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'Odisha to be first choice for investors'

Says CM while undertaking Singapore visit PNS BHUBANESWAR

A high-level delegation led by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi left for Singapore on Saturday ahead of the Utkarsh Odisha: Makein-Odisha Conclave 2025 scheduled to be held in January next year.

Talking to reporters, Majhi said that Singapore is popular for chemicals, logistics, financial services, food processing, petrochemicals, green energy, shipbuilding, semicon-



ductors and some other sectors; hence, several big companies have set up their units

"When investors will think

about investing in India, Odisha will be the first choice

for doing business. We will

discuss with the business

heads and make them aware

skilled manpower and industrial policy and organise a road show," said Majhi.

Senior Odisha government officials will reportedly explore potential collaborations with top industry leaders, investors, and policymakers in Singapore. The CM further said the

Odisha team would ensure that the outreach programme yields results for setting up new industries and creating job employment in Odisha. The delegation would hold deliberations with senior officials of Singapore and also connect with industry associations and the Odia diaspora.

Minor girl found dead in forest in Bargarh

Rape, murder suspected; 1 detained

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PNS BARGARH

BARGARH: Palpable tension prevailed in the Padmapur area of Bargarh district after a body of a minor girl of about five years old was found from an isolated place in the Dunguri forest on Friday.

As the body was found naked, it was suspected that she was murdered after sexual assault. However, the exact reason behind the girl's death was yet to be ascertained.

Getting information, se-

nior police officials along with a forensic team reached the spot and started an investigation into the incident.

Local Sarpanch Dilip Behera said, "After seeing the body of the girl, we suspect that she has been murdered after rape. The incident has sent shockwaves in the re-

The incident is certainly a challenge for police to crack as it is unclear as to who took the girl to the forest and killed

A person was detained in this connection and further investigation was ongoing.

Man, son accused of fraud in name of religion



FIR lodged by social organisation PNS BHUBANESWAR

A social organisation filed an FIR against one Kashinath Mishra and his son at the Bharatpur police station in Bhubaneswar on Saturday for allegedly misleading and exploiting people in the name of religion.

Projecting his minor son as 'Kalki Bhagwan', Kashinath has been allegedly instructing people to worship him. Moreover, he has been engaging in unethical practices, manipulating individuals' religious beliefs and charging devotees different amounts based on various issues such as employment, family and health problems and pregnancy.

In its complaint, the social

organisation has stated that the father-son duo has disrespected religious symbols and tradition.

A picture of holy Tulsi (basil leaves) kept at the feet of Kashinath's son has gone viral on social media.

"I have heard the speeches where he (Kashinath) claimed that a plane had crashed in Haryana and three survived. I searched for news and found that there was no survivor in the incident. The Pravachans (sermons) are being held in Odisha and other parts of the country. Holy Tulsi is seen placed near the feet of Kashinath Mishra's son which is unfortunate," said a member of the Rajya Samajsevi Mahasangha.

Kashinath and his son were yet to issue any comment on the issue.

In Bhubaneswar

7-yr-old girl abducted, Sexually assaulted rushed her to a hose

In a deeply-shocking incident, a seven-year-old girl was allegedly sexually assaulted after being kidnapped under the Lingaraj police station area in Bhubaneswar on

The victim had gone missing since morning. Her parents launched a frantic search to trace her. Later, she was found by a woman near an under-construction house near a temple.

As the girl had injury marks in her body, police

rushed her to a hospital. After coming to know about the multiple injuries in her body, the family members lodged a police complaint in connection with the inci-

The Lingaraj police began a probe into the incident by examining the CCTV footage in the area.

The incident after coming to light triggered concern among the local residents, who demanded immediate tracing of the accused and stringent punishment meted out to him.

Gang-rape victim pregnant NHRC asks Dhenkanal DM

to provide medical care

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has directed the Dhenkanal district Collector to provide the best-available care and medical facilities to a poor unmarried girl who got pregnant following repeated sexual abuse by some miscreants in the Bhapur area of the district.

Taking cognisance of a petition filed by human rights activist Radhakanta Tripathy, the NHRC directed the Col-

lector to ensure the victim gets necessary medical care for the safe delivery of the baby along with pre- and post-delivery care to the mother and the newborn. "The commission at this

stage is concerned about the mature stage of pregnancy that the vicim is facing. It could well be understood that the only guardian: the father is old and has mental issues thereby rendering him incapable of taking care of the girl and the to-be-born infant. Hence, the onus of responsibility and

care to the survivor falls on the shoulder of the State," observed the NHRC. The complainant Tripathy

said the Collector has been asked to submit the updated status of monetary compensation paid to the survivor through the DLSA, Dhenkanal and details of all other facilities provided and to be provided to the survivor and her to-be-born child.

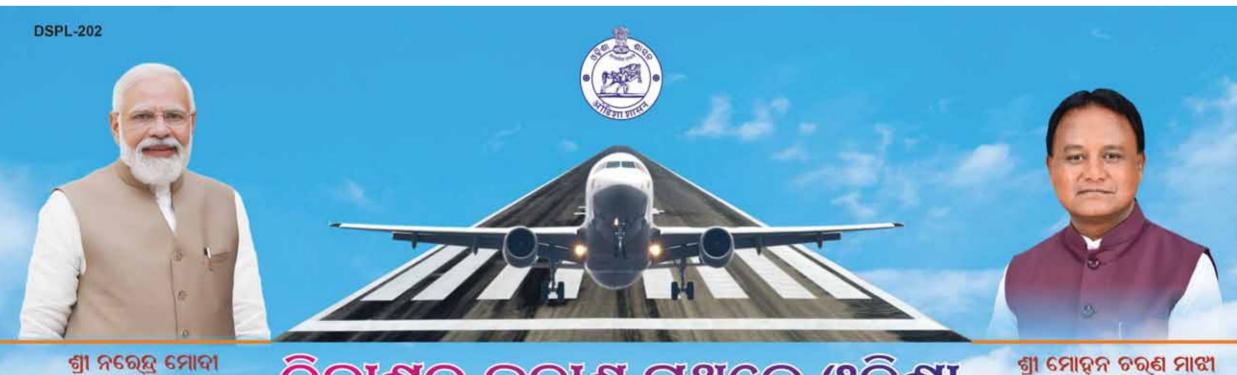
The commission has also directed the district Superintendent of Police to submit a supplementary status report

station in this connection on September 8, 2024. The district administration has been asked to submit their compliance reports in this regard within eight weeks. Notably, the district administration, while respond-

in connection with the case

lodged at the Sadar police

ing to a notice issued by the commission, had earlier informed the NHRC that the victim along with her mentally-ill father was staying in an abandoned building in her



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OMFED to set up 3 new diary plants

To introduce chocolates, packaged water PNS BHUBANESWAR

he Odisha State Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited (OMFED) is all set for a massive expansion and upgradation with rollout of its new products.

Fisheries and Animal Resources Development Minister Gokulananda Mallik on Saturday informed that a re-

view meeting was held and a detailed discussion on ensuring that there is no compromise in the quality and quantity of OMFED products took Place. Official sources said the OMFED would soon launch packaged drinking water and chocolates and OMFED parlours would be set up in panchayats.

"Our focus is on procurement of milk from farmers and upgrading OMFED with the installation of CCTVs in the plant," said Mallik

The minister also informed that the Shree Jagannath Temple Trust has written for procuring OMFED ghee. At present, there is a requirement of four tonnes of ghee at the Srimandir and the production at one of OMFED units is around eight tonnes per day. The government has decided to supply ghee to the

Srimandir at a subsidised rate. The government has written to district Collectors to use OMFED ghee for daily affairs and other requirements

at religious institutions.

"You will see that the OMFED will benefit the people through employment by strengthening the company. Three new diary plants at Sambalpur, Ganjam and Baleswar are in the pipeline," the minister said.

Meanwhile, the OMFED has managed to collect around Rs 82 lakh from the total arrears amounting to Rs 2 crore. Action would be taken against the defaulters if they fail to repay within seven days, he added.

More flight services from BBSR, Jharsuguda soon

PNS BHUBANESWAR commence from Jharsuguda. a new policy designed to sig-tive, sources said.

In a boost to the aviation sector in the State, more flight operations will start soon from the Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar and the Veer Surendra Sai Airport, Jharsuguda.

The Chief Minister's Office (CMO) made an announcement in this regard on Satur-

Direct flights will start from Bhubaneswar to Indore, Dehradun, Kochi, Jaipur and Lucknow. Besides, direct flights to Hyderabad, Raipur, Lucknow and Mumbai will

"The recently-approved New Destination Policy of Odisha has encouraged airlines to introduce new flights Bhubaneswar and Jharsuguda airports," the CMO said.

These enhanced connections are set to significantly boost commerce and tourism across the state. Additionally, the availability of belly cargo on these flights would provide a strong impetus to the growth of agricultural produce, it further mentioned.

The Odisha Government in October this year formulated nificantly enhance air connec-

tivity across the State. The Air Connectivity Policy, which offers substantial financial incentives to airlines, encourages the launch of new domestic and international air routes from differ-

ent airports of the State. The government has decided to provide Rs 5 lakh per round trip for domestic routes and Rs 10 lakh for international routes with potential increases for routes exceeding 750 km. This support would mitigate financial risk and make new routes more attrac-

The policy aligns with the National Civil Aviation Policy 2016 and the UDAN scheme. However, the airlines must meet strict eligibility criteria including minimum aircraft capacity (50 seats for domestic, 180 for international), DGCA approvals and a commitment to sustainable, nonstop operations, the sources said. For comprehensive monitoring and evaluation, a Chief Secretary-led High-Power Committee (HPC) has been formed to oversee implementation, monitor route performance and adapt the policy needed.

KISS extends edu support to kids who lost mother

In a compassionate gesture, the KISS Foundation has come forward to support two young children from Mandipanka village under Daringbadi block of Kandhamal district following the untimely demise of their mother Rumita Pattamajhi after consuming mango ker-

Her two children, a twoand-a-half-year-old son and a six-month-old daughter, have been left deprived of motherly care. Learning of their plight through media reports, founder of KIIT, KISS and the KISS Foundation Dr Achyuta Samanta has extended a helping hand to the family.

Dr Samanta promptly arranged a cash assistance of Rs 3,000 for her husband Anil through his representative towards their food and manage-

This aid will continue to be provided to the family until the children reach the age of five with the funds being delivered to them via a bank account. After the age of five, the KISS Foundation will arrange for their free education at the

Dr Samanta also pledged to honour the dream of Rumita, who named her son AR Rahman, aspiring for him to become a successful singer.

In addition to free schooling, the children will also be provided higher education and employment opportunities after completing their studies at the KISS. At present, some children from Mandipanka village are already studying at the KISS. Dr Samanta extended an invitation for other village children to enroll in the upcoming academic session if they wish to pursue education

State seeks Central aid for Green Energy Corridor

To connect renewable energy projects to national grid.

PNS NEW DELHI

l he Odisha Government has demanded Central assistance for building the Green Energy Corridor Phase III to connect renewable energy projects to the national grid.

Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, who is in-charge of Energy Department, raised the demand during the Power Ministers' Conference in New Delhi. He was accompanied by the Principal Secretary, Energy, Vishal Kumar Dev.

The State is also planning to develop 10,000 MW of renewable energy capacity by 2030. Odisha is prioritizing energy storage solutions, with plans for over 10,000 MW of pumped storage plants (PSP), he said.

The Deputy Chief Minister urged the Central government to extend financial support for PSPs, at par with Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), to make these projects financially viable.

He presented the State's ambitious plan for energy transition at the conference. Singh Deo highlighted Odisha's leadership in power sector reforms and its commitment to modernise its energy infrastructure while advancing India's green energy goals.

He further emphasized Odisha's successful implementation of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models in power distribution, noting that all the four DISCOMs in the State have improved operational efficiency and financial performance, while three of them i.e. TPCODL, TPWODL and TPNODL are placed in the

10 performing DISCOMs as per the ratings of the Ministry of Power. This success positions Odisha as a leader in power sector reform.

Addressing the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), Singh Deo submitted that the State's RDSS proposal of Rs 3,069 crore covering disaster-resilient infrastructure is under review by the Government of In-

The DCM also spoke about the State's proactive implementation of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, and its efforts under the PM-Suryaghar scheme.

In order to make the scheme more affordable for households, Odisha is considering providing State financial assistance, he added.

On power capacity, the Energy Minister outlined that Odisha has ensured energy security of its citizens by sourcing 8,856 MW power and by 2030, Odisha aims to add 15,603 MW, with over half of this from renewable sources.

He highlighted the need for expedited forest clearances for key transmission projects to ensure reliable power supply across the State.

School kids taken for State Museum visit Rs 21L stolen from Hyderabad recovered



Prog organised by Intach, Punjabi Biradari

PNS BHUBANESWAR

On the occasion of Children's Day, the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (Intach) along with the Punjabi Arya Sanatan Biradari organised a day out for children from different schools. More than 150 school children were taken to the Odisha State Museum for a ferent galleries and saw the rich culture and heritage of the State.

Biradari and Intach joined the students as they went from gallery to gallery and were explained an out the rich history and culture of the State. Golak Bihari Singh explained the children the relevance and importance of the various artifacts on display.

day trip where they visited dif-Members from the Punjabi

According to Anil Dhir, Intach's Bhubaneswar Convener, it is important to intro-

duce children to museums because the museums open up a world of imagination and exploration. Such visits are memorable, immersive learning experiences and provoke

> State Convener of Intach AB Tripathy, who accompanied the children to different galleries opined that bringing children to museums opens their eyes to different ideas and perspectives that are relevant to their live. Exposing children

Vedanta land row in Puri

imagination of the young

to museums at a young age will inculcate a love for history and culture.

Dr Ileana Citaristi, the Padmashri Odishi dance guru, also interacted with the children. She said that a museum is a great informal learning platform that can complement formal learning and also provide an opportunity for children to learn how to observe things carefully, digest information, and assess what they still need to find out and to ask relevant questions.

Accused still at large

PNS BALESWAR

ash of around Rs 21 lakh allegedly stolen from a company in Hyderabad and buried under soil in the backyard of a house at Badamandurini village in Baleswar district was recovered by police on Satur-

It was alleged that the money was stolen by one Gopal Behera, who was working with the company.

Gopal was working at the agro industry in Hyderabad for the last 10 years. As per police, he was aware of the secret number and had withdrawn the money from the locker without depositing the cash in the bank.

It was alleged that Gopal had given the cash to his brother-in-law who then handed over the money to his parents at Jaleswar and returned to Hyderabad.



On getting some information, a team of Hyderabad police reached Odisha and, along with the local police, carried out an investigation.

Later, bundles of cash were recovered from a spot where it was kept hidden under the soil. Though Gopal is absconding, his brother-in-law Ravindra has been detained in Hyderabad.

An official of the Hyderabad police said, "On November 11, one Gopal, who was working at an agro company, had taken

around Rs 21 lakh. After proper investigation and search at his father-in-law's house in Odisha, we found the money. We are counting the cash. So far, the accused is absconding, but we have detained one person."

Bharatpur custody torture Judicial Commission's tenure extended

PNS BHUBANESWAR

The Odisha Government has extended the tenure of the Commission of Inquiry headed by retired Orissa High Court judge Justice Chittaranjan Das probing the alleged custodial abuse of an Army officer and his fiancée at the Bharatpur police station in Bhubaneswar.

The tenure of the commission was initially for two months to end on November 22. This has now been extended for another 70 days.

Amid a national outrage, the Mohan Majhi government ordered a judicial probe

into the incident in which the Army officer was allegedly manhandled and his fiancée was allegedly sexually assaulted by on-duty police personnel at the police station when they had gone to lodge a road rage complaint on September 15 night. On Thursday, the Army of-

ficer and his fiancée appeared before the commission here. A total of 16 persons have been summoned and the commission is likely to start the process of receiving testimony after verifying over 500 affidavits received in connection with the case, sources

Return land back without precondition: Ex-MLA Rath

PNS BHUBANESWAR

After almost long 14 years of an Orissa High Court judgment, the Odisha government declared to return land to farmers, acquired for the proposed Vedanta University in Puri district.

However, the affected farm-

ers are not happy with the

State Government as the Rev-

enue Minister said that the af-

fected people who have re-

ceived compensation for their

land acquired for the project have to return the money. Vedanta Bisthapita

Sangharsh Samiti president Umaballabh Rath demanded that the Government must return the land to the landowners without any pre-condition, as the farmers have suffered substantial economic loss due to long 14 years delay in implementation of the court order.

The villagers were paid Rs 2 lakh per acre and meanwhile, they have spent the money. They couldn't sell their crop in government rate while they couldn't get farm loan and other land benefits. Apart from these, they incurred financial

loss for fighting against the company in the Orissa High Court and the Supreme Court.

Land losers against returning compensation money

In 2006, the then BJD-BJP coalition government in Odisha had acquired 3,342.53 acres of privately owned land from 22 villages and 509.27 acres of government land. Accordingly, 3,342.53 acres of privately owned land were awarded to Vedanta.

The affected farmers had moved the Orissa High Court, who questioned the frequent changing of the names of the company as well as the credibility of Vedanta in establishing a world-class university. While initially, the name of the developers was Sterlite Foundation, then it was changed to Vedanta Foundation and subsequently Anil Agarwal Foun-

dation. The High Court had in 2010 quashed the land acquisition proceedings initiated by the Odisha government and directed the company to return the land awarded to them to their owners.

However, the Vedanta Limited and the Odisha government moved the Supreme Court challenging the Orissa High Court order, but the apex court upheld the verdict of the HC in 2023. A two-Judge bench of Supreme Court upheld the

2010 order of the Orissa High Court, which ruled that acquisition of land for the university was illegal as the Anil Agarwal Foundation that proposed to set up the university was a private company and not a public company in terms of provisions of the Companies Act, 1956. The SC also questioned

trust/company. Renowned Supreme Court lawyer and activist Prashant Bhushan said the alleged corruption behind the allocation of about 6,000 acres of land by the Odisha government for the Vedanta University

why the government offered

such an undue favour to one

project in Puri district should be investigated by CBI or court-appointed SIT.

