (238), Kurukshetra (202), Kaithal (205), Fatehabad (198), Ambala (160), Sirsa (181), and Karnal (144). In Punjab, the AQI was registered at 264 in Mandi Gobindgarh, 258 in Amritsar, 257 in Rupnagar, 248 in Jalandhar, 197 in



Ludhiana, 183 in Bathinda, 176 in Khanna, and 133 in Patiala. 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 rise in air pollution levels in the two states and Delhi during this time of year is often blamed on farm fires. Punjab reported 730 farm fire incidents on Friday, taking the total count to 6,029 in the state this season. As the window for the Rabi crop -- wheat -- is very short after paddy harvest, some farmers set their fields on fire to quickly clear off the crop residue for sowing of the next crop.

I-T raids Soren's aide ahead of Jharkhand polls

PTI ■ RANCHI

The Income Tax Department on Saturday conducted searches at multiple locations in poll-bound Jharkhand, including on the premises of a person linked to Chief Minister Hemant Soren, as part of a tax evasion probe, official sources said. A total of nine premises in the state's capital Ranchi and Jamshedpur are being raided in an operation that started early morning. A security team of the CRPF is assisting the I-T sleuths, the sources said. The locations linked to Sunil Shrivastava, an aide to the CM, are also being searched, they said. The action is linked to recent probes launched by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) over alleged illegal liquor trade and mining in the state, the sources said. The assembly elections are scheduled for November 13 and 20, and the counting of votes will take place on November 23.

IAS officer in dock for Mallu Hindu Officers WhatsApp Group

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The controversial WhatsApp groups-Mallu Hindu Officers and Mallu Muslim Officers-- were created using the same phone, according to the Forensic Science Laboratory of the Kerala Police. Sources in FSL said that a serious scrutiny of the phone belonging to IAS officer K Gopalakrishnan has shown that the phone number was not at all hacked and the groups would not have been formed without the concurrence of the person who owns the phone. On 30th October two WhatsApp Groups were set up based on communal lines from the phone used by Gopalakrishnan, director of industries, government of Kerala. When some of the officers whose names figured in the WA Group Mallu Hindu Officers questioned the admin (none other than Gopalakrishnan) about the propriety of including their names in the Group, the IAS officer washed his hands off the controversy and said that his phone has been hacked. He also said that he had filed



a police complaint against the hacking of his phone. Both the Groups have been taken off the cyberspace following widespread condemnation of the same. Initial investigation by the Kerala Police with WhatsApp, Google and the Internet Service Provider proved that Gopalakrishnan's phone was not hacked. They also established the fact that the Mallu Muslim Officers' Group too was formed making use of the same phone and that too hours after the formation of the Hindu Officers Group. "It has been done to ward off any adverse comments arising out of the charge that a WA Group was formed to create a communal

divide among the officers," said a police official. The initial investigation found that no unauthorized applications have been installed in the handset. Dr M G Gireeshan, a cyber expert and hackathon specialist, had said that hacking was possible when strange and unfamiliar applications were installed by the phone users. If the findings of the FSL are true, Gopalakrishnan stands facing serious charges of attempting to divide the bureaucracy on communal lines destroying the secular fabric of the society. The officer remained incommunicado while his office staff said that he was travelling.

VHP demands liberation of Sabarimala shrine from Government control, wants Vavar mosque to go

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

In a major development akin to the agitation for the control of Kasi Viswanatha Temple and Lord Krishna Temple, Mathura, a demand has been made by the Kerala wing of Viswa Hindu Parishad (VHP) to "liberate" the holy shrine of Lord Ayyappa atop the Western Ghats from the shackles of government control and hand over the administration to the devotees. Viji Thampi, president, Kerala VHP, told the media after a daylong conclave of the "Save Sabarimala Action Committee" at Chengannoor

that political parties like the CPI(M) and Congress are working overtime to make Sabarimala Temple a milch cow to harvest the income received by the shrine to fill their party coffers. "It has been thrice proved through Deva Prasnam (astrological probe) that there never was a character by name Vavar in the history associated with Lord Ayyappa whose birth is recorded in Bhagavata Purana. Ayyappa was born out of the union between Lord Shiva and Mohini (the female form of Lord Vishnu) and there never was an Islamic character named Vavar in

this chronicle," said Thampi while addressing the media after the deliberations. The VHP as well as the Save Sabarimala Action Committee demanded that the ritual of worshipping at Vavar Mosque by Ayyappa devotees should be stopped forthwith. "There is no evidence of any connection between Vavar and Lord Ayyappa. The Ayyappa devotees paying obeisance at the Mosque during the pilgrimage to Sabarimala shrine is against tradition and customs. Vavar is part of created history by vested interests," said Thampi. Interestingly, this demand



has been made a week ahead of the annual 41-day festival (Mandala Pooja) in the holy shrine which commences on 16th November. This is the period when lakhs of devotees assemble at the shrine after observing a stringent 41-day observation of fasting, celibacy and prayers. The VHP also alleged that mainline political parties are trying to create a wedge among the followers of Sanatana Dharma. Those who attended the conclave and addressed the gathering include Kummanam Rajasekharan, former governor of Mizoram

and the representative of the Pandalam Royal Family, the traditional trustee of the shrine. Thampi exhorted the devotees making the pilgrimage to the shrine not to make any financial offerings at the temple as the entire income generated in the temple is diverted to non-spiritual purposes. "The Travancore Devaswam Board that administers the shrine is charging exorbitant rates for the prasadam which has not been blessed by Lord Ayyappa. The Board is cheating the believers," said Thampi. This is the first time Ayyappa

devotees, who through the shrine from India and abroad cutting across caste, communities, religions and nations, coming out with a statement openly condemning the concept of Vavar and 'mismanagement' of the temple administration. A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court is all set to hear a petition filed by believers challenging the earlier order of the apex court allowing women devotees between the age group of 12-55 from worshipping at the sanctum sanctorum of the temple situated in the dense forests of the high ranges.

27 killed, 62 hurt in suicide attack on railway station in Pakistan

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD/KARACHI

At least 27 people, including 14 security forces, were killed and 62 others injured on Saturday in a suicide bombing at a railway station in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province, officials said.



The explosion ripped through the railway station of the provincial capital Quetta as passengers gathered on the platform before the departure of the Jaffar Express, scheduled to depart for Peshawar at 9:00 am. There were around 100 people on the platform when the blast occurred.

“So far, we have received 27 bodies and at least 62 people are injured, with some in critical condition,” said Dr Wasim Baig of the Quetta Trauma Centre.

Dr Arbab Kamran Kasi, Managing Director of the Trauma Centre, warned that the death toll may increase since several wounded individuals, aged 20 to 50, remain in critical condition.

Quetta Division Commissioner Hamza Shafiq said it was a suicide attack targeting security forces and civilians were also hit badly.

B'desh interim govt not to allow Awami League rally

PTI ■ DHAKA

Terminating Awami League as “fascist”, Bangladesh's interim government on Saturday said it will not permit the deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina's party to hold Sunday's planned rally.

“Our protest is against the deprivation of the rights of the people of the country; our protest is against the rise of fundamentalist forces; our protest is against the conspiracy to disrupt the lives of the common people,” read the Facebook post.

1987 during a demonstration against the autocratic rule of the then military dictator General HM Ershad.

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Justice Dept brings criminal charges in Iranian plot to kill Donald Trump

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The Justice Department on Friday disclosed an Iranian murder-for-hire plot to kill Donald Trump, charging a man who said he had been tasked by a government official before this week's election with planning the assassination of the Republican president-elect.

The official was quoted by Shakeri as saying, “We have already spent a lot of money” and that “money's not an issue.” Shakeri told investigators the official told him that if he could not put together a plan within the seven-day timeframe, then the plot would be paused until after the election because the official assumed Trump would lose and that it would be easier to kill him then, the complaint said.

against me and that's shocking.” In a post on the social media platform X, she said, “I came to America to practice my First Amendment right to freedom of speech — I don't want to die. I want to fight against tyranny, and I deserve to be safe. Thank you to law enforcement for protecting me, but I urge the US government to protect the national security of America.”

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Chinese jailed for trying to enter Mar-a-Lago estate

AP ■ FORT LAUDERDALE

A Chinese national was ordered held Friday on trespassing charges after police say he tried to enter President-elect Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in violation of a court order that he stay away following previous attempts.

Zijie Li, 39, is being held without bond at the Palm Beach County Jail after being arrested Thursday when he arrived at Mar-a-Lago's entrance gate in an Uber, the latest in a series of contacts he's had with police and Secret Service agents at or near the estate since July. Li, who lives in suburban Los Angeles on a student visa, had just been released from a mental hospital, where he had been placed in late October after police found him near the estate. He is now facing two counts of misdemeanor trespassing.

Li's arrest comes after a sniper nearly killed Trump at a July rally in Pennsylvania and an alleged would-be assassin stalked him in September at his Palm Beach County golf course. On Friday, the US Justice Department announced it had broken up an Iranian plot to kill Trump. During Trump's term as president, there were numerous illegal incursions at Mar-a-Lago, including two by Chinese nationals, but none were attempts to harm him. According to Town of Palm Beach police reports, Li first tried to enter Mar-a-Lago in July, telling Secret Service agents he had information tying China to the Pennsylvania assassination attempt. He was told to leave and not return.

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ROHIT BAL A TRAILBLAZER WHO REDEFINED INDIA'S FASHION

As the fashion world mourns his loss, his legacy lives on in the countless designers, artisans, and fashion enthusiasts inspired by his pioneering spirit and dedication to Indian craftsmanship, writes **GYANESHWAR DAYAL**

Rohit Bal's name is synonymous with elegance, luxury, and a unique fusion of traditional Indian aesthetics with modern sophistication. Over the course of his illustrious career, Bal has not just defined fashion but also revolutionised how India perceives style. His journey, marked by innovation and passion, is one of resilience and unparalleled creativity, shaping not just the Indian fashion scene but also placing it firmly on the global map.

