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Oh Canada! Student Direct Stream service scrapped

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

In the latest measure targeting international students planning to study at a Canadian institution, Ottawa has announced that it is immediately ending the SDS initiative. According to a notice from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) late on Friday, SDS was launched in 2018 to "provide faster processing for eligible post-secondary students" and "eventually opened to legal residents" of 14 nations including India.

It stated that "Canada's goal is to strengthen program integrity, address student vulnerability, and give all students equal and fair access to the application process, as well as a positive academic



experience' to "meet this commitment" the SDS was scrapped on November eight. Study permits applied for after the announcement will be processed under the regular stream.

The Canadian government has refrained from giving an explanation for ending the fast-track visa service. The move comes at a time when India and Canada's ties are strained due to the Trudeau government blaming the Indian government agents for the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. Indian aspirants are now likely to face extended waiting times for their study permits, which can be a significant setback. Indian students now have to navigate additional hurdles to

secure their study permits on time. Meanwhile, a PTI report from Ottawa, on Saturday, said Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has acknowledged the presence of Khalistani supporters in Canada but said they do not represent the Sikh community as a whole.

His comments came during Diwali celebrations at Ottawa's Parliament Hill recently amid an ongoing diplomatic row with India over the killing of Khalistani extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

"There are many supporters of Khalistan in Canada, but they do not represent the Sikh Community as a whole. Similarly, there are supporters of Prime Minister (Narendra

Modi's government in Canada, but they do not represent all Hindu Canadians," Trudeau said.

The relations between the two countries came under severe strain following Trudeau's allegations in September last year of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in Nijjar's killing. New Delhi rejected Trudeau's charges as "absurd".

India expelled six Canadian diplomats and withdrew its high commissioner Sanjay Verma and other "targeted" officials from Canada after strongly dismissing Ottawa's charges.

India has been maintaining that the main issue between the two countries is that of Canada giving space to pro-Khalistani elements operating from Canadian soil with impunity.

Last week, Khalistani supporters disrupted a consular event co-organised by the Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton and the Indian Consulate. The incident was condemned by Trudeau who said every Canadian has the right to practise their faith freely and safely.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said that New Delhi remains "deeply concerned" about the safety and security of Indian nationals in Canada.

The Indian consulate in Toronto said it was scrapping some of the planned consular events this month because of Canadian "security agencies conveying their inability to provide minimum security protection" to organisers.



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

Congress turns states into its ATMs: PM Modi

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Citing the examples of Himachal Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday charged that "wherever the Congress forms the government, that state becomes an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) of the party's shahi parivar" and said that the BJP would not allow the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) to turn Maharashtra into the ATM of the grand old party.

Addressing an election rally at Akola in Vidarbha region of Assembly poll-bound Maharashtra, Modi accused the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government of collecting Rs 700 crore from liquor shop owners in Karnataka.

"Wherever Congress forms the government, that state becomes an ATM of the 'shahi parivar' of the Congress. These days, states like Himachal Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka have become the ATMs of the royal family of Congress," the Prime Minister said.

"People are saying that these days with elections in Maharashtra, the Congress has doubled the quantum of 'vasooli' (extortion) in Karnataka and neighbouring Telangana. The BJP will not allow MVA to turn Maharashtra

into the Congress' ATM for 'Mahaghatobabai', PM Modi said.

Singling out the grand old party for allegedly indulging in corruption in states ruled by it, the Prime Minister said that the MVA - comprising the Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (SP) - "stands for multi-crore scams, for extortion and token money. It stands for transfer posting racket and is completely immersed in scandals, loot, and corruption."

Repeating the allegations that he had made in his election speeches on Friday that the Congress was dividing the SCs, STs and OBCs, PM Modi said: "The Congress knows the weaker the country becomes, the stronger the Congress will be. That's why the Congress has all along been resorting to the tactics of divide and rule. Over the years, the Congress created rifts within the SC-Dalits, ST-Adivasis and OBCs"

Describing the BJP as "ek hai toh safe hain" party, Modi said: "For a safe and united Maharashtra, people should choose BJP-led Maha Yuti... ek hai toh safe hain".

A day after he dared the MVA to get Rahul Gandhi to speak in praise of Veer Savarkar, Modi invoked Dr. BR Ambedkar's legacy to tear into the Congress to prove its respect for the architect of the constitution and his contributions to the country.

AMU does not exclusively belong to Muslims, says Yogi Adityanath

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

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



The Supreme Court recently overturned the 1967 Azeem Basha judgement, with a regular bench set to make the final determination on AMU's minority status. "AMU doesn't belong solely to Muslims," Adityanath stated at an election rally in Khair, Aligarh, questioning AMU's plans to reserve 50 per cent of its seats for minorities despite receiving central government funding. "If AMU is funded by the government, Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Other Backward Classes (OBC) should also have reservation there," he added.

Adityanath accused opposition parties - Samajwadi Party (SP), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), and Congress - of denying reservations at AMU to SCs, STs, and OBCs, alleging that these parties prioritised vote bank politics. "These people are playing with your sentiments. Don't be blinded by them. If we are divided, we will be slaughtered," he said, referring to historical incidents of Hindu oppression through division.

Delhi AQI is likely to worsen



RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The air quality index (AQI) in Delhi remained in the "very poor" category with an average AQI of 352 on Saturday, marking the ninth consecutive day of smog due to calm wind, and local factors including vehicular emissions. The AQI is likely to worsen in the coming days as per the forecast by the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

Meanwhile, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has held a meeting with Delhi Chief Secretary and directed to intensify efforts to remove highly polluting end-of-life (EoL) vehicles (petrol vehicles older

than 15 years and diesel vehicles older than 10 years) that are still in use in Delhi. The PM2.5 concentration is currently 32 times the World Health Organization (WHO) annual PM2.5 guideline value. The transport sector is the most significant contributor at 11.43 per cent, as per the Decision Support System data by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM). While the residential sector contribution is 2.872 per cent, industries contributed 2.537 per cent, construction 1.492 per cent, energy sector 1.317 per cent, waste burning 1.043 per cent, and road dust 0.82 per cent.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), numerous areas across Delhi still registered AQI levels between 370 and 400, with some zones even surpassing the 400 mark. Nehru Nagar recorded AQI at 431, New Moti Bagh at 411 and Bhawana at 409. In contrast, other locations like Dilshad Garden (220) and Chandni Chowk (257) reported relatively lower AQI readings.

Oops! A Diwali greeting that shocked Varanasi



BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ VARANASI

In an unusual incident, around 40 unmarried girls from Ramna village in Varanasi received messages meant for pregnant women from the Ministry of Child Development on Diwali, sparking confusion and concern among villagers.

Following complaints, the Chief Development Officer (CDO), Himanshu Nagpal, acknowledged the error and launched an investigation into the matter, delegating it to the District Panchayati Raj Officer (DPRO). The CDO confirmed that all erroneous data entries have been removed from the portal and attributed the incident to a "human error."

Nagpal explained that

complaints from the village indicated that 40 unmarried girls were registered incorrectly as pregnant women on a government portal. As a result, these girls received a message from the Ministry of Child Development on Diwali, stating, "Welcome to Poshan Tracker. As a breastfeeding mother, you can avail services like hot cooked meals or ration, consultation, child health monitoring, and breastfeeding support through home visits with the help of Anganwadi Center."

The message, designed to promote services for pregnant and breastfeeding women, caused confusion and anxiety among the girls and their families. The CDO traced the error to an Anganwadi worker from Ramna village who also serves as a Booth Level Officer (BLO). Currently, as part of the ongoing voter list summary revision, BLOs are required to visit households, collect Aadhaar information for residents above 18 years, and help register them for voter ID cards.

Conspiracy against Yoga and Ayurveda EXPOSED!

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From Tihar, Sukesh Chandrashekar keeps his Bollywood fantasy alive

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

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

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



the sale of a 50 per cent stake for Rs 1000 Crore at a company valuation of Rs 2000 Crore.

"I am valuing Dharma at a 3,000 Crore valuation. Hereby, I am willing to acquire a 50 per cent stake at 1,500 Crore, all cash deal, this very day. As I mentioned before in my first offer letter

to you, I did not want to put a number as movies are a passion and Dharma comes a legacy, and that is prime to me, and not the value," the letter states.

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

from our side in the company," the letter, shared by Sukesh's legal team, states.

"Kindly consider this offer of ours by either offloading the 50 per cent or at least the 20 per cent stake at a valuation, which is way above than anything offered to you. Once again to remind, all our Financials, legality could be produced for your full satisfaction and Due Diligence".

This is the second time that Sukesh has sent a 'letter of Intent', to Dharma Productions. The bid, which Chandrashekar claims is motivated by his admiration for Jacqueline Fernandez, has sparked widespread curiosity, scepticism, and controversy across the country. While Sukesh's reputation is mired in controversy and legal issues, his letter portrays a deep-seated passion for films.

Don't get misled by Opposition: Haryana CM Saini appeals to farmers

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday requested all the farmers not to pay attention to any kind of rumours, adding that his government is committed to ensure continuous supply of DAP in the state so that farmers do not face any kind of problem in sowing Rabi crops.

"Till Today, a stock of 23,118 metric tonnes of DAP is available in various districts. Within the next two to three days, 9,172 metric tonnes more DAP will be received in various districts of the state," he said in a statement.

Saini said the Haryana Government has made all arrangements for the availability of fertilizers. Congress leaders are working to mislead the farmers whereas the truth is that adequate stock of fertilizers is available in Haryana and its distribution is also being ensured properly.

He said the DAP stock in the state is equal to the demand of last year. Last year, from October 1 to November 9, the consumption of DAP was 1,46,152 metric tonnes. This time, till November 9, 1,54,540 metric tonnes have been consumed. He said the Government of India has allotted 1,10,200 metric tonnes of



DAP to Haryana for the month of November. Apart from this, 71,281 metric tonnes of Single Super Phosphate (SSP) and 24,343 metric tonnes of NPK stock are still available in the state.