In a similar case the SC told that the acquisition of 997 acres by the then West Bengal's Left Front government for the Tata Motors plant in Singur failed to meet the requirements of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, and directed the State government to return the land to its owners in 12 weeks. Declaring the land acquisition as illegal and void, the court said that the compensation paid to landowners will not be recovered by the State government, he added.

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Khariar witnesses slow demise of natural water bodies

he small town of Khariar in Nuapada district is witnessing a slow demise of its traditional water bodies and natural waterways due to unauthorised constructions and poor enforcement of regulations. These waterways, which once fed rainwater to several ponds and were a vital part of the catchment area for the Sundar river, have been encroached upon and transformed into wastewater drains, raising concerns among local residents.

One such waterway, which spans a catchment area of about 25 sqkm, crosses through Khariar town and joins the Sundar river after

bodies along its path. However, recent construction works by the Khariar Notified Area Council (NAC) threaten its survival. The NAC has converted the 15-meter-wide natural waterline into a narrow 1metre wide wastewater drain. citing the need to manage the town's wastewater discharge. The construction, which

runs parallel to State Highway-16 near the Geetanjali Filling Station, involves the erection of concrete walls and land filling along a 100-meter stretch of the waterway. The NAC claims the drain is designed to handle wastewater for up to 15 lakh people. However, locals are alarmed by the environmental impact with



many voicing concerns over waterlogging and the destruction of natural resources.

"This is a disaster in the making," said a local farmer, whose fields experienced waterlogging last Kharif season due to the narrowing of the waterway. "They are thinking about wastewater discharge, but we are worried about the long-term effects. This is short-term thinking at its

Environmental activists have also criticised the move. "This is a clear example of the "Tragedy of the Commons," said Dr Ajit Panda, a local activist. "The affluent few are gains at the cost of a shared natural resource. The lack of proper regulation and oversight by the government has allowed this exploitation."

Locals are urging authorities to reconsider the design and prioritise the conservation of natural water systems. However, with officials insisting that the design is "satisfactory", it remains to be seen whether Khariar's waterways can survive the ongoing encroachments.

As these natural resources face an uncertain future, the impact on the town's ecology and its people is becoming increasingly evident. Residents hope for immediate action to prevent further degradation.

In Mayurbhanj —

Man accused of job fraud beaten by victims

A man, who allegedly duped scores of people in Mayurbhanj district promising them jobs in an agro company, was thrashed by the vic-

The incident was reported from Chaiposhi village under Kaptipada block in the district. It was alleged that the accused promised several women in the area jobs in lieu of Rs 2,000 to Rs 5,000. After taking money from

the villagers, the accused Binod Jena allegedly went into hiding for nearly four months. However, the villagers

caught hold of him when he allegedly returned to collect money from a woman in the

Getting information, police reached the village and rescued the man.

"The man told us that it was a survey work and a mart will be opened where agricultural equipment and poultry feeds would be sold to the farmers. It was some four months back that he had taken the money. Today, he had come to take

money from another person when we caught him," said a victim.

However, the accused claimed "As the women have given some money, they are worried and brought such allegations as there has been some delay in posting. We will certainly open the mart and those who are not willing, we will return their money."

OPGC kick-starts drive against malnutrition



JHARSUGUDA

Under its CSR programme, the OPGC has kick-started a prevention malnutrition awareness campaign in the periphery of its Ib Thermal Power Station located at Banharpali in Jharsuguda district.

The inaugural event was held at Nuapada village of Tilia GP. The OPGC has partnered with AIDENT, a non-government organisation, which has years of experience in executing malnutrition prevention awareness programmes.

The drive shall cover six peripheral gram panchayats such as Telenpali, Kumbharbandh, Kushraloi, Tilia, Remenda and Dalgaon. Through the initiative, the OPGC aims to empower villagers to combat malnutrition through various modes of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) including street plays,

wall paintings, village sensitization meetings, nutrition clubs, and establishment of nutrition gardens etc.

In each panchayat, OPGC's CSR team alongside AIDENT, shall work to raise awareness about malnutrition and build capacity for creating a healthier community by targeting Asha and Anganwadi workers, pregnant and lactat-

Over 200 people, mostly women gathered to witness the proceedings and learn about ill effects of malnutrition and ways to prevent it which shall form the basis of of healthy society. Sarpanch of Tilia GP Pushpanjali Pradhan who joined the event as the chief guest praised OPGC for its active CSR intervention in creating a healthy society through health camps, eye treatment camps and malnutrition pre-

Comperes Hrushikesh, Sudipta feted by BU

For recording their names in Book of Records

PNS BRAHMAPUR

Hrushikesh Panigrahi and his wife Sudipta's names were recorded in India Book of Records for compering different stage shows in national and international cultural programmes for more than thirty years. the On occasion,

Berhampur University Vice Chancellor Professor Gitanjali Dash felicitated the couple saying, "It is a matter of pride for us that they are the only couple in India whose names are recorded in the India Book of Records. Hrushikesh Panigrahi is an alumnus of Berhampur University. Hence, this university



Panigrahi completed Post Graduate Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication, passing in First Division with Gold Medal and served the Indian News and Broadcasting Department and achieved many national and international awards. His

wife Sudipta too was continuously awarded gold medals in Psychology from BU and Utkal University. She served as Deputy Director in the Prison Department of Odisha Government. Recently, she voluntarily retired from the

Besides these, the couple was felicitated on many occanational and international among others, were present.

programmes. Journalism and Mass Communication Department HOD Dr Bandita Kumari Panda, Prof Ganesh Sethi, Dr Jayant Kumar Panda, Dr Chinu Bahidar, Dr A Behera, Sourav Seth and Dr Mihir Kumar Tripathi,



■ BRAHMAPUR

Roadside vendors who approached Brahmapur MLA K Anil Kumar, over an eviction drive by the BeMC in Khallikote University junction, were given a patient hearing by the latter. The MLA took up the matter with the police and BeMC authorities to find a solution.

It was decided to rehabilitate the vendors near the Barracks Stadium, where busses are parking. MLA Kumar personally visited and examined the place. Finally, it was decided that considering traffic problem, police personnel will be deployed in the area and after closure of business at night, the busses can be parked as usual Notably, the Khalikote Uni-

versity Junction has been encroached upon by roadside vendors since long triggering public resentment. Khalikote University apart, there are many other educational institutions located there like St. Vincent's School and Sasi Bhusan Rath Government Women's College, etc. The encroachment of roads by vendors creates traffic jam in the area. In this connection, university authorities had drawn the attention of authorities, including police and BeMC.

Though the vendors requested the BeMC for their rehabilitation, the latter was not giving any priority to the mat-

Paradip civic body inks pact for biogas unit



Maire **Tecnimont** PNS PARADIP

In a step toward sustainable waste management, the Paradeep Municipality signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NIT-K), Suratkal, and Maire Tecnimont S.p.A., Mumbai, for the establishment of a 1 TPD (ton per day) capacity

plant in Paradip. The initiative is being funded through Maire Tecnimont's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) contributions.

Compressed Biogas (CBG)

Paradip Municipality, along with other local dignitaries.

Following the MoU signing, the officials visited the proposed plant site and inspected the existing Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant in Paradip.

clean fuel source.

The signing ceremony took place on Thursday in the presence of prominent officials, including Prof Dr Vasudeva Madav and Dr Akash AR from NIT-K, Brijesh Shah, Gopal Gupta, and Arun Ranga from Maire Tecnimont, and Basant Biswal, Chairperson of

The CBG plant project aims to provide an environment friendly solution for waste management in Paradip, utilizing organic waste to produce compressed biogas, which can be used as a

No nod to hold cricket tourney at B'pur stadium Sports lovers earning a spot in the presti-

disheartened **RAJEEV RATHAN** ■ BRAHMAPUR

The sports community in Brahmapur is facing a significant hurdle as permission to organize cricket tournaments at the city's only standard playground, the Brahmapur (Mahatma Gandhi) Stadium, needs to be obtained from the Sports Department in Bhubaneswar. This requirement has led to disappointment among local players and organizers who are eager to host district-level competitions but find themselves restricted due to bureaucratic delays.

Despite the enthusiasm of local clubs to boost sports culture in the region, the district sports department appears to have little involvement in organizing regular

tion among Indians. This

statement sparked strong op-

position from linguistic ex-

perts in Odisha, who voiced

concerns over the imposition

of Hindi on non-Hindi-speak-

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onus has been on individual clubs to keep the sports spirit alive through self-organised competitions. However, gaining access to public playgrounds like the Brahmapur Stadium has become an uphill

Alka Sports Club, a prominent local sports organisation, recently faced such challenges The club planned to host a district-level cricket tournament on November 12 at the Brahmapur Stadium. Despite submitting applications on October 5 and again on November 1, no permission was granted by the district sports authorities. The club eventually decided to shift the event to the SMIT Stadium in Ankushpur, located on the city's outskirts.

The tournament featured teams from across Ganjam district, with the winning team gious Biju Patnaik Memorial Cricket Tournament scheduled for February.

Club president and former Brahmapur MLA Dr Ramesh Chandra Chowpatanaik expressed disappointment over the situation. He criticized the Sports Department for being autonomy at the district level overly bureaucratic and unsupportive, saying, "It is disheartening to see sports being politicized. Denying permission for a local tournament at Brahmapur Stadium not only dampens the morale of players but also hampers the growth of sports in the region," he added.

District Sports Officer (DSO) Satish Sahu clarified that the power to grant permission for events at Brahmapur Stadium lies with the Sports Department in Bhubaneswar, not at the district level. "We forwarded Alka

ary 26, 1965-caused concern in

Sports Club's request to Bhubaneswar but have yet to receive any response," Sahu

The regulatory hurdle has left many sports enthusiasts questioning the department's commitment to nurturing local talent. The need for greater to manage such permissions is being widely felt. Local play ers and organisers are now urging the Sports Department to streamline the process to facilitate regular sports events and competitions, essential for honing the skills of aspiring athletes in Ganjam dis-

With the tournament moved outside Brahmapur, the players and supporters are left disheartened, yet are hopeful that the authorities will address the issues for the future growth of sports in the

Amway provides meals to school kids



Joins hands with Akshaya Patra Foundation

BHUBANESWAR

he Amway India is addressing the critical issue of childhood malnutrition through a transformative initiative to support a healthier future for India's underprivileged children. As part of Nutrilite's 90th-anniversary celebration, the Amway has collaborated with The Akshaya Patra Foundation to sponsor over 90,000 nutritious meals for children in government schools.

In the spirit of Children's Day, the initiative extended further with educational sessions to empower students with knowledge about nutrition, hygiene, mental health and balanced diets. Amway volunteers served nutritious meals to the children in eight locations, Delhi, Jaipur, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Pune, Ahmedabad, Bangalore,

and Chennai. Amway India MD Rajneesh Chopra said, "For nine decades our flagship nutrition brand, Nutrilite, has been inspiring people to live a healthy life by promoting optimal health and wellbeing?

The Akshaya Patra Foundation CEO Shridhar Venkat said, "We are happy to collaborate with Amway India once again."

Baxipatra's 91st birthday

The voice for Odia language and identity

R'lunda airstrip expansion to lead to full-scale airport **RAJEEV RATHAN** ■ BRAHMAPUR larger aircraft and improving

Rangeilunda airstrip, located near Berhampur University, is progressing rapidly, with plans to transform it into a fully functional airport. Senior Airport Advisor Suresh Kumar Hota led an inspection team on Thursday to review

he expansion of the

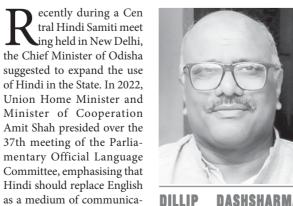
Minister Bibhuthi Bhushan The team assessed the feasibility of extending the runway to 1200 meters, allowing

the ongoing work, following

instructions from Transport

regional connectivity. Hota also explored the possibility of constructing a new road to Berhampur University to ensure that airport expansion does not disrupt local infra-Accompanying Hota were

the construction department Chief Engineer Satyaban Patel along with other technical staff. The expansion has been eagerly anticipated by local residents, who believe the operational airport will boost tourism, education, and business opportunities in the region.



DILLIP DASHSHARMA

English serve official purposes such as legislation, judiciary matters and communication between the Central Government and State Governments. Hindi, in Devanagari script, was declared the official language of the Union by the Constitution in 1950 with English as an associate language. However, the plan to phase out English after 15 years-by Janu-

non-Hindi-speaking regions, especially in the Dravidianspeaking states. Parliament passed the Official Languages Act in 1963, allowing both Hindi and English to continue as official languages beyond 1965 to address these concerns. While Hindi is widelyspoken, it has not been declared the national language of India. According to Articles 344(1) and 351 of the Indian Constitution, 22 regional languages are recognized in the Eighth Schedule, including Odia, Bengali, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu and others. These languages, known as scheduled languages, represent India's linguistic diversity and serve as cultural pillars that enrich Hindi and English as official languages.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 also under-



scores the importance of mother tongues. In paragraph 4.11, it states that children learn best in their home language or mother tongue. Ideally, the medium of instruction until at least Grade 5 (and preferably until Grade 8) should be in a child's home or regional language, with textbooks made available in these languages. This approach aims to bridge any gap between a child's spoken language and the medium of instruction. However, it prompts a critical question: Who will help bridge this gap? In this context, we remem-

ber the contributions of Harischandra Baxipatra, a former student leader, minister and president of Utkal Sammilani. He championed the cause of Odia language and culture, especially in regions with large Odia-speaking populations. In states like Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, where over 50% of the population is Odia-speaking, children lack access to education in their mother tongue. Despite efforts by the Odisha government to establish Odia literacy centres, a permanent system for teaching the language is still lacking.

language second Jharkhand, yet it remains absent from the state's education system. In Chhattisgarh, Odia has yet to be granted this status. Within Odisha, too, the spread of Hindi raises concerns about preserving the Odia language. Harischandra Baxipatra's advocacy for Odia education reminds us of the importance of nurturing our linguistic heritage, both within Odisha and in Odia-speaking communities outside the Today, on Harischandra

Odia was recognised as the

pay tribute to his legacy. His contributions continue to inspire efforts to protect and promote the Odia language for future generations. (The writer is general Sec-

Baxipatra's 91st birthday, we

retary, Utkal Sammilani. Phone (M) 9938537600

Home Ministry urges peace in Manipur

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Urging people to maintain peace in Manipur, Union Home Ministry on Saturday said all security forces deployed in Manipur have been directed to necessary steps to restore order and peace in the State as the security scenario remained "fragile" in the past few days.

"The security scenario in Manipur has remained fragile for the past few days.

Armed miscreants from both communities in conflict have been indulging in violence leading to unfortunate loss of lives and disruption in public order," said the Ministry in a

The Home Ministry said strict action would be initiated against anyone trying to indulge in violent and disruptive activities. It said important cases have maintain peace, not believe in been handed over to the NIA rumours and cooperate with



for effective investigation. 'The security forces have directed to take necessary steps to restore order and peace. Strict action would be initiated against anyone trying to indulge in violent and disruptive activities," said Ministry, disruptive requesting people

the security forces to maintain law and order in the State.

A fresh cycle of violence erupted in Manipur last Monday after 11 suspected militants, who allegedly attacked a police station and adjoining CRPF camp with sophisticated weapons in Manipur's Jiribam district, were killed in an exchange of

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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Own Source Revenue (OSR)

generation for panchayats

remains low, with the income

through tax collected by the

rural local governance bodies

on an average being just Rs 59

per capita between 2017 and

Even as the generation of OSR

for panchayats has come into

focus to give these rural

autonomy, according to the data compiled by the

Panchayati Raj ministry, between 2017 and 2022, only

an amount of Rs 5,118.98

crore was raised as OSR by

This comes down to Rs 59 per

financial

more

according

gives armed forces operating in disturbed areas sweeping powers to search, arrest and open fire if they deem it necessary "maintenance

The police station areas where AFSPA has been reimposed are Sekmai and Lamsang in Imphal West district, Lamlai in Imphal East district, Jiribam in Jiribam district, Leimakhong in Kangpokpi and Moirang in Bishnupur. More than 200 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and adjoining hills-based Kuki-Zo groups since May last year. The ethnically diverse Jiribam, which was largely untouched by the clashes in Imphal Valley and the adjoining hills, witnessed violence after the mutilated body of a farmer was found in a field in June this year.

to vote for INDIA bloc, demands strict action

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The BJP on Saturday alleged that some Muslim bodies are trying to vitiate the poll atmosphere in Maharashtra and Jharkhand by appealing to their community members to vote for the INDIA bloc on the lines of religion, and urged the Election Commission and the Supreme Court to take action in the matter.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters here, party national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said All India Muslim Personal Law Board's functionary Maulana Sajiad Nomani has said that the outfit has decided to support Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) on 269 seats and other non-BJP parties on a few seats in Maharashtra Assembly polls.

He said that Nomani has appealed to the Muslims to vote for the MVA, saying the outcome of the 2024 Assembly Maharashtra elections will have an impact



BJP claims some Muslim bodies asking community

not only on the future of the state but also on the future of the entire country.

Earlier the Jamiat Ulema-i-Hind's Lohardaga appealed to the Muslims to vote en bloc for the Congress-JMM-RJD-CPI (ML) Liberation combine in Jharkhand, Bhatia claimed.

"This is called vote jihad," he said, adding, "This is the height of appeasement politics" by the MVA in Maharashtra and Congress-JMM in Jharkhand. Bhatia said that an appeal for votes made on the basis of religion amounts to corrupt

"It cannot be tolerated in a democracy like ours where

elections have to be as pure as Mother Ganges. It's a very worrisome trend that we have seen that for the lust of power, the Congress, Sharad Pawar, Uddhay Thackeray are ready to appease, adopt infiltrators and say 'I love you' to illegal immigrants," he said.

He said illegal immigrants can be a threat to national security but it doesn't matter to the INDIA bloc parties. Bhatia said when Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a "positive slogan' for national unity, saying "ek rahoge toh, safe rahoge", the INDĬA bloc raised objections even though "a wise person, even a child would say this is the mool mantra for the

progress of the country".

