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MAHA GAINS FOR BJP, CONG CUT TO SIZE MAHAYUTI STUMPS MAHA VIKAS AGHADI



Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde with Deputy Chief Ministers Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar flashes victory sign during a press conference as the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance secures victory.

## T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Ctunning а united Sopposition that was confident of unseating the ruling alliance from power, the Bharatiya Janata Party-led MahaYuti on Saturday scored a historic victory over the Congress-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), by winning an astounding 233 seats out of the total 288 seats in the Maharashtra Assembly polls În a landslide win that even

surprised the ruling alliance leaders, the BJP, which heads the MahaYuti, put up a bestever performance in the Assembly polls by bagging as many as 133 seats out of the total 288 seats on its own, a

superlative feat than is far better than its own earlier stupendous wins in the 2014 and 2019 Assembly polls when 122 and 105 seats respectively.

Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-headed NCP — that won 57 and 41 seats respectively, also contributed to the MahaYuti's thumping victory. With 133 seats in its kitty, the ruling BJP has become a natural claimant for the Chief Minister's post. Notwithstanding Eknath Shinde's lobbying to retain the CM's post, it is quite likely the BJP's central that leadership will choose the current Dy CM as the new CM. The new CM will be Chief

sworn into office on Monday. On the other hand, the Opposition MVA, comprising Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (Sharad Pawar), put up a pathetic performance by The BJP's allies, Eknath winning a meagre 45 seats. While the Shiv Sena (UBT)

secured 20 seats, the Congress and NCP (SP) won 15 and 10 seats respectively. Such is the rout of the MVA in the polls that there will be no Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the State Assembly. Because, none of the MVA constituents, Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (Sharad Pawar), has won 10 per cent of the total 288 seats in the House to stake a claim for the LoP's post.

Minister Eknath

Shinde, his deputies Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar attributed a large share of the MahaYuti victory to its 'Mukhya Mantri Ladki Bahin (Chief Minister's Yoiana' Beloved Sister Scheme) which was announced in the State Budget 2024-25. Under the scheme, the MahaYuti government had doled out an assistance of Rs 1,500 per month to all women (age 21-65 years) across state. Launched in August this year, a total assistance of Rs 7,500 reached 2.34 crore women across the state during the last five months at the rate of Rs 1,500 per woman per month. "I salute women across the state. The Mukhya Mantri Ladki Bahin Yojana' proved to be a game-changer for us.. Remember everyone wrote us off after the Lok Sabha polls. If the people, especially women across the state, have given us resounding victory, it is because of the development work and welfare schemes like the Ladki Bahin scheme, which helped us script an unprecedented win in the polls," Shinde said.

One of the biggest takeaways from the polls that the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-headed NCP, which are off-shoots of the vertical splits that took place in the united parties in June 2022 and July 2023 respectively - have proved electorally that they are better parties than the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena and Sharad Pawar-led NCP in terms of strength in the State Assembly.



"Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren with his wife and JMM leader Kalpana Soren, and Congress Jharkhand in-charge Ghulam Ahmad Mir during a press conference after JMM-led INDIA Bloc won PTI

## PRANAV PRATYLISH BANCHI

In contrast to its Maharashtra I miracle, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) led by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) faced a huge setback in Jharkhand with the INDIA Bloc coming back with a resounding victory in the Assembly polls, results of which were announced on Saturday.

The INDIA Bloc led by the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) in Jharkhand registered victory in 56 constituencies. The JMM won 34 seats, four more than its 2019 polls tally, while the Congress managed to win 16 seats in the 81 member Assembly

The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist), two other members of the coalition, also performed well by clinching four and two seats respectively. Both the parties had won just one seat in the 2019 Assembly polls. On the other hand, the BJP could barely secure 21 seats, which are four less than that of its 2019 performance. The NDA's major partner All Jharkhand Students Union

Party (AJSU), which contested on 10 seats, could only win one. AJSU Party president Sudesh Mahto was also defeated from his traditional seat Silli. Two other partners of NDA, Janata Dal (United), and Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), won one seat each making the NDA reach a tally of 24. Jharkhand Krantikari Lok Morcha (JKLM), a new political party formed by youth leader airam Mahto, won only one seat, but it made a significant dent into the traditional vote bank of both BJP and AJSU party, said political experts. Chief Minister Hemant Soren's wife, and MLA, Kalpana Murmu Soren, and his brother and MLA Basant Soren won their seats from Gandey and Dumka respectively, while his sister in law Sita Murmu Soren, who

contested on a BJP ticket from Jamtara had to face defeat. State BJP president Babulal Marandi retained his seat, while former CM Champai Soren also won from Saraikela. However, former CM Arjun Munda's wife Meera Munda and former CM Madhu Koda's wife Geeta Koda had to face defeat in the polls.

## WAYANAD SENDS PRIYANKA TO PARLIAMENT

## KUMAR CHELLAPPAN KOCHI

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra began her parliamentary career in style by registering an impressive win in the by-poll held from Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency in Kerala, the results of which were announced on When

Saturday. reports last came, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was leading by a mammoth majority of 4,10, 931 over her rivals Sathyan Mokeri Communist Party of India (CPI) and Navya Haridas Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The election of Privanka Gandhi Vadra was a foregone conclusion from the word go,



and the only question asked was whether she would overtake the brute majority bagged by her brother Rahul Gandhi in the constituency Priyanka Gandhi created a record by polling 6,22, 338 breaking the tally of Rahul Gandhi in the 2024 Lok Sabha poll from the constituency. Rahul Gandhi had won the seat by a majority of 3,64,422 votes and he quit Wayanad seat in favour of the family fieldom of Rae Bareli from where he had contested. Rahul Mamkoottathil of the Congress retained the Palakkad Assembly constituency by a thumping majority of 18,840 votes, defeating his nearest rival C Krishnakumar of the BIP.

While Mamkoottathil polled 58, 389 votes, the BJP candidate had to contend with 39, 549 votes. The Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI-M) supported independent P Sarin, who had crossed over to the Left Democratic Front (LDF) from the Congress, was relegated to the third position as he polled 37, 298 votes. What made the victory sweeter for the Congress candidate was the majority with which he won the by-poll.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Aditvanath with Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, and state BJP President Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary addresses a press conference after the party won at least five of the

# **The lotus blooms yet again** Cong now back in analysis

## RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is back with vengeance, crushed the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) to retain power, with an outstanding strike rate of over 86 per cent with 133 seats in Maharashtra indicates a tactical shift in the backdrop of the stunning in Harvana as victory

This is the best ever

performance of the BJP in the

state. With 26.57 percent vote

share, the BJP got votes of 16, 642, 993 which is more than

the vote's shares of Congress

The stunning victory for the

Mahayuti in Maharashtra

clearly suggests that the brand

of Prime Minister Narendra

Modi is still the most powerful

ammo that the BJP has in its

armoury, which trounced the

Opposition alliance that was

clearly a frontrunner in the

battle at the hustings in India's

wealthiest state just about five

months back. The victory has

again put a seal of approval on

Home Minister Amit Shah's

dominance in this election

can be gauged by the fact that

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NCP(SP).

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President JP Nadda sparked a row when he said, in an interview, that the BJP didn't depend on the RSS.

turmoil Amid in Maharashtra, the decision to appoint rebel leader Eknath Shinde as the chief minister of the state also worked in favour of BJP. Rarely in India's political history has a rebel Pader hecome minister of a state with the support of the Opposition members. The decision was perceived as a move to elevate the Shiv Sena leader as an Uddhav alternative to Thackeray. And as things stand on Saturday, the Shinde-led Shiv Sena faction of Mahayuti won 55 seats as Thackeray opposed to faction's 21 seats. effectively BJP The capitalised on the growing religious polarisation in Maharashtra. It focused on the so-called 'vote jihad', 'Batenge to Katenge' and 'Ek Hain to Safe Hain' rhetoric. This strategy resonated with a section of the electorate. BJP top leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Yogi Adityanath, used slogans like "Ek hain toh safe hain" and "Batenge toh katenge" during the campaign in the recent election. Despite the controversy surrounding these slogans, the underlying surrounding message was a call for Hindu unity and OBC consolidation in favour of the ruling alliance. The BJP successfully painted the Opposition as appeasing Muslim vote banks.

# mode, Third Front on anvil?

Sabhas. The poll results have further diminished the grand old party's role in the Ŏpposition bloc as compared to its regional alliance partners. The party's strength in Lok Sabha also got reduced to 98 lost th seats after Lok Sabha to the BJP in the bypolls. Congress however attempted to put up a brave front, and celebrate the expected massive Lok Sabha by-election win for Priyanka Gandhi in Wayanad. "Enough of coalition politics, I think the voters are looking only to the Congress and they are confused with too many cooks in the broth. Near future I also understand the way our electorates are behaving, very soon we will see only Congress and the BJP playing on the electoral turf," said a senior Congress MP on the latest poll results when asked what went wrong again after Haryana.

state bypolls at party headquarters, in Lucknow

## **BJP dominates by-polls** across 15 diverse states

### BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

 $T^{
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m (BJP)\ and\ its\ allies}$ emerged victorious in byelections across 15 states, securing 28 of the 48 Assembly seats contested. Among the most significant results were those from Uttar Pradesh, where Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's "Bantenge slogan Toh Katenge" (Division leads to defeat) delivered a decisive 7-2 victory over the Samajwadi Party (SP), dealing a blow to PDA Akhilesh Yadav's (Pichchra, Dalit, Alpsankhyak) caste-based alliance.

The by-polls, held shortly after the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, were viewed as a crucial test of political strategies ahead of the 2027 Assembly polls in UP. The BJP's victory in Uttar Pradesh

after its diminished performance in the general elections, where the NDA won only 36 of the state's 80 parliamentary seats, significant drop from 66 in 2019. For Adityanath, the byelections were a matter of prestige, and the results showcased his ability to consolidate voter support across caste and community lines.

reinforced the party's recovery

The BJP's triumph in the Muslim-dominated Kundarki tag as a "modern-day Chanakya and master constituency in Moradabad was particularly striking. Despite the constituency's 65 per cent Muslim voter base, BJP candidate Ramveer Singh defeated SP's Mohammad the saffron party's projected Rizwan by over 96,000 votes. The SP tally of the opposition's MVA, retained its strongholds of Karhal and Sisamau, constituencies it has held for over three decades, but struggled to expand beyond these bastions.

PM Narendra Modi during the celebration of BJP's victory in the Maharashtra Assembly, several bypoll elections, at BJP headquarters in New Delhi

Maharashtra now is who will be the chief minister of the state. Will Eknath Shinde continue to be the CM or his deputy and BJP's Devendra Fadnavis, who played a pivotal role in ensuring the saffron party's resounding win?

The BIP-Shiv Sena alliance won the majority in 2019 assembly elections. The BJP won 105 seats, while the Shiv Sena (undivided) grabbed 56 seats. Overall, the two parties won 151 seats in 2019. The BJP had won 122 seats in 2014 assembly elections and 46 seats in 2009 and 54 in 2004. The BJP's strike rate is way ahead of all the other five players in the fray, including two of its allies. While the Shiv Sena is ahead in 56 of the 81 seats it contested, the NCP is leading in 38 out of 59 seats. There are other reasons which worked in favour of the BJP. It was also Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's But the million dollar question that arises in "Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana" launched in

June that turned the tide in favour of the three-party ruling dispensation. Under the scheme, women in the state got five instalments of Rs 1,500 each till the elections. The impact was visible during polls as women came out in large numbers to cast ballots in the state, apparently helping the Mahayuti to

register a landslide. The BJP also revisited its roots by working closely with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). The RSS has held over 60.000 small over 60,000 small meetings in the state and mobilised the BJP voters to come out and vote. The RSS, through special 65 friendly organisations, launched a campaign called 'Sajag Raho' be vigilant, be awake', bolstering BJP's push in the assembly polls. The RSS had not been as much on ground in Lok Sabha elections with the BJP reportedly deciding not to field Sanghrecommended candidates in some seats. Worse, BJP



DEEPAK KUMAR JHA NEW DELHI

n less than six months of Limproving its 'resounding' tally in the Lok Sabha as an elder brother of its alliance partners, Congress is back to its 'introspection' war room to analyse the electoral losses starting with Haryana followed by Jammu and Kashmir and now in Maharashtra and certain bypolls to give ammunitions to its younger brothers of the INDIÁ Bloc to rethink of a Third Front to lead the show. "The results of Maharashtra are unexpected and we will analyse those in detail," said party's chief strategist Rahul Gandhi, who shall be again in the scanner after giving a face saving performance in this year's Lok Sabha where he managed to get a Leader of Opposition status which was deprived in the last two Lok

In Jammu and Kashmir where the polls were held recently and now in Haryana and Maharashtra the grand old party continued losing space as it posted a worstever show in Maharashtra and ending up a distant junior partner to the in Jharkhand.

Losing a big state like Maharashtra after the upset in Haryana is likely to weaken the grand old party's broad bargaining power in this era of coalition politics.

## Ummidon Ke Geetkar Shailendra... Yunus Khan's tribute to a titan A weekend of wheezing in NCR

### PTI NEW DELHI

 $P_{\mathrm{and\ writer\ Yunus\ Khan\ on}}^{\mathrm{opular\ radio\ personality}}$ Saturday said his book "Ummidon Ke Geetkar Shailendra" was born out of his desire to honour the legacy of one of India's most celebrated lyricists.

The book, published by Rajkamal Prakashan, is an ode to Shailendra, who wrote the lyrics of many classic songs that remain iconic to this day, including "Awara Hoon" from Raj Kapoor's "Awara"; "Mera Joota Hai Japani" and "Pyaar Hua Ikraar Hua" from "Shree 420"; and "Gaata Rahe Mera Dil"

from "Guide".

The year 2023 marked the 100th birth anniversary of Shailendra. At the beginning of 2022, I thought about paying tribute to my favourite musician. Then the question arose, what would be the format of this project? "After much thought, I

decided to pick some films and explore how Shailendra's songs reflected his times and the struggles of the 'little man' who had nobody on his side," Khan said. He was speaking at an event at the Major Dhyan

Chand National Stadium. Khan said Shailendra's lyrics



that was the reason why he titled the book "Ummidon Ke Geetkar Shailendra". "He always carried hope, even in is one songwriter who never the face of adversity, and let go of hope in any

circumstance," he added. There are 21 chapters in the book, including one that details the role Shailendra played in Bhojpuri cinema. "He wrote the songs for 'Ganga Maiyya Tohe Piyari Chadhaibo', the first Bhojpuri movie, released in 1963," Khan said.

Khan was joined by Sahar Zaman, granddaughter of Talat Mahmood and author of "Talat Mahmood: The Definitive Biography". Zaman said the All India Definitive

Radio played a huge role in the career of Mehmood, the legendary playback singer and ghazal maestro known for songs such as "Hamse

Aaya Na Gaya" (From "Dekh Kabira Roya"), "Sab Kuchh Loota Ke" (From "Ek Saal") "Har Sham Sham-E-Gham' (From "Mera Salaam") and "Raat Ne Kya Kya Khwab Dikhaye" (From "Ek Gaon Ki Kahani"). 'There is a whole section in

the book that delves into the significance of radio. In the 1930s, Lucknow AIR was launched after Delhi, Lahore, Karachi, and Kolkata. He was 16 at the time and had always aspired to become a singer. He graduated in music, but his career began with Lucknow AIR, and that became his voice," she said.

## RAJESH KUMAR 📕 NEW DELHI

 $R^{\rm esidents}$  of Delhi faced heavy smog and poor visibility on Saturday morning as air quality plummeted back to the "severe" category, with an AQI of 412, while the maximum temperature was recorded at 29.4 degrees Celsius. Meanwhile, a thick layer of mist and smog blanketed the city during the morning and evening hours, reducing visibility. This decline in air quality comes after a brief respite on November 22, when the AQI was recorded at 371, categorised as "very poor." The National Capital has been logging

hazardous air quality for over 20 days. According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), which provides hourly AQI updates, 20 monitoring stations, including Alipur, Anand Vihar, Ashok Vihar, Bawana, Chandni Chowk, DTU, Dwarka, Jahangirpuri, Mandir Marg, Narela, Nehru guideline value.

Nagar, Patparganj, Rohini, Punjabi Bagh, Wazirpur, and Mundka, registered readings above 400, placing them in the 'severe category. Nine recorded the city's air quality in the 'severe plus' category with AQI exceeding 450. At the same time, IQ Air data showed AQI at 464.PM2.5 concentration recorded 59.9 times the World Health Organization (WHO) annual PM2.5



## Milk production will be increased with calves in each home: CM

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav emphasized the ✓ spiritual and cultural significance of cow rearing, stating that 33 crore Gods and Goddesses reside in Gaumata. He explained, "The one who rears cattle is Gopal, and a home where a herd of cattle is raised is a Gokul." He urged every individual and family to adopt cow rearing as a part of their household practices

Yadav highlighted the need to promote cow rearing without discrimination based on religion, language, caste, or region. He pointed out that traditionally, people of all religions and castes in India have been involved in cow rearing, symbolizing the nation's social harmony. The Chief Minister was addressing the Bhoomi Pujan ceremony

for a hi-tech cowshed with a capacity for 10,000 cows in Barkhedi Dob village, Bhopal. The cowshed, spread over 25 acres, will be constructed at a cost of ?15 crore. During his visit to the site, Dr. Yadav inspected the cowshed, offered food to the

cattle, and participated in the Bhoomi-Pujan. A short film showcasing the state's initiatives for cattle protection and increased milk production was also screened during the event. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav inaugurated the pro-gramme by lighting a lamp. Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Shri Vishwas Sarang, Minister of State for Backward Classes and Minority Welfare (Independent Charge) Smt. Krishna Gaur, Minister of State

Alok Sharma, MLA Rameshwar Sharma, Mayor Malti Rai, District Panchayat President Smt. Ramkunwar Naurang Singh Gurjar and public representatives were present.

Yadav said that in most of the countries of the world, cow milk is used. The importance of the cow in Sanatan culture becomes clear from the fact that Gaudaan is considered necessary to complete human life. The importance of cow shelters is continuously increasing in the changing lifestyle. Given this, the state government is actively working towards setting up huge cowsheds. So far in the current year 300 cow sheds have been registered. Various social organizations are also taking the initiative to operate cowfor Animal Husbandry and sheds. Along with the econom-Dairying (Independent Charge) Shri Lakhan Patel, MP Shri ic empowerment of the families, cow rearing is also helpful in

providing nutritious food items to the family. Therefore, milk production will be encouraged by providing calves to every home. Yadav said that the state government is soon making arrangements to give bonuses on milk production. At present Madhya Pradesh contributes 9 percent to the total milk production of the country. The target is to take it to 20 percent in the next five years.

Yadav announced to make Government School Sukhi Sewaniya a CM Rise School and Sukhi Sewaniya Road to be made four lane. He said developing Barkhedi Dob area as an industrial area will generate job opportunities. The Chief Minister said that

gaumata related degree-diploma courses will be initiated by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Hindi University.

Swami Shri Achyutanand Ji Maharaj, while appreciating the efforts being made by the Madhya Pradesh government in the field of cow conservation and cow promotion, said that Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, in a short time, after government formation, has made arrangements for the rearing of 50 thousand cows and has taken a pledge to take care of lakhs of cows in the state. Madhya Pradesh government is celebrating this year as Cow Promotion Year. Today, the establishment of Gaulok Dham here is a meaningful effort in this regard. All the Mahatmas and all sages have thanked and blessed Yadav for his efforts. The upkeep of mother cows is the responsibility of all Sanatanis. We should make effort that every house has a cow. A house is empty without gaumata.



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Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav performs the Bhoomi Pujan for a high-tech cowshed with a capacity of ten thousand cows in village Barkhedi Doab in Bhopal on Saturday. Pioneer Pioneer photo

## Fake female police officer caught at TT Nagar police station CAPRIP organises seminar on trade secret legislation

### PNS JABALPUR

➡ he Centre for Advocacy, Practice and Research in Intellectual Property (CAPRIP) organised a halfday seminar on 'Revisiting the Indian Trade Secret Legislation Requirement' at Dharmashastra National Law University (DNLU) on Saturday.