THE EARLY DAYS: DISCOVERING FASHION

Born in 1961 in Srinagar, Kashmir, Rohit Bal's early influences came from the serene beauty of his homeland. The majestic valleys, the rich heritage, and the intricate craftsmanship of Kashmiri artisans were integral to his formative years. Little did he know, these elements would later form the core of his designs. Initially, Bal pursued a degree in science before realising that his true calling was in fashion. In the late 1980s, he moved to Delhi to study at the prestigious National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), where he refined his skills and honed his vision. In a pivotal moment during his early career, Bal was encouraged by a family friend, the iconic model and former Miss India, Madhu Sapre, to create his first collection for the fashion circuit. His debut at the Indian Fashion Week in the 1990s marked a milestone, both for him and the industry. It was a time when the Indian fashion scene was still finding its identity, and designers like Rohit Bal were about to change the game.

THE RISE TO FAME: PIONEERING LUXURY FASHION IN INDIA

Rohit Bal's first collection was a masterful blend of contemporary design with classical Indian elements. His signature style, which combined luxurious fabrics, intricate embroideries, and a sharp, modern sensibility, quickly set him apart from his contemporaries. His work showcased a perfect juxtaposition between the old and the new, a unique touch that made his designs instantly recognisable.

One of the defining episodes in his career was the launch of his haute couture collection in the early 2000s. His show, featuring garments embroidered with intricate Kashmiri motifs, paid homage to his roots and captured the essence of India's rich textile traditions. Bal's use of luxurious materials like silk, brocade, and velvet created a new kind of opulence that spoke to the Indian elite. His designs were not just clothes; they were expressions of heritage reimagined for the modern world.

What truly set Bal apart from his peers was his ability to blend the modern with the traditional. He took Indian textile traditions, from Kashmiri shawls to Rajasthan's mirror work,

Rohit Bal's Last Show at Lakmé Fashion Week

BY SAKSHI PRIYA

No one could have imagined that Rohit Bal's show at Lakmé Fashion Week would be his last. But after witnessing his breathtaking final collection, *Kaaynaat: A Bloom in the Universe*, it's clear this was a farewell like no other.

The grand finale was a celebration of nature's timeless beauty, as Rohit Bal's signature craftsmanship unfolded on the runway. *Kaaynaat* was a poetic tribute to the delicate elegance of flowers and the boundless beauty of the universe. Inspired by the Lakmé Rouge Bloom launch, the collection embraced the slow, graceful unfolding of life, much like a flower blooming in full glory. The runway featured a beautiful mix of flowing fabrics, detailed embroidery, and bright colours, with each piece reflecting the wonders of the universe. Every garment had a story to tell, with delicate floral motifs symbolising the cycle of life, from the tiniest bud to the full bloom under



the starry sky. The collection's use of colour was bold yet serene, capturing both the wildness and tranquillity of nature. Lakmé muse Ananya Panday walked the ramp as the showstopper, embodying the essence of the collection's celestial beauty. Her presence perfectly complemented the theme of the collection. The entire show was a fusion of fashion, beauty and nature, with Rohit Bal's expert tailoring and design sensibility meeting the elegance of Lakmé's Beauty X Fashion philosophy. It wasn't just a grand finale to Lakmé Fashion

Week, but a tribute to a designer who has shaped India's fashion landscape for decades.

Rohit Bal's words about the collection now resonate even more deeply: "*Kaaynaat* was a journey through the wonders of nature, celebrating the bloom of life and beauty. Partnering with Lakmé has been an incredible experience, and this collection reflects both the grace of nature and the enduring power of beauty." This show was not only a fitting farewell but a lasting memory of the artistry and vision of a true icon.

immense talent coming out of India, challenging global perceptions of what Indian fashion could be.

A LEGACY OF INNOVATION: ROHIT BAL'S LASTING IMPACT

Rohit Bal's influence on the Indian fashion scene cannot be overstated. Over the years, he has played an integral role in redefining how India's fashion identity is perceived—both at home and abroad. From his breakthrough collections that fused the traditional with the modern, to his innovative designs that have kept his work relevant through decades, Bal remains at the forefront of Indian luxury fashion.

What makes Bal's legacy even more special is his commitment to the artistry of India. He has continually worked with local craftspeople, helping preserve and promote India's textile traditions. His designs are often crafted using handloom fabrics, making them not just products of high fashion but also instruments of cultural preservation.

Today, as the Indian fashion industry continues to evolve, Rohit Bal's name stands as a symbol of what can be achieved when passion, creativity, and heritage come together. He not only helped put India on the world fashion map but also created a space for future designers to draw from the country's rich history while embracing global trends.

CONCLUSION: A FASHION VISIONARY

Rohit Bal's journey from a young boy in Srinagar to a global fashion icon is a testament to his talent, perseverance, and love for his country's heritage. His impact on the Indian fashion scene has been profound and far-reaching.

Through his creativity, he has reshaped the way the world views Indian fashion, blending artistry with tradition, while continually setting new benchmarks for the industry. Rohit Bal is not just a designer; he is an institution, and his influence on the fashion world will continue to inspire generations to come.

Photos: Pankaj Kumar

It Ends With Us

The emotional story of love and abuse, enhanced with the courage of leaving, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**

Starring *Blake Lively* and *Justin Baldoni* as the lead actors, *It Ends With Us* is all set to release on Netflix after a phenomenal box-office response from the cinema in August. The film is the cinematic adaptation of the best-seller novel *It Ends with Us* by Colleen Hoover.

Keeping the book aside, and talking about the film baldly for those unfamiliar with the book, the film gives a complete glimpse of a relationship with physical abuse with what comes with mental instability. It is a complete package initially starting from the butterflies of a relationship to the phase of its exciting and it and then beyond.

The characters fit in their role perfectly watching from the movie purpose *Blake Lively* as *Lily Bloom*, *Justin Baldoni* as *Ryle Kincaid*, *Jenny Slate* as *Allysa* (*Ryle's* sister) and *Brandon Sklenar* as *Atlas Corrigan*.

The plot starts with the dreamy relation between *Lily* and *Ryle*, even after *Lily* being informed about the record of *Ryle* in relationships and his nature with girls. With the movement of the story, *Lily* starts to face abuse from *Ryle*. The temper and aggression is linked to some past experiences in his life and the first abuse incident comes after the first half. Things get worse between *Lily* and *Ryle* when *Atlas* (played by *Brandon Sklenar*) is made to enter their life.

The story beautifully describes *Atlas*, *Lily* having a past and understanding each other without uttering words meeting after years. The unsaid love in the last scenes between *Atlas* and *Lily*



is the core strength of the film. The many songs and the background scores in the film add life to the shot scenes categorising them as sad, loving and broken. The scores like *Opening*, *It Was Nice Meeting You*, *Lily's Past*, *Seeing Atlas* add the needed depth to the scenes with the sensual and reciting tunes.

The dialogues in the film, talking about my favourite one by *Atlas* to *Lily*, "*In the future, if you ever find yourself in the position to fall in love again, fall in love with me*". The dialogue will make your heart heavy and touch your emotional quotient. The characters have well fitted into the frame except *Lily*. *Blake* could have played more with expressions and body language. *Blake's* dressing in the movie seemed like a fashion disaster. *Ryle* aced the game with his reactions and attitude playing an aggressive man.

The climax with *Lily* having a baby and finally deciding if she would continue it with *Ryle* or not (continue to watch the film for the answers) is the whole sort of courage depicted in the film. The film addresses the social issue with the beauty of giving a message of having courage and stepping up to speak up for the steps that personally affect your mind and life.

Overall, the film depicts a journey of physical abuse initiated with romantic days in a relationship. *It Ends With Us* is a must watch with learning and lessons.

Rating - 3.5/5

SINGHAM AGAIN A MIXED COP UNIVERSE CLASH

Singham Again is entertaining but falls short of the high standards set by previous sequels, says **ABHI SINGHAL**

Director *Rohit Shetty* expands his cop universe with yet another high-octane sequel, *Singham Again*. This latest installment stars *Ajay Devgan* reprising his iconic role as *DCP Bajirao Singham*, with *Kareena Kapoor Khan* returning as his wife, *Avni*.

Joining them in cameo roles are *Akshay Kumar* as *DCP Veer Sooryavanshi* and *Ranveer Singh* as *ACP Sangram "Simmba" Bhalerao*, adding familiar faces to the cop universe. The film introduces many fresh elements, linking its storyline loosely to the epic *Ramayana*, blending it spiritually with its typical action-packed spectacle. New characters include *Arjun Kapoor* as the antagonist, and *Deepika Padukone* as *DCP Shakti Shetty*, along with *Tiger Shroff* as *ACP Satya Bali*.

Ajay Devgan, the hero, felt a little undermined from his role if compared to the super hit cop film *Singham*. *Kareena* played her role well in the movie. The characters have somewhere done justice to their characters except some. The entry of *Jackie Shroff* as *Omar Hafeez* and *Arjun Kapoor* playing *Zubair Hafeez*, dominate the first half of the film and bring intensity and menace to their roles as the villainous duo. *Jackie Shroff* could have been better in his little time on the screen. *Deepika Padukone's* role wasn't of much need and looked forceful just to introduce the character to the film.

Tiger Shroff playing *Satya Bali* looked too flat for the film. Enhancement of these two strong



actors could have changed the outcome of the film.

Akshay Kumar comes with a dashing helicopter entry in the very end fitting into the well said cameo role.

Ranveer Singh enters later in the film, and his comedy grips the audience giving a reason to hold on till the end. *Ranveer* as *Simmba* single handedly takes off the second half. His entry linking

to the past movie *Simmba* was accepted by whistles and cheers in the cinema hall. The comedy doesn't look forced due to his past introduction as a naughty cop in the cop universe.

The climax with a major action sequence will be loved by the audience as all the characters get along for the final scene to get *Avni* back from *Zubair Hafeez's* abduction giving it the *Sita* angle.

While *Singham Again* is a visually impressive film with well-executed action sequences, it suffers from a rushed screenplay and inconsistent character development. It misses the demanded depth in the characters and misses the element of *Rohit Shetty* to be honest.