"When Ulema, All India Muslim Personal Law Board and other (Muslim) outfits come out in the open and appeal to all Muslims to come together, it's our appeal to the Election Commission and the Supreme Court to ensure that no political party vitiates the

Anurag Srivastava appointed as India's next high commissioner to Mauritius



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Seasoned diplomat Anurag Srivastava has been appointed as India's next high commissioner to Mauritius, an island nation that has emerged as a strategic player in the Indian Ocean region. Srivastava, a 1999-batch

Indian Foreign Service (IFS) diplomat, is currently serving as a joint secretary helming the Nepal-Bhutan division at the headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

He will succeed incumbent K

Nandini Singla. Srivastava is expected to take up the assignment shortly, the MEA said in a brief statement on Saturday. Prior to his appointment as joint secretary in the Nepal-Bhutan

division in March 2021, he served as the spokesperson in the MEA for nearly a year. Srivastava also served as India's ambassador to Ethiopia and the African

Union from September 2016 to February 2020. In his nearly 25-year-long career as a diplomat, he also served in many Indian missions abroad, including as the head of the political wing at New Delhi's High Commission in Colombo and had a stint at India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva. In Colombo, he was closely involved in the formulation and implementation of India's development projects in Sri Lanka. He has also held

different positions in the foreign office in New Delhi, including in the Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran division. Srivastava obtained degrees in engineering and business management followed by a brief stint in the corporate

sector before joining the

foreign service. He also has a

postgraduate diploma in

diplomatic studies from Oxford University.

capita and Rs 2.27 lakh per panchayat over the five-year period for 2.25 lakh gram panchayats across country. The total population coming

under these panchayats was more than 86.95 crore in the said period.

Among the states, Gujarat collected the highest amount as OSR at Rs 829.75 crore,

while Kerala came second

Own-source revenue for panchayats

collecting Rs 802.95 crore. Andhra Pradesh, which raised Rs 791.93 crore, occupied the third position, followed by Karnataka (Rs 627.56 crore), Tamil Nadu (Rs 516.3 crore) and West Bengal (Rs 435.17 crore).

fire. A day later, six civilians,

children were abducted by

armed militants from the

Seeing the fragile situation,

the Centre reimposed the Armed Forces (Special

Powers) Act in Manipur's six

police station areas, including

the violence-hit Jiribam on

The fresh order came after

the Manipur government imposed AFSPA in the entire

state on October 1, barring 19

police station areas that

The police stations excluded

order were Imphal, Lamphal,

Porompat, Heingang, Lamlai, Irilbung, Leimakhong,

Thoubal, Bishnupur, Nambol,

Moirang, Kakching, Jiribam. An area or district is notified

as "disturbed" under AFSPA

to facilitate the operations of

remains low at ₹59 per capita

Manipur

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the

government's October

women

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Thursday.

include these six.

City, Singjamei, Lamsang, Patsoi,

Irilbung,

same district.

In terms of the per capita OSR raised by the panchavats, Goa topped the list with Rs 1,635 raised in taxes per person, Puducherry, followed by which raised Rs 757 per capita.

However, according to the information shared by the

have framed these rules. The total 15th Finance Commission fund allocation to rural bodies is around Rs 2.36 lakh crore (2021-22 to

Telangana,

2025-26). Of this, around 60 per cent is "Tied Grants", which include heads like water supply, drinking harvesting, rainwater sanitation and maintenance services, while around 40 per cent is "Untied Grants" for improving basic services. For panchayats to generate OSR, the states may authorise them to levy taxes, duties, tolls and fees, and it strengthens the panchayat identity as a local government

Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu,

Uttarakhand, West Bengal

and Puducherry, meanwhile,

Tripura,

administrative limitations often restrict it. Matching grants based on OSR have been used as one of the ways by the Centre to encourage panchayats, like in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, up to three times of

through tax-based OSR.

However, limited elected

representatives' hesitance and

RaGa criticises Yogi's Government over newborns death in Jhansi short circuit. In a social media

NEW DELHI

Congress on Saturday condoled the death of children in a fire at a medical college in Uttar Pradesh's Ihansi district and demanded a probe into the matter as well as strict legal action against those found guilty negligence.

Hitting out at the Yogi Adityanath government, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said such tragic incidents happening one after another in Uttar Pradesh raise many serious questions about the negligence of the government and administration. At least 10 children died in a fire that engulfed the children's ward of the medical college in Jhansi, officials said, as 16 injured children battled for life on Saturday.

District Magistrate (DM) Avinash Kumar told reporters that the fire broke out around 10.45 pm on Friday in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) of the Maharani Laxmi Bai Medical College the OSR is given as incentive. possibly due to an electrical

post Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said, "The news of the death of innocent children in the accident that took place at the medical college in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh is extremely painful. Our deepest condolences to the families of all the children died heartbreaking accident. May god give their families the strength to bear this sorrow." demand from the government that the causes of this accident be investigated and strict legal action should be taken against whoever is guilty of such negligence," he said. Rahul Gandhi also condoled the loss of lives in the tragic accident.

"I am deeply saddened by the news of the death and injury of several newborn children in the tragic accident at Jhansi Medical Čollege. I express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families. Such tragic incidents happening one after another in Uttar Pradesh raise many serious questions about negligence government

CAG Murmu urges officers to think out of the box | Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi to visit Nepal, while addressing 4th Audit Diwas celebrations

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu on Saturday urged officers to think out of the box, experiment with new techniques, and adapt to the changing technological and governance environment. With the increasing use of AI

and emerging technologies to provide services, he said there are numerous risks, ranging from privacy breaches and algorithmic biases to social exclusion. "...As an organisation, we are deeply cognisant of these

developments and closely technological trends for enhancing the effectiveness of auditing and accounting practices in such a landscape," he said at the 4th Audit Diwas celebrations



Murmu emphasised that in the quest for strengthening auditing and accounting practices, "all offices of the CAG's organisation are encouraged to think out-ofthe-box and adapt to changing technological and governance environment" by experimenting with new techniques, which help in nurturing creativity in methodologies, economy in operations and result in better execution of functions.
Inaugurating the 4th Audit celebrations, Lok

Sabha Speaker Om Birla lauded the CAG's rich legacy, highlighting its evolution into a globally recognised institution known for its distinctiveness and credibility. He also praised the CAG's

proactive adoption of doption of technologies,
Artificial which has emerging including Intelligence, strengthened its audit processes and enhanced transparency.The speaker stressed that auditing has transformed over the years and become a guiding force in

improving financial discipline, transparency and governance.

Birla also highlighted the critical role of parliamentary committees, chaired by senior opposition members, in scrutinising audit reports, fostering constructive discussions and ensuring financial accountability.

In his speech, Murmu elaborated on the institution's focus on audits of social relevance that have a bearing on people's lives livelihoods.

He also mentioned the institutional mechanism, which was set up to synchronise the audit efforts right through the audit process. The CAG also talked about the significant milestone achieved assuming the chairmanship of the Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) for the 2024-2027

conferred honorary rank of 'General of Nepal Army'

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ministry at the conclave,

Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar,

Pradesh, the Andaman and

Nicobar Islands, Dadra and

Nagar Haveli and Daman and

Ladakh

Lakshadweep are among the states and Union territories

Andhra Pradesh, Assam,

Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat,

Harvana, Himachal Pradesh,

Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya

Mizoram, Odisha, Punjab,

that do not have OSR rules.

Manipur,

Sikkim, Úttar

Maharashtra.

Iharkhand,

Nagaland,

Pradesh,

Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi will embark on a four-day visit to Nepal starting November 20 to explore ways to further expand the already close defence and strategic ties between the two countries and review the evolving regional security situation. In Kathmandu, Gen.
Dwivedi will be conferred
the honorary rank of
"General of the Nepal Army"
by Nepalese President Ramchandra Paudel in continuation of an age-old tradition that first started in 1950, reflecting the strong between the two

militaries. The Army chief's visit to Nepal from November 20 to November 24 will mark another significant chapter in the evolving military diplomacy between the two neighbouring countries, sources in the defence establishment said.

It is expected to strengthen the defence ties, paving the for continued collaboration on multiple fronts, including military exercises, training programmes and strategic discussions on regional security concerns, they said. General Dwivedi is set to

hold extensive talks with his Nepalese counterpart, General Ashok Raj Sigdel, and likely to meet Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli and other key leaders in the Nepalese government. Nepal is important for India in the context of its overall strategic interests in the region, and leaders of the two countries have often noted the age-old

"Roti-Beti" relationship.

Land-locked Nepal relies heavily on India for the transportation of goods and mutual military capabilities,



the sea is through India and it imports a predominant proportion requirements from and through India. India and Nepal share a special relationship, reinforced by cultural, historical and geographical factors. This bond has evolved into a robust military partnership that plays a key role in enhancing regional security, the sources said.

General Dwivedi is also likely to visit the Shri Muktinath temple in Nepal's Mustang region. It is learnt that India's first Chief of Defence Staff, General Bipin Rawat, also wanted to visit

the temple. In his memory, a bell named 'Bipin Bell" was installed in the temple in February 2023. Nepal has continued its close ties with India, with regular exchanges of military training, visits and defence

particularly through training General Dwivedi's visit is expected to focus on the ongoing defence militaries through various initiatives. Both countries offer courses to military personnel in military institutions. This collaboration has seen more than 300 Nepali Army undergoing personnel training in India this year alone in specialised fields. Similarly, Indian Army personnel also undergo courses in Nepal. A key pillar of the India-

Nepal military cooperation is the annual "Surya Kiran" joint military exercise, which enhances interoperability between the two armed forces. The exercise, which focuses on counterterrorism, disaster relief humanitarian assistance, will see its 18th edition in December in Nepal, the sources said. The scope and complexity of the exercise are set to be expanded,

providing an opportunity to

further improve operational synergy between the two armies, they said. India has been supporting Nepal in its military modernisation by supplying various forms of military hardware, including small vehicles arms, venicies and a d v a n c e d - t r a i n i n g simulators. Through the Nepal-India bilateral consultative group on security issues, the two countries have held 15 meetings to discuss defence cooperation and several equipment needs have also been met under this forum, the sources said. General Dwivedi's visit will

provide an opportunity to further enhance these including engagements, discussions on improving disaster-response mechanisms and expanding regional cooperation, they said. The large population of Indian ex-servicemen in Nepal also plays an important role in strengthening the ties between the two countries.

All work pending for last 28 years in Gidderbaha will be finished in next two-and-a-half years: Kejriwal

All work pending for the last 28 years in Gidderbaha will be finished within the next two and half years, AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal said on Saturday, as urged voters to cast their ballot to the party candidate.

Kejriwal made promise campaigning for party nominee Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon, who is pitted against Congress nominee Amrita Warring, and BJP candidate Manpreet Singh Badal.

The bypolls to the four assembly seats -Gidderbaha, Dera Baba Nanak, Chabbewal and Barnala — will take place on November 20 and counting of votes will be held on November 23.

Lok Sabha from the Ludhiana seat in the 2024 parliamentary elections. "The work which was held up in the last

28 years will be done in two and half years. There will not be any shortage of funds," Kejriwal said, referring to the tenure of Badal and Warring, who between them represented the seat in Muktsar for close to three decades.

Manpreet Badal represented the Gidderbaha seat in 1995, 1997, 2002 and 2007 on Shiromani Akali Dal tickets. Warring won the seat in 2012, 2017 and 2022.

"If you elect an MLA of the party which is at the helm, then your work will be done. If an MLA is of the AAP, then all your work will be done," said the AAP

The Gidderbaha seat fell vacant after Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, who was a Congress MLA, was elected to the would resolve the problems of sewage and drinking water, repair all roads, made future electricity free.

including Gidderbaha-Lambi, and build sports stadiums in the constituency.

The AAP government in Punjab in the first half of its term made electricity free for domestic consumers, he said. Your support to the Aam Aadmi Party has been historic. Never before has any party received such overwhelming backing in Punjab. You gave us 92 seats out of 117 in 2022.

"Over the past two and a half years, we have been working relentlessly for the people of Punjab, ensuring zero electricity bills for households and offering free treatment and medicine at Mohalla Clinics," Kejriwal said.

He said that before his party came to power, the people of Punjab were beset with huge electricity bills, but the AAP government waived the old bills and

Kerala BJP leader Sandeep Varier joins Congress



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN KOCHI

 $T^{
m he}$ Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Kerala suffered a jolt on Saturday as Sandeep Varrier, a prominent spokesperson of the Hindutva party, declaring his decision to join the Indian National Congress, dumping his parent party. According to Varrier, it was the cold shouldering by the BJP leadership in the state that forced him to quit the party and open an account with the shop that sells love and affection.

"The BJP's Kerala president K Surendran is responsible for my action. He never liked me for reasons best known to him Surendran

emblematic of the state of affairs in the Kerala BJP which is the worst political system in the country," said Varrier after joining the Congress party at Palakkad, where he was accorded a ceremonial welcome.

Varrier said that the ideology he was pursuing till yesterday was full of mistakes and errors. "I was never a follower of Narendra Modi. From this moment on, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra are my leaders," said Varrier. The BJP leader, who had put in years of work in the CPI(M) and the BJP before joining the Congress chose the grand old party overlooking the offers made by the comrades as well as Congress leaders. Surendran remained silent and jovial and initially, though he opened up following the charges by Varrier. "Sandeep is upset because he could not be offered a seat in the last Lok Sabha Election. Anyway we hope that the Congress party would offer him a seat from Assembly Thrithala constituency in the next General

LG hints at J and K local bodies poll early next year

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

the successful After the successive Assembly election the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (J and K) is headed for another round of electioneering to elect urban local bodies and representatives of the Panchayati Raj Institutions. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Saturday dropped clear hints that the UT administration is gearing up to conduct Panchayati Raj and urban local bodies polls

in the region early next year

after the winter season.



Sinha made this statement while addressing a gathering of farmers at the venue of the annual Jhiri Mela in Jammu. LG also paid obeisance to Baba Jitto at his Samadhi in Jhiri Village.

announcement Panchayat and urban local body elections will be held soon. The revision of electoral rolls is already underway in the region. The last panchayat elections

were held in November 2019. The term of the existing December-January, 2023-24. ended and K has a total of 4,292 panchayats which include 2,182 in Kashmir and 2,110 in Jammu valley. Also, the terms of office of the municipal corporations in both Jammu and Srinagar expired last

After the conduct of panchayat and urban body polls, democratic processes, including those at the grassroots level, will be completed in J and K post abrogation of Article 370. Political parties are also gearing up in advance and have already launched their

mass contact programs to reach out to the electorate. The National Conference, which won the maximum number of seats across the Kashmir valley, is now focusing on expanding its base across the Jammu region. Issues of land compensation

delaying

land compensation has been a major factor behind delays in

Zeliang recently visited Phek.

Kiphire, Shamator, Tuensang,

Kiphire, Shamator, Tuensang, and Mokokchung districts to review National Highway projects. The DyCM on Friday said land compensation is one the major hindrances in infrastructure development in Nagaland and appealed to the public to avoid obstructing national highway projects over land-related disputes, stressing that cooperation from all stakeholders is crucial for the timely completion of these vital projects. Zeliang called on the public to continue their

public to continue their

support when projects are

officially sanctioned.

infrastructure projects.

development: The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) onslaught on the Congress over Article 370 of the Constitution is aimed at weakening the opposition party and winning elections in Maharashtra and DyCM Zeliang PTI DIMAPUR TR Zeliang, Nagaland deputy chief minister (DyCM), said

Maharashtra Jharkhand, Farooq Abdullah, president of the National Conference (NC) said on Saturday.

However, the veteran leader said they will not allow the Congress to be weakened and hoped that the INDIA bloc will emerge victorious in the Assembly polls in both the

Talking to reporters after attending a private function in Jammu, Abdullah said he has no doubt about the return of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

Asked about the statements of Congress leaders that there is no mention of restoration of Article 370 in a recentlypassed resolution in the Jammu and Kashmir (J and K) Assembly, Abdullah said they have their own purpose

Kerala police ensure smooth darshan for Sabarimala devotees

because their party is under attack from the BJP, with Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah "shouting repeatedly at them just to win

the elections".

BJP using Article 370 to win polls in Maharashtra,

Jharkhand: Farooq Abdullah

"They (BJP) are thinking that they will weaken the Congress but we will not allow that to happen," the former J and K chief minister said. "We are hopeful that they (INDIA alliance) will win the elections," he added. On the criticism of Kashmirbased political parties for based political parties for allegedly misleading people on the resolution by linking it to Article 370, Abdullah said they are free to raise questions. "Our (election) manifesto is before the public and we are following it," he

Abdullah responded angrily to a question about the restoration of statehood to J and K and asked, "What type of a response do you want from the Centre to the resolution for restoration of statehood? How long has this government been formed? Do you want statehood to fall from the

"Statehood will be returned (to Jammu and Kashmir) and have no doubt over it. Earlier, some people used to say that (Assembly) polls will not take place (in Jammu and Kashmir) but the elections happened. They (BJP) launched a propaganda that they will form the government but happened?" he asked.

On Shah's statement that Modi is determined to amend the Waqf Act despite resistance from key opposition leaders, Abdullah said, "He is the owner of India. Let him do what he wants. He is the king."

Asked about the BJP's "Batenge Toh Katenge" slogan, the NC leader said, "What is the meaning of this slogan? Aren't we one? Is

slogan? Aren't we one? Is India not united? India is about unity in diversity. As long as we strengthen our diversity, India will be strong. We have to strengthen the diversity for a strong India.

Forget about Article 370: J and K BJP to NC

Sat Sharma, Jammu and Kashmir (J and K) president of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday called on the National Conference (NC) to focus on the region's development and not persistently focus on the Article 370, which, he said, is a part of

history.
"The National Conference must shift its focus from the abrogation of Article 370 to more important issues of development and public welfare for J and K and its people. They should forget Article 370," Sharma said addressing at party meeting in the evening. He also criticised the NC and

other Kashmiri parties for

using Article 370 as an "emotional tool" to mislead the people for political gains. Sharma said the controversial provision had, in fact, deprived several sections of society of their basic rights.