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legal regime in India.In the

Programme on Traditional

Madhya Pradesh' was jointly

organised by CAPRIP and

the Centre for Studies in Tribal

Building

The seminar began with a welcome address by the Vice Chancellor of DNLU, Prof Manoj Sinha. Prof Anindya Sircar (DPIIT Chair and Professor, NALSAR University of Law) spoke about industrial perspectives on trade secrets in India.Prof Ghayur Alam (DPIIT Chair and Professor, NLIU Bhopal) elaborated on 'Best Practices for Trade Secrets in India and other Countries'. Amit Dubey, Advocate, Madhya Pradesh

High Court, explained the concept of 'Trade Secrets' and Indigenous Communities (CSTIC). from a legal practice point of

Prof Saba Hussain, People's University; Saurabh Maru; and Nandini Maravi, Former The event concluded with Gargi Chakraborti, Associate MLA, Sihora; Urmila Bharti, Professor at DNLU, discussing Member, Tribal Advisory Council, along with repre-sentatives from several tribal India's current position on trade secrets and future requirements, highlighting the communities and other resource persons, interacted differences between trade secrets and patents. The semwith the community to underinar was moderated by Shruti Nandwana, Assistant stand the ground realities of 'Traditional Knowledge' and its related prospects. They also discussed the legal DNLU will send a report on

the seminar to the Law Commission of India for the understanding of the Biological Diversity Act (BDA), 2002.Resource perdevelopment of a trade secrets sons shared their expertise on BDA-related legal aspects and afternoon, another event titled spread awareness. Both events successfully addressed impor-Knowledge and Genetic tant aspects related to trade Resources Protection in secrets and traditional knowledge, as well as their current protection regime in India.

## **STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

fake female police officer has been Caught in Bhopal's TT Nagar police station while intimidating a head constable.

She reached TT Nagar police station in the uniform of Additional SP. The station in-charge saw her badge. He suspected it to be fake. When questioned, the woman told that she had got the uniform made from Indore after watching a YouTube video.

The incident is of Friday evening. After registering a case against the woman, she was released from the police station on bail the same night. The girl also told that she has cleared the UPSC mains exam. TT Nagar police station in-

charge Sunil Bhadauria said charge Sunil Bhadoria that the accused Shivani Chauhan (24) is a resident of MIG Road, Indore. Her father is a driver and mother is a housewife.

According to the police, she visited the city's New Market with her cousin and sisterin-law on Friday afternoon. In the evening, she took her brother and sister-in-law to TT Nagar police station saving that this is her office and-she will come after the police station staff.

She entered through the main gate of the police sta-tion and reached the ACP office built in the campus. From there, she reached the police station and started showing off her power while talking to a head constable. The accused was showing off her power to the head constable, when the station in-

reached his cabin. He talked to the woman, then he got suspicious seeing her badge. Her name and number were also written on it. He realised that the woman had come as a fake officer. When she was asked questions related to the police, she got nervous. She was taken into custody and a case of impersonification was registered against her. She said she did this to

make her mother happy. Her mother's health is very bad. To make her happy, she made up a fake story of being selected and getting a job in the police while she was alive.

She came from Indore on Friday and told her brother and sister-in-law that she has joined the job. Her office is in TT Nagar. The police are

investigating the woman's statements.

Shivani told the police that she had bought police uni-form, belt and shoes from the store located in front of the police canteen in Indore. She also got the badge made from the same store. What does an Additional SP's uniform look like, how many Ashoka emblems and stars are there on it and how are they put on it? She learned all this by watching YouTube. On this basis, she got the uniform prepared.

ACP Chandra Shekhar Pandey said that the woman was seen with the uniform in New Market, then the female constables questioned her on suspicion. The whole matter was revealed after bringing her to the police station and questioning her. A case has been registered against her.

the Chief Guest and was accorded the guard of honour by the school band. The evening commenced with the soulful welcome song Swarangan, performed by the Sagarites, resonating with patriotism and setting the tone for the event. The students beautifully depicted India's journey from independence to its vision for 2047 through different art forms. Unmesh -Ek Aarambh symbolized a new dawn of progress and transformation. In Anant Dharohar, Sagarites paid a heartfelt tribute to freedom fighters and highlighted the nation's achievements through

SPS Dwarka Dham

celebrates Annual Day

Bhopal: Sagarites of Sagar

Public School Dwarka Dham

took the stage with awe-inspir-

ing performances during their

annual day celebration, themed

Nav Bharat Ki Aur.' Sagarites,

with an array of captivating acts, celebrated India's trans-

formation journey from 1947

to its vision for 2047. The cel-

ebration was a testament to the

creativity, talent, and dedica-

tion of over 1000 Sagarites,

showcasing the school's com-mitment to nurturing acade-

mic and cultural excellence.

Prof. Raghunath Sahoo,

Department of Physics, IIT

Indore, graced the evening as

Sagarites also showcased an engaging English play, The Ghost of Ancient India, which brought ancient India's supernatural prowess to life, captivating the audience. The grand finale, Panchkosh, saw Sagarites exploring the five realms of human development-Annamaya, Pranamaya, anomaya, Vijnanamaya, and Anandamaya, emphasizing the holistic growth necessary for a developed and empowered



## Organisations to commemorate gas tragedy

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our organizations of ✓ survivors on Saturday announced their plans for commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Union Carbide gas disaster in Bhopal, the World's worst industrial catastrophe, on December 2-3, 2024. The leaders of the organi-

rations were joined by sev-eral individuals who played critical roles as first responders during the early hours of the devastating gas leak. "This year we've already begun commemorations with Bhopali artists of

repute, who have painted

powerful murals on the

walls of Union Carbide fac-

tory. From today onwards,

till December 4, we are

holding poster exhibitions

covering every aspect of the

disaster. We are also orga-

nizing different events at

the site of the exhibition."

said Rashida Bee, President of the Bhopal Gas Peedit Stationery Mahila Karmchari Sangh, a trade union of women survivors of the disaster.

Balkrishna Namdeo from the Bhopal Gas Peedit Nirashrit Pensionbhogee Sangharsh Morcha described plans for commemorations.

'On this 40th Anniversary of the disaster we will be focusing on corporate crime, on how it threatens today the very survival of the planet. The anniversary rally will focus on global corporate crimes such as pollution dustrial climate change, and of course on the ongoing crimes of Union Carbide and Dow Chemical. Victims of corporate crime from India and abroad will be participating in the 40th Anniversary Rally."

Group for Information and Action, said, "We are joined by some of the key firstresponders to the disaster of December 1984, including the seniormost doctor at the Emergency ward, a Forensic specialist who carried out the most autopsies, the Green and White revoluand persons involved in mass burials, who will be tions. narrating their memories of the morning of the disaster."

Nawab Khan, President of Bhopal Gas Peedit Mahila Purush Sangharsh Morcha, added, "Today's exhibition is focused on figures and the lack of credible figures disaster in Bl As we have presented here, it is ironic that in a country that claims to be the third largest scientific humanpower, the most basic figures such as on the casualties and health impacts of the disaster remain unavailable, even after 40 years."



Congress party workers celebrate the party's victory in the Vijaypur state assembly bypoll, at PCC headquarters in Bhopal on Saturday

Upset with sanitation, Narayan cracks the whip on officers

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Baadi.

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pset with the neg-ligence of sanitation work. Municipal Commissioner Harendra Narayan issued show-cause notices to the Ward Officer, In-Charge Health Officers, and Assistant Health Officers during a review of the morning cleanliness drive on Saturday.

One Sanitary inspector was placed under suspension, while 15-day salary deductions were ordered for three Darogas (inspectors) and one Supervisor. Narayan cracked the whip after he found sanitation arrangements unsatisfactory, with garbage and green waste being set on fire, negligence in cleanliness tasks, and instructions being ignored.

As a result, show-cause notices were issued to a ward nodal officer, two incharge health officers, and two assistant health officers.

One sanitary inspector was suspended, and the salaries of three other sanitary inspectors and one

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sanitation supervisor were deducted by 15 days each. The Commissioner of has Khairnar Mhow instructed the immedi-ate removal of garbage achieved stupen-

and C&D waste from roads and public places, accomplishment in the Engineering Services Examination 2024, conducted and the repair and paint-ing of central verges. He by the UPSC.

also ordered the immediate cleaning of grass, weeds, and garbage from grounds.A spot fine of Rs 1,000 was imposed on a person who had set fire to garbage near Kali The Commissioner also

directed, via VC and in person, the immediate removal of garbage from areas near St Xavier's School in BHEL and the cleaning of the drain behind **ÄIIMS**. He instructed repairs and

painting of central verges and further cleaning of grass, weeds, and garbage. Narayan said that all Assistant Health Officers (AHOs) must monitor sanitation work more effectively, while warning that strict action would follow if garbage was found burning any-

where in the city.



dous success and a major

The son of Dr CN Khairnar and Advocate Achala Khairnar, Satyam has secured All India Rank 2 in the UPSC Engineering Services Examination 2024 in the Electrical Engineering stream. An alumnus of Army School Mhow, IPS, and The New Green Field Public Academy Indore,

Satyam has been an NTSE-I scholar.Following his IIT JEE Advanced rank, Satyam completed his BTech (Electrical Engineering) from IIT Jodhpur. His GATE 2022 All India Rank was 42 in Electrical Engineering and 35 in Instrumentation Engineering. His journey to success is exemplary for budding aspirants. His pursuit of academic excellence began in Mhow and reached the national level."Satvam's achievements are a matter of pride for the Corps of Signals fraternity," said his former school in a brief released to the media on Saturday.

## Orientation for health workers at Civil Hospital, Hathaikheda

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special orientation session for health workers was Held at Civil Hospital Hathaikheda on Saturday to review ongoing health programmes and improve campaign performance.

Information was provided on various health programmes, including the Pulse Polio Campaign, Swasth Campaign, Male Sterilisation Fortnight, Anmol Portal, and Ayushman cards for senior citizens.The meeting was attended by the Chief Medical and Health Officer, Dr Prabhakar Tiwari, and all nodal officers of the health programmes, Sub-Divisional Medical Officers, Public Health Managers, Supervisors, ANMs, and ASHA workers.

During the meeting, Dr Tiwari instructed that the process of issuing Ayushman cards for senior citizens be expedited. Sub-Divisional Medical Officers should coordinate with their respective authorities and civic officials to prioritise the task. Dr Tiwari also mentioned that the Male Sterilisation Fortnight would be held until December 4. He instructed the updating of the list of targeted couples, contacting the targeted couples to provide information on

family planning methods, and ensuring that details about steril-isation hospitals and sterilisation days are communicated to beneficiaries.

The meeting also provided health workers with information regarding microplanning for the Pulse Polio Campaign, scheduled for December 8.

The session covered mobilisation, logistics management, vaccine storage and transportation, and reporting in detail.

During the Swasth Campaign, running until February 28, field health workers were instructed to conduct door-to-door checks for quick identification of pneumonia among children. Furthermore, it was explained that

cases of pneumonia should only be referred to higher institutions after administering the prescribed doses of Amoxicillin and Gentamicin.Dr Tiwari mentioned that the health department is conducting special programmes and campaigns for children, the elderly, and targeted couples."In line with this, health workers have been oriented to ensure beneficiaries receive services as per the prescribed departmental protocols. Providing services to the beneficiaries is our top priority, and punitive action will be taken against those who neglect

their duties," he said.

Speaking of today's events, Rachna Dhingra of Bhopal

India. Principal Aarti Khillan presented the school's annual report, highlighting the school's remarkable achievements in academics, sports, and cultural activities.



In a simple function organized at the Administrative building of BHEL, Bhopal, SM Ramanathan, Executive Director bid a farewell to Mini Naidu, Additional General Manager (HTE), HS Prajapati, Deputy Manager and 04 supervisor employees on their retirement. Addressing the gathering Ramanathan said that all of you should make the second innings of your life meaningful and enjoy it to the maximum while staying healthy. BK Singh, General Manager (HR) was also present on this occasion

## Auto rickshaw driver found dead in Bilkhiria area

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33- year-old auto rickshaw driver was found Adead under mysterious circumstancs at Bilkharia area on Saturday.

Police said that on Saturday morning, police recovered the body of a person from an auto rickshaw near Kankali Mata Mandir located in Bilkhiriya

police station area of ??Bhopal. The body was found on the driving seat. The head was resting

on the handle and blood was coming out of the mouth. After seeing the body, the villagers informed the police. Police called the family and informed them about the matter. Police have registered a case and started investigation in the matter. The body has been handed over

to the family after the postmortem.

According to the police, the driver Manoj Kumar (33) left home in the auto on Friday morning. His body was found in the Balikhiriya area on Saturday. Police say that the short postmortem report has not come. The real cause of death will be revealed only after the postmortem report is received.

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# Significant move to position MP as integrated development hub

CHIEF MINISTER'S TOUR TO UK AND GERMANY

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav's visit to the UK ⊿and Germany marks a significant step in positioning Madhya Pradesh as a key destination for global investment, technological collaboration and cultural exchange. From November 24 to 30, Yadav will undertake this international tour to strengthen partner-ships and foster prosperity for Madhya Pradesh.

Yadav during his visit to the UK and Germany, will engage in one-on-one discussions with industrialists and investors to attract investments in key sectors such as the automobile industry, electric vehicles, renewable energy, education, and food processing. Madhya Pradesh currently exports machinery, pharmaceuticals,

medical devices, textiles, gar-ments, and plastics to these countries, and the state continues to position itself as a leader in industrial development through supportive policies and investments. Dr. Yadav's visit is a pivotal step toward showcasing Madhya Pradesh on the international stage. Industrialists, investors, and the NRI community in the UK and Germany will be intro-duced to the state's businessfriendly environment, robust infrastructure, and initiatives under the "Industrial Development Policy" and "MSME Promotion Schemes." The visit will focus on fostering partnerships with major

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Madhya Pradesh's strengths as a cost-effective and efficient manufacturing hub.

Additionally, opportunities for collaboration will be explored, and detailed information about the state's Special Economic Zones (SEZs) will be shared. This initiative aims to reinforce Madhya Pradesh's reputation as an attractive destination for global business and investment. The visit of Chief Minister Dr. Yadav will inspire Minister Dr. Yadav will inspire the people of Madhya Pradesh residing in UK-Germany to contribute to the progress of the state. Campaigns like "Friends of MP" and Route-to-Pootthewa also hear helpful in Roots have also been helpful in this. This will help in establishing long-term partnerships with educational, industrial industries and MSMEs in both countries, emphasizing

and research institutions. Efforts will also be made to ensure cooperation for technology transfer and robust development.

Yadav will be on a UK visit from 24 to 27 November. CM Dr. Yadav will hold meetings with British MPs and business representatives here. Work will also be done to expand the "Friends of MP" network. There will also be interactive sessions, round table meetings and one-to-one meetings with leading industrialists. UK's expertise in urban redevelopment and technology innovation will also be studied.

Yadav will visit the industrial centres of major industrial cities Munich and Stuttgart during his visit to Germany ness will increase.

n alumni conference was

organised by the Panini

Alumni Council at

Maharishi Panini Sanskrit and Vedic University, at the Yogeshwar Krishna Bhavan in

Vice-Chancellor Prof Vijay Kumar CG presided over the inaugural session and highlight-

ed the contribution of the Alumni Council to the upgrade and progress of the university. He urged alumni to stay connected

with their alma mater. Registrar Prof Dilip Soni empha-

sised that alumni reflect the

institution in society and can

inspire current students through

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Ujjain on Saturday.

from 27 to 30 November. He will visit the facility centres of leading institutions like Facility SFC Energy, Berlocher and Lepp Group. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav will hold a round table meeting with leading industrialists in Germany and will encourage NRIs to reside in

MP. Yadav's UK-Germany visit will not only bring investment to MP, but will also provide new opportunities to acquire technical expertise.

Long-term collaborative rela-tions will also be established in the field of industrial and educational manufacturing skills. Innovations and development in renewable energy, electric vehicles, MSME sector will gain momentum. The industrial capacity of the state will get a boost as well as competitive-



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, BJP State President VD Sharma with party workers celebrate party's victory in Maharashtra State Assembly elections and Budhni State Assembly bypoll, at BJP state headquarters in Bhopal on Saturday.

**Malhotra had** 

remained on third

44,000 votes , as an independent candidate, after

Importantly, the November 13

by-poll in Vijaypur, which saw

by incidents of violence, par-

ticularly in the tribal, Jatav and

Muslim-dominated villages of

Sheopur district. The Congress's

state leadership, while accusing

the BJP workers of stopping the

tribal Dalits and Muslims from

voting, had demanded a re-poll

in 37 polling booths, but added that it would still win the by-

poll in Vijaypur. BJP retained Shivraj Singh

Chouhan's pocket-borough, but

Budhni seat of Sehore district,

the home seat and bastion of

ex-MP CM and present union

minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, saw Chouhan's loy-

Chounan, saw Chounan's toy-alist BJP nominee Ramakant Bhargava defeat the 1993 Congress winner Rajkumar Patel (considered ex-CM Digvijaya Singh's loyalist) by

13,901 votes. But the victory margin for Bhargava was more

than nine times lower than

Chouhan's 2023 assembly polls

a comparatively low margin

per cent polling, was marred

being denied a ticket by BJP

with more than

during 2023

assembly

elections,



#### Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav inaugurates the "Swasti Police Hospital" in Bhopal on Saturday. Pioneer photo

## Martyred cops truly lived message of 'Deshbhakti-Janseva': CM

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav said that when ✓renowned doctors, unaware of Corona disease, closed their clinics, in those circumstances the police took charge risking their lives. 155 policemen laid down their lives while performing duty during the Corona period. They truly lived the message

of "Deshbhakti-Janseva" and sacrificed their lives while on duty. I salute such brave warriors. The alertness and devotion with which the police work, the more respect and honour they receive. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav was addressing the inaugural cer-

Rakshak and Disha Learning App, created for the field police personnel to control crime and criminals.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that all facilities are available men. Acting Inspector Munendra Gautam, Sub Inspector Priyamvada Singh, Gulzar Singh Marco, Constable Ajay Pal Singh and in this modern hospital 'Swasti' built at a cost of about Rs. 12.5 crores. Praising the financial management and discipline of the police department, he said that looking at the hospital; it seems that its cost should have been more. At the outset, the daughters of policemen wel-comed Chief Minister Dr. Yadav with tilak amidst police band and celebratory firing. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav inspected the hospital and recorded his views in the vis-

citations for their indomitable

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work during the Corona peri-

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bolically presented medals

and certificates to 5 police-

Bhopal: Increasing the shivering level of the state capital night temperature dipped to decade low at 8.8 degree Celsius.

This increased has increased the intensity of the cold consitions. On Saturday morning, people were seen warming themselves by the bonfire. At the same time, children reached school wrapped in warm clothes.

Constable Nishant Chhari were given medals and letters The temperature has come down so much for the first time of appreciation. Yadav said that the head of the department should be like in the last 10 years. In the year 2017, the temperature was recorded at 9.6 degrees Celsius. Talking about the overall record of November's cold, 83 years ago on the night of November Saxena, who stayed at the forefront and worked in the interest of the policemen. About the "e-Raksha App", the Director General of Police 30, 1941, the mercury had reached 6.1 degrees. This record said that Prime Minister has not been broken till now. the way it : Bhopal, it is expected that the temperature may fall further in the last days. The weather has been cold

Council, Shreyas Koranne, Assistant Professor at Government Sanskrit College, Ujjain.In the second session, alumni from across the country presented ideas and suggestions. Prominent attendees included Subhash Chandra Joshi, Council Vice-President, PN Upadhyay, Treasurer, Mahesh Chandra Sharma, Haripriya Shukla, and Garima Dave.

The conference was marked by visible enthusiasm among alum-ni, eager to reconnect and share memories. It was an emotional reunion for many, meeting after a long time. The programme was conducted by Secretary Shailendra Verma, with gratitude expressed by Council Member Rahul Sharma. University professors and students also inter-

## Bhopal shivers at 8.8 degree Celsius

since Saturday morning. There is definitely some relief due to the sun coming out. In the morning, light fog was also seen in many areas including Kolar, Bairasia Road, Ayodhya Bypass, while many areas including Bada Talab are still covered with fog. According to the Meteorological

Department, such is the weather in Bhopal in November. After November 15 the effect of cold increases, which remains till the end.

till the end. This time the effect of cold has intensified and the mercury has reached 8.8 degrees. Mercury below 10 degrees for the third time in November and the weather of the last 10 years in Bhopal in the month of

Congress wins Vijaypur, BJP manages to win Budhni with lower margin in assembly by-elections

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t was a mixed bag for both Congress and BJP in the by-elections held at Vijaypur and Budhni assembly con-stituencies. The results were out on Saturday and Vijapur was won by Congress, while BJP succeeded in retaining Budhni with a comparartively thin margin.