Saini said the state government has worked for the interests of commission agents. "Our government has increased the commission of the commission agent from Rs 46 per quintal to Rs 55 per quintal. The additional burden of Rs 9 per quintal will be

this Kharif season 2024-25, 4,84,927 farmers are registered on the Meri Fasal Mera Byora portal for paddy. The government has made complete arrangements for the payment of the crop. After the purchase of the crop, the work of transferring the money to the accounts of the farmers was done within 72 hours. He said so far, 50,46,872.45 metric tonnes of paddy has been procured in the state, in lieu of which an amount of more than Rs 11,296 crore has been paid to the farmers.

Saini said seeing the farmer-friendly decisions of the Haryana Government and the arrangements made in the mandis for crop purchase, farmers of neighbouring states are also willing to sell their crops in the mandis of Haryana. Taking a dig at the Opposition, he said the Congress is not able to digest the farmer-friendly policies of the government. For the Congress, which claims to protect the interests of farmers, their own interests are paramount, not the interests of farmers.

He said in other states, farmers had to agitate to get their crops purchased at MSP, whereas in Haryana, the government made robust arrangements and every grain of the farmers' crop is being purchased at MSP.

ejriwal campaigns for AAP candidate in Chhabewal

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday urged voters here to vote for party candidate Ishank Chhabewal in the upcoming bypoll and promised them in return "everything" they need for the development of the constituency.

Kejriwal made the remark in Chhabewal of Hoshiarpur at a rally which he attended with Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. Bypolls to the four assembly seats - Gidderbaha, Dera Baba Nanak, Chhabewal and Barnala - will take place on November 20 and counting of votes will be held on November 23.

"We did a lot of work for you," Kejriwal said at the rally. He also pointed out Ishank's father's defection to the Aam Aadmi Party, saying he was earlier with a "wrong party."

"He was feeling suffocated.



He was with the Congress and he could not get any work done. Now, he is at the right place," he said about Hoshiarpur MP Dr Raj Kumar Chhabewal. Kejriwal praised the MP's work for Hoshiarpur constituency, specifically free medical care to the poor, as he sought votes for his son.

"You ensure victory of Ishank with a historic mandate

and I, the chief of AAP, give you a guarantee that whatever needs to be done in Chhabewal will be done," he said. Dr Raj Kumar Chhabewal had joined the AAP after quitting the Congress and went on to win the Hoshiarpur Lok Sabha seat on an AAP ticket.

Kejriwal said if his party's candidate comes to power, Chhabewal will get an ITI

polytechnic college and its irrigation needs will be met through water from the Bist Doab canal.

A policy for small-scale industry will be drafted for attracting industrial units, stadiums and playgrounds will be set up, and the road from Adampur to Garhshankar will be named after Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, he said. "All roads leading to 'Gurudhams' will be 18-feet wide."

Kejriwal said that before the 2022 Punjab assembly polls, people were beset with heavy electricity bills. "We promised you we will waive pending electricity bills and free electricity bills. Tell us, whether we fulfilled it or not?" he asked the gathering.

Kejriwal said it was a "miracle" that only two states in the country - Punjab and Delhi - whose residents get "zero electricity bills. In the rest of the country, the electricity is quite expensive," he said.

Air quality poor in large parts of Punjab Haryana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The air quality in several parts of Punjab and Haryana was recorded in the 'poor' category on Saturday, while it was worst in the joint capital city of Chandigarh with an AQI of 322 which falls in the 'very poor' band.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board's Sameer App, which provides hourly updates, Haryana's Bahadurgarh recorded an Air Quality Index of 314 -- also in the 'very poor' category -- at 9 am.

Among other places in Haryana, the AQI at Sonapat was 290, Hisar (285), Bhiwani (277), Jind (275), Charokhi Dadri (258), Gurugram (259), Faridabad (220), Yamunanagar (213), Rohtak (238), Kurukshetra (202), Kaithal (205), Fatehabad (198), Ambala (160), Sirsa (181), and Karnal (144).

In Punjab, the AQI was registered at 264 in Mandi Gobindgarh, 258 in Amritsar, 257 in Rupnagar, 248 in Jalandhar, 197 in Ludhiana, 183 in Bathinda, 176 in Khanna, and 133 in Patiala.

An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', 401 and 450 'severe' and above 450 'severe plus'.

The rise in air pollution levels in the two states and Delhi during this time of year is often blamed on farm fires. Punjab reported 730 farm fire incidents on Friday, taking the total count to 6,029 in the state this season.

As the window for the Rabi crop -- wheat -- is very short after paddy harvest, some farmers set their fields on fire to quickly clear off the crop residue for sowing of the next crop.



Known for his blend of traditional folk and contemporary music, singer-songwriter Papon enchanted music lovers with a live performance at Nexus Elante Mall on Saturday. *Pioneer Photo*

International Shri Renuka Ji fair to commence in Himachal's Sirmour district on Nov 11

PNS ■ SHIMLA

The five-day-long International Shri Renuka Ji fair will commence in Himachal Pradesh's Sirmour district on November 11 with the arrival of palanquin of Lord Parshuram on bank of Shri Renuka Ji lake in Renuka Ji from a temple situated at Jammu Koti village about three km away, as per the schedule released by the Renuka Development Board chaired by Sirmour Deputy Commissioner Sumit Khimta.

Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhku will inaugurate the fair while Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla will preside over the concluding ceremony, as per the program released by the administration. Nearly half a dozen palanquins of other deities brought from different parts of the district will also join the Shobha Yatra (traditional religious procession) of Lord Parshuram on this occasion. The Shobha Yatra will start from Dadahu and reach the bank of Renuka Lake in the evening. Thousand of devotees throng from different states of north India to participate in this Shobha Yatra and seek the blessings of Lord Parshuram. As per ancient references, Lord Parshuram comes every year from his temple situated on the hillock of Jammu Koti to meet his mother Shri Renuka Ji. As per her promise mentioned in the puranas, mother comes out of the lake to meet her son once in a year on the occasion of Hariprabodhini ekadashi. The holy dip in the Renuka lake on the occasion of Hari prabodhini

ekadashi will take place early in the morning at 3 am on November 12 as per the schedule and will continue till the evening while the holy dip on the occasion of Kartik Purnima would take place on November 15. After 'karthik snan' (holy dip), Lord Parshuram will take departure from his mother in a traditional 'dev vida' ceremony and the five-day fair will conclude.

Hry CM orders action against officials for not providing benefits of schemes to citizens

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Taking cognizance of incidents where benefits of government schemes were not being provided to the people of Haryana in a prompt, timely and transparent manner, Haryana government has ordered action in such cases. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday ordered to deduct 15 days' salary of 2 Joint Commissioners, 2 Deputy Municipal Commissioners and an Executive Officer due to delay in implementing Sheshri Swamitva Scheme. Apart from this, Gurugram Municipal Corporation clerk Sandeep Kumar was suspended with immediate effect in a case of demanding a bribe of Rs 50,000.

Different schemes of each department are monitored from the CM Dashboard Cell

running at the Chief Minister's residence. In this series, a confirmation cell talks to the beneficiaries over the phone and takes their feedback, which the Chief Minister himself listens to from time to time. After the implementation of the schemes, citizens are asked about their experience and under that, guidelines are given to the officials in the meeting.

On Friday, when the confirmation cell asked the beneficiaries about the Sheshri Swamitva Scheme, some serious cases came to light. In a case in Gurugram, a beneficiary was being made to run around for two years despite depositing the full amount and Sandeep, the clerk, had demanded a bribe of Rs 50,000. The Chief Minister took strict cognizance of this and, adopting a zero tolerance policy on corruption, sus-

pending Sandeep Kumar with immediate effect.

In Ambala, Sonapat and Nuh, citizens told the confirmation cell over the phone that the full amount had been deposited a year ago, but the officials have not yet got the conveyance deed done and made them run around the office again and again. The Chief Minister immediately issued instructions to deduct half a month's salary of all the concerned officers and said that no officer will be spared for negligence in implementing the government schemes.

On the orders of the Chief Minister, the Commissioner and Secretary of the Urban Local Bodies Department have deducted 15 days' salary of Municipal Corporation Gurugram Joint Commissioner Akhilesh Yadav, Municipal Corporation Ambala Joint Commissioner

Puneet and Deputy Municipal Commissioner Deepak Sura, Municipal Corporation Sonapat Deputy Municipal Commissioner Hardeep and Nuh Municipal Corporation Executive Officer Arun Nandal. Clear instructions have been given by the Chief Minister that the execution of the conveyance deed should be ensured within 2 days of payment of the full amount.

The Commissioner and Secretary of the Urban Local Bodies Department have

directed the officers to ensure the execution of the conveyance deed in the pending cases under the Sheshri Swamitva Scheme in the next 3 days and submit the report. Apart from this, the execution of the conveyance deed of 100 such cases in which the full amount has been paid should also be completed by November 14, 2024. Not only this, instructions have also been given to take action on 2152 pending cases in the next 10 days.