The clock cannot be turned back. Much water has flowed down the Jhelum, and no force on Earth can reverse it. Article 370 was abrogated constitutionally and legally. It's time for the NC to accept this reality," Sharma asserted. Since the abrogation, Sharma said, the Union Territory has witnessed "significant advancements" in road, rail, and air connectivity, as well as improvements in health, education,

communication sectors. "Prestigious projects and social welfare schemes introduced in the last decade, particularly after Article 370's abrogation, have transformed lives. Grievances of marginalised sections have

been resolved, enabling them to lead dignified lives," he The politician urged the NC

to draw inspiration from "Prime Minister Narendra Modi's governance model' and focus on making J-K a hub of peace, progress, and prosperity. Sharma also claimed that a

zero-tolerance policy against terrorism implemented under PM Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha, has restored peace and normalcy in the region.

Clarify Kharge's remarks on Article 370: Mufti

PTI SRINAGAR

Mehbooba Mufti, president of People's Democratic Party (PDP),on Saturday sought a clarification from Jammu and Kashmir (J and K) government after Congress Mallikarjun president Kharge's remarks that his party never talked about restoration of Article 370. Mehbooba was reacting to Kharge's remarks in Pune on the return of Article 370 during a press conference on

"This government has been given a huge mandate by the people. They have reposed huge faith in it. (Article) 370 is an emotional issue for the

people of J-K, and people's sentiments are connected to it," Mufti told reporters in Beerwah area of central Kashmir's Budgam district. During the Pune press conference, Kharge said, "Amit Shah, in his poll rallies, accuses the Congress of spreading lies. (But) He (himself) is saying the Congress wants to bring back Article 370 (in J&K). Tell me,

who said that and when?" "You are raking up an issue. If It means you want to keep the issue alive to divide. If you want to say this, go to

are over in Kashmir," the Congress president had said. The PDP chief said the resolution passed by the ruling National Conference (NC) in the J and K assembly asking the Centre to work out a mechanism for restoring special status of the erstwhile state, was vague and not clear on the restoration of Article

"The government should clarify. The PDP had also said that the resolution was not clear (on Article 370) and it was mentioned vaguely. This government has 50 members, they should have said this while holding their head high," she added.

Kashmir and say it. Elections

it (resolution to repeal Article 370) had been already passed in the Parliament, why are you raking up the issue again?

Congress rebel spices up contest in Ramtek

PTI ■ NAGPUR

said Surendran.

Ramtek Assembly constituency in Maharashtra's Nagpur, once a Congress bastion, which later became a saffron citadel, is witnessing an interesting electoral battle this time with a former minister contesting as an independent.

Ramtek, which is one of 12 Assembly constituencies in Nagpur district, is part of the Ramtek Lok Sabha seat that was won by the Congress in this year's General elections. Sitting MLA Ashish Jaiswal, who had won this seat in the 2019 Assembly polls as an independent candidate, has now been fielded by the Shiv Shinde led by chief minister Eknath Shinde as a Mahayuti nominee. Vishal Barbate of Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena (UBT), who is contesting his maiden Assembly election, has

suspended by the Congress anti-party activities recently, is posing a challenge and has an edge over both the MahaYuti and Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) candidates, political experts feel. Ramtek houses a historic temple of Lord Ram. It is

believed that Ramtek was the place where Lord Ram rested during his exile. There are around 2.85 lakh voters in the constituency. This seat remained with the Congress for over two decades from 1962, and was won by the party again in 1991. Ashish Jailswal breached this Congress bastion for the first time when he won the seat as a candidate of the undivided Shiv Sena in 1999. He retained the seat in 2004 and 2009 as well. But in 2014, the BJP fielded Mallikarjun Reddy, who won it. However,

challenged Jaiswal. But Reddy was defeated by Jaiswal Rajendra Mulak, who was in 2019 after the latter contested as an independent. Mulak is a protégé of former chief minister and Congress veteran Prithviraj Chavan and is also related to him. His father Bhau Mulak was state minister in the 1970s. Mulak has also served as a minister of state for finance and planning, energy and water resources in the Chavan-led cabinet.

Ramu Bhagwat, political analyst and senior journalist, said Ramtek was once known as the safe haven for the Congress. "It achieved political importance when former prime minister late PV Narasimha Rao contested from Ramtek Lok Sabha seat once. But ironically, the Congress symbol will be missing from this election scene for the first time as the party had to bow down before an adamant Shiv Sena (UBT)

and give the seat to it in the seat-sharing talks," he said. "So although it may look like a straight fight between Sena (UBT)'s Barbate and Shiv Sena's Jaiswal, Mulak has jumped into the fray and has a good rapport in Nagpur's rural pockets," he said. Mulak had earlier contested

and won from the Umred Assembly constituency in Nagpur district. But after delimitation in 2009 the seat was reserved for Scheduled Caste candidates and turned out of bounds for Mulak, who is a Kunbi Maratha, Bhagwat "Since then he worked for the party organisation in other parts of rural Nagpur" he added.
According to Bhagwat,
Mulak's clout can be gauged by the fact that even as he has been expelled from the Congress for six years, he is being actively supported by some party leaders.

PTI PATHANAMTHITTA

The Kerala Police on Saturday said that the rush of devotees at the Sabarimala Lord Ayyappa temple, following the opening of the hill shrine for this year's Mandalam-Makaravilakku pilgrimage, is well under control.

Chief Police Coordinator ADGP S Sreejith stated that the situation is under control and the force is equipped to

Morbi bridge collapse accused honoured, kin of victims upset

devotees

The police are fully prepared to manage the situation, even if the number of devotees reaches one lakh," he said.

The 41-day-long pilgrimage season, commenced on Saturday the first day of the auspicious Malayalam month of Vrichikam. The sanctum sanctorum was

opened at 4 pm on Friday under the aegis of current temple head priest, priest, Kandararu Rajeevaru, and his Kandararu handle even a heavy rush of Brahmadathan, who will be

replacing him, while chief priest P Mahesh Namboothiri led the rituals.

Even before the shrine was opened a few hours before Saturday for the beginning of annual festivities, Sabarimala and its premises already witnessed a heavy rush of devotees.

ADGP Sreejith stated that 30,000 devotees had already completed darshan by Saturday morning. He added that the flow of

devotees has been smooth with 15,000 receiving darshan

Extensive arrangements have been put in place by the various government departments and the police to ensure smooth and safe darshan for devotees during

early in the morning alone.

the pilgrimage season.
The government has said that 70,000 devotees will be permitted to have darshan each day through the virtual queue booking system. Additionally, 10,000 devotees will be allowed to book slots for darshan at counters set up on the way to the shrine.

ECoR to install Kavach system

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

The East Coast Railway (ECoR) plans to install the Kavach, train collision avoidance system, an official said.The Kavach system will be installed between Ranital (Bhadrak) in Odisha and Duvvada (Visakhapatnam) in Andhra Pradesh, a vital section of the Howrah-Chennai main line covering a distance of 595 km. Kavach, an indigenously developed automatic train protection (ATP) system, is designed to prevent train collisions and ensure enhanced operational

PTI ■ MORBI

Industrialist Jaysukh Patel, the main accused in the 2020 Gujarat suspension bridge collapse that claimed 135 collapse that claimed 133 lives, received criticism after he was felicitated at an event organised by the Patidar community in Morbi

district. While the victims' kin expressed anguish over the event, the organisers said that Patel, currently out on bail, was honoured in his capacity as the son of late OR Patel, a philanthropist who founded

the Ajanta Group.
Patel was weighed in modak (sweet dumpling) on a scale at the function organised by Kadva Patidar Kanya Kelavani His firm Oreva Group was collapsed on October 30,

Mandal on the outskirts of Morbi town on Friday to mark the Pran Pratishtha of the Uma Sanskardham

temple. The modak will be packed in 60,000 boxes and distributed among Patidar families, the organisers said.

"It is a matter of sadness for us to see the main accused in the Morbi suspension bridge collapse being honoured like that," said Narendra Parmar, a member of the association representing victims and their families.

A court recently relaxed Patel's bail condition barring him from entering the Morbi district, making it possible for him to attend the event.



responsible for the operation and maintenance of a Britishera suspension bridge on river Machchhu in Morbi town that 2020, killing 135 persons, including women children, and injuring 56 others. "I learnt about Patel's

not something one forgets in his lifetime," said Parmar, whose 10-year-old daughter was killed in the tragedy.

AK Patel, a member of the properties of the

organisation that held the programme, said they honoured Jaysukh Patel to pay respects to his late father OR Patel, who founded the Ajanta Group, describing him as "the father of wall clocks". We decided to felicitate Jaysukh Patel and his brothers at the event as a tribute to their father OR Patel's service to society," he said.

felicitation through a news report and felt sad. He was Former Congress MLA Lalit Kagathara said there was nothing wrong with Patel being honoured by his barred from entering Morbi but secured the court's permission for the event. The community, stressing that the incident and losing a child is industrialist's family has significant made contributions to society through philanthropy.

"I have been saying that Jaysukh Patel is innocent. Morbi's then collector and civic officials are responsible for the tragedy. Why an FIR was not registered against them? OR Patel was the 'Bhishma Pitamah' of the Patridar community and a Patridar community and a philanthropist. There is nothing wrong with his son being honoured by the community," he said.
A total of ten persons,

firm, sub-contractors who had repaired the bridge, three security guards and two ticket booking clerks, were arrested on charges of culpable homicide not amounting to murder and endangering human life after the accident. The Supreme Court on March

including Patel, two managers

22, 2024, ordered Patel's release and directed the trial court to frame his bail conditions. Among the bail conditions, Patel was barred from entering Morbi till the pendency of the trial.

Patel had moved court after the Gujarat High Court in December last year rejected his regular bail plea.

Biden to press Xi on N Korea's ties with Russia Protesters gather at UN climate

President Joe Biden is expected to use his 6 ed to use his final meeting with China's leader, Xi Jinping, to urge him to dissuade North Korea from further deepening its support for Russia's war on Ukraine. Saturday's talks on the sidelines of the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Peru come just over two months before Biden leaves office and makes way for Republican President-elect Donald Trump. It will be Biden's last check-in with Xi someone the Democrat saw as his most consequential peer on the world stage

With the final meeting, officials say Biden will be looking for Xi to step up Chinese engagement to prevent an already dangerous moment with North Korea from further escalating.

Biden on Friday, along with South Korean President Yoon Seok Yul and Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, condemned North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's decision to send thousands of troops to help Moscow repel Ukrainian forces who have seized territory in Russia's Kursk border region. Biden called it "dangerous and

White House officials also have expressed frustration with Beijing, which accounts for the vast majority of North Korea's trade, for not doing more to rein in Pyongyang.

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Japan's minister visits Ukraine to stress concern over North Korean troops

minister arrived in Kyiv on Saturday to discuss North Korea's deepening military alliance with Russia, including the deployment of thousands of troops to support Moscow's war in Ukraine.

Foreign Minister Takeshi Iwaya will meet his Ukrainian counterpart, Andrii Sybiha, to reaffirm Japan's "strong support" for Ukraine against Russia's invasion and to discuss further sanctions against Moscow, Japan's Foreign Ministry said.

High on the agenda was Tokyo's "grave concern" over growing military cooperation between North Korea and Russia, the ministry said. According to US, South

Biden, Yoon and Ishiba spent most of their 50-minute discussion focused on the issue, agreeing it "should not be in Beijing's interest to have this destabilising cooperation in the region, according to a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss their private conversations.

The North Koreans also have provided Russia with artillery

ligence assessments, up to 12,000 North Korean troops have been sent to Russia as part of a major defence treaty between the countries.

Last week, Ukrainian officials said Ukraine and North Korean troops engaged in small-scale fighting while Ukraine's army fired artillery at North Korean soldiers in Russia's Kursk border region, where Ukraine launched a surprise push on August 6. The agreement requires both countries to use all available means to provide immediate military assistance if either is attacked.

Iwaya's visit comes after the Ukrainian capital was attacked overnight by Russian

and other munitions, according

to US and South Korean intel-

ligence officials. And the US,

Japan and South Korea have

expressed alarm over

Pyongyang's stepped-up

cadence of ballistic missile

Kim ordered testing exercises

in the lead-up to this month's

US election and is claiming

progress on efforts to build

capability to strike the US

casualties were reported. Ukrainian air defences neutralised up to a dozen drones. said the head of Kviv's military administration, Serhii Popko, Russia attacked Ukraine with 83 Shahed drones in the early hours of Saturday morning, the Ukrainian air force reported. Of those, 55 were shot down, while another 30 veered off course or were lost after electronic jamming, it Meanwhile, Russia's Ministry

buildings and infrastructure

in Kyiv's Obolon district. No

of Defense said that it had destroyed 35 Ukrainian drones, including 20 over the western Kursk region and 11 over the Bryansk region.

Biden and Xi have much beyond North Korea to discuss, including China's indirect support for Russia, human rights issues, technology and Taiwan, the self-ruled democracy that Beijing claims as its own.

There's also much uncertainty about what lies ahead in the US-China relationship under Trump, who campaigned promising to levy 60 per cent

Already, many American companies, including Nike and eyewear retailer Warby Parker, have been diversifying their sourcing away from China. Shoe brand Steve Madden says it plans to cut imports from China by as much as 45 per cent next year.

"When Xi meets with Biden, part of his audience is not solely the White House or the US government," said Victor Cha, an analyst at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "It's about American CEOs and continued US investment or trying to renew US investment in China and get rid of the perception that there's a hostile business environment in

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said Biden administration officials will advise the Trump team that managing the intense competition with Beijing will likely be the most significant foreign policy challenge they will face. Administration officials are concerned that tensions between China and Taiwan could devolve into all-out war if there is a miscalculation by either side, with catastrophic consequences for the world. Sullivan said the Trump administration will have to deal with the Chinese military's frequent harassment of its

talks in global day of action

Hundreds of activists formed a human chain outside one of the main plenary halls at the United Nations climate summit on what is traditionally their biggest protest day during the two-week talks. The demonstration in Baku, Azerbaijan will be echoed at sites around the world in a global "day of action" for climate justice that's become an annual event. Activists waved flags, snapped their fingers, and hummed and mumbled chants in a silent protest, with many covering their mouths with the word "Silenced."

calling for more money to be pledged for climate finance, which involves cash for transitioning to clean energy and adapting to climate change. It comes as negotiators at the venue try to hammer out a deal for exactly that — but progress has been slow and observers

Demonstrators held up signs

say the direction of any agreement is still unclear. TIRED BUT INSPIRED, ACTIVISTS VOW TO KEEP FIGHTING

Lidy Nacpil said protesters like her are "not surprised" about how negotiations are going. But past wins — like a

gives developing nations cash after extreme weather events exacerbated by climate change

 keep organisers going, said Nacpil, a coordinator with the Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development. "The role we play is to increase the pressure," she said of the action. "We know we're not going to get the results that the world needs in this round of negotiations, but at least to bring us many steps closer is our hope, is our aim." She added: "I think we have no option but to keep fighting ... It's the instinctive response that anyone, any living being, living creatures will have, which is to fight for life and fight for survival."

Tasneem Essop said she was inspired by the action, which was challenging to organise. "To be able to pull off something where people feel their own power, exercise their own power and get inspired in this creative way, I'm super excited about this," she said. Essop says she's "not very" optimistic about an outcome on finance, but knows next week will be pivotal. "We can't end up with a bad deal for the peoples of the world, those who are already suffering the impacts of climate change, those who

need to adapt to an increasing and escalating crisis," she said. We fight until the end."

ON A DEAL FOR CLIMATE CASH, THERE'S NOT **MUCH PROGRESS**

Negotiators at COP29, as the talks are known, are working on a deal that might be worth hundreds of billions of dollars to poorer nations. Many are in the Global South and already suffering the costly impacts of weather disasters fueled by climate change. experts have said USD 1 trillion a year or more is needed both to compensate for such damages and to pay for a cleanenergy transition that most countries can't afford on their own. Samir Bejanov, deputy lead negotiator of this year's cli-

talks were moving too slowly. 'I want to repeat our strong encouragement to all parties to make as much progress as possible," he said. "We need everyone to approach the task with urgency and determination." Observers were also disappointed at the pace of progress. This has been the worst first week of a COP in my 15 years of attending this summit," said Mohamed Adow, of climate

think tank Power Shift Africa.

mate talks said in a press con-

ference that the climate finance

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'Gazprom stops flow of natural gas to Austria'

regional neighbors.

Vienna (AP): Russia's state-

The official cutoff of supplies before dawn Saturday came after Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer on Friday held a news conference to emphasise his country has a secure supply of alternative fuel for this winter. OMV said it would stop paying for Gazprom gas to its Austrian arm to offset a 230 million-euro (USD 242 million) arbitration award it won from the International Chamber of Commerce over an earlier cutoff of gas to its German subsidiary. The Austrian utility said in an email that no gas delivery was made from 6 am on Saturday. OMV said it has sufficient stocks to provide gas to its customers in case of a potential disruption by Austria was at more than 90%.

This is inform all at you that Sh. Sun Kukreti S/o Sh. Sukhdev Prasad Kukret is missing since 15/04/2017 and case is pending for Misc. Civil Death Declaration and Mandatory Injunction before the Hon'ble Court of Sh. Gauray Sharma, LD. ASCJ, East Karkardooma Courts Delhi in Civil Suit bearing No. 787/2024 an interested person of party can join the proceeding on the NDOH 21/11/2024

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Israeli troops reach deepest

owned natural gas company Gazprom stopped supplies to Austria early Saturday, according to the Vienna-based utility OMV after it said it would stop payments for the gas following an arbitration award.

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point in Lebanon since Oct 1

AP ■ BEIRUT

Israeli ground forces reached their deepest point in Lebanon since they invaded six weeks ago, before pulling back early Saturday after fierce battles with Hezbollah militants, Lebanese state media Israeli troops captured a strate-

gic hill in the southern Lebanese village of Chamaa, about 5 kilometres from the Israeli border early Saturday, the state-run National News Agency reported. It said Israeli troops were later pushed back from the hill.

It added that Israeli troops detonated the Shrine of Shimon the Prophet in Chamaa as well as several homes before they withdrew. but the claim could not be immediately verified.

Israel's military said in a statement that its troops "continue their limited, localised, and targeted operational activity in southern Lebanon." The military did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the Lebanese reports. The ground came as Israeli warplanes pounded Beirut's southern suburbs as well as several other areas in southern Lebanon, including the port city of Tyre. The morning strike in Beirut hit an area known as Dahiyeh, which the Israeli military called a Hezbollah stronghold, saying its planes had hit multiple sites used by the militant group.