The state's forest minister and first-time BJP candidate Ramniwas Rawat was defeated by Congress's first-time tribal candidate Mukesh Malhotra by 7315 votes.

Rawat, the veteran OBC politician from the Gwalior-Chambal region, a fivetermMLA as Congress candidate had switched over to the BJP during the Lok Sabha polls, while ex-BJP man Malhotra had joined the Congress during the same elections.

The by-poll was necessitated by Rawat's resignation as Congress MLA from the seat in July. After the defeat he will now have to quit as minister.

Interestingly, it was Malhotra who had during 2023 assembly elections, remained on third with more than 44,000 votes, as an independent candidate, after being denied a ticket by BIP.

The absence of a BSP candidate had secured over 34,000 votes in the 2023 polls, seems to have helped Malhotra's cause by pos-sibly consolidating the tribal, scheduled caste Jatav community votes and Muslim community votes, which collecunte

## Medical colleges on PPP mode: CM

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that new medical colleges are being started to provide better health facilities to the citizens of the state and expand the medical education system. Till medical education system. Till 2003, there were only 5 gov-ernment medical colleges in the state. In the last 20 years, 12 new medical colleges were started and now we have moved towards starting 12 more medical colleges simul-taneously on PPP mode. Soon there will be 50 medical col-leges in the state leges in the state.

Yadav emphasized that the healthcare and medical infrastructure in India is being significantly strengthened under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He highlighted the goal of establishing a medical college in every Lok Sabha constituency and reiterated the state government's commitment to ensuring a medical college in every district of Madhya Pradesh.

On Saturday, Dr. Yadav held a meeting at Samatva Bhawan (the Chief Minister's Residence) to discuss the establishment of medical colleges under the PPP model in the state. The meeting was attend-ed virtually by Deputy Chief Minister Shri Rajendra Shukla and senior officials. The discussions in the meeting focused on advancing this initiative to enhance healthcare facilities across Madhya Pradesh.

Yadav said that many areas of the state including Narmadapuram and Dewas vill benefit

## fields. The preamble was presented by the Chairman of the acted with the alumni.

Alumni conference held at Maharishi

Panini Sanskrit university, Ujjain

contributions across various

t-the-ar of the well-equipped police hospital 'Swasti' in Bhopal on Saturday. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav also launched the digital app e-

Yadav honoured 40 thousand police personnel of Madhya Pradesh Police with the Karmaveer Yoddha Medal and

at the conference had said that "in this electronic age, the police need to work with data not lathi.

ovember, then in th the mercury was recorded below 10 degrees i.e., 9.6 degrees Celsius, while twice it remained below 10.5 degrees.

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## City dwellers blame felling, farmers for AQI surge

**Bhopal:** A large number of city residents blamed the indiscriminate felling of trees over the past decades as one of the primary reasons behind the surge in the Air Quality Index (AQI), which continued to remain dangerously high on Saturday.

The AQI has consistently remained high due to stubble burning, even as hospitals report an increase in patient numbers because of the pres-ence of toxins like PM2.5 and PM10 in the breathable air.

On Saturday evening, the Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board (MPPCB) reported high AQI levels at

TT Nagar at 242.The Pioneer spoke to people at a number of locations in the city to understand how the spike in air pollution was affecting them."My cough won't subside; something is definitely wrong as it just refuses to go," says Rishikesh, a vegetable vendor. A 60-year-old man eating Golgappas at a nearby stall says, "Eating habits are such that younger people can't handle the change in the weather. In our time, when we were young, there was nothing like this."The

"There is no greenery left, so key locations: Idgah Hills at 253, Paryavaran Parisar at 292, and how can the air be clean? When we go out on the road, it feels like we are breathing in coal." His son, Shubham, says that the burning of stubble by farmers is causing this problem. The government's order to stop burning stubble is correct, but it came too late. It should have been given much earlier. Saurabh, who works at a BPO, savs that the increase in AOI is normal, and everything will be fine in a few days.Sanjeev Malviya, a farmer by profession, says, "We are following the government's orders, and whatevgeneral store owner at Chinar er the government decides next, Fortune City, Mahesh, says, we will follow.

## MP aims to contribute 20 percent to country's milk production: C

Bhopal: Chief Minister Mohan Charge) Lakhan Pate Yadav has said that 9 percent of the total milk production of the country is produced in Madhya Pradesh. Coordinated efforts will be made to take it to 20 percent. CM Dr. Yadav was discussing with senior officials in a high-level meeting regarding increasing milk collection in the organised sector and strengthening the cooperative milk union and federation at Samatya Bhavan at the CM's residence today.

Minister of State for Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development (Independent

Hemant Khandelwal Secretary Anurag Ja National Dairy Devel Board (NDDB) Chairi Meenesh Shah along with mental officers were also Yadav said that efforts enhanced for milk produ the cooperative sector. In lages of the state where ative societies are working will be good success in ing milk production. A action plan has been prep the remaining villages. E being made at the distric implement this action p

## Decoding Bhopal Ijtema: neighbourhood efforts to Global Imp

#### AKBAR KHAN BHOPAL

s the city readies itself to host tens of lakhs of L participants for the annual Bhopal Ijtema, it is important to understand what this religious conclave is all about.

Functioning in proximity of Hanafi-Deobandi school of Islam, Tablighi Jamaat, the Ijtema organiser, is a large band of volunteers who have dedicated their lives to bringing the faltering back to the fold of Islam.

Founded by Maulana Ilvas Kandhalvi in 1926, the Tablighi Jamaat has experienced exponential growth in the last four decades. Today, the Tabligh functioning is divided into Halgas or circles, which exhort fellow Muslims to choose the path described in Islamic texts to reform their lives, and the lives of those they come into contact with.



Community contact is the weekly three day expeditions cornerstone of Jamaat work. Congregants visit homes in are referred to as Teen Din. the neighbourhood and moti-Devout followers undertake at vate people to be mindful of least one such journey every the five basic tenets of their month and follow it up with a religion, as well as their responsibility to carry the message forward. The prominence of a Halqa depends on the number of

Chilla, a 40-day journey each year. They also vow to undertake at least one Char Mahine—a four-month journey-in their lifetime. Jamaats-groups of individu-These journeys are exclusiveals-it sends out to neighly funded by the individual, bouring Halqas to strengthen and no external funding is

ever provided to anyone to undertake these expeditions, which attempt to replicate this model at their destinations

A weekly Ijtema of the various Halqas in Bhopal is held at the historical Jama Masjid every Thursday, where Jamaat elders, referred to as Akabireen, exhort them to follow the path of righteousness. The Bhopal Ijtema is a global-level congregation working on the same model. Several Jamaats hosted at the Intkhedi Ijtema venue will comprise those concluding their Chilla and Char Mahine visits with the Dua on December 2

People come from all over the world to listen to sermons that they believe will help them carry their work forward and serve their neighbourhoods and communities by establishing dialogue with those who may be stepping across lines of propriety described in religious texts.

## Shahr Qazi v litema site

Bhopal: With preparations reaching the final stages befor the opening of the 77th edition of the Aalmi Tablighi Ijtema Shahr Qazi Mushtaq Al Nadwi visited the venue and interacted with organisers Later in the day, Divisiona Commissioner Sanjeev Singl also visited the venue and inspected the arrangements The district administration provides critical logistical support for the four-day event which is being attended by lakhs of participants from al over the world.

Transportation, security vehicular traffic, medical facil ities, and civic services are cru cial for an event of this mag nitude. The Ijtema is onl made possible by the suppor extended by the district administration, say Ijtema organisers

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Borrower : Mr. Tahir Khan S/o Dildar Khan Add. : Ward No.27, Naya Mohalla, Taj Colony, Muhal Sabnigar, Opp- Moti Masjid, Near Saraswati Market, Chhatarpur (M.P.) 471001 Co-Borrower : Mrs. Sahina Firdaus Jahan W/o Tahir Khan Add. : Ward No.27, Naya Mohalla, Taj Colony, Muhal Sabnigar, Opp- Moti Masjid, Near Saraswati Market, Chhatarpur (M.P.) 471001	Property Owner : Mr. Tahir Khan S/o Dildar Khan All that part and parcel of the property situated at Mauja Khas Chhatarpur, bearing Khasra No. 2442/5, P.H No.51, RNM Chhatarpur, (As per Nagar Palika Record House No.81, Ward No.27, Naya Mohalla Marg, Tehsil & Distt Chhatarpur, M.P-471001, admeasuring plot area 2401 Sq. Ft., Boundaries : EAST : 15 P. Wide Road, WEST : House of Shan Mohd. NORTH : House of Insha Allah Khan, SOUTH : Open Land SYMEDLIC POSSESSION	Rs. 22,50,000.00 2,25,000.00 10,000.00	10.12.2024 Time : 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	07.09.2019 30.12.2020 Rs. 32,57,895.00 + Interest & Charges

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Date: 23.11.2024 Authorised officer, Bank of Baroda

## NHRC notice to Telangana chief secretary, police head

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Taking cognisance of a com-plaint from the residents of Lagacharla village of Vikarabad district in Telangana, alleging police harassment, physical abuse, and false criminal charges, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued notices to the Chief Secretary and Director General of Police of the Southern State, calling for a detailed report in the matter within two weeks. In a statement issued here, the commission has observed that the contents of the complaint, if true, raise a serious issue of violation of human rights, which is indeed a matter of concern. The report is expected to include the status of the FIRs, persons in judicial custody and the villagers who, out of fear, are allegedly hiding in the forest areas without basic amenities. Citing media reports, the NHRC said that these actions allegedly occurred after the villagers protested the state's land acquisition for a proposed "Pharma Village' without following proper pro-cedures. Most of the victims of the alleged atrocities claim to be from the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Communities. The complaint has been submitted by at least 12 victims who visited the Commission praying for its intervention to save them from starvation in the

# **SC** panel on farmers protests suggests MSP, income support

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# A supreme Court (SC)-appointed panel on farm-ers' grievances and protests has filed its interim report, list-

ing reasons for agrarian distress, which among others include stagnant yield, rising costs and debts and inadequate marketing system. The high-powered committee, constituted on September 2 under former Punjab and Haryana High Court judge Nawab Singh to resolve the grievances of farmers agitating at the Shambhu border, also suggested solutions including examining the possibility of giving legal sanctity to Minimum Support Price and offering direct income support. While forming the committee, the SC had observed farmers'

protest should not be politicised. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan on Friday took the interim report on record and praised the committee for its efforts and framing of the issues to be examined and defuse the agitation. In its 11-page interim report, the panel said, "It is a well-known fact that the farming community in the country in general and that of Punjab and Haryana in particular has been facing an ever-increasing crisis over the last more than two decades. The stagnation in yield and production growth since the

mid-1990s, after the initial higher gains of the Green Revolution, marked the beginning of the crisis, said the report. The panel said the debt



on farmers and farm workers increased manifold in recent decades. "In 2022-23, institutional debt of farmers in Punjab was Rs 73,673 crore, while in Haryana it was even higher at Rs 76,630 crore as per National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in 2023. In addition, there is a significant burden of non-institutional debt on farmers, which is estimated to be 21.3 per cent of total outstanding debt on farmers in Punjab and 32 per cent in Haryana, according to 2019 report of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO)," the committee flagged.

The committee also comprised retired IPS officer BS Sandhu, Mohali resident Devinder Sharma, professor Ranjit Singh Ghuman and Punjab Agriculture University agricultural economist Dr Sukhpal Singh. It said that declining net farm productivity, rising production costs, inadequate marketing system and shrinking farm employment have contributed to the deceleration in

farm income growth. Small and marginal farmers along with farm workers are the most affected and vulnerable

segments of this economic squeeze, it said. "As a matter of fact, rural society as a whole is under severe economic stress. At the national level, 46 per cent of total workers are absorbed in agriculture whose share in income is only 15 per cent," it said. "Not only this, there is a very high

rate of disguised unemployment and a large number of unpaid family workers. A significant proportion among them is working-poor." The panel also said climate cat-

astrophe and the resulting severity of the environmental changes, including depleting water table, frequent dry spells, excess rainfall pattern in some regions, heat waves etc., are impacting the farm sector and the food security in a big way. Management of crop-residue too has become a serious challenge in agriculture, it said. In its 11-page interim report, the panel said that additional-

#### across the country is struggling with a suicide epidemic. "In India, more than 4 lakh farmers and farm workers have committed suicides since 1995 when the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) began collecting the data. In Punjab, a house-to-house survey conducted by three public sector universities recorded a total of 16,606 suicides among farmers and farm workers in 15 years, between 2000 and 2015. The study has revealed that most of the suicides were committed by small and marginal farmers and landless farm workers, high indebtedness being the

ly, the farming community

major reason," it said. The panel formulated 11 issues for the consideration of the apex court in pursuant to its September 2 order. Among the major issues include measures to revitalise agriculture, examining the systemic and fundamental reasons for increasing indebtedness which is aggravating the agrarian crisis, farmers' distress and the causes behind growing unrest among the farmers and rural society. "This will help in rebuilding trust between farmers and the government," it said, and added that the growing debt crisis needs special attention in order to provide relief to debt-stricken farmers and farm workers.

The panel said there is a need to examine "the profitability of farm sector through the mechanism of assuring remunerative prices that includes inter alia Minimum Support Price (MSP), direct income support and other viable approaches.

# AAP wrests Congress seats in Punjab by-poll

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In a boost to the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab, the party wrested three Assembly by-polls in Gidderbaha, Dera Baba Nanak and Chabbewal, all three of which were vacated by Congress MLAs who were elected to the Lok Sabha while the Congress won the Barnala seat in the by-polls. With this victory, the AAP will have 94 seats and the Congress will have 16 in the 117-member Assembly. The AAP managed to breach the Congress bastion in Gidderbaha and Dera Baba Nanak segments, however, it lost its own stronghold of Barnala Assembly segment to the main Opposition party. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) drew a blank in the bypolls as its candidates remained at a distant third spot in the four seats. The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) had stayed away from the by-polls. The bypolls, which took place on November 20, were necessitated after the incumbent legislators were elected to the Lok Sabha earlier this year. The by-polls were seen as a lit-

mus test for Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann, as a victory was important for him because his party faced a drubbing in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, in which it could win just three of the 13 Parliamentary constituencies in Punjab. The stakes were also high for the main opposition, Congress. Prestige was at stake for its MPs, Amrinder Singh Raja Warring and Sukhjinder Randhawa, whose wives contested the by-polls from Gidderbaha and Dera Baba Nanak seats, respectively. The BJP was also looking to put up a strong show in the by-polls after it drew a blank in the General Election from the state. As the results came in, AAP leaders and workers burst firecrackers, distributed sweets and danced to the beats of dhol, while victory marches were



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AAP nominee Ishank Kumar

Chabbewal won the Chabbewal

segment in Hoshiarpur. He

defeated his nearest rival and

Congress nominee Ranjit

Kumar by a margin of 28,690

votes. Ishank polled 51,904 votes while Congress party

candidate Kumar secured

23,214 votes. BJP's Sohan Singh

Thandal was on the third spot with 8,692 votes. The

Chabbewal by-poll was neces-

sitated after Dr Raj Kumar

Chabbewal, who was a

Congress MLA but later joined

the AAP, was elected to the Lok

Ishank, who is the son of Raj

Kumar Chabbewal who repre-

sented the Chabbewal segment

in 2017 and 2022 on Congress

tickets. AAP candidate

Gurdeep Singh Randhawa won the Dera Baba Nanak seat after

he defeated Congress nominee

Jatinder Kaur by a margin of

In the fierce contest between

the Congress and the AAP,

Randhawa secured 59,104

votes while Kaur polled 53,405

votes. BJP candidate Ravi

Karan Singh Kahlon could

manage just 6,505 votes as he

trailed at third spot. In the

neck-and-neck contest, Kaur

was leading from the third to the eighth round of counting.

But later, Randhawa main-

tained the lead in the following

Kaur is the wife of Congress

MP from Gurdaspur

Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa,

who represented this seat in

2002, 2012, 2017 and 2022.

5,699 votes.

rounds.

Sabha from Hoshiarpur.

taken out by the successful candidates in their respective constituencies.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann congratulated the people of Punjab for the "spectacular" victory in the by-polls. "Under leadership the of @ArvindKejriwal ji, Aam Aadmi Party is touching new heights day by day across the country. We are working day and night honestly and without any discrimination for the progress and prosperity of Punjab. We will fulfil every promise made to Punjabis during the by-elections on a priority basis. Best wishes to everyone," he posted on X.

AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal, posted on X, the people of Punjab have once again expressed their faith in the ideology of the AAP and the work of the state government by giving three out of four seats to his party in the by-polls. In Gidderbaha, AAP candidate Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon defeated his nearest rival Congress nominee Amrita Warring, who is the wife of Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring. In a three-cornered contest, Dhillon defeated Congress nominee Amrita Warring by a margin of 21,969 votes.

Dhillon secured 71,644 votes while Amrita got 49,675 votes. BJP candidate and former finance minister Manpreet Singh Badal secured 12,227 votes while SAD candidate Sukhraj Singh got only 715 votes

We are all minorities: Justice KV Vishwanath

encompassed with religion; but it includes linguistic minorities also. It is very important to protect these rights also. Whether we are judges, legislature or executive, have to defend to

hilt," he said. Justice Viswanathan said that the performance of India's Constitution can be seen in its smooth functioning and great-"There has never been any threat of secession and that shows the greatness of our people. Because our Constitution recognised equality, diversity and guarantees rights. We have course corrected on ADM Jabalpur," Justice Viswanathan added.

## Campaign against gender-based violence by Shivraj

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Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will launch the third edition of Navi Chetna-Pahal Badlaav Ki, a national campaign against gender-based violence on November 25, an official statement said. Minister of Women and Child

mobilized millions nationwide, Development Annpurna Devi fostering a significant movewill also be present at the ment for gender equality and women's empowerment," Rural event in "a collective effort of gender-based violence," a statement from the Rural Development Ministry said . The month-long campaign, organised by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) under the aegis of the Ministry of Rural Development, will run across the country until December 23. This initiative, led by DAY-NRLM's extensive Self-Help Group (SHG) network, embodies the spirit of Jan Andolan. The campaign is a collaborative effort and will witness participation of nine ministries and departments, including Ministry of Women and Child Development;

## National **Cadet Corps** completes 76 years today

#### Health and Family Welfare; Department of School PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI Education and Literacy; Home

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) has competed 76 years of its existence and made cheating. commendable efforts in increasing the strength of cadets, the defence ministry said on Saturday asserting that the Corps will touch the strength of 20 lakh in coming years. The largest uniformed Corruption Act. youth organisation in the world, the NCC was raised in 1948. The Corps celebrate its nt lodged by Ki November 24, 2024 the minaccusing the BJP leader of cheatistry said in a statement. ing to the tune of Rs 8 lakh on the The NCC has made compretext of securing work in the mendable "efforts in increasing Public Works Department the strength of cadets by 3 lakh (PWD). In his complaint, the builder and will be touching the alleged that Sharma's aides, strength of 20 lakh in coming years", Rajesh Kumar Singh, Mahesh Yadav and Harshit

**Ex-MLA** files defamation case against complainant PIONEER NEWS SERVICE lakh in an account besides tak-SHIMI A ing Rs 2 lakh in cash from him for securing a contract in the

haitanya Sharma, a former MLA from Gagret in Himachal Pradesh's Una district, has filed a criminal defamation case against a contractor for accusing him and two others of

Addressing a press conference in Gagret, Sharma said he has filed a criminal defamation case against Surendra Kumar who should be booked for offence under the Prevention of

On November 18, police filed a case of cheating and criminal conspiracy against Sharma based

PWD. However, he did not get the contract nor was the money refunded, Kumar claimed.