BRIEFS

CHANDIGARH BEAT DELHI BY NINE WICKETS IN RANJI MATCH

Chandigarh, UT boys beat Delhi by nine wickets in a crucial Ranji Trophy League match being played at GMSS School Ground, Sector 26 on Saturday. After bowling out Delhi for 276 runs, Chandigarh amassed 324 runs and gained a slight lead of 48 runs. Visitors collapsed at 250 runs in the second innings and posed a target of 203. On the last day of the match, Chandigarh resumed its overnight score of 46/0. Openers - Shivam Bhambri and Arsalan Khan maintained their dominance in the game from the beginning. The team lost its first wicket in the form of Arsalan Khan at the team score of 130. Khan scored 68 runs with the help of five boundaries and five sixes in his 81 deliveries. Bhambri held the other end with skipper Manan Vohra. Bhambri (100 not out) completed his century well before lunch in the last moments of the match. His century was studded with seven boundaries and six sixes in 130 balls while Vohra added 24 runs. 20-year-old Nishunk Birla took a total of 12 wickets in the innings. Chandigarh's next match will start from November 13 against Saurashtra in the same venue. Bhambri was awarded the Man of the Match.

PB VIGILANCE BUREAU NABS ASI TAKING RS 2000 BRIBE

Chandigarh: The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) on Saturday apprehended an Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) Bupinder Singh, posted at Police Station Goindwal Sahib, in Tarn Taran district red handed while he was accepting a bribe of Rs 2000. An official spokesperson of the state VB said the accused has been arrested on a complaint lodged by Dilbagh Singh. The complainant approached the VB and alleged that the accused had demanded a bribe of Rs 5,000 for producing a record in favor of the complainant in a police case being heard in the trial court. After preliminary enquiry into this complaint a VB team laid a trap during which the accused police personnel was caught red handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 2,000 in the presence of two official witnesses.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS WILL CONVERGE IN SARVA DHARMA SAMMELAN AT NAKODAR ON NOV 12-13

Chandigarh: A two-day Sarva Dharma Sammelan dedicated to the Prakash Parv of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Maharaj is being organized at Darbar Shri Guru Granth Sahib, Bulandpuri, Nakoda on November 12 and 13. This event themed "The Wave of Friendship and Love for Each Other" is being organized by the Jathedars of five pious Takhts - Singh Sahib Gyani Raghbir Singh of Amritsar (Akal Takht), Singh Sahib Gyani Harpreet Singh of Talwandi Sabu (Damdama Sahib), Singh Sahib Gyani Kulwant Singh of Nanded (Hazur Sahib), Gnani Sultan Singh of Anandpur (Keshgarh Sahib) and Giani Baldev Singh of Patna (Patna Sahib). Addressing a press conference, organizing committee members Baljit Singh, Raghbir Singh, Palwinder Singh and others informed that in the era of hatred flourishing, human love and philanthropy is the need of the hour and such a forum is aimed to fulfill the purpose. In these two days, the heads of religions, devotees, saints, saints, scholars, maulanias, imams, priests, cardinals, monks, vice chancellors, intellectuals, writers, philosophers, historians and other prominent people will deliberate upon their viewpoints.

NEW HIMACHAL PCC WITH FRESH OFFICE-BEARERS TO BE FORMED SOON

Shimla: Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has said the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) was dissolved on the recommendations of state president Pratibha Singh and a new committee with fresh office-bearers will be formed soon. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge dissolved the entire PCC unit on Wednesday on Singh's recommendations as part of the restructuring process. Sukhu said the new panel will be formed to include fresh faces as several office-bearers have become part of the government. Some office-bearers, including Congress working presidents Rajinder Rana and Harsh Mahajan, have even left the party and joined the BJP. The Himachal PCC has not been restructured ever since the Congress formed its government in the state in December 2022. "The decision to dissolve the Himachal Pradesh Congress unit was made on the recommendation of the PCC president. There was a large number of office-bearers," Sukhu said, adding that a new working committee will be formed and the party work will proceed accordingly.

SAINI TAKES PART IN GOPASHTAMI PROGRAMME IN PANCHKULA

Chandigarh: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday said that to ensure complete care of the cow progeny, the state government has made a budget provision of Rs 400 crore for the Gau Sewa Aayog this year, which will be increased to Rs 510 crore in the coming year. He said a special campaign is being run towards the care of vulnerable and helpless cows. In the next 3 months, such cows will not be seen on the roads. He was addressing the festival organized at Govan Seva Dham, Panchkula on the occasion of Gopashtami. Earlier, he did Parikrama of Sector 23 Govan Seva Dham and also did Gau Seva and announced to give Rs 21 lakh from his discretionary fund to Gau-Van Dham Gaushala.

AWWA literature fest starts with keynote address of Governor of Punjab

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Day 2 of AWWA Literature Festival 'Abhivyakti 4.0' began on Saturday with a keynote address by Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria who said that literature connects India's past with the present and also provides an outlook for the future.

Lt Gen Mohit Wadhwa, SM, Chief of Staff, Western Command, Chandimandir, welcomed Kataria on his arrival in the presence of senior Army officers, former Chief of Army Staff General VP Malik, and others. Kataria also took a round of the exhibition where several organizations aided by AWWA have exhibited their products, Shuchi Katiyar, Regional President AWWA was also present with the Governor. The Governor later also took a round of the area where arms and weapons have been put on display.

The governor complimented Army officers, their wives and even children for producing some very good quality literature in form of various books and said what literature can give to the future generations will be decided by



what type of writings, stories, journalism, poetry etc. our litterateurs are presently engaged in.

One of the highlights at the Main Venue of 'Abhivyakti 4.0' was a panel discussion on the theme 'From Battlefields to Bestsellers'. The panelists were Lt Gen Bhopinder Singh (Retd), Shabbir Boxwala, Shiv Aroor, Rahul Singh, and Captain Sajita Nair (Retd).

The discussion, which was moderated by Vivek Atray, IAS (Retd), delved into the unique journeys of authors whose experiences in the armed forces have shaped their literary voices, bridging the worlds of military and literature.

The panel discussion on 'Pride in Uniform: Celebrating Army Wards' Achievements' served as a tribute to the

accomplishments of individuals raised in military families. The session brought together actor Pooja Batra, Major Mohammad Ali Shah (Retd), budding authors Aashna Liddar and Karunya S Bisht. The discussion explored on how values imbibed in an army setting contributed to the personal and professional success of army wards across various fields.

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Shah likens Jharkhand Govt to 'burnt transformer'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ RANCHI

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

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



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

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Demonising Constitutional institutions pastime for some, cautions VP Dhankhar

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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



contributions to alumni associations.

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

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters, senior party

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

"We vehemently condemned

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

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



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

Congress leader also asked whether the PM will deliver on his promise to put the BJP's Rajya Sabha MP Ashok Chavan in jail. Ramesh said while campaigning in Nanded on March 30, 2014, Modi had announced he would send Ashok Chavan to jail "within six months" if he became PM.

Ten years later, Ashok Chavan has joined the BJP and been rewarded with a Rajya Sabha seat. His daughter is now a BJP contestant from the Bhokar assembly seat, he noted.

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

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

According to data furnished by the South Central

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

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

"There are procedural safeguards provided within

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

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

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

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

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

BRGavai nominated as executive chairman of NALSA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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



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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Indian Navy said it is

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

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

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

Tarari (Bihar), Nov 9 (PTI)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Safety must get highest priority while constructing roads: Gadkari

PTI ■ RAIPUR

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Indian Army flags off motorcycle expedition in Arunachal Pradesh

PTI ■ ITANAGAR

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



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

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

India has effective mechanism to monitor oceans: Navy Chief

PTI ■ KANNUR

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



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

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

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

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

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



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

AP CM launches demo seaplane flight from Vijaywada to Srisaillam



PTI ■ AMARAVATI

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

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

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

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

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



Ludhiana, 183 in Bathinda, 176 in Khanna, and 133 in Patiala. An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', 401 and 450 'severe', and above 450 'severe plus'. The rise in air pollution levels in the two states and Delhi during this time of year is often blamed on farm fires. Punjab reported 730 farm fire incidents on Friday, taking the total count to 6,029 in the state this season. As the window for the Rabi crop -- wheat -- is very short after paddy harvest, some farmers set their fields on fire to quickly clear off the crop residue for sowing of the next crop.

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

PTI ■ RANCHI

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

IAS officer in dock for Mallu Hindu Officers WhatsApp Group

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

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



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

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

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

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD/KARACHI

At least 27 people, including 14 security forces, were killed and 62 others injured on Saturday in a suicide bombing at a railway station in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province, officials said. The explosion ripped through the railway station of the provincial capital Quetta as passengers gathered on the platform before the departure of the Jaffar Express, scheduled to depart for Peshawar at 9:00 am. There were around 100



people on the platform when the blast occurred. "So far, we have received 27 bodies and at least 62 people are injured, with some in critical condition," said Dr Wasim Baig of the Quetta Trauma Centre. Dr Arbab Kamran Kasi, Managing Director of the Trauma Centre, warned that the death toll may increase since several wounded individuals, aged 20 to 50, remain in critical condition. Quetta Division Commissioner Hamza Shafaqat said it was a suicide attack targeting security forces and civilians were also hit badly. "There are around 14 members of the law enforcement agencies among the dead and dozens more among the wounded," he said. The suicide bomber had entered the station with luggage, Shafaqat said, adding that was difficult to stop a per-

son coming with an intention to carry out a suicide attack. Earlier, SSP Operations Muhammad Baloch had also said that initial findings point to a possible suicide bombing. The Baloch Liberation Army (BLA), an ethnic Baloch separatist group designated as a terrorist organisation, has claimed responsibility for the attack. The BLA alleges that the federal government exploits Balochistan's resources while neglecting the province's development. However, the federal government dismisses these allegations and claims that foreign powers are manipulating disgruntled elements to perpetrate sabotage. "All bus stations, public spots have been put on high alert and gatherings discouraged," Shafaqat said. Balochistan Inspector General of Police (IG) Moazzam Ansari said early investigations suggest the terrorists 'targeted per-

son coming from the Army Infantry School", and ordered an immediate investigation. He said that terrorists are increasingly aiming civilians, labourers, women, and children, and vowed that those responsible would be pursued relentlessly. Pakistan, particularly the Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces, has seen a sharp uptick in terrorism-related incidents over the past year. According to the Centre for Research and Security Studies (CRSS), the third quarter of the ongoing year witnessed a 90 per cent surge in violence in Pakistan, the Geo News reported. With a total of 722 people being killed, including civilians, security personnel, and outlaws, while 615 others were wounded in as many as 328 incidents recorded during the period under review, 97% of these fatalities occurred in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces. Over 92% of these incidents of terror attacks and security forces' operations were recorded in the same provinces. The total fatalities from three quarters of this year have not surpassed the total fatalities recorded for the entire 2023; the number of fatalities rose to at least 1534 in the first three quarters compared to 1523 in 2023, the report said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is informed that the cars with the following vehicle numbers which have completed their life Petrol Cars 15 Years Diesel Cars 10 Years. The Delhi Traffic Police drive was confiscated by Pine View Technology Pvt Ltd and has not been claimed by anyone till now. All these vehicle owners are informed to come to the company's office and claim the scrap value of the vehicle. All these vehicles will be scrapped according to guidelines of Govt. of NCT in the next three days.