Smoke rises after an Israeli airstrike on Dahiyeh, in the southern suburb of Beirut,

Residents were given advance warning by Israel, and it was not immediately clear whether there were any casualties.

The increase of violence came as Lebanese and Hezbollah officials are studying a draft proposal presented by the US earlier this week on ending the war. Since late September, Israel dramatically escalated its bombardment of Lebanon, vowing to cripple Israel. More than 3,400 people have been killed in Lebanon by Israeli fire — 80 per cent of them in the eight weeks — according to Lebanon's Health Ministry. On Friday, Lebanon's caretaker prime minister apparently urged Iran to try and convince Hezbollah to agree to a cease-fire deal with Israel, which would require the group to pull back

from the Israel-Lebanon border. The proposal is based on UN Security Council resolution 1701, which ended the last Israel-Hezbollah war in the summer of

A copy of the draft proposal was handed over earlier this week by the US ambassador to Lebanon to Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, who has been negotiating on behalf of Hezbollah, accord-

The official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak about the secret talks said Berri is expected to give Lebanon's response on Monday. Another Lebanese politician said Hezbollah officials had received the draft, were studying it and would express their opinion on

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Be it known to all that My client has given an advance to purchase the above captioned property from its owners 1. Mr. Vineet Grover son of Mr. Ganesh Chander Grover. Original title deed/document being Trasfer deed vide vasika no. 12060 dated 22/11/2021. duly registered in the court of the Sub Registrar,

Any person Bank/person/F.I/ Authority having any right title interest claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the above captioned property, or has any sort of dispute/ litigation and/or otherwise any objection for its sale to my client, He/She/they should contact and notify such objection (with Valid document proof) to the undersigned within **7 Days** from the date of publication hereof, failing which it will be presumed that the above captioned property is free from all sort of encumbrance and my client shall proceed further to complete the

Vijay Aggarwal (Advocate)



DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DEHRADUN Government of India, Ministry of Finance, (Department of Financial Services) 2nd Floor, Paras Tower, Mazra, Saharanpur Road, Dehradun, UK. 248171 PUBLICATION NOTICE IN O.A. No. 330 OF 2024

Summons Under Sub-section (4) Of Section 19 Of The Recovery Of Debts And Bankruptcy Act. 1993. Read With Sub-Rule (2A) Of Rule 5 Of The Debt Recovery Tribunal(procedure) Rules. 1993 As Amended From Time To Time) Dy. No. 1057/2024 Dated: 12.11.2024 HDFC Bank Limited V/s M/s Technomach Engineering and Projects & Ors

2. Shri Chander Dev Uraw S/o of Shri Sanichra Uraw resident of P Block Beni, Pant Nagar

D.F. Nagla, District U.S. Nagar 4. Shri Avinash Kumar S/o Shri Vijenra Pandey R/o Palam Village, South West Dehli 110045. Whereas the above named Applicant Bank has instituted OA No. 330 of 2024 against you follow

recovery of debts of Rs. 45,24,989.29 /- in which Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to issue Summons/Notice U/s 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 08.11.2024. Whereas, it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in

ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by way of this publication directing you to appear in person or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner before the Tribunal or 06.01.2025. Further, you are required to show cause as to why the relief(s) prayed for in OA should not be granted and to file reply, if any, in your defence in a paper book form in sets and produce all the documents and affidavits under which your defence or claim for set off, counter claim, in this Tribunal personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner within 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the specified day and time before the

Tribunal, the case shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 12th day of November, 2024 By Order Of Tribunal Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal Dehrad THE PIONEER

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Ramaswamy indicates massive iob cuts in US

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

it to Berri.

Entrepreneur-turned politician Vivek Ramaswamy, who along with Tesla owner Elon Musk has been nominated in-charge of the Department of Government Efficiency, has indicated a massive cut in federal government jobs in the United States. "Elon Musk and I are in a position to start the mass deportations of millions of unelected federal bureaucrats out of the DC bureaucracy. That, too, is how we're going to save this country,' Ramaswamy, an Indian American, said at an event in Mar-a-Lago in Florida on

Thursday. "I don't know if you've got to know Elon yet, but he doesn't bring a chisel. He brings a chainsaw. We are going to be taking it to that bureaucracy. It's going to be a lot of fun," he said. "We've been taught to believe over the last four years that we have become a nation in decline, that we're at the end of the ancient Roman Empire. All we have is to fight over the scraps of some shrinking pie. I don't think we have to stay as that nation in decline. I think with what happened last week, we're back to being a nation in our ascent. A nation whose best days are actually still ahead of us," Ramaswamy said.

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a)The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly/annual financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation

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India stun Olympic silver medallist China 3-0 to book semis berth

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Tete (37th) before tournament's

highest scorer Deepika (60th)

converted a penalty corner in

The win against world No. 6

China was India's fourth

consecutive win in the tournament. The hosts are now

on top of the standings with eight points from four games.

China have dropped to the second place with six points

India will square off their

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Japan on Sunday.

will qualify for the semifinals. India were the offensive from the word go and created most efending champions India stunned Olympic efending of the opportunities without any success as the Chinese silver medallist China 2-0 to seal a semifinal spot at the defended deep into their own women's Asian Champions territory and relied on counter Trophy hockey tournament here on Saturday. India scored two field goals

India secured their first real chance in the opening minute through Sangita Kumari (32nd of the game in the form of back-to-back penalty corners wasted both opportunities.

team continental tournament

Minutes later, Sharmila Devi essayed a precision pass to Sunelita Toppo, whose firsttouch opened up the Chinese defence, giving Deepika a one-on-one situation with the opposition goalkeeper, who came out on top to deny the Indian forward.

China also secured a penalty corner in the first quarter but the Indian defence stood tall. Both the sides were cagey in the The top four teams from the six first quarter with India making



some silly mistakes after a bright start. India secured their second

penalty corner in the 21st minute but to no avail. Five minutes later, India secured another penalty corner but Manisha Chauhan's flick

was saved by second Chinese goalkeeper Ting Li and Lalremsiami's try from the rebound went wide as the deadlock continued after half time.

The Indians came out with the same tempo after the change of ends and controlled the proceedings of the match.
Their efforts finally bore fruit in the 32nd minute when

Sangita deftly met with Sushila Chanu's defence splitting pass from the midfield. Five minutes later, the Indians

doubled their lead with another fine field goal. It was skipper Salima who found the target after she was neatly set up by Beauty Dung Dung and Preeti

The Índians continued their

domination with relentless attacks on the Chinese citadel but was denied by the rival goalkeeper on

occasions. The Chinese too tried their best but credit must go to the resolute Indian defence which

stood firm.

Desperate for goals, China withdrew their goalkeeper with little over three minutes to go and the move backfired as India scored their third goal in the final minute of the game. Sangita secured India's fourth penalty corner with her smart stickwork in the final minute and Deepika rose to the occasion flicking the ball to the right corner for her seventh goal of the tournament.

Meanwhile in other matches of the day, Japan beat Malaysia 2-1 while Korea defeated Thailand 4-0.



Blow for India as Shubman Gill fractures left thumb, all but out of Perth Test

PTI ■ NEW DELHI/PERTH

India were dealt a telling blow on Saturday after star top-order batter Shubman Gill sustained a left thumb fracture which is likely to rule him out of the opening Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy at the Optus Stadium in Perth, starting November

Gill, one of the young heroes of India's last Border-Gavaskar Trophy triumph, is a batting mainstay and in case skipper Rohit Sharma opts out of the first Test, India's top-order could look

Gill got hurt while fielding on the second day of the intra-squad match simulation. He was seen in considerable pain and immediately left the field for

further scans. According to a BCCI source privy to the development, Gill has indeed fractured his left thumb and with less than a week left for the Test to start, it will be near impossible for the stylish right-hander to get fit in time

for the opening match. A thumb fracture generally takes around 14 days to heal after which one is expected to start his regular net sessions. Since the second Test in Adelaide starts from December 6, there remains a possibility that he will get fit in time for that match.

Gill's absence could be massive for the national team as he is not only a stable number three batter but in case of Rohit's absence, he

AP ■ SYDNEY

could be considered for opening the innings with Yashasvi Jaiswal.

The other man in contention, Lokesh Rahul, has a bruised elbow after getting hit by a Prasidh Krishna short ball on the opening day of the intrasquad match and was forced to leave the field.

Rahul's bruised area needed icing and he didn't take the field on the second day of the match simulation on Saturday although it is being seen more as a precautionary measure.

In case Gill is absent, Abhimanyu Easwaran could he in line for his Test d India do not have too many

options left. However, if skipper Rohit, who was blessed with a baby boy, decides to join forces with three days of training, then it would be a different

Mohammed Shami, who has bowled more than 43.2 overs took seven wickets and scored 37 runs in Ranji Trophy, is certainly going to join the team before the second Test

The last day of the match simulation will happen at the WACA on Sunday after which India A squad, barring reserve players, will be back to India and join their respective state teams for the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. The main squad will then

move to Optus Stadium in Perth where they will have three net sessions from Tuesday to Thursday before going into the Test starting Friday.

Johnson's 5-26 earns Australia a 13-run

win over Pakistan to clinch T20I series

ICC begins Trophy Tour for Champions Trophy in Pakistan, POK cities dropped

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) found no mention in the Champions Trophy tour unveiled by the ICC on Saturday as the world body moved in swiftly to have them dropped from the host country's itinerary following India's strong objection. The Trophy Tour will now

comprise Karachi, Rawalpindi and Islamabad, apart from Abbottabad in the Khyber Pakhtunwala Region.

The Trophy Tour starts in Islamabad, the capital city of Pakistan, and will travel to other cities of the nation --Taxila and Khanpur (November 17), Abbottabad (November 18), Murree (November 19) and Nathia Gali (November 20) before Karachi concluding in Karachi (November 22-25). Most of these cities are tourist attractions,

Earlier, on November 14, the PCB had announced the Trophy Tour, which included cities like Skardu, Hunza and Muzaffarabad, which fall in the PoK region, a disputed territory between India and Pakistan.



The PTI reported on Friday that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah had raised strong objections with the ICC to PCB's Trophy Tour plans in the PoK region. However, the global body took swift action to eliminate those cities from the tour as revealed on Saturday.

Following the Trophy Tour in Pakistan, it will tour Afghanistan (November 26-28), followed by Bangladesh (December 10-13), South Africa (December 15-22), Australia (December 25-January 5), New Zealand (January 6-11), England (January 12-14) and India (January 15-26). The cities for the Trophy Tour outside Pakistan will be

announced in due course.

"A series of physical and digital engagements traversing iconic destinations, sporting events and key battles in the international cricket calendar form the Trophy Tour schedule, during which fans will also be treated to a content series titled 'Champion on Tour' that will document the Trophy Tour's journey around the world through the lens of food, music and cricket," ICC said in a release.

Pakistan is the defending champion of the event, having won the title at The Oval in London in 2017, defeating India in the final. defeating India in the final. As for this edition, India has reportedly denied travelling to Pakistan for the tournament, and the ICC is working with PCB to find a possible solution to it, including hosting it in a hybrid model or shifting the competition out of Pakistan, possibly the United Arab Emirates (UAE) or South Africa. Africa. in the PCB Sources yesterday said the trophy

consultation and with the approval of the ICC and it was not a unilateral decision of the PCB. "If they had issues they should have notified the PCB immediately before announcing the trophy tour. Anyways the PCB as hosts and commercial partners of the ICC is cooperating as always with them," another

tour was planned

source said. The trophy would now be taken to Islamabad, Taxila, Abbottabad, Murree, Nathiagali and Karachi with the trophy tour ending on November 22.

India Blitz 2024: Carlsen, Lagno lead; Praggnanandhaa close second

PTI ■ KOLKATA

World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen and three-time World Women's Blitz World champion Kateryna Lagno occupied the top spot while India's R Praggnanandhaa took second place at the halfway mark of the Tata Steel Chess India Blitz 2024 here on Saturday.

Carlsen concluded the first nine rounds with an impressive 6.5 points out of a possible 9. The Norwegian maestro had a dominant start, but his momentum was halted in round eight by Arjun Erigaisi, who defeated him in spectacular fashion in just 20 moves.

In the final round of the day, Carlsen settled for a draw against Vidit Gujarathi.

roung Indian prodigy Praggnanandhaa tailed him closely in second place with 6 points, recovering remarkably after losing his first three games to register six consecutive wins. Erigaisi and Russia's Daniil Dubov are tied for third with 5.5 points each.

In the women's section, Lagno led the field with 7 points, maintaining an undefeated streak with five wins and four



Valentina Gunina trails her by a single point in second place, while Rapid Champion Aleksandra Goryachkina occupies third with 5 points. Goryachkina had a strong start with three consecutive wins but managed only four draws in

the remaining six games.
Standings (Round 9): Open
Section: Magnus Carlsen (6.5);
R Praggnanandhaa (6); Arjun
Erigaisi (5.5); Daniil Dubov
(5.5); Vidit Santosh Gujrathi
(5.5); Abdusattoray, Nodishele (5); Abdusattorov Nodirbek (4); Wesley So (3.5); Narayanan S L (3.5); Nihal Sarin (3.5) and Keymer Vincent (2). Women's Section: Kateryna

Lagno (7); Valentina Gunina (6); Aleksandra Goryachkina(5); Divya Deshmukh (4.5); Vantika Ágrawal (4.5); Koneru Humpy (4.5); Harika Dronavalli (4); Alexandra Kosteniuk (4); Vaishali R (3.5) and Nana Dzagnidze (2).

Jake Paul beats 58-year-old Mike Tyson as the hits don't match the hype

AP ■ ARLINGTON (USA)

The boos from a crowd **⊥** wanting more action were growing again when Jake Paul dropped his gloves before the final bell, and bowed toward 58-year-old Mike Tyson.

Paying homage to one of the biggest names in boxing history didn't do much for the fans that filled the home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys on Friday night. Paul won a unanimous

decision over Tyson as the hits didn't match the hype in a fight between the 27-yearold YouTuber-turned-boxer and the former heavyweight champion in his first sanctioned pro fight in almost 20 years. All the hate from the pre-

fight buildup was gone,

Shaheen Shah Afridi and

replaced by boos from bewildered fans hoping for more action in a fight that drew plenty of questions about its legitimacy long before it happened.

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judge's cards, with one giving Paul an 80-72 edge and the other two calling it 79-73. Tyson came after Paul immediately after the opening bell and landed a couple of quick punches but didn't try

much else the rest of the way. Even fewer rounds and shorter rounds, along with heavier gloves designed to lessen the power of punches, couldn't do much to generate action.



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e-Procurement Notice :Dated 14.11.2024 Bid Identification No. EE(AGRIL)Cuttack Division-04/2024-25

The Executive Engineer (Agril.), Agril.Engg. Division, Cuttack, Odisha on behalf of the Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in single cover system from the eligible class of contractors through e-procurement in ONLINE MODE only in the website "www.tendersodisha.gov.in", for civil works/buildings in the district of Cuttack as detailed below:

Nos of the work/nature of work Estimated cost put Cost of Bid EMD in Class

No.	for which Tender invited	to Tender (Excluding G.S.T)(Rs.lakh)	Documents (in Rs.)	EMD in (Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Total 1No (One) Building works / Civil construction works/ PH Sanitary & Electrical works	8.45	Rs.4000.00	1% Of The Amount Put To Tender	"C" & "D" with valid MV/HT Electrical License	120Days

- 1. Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal :18.11.2024 at 10.00 AM to 29.11.2024, 5.3
- 2. Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal :29.11.2024 , 5.30 PM
 3. Date of submission of original bid documents in Tender Box :18.11.2024 at 10.00 AM to 30.11.2024 up to 5.30 PM up to 3.30 Pm

 4. Date & Time of opening of original Documents & Verification – 02.12.2024 at 11.00 A.M

 5. Date & time of opening of Online bids: 02.12.2024 at 2.00PM onwards. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only in the e- Procurement website

https://tendersodisha.gov.inwith matching class DSC. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of ender /other details of the DTCN can also be seen in the said website. Authority reserve the right to eject/accept any or all of the tenders ,increase/decrease the quantities of works without assigning an

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1		Name of the Work			:	Building works du	ring 2024-25 in the dis	strict of Bargarh.	
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Executive Engineer R.W. Division, Bargarh

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEE BALASORE (ROADS & BUILDINGS) DIVISION-II CONTACT NO :- 06782-263149 SHORT TENDER CALL NOTICE BID INVITATION NO. EE (R and B) BLS-II- 18/ 2024-25 No. 7873 Dt. 12.11.24 The Executive Engineer , Balasore (R & B) Division-II , Balasore on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites Percentage rate bids to be received in ONLINE MODE only for Roads & Buildings Roads Work of Balasore (R&B) Division 4 Class of Contractor "D", "C", "B" for Civil (Roads) Works 5 Approx. value of work Rs. 12.60 to 25.97 Lakhs for Civil (Roads) From 10.00 AM of 19.11.2024 to 4.00 PM

9 Other details can be seen in the Bid

8 Date of Opening of Bid

WORKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, ROURKELA (R&B) DIVISION,

Dt. 04.12.2024 at 4.30 PM

UDITNAGAR, ROURKELA E-Mail Id - eepwdrkl@gmail.com

Government of Orissa "e" Procurement Notice Bid Identification No.: 62 / 2024-25 Dated:12.11.2024

Number of works: 01 (One) number of Works.

Estimated cost: Rs. 29.63 lakhs

Period of completion: 3(Three) calendar months Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal: Dt.19.11.2024 at 11.00

Last date/ Time for receipt of bids in the portal: Dt 29.11.2024 up to 05.00 P.M.

Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid: Superintending Engineer, (R & B)

Date of opening of Bid: Dt. 30.11.2024 at 1.00 P.M.

Division, Rourkela, Uditnagar. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal http//tendersorissa.gov.in'

> Additional Chief Engineer(Civil) Rourkela (R&B) Division

order and Pakistan crumbled to 134 all out in the final over that gave Australia a decisive 2-0 lead in Josh Inglis' first series as skipper. Usman Khan made a fighting

 $F_{\text{grabbed a career-best 5-26}}^{\text{ast bowler Spencer Johnson}}$ and propelled Australia to a

13-run win over Pakistan as

the home team clinched the

three-match T20I series with a

Johnson sliced through the top

game to spare Saturday.