Responding to the charges, Sharma said, "I did not receive any money and no amount was deposited in any of my accounts. I don't even know the person in whose account the money was supposedly deposited. If someone took money (for securing a con-tract), action should be taken against that person as per the law." "This is a political conspiracy against me, but I will fight

misconception is there. We have this WhatsApp University. against it," he added.



velopment Ministry said in the statement.

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Justice and Empowerment and Information and Broadcasting.

The Navi Chetna campaign

aims to amplify awareness and drive informed action against

gender-based violence through

grassroots initiatives. Since its

inception, Nayi Chetna has

They said the first edition reached 3.5 crore people, supported by multiple ministries, while Navi Chetna 2.0 engaged 5.5 crore participants across 31 States and Union Territories, with over nine lakh awareness activities on gender-based viodefence secretary was quoted. lence conducted nationwide. He laid a wreath and paid homage to the fallen heroes on "The objectives of the campaign include raising awareness of all behalf of the entire NCC fraternity at the National War forms of gender-based violence, encouraging communi-ties to speak out and demand Memorial in New Delhi On the 76th Raising Day, action, providing access to support systems for timely cadets are participating in march past at various cities and assistance and empowering are involved in various culturlocal institutions to act decial activities. As per tradition, pan-India blood donation sively against violence," the camps are being organised. Ministry said.

MLAs who along with three Independents voted in favour of BJP nominee Harsh Mahajan in the Rajya Sabha elections held in February this year. Later, he joined the BJP and unsuccessfully contested the Assembly bypoll in Gagret necessitated by his dis-Tiwari, got him to deposit Rs 6 qualification from the Congress.

should not get carried aw by such messages. Lot of truth decay is happening," Justice Viswanathan said.

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The judge was speaking at an event at OP Jindal Global Law University.

In his speech, the judge spoke about the importance of defending the rights of minorities. He

also underscored that the term minority does not mean religious minorities alone but also includes linguistic minorities. "We are all minorities. Somehow the term minority has got

## **BJP** leaders attribute victory to double engine governmemnt and performance

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

# Kerala CM assures no one will be evicted from Munambam

#### PTI THIRUVANATHAPURAM

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m Pinarayi}^{
m erala}$  Chief Minister Vijayan on Saturday assured that no one would be evicted from Munambam village, emphasizing his government's commitment to resolving the issues in the coastal hamlet without causing any hardship to its resi-dents.The Chief Minister gave this assurance during an online discussion with the Munambam Struggle Committee (Munambam Samara Samiti). He also said that the government is working to find a permanent solution to the land issue and assured that no one with proper documents will be evicted. In order to ensure this, Vijayan informed the committee that the government has decided to form a judicial commission. In the villages of Cherai and Munambam in Ernakulam district, residents have alleged the Waqf Board was unlawfully claiming their land



and properties, despite the people holding registered deeds and land tax payment receipts. The state government has requested the Waqf Board not to take any action, including issu-ing notices, and the Board has agreed to this. The residents of the land will have the opportunity to present their claims and concerns before the commission, he said. Vijayan assured that his government will clarify its stance in the case currently pending before the court. The government will implead itself as a party in the ongoing cases of the residents before the High

Court on this matter, he stated. The government will initiate all possible steps to vacate the stay order by High Court preventing the residents from paying the land tax, CM added. The concerns of the residents will be presented before the court, he assured. The CM also requested the full cooperation of the residents to expedite the function-

ing of the commission. Revenue Minister K Rajan, Law Minister P Rajeeve, Waqf and Minority Welfare Minister V Abdurahiman, Chief Secretary Saradha Muraleedharan, Ernakulam District Collector N S K Umesh and Vypin MLA K N Unnikrishnan, Varappuzha Archbishop Joseph Kalathiparambil, Kottapuram Bishop Ambrose Puthenveettil, Munambam Samara Samiti Chairman Joseph Sebastian, Convener Joseph Benny, K N Murugan (SNDP Yogam), and P J Joseph (local resident) also took part in the discussion.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mileaders, including Union ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh, on Saturday hailed the party's grand win in Maharashtra as people's faith in the "double-engine" govern-ment under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. Thanking people for the "his-toric victory" of the Mahayuti alliance, Shah said that by giv-ing such a "huge mandate amidst illusion and lies," people have shut shops of "fake well-wishers" of the Constitution -- a swipe at the opposition-led alliance, which had flagged the alleged threat to the Constitution from the saffron party and used claim as its main call to voters.

BJP president JP Nadda said the landslide victory of the alliance was a reflection of the people's unwavering faith in the welfare policies and good gov-ernance of the double-engine government under Modi's able leadership.

Rajnath Singh said the mandate underscored the people's trust in the BJP's commitment to good governance and development, and the credibility of the PM's stewardship. Amit Shah on X said, "Jai Maharashtra! Heartfelt gratitude to the people of Maharashtra for this historic



mandate." Maharashtra, the holy land of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, B R Ambedkar, Jyotiba Phule and Veer Savarkar, has always kept culture and nation supreme along with development, the BJP leader said. By giving such a huge mandate amidst illusion and lies, people have shut down shops of those who are fake well-wishers of the Constitution. This is the victory of every Maharashtra resident," he said.

Mahayuti alliance's victory is the victory of "politics of per-formance" of the double-engine government, he added.

Nadda said people of the state completely rejected the dynas-

tic, appeasement and divisive politics of the opposition, including the Congress.

The BJP president said his party accepted the mandate received in the Jharkhand assembly elections, where it suffered a big defeat from the incumbent Jharkhand Mukti Morcha-led alliance. In a democracy, people's mandate is

paramount, he said. Shah praised the BJP workers in Jharkhand and asserted that fulfilling the aspirations of tribal society and protecting their identity was the top priority for his party.

The NDA's central government is committed to the development, progress and

protection of tribal heritage of the people of Jharkhand and under the leadership of Modi ji, we will continue to work in this direction. The BJP will play the role of a positive opposition in Jharkhand," he said.

Union minister Nitin Gadkari said the BJP-led alliance consistently prioritised development. "I firmly believe that the double-engine government, inspired by PM Modi's vision, will accelerate the state's growth to greater heights," he said.

The former BJP president also expressed sincere gratitude to the voluntary organisations that worked "tirelessly" to raise voters' awareness, a likely reference to the RSS and other

Hindutva organisations. AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal termed his party's win in three out of four seats in the Punjab by-polls a "semifinal", asserting that the party is on course for another historic mandate in Delhi. "Over the past decade, we have established the Delhi model of governance that focuses on making life easier for the common man," he said. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, referring to the AAP's election symbol broom, said the party, which "used to clean homes and shops with a broom", was now cleaning "all of India" under Arvind Kejriwal's leadership.

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# **Dole and polarisation carry the day for Didi in by-polls**

### SAUGAR SENGUPTA 📕 KOLKATA

The post RG Kar narrative failed to move the Trinamool Congress an inch from its place of strength even as the Bengal ruling outfit on Saturday clinched all the six Assembly seats that went to byelections on November 13 by a bigger margin than what was recorded in 2021 Assembly elections.

Elections were held to six Assembly seats of Sitai, Madarihat, Naihati, Haroa --in Coochbehar, Alipurduar and North 24 Parganas districts and Medinipur and Taldangra in West Midnapore and Bankura districts respectively.

The by-elections tended to underscore the big point that

won by a big margin winning the seat for the first time since its formation in 2000 and rural and urban Bengal thought differently when it came to social-political issues wresting it from the sitting BJP and hardcore economics, experts said marveling at how MLA. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's electoral strategies In Haroa, TMC's Sk Rabiul Islam won by defeating ISF Mamata once again got the better of a nominee Piyarul Islam by burning woman-centric issue

1,31,388 votes, The BJP's Bimal like post rape and murder of a lady doctor at RG Kar Medical Das here got 13,570 votes. In Naihati, Sanat Dey defeated College and Hospital that led to Statewide stir for more than BJP's Rupak Mitra by a landslide margin of 48,912 votes, surpassing the 18,675three months. This, even as TMC's Sangita vote

Roy won the Sitai seat by defeating BJP's Dipak Kumar Similarly TMC's Falguni Singha Roy won the Taldangra Roy by a margin of 1,30,156 votes. In 201 the TMC won the seat in Bankura district by a margin of 34,000 votes. seat by a martin of about Medinipur seat in the In neighbouring neighbouring West Midnapore Madarihat also in North Bengal TMC's JP Toppo too district was also won by the TMC by a whopping margin of

1.15 lakh votes.

With the Saturday's results the BJP's strength in Bengal Assembly came down to 67 in comparison to TMC's 226. The ISF has one seat and Left and Congress have none.

Thanking the people for the victory the Chief Minister said, "we are not zamindars but watchmen of people adding "this is the victory of the people ... I would like to thank the 'Maa, Mati, Manush... Your blessings will help us continue working for the people... I will preserve this blessings in the core of my heart."

"We told you that the TMC will win all the six seats by sweeping margins and we proved that... this is because there is no leader who can challenge Mamata Banerjee's charisma and development works... in fact Narendra Modi is imitating Mamata Banerjee by instituting Laadli Behna and such other schemes which are just PR and advertisement exercises... but here in Bengal the Chief Minister is doing things from the core of her heart and the people are loving and appreciating it," TMC leader Kunla Ghosh said adding, "some people thought that the

disinformation campaign post RG Kar would go against the TMC... but such stray movements I urban centres do not impact rural India."

Dismissing the victory Bengal Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari said that his party was not worried about such results. "Don't worry we will win in 2026... such by-elections are conducted with money and muscle-power and often the ruling party wins so this will not have any impact on 2026 Assembly elections," he said. Union Minister and State BJP president said that his party would definitely form the Government in 2026. "In Kaliaganj by-elections we lost to BJP but in subsequent Assembly election in 2021 we

won and even parliamentary elections we secured lead from there... so these by-elections do not matter much for us," he said. Meanwhile, in a related development the TMC congratulated the Congress candidate from Wayanad Priyanka Gandhi for winning the Karala cost by a record the Kerala seat by a record margin. "They are a different party... I must not comment much on them but Privanka Gandhi is the descendent of a historical family... she is the son of Rajiv Gandhi and granddaughter of Indira Gandhi... her victory demands congratulations... we congratulate her... there is not much to say," TMC leader Kunal Ghosh said.

## Gujarat: BJP wrestles Vav Assembly seat from Congress in close contest

10,000.

## PIONEER NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD

BJP leader Swarupji Thakor on Saturday defeated his nearest Congress rival, Gulabsinh Rajput, by 2,442 votes in the bypoll to the Vav Assembly constituency in Guiarat, as constituency in Gujarat, as per the ECI. Thakor surged past Rajput in the last two rounds. He bagged 92,176 votes, restricting Rajput to 89,734. Independent Independent candidate Mavji Patel finished third with 27,195 votes. A total of 10 candidates were in the fray. The by-poll to the Vav assembly segment was necessitated following the resignation of Congress MLĂ Geniben Thakor after from the her victory Sabha Banaskantha Lok constituency. With the Vav victory, the BJP's tally in the



Assembly went up to 162. While Rajput maintained his lead by 370 votes over Thakor in 21 rounds, the latter took pole position by a margin of 1,099 votes in the 22nd round and then consolidated it further to win. There were 24 rounds of vote counting. The voter turnout in the by poll held on November 13 was 70.55 per cent. Thakor said his win was due to the BJP's central and state leadership as well as the

work put in by party workers. He had lost to Geniben Thakor in the 2022 Geniben Thakor in the 2022 assembly polls, which the BJP had swept. The seat is a Congress stronghold that had been won by Geniben Thakor in 2017 as well, and the presence of Mayij Patel, from the dominant the dominant from Chaudhary community, was Gujarat a cause of concern for the ruling party. Patel was suspended from the BJP for going against the

party directives and contesting as an Geniben independent. Thakor won the Banaskantha Lok Sabha seat in June by defeating BJP's Rekhaben Chaudhary by more than 30,000 votes. Her win was the sole won for the Congress from the state in the 2024 general elections. The BJP won the remaining

## Bizzare twist: MP BJP Karnataka by-poll results: Have won in people's court, says CM Siddaramaiah

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Buoyed by the assembly Belection by-polls, which saw the ruling Congress sweeping in all the three seats, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday said he won in the 'people's court'. He gave credit to the guarantee schemes for the party's victory in the Assembly by-polls in Sandur, Shiggaon and Channanatna

and Channapatna. "You know what Mahatma Gaudhi said. He said people's court is better than the courts. Now people's court has given me its verdict," Siddaramaiah told reporters. This victory was significant for the Congress as the BJP and JD(S) formed an alliance, he explained. "We won from Kalyana Karnataka (Sandur), Kittur

Karnataka region (Shiggaon), and old Mysuru region (Channapatna). In all the places we won. So, this is very significant.'

"After our government came to power about one and half years ago, the BJP made false allegations on me and my government. They also spread lies about our Siddaramaiah schemes," said. The CM is an accused said. The CM is an accused assaulting several in the MUDA site allotment and filming them.

scam where 14 sites in upmarket of Mysuru was allotted to his wife, Parvathi. After the controversy broke out, Parvathi returned the sites to MUDA. He also came down heavily on the opposition BJP and JD(S) for their lies and 'baseless allegations'.

The Chief Minister also took a swipe at JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda and his son Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy for "crying" in public during elections. Deve Gowda and his sons cry, but didn't their heart melt when several women cried in the Prajwal Revanna case in Hassan?" he asked. Former JD(S) MP and grandson of former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, Prajwal Revanna is in jail for allegedly sexually women



## GIRISH SHARMA BHOPAL

n a bizarre turn of events in Madhya Pradesh, the minister Ramniwas Rawat lost by-election. Rawat's defeat is an embarrassment not to himself but to the entire BJP at State and national levels, and to Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia. It is learnt that Rawat had insisted upon becoming a minister before getting himself elected as MLA. Rawat had contested the by-election being a Forest Minister in the State Government. Rawat lost the by-election from

Vijaypur constituency by more than 7,300 votes.

He was five-term MLA from Congress and before 2024 Lok Sabha elections, he has quit Congress and joined the BJP. Soon after the Lok Sabha elections, he was inducted in the State cabinet as Forest Minister.

This outcome is a severe blow to Rawat himself and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party in the State.

# BJP-led Mahayuti's massive victory in Maharashtra to bolster Adani's Dharavi redevelopment project

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI

 $T^{he\ massive\ victory\ for}_{ruling\ BJP-led\ Mahayuti} in\ Maharashtra\ will\ bolster}$ billionaire Gautam Adani-led group's more than Rs 26,000 crore project to redevelop Mumbai slum of Dharavi into a "world-class" district. Opposition Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) had pledged to eclaim all lan: to Adani group for redeveloping Asia's largest slum and promised to scrap the project altogether, if voted to power. For Adani, who is facing bribery charge and warrant in a US court, the scrapping of his pet Dharavi project would have been a big setback. With election favours from the state results showing the BJP and its allies Shiv Sena and

those anxieties have now been set to rest.

Nationalist Congress Party factions led by Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar, government's favouritism. Project supporters in the ruling dispensation say the project holds out promise to winning more than threefourths of the 288 seats in the Maharashtra assembly, make it a global model for slum redevelopment. While an estimated 1 million (10 Adani plans to turn 620 lakh) reside in Dharavi, acres of prime land, about about 700,000 are thought to about 700,000 are thought to three quarters of the size of be eligible because of the New York's Central Park, resident definition of ones into a glitzy urban hub. having proof of living in the About seven lakh living in area prior to January 1,

rest will

denied benefiting from the



The slums -- key backdrop in Oscar winner Slumdog Millionaire -houses shanties where often eight people are squeezed in a 100-sq ft tenement and ten times that number sharing a toilet. Dharavi is also a massive hub for small-scale businesses ranging from essentially harachtra

group has an 80 per cent stake in the firm executing the project, with the remainder held by the state. Starting from the 1950s, the several state Governments had floated tenders to redevelop Dharavi, but none took off. The redevelopment required leather goods to pottery and acquiring large tracts of ivestors to atti resettlement of 10000-The current the build modern utilities and redevelopment plan -- the state government's fourth attempt via a global tender -- has made the most progress. The project aims to transform the slum, which is around the size of Monaco, into modern apartments, offices, and malls. Dharav started as an

to determine who would be rehoused in Dharavi or be relocated. The ligible slum dwellers in Muslim leather tanners but revamped Dharavi. The soon turned into a Muslim leather tanners but cosmopolitan melting pot with migrants from across India making it their home. As Mumbai expanded, the slum was no longer on the fringes of the city and is now home to a large collection of cottage industries. The Adani-led redevelopment project includes initiatives like sustainal transportation systems and modern infrastructure utilities. It includes vocational training to empower youth and aspiring workers in Dharavi, helping them secure ecofriendly jobs and improve their earning capabilities. These efforts are designed to create a more prosperous and environmentally friendly future for the community.

rickety shanties with open sewers and shared toilets in the densely populated slums located close to Mumbai's international airport, are to be given flats of up to 350 sq ft free of cost. The redevelopment had become a political hot potato with

homes in other parts of the city, a proposal some locals opposed as they want no resident or business owner to be uprooted. Adani had in 2022 won a contract to remake the slum, which sits on prime real the opposition alleging that that group received undue estate in the overcrowded financial capital, in seven

2000

years. Weeks before the poll, the Maharashtra government in awarding the

contract. The group has Government had approved

the acquisition of 256 acres of salt-pan land for the Dharavi redevelopment. The salt-pan land is to be acquired from the central government and leased to government of Maharashtra, which is redeveloping the 620-acre slum, the largest in Asia. The Dharavi Redevelopment

Project Pvt, in which the Adani Group holds an 80 per cent stake, along with the state government, is implementing the project. The land will be used to build low-cost and affordable housing for residents of Dharavi. A survey of existing residents

Congress sweeps by-polls to three

Government in 2022 issued a new tender to redevelop Dharavi after an earlier remake deal was cancelled. Adani Group, which also runs Mumbai's airport and distributes electricity in the city, had in 2022 won the project by offering to pay Rs 5,070 crore -- more than 2.5 times the sum quoted by the next highest bidder -- to and businesses is being done provide houses, with a

## Externed Meerut gangster ties knot in Bulandshahr, to miss wedding reception

## PIONEER NEWS SERVICE MEERUT (UP)

Anotorious gangster recently externed from Meerut district, tied the knot in Sikandrabad, a neighbouring town in Bulandshahr.

However, Salman who got married on Friday night will miss his own wedding reception, scheduled for November 26 in Meerut, due to the district ban imposed just a day before the 'nikah' (wedding)

is the Externment prohibition of a prisoner from residing in any specified area or locality for a specified period. Sikandrabad Station House Officer (SHO) Ravi Ratan Singh, when asked about the wedding in Bulandshahr district, feigned ignorance. "We have no information about Salman's marriage, he said. Salman's brother, Aamir, however told PTI that the 'nikah' happened on Friday around 11 PM. "The walima (wedding reception) will take place at Castle View Mandap in Meerut, but Salman will not attend because of the district ban. The bride's family will bring her to the reception," he said. Aamir also alleged that Nagar, had previously been Ashutosh Kumar said.

police and administrative

officials arrived at their home on Thursday to deliver the district ban notice, leaving the family no time to respond. "We were not given any prior notice about Salman's expulsion. Had we anv been informed earlier, we could have presented our case in court. But this sudden action has left us helpless," he said. The brother added that Salman has been living in Delhi for the past six months, working in the crockery business. "Over the last five years, no new cases have been registered against Salman. Despite this, the administration took a harsh action," Aamir claimed. Salman, a resident of Ismail

booked under the Goonda district Act by the administration. On Thursday, the administration banned him

from entering Meerut for six months. The Kotwali police pasted the notice at his

home the same day. Salman had been released on bail six months ago and had since shifted to Delhi. However, he managed to reach the bride's house in Sikandrabad quietly before the wedding. Meanwhile, police have upped vigilance for the reception ceremony. "Police teams in uniform and plain clothes will monitor the walima and Salman's activities. If he enters Meerut, further action will be taken," Circle Officer (Kotwali Meerut) Achutoch Kumar caid

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU

In a boost to the ruling Congress in Karnataka, the party on Saturday swept the by-polls to three Assembly segments, causing a major setback to the BJP-JD(S) alliance in the state. The Congress has retained Sandur, the seat considered to be its strong hold, and has also bagged Shiggaon and Channapatna segments, which were earlier held by BJP and JD(S) respectively.