Rating - 3.5/5

DOUBTED HIS ABILITY AFTER FAILURES BUT SKY, COACH'S SUPPORT HELPED HIM: SAMSON

DURBAN: India batter Sanju Samson reflected on his early struggles in international cricket, saying that a string of failures made him doubt his ability, but self-belief and support of the captain and coach helped him stage a strong comeback.

Samson hit back-to-back centuries in T20 Internationals with a breathtaking 50-ball-107 to headline India's comfortable 61-run win over South Africa in the opening game here on Friday.

"I have faced a lot of failures in my career. I think when you go through that failure, you have a lot of doubts in your mind. People definitely say that social media definitely plays a role," Samson told reporters in the post-match press conference.

"But you also think a lot about yourself. Sanju, are you not made for international level? I think you are doing well in IPL. Why are you not doing well internationally? So I have a lot of such thoughts. But after so many years of experience, I know what my ability is. "If I spend some time in the wicket, then I have a shot-making ability in spin and pace and I know that I can definitely contribute well to the team. I can win the match. PTI

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis, for recovery of the amounts and interest due to Indian Bank branch thereon mentioned against account herein below. The specific details of the properties intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

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			Encumbrances On Property	EMD Amount Bid incremental amount
			Type of Possession	
1.	Civil Lines Jabalpur Branch Borrower - M/s S.P. Sales Prop: Mr. Manish Kumar Shukla s/o Jagannath Prasad Shukla Guarantor - Smt. Alka Shrivastava w/o Mr. Abhay Raj Shrivastava.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of land & construction thereon bearing Khasra No.105/1, P.H. No.6,14 (New) Beejapuri, R.N.M.Imlai situated at Mouza: Bichhua, Vikas Khand: Kundam, Dist-Jabalpur in the name of Smt. Alka Shrivastava w/o Mr. Abhay Raj Shrivastava Area of Property: 1.50 acres of open land	Rs.10014163 /- (as on 30.06.2016) + interest and other expenses Not Known Symbolic Possession	Rs 27,00,000/- Rs 2,70,000/- Rs 10,000/-
2.	Civil Lines Jabalpur Branch Borrower - M/s Skylight Pack Zone Prop: Mr. Sawan Shrivastava s/o Late Surendra Nath Shrivastava Guarantor - Mr. Sudama Prasad Shrivastava & Smt. Asha Devi Shrivastava.	Residential building bearing house no.1783, constructed on diverted layout plot no.5 of Jagantara Prospective Housing society, Jabalpur at present Plot No.5B P/O Khasra No.391/12 JH, NB: 131, PC No.22 situated at Mouza: Shobhapur (Bhadpura), New Shobhapur Colony, Gokalpur Ward, Jabalpur admeasuring 1200 sq.ft. (20R.60ft.) standing in the joint name of Sawan Shrivastav, Asha Shrivastav and Sudama Shrivastav. Bounded: North: House of Pramod Jha, South: Side road and Durga Temple in park, East: House of S.C.Jha, West: House of Mr.Pal Prop. Id. - IDIB30087491040	Rs. 46,87,430 /- (as on 27.09.2018) + interest and other expenses Not Known Physical Possession	Rs. 32,00,000/- Rs. 3,20,000/- Rs 10,000/-
3.	Shahpura Bhitoni Branch 1.M/s Sankalp Dhaba (Proprietorship) Unit Address: NH 45, Kaithra, Pondi, Ghunsour, Shahpura Bhitoni, Jabalpur MP-483119 2.Shri Nagendra Singh Thakur s/o Shri Vijay Singh Thakur (Borrower, Proprietor & Mortgagor) Address: H No 244/4, Ward no-12, Khairi, Shahpura Bhitoni, Jabalpur MP-483119	Property situated at Khasra no: 571/1 (Area: 1800 Sqft), Mouza: Pondi, Gram Panchayat: Ghunsour, PH No: 39, RNM: Shahpura, Teh: Shahpura, Distt: Jabalpur, with all its buildings and future constructions thereon, standing in the name of Shri Nagendra Singh Thakur. Boundaries: East: Plot of Ms Sushma Prajapati, West: Remaining Plot of seller, North: Plot of Shri Ramraj Singh, South: NH-12 (Jabalpur - Bhopal) Prop. Id. - IDIB30526366715	Rs. 19,56,354 /- (as on 13.03.2024) + interest and other expenses Not Known Symbolic Possession	Rs 16,00,000.00 Rs 1,60,000.00 Rs 10,000/-
4.	Wright Town Branch 1. Mr Atul Nayak S/o G S Nayak and Mrs Anupriya Nayak W/o Mr Atul Nayak, Home Loan and MSME Loan- M/s Kanha Marbles and Tiles, (Prop. Shri Atul Nayak) Address: H No 307 (New-208) Gohalpur, Rajiv Gandhi Ward Krishna Colony Gohalpur Jabalpur-482004	All that part & parcel of Residential House bearing no 307 (New-208) Layout Plot No.208 admeasuring 14*50 ft. a total of 700 sq. ft. At Khasra No 6/16 N.B.01, PC No-24/2, Mouza- Gohalpur, Rajeev Gandhi Ward Krishna Colony Gohalpur Jabalpur-482004 in the name of Mr. Atul Nayak S/o Mr G.S. Nayak & Mrs Anupriya Nayak W/o Shri. Atul Nayak Bounded: North : House of Pramod Ojha, South : Side Road, East : House of Seema Sahu Prop. Id. - IDIB10697059434	Rs.32,07,541.55 /- (as on 04.11.2024) + interest and other expenses Not Known Symbolic Possession	Rs.25,00,000.00 Rs.2,50,000.00 Rs 10,000/-
5.	City Office Branch Borrower - M/s Ashish Garments (Estate of the deceased Shri Vibhooti Narayan Rajbhar (reported deceased) represented by legal heirs viz. (1) Mrs. Laxmi Devi w/o Shambhunath Rajbhar (2) Ashish Rajbhar s/o Shambhunath Rajbhar (3) Shri Shambhunath Rajbhar and along with all known and unknown legal heir of Late Vibhooti Narayan Rajbhar.	Residential property situated at H. No.676(Old), 659/2(New), old Sarafa Ward, New Lokmanya Tilak Ward, Nazul block No. 103, Permanent Plot No. 108, Jabalpur (M.P.) area measuring 560 Sq.ft. in the name of Shri Vibhooti Narayan Rajbhar Boundaries: North: Batra Cloth House, South: Road, East: Property of Shri Bablu Jain, West: Property of Shri Rajendra Prasad. Prop. Id. - IDIBCOJASHISH	Rs. 29,91,445.00 /- (as on 17.02.2023) + interest and other expenses Not Known Symbolic Possession	Rs 52,00,000/- Rs 5,20,000/- Rs 10,000/-
6.	Madhotal Branch 1. Mrs. Janki Soni W/O Shri Rishi Kumar Soni (Borrower) 2. Mr. Rishi Kumar soni W/o Mr. Krishna Kumar Soni (Guarantor & Mortgagor) Both at Address:- H.No.133, Mangal Chandi Mandir Ke Pass, Bandhaiya Moholla, Jabalpur	Property situated at Mauza Nazul, Block no 19, Part of Plot no 51/6 and Part of Plot no 53/1 Old Miloniganj Ward, then Rajiv Gandhi Ward presently Govind Ballabh Pant Ward, Tehsil & Distt: Jabalpur, with all its buildings and future constructions thereon, its total admeasuring area 811 Sqft standing in the name of Shri Rishi Kumar Soni. Boundaries: East: House of Bhupendra Dubey, West: Road & House of seller, North: House of Prakash Chandra Soni, South: House of Gajendra Thakur Property ID - IDIB030146735027	Rs. 33,41,409 /- (as on 04.11.2024) + interest and other expenses Not Known Symbolic Possession	Rs 17,10,000/- Rs 1,71,000/- Rs 10,000/-
7.	Madhotal Branch Borrower - 1 M/s. Aastha Ware House - Prop. Smt. Alka Patel W/o Shri Sushil Kumar Patel Guarantor - 2. Sushil Kumar Patel S/o Late Girani Lal Patel 3. Sri Sunil Kumar Patel S/o Late Girani Lal Patel All at Address:- Village Gadarkheda, Gram Panchayat- Dhanpuri, Po - Deori (Patpara), Tehsil & Dist- Jabalpur, M.P.	All the part and parcel of land & building situated at part of Kh.no.406, N.B No 363 P.C No 57/92, R.C -KHAMARIYA, Tehsil & Distt :Jabalpur(M.P.)Area 0.200 Hectare Boundaries: East: NALA, West: Side Road, North: Land of Sanjay Kumar Patel & others, South: Land of Sanjay Kumar Patel & others Property Owner - Mrs. Alka Patel W/o. Mr. Sushil Kumar Patel Property ID - IDIB030102346043	Rs. 66,89,271 /- (as on 04.11.2024) + interest and other expenses Not Known Symbolic Possession	Rs 40,00,000/- Rs 4,00,000/- Rs 10,000/-