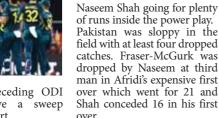
52 and Irfan Khan scored unbeaten 37 but the visitors otherwise struggled with Johnson's pace on a bouncy with wicket captain Mohammad Rizwan (16) the only other batter to cross the double-figure mark. Australia, beaten by Pakistan



eye a sweep Monday at Hobart. The home team couldn't

capitalize on a whirlwind start and ended up at 147-9 after Inglis won the toss and elected to bat. Fast bowler Haris Rauf put the brakes on Australia's rapid start with 4-22 and Abbas Afridi bowled well in the death overs to finish with 3-17.

Matthew Short (32) and Jake Fraser-McGurk (20) posted Australia's fastest-ever 50 in T20s off 20 balls with both



Haris struck twice in his first over when Fraser-McGurk couldn't clear Salman Ali Agha at cover and Sufiyan Muqeem, playing his first T20 since making his debut at the Asian Games last year, took a splendid catch at point to

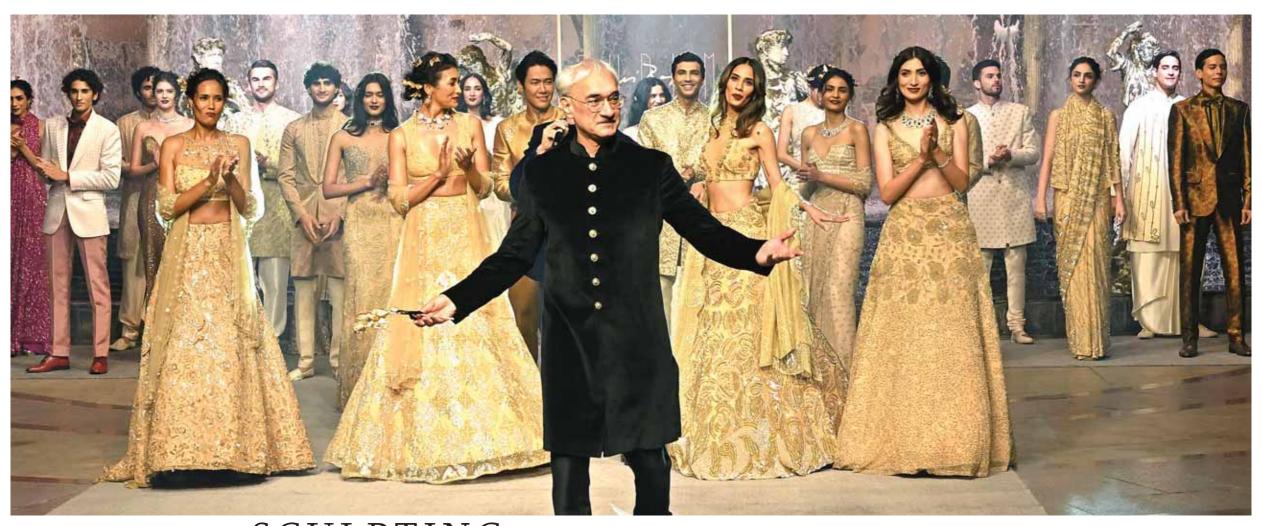
dismiss Inglis for zero.
Abbas Afridi then ended Short's 17-ball knock with a brilliant slower ball to knock back the stumps as Australia slipped to 61-3 in six overs.

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BY SAKSHI PRIYA

he unveiling of new label 'Aurum' by Ravi Bajaj at DLF Emporio was a stunning show filled with elegance and style. This exclusive fashion show highlighted Ravi Bajaj's newest collection, which focused on Indian wedding wear with a fresh twist. Known for combining traditional Indian elements with modern Indian elements with modern style, Bajaj's 'Aurum' collection was truly eye-catching.

The fashion show set was a true masterpiece. A grand sculpture and an elegant fountain served as the central backdrop, creating luxurious atmosphere that perfectly matched opulence of the Aurum collection. These elements added to the evening's sophistication, making it a visual delight for all who attended.

Models graced the runway in stunning outfits from the Aurum collection complemented by beautiful jewellery from Rose, the official jewellery partner. The jewellery added an extra layer of elegance to the ensembles, enhancing the overall look with a balance of modern flair and

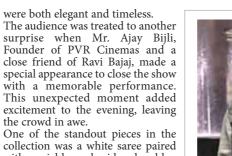
traditional touches.

The collection itself was a blend of opulence and refinement, showcasing innovative designs while respecting classic Indian traditions. Bajaj introduced unique elements like lace and organza in menswear, with some outfits even featuring pearls - a subtle yet luxurious detail. The womenswear was equally captivating, featuring lehengas that stayed true to the Ravi

Bajaj style, with intricate designs that

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celebrated modern Indian wedding fashion in a luxurious setting.



One of the standout pieces in the collection was a white saree paired with a richly embroidered golden blouse. The blend of simplicity and luxury in this outfit captured the essence of Aurum - a collection designed to make a statement while maintaining elegance. For men, the collection included beautifully tailored kurtas with golden details, ideal for those who appreciate traditional Indian attire with a modern edge.

and white colour palette symbolised the joy and prosperity associated with Indian weddings. This theme offered a refreshing take on bridal wear, balancing traditional and contemporary styles to suit the





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Ravi Bajaj's 'Aurum' collection, unveiled at DLF Emporio, showcased elegant designs that

tastes of modern brides and grooms. The show also marked the grand reopening of the Aurum boutique at DLF Emporio, which now houses a stunning range of meticulously crafted menswear and womenswear. From regal sherwanis to luxurious lehengas, the boutique is a destination for those seeking elegant wedding attire that stands out for

> The launch of Aurum was not just a fashion show but a celebration of Indian culture, heritage, and modern luxury. Ravi Bajaj's ability seamlessly combine traditional and modern elements made this collection a standout in the Indian fashion scene. With its focus on detailed craftsmanship and elegant design, Aurum wedding wear, making it a must-see for anyone interested in the finest Indian

couture.

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Chor Bizarre reopens its doors with Hosa Pop-Up

hor Bizarre, the iconic restaurant celebrating √its 34th anniversary this year, reopens its doors with an exciting two-day popup featuring *Hosa*, a celebrated South Indian restaurant from *Goa*. *Hosa* is bringing its unique culinary experience to New Delhi, offering a special set menu at Bizarre before continuing its journey to Comorin in Gurugram.

take on traditional South Indian flavours, Hosa will offer a special set menu for two days at each location, giving guests chance to indulge in the bold and intricate tastes of

Known for its creative

South India. Located in Siolim, Goa, Hosa is part of EHV International and is situated opposite the iconic



Kannada, reflects the restaurant's innovative approach to South Indian cuisine. Blending old-world charm with c o n t e m p o r a r y

design, *Hosa* offers dining experience that celebrates the diverse and rich flavours of the region. Awarded 'Best Modern Indian Restaurant' and 'Best Restobar' in Goa at the 2023 Times Food & Nightlife Awards, Hosa has also earned

accolades for 'Best Modern





CHEF HARISH RAO

Cocktails' in 2024. The muchanticipated pop-up event will take place at Chor Bizarre in New Delhi and Comorin in Gurugram. The set menu is designed to introduce diners to Hosa's inventive South

Indian cuisine.

The menu, curated by *Brand Chef Harish Rao*, will feature signature dishes like *Cracked* Potatoes with cauliflower mousse, Andhra Okra Masala with peanut sesame curry and Kari Dosa with poached egg and bone marrow hollandaise. Highlights also include *Toddy* Shop Prawns with raw mango salad and a dessert of Coconut Jasmine, combining coconut ice cream, jasmine granita and almond crumble. This is a unique opportunity for food lovers in Delhi and Gurugram

South Indian' and 'Best to experience the bold and vibrant flavours that have made *Hosa* a favourite in *Goa*. Chef Harish Rao says, We're excited to bring Hosa's South

Indian flavours to New Delhi and Gurugram, r e i m a g i n i n g traditional dishes for the food lovers in these cities. Collaborating with our own group restaurants, Chor Bizarre and Comorin, allows us to showcase the depth and variety of South Indian cuisine in two dynamic settings."

EVENT DETAILS

Chor Bizarre, New Delhi – November 17th, Comorin, Gurugram - November 19th & 20th

Pricing: INR 1600 (non-INR 1300 vegetarian)

(vegetarian) Reservations: Chor Bizarre

to keep you gripped to the screens, says ABHI SINGHAL

s 2024 draws to a close, it's the perfect time to Areflect on the Indian gems the year offered in the world of entertainment. One such standout is Gyarah Gyarah, streaming on Zee5. This web series has captured the audience with its gripping narrative, complex characters, and masterful storytelling, making it an absolute must-watch before the year ends.

Directed by *Umesh Bist*, this Indian adaptation of the acclaimed South Korean series Signal blends time travel, suspense, and crime drama across eight thrilling episodes. The show takes viewers on an engaging journey through timelines set in 1990, 2001, and 2016, cleverly weaving out past and present events.

The narrative centers around ACP Vamika Rawat played by rookie Kritika Kamra, inspector Yug Arya acted by Raghav Juyal, and seasoned cop Shaurya Anthwal (Dhairya Karwa). The plot unfolds as Yug stumbles upon an old walkie-talkie that mysteriously allows him to communicate with Shaurya from 2001. Together, they work to solve cold cases while grappling with the paradoxes of time travel. Kritika Kamra delivers a nuanced performance as the determined and layered Vamika. Raghav Juyal Juyal impresses as the enthusiastic and headstrong Yug, showcasing his brilliant acting Yug,



Dhairya Karwa, portraying *Shaurya*, brings a grounded depth to his role as the conflicted and persistent investigator. Harsh Chhaya, Gautami Kapoor, and Nitesh Pandey contribute strong supporting performances, adding richness to the screenplay.

One of the standout elements of Gyarah Gyarah is its wellcrafted dialogues, which successfully blend intensity and relatability, enhancing depth. character exchanges between the leads, particularly during high-stakes moments, are impactful and elevate the drama but feel forcefully like the abusive words. Additionally, shot in dark places the series benefits

from an background score that amplifies its tension and emotional resonance. The music subtly shifts across timelines, reflecting the tonal changes in each era, and helps immerse the audience further into the narrative.

The show captures the intricacies of its genre by keeping audiences engaged with constant twists and cliffhangers, tying them to different cases in the past and present. While inspired by Gyarah Gyarah Signal, incorporates a distinctly Indian flavour, setting it apart from the original. Critics praised its gripping screenplay, atmospheric cinematography, and suspenseful pacing. However, there including shortcomings, inconsistent rules of time travel and underdeveloped minor characters. The lack of resolution in its finale also left viewers yearning for closure, yet it effectively sets the stage for a potential second season. With a runtime of 4.5 hours, this series is an ideal bingewatch for fans of mystery and time-travel dramas. stellar combination of intriguing performances, storytelling, sharp dialogues, and immersive music ensures it remains a highlight of 2024's streaming lineup. Whether you're a fan of thrillers or innovative storytelling, Gyarah Gyarah offers an experience that shouldn't be missed.



Abhishek Sadhoo, General Manager, Shangri-la Eros New Delhi at Grappa with Chef Brian Chang, Corporate Development Chef at Burge and Lobster and the culinary team.



For the first time in India, the seafood epicureans *Burger & Lobster* have debuted at *Grappa Bar*, *Shangri-la Eros New Delhi*. The *Burger & Lobster* have been known globally for perfecting two ingredients, promising to delight food lovers with a playful yet elegant dining experience that has delighted palates from *London* to New York. So, crack into claws, indulge in buttery goodness, and savour juicy burgers without hesitation.

November 17, 2024

the pioneer

"Hum Dono' was accepted ir a very big way. It was the official entry at the 1962 Berlin Film Festival"



Also,

through workshops,

masterclasses,

panel discussions,

and networking events,

IFFI 2024 will provide a

learning platform for aspiring

filmmakers, creating an inclusive

Bhumi Pednekar; Stories that Travel, a panel that would explore the art of storytelling that

travels beyond its

origins, addressing the

themes, techniques, and

emotional core that allow

films to reach and impact

diverse audiences worldwide with Farrukh Dhondy, Anna Saura,

Tikoo and Lucy Walker. Each panel

learning for all present at the festival. *Culture As Context* for

Cinematic Storytelling with

Amish Tripathi, Bharat Bala

panelist Dr. Sacchidanad Joshi,

Tanishta Chatterjee, Vani Tripathi

discussion would be a new

space for cinematic celebration and

n the enchanting Coastal city of Goa, where the sea whispers the dream and the sand carries the tale, the grand curtains would be raised for the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) for the world. The IFFI is the only South Asian festival accredited by the International Federation of Film Producers' Associations (FIAPF).

Now, being held in Goa since 2004, IFFI is not only the grand festival for the films showcase but it's a platform, where Indian cinema interacts with world cinema, where filmmakers connect with audiences, and where the magic of storytelling is truly celebrated.

This year, IFFI has received 1,676 submissions from 101 countries, highlighting its expanding global influence after all these years. The International Film Festival of India 2024 will showcase over 180 international films from 81 countries, including 15 world premieres, 3 international premieres, 40 Asian premieres, and 106 Indian premieres. Featuring celebrated titles and award-winning films from around the world, this year's festival promises to make a powerful

impression on audiences and on the world of Talking about the past, the journey of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) dates back to 1952 when India was struggling to find its cinematic voice post-independence. The Government of India had organised the first IFFI which was held in Mumbai, and it showcased 40 films from 23 countries. The IFFI 1952 marked the first time India had its own international film festival, bringing global cinema to Indian shores. The initial editions of IFFI were held across various Indian cities, including Delhi, Chennai, and Kolkata, with the festival traveling from one city to another to reach a broader audience. The past 20 years spent by IFFI in Goa, contributed to Goa being the official place for the IFFI keeping in mind the advantage of its cultural vibrancy and scenic beauty. IFFI is a unique one distinct from other film festivals worldwide. Known as the "Film Festival of Goa," IFFI blends seamlessly with Goa's local culture, attracting an international audience to India's favourite tourist destination. Goa's vibrant art scene, beach culture, and heritage architecture complement the festival's spirit, creating an inviting space where cinema lovers from all corners of the world can gather for a shared celebration. The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, in collaboration with the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) and the Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG), is set to host the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa from 20th to 28th November 2024. With IFFI continuously taking place in Goa, has helped the state develop a thriving ecosystem that supports film tourism. Local businesses, artists, and artisans benefit from

prestigious role on the global stage. He said, "IFFI has become a landmark event, not just for India but internationally, comparable to global festivals such as Cannes,". The 55th edition of IFFI in 2024 will showcase the theme of 'Young Filmmakers' - "The Future is Now". The theme asks to embrace the timeless and the young talent in our country and recognising their potential in shaping the future of creativity. The initiative of the Creative Minds of Tomorrow platform has been enhanced to support 100 young talents from 75 in the previous editions. 400 young film students, from Film Schools across the country, are being facilitated by the Ministry

the influx of visitors, and the festival has become a key driver of

economic and cultural growth in

the region. During the curtain raiser event for the IFFI in New

Delhi, Dr. L. Murugan,

highlighted the festival's

to attend IFFI. The festival will give tributes to cinema legends, and retrospectives on iconic careers. The Country Focus section will allow viewers to experience the best of international cinema, linking to cultural exchange. The Country of Focus for IFFI 2024 will be Australia. This will be made sure by a dedicated package of Australian films giving a strong presence at the festival. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between Screen Australia & NFDC, for participation by leading Australian filmmakers in the festival and the Film Bazaar, and a showcase by AusFilm, promoting Australia's unique filming locations & co-productions.

Apart from Australia, in partnership with the British Film Institute, the United Kingdom will be showcased as the "Treaty Country," presenting British cinema through a carefully crafted package.

Celebration of the pioneers is very important to lead the way, give examples, and keep the generations inspired by looking over to the people who have done it no others. Like every other year, the stars of the cinema, keeping up with the entertainment industry would be facilitated by awards at the IFFI 2024. The IFFI's prestigious Golden Peacock Award, granted for Best Film will remain one of the

storytellers, the International Film Festival of India 2024, is an allure and will transform Goa into a vibrant heaven for film enthusiasts, cinema pioneers, and aspiring young talents, writes ABHI SINGHAL

As every year, uniting global

GRAND CELEBRAT Panel Discussions like Women Safety and Cinema with renowned panelists Imtiaz Ali, Suhasini Manirathnam, Kushboo Sundar,

most revered honours, while the Silver Peacock Awards for Best Director, Actor, and Actress highlight individual excellence. In recent years, IFFI has expanded its awards to reflect evolving cinematic trends. A new award of Best Debut Indian Director has been an addition this year to recognise young filmmaking talent across India. The ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Medal honours films promoting peace and tolerance, and the Special Jury Award highlights outstanding narrative and technical achievements, often bringing unique works

into the spotlight. The festival's commitment to fresh talent shines through the Best Debut Feature Film award, which encourages bold new voices, while the Indian Panorama section fosters Indian cinematic diversity. To embrace modern storytelling forms, IFFI introduced awards for animation, VR, and

documentaries, alongside the "Excellence in Film Craft" award for behind-the-scenes talent. The *Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award* will be awarded to the *Philip Noyce* of This year, new categories—such as the

"Innovative Use of Technology" and a sustainability-focused award—honour advancements like CGI and address global issues, positioning IFFI as a festival at the forefront of positive change.



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Screenings, as usual, will remain a core attraction, with highly anticipated films like the world premiere of Zero Se Restart on 21st November 2024 in INOX Panjim, Jab Khuli Kitaab by Saurabh Shukla on 26th November 2024 in INOX Panjim, Asia premiere of Hazaar Vela Sholay Pehlila Manus on 24th November 2024 in INOX Panjim, Asia premiere of The Mehta Boys, directed by Boman Irani on 25th November 2024 in INOX Panjim.

Michael Gracey's Better Man, an Australian film that provides an engrossing look at the life of music artist Robbie Williams, who is played as a chimpanzee by Jonno Davies in a ground-breaking motion-capture performance, will have its Asia premiere to kick off the festival.