The November 13 by-polls to Shiggaon Sandur, and Channapatna Assembly segments had witnessed a fierce fight between the ruling Congress and a combative BJP-JD(S) alliance. The bypolls to Sandur, Shiggaon and Channapatna were necessitated as the seats fell vacant following the election of their respective representatives -- E Tukaram of Congress, former CM Basavaraj Bommai of BJP, and Union Minister Kumaraswamy of JD(S) to Lok Sabha in May elections. The by-polls witnessed a straight fight between the ruling Congress and BJP in Sandur and Shiggaon segments, while in Channapatna, JD(S) which is part of the NDA alliance took

Assembly segments in Karnataka on the grand old party. Congress' C P Yogeeshwara won the Channapatna segment, defeating JD(S) candidate and Kumaraswamy's son Nikhil Kumaraswamy, so son Tvikim Kumaraswamy, by a margin of 25,413 votes. Former CM Basavaraj Bommai's son Bharath Bommai of BJP faced defeat against Congress' Yasir Abmed Khan Pathan in Ahmed Khan Pathan in Shiggaon Assembly segment by a margin of 13,448 votes. In Sandur, Congress candidate E Annapoorna, the wife of Bellary MP E Tukaram, won the seat vacated by her husband, by a margin of 9,649 votes. Congress' win in the bypoll is seen as an endorsement of both Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar's leadership, and the government's programmes, especially the five guarantee schemes. Nikhil Kumaraswamy and Bharath Bommai, the third generation of Gowda and Bommai family respectively, who contested this bypolls, have lost. Their fathers and grandfathers had served as Karnataka's Chief Ministers in the past. While for Bharath Bommai

this was his electoral debut, for Nikhil it was his third electoral loss. Among the three segments, Channapatna was considered to be a high profile battle, where the

contest was between C P Yogeeshwara and actorturned-politician Nikhil Kumaraswamy. A five-time MLA from the segment and a former Minister, Yogeeshwara had joined the Congress after quitting BJP ahead of nomination. There were plans to field Yogeeshwara on a JD(S) ticket, but he was not interested in it, and instead wanted Kumaraswamy to support him as BJP candidate. This was not acceptable to Kumaraswamy and his party, following which Yogeeshwara

jumped ship. However, Kumaraswamy had subsequently said he had to Yogeeshwara agreed contesting from BJP, and despite that he jumped ship to Congress, under the influence of Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and his brother and former MP D K Suresh. Nikhil had faced defeat in 2019 Lok Sabha and 2023 Assembly polls. It is seen as a setback for Kumaraswamy too, as he could not ensure son's win from the Channapatna, the seat he had twice represented in the past. Congress' win is crucial for Shivakumar, who is also the state Congress chief and his brother Suresh to strengthen their position in their home district of Ramanagara, a Vokkaliga heartland.

Defamation case against Rahul Gandhi: Hearing postponed to December 4 PTI SULTANPUR (UP)

The hearing in a defamation case against Congress leader and Rae Bareli MP Rahul Gandhi was postponed on Saturday due to a legal workshop being organised at the civil court here, according to a lawyer.

The special MP-MLA court has now scheduled the next hearing for December 4, said Santosh Kumar Pandey, the legal counsel of the plaintiff Vijay Mishra.

The case was filed in 2018 by Mishra, a local BJP politician, who alleged that during the Karnataka assembly election campaign, Gandhi had made objectionable remarks against BJP leader Amit Shah.

Over the past five years, the case has seen significant delays. In December 2023, the presiding judge issued a warrant for Rahul Gandhi after he failed to appear in court. In February 2024, he finally appeared and was granted bail on two bonds of Rs 25,000 each.

The court later summoned him to record his statement. After multiple adjournments, Rahul Gandhi appeared on July 26, 2024, where he recorded his statement, declared his innocence, and called the case a "political



conspiracy." Following this, the court instructed the complainant to submit evidence.

Since then, the case has been repeatedly postponed for various reasons, including the absence of judges, health issues of the complainant, and administrative reasons such as a medical camp organised by the Bar Association and Diwali vacations.

complainant had The previously submitted an application citing his ill health multiple occasions, on leading to adjournments on several hearing dates, including October 1 and

October 9. On October 9, Gandhi's lawyer Kashi Prasad Shukla cross-examined Mishra, during which he also submitted evidence. However, further hearings were delayed as the presiding judge was on leave on October 17, and October 31 was a holiday for Diwali.

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# At least 11 killed, dozens injured in Israeli strikes in Beirut

## Diplomats push for ceasefire

## AP BEIRUT

Israeli airstrikes Saturday killed at least 11 people and injured dozens in central Beirut, officials said, as diplomats scrambled to broker a ceasefire. Lebanon's Health Ministry said the death toll could rise as emergency responders dug through the rubble looking for survivors. DNA tests are being used to identify the victims, it said, adding that 63 people were wounded.

The strikes were the fourth in the Lebanese capital in less than a week. The escalation comes after US envoy Amos Hochstein traveled to the region this week in an attempt to broker a cease-fire deal to end the more than 13 months of fighting between Israel and Hezbollah, which has erupted into full-on war in the past two months.

Israeli bombardment has killed more than 3,500 people in Lebanon and wounded more than 15,000, according to the Lebanese Health Ministry. The fighting has displaced about 1.2 million, or a quarter of

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Lebanon's population. On the Israeli side, about 90 soldiers and nearly 50 civilians have been killed by rockets, drones and missiles in northern Israel and in fighting in Lebanon.

#### **AIRSTRIKES REDUCE A BUILDING INTO RUBBLE** The strikes at 4 am destroyed an

eight-story building and left a crater in the ground. Also on Saturday, a drone strike killed one person and injured another in the southern port city of Tyre, according to the state-run National News Agency. The agency said the victims

were fishermen. An Associated Press journalist, who saw the strike from a nearby hotel overlooking the beach, said he had watched the fishermen set up nets beforehand and both appeared to be young teenagers. Israel's military did not issue a warning for residents prior to the strikes in central Beirut and did not comment on the casualties. It warned residents Saturday in parts of Beirut's southern suburbs that they were residing near Hezbollah facilities, which the army would target in the near future. The warning, posted on X, told people to evacuate at least 500 metres (yards) away. The army said that over the past day it had conducted intelligence-



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More than 30 people are injured, he added. The tribes I, Arun Bajpai Mother of- JCare targeting each other with 709135P Nb/Sub Satish heavy and automatic weapons, Kumar, R/o- Vill- Ghatampur poli re said Homes and shops have been Khurd, Post+Teh- Bighapur Patan, Dist- Unnao, U.P.-PUBLIC NOTICE 209865, have changed my

southern suburbs, where Hezbollah has a strong presence. It said it hit several command centres and weapons storage facilities.

## AT LEAST 6, INCLUDING CHILDREN, DEAD IN GAZA

Strikes also continued in Gaza on Saturday. At least six peo-ple, half of them children and including two women, were killed in the southern city of Khan Younis, according to AP reporters and staff at Nasser Hospital. The death toll from the 13-month-long war in the Gaza Strip between Israel and Hamas has surpassed 44,000 this week. according to local health officials. The Gaza Health Ministry does not distinguish between civilians and combatants in its count, but it has said that more than half of the fatalities are women and children.

The Israeli military says it has killed over 17,000 militants, without providing evidence. The war began when Hamasled militants stormed into southern Israel on October 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting another 250. Around 100 hostages are still based strikes on Hezbollah tarinside Gaza, at least a third of whom are believed to be dead. Most of the rest were released during a cease-fire last year.

The Israeli offensive in Gaza

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area in a helicopter.

told the media here.

(but) the death toll is still ris-

ing," an official tasked with col-



Rescue workers and people search for victims at the site of an Israeli airstrike in Beirut, Lebanon, early Saturday morning AP/PTI

has caused heavy destruction across wide areas of the coastal territory, leading many to wonder when or how it will ever be rebuilt. Around 90 per cent of the population of 2.3 million people has been displaced, often multiple times, and hundreds of thousands are living in squalid tent camps with little food, water or basic services. The United Nations humani tarian office warned of a "stark increase" in the number of

households experiencing severe hunger in central and southern Gaza. In Deir al-Balah, local bakeries shut down for five days this week and the price of a bag of bread climbed above USD 13, as bread and flour vanished from shelves before more supplies arrived.

At least two women were fatal ly shot on Saturday while waiting in a line for bread in the city, relatives and witnesses told the AP.

# ICC issues arrest warrant for Netanyahu over 'war crimes'

Nottingham (The Conversation): The International Criminal Court (ICC) has issued arrest warrants for Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, his former defence minister, Yoav Gallant, and Hamas leader, Mohammed Deif.

The court claims both sides have committed crimes against humanity and war crimes from the dav Hamas attacked Israel on October 7 onwards.

Although a warrant was issued for Deif, Israel has said he was killed in an air strike in July. But Hamas has neither confirmed nor denied this claim. If they were ever to be judged at the ICC, a conviction is conceivable. The charges of the court against Netanyahu are severe. The three-judge panel unanimously said that he and Gallant are "co-perpetrators for committing the war crime of starvation as a method of warfare, and the crimes against humanity of murder, persecution, and other inhumane acts".

The judges also "found reasonable grounds to believe that they bear criminal responsibil-... "for the war crime of itv intentionally directing an attack against the civilian popula-

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tion". The charges are also backed by the work of the International Court of Justice, which has found that it is "plausible" that Israel has committed acts in Gaza that violate the Genocide Convention If arrested, Netanyahu would

go through a trial, and he could then be acquitted, or convicted. In the latter case, Netanyahu

would join the ranks of leaders considered perpetrators of crimes against humanity, such as Charles Taylor of Liberia, Hissène Habré of Chad, Saddam Hussein of Iraq, Augusto Pinochet of Chile, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia Radovan Karad⊠ic of Serbia, Idi Amin of Uganda, Pol Pot of Cambodia, Joseph Stalin of the former Soviet Union, Mao Zedong of China, and Adolf Hitler of Germany.

## **NEXT STEPS**

The arrest warrants rely on ICC member states carrying them out. And this is by no means a foregone conclusion. Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, has been wanted by the court since 2023 for his role in directing attacks at civilians in Ukraine and illegal deportastate that is party to the ICC, after the Mongolian authorities had assured him he would be safe. That said, he was unable to travel to South Africa when leaders from the Brics economic bloc of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa met in Johannesburg in

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This was due to the experience in South Africa of former Sudanese president, Omar Al-Bashir. Bashir, for whom the ICC granted arrest warrants in 2009 and 2010 for allegedly directing a campaign of mass killing, rape and pillage against civilians in Darfur, travelled to South Africa in 2015 to attend an African Union summit. But he had to leave abruptly for fear of arrest.

2023.

South Africa's Supreme Court of Appeal ruled in 2016 that the government's failure to arrest him was unlawful. And the ICC ruled against South Africa on its "shameful failure" to arrest Bashir the following year. He was also able to travel freely to other ICC member states, including Chad, Kenya and Jordan.

# **37 killed in Pak's Khyber** | Multiple cases against Bushra Pakhtunkhwa province

damaged in the fighting and people from various villages have fled to safer locations. All A t least 37 people have been killed and over two dozen educational institutions in the others injured in tribal sectardistrict remained closed on ian violence in northwest Saturday, confirmed Muhammad Hayat Hassan, chairman of the Private Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province during the last 24 hours, police said on Education Network.

Videos shared from the area Saturday. The clashes between Alizai and Bagan tribes in showed at least six bodies of Kurram district, bordering the attackers and some charred Afghanistan, took place folbodies of the victims. Police lowing Thursday's attack on a also said that there were convoy of passenger vans near reports of six women taken as Parachinar in which 47 people captives but "due to limited were killed. Top ranking officonnectivity, information and cials from the administration communication is scant to and police have rushed to the ascertain anything more.

continued in Gunfire "At least 37 are dead as at now Balishkhel, Khar Kali, Kunj Alizai and Maqbal through the day, police said, adding, curlecting details of the carnage rently there is intermittent firing from at least three areas in the district, while the Thall-Sada-Parachinar Highway remained closed from traffic towards Kohat district. As officials struggl

the elders of both the triba sects suggested further intensified attacks. A high-level government delegation comprising Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Law Minister, Chief Secretary and Inspector General of Police, has departed for Kurram tribal district by heli-

> copter, officials said. The delegation aims to calm the security situation in the district which has been marred by extreme sectarian violence. Tribal leaders have expressed deep concerns as for the past one and a half months, they had been demanding the gov ernment to ensure safe travel for common citizens.

Two weeks ago, more than 1,00,000 people participated in a peace march to reopen and secure the main highway, after which the government assured them of safe convoys. In September, more than 50 people were killed and 120 others injured in clashes spread over

the days between

after Khan's return, Bajwa started getting calls 'Ye tum kya utha key laa aave ho (whom have you brought)? We are ending the system in this count Shia and

officials said.

without shoes.

Khan's September 2018 visit, in the video released on Thursday. Multiple cases have been reg-istered in Punjab province Incarcerated at the Adiala Jail since last year, Khan, 72, howeyof Pakistan against jailed former er. defended his wife on Friday prime minister Imran Khan's and said she "did not mention wife Bushra Bibi for allegedly Saudi Arabia at all" in the video speaking against Saudi Arabia, hours after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Deputy Prime officials said here on Saturday. At least four cases were registered Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, and former army chief Qamar Javed Bajwa flayed against Bushra Bibi under the Telegraph Act of 1885 and other provisions on the complaint of Bushra Bibi over her comments. citizens who blamed her for These multiple cases were regisinciting religious hatred, misleadtered in Dera Ghazi Khan, Gujranwala, Multan, Rajanpur ing the public and attacking a brotherly country, Saudi Arabia, and Muzaffarghar districts of Punjab after Prime Minister In a video statement, Bushra Bibi Sharif criticised Bushra Bibi on said Khan's problems began Friday. As the controversy heatwhen he visited Madina and was ed up the political atmosphere in seen coming out of his plane the country, Sharif and many other leaders and ministers from the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PMLN) said strong She claimed then army chief Qamar Javed Bajwa received action will be taken against calls after the incident. "Soon those trying to sabotage Pak-Saudi relationship.

The video was meant to motivate supporters of Khan's Pakistan eek-e-Insaf (PTI) party to join the protest on Sunday in Islamabad but instead kicked up

for remarks on Saudi Arabia controversy due to the indirect reference towards Saudi Arabia's alleged role in his ouster from power. Saudi Arabia and China have been two of Pakistan's biggest supporters helping it tide over the economic crisis However, in the 9:27-minute video, which is also available on PTI's official X handle, Bushra Biwi did not name any country. Apart from defending his wife, Khan - in a post on PTI's official X account, also asserted that his government's downfall was orchestrated by Bajwa and accused him of preventing investigations into the alleged conspir-acy. Prime Minister Sharif, while addressing a ceremony at Islamabad on Friday, warned the propaganda targeting Saudi Arabia was against the national interest. "A statement has come out yesterday, which I think there can be no greater enmity against Pakistan than this that you spew venom against the country that has never demanded anything in return and always

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ECSSESSIONNOTICE WHEREAS, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer Akasa Finance Limited (formerty known as Pooja Finlease Ltd.), under the Security lation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security InterestAct, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security lation terest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 1th December 2023, calling upon the addressees to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being RS, 707,45,808/(Ruppes Seven Crore Seven Lakhs Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight Only) due as on 18th Actober, 2023 along with further interest at contractual rate within 60 days from the date of reach of the secure is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has Laker possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 21st Day of November of three year 2024. The attention of borrower, co-borrower montgagors and public in general that the undersigned has Lakhs Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight Royer Royer Powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the available, to is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to is mireled to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to is general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Akasa Finance Limited, forthe amount of Rs.5,70,74,5080/(Rupees Seven Crore Seven Lakhs Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight Only) due as on 18th October, 2023, subject to the deduction of the amount of Rs.5,70,74,5080/(Supper Only 6) fina 62, 4), 6) Fieb 2024 with further interest at contractual rate and with future costs a

10th Feb 2024 with further interest at contractual rate and with future costs and charges thereon. DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/SECURED ASSET WITH OTHER DETAILS:

Karki S/o <sup>°</sup> ShriJ.S. Karki (Borrower/ Mortgagor) 2.Smt. Manisha Rajnish Karki (Coborrower/ Mortnagor)	dated 5- March- 2019 Addendum Loan Agree-ment dated 6-03-	New Delhi-110016 admeasuring 625 sq. yards. East: Plot No. L-1/14, 15 &	NPA 31.01.2020 Demand Notice	Rs. 7.07,45,808/-(Rupees Seven Crore Seven Lakhs Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight Ohly) as on 18.10.2023 Note: said amount is subject to the deduction of the amount of Rs. 52,50,000/- paid on 9th Feb 2024, 9th Feb 2024 & 10th Feb 2024
Date: 21 NOV, 2024 for Akasa Finance Limited Place: Delhi Authorised Officer				

name from Arun Bajpai to Arun Kumari, vide affidavit dated 23/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(963)C

I, ABDUL BASAR son of Sameeruddin R/o House no. CN-262, Meerdard Lane, Near 64 Khamba Basti, Takiya Kle Khan I.P.Estate, Delhi-110002 that I am the owner of some valuable, immoveable and moveable properties in which all my tamily members have the right to inheritance, Due to some reasons. I consequently will fully and willingly without any pressure disown my son Shuhiab and his wife Umm Mahima and his family From the right of inheritance and sale of valuable, immoveable and moveable properties that with immediate I, hitherto known as Chandra Shri and moveable properties that with immediate effect I and other family members does not have Manohar Lal, R/o- Near any relation with Shuhiab and his wife Umm Mahima and his family. Hanuman Mandir, D - 11, Maya Vihar Nangal Raya,

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force peace in the volatile region, communication from

event in Japan

Seoul (AP): South Korea's government said Saturday it

will not attend a memorial ser-

Gold Mines due to disagree-

event, which stirred longstand

Korean forced labourers at

the site before the end of

The decision marked a rare

display of friction between

the countries since the 2022

inauguration of South Korean

President Yoon Suk Yeol. Yoon

has prioritised improving rela-

tions with Japan following

years of disputes over their bit-

ter history and solidifying

three-way security cooperation

with Washington to counter

North Korean nuclear threats

but has faced accusations at

home that he was neglecting

the suffering of Korean sur-

South Korea's Foreign Ministry

said in a statement it was

impossible to settle the dis-

agreements between both gov-

ernments before the planned

event near the mines on

Masashi Mizobuchi, assistant

press secretary at Japan's

Foreign Ministry, called the

South Korean decision "disap-

pointing." He said Japan has

thoroughly communicated

with the South Korean side,

details of the diplomatic

Koreans had criticised Yoon's

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plight of Korean labourers.

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World War II.

Sunni tribes over a piece of land in Kurram district.

you have brought promoters of Sharia," she said, referring to

oors for Pa opened its ikistan said in an apparent reference to Bushra Bibi's remarks

Pak's spl coin

to mark Guru

Nanak's 555th

Lahore (PTI): Pakistan has

issued a commemorative coin to

mark Guru Nanak's 555th birth

anniversary as more than 2,500

Indian Sikhs pilgrims who were

here to attend the special occa-

sion departed for their homes

The celebrations to mark the

555th birth anniversary – which was on November 14 — start-

ed last week at the Gurdwara

Janam Asthan Nankana Sahib

where the founder of Sikh reli-

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on Saturday.

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## **Philippine vice president threatens** to have president assassinated

threat" against President Ferdinand Marcos Jr to an elite presidential guards force "for immediate proper action". It was not immediately clear what actions would be taken against the vice president.

The Presidential Security Command immediately boosted Marcos' security and said it considered the vice president's

security issue. The security force said it was "coordinating with law enforcement agencies to detect, deter, and defend against any and all threats to the president and the first family". Marcos ran with Duterte as his vice-presidential running mate in the May 2022 elections and both won with landslide victories on a cam-

paign call of national unity. The two leaders and their camps, however, rapidly had a bitter falling-out over key differences, including in their approaches to China's aggressive actions in the disputed South China Sea. Duterte resigned from the Marcos Cabinet in June as education secretary and head of an antiinsurgency body. Like her equally outspoken

father, former President Rodrigo Duterte, the vice president became a vocal critic of Marcos, his wife Liza Araneta-Marcos and House Speaker Martin Romualdez, the president's ally and cousin, accusing them of corruption, incompetence and politically persecuting the Duterte family and its close supporters.