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सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम
स्थान - कालिदास संस्कृत अकादमी परिसर, उज्जैन
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10 नवम्बर, 2024 को प्रातः 09:00 बजे से
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मंगलकलश स्थापनविधि
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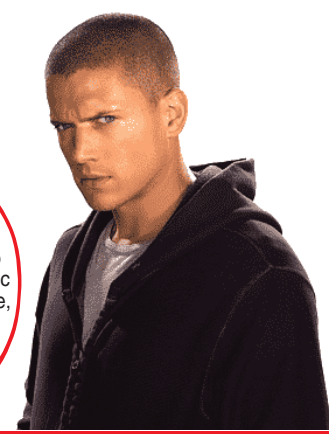
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13 नवम्बर, 2024 अभिरम नाट्यगृह, कालिदास संस्कृत अकादमी, उज्जैन राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी - प्रथम सत्र - प्रातः - 10:00 बजे विषय - महाकवि कालिदास के साहित्य में पंचमहाभूत विमर्श - महाकाव्यों पर एकाग्र स्थान - विक्रम विश्वविद्यालय, उज्जैन राष्ट्रीय शोध संगोष्ठी - प्रथम सत्र - दोपहर 02:00 बजे प. सुर्जनारायण व्यास व्याख्यानमाला - सायं 05:00 बजे विषय - कालिदास का समरस समाज	14 नवम्बर, 2024 अभिरम नाट्यगृह, कालिदास संस्कृत अकादमी, उज्जैन राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी - द्वितीय सत्र - प्रातः - 10:00 बजे विषय - महाकवि कालिदास के साहित्य में पंचमहाभूत विमर्श - नाटकों पर एकाग्र विक्रम विश्वविद्यालय, उज्जैन राष्ट्रीय शोध संगोष्ठी - द्वितीय सत्र - दोपहर 02:30 बजे प. सुर्जनारायण व्यास व्याख्यानमाला - सायं 05:00 बजे विषय - सुदृग् व्यवस्था - कालिदास का दृष्टिकोण	15 नवम्बर, 2024 अभिरम नाट्यगृह, कालिदास संस्कृत अकादमी, उज्जैन राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी - तृतीय सत्र - प्रातः - 10:00 बजे विषय - महाकवि कालिदास के साहित्य में पंचमहाभूत विमर्श - स्वपुष्पावली पर एकाग्र विक्रम विश्वविद्यालय, उज्जैन राष्ट्रीय शोध संगोष्ठी - तृतीय सत्र - दोपहर 02:00 बजे महाकवि कालिदास व्याख्यानमाला - सायं 05:00 बजे विषय - कालिदास का पर्यावरण चिन्तन	16 नवम्बर, 2024 विक्रम विश्वविद्यालय, उज्जैन संस्कृतकविसमवाय - प्रातः 10:00 बजे विषय - महाकवि कालिदास पर एकाग्र अन्तर्निवेशविद्यालयीन संस्कृत वादविवाद प्रतियोगिता दोपहर 02:00 बजे विषय - कालिदासीयकाव्येषु यथाशक्ति सुप्रतिष्ठान । तदा मानवजुल्यानां मानवकाव्येषु वीरव्रतम्।	17 नवम्बर, 2024 विक्रम विश्वविद्यालय, उज्जैन अन्तर्निवेशविद्यालयीन कालिदास काव्यपाठ प्रतियोगिता - प्रातः 10 बजे से विषय - रघुवंशम् अन्तर्निवेशविद्यालयीन कालिदास हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता - दोपहर 02:00 बजे विषय - मानवीय नृत्यों का गौरव केवल महाकवि की रचना में प्रतिष्ठित है।	11 नवम्बर, 2024 भास्ति एवं लोकनायक - सुश्री मैथिली ठाकुर, नईदिल्ली पद्मनाभ वादन - श्री दिव्येय कुमार गोस्वामी, इन्दौर राष्ट्र वादन - श्री मधुकर शिघरे, पुणे राष्ट्रनाई वादन - श्री गजानन वास्डे, बुरखानपुर	12 नवम्बर, 2024 संस्कृत नाटक - कालिदासमहोत्सवाङ्ग निर्देशन - डॉ. हिमांशु द्विवेदी, ग्वालियर प्रस्तुति- कालिदास संस्कृत अकादमी, उज्जैन	13 नवम्बर, 2024 रंगनृत्य, मेघदूतम् - सुश्री राजश्री शिर्के, मुम्बई शास्त्रीय नृत्य कथक - सुश्री रेणुका देशपाण्डे, उज्जैन शास्त्रीय नृत्य कथक - सुश्री दीपा सोनवलकर, उज्जैन	14 नवम्बर, 2024 हिन्दी नाटक - वसन्तसेना निर्देशन - डॉ. प्रसाद मिश्र, भोपाल	15 नवम्बर, 2024 मालवी नाच - अभिज्ञानसाकुन्तलम् निर्देशन - श्री सुबद्रलाल मालवीय, उज्जैन लोकनायक - सुश्री रवेता नुजल जोशी, धार लोकनायक - सुश्री रुचि नागर, उज्जैन	16 नवम्बर, 2024 मोहिनीअट्टम एवं मणिपुरी - डॉ. डॉ. श्रीवल्ली, हैदराबाद शास्त्रीय नृत्य कथक - सुश्री आरुषी आठवले, नईदिल्ली	17 नवम्बर, 2024 शास्त्रीय वादन - श्री राहुल देशपाण्डे, मुम्बई	18 नवम्बर, 2024 सुरबहार वादन - श्री अरिचन दलवी, जयपुर सुगठ वादन - सुश्री अनुराधा सिंह, भोपाल सरोद वादन - श्री बरलन ठानी, इन्दौर
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पारम्परिक राष्ट्रीय कालिदास चित्र एवं मूर्तिकला प्रदर्शनी का शुभारम्भ
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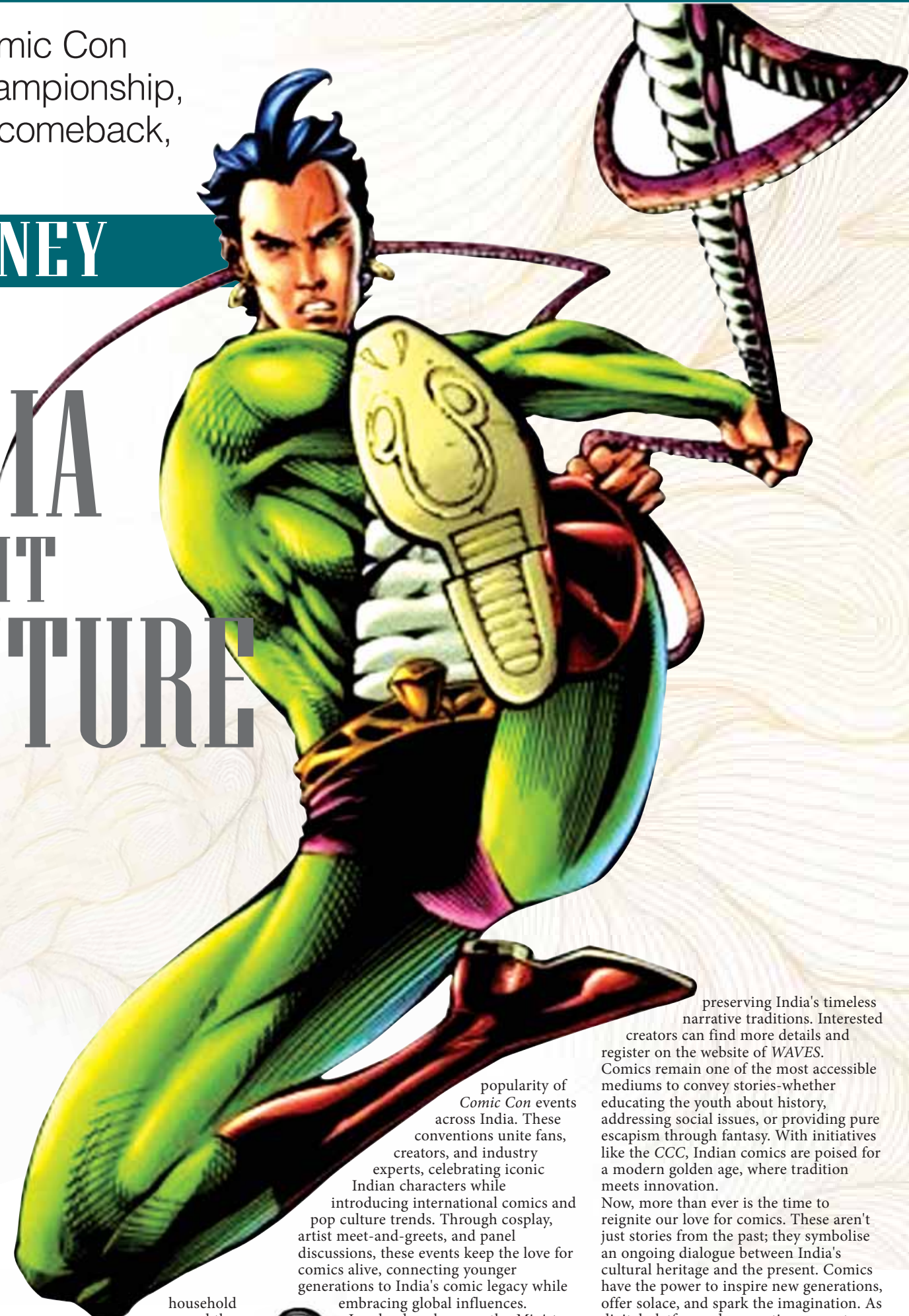
"My family put a lot of emphasis on homework, so there weren't too many comic books or video games for me, when I was growing up"
— Wentworth Miller



With a resurgence fueled by events like Comic Con India and the upcoming Comic Creator Championship, Indian comics are making a powerful comeback, writes SUPRIYA GHAYTADAK



A COMIC JOURNEY FROM NOSTALGIA TO A BRIGHT NEW FUTURE



Growing up, comics were an integral part of my life. My brother and I would save every bit of our pocket money just to buy our favourite comics. Whether it was *Champak*, *Amar Chitra Katha*, *Super Commando Dhruv*, *Nagraj* or *Chacha Chaudhary* stories fueled our imagination and became a key part of our reading journey. Whenever someone asked what we wanted for our birthdays, the answer was always the same-comics! Those colourful pages, filled with heroes and adventures, were more than just entertainment; they were treasured gifts that we eagerly awaited and cherished.