- Contact : A-15A, Mayapuri Industrial Area, Phase-2, Delhi-110064; M.: 8585 930 930.
- UP14P4888, DL6S13708, DL1LD1156,
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 - DL6S59899, DL7S78802, DL4SFA6977,
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 - DL6S19620, DL6S2595, DL9SG3510,
 - DL6S57101, DL7S79795, DL7S75138,
 - DL4SAA5038, DL6SRO645, DL6SM1240,
 - DL3SAP5509, DL6S0650, DL7SAJ7299,
 - DL6S02183, DL6SK0432, DL1SM8922,
 - DL9S07358, DL7SAS8567, DL7SZA2670,
 - DL3SK3962, DL6S1J448, DL6SF4964,
 - DL5S07015, DL1SD1930, DL6SD3286,
 - DL4SAG2755, DL1S01930, DL6SV0691,
 - DL8SAJ4376, DL3SBE2982, DL4SAA2248

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to all general public that my client Sukhinder Singh S/o Sh. Ajit Singh R/o H. no. 49, Road no. 42, Punjabi Bagh West, New Delhi-110026 have disowned & debarred his son Aminder Singh and his wife Deven Sawhney from all his moveable & immovable properties and severed all relations with them. Anybody dealing with them in any manner whatsoever will be doing so at his/her own cost, risk & responsibilities. My client will not be responsible for any of their act.

ROHIT YADAV (ADVOCATE)
Ch. No. 402 Civil Wings Tishazari, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients (1) Sh. Vikas Sharma S/o Sh. Shivam Sharma (2) Smt. Deepthi Sharma W/o Sh. Vikas Sharma Both R/o 129 SFS, DDA Flats, Vasant Enclave, Delhi-110057, have disowned, debarred their Daughter Kavya Sharma from their moveable and immovable properties and have further severed all their relations and ties with her, as she is acting against the interest of my clients. Whoever deals with her shall be doing so in his/her/their own capacity, risk and my clients shall not be responsible for any acts/deeds of abandoned person and consequences thereupon.

NAVJOT KWATRA (ADVOCATE) CH. NO. D-319, KARKARDOMA COURT, DELHI-110032. MOB NO. 9899689995

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice
I Arachna W/o Late Raj Kumar (Aadhar No. 617894505743) R/o A-155, Block A, DDA Flat, Punjabi Camp Jahangpur, Delhi-33 declare that after the death of my husband (29.06.2024) my two sons Tushar Gandhi (Ph. 8383936107) and Manas Gandhi (Ph. 9540331581) are not listen to me in any way. Both my sons have now become adult. I have severed all my relation with them. If anybody deals with them in any manner they do so at their own risk & responsibility.

Ramesh Chander Anand (Adv.) C-68 Western Wing To Hazari

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sh. Sabash Sain & Sh. Satish Sain both sons of Late Sh. Nand Kishore Owner of Residential House no. 14/11 measuring 97.25 sq. yds., having total covered area 2901 sq. ft., compressed in Kharsa no. 68-89-81, situated in the Revenue State of West Uttar Pradesh. Known as Sabash Nagar Gurgaon Haryana through Registered Plot/Requirement Deed Dated 24.05.2024 executed by (1) Smt. Lakshmi Devi (2) Ms. Savita Sain & (3) Ms. Anan Sain in favour of Sh. Sabash Sain and Sh. Satish Sain vide Reg. no. 7856, at SR-Gurgaon and Rectification Deed Dated 24.10.2024 executed by (1) Smt. Lakshmi Devi, (2) Ms. Savita Sain & (3) Ms. Anan Sain in favour of Sh. Sabash Sain and Sh. Satish Sain vide Reg. no. 9056 at SR-Gurgaon. The above-mentioned property is going to be mortgaged with Capital India Finance Limited. If any person/bank/financial institution having any claim/right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehra, E-713, Karkardoma Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived. Adv. Vishal Mehra, E-713, Karkardoma Court, Delhi-110092, Mobile No. 9811215181.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Known to all that my client SMT. SUDHA RANI owner of the ONE FLAT ON UPPER GROUND FLOOR BEARING VP NO.UG-4, (Back-RHS) AREA 50 SQ. YARDS PROPERTY BEARING NO. U-161, KHARSA NO-140, U-BLOCK, VILLAGE SHAKA RPUR KHAS SHAHDARA DELHI-110092 and SMT. SUDHA RANI purchase plot from Sh. Ashoo God vide Notarized GPA, ATS and will (ATS) and will in favor of Anurag Mittal (cat) dated 09.02.2004 Now SUDHA RANI and Sh. Anurag Mitta as witness wants to sell aforesaid property. And it is informed that any deal with said documents by any person except my said client and said institution regarding said property, shall be deemed as null and void. If any person having any claim/right in said property then he may contact and handover the same and apprise his claim to undersigned within 5 days of this publication.

AD REM LEGAL SOLUTION
Ch. No. 780 - Dwarka Court Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-75
Mobile :- 9899013918

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all, GAURAV GUPTA, S/O SH. S. GUPTA, R/O 91, Mall Apartments Mall Road, Delhi-110054 Co-owner of Flat No 91, Mall Apartments Mall Road, Delhi-110054. I have applied for certified copies in DDA, I have lost my FIFTH AND FINAL DEMAND LETTER in respect of Property Bearing No. Flat No. 91, Cat-II, SFS Flats, Mall Apartments, Mall Road, Delhi-110054. File Reference No. F1398A182/SFS/16/R/O is going to be mortgage with Fec Bank Financial Services Limited. If any person/bank/financial institution having any claim/right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehra, E-713, Karkardoma Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived. Adv. Vishal Mehra, E-713, Karkardoma Court, Delhi-110092, Mobile No. 9811215181.

PD(894)A
I, Sangeeta W/o Vishal Singh R/o 2/C-234, First Floor, Sector-2C, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad (U.P) 201012 have changed my name to Vishal Singh for all future purposes.

PD(895)A

Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice

WORKS DEPARTMENT
Bid Identification No. CCEKC - 26 / 2024-25
e-mail : ccekonjhrpwwdcircle@gmail.com / sivekpcwv_konjhar@yahoo.com
Letter No. 5049 dt. 30.10.2024

- Name of the work :- Construction of S Plus 1 of 4 nos. E type quarter at Panposh, Rourelka for the year 2024-25.
- Estimated cost :- Rs. 140.00 Lakhs
- Class of Contractor :- "B" Class & "A" Class
- Period of completion :- 6 (Six) Calendar Months
- Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal :- From 11:00 Hours of 12 11 2024 to 16:00 Hours of 26.11.2024
- Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal :- 16:00 Hours of 26.11.2024
- Date of opening of Bid from Portal :- 11:30 Hours on 27.11.2024
- Name and address of the officer inviting Bid :- Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758001.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "<http://tendersodisha.gov.in/>"
DPFR:3483331100002428

Chief Construction Engineer
Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar

ESAF GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

REGD. OFFICE: ESAF Bhawan, Mannuthy, Thrissur- 680 651, Kerala.

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with ESAF Small Finance Bank and not redeemed by borrowers, despite repeated reminders and notices, of our branches, are listed below. This will be auctioned as per the details given below:

DATE OF AUCTION: 26-11-2024
AUCTION VENUE: Through e-Auction
AUCTION ADDRESS: <https://egold.auctionpoint.in/>
Contact Number: 909913705/6351896640

To register as bidder for the e-Auction with terms and conditions, and full details of e-Auction please visit the above site.

BRANCHES & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBERS
FARIDABAD: 75240001013219

Customers who are interested to release the ornaments by paying the total due amount may do so, at the respective branches, on or two days before the date of the auction.

Bidders who wish to participate in the auction shall produce their KYC documents. GST No. is mandatory for registered firms/companies. Bidders shall deposit a sum of Rs. 50,000 as EMD before participating in the auction.