Her latest tirade was set off by the decision by House members allied with Romualdez and Marcos to detain her chief of staff, Zuleika Lopez, who was accused of hampering a congressional inquiry into the possible misuse of her budget as vice president and education secretary. Lopez was later transferred to a hospital after falling ill and wept when she heard of

a plan to temporarily lock her up in a women's prison.

## UN motion paves way for first-ever treaty on crimes against humanity

## **AP** UNITED NATIONS

key UN General Assembly Acommittee adopted a resolution late Friday paving the way for negotiations on a first-ever treaty on preventing and punishing crimes against humanity after Russia dropped amendments that would have derailed the effort.

but declined to comment on The resolution was approved by consensus by the assembly's legal committee, which includes exchanges. Some South all 193-member UN nations, after tense last-minute negotigovernment for throwing its ations between its supporters out securing a clear Japanese and Russia that dragged through the day. There was commitment to highlight the loud applause when the chair-

man of the committee gaveled the resolution's approval. It is virtually certain to be adopted when the General Assembly puts it to a final vote on Dec 4. Today's agreement to start up negotiations on a much-need ed international treaty is an historic achievement that was a long time coming," Richard Dicker, Human Rights Watch's senior legal adviser for advoca-cy, told The Associated Press. "It sends a crucial message that impunity for the kinds of crimes inflicted on civilians in Ethiopia, Sudan, Ukraine, southern Israel, Gaza and Myanmar will not go unheeded," he said.

The resolution calls for a time-

bound process with preparatory sessions in 2026 and 2027, and three-week negotiating sessions in 2028 and 2029 to finalize a treaty on crimes against humanity. Dicker said Russia's proposed amendments left in question whether treaty negotiations would have been completed. Russia's deputy UN ambassador Maria Zabolotskaya said Russia withdrew the amendments "in a spirit of compromise." But she said Russia "dissociates itself from consensus". "This, of course, does not mean that we are not ready to work on this crucial convention," Zabolotskaya told the committee.

gion was born. Sikh pilgrims from all over the world, including from India, participated in the religious rituals at the gurdwara, about 100-odd km from The special commemorative coin of PKR 55 denomination has on one side a picture of Gurdwara Janam Asthan Nankana Sahib and '555th Birthday Celebrations' and 'SRI GURU NANAK DEV JI 1469-2024' written above and below it respectively. "On the obverse side, there is the crescent moon and five-pointed star facing north-west in a rising position in the centre. Along the periphery on the top are inscribed 'Islami Jamhuria Pakistan' in Urdu (Islamic Republic of Pakistan) and below the crescent are two springs of wheat with arms curved upward."

According to the State Bank of Pakistan, the coin —- released on Friday - consists of 79 per cent brass, 20 per cent zinc and l per cent nickel; measures 30mm in diameter and weighs 13.5 grams. This commemorative coin will be available at exchange counters across all branches of State Bank of Pakistan, the bank said.

threat, which was "made so

S Korea won't attend Sado mines memorial brazenly in public," a national

AP MANILA

Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte said Saturday she has contracted an assassin to kill the president, his wife and the House of Representatives speaker if she vice near Japan's Sado Island herself is killed, in a brazen ments with Tokyo over the public threat that she warned ing tensions over the abuse of

was not a joke. Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin referred the "active

# sports 07

captain Bumrah deservedly got his 11th five-wicket haul while debutant Harshit Rana

bowled a fiery opening spell

to dismiss the hosts for 104

at the stroke of lunch despite a stiff last-wicket resistance

from Mitchell Starc and Josh

Starc (26 off 113 balls) shielded Hazlewood (7 not

out off 31 balls) admirably

during their 25-run last-

wicket stand that lasted 18

The day began with Bumrah (5/30 in 18 overs) getting one to rear up from back of the length and Carey's edge

carried at a good height to Rishabh Pant behind stumps.

The skipper's celebration was understated as he

understated as ne purposefully strode back to his bowling mark even before Nathan Lyon had arrived. At the other end, the burly Harshit Rana (3/48 in

15.2 overs) carried on from

where he had left off on the

The rookie speedster used more short balls, and one

such well-directed delivery

accounted for Lyon, who was pouched at gully by KL Rahul.

opening day.

Hazlewood.

overs.

# **Team India take commanding 218-run lead against Australia**

### PTI PERTH

Jaiswal **7**ashasvi combined game awareness with perfect shot selection while KL Rahul remained technically unflappable in an unbroken opening stand of 172 as India looked set to bat Australia out of the match with an overall lead of 218 runs on the second day of

the opening Test here. After skipper Jasprit Alter skipper Jasprit Bumrah's game-changing 11th five-wicket haul decimated Australia for 104, young Jaiswal (90 batting, 103 belle) and seasoned 193 balls) and seasoned Rahul (62 batting, 154 balls) decided to grind it out with some old fashioned Test match batting by waiting for the loose deliveries and respecting good fast bowling.

The Indians showed their compact defense by scoring 88 runs in 31 overs during the post-tea session as Jaiswal inched towards a coveted ton on his maiden outing on Australian soil.

With enough time at their disposal and signs of cracks appearing on the surface,

this is going to be India's Test match to lose. The way Rahul wore down

the Australian attack was a sight to behold. There was no chatter from the slip cordon and at one point, the stitches of the Kookaburra came out.

The live grass died by the second afternoon and the seam movement also went out of equation making batting easier.

But no one can take away any credit from the two who were hardly troubled except for a mix-up that could have led to Rahul's run-out. Jaiswal also showed that he

had learnt his lessons from the first innings and curbed his urge to drive on the up initially, which was the best part about his batting. Each of his seven fours and two sixes were well-executed

shots. Once he had defended enough deliveries, the Australian pacers didn't have any option but to try either short or full length which he utilised well.

hit Starc for one-bounce four are slow," spoke volumes and then induce a grin from about how fearless the



The whip over mid-wicket to the pacer by telling him "you current generation of Indian cricketers is. In the final session, he

flicked him for good Cummins can easily be measure for a maximum. Rahul's back-drive off Pat

called the shot of the match but it was heartening to see

Jaiswal put in a big stride forward while driving Mitchell Starc through covers apart from getting under the bounce and

playing the ramp shot. In case of Rahul, he kept a very loose bottom-hand and that helped with the deliveries, even the ones that took the thickish edge only to fall way in front of the slip cordon.

There was a spell of play in the post-tea session when Indians were kept quiet by Nathan Lyon but neither Jaiswal nor Rahul ran out of patience. Jaiswal's half-century came off 123 balls, his slowest in 15 Tests and spoke volumes about his adaptability. For Rahul, it was about

forgetting the unfortunate dismissal on Friday and concentrate, which he did splendidly.

Any target above 300 would be very difficult to chase on this track and Washington Sundar can come into play if those cracks open up, not to forget the three quicks who can use the variable bounce to good effect.

In the morning, India



# I'll make Deepika world's best drag-flicker: Harendra

#### PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

Indian women's hockey team's chief coach chief Harendra Singh says fastrising striker Deepika has the potential to be a brilliant drag-flicker as well and helping her realise that potential will be one of his primary targets along with isuring that the teamí

become a very good drag-flicker as well," he said. Harendra described Deepika as "special" but he said her approach to drag-flick needs to be work on. am sure verv get the results," he said. Mentality matters and her mentality has changed and she wants to be the best player. But it's always a process, we can't jump so fast. I am working on small details with her." The chief coach, however, was satisfied with the performance of the players in the the ACT and said it is just the first step towards his mission for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. "Whatever was the target, we have achieved but there are a lot of things which we need to achieve. We have improved on our attacking style, defence and circle penetrations. Whatever we took shots on goals were quality ones. Paris is past...There was no point sitting and crying over Cup, to be jointly hosted by it, rather it was important to Belgium and Netherlands move forward and work on the areas where we needed to Japan, both in 2026.

We need to give her some time, she is just 21.

improve," he said. "We had one-on-one fruitful meetings with the players She has already become a star. She is a good scorer from where we got in-depth details field play, and she will on all aspects and made a chart about what needs to be done and worked on what was in our hands."

Fitness is one area which Harendra had emphasised on since taking over in April this vear and he is auite hannv

# Harshit Rana has potential to become multi-format bowler for India: Coach Negi

#### PTI NEW DELH

Harshit Rana's meteoric rise might have come as a surprise to many but not his coach in his formative years, NS Negi, who has seen the strapping youngster mature into a pacer with the "potential to become a multi-format bowler for India.

Starting as a net bowler viol nulla. Starting as a net bowler with Gujarat Titans in 2022, Harshit played a key role in guiding Kolkata Knight Riders to IPL glory in 2024, and announced his arrival on the interaction of the his arrival on the international stage with a dream debut in the opening Border-Gavaskar Test at Perth, where he returned figures of 48 for 3 in the

first inning. Negi, Harshit's coach from his U19 days in Delhi, couldn't hide his joy on seeing his ward's exploits on a bouncy and seaming Perth pitch.

"Harshit is a very talented bowler. He had been bowling extremely well in the last two seasons of the Ranji Trophy. Last year, when I was the eyebrows given the fact that he had



fielding coach of the Delhi Ranji team, he made his debut and bowled extremely well.

"It is just the beginning; he is one such player who should go on and play at least 70-80 Test matches for India... In fact he should go on and play all three formats for India," Negi told PTI Videos in an interview.

Rana inclusion in the side raised many

just 10-odd first-class games under his belt. But Negi felt this was the right time to debut him in Tests given his romising. I just hope that he

amazing bowling statistics. In 10 first-class matches, Harshit has taken 43 wickets at 24.00 and has an impressive batting average of 42.63, including a blazing unbeaten 122 against North-East Zone.

Negi and Rana met in 2018 when the fast bowler was selected to play for the Dalhi Little ture. Delhi U19 team. Negi, who has also been associated as a fielding coach with Gujarat Titans in the IPL, said that Harshit always had the drive to bowl fast but gradual improvements in fitness played a big role in his

success. "In 2018, when I was the head coach of the Delhi U19 team, I noted that he had a very smooth action and a good rhythm. He could bat well. He worked on his fitness and pace and gradually improved as a bowler.

"The most important thing is that he is a fighter. When I first picked

continues to work on his fitness and gradually keeps increasing his pace," said Negi. Negi believes that Harshit has the ability to come good with the bat lower down the order. His advice to the youngster is to learn as much as possible from pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah and keep bowling to his strengths to succeed in international cricket.

"He is a good batter as well and in the coming years may perform well with the bat as well. He is someone who can easily score 30-40 odd runs batting lower down the order for India.

"Harshit should keep a check on his fitness and try to learn a lot from the modern-day legend, Jasprit Bumrah. He just needs to back his strengths while bowling and that will help him succeed in the international cricket ... He has the talent, bounce and pace" concluded Negi.

Tilak Varma makes record-setting hundred; Shrovas emaches ton aboad of IDL austion

fitness levels never fall on his watch.

Unlike most dragflickers in the world, who are defenders, Deepika is a striker and showed her brilliance with field goals in the recentlyconcluded Asian Champions Trophy in Rajgir, Bihar. She emerged as the highest goal-scorer in

tournament with 11 strikes, mostly field efforts. "I am not concerned about PCs because I know we are working and we are going to eradicate this problem very soon. I know we are looking at instant coffee from Deepika but I am sure I will make her one of the best drag-flickers of the world in women's hockey just like I made Harman," Harendra told PTI in an exclusive interview referring to his stint with men's team and the work done with its star captain Harmanpreet Singh.

with the results although he feels there is still scope for improvement. "The icing in the cake was the

one-week camp in the INA (Indian Naval Academy) which Hockey India provided us. It played big role in teambuilding and team unity. But to be frank the journey has just started, we can't be happy," he said.

"Fitness is the biggest concern. The first day I joined, I made it clear that whoever you may be, how bigger players you might be but if you are not fit you won't be part of the side. Whoever is not fit can't board this bus, this was my clear directive." Harendra said his vision is LA 2028 and earning a direct ticket to the quadrennial event through the World

and the Asian Games in

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## PTI MUMBAI

Tilak Varma became the first batter ever to notch three successive hundreds in T20s, while Shreyas Iyer underlined his credentials with a smooth century ahead of the IPL mega auction, as the two Indian batters hogged the limelight in the first round of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy on Saturday

In a Group A match, Tilak, who made hundreds recently recently against South Africa at Centurion and Johannesburg, added one more three-figure knock to the list against Meghalaya in Rajkot.

The left-hander made 151 off just 67 balls with 14 fours and 10 sixes to guide Hyderabad to 248 for four in 20 overs.

cricketer to score a 150-plus score in T20s.

India woman batter Kiran Navigere had made a 162 for Nagaland against Arunachal Pradesh in the senior Women's T20 Trophy in 2022.

Opener Tanmay Agarwal supported his skipper Tilak with a 55 off 23 balls.

Anikethreddy and Tanay Thyagarajan shared seven wickets among them as Hyderabad bundled out their rivals for 69 to celebrate a massive 179-run

victory. Shreyas shines

by Kolkata Knight Riders despite leading them to the IPL 2024 title, made a timely reminder about his skills with an unbeaten 57-ball

#### In the process, he also before ending up at 224 for became the first Indian male eight, going down by 26 runs. Suyash Prabhudesai was their top-scorer with a 52 off 36 balls

## **BRIEF SCORES**

Hyderabad 248/4; 20 overs (Tilak Verma 151, Tanmay Agarwal 55) beat Meghalaya: 69; 15.1 overs (G Anikethreddy 4/11, Tanay Thyagarajan 3/15) by 179 runs.

Mumbai 250/4; 20 overs (Shreyas Iyer 130 not out) beat Goa 224/8; 20 overs 52, out; 26

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# Australia coach McDonald surprised about behaviour of wicket on day two

## PTI PERTH

 $\mathbf{T}$ he home team bowlers did I not put a foot wrong but the pitch dried up quite quickly at the Optus stadium on the second day, eventually helping the Indian batters, reckons Australia head coach Andrew McDonald.

India openers Yashasvi Jaiswal (90) and KL Rahul (62) frustrated the hosts with their dogged unbeaten 172-run stand that has put the game in firm control of the visitors, who now lead by 218 runs

"The

day press conference.

While the wickets fell in heap on the opening day with as many as 17 batters getting out, only three Australian tailenders were dismissed on the second day.



looked surprised, yeah, there wasn't surface considerably dry today. It as much seam movement or dried out fairly quickly," said swing

'The bowlers were presenting McDonald during the postthe seam in a similar fashion "We thought there may have to they were yesterday. So I been a little bit more there. So, think the conditions may I suppose if you want to say have had some say in that." that we were a little bit McDonald said there was

hardly any assistance for seam or swing, compared to the first day

"If you look at the seam and swing, it was down comparative to yesterday. Yesterday was difficult work, I thought KL (Rahul) and Jaiswal played extremely well also.

"You need to ride your luck a little bit. Our guys got the balls in the right areas, and there was some plays and misses as well, so anything can happen if you get some edges on that. It could be a totally different day, but I think the conditions have changed, I'll state that," he said.

turn, so we've got to get to work on what it looks like for us tomorrow morning," he

early on we may have been a fraction short, if it was to be critical, but I thought they went about their work well, it could have been a different day.

However, McDonald does not think Australia do not stand a chance in the series-opener, pinning hopes on the nature of Test cricket that keeps both the teams in hunt till the end. 'You've got the driver's seat at the moment, but that's not to say that tomorrow can't change very quickly. Test cricket ebbs and flows, we've all been a part of a game when you've been well ahead of the game and it can twist and

"In terms of the way that we bowled, I don't think it was too dissimilar, potentially said.

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## THE FILM UNVEILS THE INFLUENCE OF POLITICAL CLOUT AND JOURNALISTIC INTEGRITY IN THE WAKE OF A HISTORICAL TRAGEDY, SAYS ABHI SINGHAL

irected initially by Ranjan Chandel and later helmed by Dheeraj Sarna, The Sabarmati Report intricately explores the interplay of political dominance and media influence against the backdrop of one of India's most contentious events-the Godhra train burning incident of February 27, 2002. This film, inspired by real-life events Sabarmati surrounding the Express tragedy, delivers a compelling narrative steeped in investigative journalism, political

dynamics, and the moral dilemmas of media reporting.

The movie begins with an electrifying depiction of the bustling newsroom environment, immediately pulling viewers into the heart of the journalistic world. The talented cast, led by Vikrant Massey as Samar Kumar, Raashii Khanna as Amrita Gill, and Riddhi Dogra as Manika Rajpurohit, along with Barkha Singh's impactful cameo as Shloka, infuses life into the gripping storyline.

The plot meticulously recreates the harrowing events of the

*Godhra train* incident, where 59 individuals, predominantly Hindu pilgrims and karsevaks returning from Ayodhya, tragically perished in a devastating fire. With a meticulous portrayal of the horrific aftermath, the movie confronts viewers with the sheer magnitude of the tragedy while shedding light on the media's struggle to strike a balance between truth and sensationalism. *Riddhi Dogra's* portrayal of *Manika* Rajpurohit, an English news anchor with an air of arrogance and confidence in her abilities,

adds depth to the media-focused narrative. The first half captivates audiences with its vivid storytelling and intricate character development. However, it is postintermission where the film takes a gripping turn, delving into the core of the investigative efforts to uncover the truth behind the train-burning case.

Vikrant Massey delivers a masterful performance as Samar Kumar, transitioning from an idealistic journalist to a relentless investigator with remarkable ease. His character's transformation is

riveting, offering a nuanced look at the challenges faced by those who dare to question authority. Raashii Khanna shines as Amrita Gill, a determined intern navigating the salted waters of media politics. Her journey alongside Samar not only drives the narrative forward but also marks a significant milestone in her acting career.

While the film boasts strong performances and a compelling storyline, it does falter slightly in its attempt to inject humour into serious moments, which at times feels forced and disrupts the

intensity. The background score, however, compensates by effectively amplifying the gravity of each investigative sequence, adding a layer of immersion for the audience.

The Sabarmati Report follows in the footsteps of recent titles like The Kashmir Files and The Kerala Story of having hits and more profits. The film has a crafting a fiery and provocative narrative designed to resonate with viewers on an emotional level. However, it stands apart by striving to present

ethics, to take out the truth and the complex interplay of truth and

political agendas. With good performances which could have been improved while playing the characters, a thoughtprovoking storyline, and a reflection on the moral quandaries of journalism, The Sabarmati Report is a cinematic endeavour that not only entertains but also compels viewers to question the very fabric of truth and power in today's world.

a nuanced perspective on media RATING: 4/5





#### By SAKSHI PRIYA

Shoppers Stop, one of India's premier destinations for fashion and lifestyle, recently unveiled its much-anticipated wedding collection with a show-stopping fashion event at Ambience Mall in Delhi. Choreographed by the renowned *Marc* Robinson, the runway was set ablaze with a stunning display of elegance, tradition and contemporary glamour, making it a night to remember for fashion enthusiasts and wedding planners alike.

The fashion show was a celebration of the multifaceted world of Indian weddings. With each look carefully curated to reflect the different stages of a wedding celebration, the show presented a variety of styles, from vibrant Haldi attire to intricate Mehendi looks. There were regal Wedding ensembles, striking Reception pieces and chic Cocktail attire that perfectly balanced tradition with modern aesthetics. The collection also included sophisticated outfits for Destination weddings, catering to the for growing trend of weddings in exotic locales.

What truly stood out was the sheer attention to detail in every outfit. The models strutted down the runway in exquisitely crafted garments, flamboyant lehengas, royal sherwanis, and embellished sarees, each reflecting the intricacy of Indian craftsmanship. Rich fabrics such as silks, velvet and brocade were paired with delicate embroidery, beadwork and sequins, making the outfits feel both luxurious and timeless. The Haldi outfits in shades of yellow were a burst of joy, while the Wedding and Reception ensembles in regal reds and golds exuded grandeur and sophistication.