The honours of the opening feature film of the 55th edition of the IFFI will be done by Swatantrya Veer Savarkar, directed by Randeep Hooda, a powerful portrayal of a revolutionary figure. Adding to that the opening non-feature film will be Ghar Jaisa Kuch directed by Harsh Sangani. Restored classics of their iconic films, including Awara (1951), Hum Dono (1961), Devadasu (1953), Dadasaheb Phalke's Kaliya Mardan (1919), Amitabh Bachchan's debut movie Saat Hindustani (1969), and Seemabaddha (1971) will be screened at the

will be a major learning experience for the audience. Mastering the Unseen with Manoj Bajpayee, Sunil Srinivasan; Centenary Special: ANR -Celebrating the Life and Works of Akkineni *Nageswara Rao.* I his centenary special will celebrate the legendary actor & producer Akkineni Nageswara Rao (ANR), whose contributions to Indian cinema have been unparalleled, with celebrated actor and his son Nagarjuna being the speaker; From Big Screen to Streaming in conversation with Manisha Koirala and Vikramaditya Motwane; Celebrating the Life and Works of Raj Kapoor -'The Greatest Showman' with Ranbir Kapoor; Empowering Change: Women Leading the Way in Cinema with giving women led hits Kriti Sanon and Rudrani Chattoraj. Addition will be Lata Mangeshkar Memorial Talk: Musical Theatre in India with A R

Rahman. Masterclasses by the pioneers in the cinema industry, giving insights about the highs and lows will be conducted every year on all the days of the 7-day festival. Power of Failure, a masterclass by Anupam Kher will be sharing his journey, highlighting how failures acted as the catalyst for his growth and success. Another one by Philip Noyce on How to Succeed in New Hollywood. To all this will be the addition of Stephen Woolley an English filmmaker giving a masterclass on Film Production and its Stages will be valuable. The National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) will also be hosting the muchanticipated Film Bazaar from November 20 to 24, transforming Goa into a bustling hub for filmmakers, producers, distributors, and cinema enthusiasts from across the globe. Since its inception, Film Bazaar has established itself as South Asia's premier film market, providing a platform for fresh voices and unique cinematic narratives from the region to take the global stage. The Film Bazaar has since grown to become the international film market for South Asia.

It serves as a meeting place for prospective creative and financial cooperation between South Asian and foreign filmmakers, producers, sales representatives, and festival programmers. From November 20 to 24, 2024, the 18th Film Bazaar at IFFI 2024 will take place at the Marriott Resort in Goa. This year, the IFFI promises not just a cinematic showcase but a festival brimming with cultural exchange, artistic celebration, and an unwavering commitment to the future of films in the country and globally. From illuminating conversations to inspiring mentorship and unforgettable screenings, IFFI 2024 is set to transcend expectations, offering a truly transformative experience for film lovers worldwide.

Chef Pillai takes you to experience Kerala's rich flavours with modern twists at his first-ever North India pop-up at The Westin Gurgaon, New Delhi, writes ABHI SINGHAL

SAVOURING RICH FLAVOIJRS

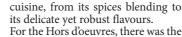


ispelling the long-held notion that South Indian cuisine revolves solely around idli, dosa, and sambar, 21 Michelin-star *Chef Suresh* Pillai brought a culinary extravaganza to North India with his first-ever pop-up at The Westin Gurgaon, New Delhi.

The experience was a symphony of Kerala's authentic flavours, masterfully infused with Chef Pillai's signature modern tweaks and twists. From the aromatic embrace of the South spices to the delicate finesse of seafood delicacies, the pop-up menu was an ode to South India's rich gastronomic heritage taste.

The extraordinary culinary journey took the eaters through the vibrant flavours of Kerala, in collaboration with renowned Restaurant Chef Pillai (RCP). The mouthwatering dishes were a presentation through an exclusive 10-course tasting menu curated by Chef Pillai.

It all started with the welcome drink of the season, Aarambam, a bit of a sour drink. The meticulously curated vegetarian and non-vegetarian menus transported guests straight to the heart of Kerala, offering a true taste of the region's culinary treasures. Each dish was crafted with precision and passion, showcasing the soul of Kerala's



mouth watery Sambharam Kadumanga, blending the Kerala summer butter milk & pickled mango inside paani poori. One sitting in North India would never imagine blending paani poori with a South Indian twist, which stole the show.

"We created a menu from the Kerala essence, for example, our pani poori, one of the starters, actually, it's a North Indian pani poori out of it's a buttermilk we used to serve in Kerala along with a mango pickle. So the puri, we stuff with the mango and the cold buttermilk generally you say chach." explained *Chef Surech Billai* avoited about his first Suresh Pillai, excited about his first pop up in the north side.

As guests savoured the thoughtfully crafted hors doeuvres, the starters gracefully took center stage, led by the Pazham Pori Chaat. This Keralainspired masterpiece featured golden, batter-fried banana fritters a bit crispy on the outside, tender within, elevated by a drizzle of honey-yogurt blend that perfectly balanced sweetness and creaminess. Following this, guests were treated to *Cauliflower Porippu*, a dish that beautifully showcased Kerala's rich spicy taste. Crispy, marinated cauliflower florets were deep-fried to golden perfection and then stirfried with thenga porippu—an aromatic blend of grated coconut, fragrant curry leaves, and a hint of chili powder.

The starters in both the vegetarian and the non-vegetarian segments were a delightful interplay of textures and flavours, with the crunch of the cauliflower perfectly complementing the earthy, spicy sweet coconut mixture.

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TREASURES

Chef Suresh Pillai's signature dishes recommended himself, offering both vegetarian and nonvegetarian options that embodied the essence of Kerala's culinary artistry. For vegetarians, there was Paneer Nirvana: tender marinated cottage cheese, pan-fried to perfection, and then slow-cooked in creamy coconut milk. The dish was elevated with the earthy flavours of ginger, green chilies, and aromatic curry leaves, all beautifully encased in a banana leaf for a touch of

traditional authenticity. For non-



vegetarians, the highlight was the Nevmeen Nirvana, Chef Pillai's iconic creation.

The main course also offered a rich tapestry of Kerala's culinary heritage, featuring dishes like *Ulli Theeyal*, a dark, flavourful curry of slow-roasted coconut, shallots, and tamarind, and Baby Corn Vendaka Manga Muringa Alleppey-style Muringa Charu, an

coconut mango curry with baby corn, okra, and tender drumsticks. Kathrikai Thakkali Roast brought tangy and spicy South Indian flavours to life with marinated brinjal and tomatoes in a rich onion-tomato Accompaniments included the delicate, lacy-edged Appams,

perfect for mopping up curries, and the soft, flaky Malabar Nool Porotta, rounding out a meal that celebrated Kerala's diverse and bold flavours. For dessert, the menu delighted both vegetarian and non-vegetarian guests with indulgent creations. Vegetarians savoured the Tender

Coconut Pudding, a light and fluffy treat infused with the delicate flavour and soft flesh of the tender coconut, alongside the Coco Nutty Choco Brownie, a decadent eggless chocolate dessert enriched with crunchy nuts and fragrant coconut, served with a scoop of creamy ice cream. Non-vegetarian diners were treated to the *Palada Cheesecake*, a unique fusion dessert layering the traditional Kerala Palada (rice flakes) flavour atop a crisp, crusty base, offering a delightful blend of tradition and sophistication to end the meal on a sweet note.

The evening was further elevated by a curated selection of handcrafted cocktails, each a testament to

artistry in mixology.
Highlights included the refreshing Toki Highball, blending Toki Suntory Whisky with soda water and a grapefruit twist, and the zesty Toki Orchard Sour, featuring green apple, lemon, and a silky egg white foam. Gin enthusiasts indulged in the crisp Roku Gin & Tonic with ginger accents and the floral Roku Hibiscus Highball with hibiscus cordial and fizz.

Whiskey lovers relished the bold Jim Beam Orange Fashioned with aromatic bitters, while the indulgent Haku Caramel Espresso Martini, combining Haku Japanese Craft Vodka with caramel and espresso, provided a decadent finish to the

cocktail lineup. Chef Suresh Pillai's pop-up at The Westin Gurgaon, New Delhi was an experience that will redefine the perception of South Indian cuisine. With his signature modern twists on Kerala's rich culinary traditions, Chef Pillai transported guests on a culinary journey that celebrated both the simplicity and complexity of Kerala's vibrant flavours.

The Vibrant Flavours OF KOREA

Le Meridien brings Korea's rich flavours, authentic dishes, and timeless traditions to the heart of New Delhi

TEAM **AGENDA**

orean food is a vibrant and flavourful cuisine celebrated for its unique balance of colors, textures, and tastes. Rooted in centuries-old traditions, it seasonal emphasises fresh, ingredients, often fermented, to create deep, savoury flavours and nutritional richness. The Korean dining experience is distinctive, with meals commonly featuring a variety of side dishes, or banchan, that range from spicy kimchi to delicate pickled vegetables. Key staples like rice, vegetables, and meats are skilfully combined with ingredients like gochujang (a spicysweet red pepper paste) and doenjang (fermented soybean paste) to create dishes that are as visually stunning as they are delicious. From the sizzling sounds of bulgogi on a grill to the comforting warmth of a bubbling jjigae stew, Korean food offers a sensory journey into a culture that values harmony, balance, and bold, memorable flavours.

Food lovers in New Delhi had a culinary treat from Korea right in New Delhi as Le Meridien celebrated the unique flavours of Korean cuisine with its muchanticipated Korean Food Festival. Running till November 17th, 2024, this gastronomic event was an immersive dining experience, highlighting traditional and contemporary Korean dishes at its 'The One' restaurant. The festival is a feature of Le Meridien New Delhi's annual '+1 Celebrating Flavours of the Globe' initiative under the '+1 for the Leap Year' campaign, bringing exotic, authentic global flavours to the heart of

Īndia. The Korean Food Festival's dinner buffet had been meticulously curated by Chef Young-Hwan Jang, Chef de Partie at AC Hotel by Marriott Seoul Gangnam. With over decades culinary expertise and a deep-rooted passion for Korean cuisine, Chef Jang has flown in

from Seoul to offer

guests an authentic taste

of his homeland, blending





FOOD LOVERS IN NEW DELHI HAD A CULINARY TREAT FROM KOREA RIGHT IN NEW DELHI AS LE MERIDIEN CELEBRATED THE UNIQUE FLAVOURS OF KOREAN CUISINE WITH ITS MUCH-ANTICIPATED KOREAN FOOD FESTIVAL

innovative techniques to appeal to a global palate. We are thrilled to showcase the diverse and flavourful cuisine of Korea through this festival," said Meena Bhatia, Vice President and General Manager of Le Meridien New Delhi. "This event aligns

traditional Korean staples with

perfectly with our +1 Celebrating Flavours of the Globe initiative, a highlight of our annual '+1 for the Leap Year' initiative, and we believe it will offer our guests a truly unforgettable dining experience," she added

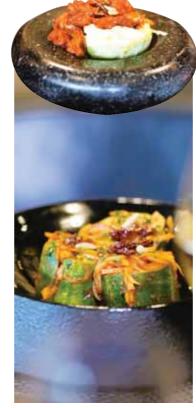
The menu showcased a range of traditional Korean dishes, crafted to deliver the distinctive flavours and textures that define this cuisine. Guests can look

forward to sampling dishes like *Acorn Salad*, a refreshing and nutritous delicacy; Gimbap Avocado, Korea's beloved Gimbap seaweed rice rolls with a modern twist; Spring Onion Pancake, a savoury delight that's perfect for

sharing; the spicy and comforting Stir-fried Rice Cake (Tteokbokki); and a cooling Chilled Seafood Salad, perfect for Delhi's warm evenings. Each dish on the buffet spread has been carefully prepared by Chef Jang to ensure an authentic taste of

'I am excited to bring the vibrant flavours of Korea to Le Meridien New Delhi," shared Chef Young-Hwan Jang. "Through this festival, we aim to introduce guests to the diverse range of Korean dishes, from classic comfort foods to innovative culinary creations," he quips with a smile.

This unique dining experience went beyond just food-it invited guests to embark on a journey through Korea's rich culinary heritage. From the spicy and savoury flavours that Korean cuisine is known for, to innovative twists on traditional dishes, the festival offers a deep and delicious dive into Korean culture and





A Meal Worth Revisiting

Located in Sector 66, Gurugram, Poiz is an inviting dining destination that combines a vibrant atmosphere with a diverse menu. After three visits, it's evident that Poiz offers a delightful experience for food enthusiasts and social diners alike, writes PAWAN SONI

rt's rare for me to visit a restaurant multiple times before writing a review, but Poiz, a beautiful new addition to the dining scene, compelled me to return three times to fully capture its essence. Poiz boasts an artistic, expansive interior, blending elegant indoor seating with a spacious patio featuring its own bar and an inviting open dining area. While many restaurants of this size tend to cater heavily to the nightlife crowd, Poiz strikes a perfect balance: a wellcurated bar selection with inventive cocktails for the social set, and a menu that delights families and party goers

Certain dishes have become my go-to orders, each offering something special. The Lychee Chaat, a Thai-inspired creation, is an absolute must-try. Bits of lychee and avocado sit atop a crispy rice puff base, accompanied by a accompanied by a flavourful Nam Jim sauce one bite, and you won't want to stop. The Chicken Chilli Dim Ŝum features a delicate wrapper and pairs perfectly with the accompanying sauces. Another standout is the Taiwanese Mushrooms, crisp-coated and served with pickled chilli and a sweet-sour sauce, accented by crunchy peanuts for extra texture. Not every dish was flawless. The nachos were slightly too salty for my taste. However, the ramen from their global menu made up for it with its rich, layered flavours. It's a generous portion, perfect for a hearty appetite or sharing with

companions thoroughly enjoyed the Lamb Adana Kebab as much as they did the sushi. While Poiz has a wide range of Indian dishes, I found myself drawn to the global offerings, including their expertly crafted Neapolitan pizza. A meal here would be incomplete without the Belgian Nutella Chocolate. This dessert

not only excels in taste but also impresses in presentation. The smooth Belgian chocolate and Nutella sweetness are cleverly balanced with blueberries and hazelnuts, creating a perfect finale.

For those in the area, Poiz is well worth a visit. **Ratings:** (Out of 5) Food: 4.25 Ambience: 4.25 Service: 4.0

Drinks: 4.0 Overall: 4.25 Address: Poiz, 2nd Floor, AIPL Joy Street, Sector 66, Gurugram



the pioneer

A SPIRITII **GETAWA**

Kurukshetra, one of Hinduism's most revered pilgrimage destinations, is where ancient spirituality converges with modern comforts, writes **SANTANU GANGULY**

d hough Kurukshetra is a significant pilgrimage site for Hindus and is located close to Delhi, it has not always attracted large numbers of visitors. Mentioned in various Hindu scriptures, particularly the Mahabharata, Kurukshetra holds great spiritual importance. According to Acharya Some Nath Gautam, priest at the *Katyayani Temple*, visiting all the ancient temples here would require at least a year. This journey, known as the *Kurukshetra* 84 Kos Parikrama, encompasses numerous sacred and historical sites. However, modern pilgrims often focus on the most important temples, holy places, and archaeological monuments due to time constraints.
The city offers a variety of

accommodation options, from budget-friendly 2- and 3- star hotels to numerous dharamshalas. For those seeking luxury, the Noormahal Palace in Karnal stands out as Haryana's only 5-star hotel, offering exceptional amenities such as a spa, jacuzzi, modern gym, and fine dining. Blending heritage with modern comforts, this ultra-luxurious hotel features the Frontier Mail restaurant, housed in a life-sized train compartment from the historic Frontier Mail. The restaurant's ambience evokes the 19th century, with interiors reflecting the Mumbai-Peshawar route.

Peshawar route.
A visit to *Kurukshetra* typically begins at *Brahma Sarovar*, Asia's largest man-made water body, stretching 3,600 feet long, 1,500 feet wide, and 45 feet deep. According to Hindu mythology, the lake was created by Lord Brahma at the dawn of the universe. *Brahma* A VISIT TO KURUKSHETRA Brahma universe. TYPICALLY BEGINS AT Sarovar, along with BRAHMA SAROVAR, ASIA'S the nearby Sannihit LARGEST MAN-MADE WATER Sarovar, is fed by u n d e r g r o u n d BODY, STRETCHING 3,600 FEET channels from the LONG, 1,500 FEET WIDE, AND 45 FEET DEEP. ACCORDING TO Bhakra Nangal Dam. ancient Shiva HINDU MYTHOLOGY, THE LAKE Temple here is believed WAS CREATED BY LORD by Lord himself. established BRAHMA AT THE DAWN OF THE

UNIVERSE.



Mata Katyayani Temple, which bronze features an impressive bronze sculpture of Arjuna and Lord Krishna on a chariot, crafted by renowned sculptor Ram Vanji Sutar. This sculpture has become a popular photography spot. Another notable site is the ancient *Chandra Kup*, a well where, according to legend, water turns into milk during a lunar aclines. It is also said to lunar eclipse. It is also said to be the place where Draupadi washed her hair after the infamous bloodshed by



The Kali Kamli Temple, built by Kali Kamli Baba of Bengal in the 19th century, is a siddha peeth located near *Brahma Sarovar*. *Devi Kup*, also known as the *BhadraKali Temple*, is one of the 51 Shakti Peethas and Haryana's only such temple. Pandit Satpal Sharma explains that the temple holds significance for Lord Krishna and Balarama, who visited before the *Kurukshetra War*. Devotees continue to donate clay, ceramic, or silver horses here, a tradition rooted in sacred history. Special pujas for Maa Kali and Lord Shani are held every Saturday.

every Saturday.
The Sthanu Mahadev Temple is another important site, where Lord Krishna and the Pandavas sought Lord Shiva's blessings before the war. Nearby, the historical Harsh ka Tilla and Sheikh Chilli's Tomb offer fascinating insights into the region's past. History enthusiasts can also explore the Sri Krishna Museum and Kurukshetra Panorama, which Kurukshetra Panorama, which showcases key artifacts. For children and astronomy lovers, the Kalpana Chawla Planetarium provides a fun and educational experience.