Thrisur Sd/ Authorized Signatory
Date: 10-11-2024

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF MS. RUCHIKA SINGLA, LD DJ-3, N/W ROOM NO. 311, 3rd FLOOR, ROHINI COURTS, DELHI
PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT
(Order 5, Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)
CS DJ-1066/2022
SMT. POOJA ARORA VS. SANJEEV KUMAR AND OTHERS
To,
POOJA ARORA R/O B-1205, STAR RAMESHWARAM RAJ NAGAR EXTENSION GHAZIABAD UTTAR PRADESH-201017
RAHUL GARG S/O SH. RAMESH CHAND GARG R/O D-107, SECTOR - 49 NOIDA, UTTAR PRADESH.
Whereas you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on 01-14-11-2024 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined Ex-Parte.
Given under my hand & seal of the court on this 23.10.2024
Dist. Judge-03 (NW) Rohini Court Delhi

B'desh interim govt not to allow Awami League rally

PTI ■ DHAKA

Terminating Awami League as "fascist", Bangladesh's interim government on Saturday said it will not permit the deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina's party to hold Sunday's planned rally. Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus's press secretary Shafiq Alam in a Facebook post said that the interim government won't tolerate any violence or any attempt to break the law and order situation in the country. "The Awami League in its current form is a fascist party. There is no way this fascist party will be allowed to hold protests in Bangladesh," he said. Alam further cautioned that "anyone who would try to hold rally, gathering and processions by taking orders from the mass murderer and dictator Sheikh Hasina will face full force of the law enforcing agencies". Alam's statement followed a call from the Awami League on its

verified Facebook page, urging supporters to gather at Shaheed Noor Hossain Chattar, or Zero Point, in Gulistan on Sunday to protest what they described as "misrule". "Our protest is against the deprivation of the rights of the people of the country; our protest is against the rise of fundamentalist forces; our protest is against the conspiracy to disrupt the lives of the common people," read the Facebook post. This was the first call for a rally by the Awami League since August 5, when Hasina fled to India amid a mass student-led uprising against her government. Awami League also urged party men to stage rallies at grassroots levels across the country on Sunday in line with "the spirit of the call" as described in the Facebook post. The protest venue, Shaheed Noor Hossain Chattar, holds historical significance, as it was where Awami League youth leader Noor Hossain was killed on November 10,

1987 during a demonstration against the autocratic rule of the then military dictator General HM Ershad. The interim government earlier banned Awami League's student front Bangladesh Chhatra League over allegations of its "fascist role" during and before the July-August Anti-Discrimination Students Movement. Initially launched as a campaign for job quota reforms, the student-led movement intensified into a mass protest that ultimately led to the fall of the Hasina government. While several political factions have called for the Awami League to be banned, Yunus said such a decision is up to political parties. Some ministers of the interim government also oppose the ban, emphasising political inclusivity. Awami League's main rival Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) led by former prime minister Khaleda Zia also opposed banning any political party.

Japan vows military buildup and deeper ties with US

AP ■ TOKYO

Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba on Saturday renewed a pledge to build up his country's military and deepen its alliance with the United States under President-elect Donald Trump. Ishiba, who made the comments at an annual troop review held at Camp Asaka in the Tokyo suburbs, said the security environment surrounding Japan and the international community has significantly worsened due to escalating tensions with China, Russia and North Korea. He pledged to reinforce Japan's military power. He said breaches of Japanese airspace by Chinese and Russian warplanes earlier this year "not only violated Japanese sovereignty but also threat-

ened the safety of Japan and are absolutely unacceptable". He said Japan faces growing threats from China's accelerating military activity around Japanese coasts and from North Korea's repeated missile firings. "As we face the most severe and complex security environment, I will balance and strengthen Japan's diplomacy and security," Ishiba said in his speech before hundreds of troops gathered for the ceremony. The Japan-US alliance is the lynchpin for achieving this, Ishiba said, pledging to elevate Japan's ties with the United States and work closely with Trump as they agreed during a brief telephone conversation Thursday. Ishiba took office on Oct 1, replacing his unpopular predecessor Fumio Kishida but his governing coalition badly lost

a recent parliamentary election and could face difficulty pursuing his party's planned policies and budget plans in coming months. Ishiba pledged to pursue the ongoing military buildup plan under the 2022 security strategy adopted by his predecessor, Fumio Kishida, which calls for a counter-strike capability with long-range cruise-missiles, a break from its self-defence only principle. Ishiba said he will pursue strengthening of command system to improve operation between Japanese and US troops. After its devastating defeat in World War II, Japan had prioritised economic recovery over defence under its war-renouncing constitution, but has steadily strengthened its defence capability over the past years.

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

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The Justice Department on Friday disclosed an Iranian murder-for-hire plot to kill Donald Trump, charging a man who said he had been tasked by a government official before this week's election with planning the assassination of the Republican president-elect. Investigators were told of the plan to kill Trump by Farhad Shakeri, an accused Iranian government asset who spent time in American prisons for robbery and who authorities say maintains a network of criminal associates enlisted by Tehran for surveillance and murder-for-hire plots. Shakeri told the FBI that a contact in Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard instructed him this past September to set aside other work he was doing and assemble a plan within seven days to surveil and ultimately kill Trump, according to a criminal complaint unsealed in federal

court in Manhattan. The official was quoted by Shakeri as saying, "We have already spent a lot of money" and that "money's not an issue." Shakeri told investigators the official told him that if he could not put together a plan within the seven-day timeframe, then the plot would be paused until after the election because the official assumed Trump would lose and that it would be easier to kill him then, the complaint said. Shakeri is at large and remains in Iran. Two other men were arrested on charges that Shakeri recruited them to follow and kill prominent Iranian-American journalist Masih Alinejad, who has endured multiple Iranian murder-for-hire plots filed by law enforcement. "I'm very shocked," said Alinejad, speaking by telephone to The Associated Press from Berlin, where she was about to attend a ceremony to mark the arrival of the tearing down of the wall. "This is the third attempt

against me and that's shocking." In a post on the social media platform X, she said, "I came to America to practice my First Amendment right to freedom of speech — I don't want to die. I want to fight against tyranny, and I deserve to be safe. Thank you to law enforcement for protecting me, but I urge the US government to protect the national security of America." Lawyers for the two other defendants, identified as Jonathan Loadholt and Carlisle Rivera, did not immediately return messages seeking comment. Iran's UN Mission declined to comment. Shakeri, an Afghan national who immigrated to the US as a child but was later deported after spending 14 years in prison for robbery, also told investigators that he was tasked by his Revolutionary Guard contact with plotting the killings of two Jewish Americans living in New York and Israeli tourists in Sri Lanka.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that Sh. Devashish Sengupta S/o Biraj Mohan Sengupta was the allottee of a flat no. H-10, Jalvayu Vihar, Sector-25 Noida, who has died on 20/09/2024. During his lifetime allottee Sh. Devashish Sengupta had executed a will in dated 03/08/2020 in favour of Sh. Man Mohan Mathur S/o PN. Mathur, which is registered in SR-3 Noida on dated 03/08/2020. Also allottee had transferred the allotment of the said flat H-10 Sector 25 Noida to Sh. Man Mohan Mathur. An application is being submitted to Noida Authority for Mutation/execution of Sub Lease Deed of the said property H-10 Sector 25 Noida on the basis of registered will in favour of Sh. Man Mohan Mathur S/o PN Mathur R/O H-10 Sector 25 Noida. Therefore, the general public is being informed that if anyone has any objection to the mutation or execution of Sub Lease Deed of the said property in favour of Sh. Man Mohan Mathur, then they can register their claim in the Group Housing Department of Noida Authority within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

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STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER / HALF YEAR ENDED 30.09.2024
(₹ IN LAKH)

S. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE		
		3 months ended 30.09.2024	Year ended 31.03.2024	3 months ended 30.09.2023
1.	Total Income from operations	3.37	45.07	13.50
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Exceptional Items and tax)	-3.11	3.11	5.97
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional Items)	-3.11	3.11	5.97
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax and Exceptional Items)	-3.11	2.30	5.97
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive income (after tax))	-3.11	2.30	5.97
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of ₹ 10/-)	3460.92	3460.92	3460.92
7.	Other Equity	-	-2560.73	-
8.	Earning Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
	(a) Basic	-0.01	0.01	0.02
	(b) Diluted	-0.01	0.01	0.02

NOTES:
1. The above Unaudited Quarterly financial results as reviewed by the Audit Committee were approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on 08.11.2024. The Statutory Auditors have expressed an unqualified and unmodified audit opinion in its Limited Review Report.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly financial results are available on the Stock Exchange website : www.bseindia.com & Company's website : www.spaceincubatrices.com.

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

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A Chinese national was ordered held Friday on trespassing charges after police say he tried to enter President-elect Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in violation of a court order that he stay away following previous attempts. Zijie Li, 39, is being held without bond at the Palm Beach County Jail after being arrested Thursday when he arrived at Mar-a-Lago's entrance gate in an Uber, the latest in a series of contacts he's had with police and Secret Service agents at or near the estate since July. Li, who lives in suburban Los Angeles on a student visa, had just been released from a mental hospital, where he had been placed in late October after police found him near the estate. He is now facing two counts of misdemeanor trespassing. Li's arrest comes after a sniper nearly killed Trump at a July rally in Pennsylvania and an alleged would-be assassin stalked him in September at his Palm Beach County golf course. On Friday, the US Justice Department announced it had broken up an Iranian plot to kill Trump. During Trump's term as president, there were numerous illegal incursions at Mar-a-Lago, including two by Chinese nationals, but none were attempts to harm him. According to Town of Palm Beach police reports, Li first tried to enter Mar-a-Lago in July, telling Secret Service agents he had information tying China to the Pennsylvania assassination attempt. He was told to leave and not return.



ROHIT BAL A TRAILBLAZER WHO REDEFINED INDIA'S FASHION

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

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

THE EARLY DAYS: DISCOVERING FASHION

Born in 1961 in Srinagar, Kashmir, Rohit Bal's early influences came from the serene beauty of his homeland. The majestic valleys, the rich heritage, and the intricate craftsmanship of Kashmiri artisans were integral to his formative years. Little did he know, these elements would later form the core of his designs. Initially, Bal pursued a degree in science before realising that his true calling was in fashion. In the late 1980s, he moved to Delhi to study at the prestigious National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), where he refined his skills and honed his vision.