The choreography of the show also played a crucial role in enhancing the storytelling of the





evening. Each segment flowed effortlessly into the next, with the models movements reflecting the celebratory mood of the wedding journey. The beauty of the outfits was complemented by the elegant styling, with hair and makeup that ranged from soft, natural looks for Mehendi to bold and glamorous statements for the Reception. Adding to the grandeur were the accessories statement jewellery, intricately designed clutches and shoes that perfectly matched the bridal looks. These final touches elevated the overall aesthetic, making each ensemble feel complete. The show wasn't just about clothes; it was about showcasing the essence of Indian wedding traditions with a modern twist.

Shoppers Stop's new wedding collection, available across its stores and online, is more than just a display of luxury fashion; it is a celebration of every aspect of Indian weddings. From the first haldi ceremony to the grand reception, the collection offers something for every moment, ensuring that customers can find the perfect ensemble for every wedding occasion.

With over 500 premium brands to choose from, it has positioned itself as the ultimate destination shopping, wedding for high-quality combining craftsmanship with contemporary flair. The fashion show was an impressive showcase of the brand's dedication to providing stylish, accessible and diverse options for wedding wear.



technology, and AI-driven displays, the museum will bring history to life. Visitors

will get to experience 3D

installations, progressive displays, and guided tours

powered by the S.A.M.V.I.D. Project, a collaboration between JGU and IIT

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providing in-depth insights into every exhibit, including

profiles of Constituent

Assembly members and their

The museum will integrate

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ensuring an engaging and

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Visitors can explore sections

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ndia's political history is a tapestry of landmark events, judicial milestones, and moments that merit broader recognition. Yet, a significant portion of the including population, children, remains unaware of the profound influence the Constitution has on their lives. To bridge this gap, O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) has established India's First Constitution Museum, inaugurated on Saturday, at its Sonipat campus.

The museum aims to deepen the understanding of the Constitution through diverse sections that highlight its historical significance and the pivotal debates shaping its formation. Designed to be a hub for education and reflection, the museum innovative employs approaches to engage visitors, offering a vivid narrative of the Constitution's 75-year journey interactive Through

PHOTOS: PANKAJ KUMAR | installations, cutting-edge

Drawing inspiration from illustrated manuscripts and original excerpts, these artworks also celebrate India's geographical diversity while reflecting the unifying ethos

of the Constitution. A highlight of the museum is the art display featuring pieces from the original handcrafted document and artworks inspired by it. The museum will also house an archive of expert interviews exploring various aspects of the Constitution, making it an invaluable resource for scholars and enthusiasts alike. As the first initiative of its kind at an educational institution, the *Constitution* Museum underscores JGU's commitment to integrating education, culture, and technology. Open to the public with free entry via appbased pre-registration, it promises to be transformative space for constitutional growing awareness and pride in India's

democratic heritage.

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"A recipe has no soul. You, as the cook, must bring soul to the recipe" Thomas Keller





**Pawan Soni** Food critic and founder of the Big F Awards





xciting culinary happenings continue to enrich NCR's food scene, with innovative pop-ups and eateries introducing diverse menus. The latest buzz? The celebrated London-based chain Burger & Lobster has brought its famous flavours to Delhi with an exclusive pop-up at Grappa, Shangri-La Eros Hotel.

As a seafood enthusiast, I couldn't resist the allure of this pop-up, and I'm thrilled to say it didn't disappoint. These aren't the usual *lobsters* found locally, which primarily offer meat in the tail. Instead, these are exquisite Atlantic lobsters flown in from Canada, boasting sweet, chunky meat in both the claws and the tail. For the uninitiated, their texture and flavour might even be mistaken for crab-but one bite will make their unique charm unmistakable.

Served steamed or grilled, these *lobsters* are paired with a delightful *lemon butter garlic sauce* that compliments their natural sweetness without overpowering it. Every bite was pure indulgence. Priced at ₹5,800, they're a luxurious yet fairly priced treat, especially given the five-star ambiance. The European-style patio

LOBSTERS CENTRE STAGE AT GRAPPA



(Left to right): Abhishek Sadhoo, General Manager, Shangri-La Eros New Delhi; Chef Brian Chang, Corporate Development Chef, Burger and Lobster and Chef Gagandeep Singh Sawhney, Executive Chef, Shangri-La Eros New Delhi

seating overlooking lush greenery further elevates the experience. For those who crave a pasta twist, the Lobster Mac & Cheese is a musttry. Even as someone who typically steers clear of pasta, I found it irresistible. Rich with *lobster meat* and coated in a decadent threecheese sauce blended with *lobster* bisque, the dish is creamy and perfectly balanced. At ₹1,800, it's a satisfying portion worth every rupee.

The menu also offers a variety of burgers. I shared the Waffle Chicken Burger with a friend, and it was a delightful surprise. A crispy fried chicken thigh nestled in a Belgian waffle and drizzled with ranch sauce, simple yet satisfying. If you're intrigued, don't wait too long. Book your slot before this pop up ends, or you might find yourself chasing these lobsters all the way to London!







## FOOD, IN THE END, IN OUR OWN TRADITION, IS SOMETHING HOLY. IT'S NOT ABOUT NUTRIENTS AND CALORIES. IT'S ABOUT SHARING. IT'S ABOUT HONESTY. IT'S ABOUT IDENTITY - LOUISE FRESCO





Step into Melt House for a warm ambiance with culinary delights, from cheesy grilled sandwiches to delightful desserts, writes ABHI SINGHAL

ucked on a road full of café's and eateries, between the streets of Greater Kailash II, the Melt House café invites you to step inside and have the essence of a cozy vibes like you feel on the The warm yellow colour mixed with brown, with bulbs hanging above the wooden tables, while the aroma of fresh ground coffee and wine mingles with the soft humming of acoustic music. *Melt House* is the kind of place where time seems to slow, promising a cozy experience with posters of coffee and scenic beauty giving you a beautiful time. From the dishes to the bar menu to *malted milkshakes the Melt House* caters everyone for

a quality time and quality treat.

Beginning with the grilled cheese speciality of the café, the Piri Piri Cottage Cheese Grilled Cheese sandwich is zesty containing pulled cottage cheese with onions, peppers, cheddar, mozzarella and American cheese. The Piri Piri Cottage Cheese Grilled Cheese sandwich gave a texture of firm and crunchy on the outside but the cheese enhanced the taste of the same. After the mouth-watering sandwich, you can embrace yourself and order the flavourful Smoky Cajun Penne Alfredo under the Big Plates menu. Indulged with a luscious blend of butter, heavy cream, and freshly grated

Parmesan for that perfect creamy Alfredo sauce, the pasta with garlic bread will activate your taste buds.

If you are a pizza lover and a vegetarian, trying Burrata Margherita will be a delicious one. Bursting with vibrant, tangy flavour, balancing richness with just the right amount of acidity, Burrata Margherita is filled with Burrata cheese, red and yellow cherry tomato and fresh basil which will not be very visually

appealing but is tasty and soft. Jumping into the small plates menu, *Pink Garlic Aioli Parmesan Truffle Fries* with *russet potatoes* cut into matchsticks with freshly

grated Parmesan cheese, black truffle oil and mayonnaise for the aioli are moreish. Reflecting on the history and the aura of the café Chef *Rohit Negi* said, "The Melt House basically started from Gurugram itself as an artisanal sandwich shop and then we have opened to big places having the speciality of cheese. There is the melted cheese concept we infuse in our dishes. Now, after we have all the totally cheesy flavours in our food, and we have differentiated it from any other restaurant you get on to. We have some Italian cuisine in it, and we have mixed it with cheese for the cheese lovers?

The café also has different offerings in Vodka, Tequila, Red Wines, White Wines, Gin and more. For the milkshake enthusiasts and the



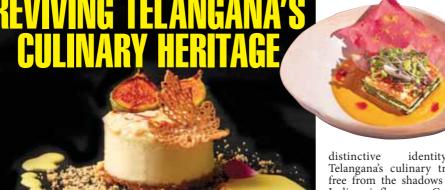
hot chocolate connoisseurs, the Classic Hot Chocolate at the Melt House is a must try beverage. The Cold coffee at the Melt House is a refreshing blend of smooth, chilled coffee, served with ice for an invigorating lift. Its rich, bold flavour comes alive with each sip, perfectly balanced between the sweetness and

the robust, aromatic essence of freshly brewed coffee for the caffeine kick.

This signals a shift towards indulgence, setting the stage for dessert as the grand finale. So, Nutella lovers assemble as the Chocochip Walnut Nutela is a treat that combines the richness of Nutella with the satisfying crunch of toasted walnuts and the delight of chocolate chips. Each bite bursts with soft and nutty layers of flavour, balanced and nutty layers of flavour, balance perfectly by the sugar content. The ones looking for mouth watery chocolate and high sugar *Melt's Matilda Cake* is a decadent masterpiece that promises to satisfy even the most discerning sweet tooth. With its spongy layers of chocolate sponge, every bite melts effortlessly in your mouth, leaving behind a trail of luxurious sweetness. trail of luxurious sweetness. In conclusion, the Melt House Café offers more than just a meal; it provides an experience. Whether you're seeking a cozy corner to unwind with a cup of freshly brewed coffee, wanting the cheesy delights, or treating yourself to decadent desserts, Melt House promises to deliver warmth and comfort with every visit.

## errai attributes its inception to the terrain and rich historical culture and culinary legacy of the State of Telangana. Situated in the southern-central part of the Indian peninsula on the high Deccan Plateau, cuisine of *Telangana* is influenced by the region's rich history of Deccan and Telugu culture. Nizam culture is a blend of opulent traditions, art, and cuisine that reflects the historical grandeur and diverse heritage of

Telangana.



identity for Telangana's culinary traditions, free from the shadows of other Indian influences. Guests are embark on a gloriou culinary adventure, reconnecting with the land through an exquisite array of flavours.

## THE ART AND SPIRIT CAKE N

## TEAM **AGENDA**

AT CROWN PLAZA, MAYUR VIHAR The Crowne Plaza Mayur Vihar recently hosted its annual Cake Mixing Ceremony, embracing the charming theme of an English Country Christmas. delightful event transform This d the



Founded restaurateur, Rohit Kasuganti and the creative powerhouse, Anisha Deevakonda, Terrai derives its name from terrain defining the topography of the young-historical State. Reinventing traditional cuisine, propagating the culture and community is the ethos of this new restaurant, Terrai.

## **THE VISION**

he objective of *Terrai* is simple - it aims to propagate the deeply rooted culinary culture of the State, becoming synonymous with it. Terrai is a glorious homage to the rich heritage, culture and culinary prowess of Telangana. At Terrai, every dish serves as a resplendent tribute to the land, celebrating local women farmers and tribal chefs who utilise timehonoured techniques and ingredients.

Rohit Kasuganti, Founder and CEO, TSK Food Works, says, "Telangana food has been overshadowed by the popularity of its neighbouring cousin. Taking immense pride in our roots, our thought and vision behind Terrai is to simply showcase the tradition and history behind the food from our State, designed for the modern diner. We want Terrai to lead a revolution, of sorts and to propagate Telangana cuisine to the World and enlighten our colleagues and guests to the rich legacy that it represents."



#### **ELEGANT WITH LOCAL** CRAFTS

rawling in 12000 sq. ft., Shere is the dining destination, offering a luxurious experience with seating for 250 guests across four distinct dining halls, each designed to provide a unique ambiance. As



From terrain to table, Terrai presents the evolution of Telangana Cuisine, says SHARMILA CHAND



you step in Terrai, you are enveloped in an ambiance that exudes sophistication and warmth. Influenced by and representing the rich crafts of the State, the terracotta walls, adorned with intricate Ikkat mouldings and exquisite Dokra art, radiate an earthy elegance, the while captivating Bathukamma-inspired ceiling lights create a mesmerising glow throughout the space. Crafted by the renowned Sona Reddy Studio, every detail - from the repurposed traditional doors to the stunning original artworks by Narahari invites guests on an enchanting journey through Telangana's rich cultural tapestry. 'Terrai is a creative canvas where we weave the rich cultural and artistic elements of Telangana into every detail. From collaborating with local artisans on the stunning Dokra art to sourcing textiles for our lkat-inspired decor, every partnership reflects the soul of Telangana, bringing its stories to life. Our mission is to ensure that every guest experiences the essence of our heritage through innovative and traditional cuisine", adds Anisha Deevakonda, Creative

Head and Partner, Terrai.

#### A MELANGE OF FLAVOURS & TEXTURES

Picture indulging in the Karim Nagar Fried Chicken Wings. a figure of Wings, a fiery sensation complemented by tangy pickled onions, or experiencing the opulence of Terai Mutton Curry paired with spiced Masala Pooris. The Golichina Mamsum, crowned with crispy fried curry leaves, is a flavour explosion, while the refreshing Not So Mirchi Cocktail adds a zesty flourish. Round off your culinary adventure on a sweet note with the delectable Saffron Cheesecake, Kandha Doodh, adorned with delicate saffron pearls, each a testament to the glory of Telangana's rich culinary heritage.

Terrai is more than just a celebration of exquisite flavours; it is a cultural sanctuary where the stories of Telangana come alive. Each dish encapsulates the region's unique traditions and customs, inviting diners to embark on a journey that honours the past while embracing contemporary flair. Here, every bite is a narrative, woven from the intricate tapestry of spices and age-old recipes through passed down generations, all set against a backdrop that resonates with the soul of the Deccan.

In a world brimming with dining options, Terrai emerges as a splendid celebration of Telangana's heritage, inviting food enthusiasts to partake in an unforgettable journey that captures the very essence of the region. It's not merely a meal; it's a resplendent experience that delights the senses and nourishes the soul.

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ADDRESS: Terrai, Sattva Knowledge Park, Silpa Gram Craft Village, HiTECH CITY, Hyderabad

hotel into a festive wonderland, inviting guests to partake in a time-honoured tradition that has brought people together for centuries.

The roots of cake mixing trace back to 17th-century Britain, where this delightful ceremony marked the end of the harvest season. Farmers would gather to soak fruits and nuts in spirits, preserving them for the rich Christmas cakes that would grace tables during the cold winter months. This joyful gathering symbolised abundance, gratitude and the spirit of community, a celebration of nature's bounty and the warmth of togetherness.

At the Crowne Plaza, the atmosphere was filled with excitement and laughter as guests rolled up their sleeves and joined in the festive fun. The delightful aromas of dried fruits, fragrant spices and rich spirits filled the air, creating an inviting and warm environment. This year's theme of an 'English Countryside Christmas' was beautifully reflected in the décor, featuring the traditional red, white and green colours that evoke feelings of warmth and festivity. The venue was adorned with charming elements reminiscent of the British countryside, where cosy cottages and snow-covered landscapes create a magical setting for the holiday season. This theme perfectly encapsulated the simplicity of nature, celebrating the spirit of family and community gatherings that are central to the festive season.

As guests stirred the mixture, they shared stories and laughter, reinforcing the bonds of friendship and family. This camaraderie mirrored the gatherings of the past, where communities would unite to prepare for the joyous celebrations ahead. Once the mixing was complete, the cakes created during the ceremony would be set aside to mature in their rich blend of flavours, ready to be enjoyed during the Christmas festivities. The sharing of these cakes with the wider community reflects the



essence of the occasion, joy is amplified when shared with others.

The Cake Mixing Ceremony at Crowne Plaza embodies the essence of tradition, community and connection. In our fast-paced world, such events encourage us to pause, reflect and appreciate the simple pleasures that life offers. As attendees departed, they left not only with a sense of festivity but also with cherished memories of laughter and connection.

## AT LE MERIDIEN, NEW DELHI

Tn recent years, cake mixing has become a much-anticipated Litual in the culinary calendar, where the joy of the holiday season is brought to life through the vibrant mixing of ingredients that will eventually turn into Christmas cakes. Traditionally marking the beginning of Christmas preparations, cakemixing ceremonies have their roots in the mediaeval custom of feeding the Christmas cake with spirits and fruits, infusing it with rich flavours that are synonymous with the festive season. In hotels, restaurants and homes around the world, cake mixing symbolises warmth, joy, and a shared experience of holiday spirit.

The cake mixing ceremony serves as a festive kick-off, celebrating togetherness and the joy of giving. This tradition often includes the blending of dried fruits, such as raisins, cherries, apricots, and nuts, along with a blend of warming spices and a generous pour of spirits. The ingredients are then left to mature, allowing the fruits to soak in flavours, adding depth and complexity to the Christmas cakes and other holiday treats that will be shared with family and friends.

Each year, Le Meridien New Delhi joins in this timeless tradition, creating a unique and memorable experience for guests and locals alike. This year, the hotel launched its '#WinterOfJoy' celebration with a magical cake mixing ceremony at their elegant venue, Longitude.

The event drew food enthusiasts, media, and hotel guests together, where they witnessed the rhythmic blending of exotic fruits, spices, and luxurious ingredients, building anticipation for the holiday treats that await. Meena Bhatia, Vice President and General Manager of Le Meridien New Delhi, remarked on the occasion, "We are thrilled to embark on our '#WinterOfJoy' celebration with this heartwarming timeless tradition. We invite everyone to join us in experiencing a symphony of flavours, sights, and sounds as we embark on a festive journey."

The cake-mixing ceremony at Le Meridien New Delhi symbolises more than just the beginning of Christmas preparations; it represents a celebration of life, tradition and community.



### THE COMMUNITY NARRATIVE

Community is integral to the Terrai experience. The founders prioritise partnerships with local women farmers, artisans, and home cooks, ensuring that every ingredient is fresh, ethically sourced and imbued with the spirit of Telangana. This commitment to collaboration extends beyond the kitchen, celebrating the invaluable contributions these communities make to the state's culinary legacy, transforming each meal into a traditional story of connection.

Terrai aspires to elevate Telangana's cuisine to its rightful place on the global gastronomic stage, offering a dining experience that transcends mere nourishment. It embodies a modern renaissance, a movement dedicated to establishing a



## ITS THE NOT THE DESTINATION, IT'S THE JOURNEY. **RALPH WALDO EMERSON**





nvision a captivating tale of luxury and sophistication in the heart of *Hong Kong*: This exquisite *five-star harbour* front gem has been a beacon of elegance since its inception over a decade ago, hosting a prestigious clientele of celebrities, dignitaries, and CEOs. Its allure knows no bounds, boasting flawless service, state-of-the-art amenities, and a culinary experience that is simply unparalleled.

## HARBOUR VIEWS, URBAN VIBES

Nested against the stunning backdrop of Victoria Harbour, with the vibrant pulse of Hong Kong Island at its core, Four Seasons Hong Kong effortlessly combines opulence with convenience. Step outside to breath taking view of the barbour to breath-taking views of the harbour, while being seamlessly connected to the glamour of the IFC mall via airconditioned walkways. Stroll along these pathways to access the *Central Ferry* and Star Ferry piers, the bustling Central business district, the Macau ferry terminal, as well as the Airport Express and Central MTR subway station. A and Central MTR subway station. A flawless fusion of luxury and accessibility awaits at this unforgettable destination. As I approach the hotel's majestic entrance, I am immediately enveloped by the brilliance of its gleaming surfaces and soaring three-story windows, illuminated by the warm embrace of the sunlight. It feels as though I am stepping directly into the vibrant heart of the harbour itself. I find the hustle and bustle of people-watching utterly delightful of people-watching utterly delightfulthere are elegantly attired billionaires in Ferragamos gliding gracefully across the polished marble, while men in dark suits engage in hushed, intense negotiations, is rich with accents from around the transition from day to night. The globe, creating a symphony of cultures bathroom is a lavish escape, adorned in converging in this one place. Settling into rich honey marble that tempted me to



the Glass Room lobby lounge with a steaming cup of coffee in hand, I immerse myself in the spectacle of Hong Kong at its glamorous, cosmopolitan best

## **INDULGE IN LUXURY**

Stepping into my superior *harbour front* suite feels like entering a serene *front* suite feels like entering a serene sanctuary bathed in natural light. The elegance of the space is unmistakable, with its clean, contemporary lines and a harmonious palette of neutral tones. I am instantly drawn to the inviting textures—the pale gold lozenge-patterned headboard, the sleek glossy lacquer cabinetry, and the softly striped carpeting that added warmth beneath my feet. The sumptuous bed beckons, flanked by high-tech panels equipped with sockets, USB ports, and equipped with sockets, USB ports, and intuitive touch-button controls for and curtains, making lighting

Experience an unparalleled luxury at the prestigious harbour front 'Four Seasons' hotel in Hong Kong, where elegance meets world-class amenities and panoramic views of Victoria Harbour,



indulge in long, relaxing soaks. As a guest with access to a suite, I also enjoy the privilege of the Four Seasons remarkable 45th-floor Executive Club Lounge. It is an absolute delight, offering complimentary breakfast and afternoon tea, along with all-day refreshments, including beer, wine, soft drinks, and hot beverages. As evening approaches, the lounge transforms into a vibrant social space, serving champagne, cocktails, and a delightful array of both hot and cold buffet options—truly one of the city's best-kept secrets.