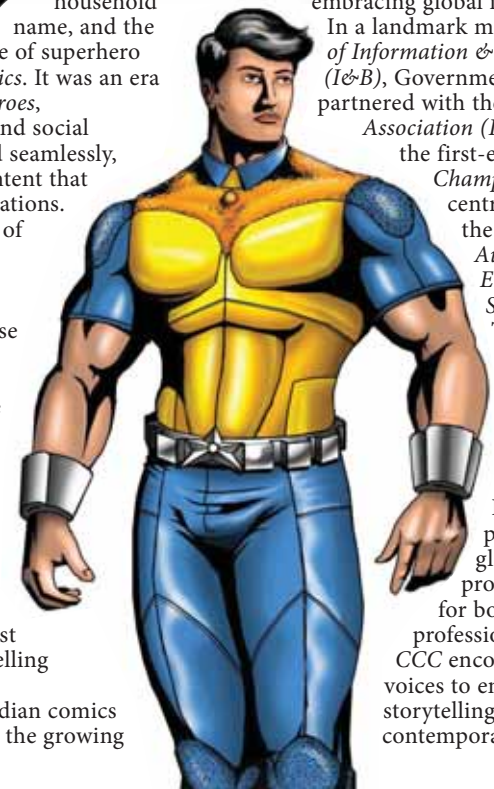
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There was a time when streetside stalls, bookstores, bus stands, and railway stations buzzed with the vibrant display of comic books. The chatter of children and adults alike, poring over pages that transported them to fantastical worlds, was a common scene. Comics like *Amar Chitra Katha*'s mythological tales, *Chacha Chaudhary*'s wit, or *Raj Comics*' heroic sagas, invoked a sense of wonder and excitement. For many of us, these stories were more than just a form of entertainment; they were an integral part of our childhood—a gateway to imagination and learning. As years passed, digital platforms gradually replaced the physical charm of these marvels. Yet, in this fast-paced world, the nostalgia for these stories remains strong. Many long for the days when characters like *Bahadur*, *Super Commando Dhruv*, *Parmanu*, *Tenali Raman*, *Suppandi*, and *Shikari Shambu* lived not just in our imagination but in the comic strips that shaped our understanding of bravery, wit, and justice. For older generations, these comics represent a simpler time, filled with cultural knowledge and entertainment. For the younger generation, revisiting them now holds the potential to rediscover India's rich folklore and mythologies while connecting with modern interpretations of these beloved characters.

The Indian comic industry, once a booming sector from the 1970s to the 1990s, produced iconic characters and stories that captured the hearts of millions. The 'Golden Age' of Indian comics brought us legendary creators like Pran, whose *Chacha Chaudhary* became a household name, and the rise of superhero giants from *Raj Comics*.

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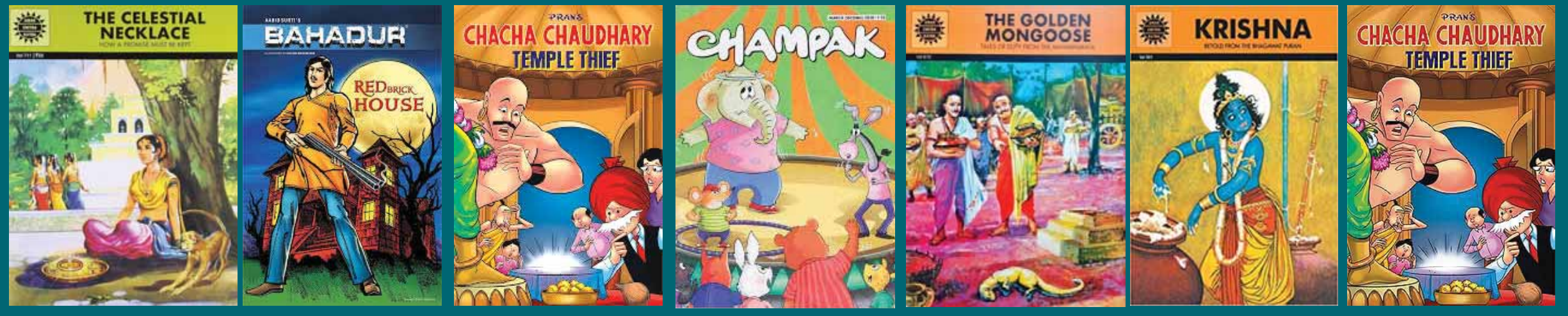
household name, and the rise of superhero giants from *Raj Comics*. It was an era when *Indian superheroes*, mythological epics, and social commentary blended seamlessly, creating relatable content that resonated with generations. However, at the turn of the millennium, the industry witnessed a decline. Changing reading habits, the rise of television, and the flood of digital content pushed these comics to the background. Yet, despite this downturn, the comic book medium is quietly experiencing a resurgence, aided by digital platforms and a renewed interest in India's rich storytelling tradition. The resurgence of Indian comics is further boosted by the growing



popularity of *Comic Con* events across India. These conventions unite fans, creators, and industry experts, celebrating iconic Indian characters while introducing international comics and pop culture trends. Through cosplay, artist meet-and-greets, and panel discussions, these events keep the love for comics alive, connecting younger generations to India's comic legacy while embracing global influences. In a landmark move, the *Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (I&B)*, Government of India has partnered with the *Indian Comics Association (ICA)* to spearhead the first-ever *Comic Creator Championship (CCC)*, a centrepiece event at the upcoming *World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES)*. This three-phase comic-making competition is designed to nurture emerging talent and showcase India's creative potential on a global stage. By providing a platform for both amateur and professional creators, the CCC encourages fresh voices to engage in storytelling that tackles contemporary issues while

preserving India's timeless narrative traditions. Interested creators can find more details and register on the website of *WAVES*. Comics remain one of the most accessible mediums to convey stories—whether educating the youth about history, addressing social issues, or providing pure escapism through fantasy. With initiatives like the CCC, Indian comics are poised for a modern golden age, where tradition meets innovation. Now, more than ever is the time to reignite our love for comics. These aren't just stories from the past; they symbolise an ongoing dialogue between India's cultural heritage and the present. Comics have the power to inspire new generations, offer solace, and spark the imagination. As digital platforms democratize access to these narratives, an entire world of possibilities opens up for creators and readers alike. As we look to the future, let us celebrate this revival by participating in the *World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES)*, to be held in New Delhi from February 5th to 9th, 2025. This summit promises to be a landmark event, uniting industry experts, creators, and fans. It will also host the final round of the *Comic Creator Championship*, where India's brightest new talents will be showcased. Together, we can ensure that the stories of the past continue to inspire, innovate, and captivate audiences in the future. India's comic industry stands on the threshold of a renaissance, and all are invited to be a part of it. Now is the time to turn the page and start a new chapter in the vibrant world of Indian comics. Let's revive and elevate Indian comics to their rightful place in popular culture. Will you join this journey?

(The writer is an Indian Information Service officer, Ministry of I&B; views are personal)



THE ABILITY TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE IS AS PURCHASABLE A COMMODITY AS SUGAR OR COFFEE AND I WILL PAY MORE FOR THAT ABILITY THAN FOR ANY OTHER UNDER THE SUN
— JOHN D ROCKEFELLER

A TASTE OF CHINA, PAINTED

IN RED

At 'RED', Radisson Blu MBD Hotel Noida, the new menu brings the vibrant flavours of authentic Chinese cuisine to life. A perfect mix of traditional and modern dishes, it's a dining experience that's bound to excite your taste buds, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

Step into 'RED' at Radisson Blu MBD Hotel Noida and you're instantly transported to the heart of China, where every dish tells a story. With a fresh new menu that celebrates authentic Chinese flavours, the restaurant brings together traditional recipes and innovative twists, promising a dining experience unlike any other. Whether you're a vegetarian or a meat lover, the culinary journey here is one that caters to all tastes, with bold flavours and unforgettable textures that will leave you craving more. The ambience of 'RED' is equally remarkable. With its dark, red-lit interior, the space exudes a cosy, intimate vibe, evoking the feel of an authentic Chinese restaurant. As you settle in, you know you're in for something special. Ms. **Sonika Malhotra Kandhari**, Joint Managing Director of MBD Group, shares, "The RED menu has been meticulously crafted with our guests in mind. This menu reengineering underscores our commitment to authentic Chinese flavours. We look forward to welcoming guests to explore this exciting new offering." At the heart of this dining experience are the sauces, a crucial part of any authentic Chinese meal. 'RED' offers a variety of carefully crafted options, including the classic *Chilli Black Bean*, the *Soya Chilli*

Coriander and their signature special sauce made with onion, tomato, chilli and garlic. And for those who enjoy a bit of spice and fermentation, the kimchi adds a delightful punch to any dish. The sauces truly elevate the experience and don't forget to master the art of eating with chopsticks - a fun and authentic way to enjoy the full flavours. Next up, I moved on to the *Dim Sum & Bao* section. The *Truffle Edamame* offered a delightful twist on the classic, with a subtle truffle flavour that complemented the beans beautifully, giving them a soft yet earthy taste. However, the *Tofu Bao with Chilli Bean Relish* turned out to be my absolute favourite. The silken tofu paired with the chilli bean relish was a perfect blend of soft and spicy, all encased in a delicate, fluffy bao bun. This dish encapsulated the balance of textures and flavours that make Chinese cuisine such a treat. Moving into the Appetisers, the *Chilled Mould Tofu with Peanut Sauce* was a refreshing change, delicate, smooth tofu dressed in a creamy, slightly tangy peanut sauce. As someone who isn't a big tofu fan, I found it intriguing. It's a dish that might take some getting used to, but the pairing of tofu with peanut sauce certainly creates a unique, palate-expanding experience. This dish left a lasting impression, as did the *Mogu with Dry Red Chili* and *Sichuan Pepper*, a crispy fried button mushroom stir-fry that managed to stay crunchy even as it cooled. This level of attention to texture and flavour is a hallmark of authentic Chinese cooking, blending tradition with a modern twist. The bold, balanced flavours in each appetiser felt like a true celebration of Chinese culinary heritage. Moving on to the main course, the *Mapo Tofu* was a definite standout. Known for its bold, spicy flavours, the tofu here was incredibly silky,