In a pivotal moment during his early career, Bal was encouraged by a family friend, the iconic model and former Miss India, Madhu Sapre, to create his first collection for the fashion circuit. His debut at the Indian Fashion Week in the 1990s marked a milestone, both for him and the industry. It was a time when the Indian fashion scene was still finding its identity, and designers like Rohit Bal were about to change the game.

THE RISE TO FAME: PIONEERING LUXURY FASHION IN INDIA

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

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

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

Rohit Bal's Last Show at Lakmé Fashion Week

BY SAKSHI PRIYA

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

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



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

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

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

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

A LEGACY OF INNOVATION: ROHIT BAL'S LASTING IMPACT

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

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

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

CONCLUSION: A FASHION VISIONARY

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

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

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It Ends With Us

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Rating - 3.5/5

SINGHAM AGAIN A MIXED COP UNIVERSE CLASH

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

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

Joining them in cameo roles are *Akshay Kumar* as *DCP Veer Sooryavanshi* and *Ranveer Singh* as *ACP Sangram "Simmba" Bhalerao*, adding familiar faces to the cop universe.

The film introduces many fresh elements, linking its storyline loosely to the epic *Ramayana*, blending it spiritually with its typical action-packed spectacle. New characters include *Arjun Kapoor* as the antagonist, and *Deepika Padukone* as *DCP Shakti Shetty*, along with *Tiger Shroff* as *ACP Satya Bali*.

Ajay Devgan, the hero, felt a little undermined from his role if compared to the super hit cop film *Singham*. *Kareena* played her role well in the movie.

The characters have somewhere done justice to their characters except some. The entry of *Jackie Shroff* as *Omar Hafeez* and *Arjun Kapoor* playing *Zubair Hafeez*, dominate the first half of the film and bring intensity and menace to their roles as the villainous duo. *Jackie Shroff* could have been better in his little time on the screen. *Deepika Padukone's* role wasn't of much need and looked forceful just to introduce the character to the film.

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



actors could have changed the outcome of the film.

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

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

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

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

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

Rating - 3.5/5

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

A TASTE OF CHINA, PAINTED

IN RED

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

Step into 'RED' at Radisson Blu MBD Hotel Noida and you're instantly transported to the heart of China, where every dish tells a story. With a fresh new menu that celebrates authentic Chinese flavours, the restaurant brings together traditional recipes and innovative twists, promising a dining experience unlike any other. Whether you're a vegetarian or a meat lover, the culinary journey here is one that caters to all tastes, with bold flavours and unforgettable textures that will leave you craving more.

The ambience of 'RED' is equally remarkable. With its dark, red-lit interior, the space exudes a cosy, intimate vibe, evoking the feel of an authentic Chinese restaurant. As you settle in, you know you're in for something special. Ms. **Sonika Malhotra Kandhari**, Joint Managing Director of MBD Group, shares, "The RED menu has been meticulously crafted with our guests in mind. This menu reengineering underscores our commitment to authentic Chinese flavours. We look forward to welcoming guests to explore this exciting new offering."

At the heart of this dining experience are the sauces, a crucial part of any authentic Chinese meal. 'RED' offers a variety of carefully crafted options, including the classic *Chilli Black Bean*, the *Soya Chilli*

Coriander and their signature special sauce made with onion, tomato, chilli and garlic. And for those who enjoy a bit of spice and fermentation, the kimchi adds a delightful punch to any dish. The sauces truly elevate the experience and don't forget to master the art of eating with chopsticks - a fun and authentic way to enjoy the full flavours.

Next up, I moved on to the *Dim Sum & Bao* section. The *Truffle Edamame* offered a delightful twist on the classic, with a subtle truffle flavour that complemented the beans beautifully, giving them a soft yet earthy taste. However, the *Tofu Bao with Chilli Bean Relish* turned out to be my absolute favourite. The silken tofu paired with the chilli bean relish was a perfect blend of soft and spicy, all encased in a delicate, fluffy bao bun. This dish encapsulated the balance of textures and flavours that make Chinese cuisine such a treat.

Moving into the Appetisers, the *Chilled Mould Tofu with Peanut Sauce* was a refreshing change, delicate, smooth tofu dressed in a creamy, slightly tangy peanut sauce. As someone who isn't a big tofu fan, I found it intriguing. It's a dish that might take some getting used to, but the pairing of tofu with peanut sauce certainly creates a unique, palate-expanding experience. This dish left a lasting impression, as did the *Mogu with Dry Red Chili* and *Sichuan Pepper*, a crispy fried button mushroom stir-fry that managed to stay crunchy even as it cooled. This level of attention to texture and flavour is a hallmark of authentic Chinese cooking, blending tradition with a modern twist. The bold, balanced flavours in each appetiser felt like a true celebration of Chinese culinary heritage.

Moving on to the main course, the *Mapo Tofu* was a definite standout. Known for its bold, spicy flavours, the tofu here was incredibly silky,



Photos: Pankaj Kumar

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

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

Cranberry Coffee and Beyond

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

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

THE RISE OF CRANBERRY COFFEE: A REFRESHING INNOVATION

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

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



Photos: Pankaj Kumar



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

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

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



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



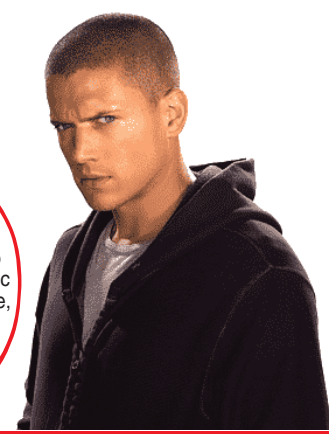
groundbreaking achievement for an Indian brand in this competitive market.

AN INSPIRING FUTURE FOR INDIAN COFFEE

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

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

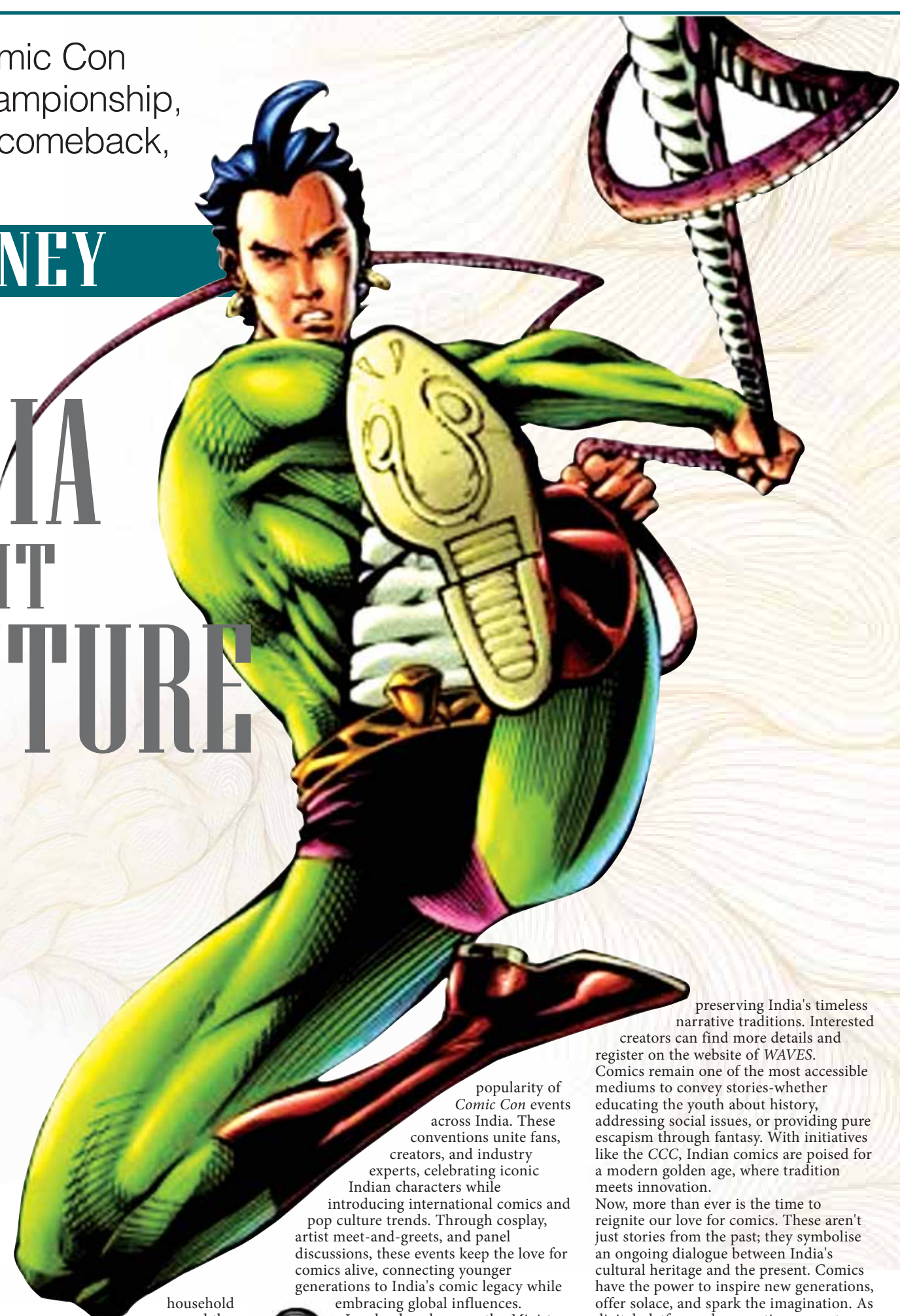
"My family put a lot of emphasis on homework, so there weren't too many comic books or video games for me, when I was growing up"
— Wentworth Miller