SIP, SAVOUR, CELEBRATE The Four Seasons is an extraordinary culinary haven, boasting an impressive eight Michelin stars spread across three of its exceptional restaurants. I am fortunate enough to indulge in Lung King Heen, the first ninese restaurant, delivering exceptional Cantonese cuisine through teamwork, quality ingredients, and outstanding hospitality, presenting

each dish as a masterpiece. *Caprice*, under Chef *Guillaume Galliot*, masterfully blends classic French cuisine with global influences, showcasing fresh ingredients, inventive techniques, and an exceptional wine and cheese selection for a remarkable dining experience. The French fine dining restaurant mesmerises me with a stunning visual and culinary symphony, also graced with three stars. Then there is the renowned Sushi Saito, where the expertise of Japanese seafood truly shines, earning its well-deserved two stars. Each morning, I savour a sumptuous international breakfast served in The Lounge on the ground floor. The offerings are nothing short of delightful: a vibrant selection of tropical fruits, delicate dim sum, eggs cooked to order, and an endless array of breads and pastries that set a luxurious breads and pastries that set a luxurious tone for the day ahead. In the evenings, I discovered cocktail bar Argo, one of the world's best bars, presenting a new cocktail menu featuring 12 creations that celebrate familiar Hong Kong fruits and botanicals, showcasing their versatility. Its deco-inspired interior of glass and mirrors creates an enchanting mirrors creates an enchanting atmosphere as I relish some sensational mixology. The Silver Fox, a remarkable concoction featuring Havana Club rum, fig leaf, oak lactone cordial, preserved





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and tonka, feels like drinking piece of bliss. Each moment at The Four Seasons Hong Kong is a celebration of the finest flavours and experiences.

50 Best Restaurants, in 2016 and 2018 and currently in the Best of The Best Category

# **Discovering the World's True Essence**

In a landmark celebration, Mercure Hotels recently unveiled its 1,000th address worldwide at Mercure Dubai Deira last month. This flagship location introduced the innovative '1,000-Hours of Local Flavours,' a 42-day culinary experience designed to showcase the rich tapestry of local food and beverages. This initiative underscores Mercure's commitment to unveiling the authentic tastes of each destination.

## By RUPALI DEAN

nince its inception in 1973, Sof wanderlust, inviting globetrotters to embrace their inner local in every corner of the world. With a footprint spanning 65 countries and boasting 1,000 distinctive addresses, Mercure is dedicated to enveloping guests in a tapestry of local charm while upholding the highest hospitality standards.

EMBRACING COMMUNITY THROUGH CUISINE: I was absolutely delighted to join the celebration at Mercure Dubai Deira for the grand occasion of their 1,000th hotel opening worldwide. With 1,000 locations under its belt, Mercure's mid-scale brand truly excels in forging authentic connections to local cultures around the globe. The evening's theme, 'Discover Local Elements,' set the stage for an exquisite culinary experience brimming with dishes crafted from locally sourced ingredients. The standout moment for me was savouring the cinnamon-infused UAE rack of lamb, clay-cooked to perfection, addivering unmatched tenderness and flavour. For dessert, we indulged in a delicious *pistachio honey cake* — a refreshing take on the beloved pistachio chocolate trend. To heighten the excitement, we got a sneak peek at the '1,000 Local Flavours' menu, launched on 1st November and delighting taste buds for 42 days. A highlight was



the desert salad, featuring the iconic ghaf leaves of the UAE, a beautiful homage to local culture and heritage. This gathering not only celebrated *Mercure's* unwavering commitment to showcasing local flavours but also strengthened community connections in a vibrant and fulfilling way. Paul Stevens, the chief operating wizard at Accor for the premium, midscale, and economy realms across the Middle East, Africa, and Türkiye, exclaimed, "Hitting the 1,000-address mark isn't just a number; it's a vibrant badge of Mercure's unwavering commitment to authentic, locally-inspired hospitality around the globe! The 1,000-Hours of Local Flavours" is a delightful dive into cultural richness and community bonds, whisking guests away on a culinary



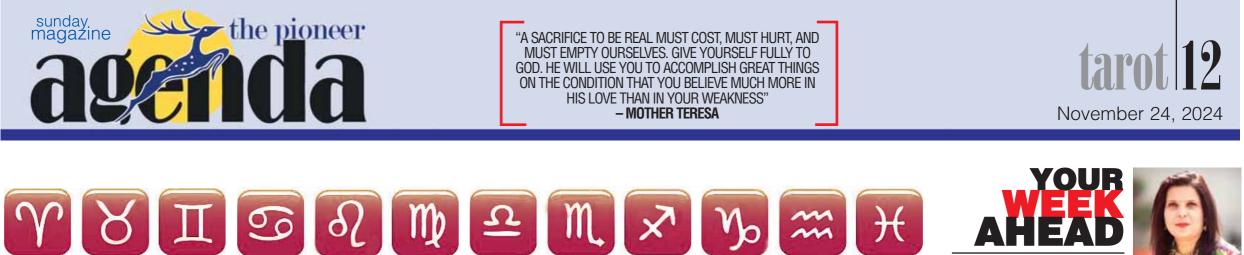
adventure that truly captures the heart and soul of each destination. And the excitement doesn't stop there — Mercure is rolling out the welcome mat for over 200 new hotels by 2028!"

SUSTAINABLE LUXURY REDEFINED: Julia Schamne, cluster general manager, has truly transformed Manager Districts transformed Mercure Dubai Deira into a beacon of sustainability since its January opening. With an unwavering commitment to ecofriendly practices, the hotel has embraced compostable materials, bid farewell to plastics, and ensures guests enjoy unlimited, filtered water right in their rooms. The garden-to-table concept in the main restaurant beautifully showcases partnerships with local suppliers, including Hatta's Honeybee Farm, emphasising our dedication to sustainability. Nearly half of the menu is dedicated to delightful plant-based options, underlining our focus on health and environmental care. Moreover, Mercure's diverse team, representing 31 nationalities, embodies the 'heartist' spirit, highlighted by strong female leadership in critical roles such as HR and rooms management. The changes instigated under Julia's guidance reflect a holistic approach hospitality, integrating sustainability and inclusivity at every level.

COMMUNITY-DRIVEN FUTURE AHEAD: Having learned about the hotel's future

plans, I am truly excited about what lies ahead! The focus remains firmly on members, ensuring their needs are never overlooked. "The fantastic feedback we've received from our loyal Accor members speaks volumes about our robust loyalty programme. In fact, we rank among the top contributors in terms of member stays and direct bookings, thanks to Mercure's wellrecognised and widespread brand. As one of the largest and fastestgrowing mid-scale brands, we thrive on strong storytelling and high standards. Looking forward, we're committed to enhancing our personalised approach for members, providing them with dedicated attention and individual spaces," shares Julia Schamne. Accor is also eager to increase their community contributions, which is essential for them as a group. Additionally, they are exploring ways to deepen their involvement in charity work, allowing them to give back in significant ways. Their vision is to become the go-to spot for the community, whether it's for a cosy cup of coffee or laundry services. They want to be a place where neighbours can comfortably connect to Wi-Fi or hold quick meetings. Ultimately, the goal is to be the neighbourhood hub where everyone feels at home, capturing the essence of 'Discover Local' for the community. — Awarded the "Best food writer in

the country" by the Indian culinary forum, WACS and the Ministry of Tourism, Rupali Dean writes on food and travel



## SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week signals a time of fair outcomes in your pursuits, despite not being straightforward. You may encounter several challenges, including disputes and significant opposition, which could leave you feeling mentally and physically constrained, disheartened, and agitated. It's essential to focus on nurturing healthier habits and making thoughtful choices that prioritize your well-being. Taking ownership of your decisions and interpersonal connections is crucial. Assessing the advantages and disadvantages of your situation will guide you. Despite the hurdles, you will navigate through these testing times successfully and gain the strength to handle upcoming challenges. As the week concludes, the opportunity for new beginnings or travel may arise, leading to resolutions in personal and professional relationships or issues related to personal assets, steering you towards a more positive path.

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Turquoise Lucky day Friday

## **CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19

This period calls for a rejuvenating break, allowing for recovery and reflection. Some may need to heal from recent health setbacks. You might soon discover solutions and insights that were previously obscured, so stay observant of your environment. Navigating through such challenges often requires patience as they can initially lead to confusion or a standstill. Yet, the latter part of the week promises a shift towards positivity. You'll feel energized to embark on a new venture that demands quick action and daring decisions. This is your moment to pursue achievements with your inherent capabilities. There might even be signs of new beginnings in your personal life, perhaps hinting at major family developments. Embrace this surge of vitality and creativity, using it to maximize your advantages and seize the emerging opportunities.

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour Blush Pink Lucky day Tuesday

## AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week is characterized by fluctuating emotions and heightened tensions between rationality and passion. You might experience a temporary dip in financial stability at the week's onset, suggesting a period where income flows may be disrupted. Patience is essential during this transient phase. Engaging in meditation, yoga, or creative pursuits could prove beneficial in restoring your inner balance and navigating through these challenges effectively. It's crucial to avoid confrontations with superiors or colleagues, as an overly assertive demeanor could ieopardize the progress and goodwill you've previously established. The period calls for caution, urging you to maintain a grounded perspective. Distance yourself from misconceptions and consider adjusting your viewpoint to better adapt to the current circumstances

Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Friday

## PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This period marks the conclusion of a challenging phase, and you'll find yourself feeling relieved and unburdened. Family matters will capture more of your attention, and the overall environment may not be optimal. You might have



## ARIES March 21-April 19

This week, you'll find yourself in a joyful state of mind, feeling content and complete. There's a chance for unexpected success, such as coming out ahead in a competition or achieving a significant milestone. Your efforts and dedication are about to bear fruit, bringing both material gains and spiritual fulfillment. Previous limitations will fade away, ushering in a sense of liberation and tranquility. Travel might be on the horizon, particularly journeys abroad. Mid-week provides a perfect moment for relaxation. You might step back from certain activities during this time of reflection. In the coming weeks or months, opportunities to resolve disputes or engage in crucial negotiations will arise. By week's end, there might be a slight sense of disappointment regarding anticipated gains, yet the overall progress remains substantial

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Mustard Lucky day Thursday

This week is shaped by a profound emotional awareness and a tendency to express your feelings openly, enhancing

intimacy and mutual understanding. This period also brings a

potential for gaining knowledge or authority, possibly through

personal connections. For those already in partnerships.

there's an opportunity to deepen bonds through greater

established educational or mentoring avenues. Seeking

guidance could be beneficial as you contemplate significant

reminding you that you have considerable control over your

destiny. Your effective communication skills likely contribute

to a positive impression on others, adding to your sense of

productivity. For those in leadership roles, recognition and

success are within reach, marking a notable period for career

Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Yellow

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20

This week, your emotional landscape may feel

significant stressors, leading you to contemplate

invested energy or resources. To navigate through this

will guide you toward a more balanced path.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour White

period of uncertainty, strive to clear the fog of confusion.

Gaining a clearer understanding of your goals will enhance

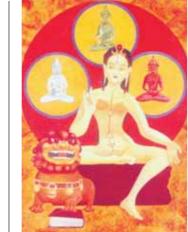
your effectiveness. A fresh approach and unbiased thinking

achievements

Lucky day Monday

life decisions. The impact of your choices is emphasized,

TAURUS April 20-May 20



LEO July 23-Aug 22 Last week was bustling with activity for you, balancing home

duties and professional demands efficiently. Your determination to handle every task methodically ensured high-quality outcomes and a positive environment. Having navigated through these challenges, it's now time for you to unwind and reap the rewards of your efforts. Congratulations on a successful period! The dedication you showed is about to pay off beautifully. You'll find yourself in a prosperous phase, enjoying both material gains and harmonious relationships. Your ability to foster cooperation and understanding among those around you bolsters your business and personal connections, boosting your reputation as an influential figure. Expect mid-week opportunities for expansion and work-related travel, returning with accomplishments that will fill your loved ones with pride.

Lucky number 20 | Lucky colour Sapphire Blue Lucky day Wednesday

## VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

In your current circumstances, you face an immediate need to make a critical decision. This period promises recognition and success for professionals like doctors and judges in their fields. To navigate through challenges effectively, adopting a disciplined approach is crucial. Health concerns might arise, potentially leading to moments of frustration. It's important to focus on the positives during such times. Midweek brings a subtle yet positive shift, marking a renewal of energy and a return to equilibrium. You will likely experience a surge of optimism and revitalization. A calm and joyful atmosphere prevails, paving the way for personal benefits. Collaborations may prove fruitful, enhancing your achievements. Expect to receive what is justly or rightfully yours, including tangible

## LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

At times, you may feel as if harmony, beauty, and the finer things in life are just out of reach, causing you to experience excessive worry or fear. You might be dealing with sleep disturbances, unsettling dreams, and emotional turmoil. However, it's important to remember that hope is never truly lost. Soon, you'll find fresh opportunities and beginnings that could reignite your spirit and bring light to your situation. Midweek brings promising developments that could include affectionate messages, romantic gestures, or new ventures. Any current relationships you have will also start to strengthen, enhancing your emotional and physical resilience. Remember, maintaining patience is crucial; everything will settle into place in due time

Lucky number 18 | Lucky colour lvory Lucky day Thursday

## SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

You are on the brink of a transformative period, signaling both a physical move and a rise in your current circumstances. You possess a dynamic energy, eager for progress and quick results. This phase also hints at the

# rewards.

Lucky number 22 | Lucky colour Amber Lucky day Saturdav





## CANCER June 21-July 22

Lucky day Friday

This week, individuals born under the sign traditionally associated with the crab will notice a significant shift in their emotional disposition, transitioning from reflective and serious to warm and caring. Those in leadership roles may find their capacity for empathy challenged as they encourage others to become more self-sufficient. Loyalty defines their relationships, and they respond sharply to any perceived threats. By midweek, their creative and dreamy side takes precedence, allowing them to revel in a personal transformation. Balancing the tangible and intangible aspects of life, they will find themselves feeling fulfilled and joyful, experiencing a satisfying blend of material success and spiritual peace This newfound equilibrium enhances their relationships and personal growth.



Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Coral Lucky day Sunday

potential for a new, invigorating romantic or creative chapter in your life. The middle of the week promises joy, celebrations, and success, enhancing your social connections and bringing cherished memories to the forefront. Encounters with old friends and family are likely, adding a warm, nostalgic touch. The atmosphere around you will be uplifting, infusing you with vitality. Expect narmonious family dynamics and significant gatherings, possibly marking new beginnings at home. This period offers a wonderful opportunity for meaningful engagement with those close to you.

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Maroon Lucky day Tuesday



been grappling with a tough choice or holding on to something that wasn't beneficial for you, and now it's time to release it. This is a significant moment where the choices you make will shape your future. If you're feeling tested, it could be due to unresolved issues or negative feelings towards someone. The week ahead offers a chance to address and settle these conflicts once and for all Embrace the power of affection and understanding—it has the strength to overcome even the most profound challenges. Trust your instincts, embrace your creative side, and approach situations with enthusiasm

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Copper Lucky day Monday

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A combination of different measures is needed to relieve work-related tension so that it does not affect life at home

s times are getting tougher in the corporate world, many feel the pinch. Stress impacts the way we think, feel and behave, thus, affecting all aspects of our life. The consequences of letting stress rule are nothing short of disastrous and tragic. First of all, do you know what stress is? Stress is too much to do and too little time or energy. So either you reduce your workload which doesn't seem to be a possibility these days. Or you increase your time which is not possible either. So let us look at some ways to not only increase our energy levels but also to change our mind and outlook, just a little bit. This will enable a less stressful and more productive work life. Here is an easy and simple 10-point solution.

Strike a work-life balance: It's like riding a bicycle. What is the secret to riding a bicycle? Balance! It's about staying at the centre: not letting it fall to the right or left. When it's falling on one side, you bring it to balance. When you go out of balance, you feel the pinch. Listen to that. Don't just ignore it, acknowledge it and come to the centre. Whenever you go out of balance in any aspect of life, listen to your inner voice, and come to the centre. If you have ignored your family, it pinches you. If you have ignored your social commitment, it pinches you. If you are ignoring your business, it pinches you. If you are ignoring your spiritual practices,

Manage stress

it pinches you. So wherever anything pinches you, come back to the centre. The right amount of food and sleep: Not too much and not too little. A balanced diet with enough carbohydrates and proteins along with six-eight hours of sleep is advisable.

Meditation: Learn some deep breathing exercises to increase your energy level, relax your mind and relieve all types of stress. Meditation also enhances your abilities, strengthens your nervous system and mind and releases toxins from the body. Usually, I recommend afternoon meditation and meals in the workplace. When people sit together and meditate for a few minutes and then share a meal together, they find it so refreshing and are able to carry on through the day with the same energy which they came to the office.

**Don't let time manage you:** First of all, you must see to it that you have the feeling that you have time. When you put this thought in your mind that you don't have time, then that itself becomes a block. Everybody has only 24 hours, whether it is the Prime Minister or a clerk working in the bank. You have to hold on to this aphorism 'I can do it' because the pressure of time is more when you do not feel confident of accomplishing your work. Even when it appears to be impossible, even then you should have confidence; probably give miracles a chance. This very confidence



in yourself that 'I will be able to manage' will take you through.

**Take interest in some art form:** In the corporate world, you are loaded with left-brain activities like logical thinking, planning, analysis and so on. So you need to balance the left-brain activity with the right-brain activity. Painting, music, poetry or any other kind of creative and recreational activities activate the right brain. When the two hemispheres of the brains are balanced, you can experience higher clarity, creativity, relaxation, efficiency and productivity.

Establish a congenial work atmosphere: Peace and prosperity are interlinked. Prosperity cannot flourish in a disturbed atmosphere. While working with others, you need to function as a team. Have a sense of respect for your

team members, and do not indulge in blame games. Create an atmosphere of trust, cooperation, a sense of belonging, and celebration. Nothing can last if the focus is only on productivity and net result.

15-second gap: Another clue, another technique you can follow. Whenever you have to do any important job, good or bad, give a fifteen seconds gap. A C.E.O. once wrote a very nasty letter to his boss He was going to sign off and send it, when suddenly he remembered to give a 15-second gap. When he went through the letter again it was so nasty, he himself could not read it. That time lag made so much of a difference! Take home this technique. From today or tomorrow, practise this technique. The mind has a very strange tendency. Anything wrong it wants to do immediately. From now on, you postpone it. If you want to shout at somebody, postpone it to next week. We have a tendency of postponing doing something good. Anything that is good we tend to postpone it to later, to our next lifetime. So, we postpone doing something good and do immediately something that is harmful. So leave a 15second gap and just pause and reflect. Be calm. Can you do it?

#### Do not worry about gaining

position: Remember that the respect which you gain through virtue and the respect you gain through position are different. The respect you get through a

position is short-lived and temporary. But the respect that you gain just because of your smile, your attitude, your virtues are with you for all time. Are you a chairman of this committee, president of that committee, a barrister or governor of a state? These are all momentary and temporary. They come and they go. And the respect you get because of this position is short-lived, it is not genuine, it is not from the heart, it is not true. But the respect you gain because you are a nice person is genuine, it lasts long. It is spontaneous.

**Extend your comfort zone:** Anything creative, dynamic and great things can happen when you stretch beyond your comfort zone. We are often struck in our little comfort zone and we cannot go beyond that. And we think we cannot just make an effort and put one step ahead, and you will see that you can expand your comfort zone and not shrink it. Creativity expands your comfort zone. Or, when you step out of the comfort zone, your creativity comes into play.

**Do acts of service:** Be useful to people around you. It's the best antidote to stress. You must contribute to society. When you do some act of service and kindness, it brings an immediate feeling of inner rejuvenation. So, believe in yourself and remember that success is an attitude, not just a phenomenon.