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go-to. This fragrant dish, infused with exotic vegetables and bamboo shoots, was packed with flavour and left a lasting impression. While 'RED' offers a delightful selection of vegetarian dishes, the restaurant's non-vegetarian options are known to truly shine. As a vegetarian, I haven't tried them personally, but from what I've heard, 'RED' delivers on authentic Chinese non-vegetarian flavours. Crafting exceptional Chinese cuisine in a vegetarian style is no easy feat, but **Chef Sachin Malik** and his team have truly excelled in creating vegetarian dishes that rival their meat counterparts. From *Shandong Style Seafood Soup* to *Kung Pao Chicken* and *Braised Lamb*, each dish offers a window into authentic Chinese cuisine. Reflecting on the culinary vision, **Chef Sachin Malik**, Executive Chef, reflects, "We aim to celebrate the vibrant flavours of China. Our new menu is a tribute to this culinary heritage, blending traditional elements with modern techniques, with **Chef Ghanshyam Thapa's** expertise." The dessert menu is a lovely, light way to end the meal. The *Matcha Baked Cheesecake* stands out, with its creamy, indulgent dessert with

earthy matcha notes that balance the sweetness. It's rich, so sharing it with someone is a great idea to end the meal on a satisfying note without it feeling too heavy. Beyond the food, the drinks at 'RED' deserve a special mention. The beverages selection is inspired by China's rich cultural heritage, with classics like the *Lion's Tail* and innovative creations like the *Dragon on the Sky* and *Junshan Island Sundowner*. For those preferring non-alcoholic options, the *Chinese Tonic*, with lychee, star anise and lime juice is refreshingly fragrant. Meanwhile, the *Silver Tips*, a ginger-infused drink garnished with dragon fruit, is the perfect quencher, ideal for pairing with the rich flavours of RED's menu. 'RED' offers a dining experience that celebrates both authenticity and creativity. The vegetarian options are exceptional, proving that creating perfect Chinese dishes without meat is possible. **Chef Sachin Malik** and his team have truly outdone themselves, making this a must-visit spot for anyone craving a true taste of China. Whether you're a fan of vegetarian or non-vegetarian dishes, the menu offers something for everyone, ensuring that your journey through Chinese flavours will be a memorable one.

Cranberry Coffee and Beyond

Through Cranberry Coffee, Roastery Coffee House is redefining how the world experiences Indian coffee, placing India firmly on the global coffee map, writes **GYANESHWAR DAYAL**

In an impressive feat that showcases Indian ingenuity, **Roastery Coffee House** has become the first Indian brand to invent and trademark a specialty coffee: *Cranberry Coffee*. This unique drink—a refreshing combination of cranberry juice, sparkling water, and espresso—has not only captivated coffee lovers across India but is also gaining international attention. With its signature *Cranberry Coffee* now protected by a trademark, **Roastery Coffee House** is setting new standards in the coffee industry and redefining how the world experiences Indian coffee.

THE RISE OF CRANBERRY COFFEE: A REFRESHING INNOVATION

A playful yet refined twist on traditional coffee, *Cranberry Coffee* combines the boldness of espresso with the tartness of cranberry juice and a splash of sparkling water, creating a refreshing, versatile drink suitable for any time of the day. In the last six months alone, over 100,000 cups of *Cranberry Coffee* have been sold across **Roastery** outlets, making it one of the fastest-selling specialty coffees in India. Its popularity spans all age groups and has even become a staple on many café menus, signalling a growing demand for creative coffee options in India and beyond.

Roastery Coffee House's founder, **Nishant Sinha**, is thrilled by the response, noting how *Cranberry Coffee* has quickly become a customer favourite. "It's very heartwarming to see how positively everyone has responded to this beverage," he said. "The success of is undeniable, and almost every



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order across our chains includes it. Many coffee brands have drawn inspiration from **Roastery's** innovative creation, and we are very proud that people have embraced it."

ROASTERY COFFEE HOUSE: PIONEERS OF INDIA'S SPECIALTY COFFEE SCENE

Since opening its doors in 2017, **Roastery Coffee House** has continuously pushed the boundaries of India's coffee culture. Expanding across six cities, the brand has built a strong reputation for offering diverse, high-quality coffee options paired with mouth-watering snacks and light meals, creating an inclusive space for coffee enthusiasts. The introduction of *Cranberry*



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Coffee exemplifies the brand's mission to innovate and cater to the evolving preferences of coffee drinkers while staying rooted in authenticity and quality. Beyond its local success, **Roastery Coffee House** has recently set its sights on the international stage, opening its first flagship store in *Helsinki, Finland*. The move reflects **Roastery's** vision of not only sharing Indian coffee with a global audience but also positioning India as a significant player in the specialty coffee industry. The *Cranberry Coffee* trademark marks a pivotal milestone, as it is the first Indian-origin coffee to secure a global



AN INSPIRING FUTURE FOR INDIAN COFFEE

With *Cranberry Coffee*, **Roastery Coffee House** has demonstrated how Indian coffee can resonate

on the global stage by combining local creativity with a deep understanding of customer preferences. This achievement is not just a victory for the brand but for India's coffee industry as a whole, setting a powerful example for other Indian brands and creating opportunities for international recognition. **Roastery Coffee House** has truly redefined Indian coffee culture and continues to chart a new course for the industry. As it expands internationally, it carries with it a legacy of innovation, quality, and passion, firmly establishing India's place on the global coffee map.

MY FILMS PLAY ONLY IN BENGAL, AND MY AUDIENCE IS THE EDUCATED MIDDLE CLASS IN THE CITIES AND SMALL TOWNS. THEY ALSO PLAY IN BOMBAY, MADRAS AND DELHI WHERE THERE IS A BENGALI POPULATION
—SATYAJIT RAY

THE TIMELESS ALLURE OF DELHI BAZAARS

Delhi's bazaars are more than just places to shop, they're vibrant, historical hubs where the city's past and present blend seamlessly, writes KANISHKA SRIVASTAVA



Delhi's bazaars, pulsing with life, colour, and history, are much more than marketplaces. They are a blend of heritage and modernity, places where the past and present meet in a seamless confluence of aromas, sounds, and sights. From the labyrinthine lanes of Chandni Chowk to the bustling avenues of Dilli Haat, Delhi's markets tell stories of centuries gone by and reflect the city's evolving culture.

Delhi's bazaars have been central to the city's identity since its days as the capital of empires. Mughal emperor Shah Jahan established Chandni Chowk in the 17th century as a marketplace that would rival any in the world. Its name, meaning "Moonlight Square," was inspired by a water canal that once reflected the moonlight, lending a magical glow to the surroundings. Chandni Chowk became the heart of trade in Mughal India, where merchants from across Asia brought in silk, spices, and jewels, turning the area into a melting pot of cultures.

As the years passed, other bazaars sprang up, each with its own speciality and charm. For instance, Khari Baoli, the spice market, emerged as a go-to for spices and dried fruits, its intense aromas filling the air and adding a signature fragrance to Delhi's streets. Over time, bazaars like Daryaganj, which once hosted booksellers and publishers, and Sarojini Nagar, famous for its affordable fashion, have added layers to Delhi's shopping culture.

Every festive season, Delhi transforms into a radiant hub of celebration, where joy, traditions, and community take centre stage. Festivals like Diwali, Navratri and Dussehra infuse the city with vibrant energy, filling its streets with lights, colours, and shoppers in search of the perfect outfits, decorations, and gifts. From historic bazaars rich in tradition to modern malls showcasing top designer brands, festival shopping in Delhi is an experience that beautifully combines heritage and contemporary flair.

CHANDNI CHOWK: WHERE HERITAGE MEETS STYLE

Steeped in history, Chandni Chowk is the ultimate destination for exploring Delhi's cultural roots. With narrow lanes lined with shops, this iconic market offers an impressive selection of traditional wear, including bridal lehengas, sarees, and intricate jewellery. The new Omaxe Chowk adds modern amenities to the shopping experience, blending historic charm with contemporary conveniences. Chandni Chowk is a must-visit for



anyone looking to immerse themselves in Delhi's rich heritage during the festive season.

LAJPAT NAGAR: A FESTIVAL SHOPPER'S PARADISE

Known for its affordability and variety, Lajpat Nagar is a favourite among festival shoppers. This lively market offers everything from ethnic wear to home décor and accessories, all at competitive prices. Whether you're after an elegant saree or bridal outfit, Lajpat Nagar's vibrant atmosphere and wallet-friendly options make it a popular spot for families prepping for the festive season.

KAROL BAGH: THE HEART OF TRADITION

Karol Bagh is famous for its mix of traditional and contemporary attire,

making it a top destination for wedding and festival shopping. With stores packed into narrow, bustling streets, shoppers can explore an extensive range of bridal wear, textiles, and unique jewellery. The energetic vibe and variety make Karol Bagh ideal for those seeking traditional attire and festive accessories.

GREATER KAILASH: ELEGANCE IN EVERY CORNER

If you're looking for a more luxurious shopping experience, Greater Kailash is the place to be. Home to designer boutiques and high-end stores, this area is perfect for finding exclusive bridal wear, premium jewellery, and sophisticated trousseau outfits. With its upscale ambience, Greater Kailash attracts festival-goers who want to celebrate in style.

DOWNTOWN BY MANSAN — SOUTH DELHI'S MODERN SHOPPING DESTINATION

Soon to open, Downtown by Mansan Group brings a new shopping experience to South Delhi, conveniently located near the Sarojini Nagar Metro Station. Spread over 2.18 acres, this modern retail complex combines high-street brands with luxury outlets, offering a blend of shopping and contemporary office spaces. With ample parking and a range of dining options, Downtown is set to become a favourite for festival shoppers seeking convenience and a touch of sophistication.

KHAN MARKET: THE UPSCALE MARKET

One of Delhi's upscale markets, Khan Market presents a more sophisticated experience. Although it originated as a market for refugees from Pakistan after Partition, Khan Market has evolved into a high-end shopping hub, known for designer boutiques, international brands, and posh eateries. Its ambience strikes a balance between global trends and Indian tastes, attracting the city's elite and expatriates.

Delhi's bazaars are not just shopping destinations—they are cultural institutions that hold a mirror to the city's diverse population. During festivals like Diwali and Eid, bazaars take on a life of their own, with streets decked in lights, special offerings at every stall, and an air of celebration all around. Vendors and shoppers, coming from varied cultural and economic backgrounds, interact with warmth and camaraderie, making these spaces truly inclusive.

Besides, the food scene in Delhi's markets is an experience in itself. From Parathe Wali Gali's fried delights to the chaats of INA Market and the kebabs of Jama Masjid, the bazaars have something to tantalise every palate. Street food vendors, often in families for generations, have honed their craft, turning simple snacks into icons of Delhi's culinary landscape. The Future of Delhi's Bazaars: Balancing Heritage with Modern Needs.