In the coming years, the ISKCON Temple, currently under construction and expected to be completed by 2026, will be a must-visit site. At Jyotisar, where Lord Krishna delivered the Bhagavad Gita to Arjuna, visitors can enjoy an impressive light and sound show, which reflects on the sound show, which reflects on the water of a fountain, creating an unforgettable experience. Additionally, the 50-foot *Vishwarup Darshan* statue of Lord Krishna, designed by Ram V. Sutar comes alive every evening for visitors. For a 2-3 day weekend trip, *Kurukshetra* offers the perfect blend of spiritual significance historical

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EXPLORING

A Coastal Escape with Cultural Riches

Nestled between Gujarat and Maharashtra, Daman enchants travellers with its unique blend of colonial allure, scenic beaches, and relaxed vibe, writes **NEETA LAL**

he lovely city of *Daman*, an erstwhile Portuguese colony, offers a unique blend of colonial charm with a laid-back vibe. The administrative capital of the union territory of *Dadra and Nagar Haveli*, it is located between Gujarat and Maharashtra and attracts high footfall from a diverse set of travellers.

Peppered with colonial buildings showcasing a rich syncretic culture, the city's stately Nani Daman Fort and the Church of Bom Jesus give one a taste of history, while Jampore Beach and Devka Beach make for Instagramfriendly settings for a day of relaxation.

But perhaps what makes Daman such a terrific destination for weekend getaways is its tourism infrastructure, including smooth interconnecting motorways, buzzy restaurants, and good hotels. Our abode for a staycation synonymous with world-class is the award-winning The Deltin Daman, the city's only five-star hotel. Known for its stellar service and facilities, it mercifully comes without the high tariff of upscale hotels in Mumbai and other metros. A world-class spa, gourmet cuisine at its multiple restaurants, a large swimming pool, health club, gym, and plush accommodation ticked all the boxes for a fabulous and

memorable stay. For business travellers, the hotel houses 30,000 sq ft of business space catering to large events such as corporate conferences and The hotel's

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commendable,



procedures in place to prevent water waste in kitchens, guest rooms, and laundry, along with recycling used water for its expansive gardens.

the Deltin group casinos, the theme is reflected in hotel's design architectural elements. stunning lobby flaunts a chandelier featuring hearts, spades, diamonds, and clubs (the four suits in a deck of cards) strung together. This theme is also reflected in the glass walls enclosing the lobby. The hotel's ergonomic and well-furnished rooms are equipped with HD TVs, HD satellite programming, mini-bars, high-speed internet connectivity, in-room safes, 24x7 room service, and early check-in options, among others.

Our Presidential Suite also came sustainability efforts are also with an efficient butler who took strict care of our every need, including





restaurant and spa bookings as well as sightseeing tours. Close proximity to Jampore Beach, Mirasol Water Park, Devka Beach, Dominican Monastery, and Moti Daman Fort made our local seamless explorations



What's a good vacation without Indeed, food? gastronomes like us, the hotel turned out to be a delight with three award winnin three award-winning restaurants Korean, Chinese, Thai, and many dishes to offer an

imaginative take on

classics. Thus, our lunch featured pillowy soft lotus stem and chicken Chettinad baos as well as black sesame chicken tikka baos. The prawn and chicken dim sums were similarly delicious, while the garlic-infused noodles and chicken in Hainanese sauce transported us to China, sans passports and air tickets! Another lunch at The Vegas all-

day dining was also a treat for the taste buds. The spacious eatery offers multi-cuisine buffets with a vast selection of salads, Indian and continental dishes, desserts, and more. The buffet includes a separate section for Jain food – so vegetarians can rejoice too. Being unabashed carnivores, we dug

into flavour-packed laal maas, piping hot breads, gobhi and bhindi sabzi, raita, and salad. Dessert was the creamiest ras malai on this side of the Daman Ganga river, garnished with a silver varq and

date syrup! Semi-comatose from so much good food, we pledged to skip dinner. But that was not to be, as we were informed that the chefs had prepared choice delicacies for us at the poolside Mediterraneanto explore. One of our lunches was inspired *BBQ* and grill restaurant, at the Emperor restaurant, which Sky High. After eyeing the features an extensive menu with selection of inventive dips with Middle Eastern snacks, Japanese offerings. Interestingly, empanadas, and pizzas with the chefs here have reinvented innovative toppings, our pledge to innovative toppings, our pledge to "go easy" on food went out

the window! To slake our thirst, we visited Whiskys Bar, which offers exclusive an collection of single malts. The Poolside Bar and

Juice Bar kept us refreshed with health drinks and fresh juices. There's no shortage of entertainment at the hotel

either. The Den – an atmospheric indoor family space - features foosball, billiards, carom, chess, and more. There's even a creche for young parents who want to leave their little ones under supervised care while they unwind.

The property's three azure swimming pools (including a kids' pool) are a major attraction. After a quick swim on day two, we headed to the spa, where a rejuvenating body massage and facial left us feeling reborn! After spending three wonderful davs at The Deltin Daman, we're led to wonder how, in today's fiercely competitive hospitality landscape, the hotel consistently maintains such high standards. "As ours is the only five-star hotel in Daman, our top-notch service and facilities are unmatched by any other hotel in the area," says the hotel's dynamic general manager, Akarsh Mathur. "We cater to all requirements, whether it's a weekend getaway or an ideal wedding, by customising our services to suit all needs. Our spacious rooms are the largest in their category, and our ample indoor and outdoor event spaces, as well as our large river-shaped swimming pool, are among the features that make our hotel a top choice for discerning guests. Our F&B has also received rave reviews.

Mathur believes that with higher disposable incomes and "revenge travel," Indian guests are prepared to pay competitive rates for excellent services. "The demand for upscale local tourism destinations has grown exponentially, and hotels no longer have to rely on foreign tourists from overseas to fill their rooms. If you provide great service and pay attention to guests' needs, the property will always be buzzing," he adds. Indeed, who can fault that flawless

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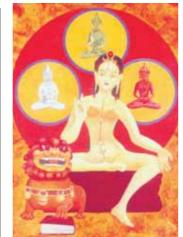




ARIES March 21-April 19

This week might fall short of your expectations, especially in financial matters. At work, you may find yourself grappling with indecision, leading to a backlog of uncompleted tasks and disorganized planning. It may seem wise to delay certain commitments or travels due to confusion. However, as the week progresses, you'll discover a more grounded approach, helping you manage your responsibilities better. You may also benefit from distant connections, which could open new avenues. It's important to engage more actively with your team, as they'll be relying on your guidance. This proactive stance will boost your confidence and encourage networking. Nevertheless, the week could end on a challenging note with family tensions or health issues within the household demanding both your time and resources, potentially causing

Lucky number 12 | Lucky colour Sky Blue Lucky day Tuesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week presents a challenging period marked by a strong drive and a somewhat confrontational demeanor. Your focus is intensely set on professional achievements, leaving little room for emotional considerations. The workload is heavy, creating a sense of being weighed down by responsibilities. Progress may seem distant and difficult to grasp, leading to frustration. Midweek, expect a notable change in your personal or professional life, possibly involving the arrival or departure of a key figure. This could stir impulsive reactions or decisions, adding to the already high stress levels. While travel might be on your agenda, it's important to seek moments of calm. Meditation could prove beneficial in restoring your sense of balance and enhancing decision-making

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Rose Red Lucky day Saturday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week emphasizes the need for structured efforts and selfdiscipline. A sense of disarray might cloud your interactions, particularly with a significant other. Although solutions and clarity are within reach, you might find yourself hesitating to embrace the truth, possibly due to apprehension about the consequences. Midweek could bring challenges, potentially involving legal matters that may not be in your favor. These situations could lead to disappointment, so it's crucial to stay composed and maintain your health. Be cautious with your words and avoid confrontations. This period calls for introspection and recuperation. Take this time to rest, reassess your strategies, and heal. By withdrawing momentarily, you can regain strength and return ready to tackle any obstacles. Remember, this is just a transient phase, and with patience, things will stabilize.

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour White Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week is set to be particularly rewarding for you. A longstanding project is likely to reach completion, bringing a sense of achievement and relief. The opportunity to move into a new residence might present itself, whether through a winning bid, a housing scheme, or relocating to a newly built home. Expect social gatherings to enrich your days, as you reconnect with family and friends, creating a nurturing and joyful environment. Your innate confidence and charisma serve as a beacon, inspiring those around you. Your persuasive communication skills will draw people towards you, encouraging more sincere and cooperative interactions. Your leadership qualities shine, making you a central figure in your community. As the week closes, a deepened spiritual practice through rituals and meditation will further enhance your creative energies, rounding off a fulfilling week.

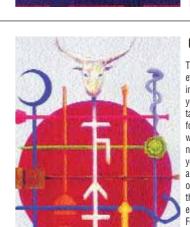
Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Thursday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week promises substantial financial growth and contentment. You excel in your professional arena, applying your knowledge practically and efficiently. Known for your meticulous approach, you adhere strictly to schedules and protocols, ensuring every task is managed with precision. This disciplined approach secures a stable financial foundation. enhancing both security and comfort. There's potential for significant financial gains, possibly from unexpected sources, boosting both your finances and self-esteem. Consider this period a prime time for career advancement, possibly through a promotion, or explore new opportunities such as a fresh project or role. Embrace this phase of self-reflection and celebrate your achievements. Resourcefulness will be key: use what you have wisely and remain open to learning. This zest for new knowledge will prove beneficial in your career.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Lavender Lucky day Thursday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week heralds a period of fruition for your consistent efforts. It kicks off with a focus on diligence and improvement in your professional endeavors. You will find yourself engaging more deeply with the intricacies of your tasks, showing enhanced dedication and sharpening your focus. Your challenges, though demanding, will enrich you with valuable insights and professional growth. As you navigate these complexities with your skills and intelligence, you will find reasons to celebrate your achievements and feel a sense of pride. Additionally, this week offers a profound opportunity for spiritual renewal and deeper connections. As the week draws to a close, powerful transformative energies emerge, potentially leading to significant personal healing. For some, this period might also bring joyful affirmations in personal relationships, including commitments or unions.

Lucky number 16 | Lucky colour Mint **Lucky day** Friday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week promises a diverse range of experiences, touching on personal connections, empathy, fulfillment, assertiveness, and significant material gains. As you begin your week, you'll notice early successes in your financial endeavors, with an uptick in profitability as days pass. Your balanced and openhanded approach at work will foster a harmonious atmosphere. Travel also features prominently in your plans, potentially including international or leisure trips on water. Midweek, domestic responsibilities will demand your attention, yet you'll manage to strike a harmonious balance between your career and home life. As the week draws to a close, you will be in a position to reap the rewards of your hard work. You'll find yourself in good health, brimming with creativity and surrounded by positivity

.ucky number 18 | Lucky colour Forest Green



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week unfolds with a quest for strategies and solutions to help navigate and complete significant challenges effectively. You might find yourself on the brink of completion, grappling with the final hurdles but ultimately discovering the resilience to push through. As the days progress, a sense of romance permeates. prompting quality time with your loved ones. The latter part of the week turns auspicious for exploring investments in real estate or other significant acquisitions. Many will experience a fortunate phase, with promising opportunities enhancing overall wellbeing and zest for life. The support and camaraderie of family members will significantly uplift your spirits, leading to joyful interactions and memorable outings

Lucky number 1 | Lucky colour Brown **Lucky day** Sunday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week heralds a period rich with fulfillment and opportunities. Blessings seem to be plentiful, enhancing all aspects of life—be it love, prosperity, or overall contentment. There's also a notable surge in organizational skills and creative inspiration, paired with a sharp intuition. Harness this vibrant energy to bolster your cognitive faculties. Across the board, from finances to spiritual and emotional wellness, expect gratifying outcomes. Matters of relationships take a front seat, aligning well with your intentions and plans. If you're eyeing new professional ventures, this period could bring promising developments. Your health and ability to influence, coupled with strong communication and leadership traits, are at their peak. making it easier to navigate through challenges with grace and effectiveness

Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Slate Grev Lucky day Wednesday



CANCER June 21-July 22

Surprising shifts are about to unfold in your life, leading you to a place of pride and confidence, empowering you to face the world's challenges. You will find success in an area where hope had previously dwindled. Your achievements might spark envy among others, yet those who truly support you will celebrate your victories. This period marks a successful overcoming of past struggles, with your accomplishments being recognized and openly celebrated. Joy and fulfillment draw from previous experiences, enriching your present. As the week closes, you'll find comfort in cherished memories of earlier days. reconnecting with the essence of your youth and enjoying moments with younger companions. Embrace this time of personal evolution and community connection

Lucky number 20 | Lucky colour Coral Lucky day Wednesday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week, your focus intensifies around professional endeavors. Embrace risk as a pathway to potential gains. Your innovative ideas are ripe for execution, allowing you to tackle projects that seemed daunting before. Your boldness is your greatest asset now, pushing you to transcend usual limitations effortlessly. A significant challenge has captured your attention, and you possess the flair to master this task with distinct finesse. As the week progresses, prepare for a rigid, yet beneficial, interaction with a senior female relative. Heeding her practical advice could prove advantageous. Enhance your cognitive abilities by engaging in intellectually stimulating activities. Delve into thought-provoking literature or tackle complex puzzles, paving the way for profound revelations in

Lucky number 15 | Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Wednesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

Partnerships and collaborative efforts will pave the way for achievement, fostering a sense of unity and smooth cooperation in your professional environment. You will embrace your values and uphold your dignity, infusing your career and lifestyle with creativity and vibrancy. The horizon appears promising with opportunities that signal prosperity, especially as recent ventures show signs of success and growth. In your professional life, the possibility of a new role may soon materialize. Collaboration is crucial at this time, and any discussions are likely to yield positive outcomes. There is also a touch of the spiritual influencing your journey. Families anticipating the joy of a new addition will likely receive joyful news. With a clear vision and foresight, you approach future possibilities with confidence, ready to explore new territories without fear

ucky number 22 | Lucky colour Orange

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Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Spiritual Guru

"The words that do not rattle the minds of people and which is truth; truth which is benevolent and which is pleasant, those type of words are to be spoken. That is called the penance of speech"

EEPING silence is very useful. It purifies our speech. Deep silence is

the mother of creativity. No creativity can come out of one who is too busy, worried, over-ambitious or lethargic. There is no need to maintain silence in our daily routine but there is also no need to speak too much. If you maintain some silence, you will think before you speak. If you keep talking, you yourself will not understand what you are saying.

Have you ever observed the impact of your speech on others? Often we do not bother to notice this, we go on blabbering. We just want to say all that we want to say and become free. No, you must see what impact your speech has on others. There is a beautiful couplet in the Bhagavad Gita which says, "The words that do not rattle the minds of people and which is truth; truth which is benevolent and which is pleasant, those type of words are to be spoken. That is called the penance of

Tapas (penance) for the speech is to speak only those words that do not rattle the minds of others. Krishna was the most skillful because his silence was so deep. Sometimes we think we are right and, perhaps, we are right. You may be speaking the truth, it may be benevolent, it may be good for the other person as well but if it is not pleasant and it is rattling the other person's mind then it is not



pleasant, true and benevolent but ensure that you don't speak pleasing lies. Don't crush the minds and hearts of others with your unpleasant words. Now how do we do this? You may say, "I don't intend to hurt anybody but hurtful words just fly out of my mouth. What do I do?"

potential and abilities. That is why everyone should remain silent and have been referred to as the highest forms

experienced through them. Your brain benefits so much from this. Depending on the situation, we must accept whatever is happening around us. If we are sitting in meditation and a phone is ringing somewhere, we must accept it instead of getting irritated. Take it as background music. As Shri Krishna says in the Bhagavad Gita, as long as something or the other is occupying our mind, we cannot go thinking about all we have to do and while

everything. Put everything into any work you do.

Take a sankalpa (intention) about what you want in the future. Then form a plan accordingly. Worry drains you of energy and strength. You don't gain anything. You acquire inner strength through silence. In spite of all that, if it comes, if it happens then you can't do anything about it, then just ask for forgiveness. When you are getting into silence ask for forgiveness — By my thought, word or deed if I have done anything or caused any hurt to someone, may I be forgiven." That completely uplifts us from being bogged down.

Some questions can be answered only in silence. It is the goal of all answers. If an answer does not silence the mind it is "no" answer. Thoughts are not the goal in themselves. Their goal is silence. Deep silence is the mother or source of creativity. When the body, mind and spirit are in tune with each other, then creativity happens. When you are tired, exhausted, stressed, over-ambitious or lethargic, when you are not in touch with yourself, your creativity and talents are stifled. When feverishness clogs your head, your mind is not clear; poetry cannot dawn, no creative thought will come. Meditation and yoga can clear your mind and kindle skills and creativity in you. It puts you in touch with the space of silence within you and

becomes an unending well-spring of creativity. It relieves you of stress and strain, strengthens your nervous system and mind, releases toxins, makes you more capable and enhances you in every way. The easy way to silence the thoughts is to arouse feelings. For through feelings only peace, joy and love dawn. And they are all your very nature.

To the question, "Who am I?" the only relevant answer is silence. You need to discard all answers in words, including "I am Nothing" or "I am the Cosmic Self" or "I am the Self" — and just stick to the question "Who am I?" All other answers are just thoughts. Thoughts can never be complete. Only silence is complete. And spirituality is a harmonious blend of outer silence and inner celebration; and inner silence and outer celebration. When you ask the question, "Who am I?" you get no answer, there is silence. That is the real answer. This solidified silence is wisdom, is knowledge. You are solidified silence, awareness. A thousand hours of speech cannot equal one glance: a hundred glances cannot equal a minute of silence. Prayer within breath is silence. Love within Infinity is silence. Wisdom without word is silence. Compassion without aim is silence. Action without doing is silence. Smiling with all the Existence is silence. And God is nothing but solidified silence.

Rekindle your spirit with silence

complete. This is not an easy thing to do. It requires skill — not to rattle anyone's mind or give them pain. So speak words that are

Silence and meditation awaken our meditate for a while. Yog and Vedanta of knowledge and that is what they are. The inner space or your inner form can be

into meditation. So surrender your sankalpa (intention) during meditation. Afterwards, when you are working on something, put everything into it. We do the opposite; during meditation we keep working we think that God will look after