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



A COMIC JOURNEY FROM NOSTALGIA TO A BRIGHT NEW FUTURE



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



SUPRIYA GHAYTADAK

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

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

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



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

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

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

THE TIMELESS ALLURE OF DELHI BAZAARS

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



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

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

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

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

CHANDNI CHOWK: WHERE HERITAGE MEETS STYLE

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



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

LAJPAT NAGAR: A FESTIVAL SHOPPER'S PARADISE

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

KAROL BAGH: THE HEART OF TRADITION

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

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

GREATER KAILASH: ELEGANCE IN EVERY CORNER

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

DOWNTOWN BY MANSAN — SOUTH DELHI'S MODERN SHOPPING DESTINATION

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

KHAN MARKET: THE UPSCALE MARKET

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

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

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

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



Photo: Ranjan Dimri

A Soulful Sojourn in Puri and Konark

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

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

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

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



TEMPLE

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISCOVERING KONARK

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

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

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

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



YOUR WEEK AHEAD

MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19

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

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Purple
Lucky day Thursday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

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

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour White
Lucky day Tuesday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

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

Lucky number 15 | Lucky colour Teal
Lucky day Saturday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

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

Lucky number 19 | Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Monday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

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

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Friday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

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

Lucky number 20 | Lucky colour Maroon
Lucky day Monday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

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

Lucky number 16 | Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Sunday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

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

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Black
Lucky day Wednesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

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

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Olive
Lucky day Sunday



CANCER June 21-July 22

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

Lucky number 22 | Lucky colour Orange
Lucky day Friday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

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

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Grey
Lucky day Monday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

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

Lucky number 21 | Lucky colour Sea Green
Lucky day Friday

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THE INDEBTED LIFE

THE TUNING FORK



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

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

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



अथैतानि प्राणधाराश्च वर्चस्रितचरित्यस्त्वयं मुकुवा । सर्वअपामथसन्तुस्त्वापिभूतास्थितातस्त्वाऋत्विजंयस्त्वेानुत्तम् ।। **Atha itānīprāṇādhārāścha var-chasastishṥhanti yas tvayānī bhuktvā Sarvā apāmātha santu svāpi bhūtā sthitā-tastva rtvijaṇi yastevānṥttam** *These offerings, rooted in our forefathers, sustain our vitality and merit. Those who partake of these and perform the rites in adherence to tradition, their ancestors are respected, and their lineage remains blessed.* Remembering and performing with devotion Shraaddh (rituals for ancestors) is crucial to fulfilling this debt and ensuring their spiritual contentment. **Rishi Rina:** The debt to sages underscores the obligation to perpetuate the wisdom of

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

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

doubted his ability after failures but SKY, coach's support helped him: Samson

PTI ■ DURBAN

India batter Sanju Samson reflected on his early struggles in international cricket, saying that a string of failures made him doubt his ability, but self-belief and support of the captain and coach helped him stage a strong comeback. Samson hit back-to-back centuries in T20 Internationals with a breathtaking 50-ball-107 to headline India's comfortable 61-run win over

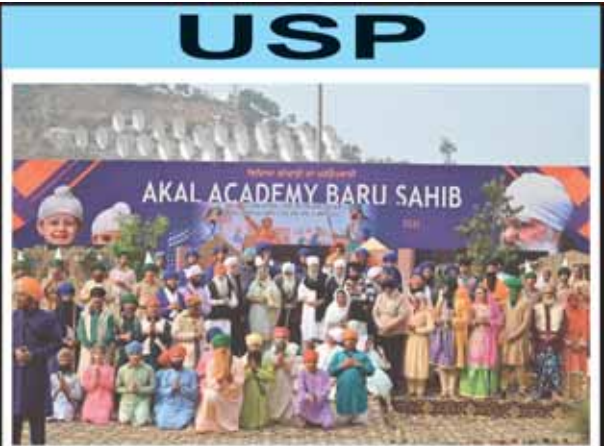
South Africa in the opening game here on Friday. "I have faced a lot of failures in my career. I think when you go through that failure, you have a lot of doubts in your mind. People definitely say that social media definitely plays a role," Samson told reporters in the post-match press conference. "But you also think a lot about yourself. Sanju, are you not made for international level? I think you are doing well in IPL. Why are you not doing well internationally? So I have



a lot of such thoughts. But after so many years of experience, I know what my ability is. "If I spend some time in the wicket, then I have a shot-making ability in spin and pace and I know that I can definitely contribute well to the team. I can win the match. This is also a reality. There are definitely a lot of downs happening but the upside is also really good. So I kept telling myself that." Samson, who turns 30 on Monday, has often been criticised for not fulfilling his potential despite abundant talent. He had scored successive ducks in Sri Lanka but responded with a 111 against Bangladesh in the third T20I and followed it up with another ton on Friday. The Kerala batter acknowledged the crucial support he received from Captain Suryakumar Yadav

and Coach Gautam Gambhir during his low phase. "When you have a supporting captain like Suryakumar Yadav and Gautam bhai and VVS Laxman sir, they all support you during failures. The way they communicate with you in your failures is very important. Everyone knows that if we are going through a negative phase, then the player can get lost there," he said. "So at that time, I received a lot of phone calls from Gautam bhai and Surya, telling me what to work on. Your spin is a little bit like that. You collect all the spinners in Kerala and practice in rough wickets there. You do this, you do that. "So if your Indian team's captain is calling you and telling you how to practice after a duck, then you have confidence that the captain is trusting you. He wants you to do well. So I think

all those small, small things plays a huge role, I think, coming back here," Samson said. "I'm very grateful about the trust shown on me. I think I've been able to give it back to my team management. I feel that it's just a start. I would like to just practice hard, train hard, just be very grateful walking out to play for my country and just look to contribute and win games for my country every time I walk in." His innings included as many as 10 monstrous sixes which propelled India to 202 for 8 in 20 overs. "When you score 100 for your country, it's definitely a very special feeling. The wicket was a little more bounced, a little spongy in the beginning. It's been raining here for 3-4 days, so I think it was a bit more challenging condition," Samson said.



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Akal Academy Celebrates its 38th Annual Day Baru Sahib: A series of activities marked the 38th Annual Day of Akal Academy, Baru Sahib here today. Sikh Samaritans from across the globe, Akal Academy alumni, students, and families came together to honour the legacy of Padma Shri Baba Iqbal Singh Ji and the vision he pioneered. As part of Akal Academy's 38th Foundation Day celebrations, students amazed the audience with a stunning Martial Arts performance! With skill, precision, and spirit, these young champions demonstrated their dedication to fitness and discipline—qualities they develop through their rigorous training as part of the Academy's curriculum. Kindergarten stars took us on a meaningful journey with their heart-warming skit, Journey to Zero Hunger! Through their innocent smiles and powerful message, they highlighted the importance of sharing, compassion, and working towards a world where no one goes to bed hungry. Senior students delivered a powerful speech, investing in Women's Education, a heartfelt appeal to the audience about the transformative impact of educating young girls. Through moving scenes and strong messages, they highlighted how education empowers girls to break barriers, uplift families, and build a brighter, more equitable society. Senior students also showcased an inspiring Gatka performance, honoring the spirit and legacy of Sikh martial arts. Gatka, introduced by the Sikh Gurus, embodies strength, discipline, and resilience, and our young warriors brought these virtues to life with remarkable skill and dedication.

Aakash Launches Hindi YouTube Channel for NEET and JEE Aspirants
Chandigarh: Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) is expanding its reach in the Hindi speaking states with the launch of a dedicated YouTube channel in Hindi for students of Grades 8 to 12. This initiative aims to provide valuable support, particularly for those preparing for high stakes NEET and JEE examinations. The channel has achieved 100,000 subscribers within just one month of its soft launch, showcasing the support and engagement from young viewers. Speaking on the initiative, Deepak Mehrotra, MD & CEO of AESL, said, "We recognize that language should never be a barrier to learning. With the launch of our Hindi YouTube channel, we are proud to offer students an accessible and effective platform to enhance their understanding of core subjects. This new resource is aimed at helping students build confidence as they prepare for some of the toughest national exams, by providing them the flexibility to learn and revise in their own language."

Stewart Cink maintains lead in PGA Tour Champions finale, with 67-year-old Langer 2nd after a 64

AP ■ PHOENIX (US)

Stewart Cink shot a 5-under 66 to maintain a three-stroke lead in the PGA Tour Champions' season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship. Bernhard Langer, the 67-year-old German star who has a Champions-record 46 career victories, was second after a 64 on Friday. He shot his age or better for the 21st time on the tour. "Every once in a while I look back at my career and have to almost pinch myself and say, 'Man, that's pretty amazing what you've done the last whatever so many years,'" Langer said. "Like a day today, to shoot 64 - 3 under my age - not a whole lot of people can do that." The 51-year-old Cink had a 12-under 130 total at Phoenix Country Club, shooting a 64 of his own in the first round.



He's trying to win at least one event for the 18th consecutive year. "It's fun to make some putts, that's what the game is all about," Langer said. "If you want to score low, you've got to make some putts." Alex Cejka was third at 7 under after a 66. Defending champion Steven Alker, second behind Ernie Els in the season standings, was tied for fourth at 4 under after a 68 - putting himself in position to pass Els for the \$1 million bonus. Vijay Singh (65), Miguel Angel Jimenez (68), Jerry Kelly (70) and Cameron Percy (68) also were 4 under. Els was 3 under after a 70. Stephen Ames, third in the standings, was 2 under after a 72. The top 36 players on the points list qualified for the event, with Steve Stricker the lone qualifier not in the field.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Amandeep Kumar s/o Shri Manjit Ram resident village and post office Laha Tehsil Naraingarh District Ambala Haryana I have changed my name from Amandeep to Amandeep Kumar. In future I should be known as Amandeep Kumar.

I, Manpreet Kaur W/o Amritpal Singh R/o 16, Near Jaura Phatak, New Golden Avenue, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Manpreet Kaur to Kaur is my surname and Manpreet is my given name.