As Delhi modernises, its bazaars are also evolving. The government has initiated efforts to preserve historical markets, restoring facades and improving infrastructure to cater to tourists and preserve heritage. However, challenges persist: rapid urbanisation, increased footfall, and modernisation pressures can sometimes erode the traditional spirit of these markets. Yet, the resilience of Delhi's bazaars lies in their adaptability.

A Soulful Sojourn in Puri and Konark

Puri and Konark, two jewels of Odisha, offer a rich tapestry of spirituality, history, and culture that captivates the soul of every traveler, writes VISHESH SHUKLA

In quest of spiritual enlightenment, I embarked on a spiritual journey to Jagannath Puri, the revered abode of Lord Krishna. Boarding a local train from Dhenkanal railway station at dawn, I felt a thrill of excitement for the adventure ahead. The weather was beautiful, with the sun just beginning to rise, casting a warm glow over everything. As the train moved along, I found myself pondering my plans for the day once I reached Puri, eagerly anticipating the experiences that awaited me.

After a few hours of the train's rhythmic motion, I finally arrived at my destination. Upon exiting the station, I immediately started looking for a place to stay. Fortunately, I found Hotel Nemili nearby. I settled on renting 1400 to the hotel reception to get a room. The room was cosy and inviting, a perfect spot to rest after my journey. After resting and freshening up for a while, I felt rejuvenated and ready to explore.

Eager to soak in the local ambience, I grabbed a cup of tea from a nearby stall, enjoying the vibrant atmosphere around me. The streets buzzed with life, filled with locals and tourists alike, all making their way to the temple. Soon, I decided to take a shared auto to the famous Jagannath Temple. The driver charged me Rs. 20 and dropped me a short distance from the temple entrance.



TEMPLE

As I walked along Chakratirtha Road, I noticed a significant crowd gathering, likely due to the weekend and the special occasion of Govardhan Puja. A police officer stationed nearby mentioned that it would take at least three hours to have darshan due to the rush. Many brokers approached me, promising faster entry for a fee of Rs. 500, but I decided not to engage with them and continued on my way, determined to experience the authentic essence of the pilgrimage.

The heat was intense, and I felt a bit uneasy, the sun bearing down as I moved through the throngs of people. After a while, I reached the temple's entrance, where I stored my mobile and shoes in the locker provided by the temple trust. I joined the long line for darshan, the anticipation building with

each step. After two hours of waiting and moving through the crowd, I finally had darshan of Lord Jagannath, along with visits to the Sakshi Gopal and Ganesh temples within the premises. The atmosphere was electric with devotion, and I took a moment to soak in the spiritual energy that filled the air. I also made sure to visit the Mahalakshmi Temple before leaving the complex, feeling grateful for the blessings received.

As I emerged from the sacred precincts of the Jagannath Temple, I was blessed with a profound spiritual experience witnessing the live installation of the Patitapabana Bana, a revered flag atop the temple's majestic spire. This sacred ritual, steeped in tradition and significance, left an indelible mark on my soul, with a sense of serenity and connection to the divine. By the time I exited the temple, my stomach growled in protest. I walked down Chakratirtha

Road again and stopped at Ram Lalla restaurant, where I enjoyed a satisfying meal. The flavours were delicious, and I found myself reflecting on the incredible experience of the day—the vibrant sights, the sounds of prayers, and the palpable sense of community. To make the evening even better, I set out for Puri's popular Golden Beach, where many people were already present. After sitting there for a while, I felt a deep sense of peace watching the waves crash against the shore. The sight of the ocean calmed my mind, and I enjoyed an ice cream being sold nearby.

savouring the moment. After spending some more time lost in thought and tranquillity, I decided to call it a day and returned to my hotel to rest.

DISCOVERING KONARK

The next morning, I woke up early, checked out of the hotel, and placed my luggage in the locker room near the station. With excitement bubbling within me, I made my way to Vatika Restaurant for breakfast, relishing the local flavours before setting off for Konark. I took a shared auto to reach there, and as soon as I arrived, I was greeted by intense heat, much stronger than in Puri. My first stop was the Sun Temple, an incredible historic site under the Archaeological Survey of India, which required an entry ticket for Rs. 35. Thankfully,

tickets can be easily purchased online, making it convenient for travellers. The temple's architecture was mesmerising, a true marvel of ancient Indian craftsmanship. I spent some time exploring the intricacies of the carvings and the grandeur of the structure, feeling a sense of reverence as I walked through the sacred grounds.

After immersing myself in the history of the Sun Temple, I continued to Chandrabhaga Beach, just 4 kilometres away. The beach is very popular among tourists and offers fun activities like ATV bike rides and boat rides. I spent a while enjoying the beach, feeling the soft sand beneath my feet and the refreshing sea breeze against my skin. The vibrant energy of the beach was infectious, and I could see families enjoying picnics, children building sandcastles, and friends laughing together.

As the day went on, I checked the time and decided it was best to head back. I knew I had to catch the 5 PM local train back to Dhenkanal. Returning to Puri, I caught the train and settled in, watching the scenery change outside the window. I reached home with a heart full of cherished memories and stunning sights that stayed vividly in my mind, knowing that this journey had deepened my connection to my spirituality and left me yearning for more adventures in the future.

EXPERIENCING JAGANNATH



YOUR WEEK AHEAD

MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19

This week is promising for financial prospects, showcasing notable career advancement and a rewarding sense of monetary gain which contributes to overall satisfaction. Your innate curiosity and inventive outlook keep you energized and impassioned, making you feel vibrant. Additionally, children may become a significant source of joy and pride. Your independent nature keeps you uplifted, unburdened by the heavier aspects of the material world, and you effortlessly embrace transformative experiences. However, the romantic aspects of your life might face challenges. Opportunities to spark new connections or experience budding emotions might arise, yet these do not promise lasting joy. Efforts to enhance existing partnerships may also not yield the desired outcomes, suggesting a need for careful navigation in matters of the heart this week.

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Purple
Lucky day Thursday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week, you may find yourself drawn to spiritual activities, embracing them with enthusiasm. Despite your positive engagement, you could encounter opposition and negativity from those around you. Some individuals, motivated by their own cunning agendas, may pose challenges to your achievements, creating a complex situation for you. It's essential to manage your interactions carefully, leaving no room for others to disrupt your progress. If you start to doubt the impact of your efforts after a sustained period of hard work, take a moment to reflect on your journey. You'll likely realize that you are indeed progressing well, which should reinvigorate your spirit. Financially, the week looks promising, enhancing your sense of material security. Socially, the week is bustling with celebrations and gatherings, marking a triumph in achieving your personal goals.

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour White
Lucky day Tuesday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week, you embody remarkable vitality and resilience. Your intellectual prowess peaks, allowing you to envision grand possibilities. Exhibiting courage and the ability to master desires, you demonstrate a resolute spirit. This intrinsic strength illuminates your path. Embracing a spiritual path, you find solace and power in reverence, seeing it as a source of stability and transformation. Such spiritual pursuits enhance your perspective, offering a refreshing shift in how you experience life. Meditation, particularly, serves as a key practice for aligning the body, mind, and spirit, fostering inner peace and connection. As the week concludes, the dedication to your goals begins to manifest, bringing prosperity and robust well-being into your life.

Lucky number 15 | Lucky colour Teal
Lucky day Saturday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week holds the promise of delightful surprises, including joyful personal milestones that can reshape your future. At your core, you embody romance, exhibiting gentleness and a deep compassion that draws tranquility into your life. You have a natural aversion to conflict and strive for harmony in your interactions. Your outward appearance may seem serene and somewhat distant, but under that calm exterior, you possess a fierce determination and courage. You are not afraid to envision grand possibilities and work toward making them a reality. An unforeseen event may soon bring positive changes, signaling progress in your personal or professional endeavors. Upcoming ventures are likely to be prosperous, enhancing your confidence. After a period of exertion, you now find a much-deserved sense of stability and relaxation.

Lucky number 19 | Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Monday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week calls for quick and decisive action on your part. A fresh surge of clarity is on the horizon, sweeping away any obscurity and negativity. This newfound clarity will enhance your interactions and set important activities in motion. There's a good chance that paperwork, possibly for international travel, will be completed, setting you up for new adventures abroad. You're also on the cusp of a profound transformation in your beliefs and perspectives. Everything in your life is aligning, giving you a clearer understanding of the broader scope of your experiences. It's an ideal time to foster new connections and sweeten your interactions to avoid feelings of isolation. A thoughtful and measured approach to finances and social interactions will yield significant benefits during this advantageous phase.

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Friday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week heralds a period of exceptional favor, where your path aligns with the unfolding of fortunate events. Embrace your innate capacity to seize these moments, bolstered by an unwavering trust in higher powers. Your creative energies are particularly potent now, signalling a time of significant beginnings—be it a new venture or personal milestones. Expect a surge of success in your projects and endeavors. At home and in your professional life, a sense of peace, prosperity, and joy pervades, enriching every aspect of your existence. There's a profound sense of fulfillment and gratitude for what you currently possess, providing a solid base for future aspirations. Previous concerns fade, making way for a luminous outlook ahead. Enjoy deep satisfaction across emotional, physical, and personal realms, marking a truly auspicious phase.

Lucky number 20 | Lucky colour Maroon
Lucky day Monday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week, you will find yourself deeply immersed in your professional commitments, leaving little room for personal or home life. Your dedication to your responsibilities is commendable, yet you may feel that your objectives are still out of reach, which could lead to a sense of monotony and fatigue. Emotional sensitivity is heightened, causing minor issues to disrupt your mood easily. This fluctuating temperament might necessitate seeking guidance from a counselor or healer to maintain equilibrium. Be aware that competition is particularly intense during this period, with adversaries appearing more proactive and possibly attempting to undermine your standing. It is crucial to handle significant decisions discreetly and independently, as revealing too much could expose you to malicious intentions and potential setbacks.