I, Sukhmeen Kaur D/o Amritpal Singh R/o 16, New Golden Avenue, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Sukhmeen Kaur to Kaur is my surname and Sukhmeen is my given name.

I, Suman Balla W/o Prem Kumar R/o H.No. 21 B-Block, Airport Road, Opp. UK International, Guru Ram Dass Avenue, Amritsar, Punjab-143001 have changed my name from Suman Balla to Suman Bala Uppal.

I, Angrez Singh S/o Kashmir Singh R/o Village Janian P.O. Bundala Distt Amritsar have changed my name from Angrez Singh to Angrez Singh

I, Kulbeer Kaur W/o Angrez Singh R/o Village Janian P.O. Bundala Distt Amritsar have changed my name from Kulbeer Kaur to Kulbir Kaur

I, Pardeep Singh Sehja S/o Manohar Singh R/o H.No.1-4/1719, New Tej Nagar, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Pardeep Singh Sehja to Pardeep Singh

I, Anju Bala W/o Shri Krishan Kumar R/o Village Narkatari Tehsil Thanesar Kurukshetra declare that in some documents my name is mentione Anju both name is mine @Anju Bala & Anju.

I, Somwati wife of Balwan Singh resident of Indargarhi, Gohana, Sonipat, declare that I have changed my name to Somwati Devi wife of Balwan Singh and I should be known by this name in future.

I, Faqir Singh S/o Joginder Singh R/o VPO. Mehtabpur, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144306 declare that Faqir Singh & Faqir Singh both names are one and the same person.

I, Shashi W/o Faqir Singh R/o VPO. Mehtabpur, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144306 have changed my name from Shashi to Shashi Bala.

I, Toti Ram S/O Lal Chand R/O H No-469, Ward No-7 (Gali No-12), Adarsh Colony, Palwal, Haryana-121102 have changed my name to Sunder.

I, Ritu Sharma W/O Gourav Sharma R/O Village Patrawalan, Po Sarti, Pathankot, Punjab-145022 have changed my name to Deepika Sharma.

I, Mayank Jain S/o Sh. Rajesh Jain R/o H. No. 1281, Sector 9-11, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Mayank to Mayank Jain for all future purpose.

I, Sunil Kumar S/o Sh. Lila Ram R/o Village Dhana Kalan, Distt. Hisar Haryana declare that I have changed my name in my Driving License from Sunil Kumar Yadav to Sunil Kumar. In future I shall be known my name as Sunil Kumar for all purpose.

I, Vijay Kumar Garg alias Vinay Kumar S/o Ramkumar R/o H.No. 212/1, Ward No.5 Hailymandi Gurgaon Haryana-122504 have changed my name to Vijay Kumar.

I, Noojhet Begam W/o Rahman Khan R/O 620/1 Kahjehedi Sector 52 Chandigarh near Government school, have changed my name from Musat Begam to Noojhet Begam. I shall be known by name of Noojhet Begam.

I, Ashok Kumar, son of Shri Jaswant Singh, resident of village Ghogripur, PS Madhuban, District Karnal, state that in my passport number E1074552 my name is written as Ashok Kumar Mann son of Shri Jaswant Singh Mann and my mother's name is written as Roshini Devi Mann. Which is incorrect. That kindly register my name as Ashok Kumar, my father name as Jaswant Singh and my mother name as Roshini Devi in my passport which is true and correct.

I, Nisha Madaan W/o Rajesh Khanna R/O B 546 Ranjit Avenue Amritsar have Changed my name to Surabhi Khanna

I, Bakhshish Singh S/o Sulakhan Singh R/O Village & Post Office Adliwala, Tehsil Ajnala, District Amritsar. I have changed my name from Bakhshish Singh to Bakhshish Singh. All concerned note. final hai sir

I, Naresh Chander Dhir S/o Suresh Chander Dhir R/o.C302 Maple Leaf, Dumas Road, Magdalla Surat Gujarat have Changed my name to Naresh Sureshchander Dhir

I, Molik Puri S/o Kawaljit Puri R/o.H.No.114, Steet No.4, Model Town, Rani Ka Bagh, Amritsar have Changed my name from Molik Puri to Molik is my given name and Puri is my surname

I, Mukhtar Singh S/O Nathu R/O Vpo Chak Sikandar Teh Aajnala Dist Amritsar 143606 Have Changed My Name To Mukhtar Masih Concerned Note.

I, Kabul Singh S/O Mukhtar Singh R/O Vpo Chak Sikandar Teh Aajnala Dist Amritsar 143606 Have Changed My Name To Parvej Masih Concerned Note.

I, Sarabjit Singh S/O Amarjit Singh, R/O H.No. 9, College Lane, Rani Ka Bagh, Amritsar, Have Changed My Name From Sarabjit Singh To Sarabjit Singh Bal, Please Note.

I, Sachin Kohli S/o Madan Lal R/o H.No. 3344 B Block Railway Colony (Amritsar) have changed my name to Sachin.

I, Chirag S/o Sandeep khatri # 103/29, Sonipat Road, sheela bypass, Rohtak change my name Chirag to Chirag khatri.

I, Sukhjit Kaur D/o Naib Singh R/o Hamir Patti Gharachon, Sangrur, Punjab, 148026 have changed my name to Sukhjit Kaur from Sukhjit Kaur Mashal.

I, Kiran Bala Rajpal W/o Sham Sunder R/O H.No. 232, Gali No. 03, Sunder Nagar, Near Shiv Mandir, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my minor son's name from Yuv Rajpal to Yuvraj Rajpal.

I, Ashwani Kumar S/o Darshan Lal R/O H.No. 278/2, Village Kasba alias Rurki, Bir Bahadurgarh, Patiala have changed my name from Ashwani Kumar to Brahmanand Giri (Chela Hari Giri).

I, Sakhubai Yedage is legally Mother of Service No. 16135985F Rank: SPR Name: Babu Yedage residing a Village Koulapurwada Post Santibastwad, Taluk Khanapur, Distt. Belgaum (State) Karnataka Pin -590014, have changed my name from Sakhubai to Sakhubai Yedage.

I, Ramu Yedage is legally Father of Service No. 16135985F Rank: SPR Name: Babu Yedage residing a Village Koulapurwada Post Santibastwad, Taluk Khanapur, Distt. Belgaum (State) Karnataka Pin -590014, have changed my name from Ramu to Ramu Yedage.

I, Vijayalekshmi B S is legally Mother of Service No. 16119956H Rank: NK Name: Vishnu U residing a Village Pallichal Post Naruvamoodu, Taluk Neyyattinkara, Distt. Thiruvananthapuram (State) Kerala Pin -695528, have changed my name from Vijayalakshmi BS to Vijayalekshmi B S.

I, Udayakumar N is legally Father of Service No. 16119956H Rank: NK Name: Vishnu U residing a Village Pallichal Post Naruvamoodu, Taluk Neyyattinkara, Distt. Thiruvananthapuram (State) Kerala Pin -695528, have changed my name from Udaya Kumar N to Udayakumar N.

I, Sheela Devi w/o Ram Nath Vill. Jhansa Tehsil Pehowa Kurukshetra have Changed my name Shila Devi.

I, Raghuvir Singh S/o Moman Vill.ashan Patti, Bhagal, Kaithal have Changed my name Raghuvir Singh

I, No.194764y Ex Mc Eaa-ii, Baljit Singh S/O Sh Gurdial Singh R/O Vpo- Rai Chack Tehsil- Dera Baba Nanak, Distt- Gurdaspur, State- Punjab. Have Changed My Mother Name From Amarjit Kaur To Amarjeet Kaur And Date Of Birth Is 08-04-1949 To 01-01-1949.

I, No 4005939Y Ex Nk(TS) Gurmukh Singh resident of Village Aima Chahngan, PO Naushehra Nal Bandon, Tehsil and Distt Pathankot (Punjab), have changed name of my father from Hazara Singh to Hazara Lal vide affidavit No. IN-PB77761424495566W dated 08-11-2024 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Amita Rani W/O Dharam Pal R/O Patti Bahodipur, Vpo. Virk, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar, Punjab, India-144632 Have Changed My Name As Amita Rani Joshi.

I, Shailja Kumari Alias Shailja Sharma W/O Vikram Sharma R/O H.No.243/4, B-60, Phagwara Road, Mount Avenue, Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Shailja Sharma.

I, Rajinder Kaur Lottay W/O Gurmeet Singh R/O Village Bharana District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Rajinder Kaur.

I, M Sonia Gandhi D/o Sh. Muniraj is legally wedded spouse of K Chandran presently residing at SMQ N 13/15, Air Force Station, Sirsa (Haryana) 125055 have changed my name from M Sonia Gandhi to Soniyagandhi M Vide affidavit No. 23282 dated 09.11.2024 before Sirsa Court.

I, No.14670131W NK/Chef Com Jadhav shrikant Keshav resident of Village-Deshmukhwadi, Post-Shindewadi, Tehsil-Malshiras, District- Solapur, State- Maharashtra, Pin-413109, have changed my Daughter name from Shreya to Jadhav Shreya Shrikant Vide affidavit No.IN-PB774771985653613W dated 28 Oct 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Santosh Kumar Jana Father of No.14657464K Hav Gokul Chandra Jana resident of Village- Bandhrhaura, Post-Lalat, Tehsil- Kharagpur, District- Paschim Medinipur, State- West Bengal, have changed my name & DOB from Santosh Kumar Jana to Santosh Kumar and date of birth from 01 July 1962 to 01 Jan 1957 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB75642361577211W dated 30 Oct 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Sunil Kumar Rana S/o Satpal R/O V.P.O. Brara tehsil Barara Distt. Ambala that I have changed my name from Sunil Kumar Rana to Sunil Kumar. Concerned note.

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