Lucky number 16 | Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Sunday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week, you may find yourself wrestling with unresolved feelings that are hard to shake off, leading to nights filled with restlessness and a lack of sleep. There's a sensitive area in your life that feels particularly exposed to potential distress. The best approach is to avoid fixating on non-existent issues. Instead, identify the real challenges and address them proactively to prevent further complications. As the week progresses, you'll discover a sense of calm even amidst ongoing stress, setting the stage for a phase of recuperation. This will be a time for healing, clearing away any lingering doubts or confusion. There might be opportunities for travel that help rejuvenate your spirit. By facing and overcoming your fears, you'll find yourself stronger and more self-assured, mastering both uplifting and challenging emotions.

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Black
Lucky day Wednesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

There's no reason to feel disheartened, as unseen support seems poised to guide you through upcoming challenges. Embrace moments of solitude; these quiet times often lead to profound insights and spur your innovative spirit. You'll soon encounter a new endeavor that demands your quick action and undivided focus. This period is ripe for turning aspirations into achievements. Expect a surge in vitality, and if health concerns have been troubling you, anticipate a shift towards recovery, allowing you to fully leverage your rejuvenated energy. For those collaborating with others, your contributions and the creative atmosphere you foster will earn you well-deserved recognition. Remember, perseverance is your ally, capable of turning potential setbacks into triumphs.

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Olive
Lucky day Sunday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week, those of you who resonate with being perceptive and empathetic may find yourselves deeply absorbed in your inner worlds, engaging with vivid imaginations and exploratory thoughts. It's a time where your ability to tap into your subconscious could feel akin to having psychic abilities. To navigate this period effectively, strive to balance your rich intuition with rational decision-making. Consider practicality, especially in financial matters, as there's a tendency to exceed budgetary limits. Prioritize essential expenses and prepare for unexpected ones. Multitasking could become a norm as you juggle various tasks or projects simultaneously, necessitating a future reassessment of commitments. Embrace adaptability and continual self-growth to enhance both mental and physical wellness, thus avoiding potential stress that could impact your emotional well-being profoundly.

Lucky number 22 | Lucky colour Orange
Lucky day Friday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week, you might find yourself in a reflective mood, feeling a bit introspective and possibly downtrodden. During this period, fostering positive relationships with close family members, particularly female relatives, could be particularly beneficial. Engaging in activities like meditation, yoga, or immersing yourself in uplifting literature could greatly assist in rejuvenating your spirit and strengthening your mental resilience. Mid-week, be vigilant about maintaining your health and strive to overcome any feelings of lethargy or passivity. Keeping a hopeful perspective is crucial, as many of your aspirations are still within reach. Those currently employed may see advancements or enhancements in their professional status, while job seekers could find opportunities that align with their skills. By week's end, an unexpected offer from abroad may provide a welcome boost to your self-esteem.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Grey
Lucky day Monday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

There's no cause for dismay, as help seems to be on the horizon, guiding you forward. Moments of solitude could bring profound insights and enlightenment, fueling a surge of creativity within you. A new endeavor is on the horizon, demanding quick action and dedicated focus. Now is the moment to channel your energies and drive towards achieving your desired outcomes. You're likely to experience a boost in vitality, enhancing your overall well-being. If health concerns have been troubling you, this period may bring healing, allowing you to relish your renewed strength. For those collaborating with others, your integrity and the inspiring atmosphere you cultivate are likely to earn you admiration and respect. This is a time to appreciate the rewards of diligence and navigate challenges with determination.

Lucky number 21 | Lucky colour Sea Green
Lucky day Friday

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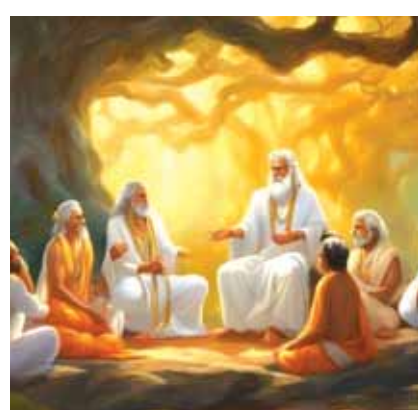


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Devotion to our rishis, sages, Gurus and following their guidance, one must unfold the meaning of and uphold their teachings, and sacred wisdom

Just like a Financial Balance sheet, Vedic traditions look at another balance sheet - analysing the Karmas of an individual with a focus on our Rina or Debts. Rina (debts) a key concept in Vedic tradition, emphasises the accountabilities and obligations each individual is born with and is compelled to repay-as an obligation towards the karmic inheritance to help understand one's duties for spiritual & material progress. The debts include an obligation towards Deities, seers & sages, ancestors, nature & elements, and community & mankind. We strengthen our karmic balance sheet, when we fulfil our duties with humility and no expectations. Rishi Vyasa Deva says in the Shrimad Bhagwatam says: ऋणसमिर्दिवजो जातो देवर्षिपितृणां प्रभो । यज्ञध्यान-पुत्रेसनसित्यजन्पतत । ।। rinaṁ tribhīr dvijo jaato devarṣhi-pitṛiṇaam prabho. Yajñāadhyaṇa-putrais taany anisteerya tyajanpate. A twice born (Brahamaṇa) has three debts: to God, to the sages and to the ancestors. These are cleared by yajnas sacrifice, studying and learning of the Vedic texts and looking after children. A successful person accomplishes these before forsaking the body. The sacred texts, including the Matsya Purana, elaborate on 5 primary debts -

The first 3 one is born with **Debt to the Gods (Deva Rina)** **Debt to the Ancestors (Pitru Rina)** **Debt to the Sages (Rishi Rina)** **Debt to Fellow Humans (Manushya Rina)** **Debt to Nature and All Living Beings (Bhuta Rina)** **Deva Rina:** The debt to the Gods emphasizes Bhakti devotion, worship, performing rituals and Yajnas sacrifices paying obeisance to the Divine power seen as nourishing and sustaining the cosmic order. यज्ञशिष्टाशिनःसन्तोमुच्यन्तेसर्वकिल्बिषैः । भुञ्जतेतेत्वघ्नपापायेपचन्त्यात्मकारणात् ।। Yajñashishtāshino santomuchantesarvakilbīṣhāiḥ Bhūñjate te tvaghñāṁ pāpā ye pachantyāt-makāraṇāt The wise and spiritually-minded, who eat the food that is first offered in sacrifice, are released from all kinds of sin. Others, who eat food for their own enjoyment, verily eat only sin. A reminder to eat food as prasada (sanctified food from the rituals) as a sense of gratitude towards the Divine order that is the provider. **Pitru Rina:** The debt to ancestors involves rituals like Shraadh and Tarpanto ensure the peace and well-being of our forefathers - an expression of reverence and connection to the Cosmic order reinforcing the values of family lineage.



अथैतानिप्राणाधाराश्चवर्चसस्तिष्ठन्तिस्त्वयमुक्त्वा । सर्वअपामथस्तुस्वामिभूतास्थितातस्त्वाऋत्विजयस्त्वेानुत्तम् ।। Atha itāniprāṇādharāśchavar-chasastishṭhanti yas tvayāni bhuktvā Sarvā apāmātha santu svāpi bhūtā sthītā-tastva rtvijaṇi yastevānṛttam "These offerings, rooted in our forefathers, sustain our vitality and merit. Those who partake of these and perform the rites in adherence to tradition, their ancestors are respected, and their lineage remains blessed." Remembering and performing with devotion Shraaddh (rituals for ancestors) is crucial to fulfilling this debt and ensuring their spiritual contentment. **Rishi Rina:** The debt to sages underscores the obligation to perpetuate the wisdom of

seers. It is about engaging in jigyasa - inquiry and learning the scriptures and living by their teachings. गुरुपितरं वसिष्ठं च स्वधर्मण्यो बलत् । सर्वमूलविमुञ्चत्यस्मिन्गृहे तु सदा हिता ।। Gurūṇi pitarāṇi vasiṣṭhaṁ cha svadharmenayobalāt Sarvamūlaṁ vimuchatyasminguhye tu sadā hitā "He who adheres to his Svadharma - his Dharma duties and responsibilities and respects the Guru, teacher, father, and the sage Vasishtha, is freed from all fundamental debts." Devotion to our rishis, sages, Gurus and following their guidance, one must unfold the meaning of and uphold their teachings, and sacred wisdom. **Manushya Rina:** The debt to humanity highlights virtuous conduct and social responsibility... being compassionate and empathetic to our community. विवेकदृष्टिं प्रजानां पुण्यायेत वयं यथा । गुणानामुपतिष्ठन्ति सन्तो च हिता तु ।। Vivekadarṣṭiṁ prajānāṁ puṇyāyeta vayaṁ yathā Guṇānām upatiṣṭhanti santāḥ santo cha hitā tu "May we always look upon people with discernment and fulfil our duties towards them. The virtuous, by maintaining this, ensure their own welfare and that of others." Fulfilling social duties is vital to maintaining harmonious relationships and societal

balance. **Bhuta Rina:** The debt to Mother Nature and the elements, is key to our sustenance and evolution. Being sensitive & considerate to all life forms. विवेकदृष्टिं प्रजानां पुण्यायेत वयं यथा । गुणानामुपतिष्ठन्ति सन्तो च हिता तु ।। "Rinaṁ tu pṛthivyāḥ pitṛiṇāṁ ca sarvadā" Pitarāṇi ca vṛṣṭivyāḥgrāṇi dānaṁ ca tuyat-nataḥ" "One is always indebted to the Earth and to one's ancestors. Always be diligent in offering reverence and donations to both the Earth and the forefathers." It is our conscientious duty to respect Nature and all the Universal forces. This Balance sheet provides comprehensive framework for understanding one's Dharma towards life and its stakeholders, living authentically, and fulfilling our dues to the Universe. Let us strive to keep the Karmic balance worthy of who we are. — The writer is a versatile professional with three decades in corporate experience & lead ership roles, excelling in several areas as a ICF Certified Mentor Life Coach, Corporate Coach, Spiritual Intelligence Coach & CXO Coach. Spiritual counselor, Astro & vastu consultant (25+ years of grounding in Vedanta philosophy) and a Motivational speaker. He is a Dale Carnegie's T3 graduate