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BABA SIDDIQUE ASSASSINATION AFTERMATH

Now political bullets fired

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

⊣he assassination of Baba Siddique has shaken Maharashtra's political landscape when the State is preparing to go for Assembly elections. With the Opposition uniting against the ruling demanding and accountability, implications of this murder in

the financial Capital of the country is certainly to resonate in the election campaign which has already begun. Political analysts suggest that the incident may significantly

influence voter sentiment, as safety and security are paramount concerns citizens of Mumbai. The Thackeray-Sharad Pawar and Congress combine Opposition is likely to capitalise on the incident terming it as complete breakdown of the law and order of the Eknath Shinde-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) regime in the State. Opposition parties, including

the Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar faction) which is part of the ruling coalition, and Congress which in Opposition have condemned the assassination since Congress is Siddique's parent party where he began his political career, while Ajit Pawar's faction was his current party. Deputy Chief Minister



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Security personnel outside the residence of Baba Siddique where his body is kept, in Mumbai, Sunday

holds the position of Home Pawar for demanding his Minister has come in for severe criticism and his resignation has been sought citing a failure to ensure public Siddique had moved from

Congress to NCP's Ajit faction recently, and he enjoyed a good rapport in all the political parties of Maharashtra which includes two breakaway factions of the Shiv Sena and NCP.

The Mumbai police arrested two persons in connection with the brutal murder of the MLA three-time Baba Siddique on Saturday, even as Maharashtra deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis

Devendra Fadnavis, who also hit out at NCP chief Sharad resignation over Siddique's murder.

Identifying the two arrested persons as Gurmail Baljit Singh, a native of Haryana and Dharamraj Kashyap from Uttar Pradesh, the police said that the third suspect Shiv Kumar, was on the run "We are on the lookout for the third accused," a senior police officer said.

Meanwhile, mothers of both accused have said that they were not aware of what their sons were up to and had not been in contact with them. Gurmail Singh's family said that it disowned him 11 years

exemplary punishment for his Meanwhile, under flak from

the Opposition parties over Siddiqui's murder, Fadnavis who holds the State Home portfolio - slammed Sharad Pawar for demanding his resignation. "I think he (Sharad Pawar) only wants power. Even after such a serious incident, there is a lust for power in his eyes while we are only concerned about Maharashtra. We want to look at Maharashtra. We want to develop Maharashtra. Progress is to be achieved and Maharashtra is to be kept safe. They want to look at the power only and talk."

Navratri ends, nightmares begin

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NOIDA

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On the eve of Vijayadashami, when the National Capital worshipped the Goddess Durga, and celebrated the divine feminity vanquishing evil, this reporter who had gone to cover the festivities, faced hooliganism and harassment by drunkards in Uttar Pradesh's Noida Sector 75. The incident that took place near a dense well guarded residential area on Saturday night, was a sign that hooligans who consider festivals an excuse to drink and drive are back on the roads after a nine-day Navratri

The streets were bustling with people who were out enjoying Ramlilas and Ravan Dahan the effigies of Ravan are set ablaze to symbolise the triumph of truth. Suddenly, a white Hyundai I-20 sports car (UP15CD6004) speeding down the road. The swerving dangerously down the streets, at around 10 pm.

At first, they nearly drove inside a shop on the side of the street risking the lives of many standing there. My friend Utkarsh, and I were there too as we had stopped to buy snacks from a street vendor after returning from a Dusshera mela I had gone to

When I was on the left side of the road, trying to cross it along with my friend, the car came speeding towards me. He

Numbers that shame

(NCR) Region alarmingly high rates of violence and harassment against women, and most cases remain unreported. From September 2022 to August 2023, Faridabad registered 2,666 complaints, Gurgaon had a 12 per cent increase in reported cases. Delhi recorded the highest crime rate against women in the country at 144.4 per 100,000, Noida had a 21 per cent decrease in such crimes.

pulled me to the side just in time. Else I would have been mowed down or getting hit by the racing car. For a second, the car stopped and swayed again in an abrupt manner. While my friend shouted at the car driver, and I stood shaking, worried with what was a near death experience, two bystanders, who were also drinking on the side of the road, started abusing him. They yelled slurs and told him to not shout at the drivers.

Worried over what could turn into an ugly fight and potential risk to life, I took my friend to the other side by which time the car driver must have heard people asking for police to arrive at the location and take action against them. They raced their car back into a nearby housing society. Upon calling the police on 112,

the officers responded by asking if we will file a report on the same in an unsympathetic PNS NEW DELHI manner. A police van with two officers arrived at the location after about 20 minutes of the incident.

However, when the police came, they again asked us to file a police complaint at a station while we requested them to take action immediately so that our safety was ensured. "We saw them racing in the society right here. At least try to find out if the guards know if the car belongs to any of the flat," we told the police. The police officers asked some

questions in a half-hearted manner to the guard, and we were again told to go to the nearby sector-113 police station in Noida. We were in shock, but decided to go to the police station and filed a complaint. The police assured us that action will be taken. however, none has been taken by Sunday. However, as a single working

woman in this city whose job does not have fixed hours, one cannot imagine the safety concerns even filing a complaint brings about. "What if they find me alone and attack me? They must have seen my face while I remain unknown of their identity' looms over the head of a woman in a country when gang rapes and murder are an everyday affair with accused living unhinged," were some of the thoughts rushing in my

Waqf Joint Committee has received 1.2 crore email responses

The head priest of a Nashik L temple, three advocates and representatives of a Muslim organisation are among those who will share their views on the Wagf (Amendment) Bill, before a Parliamentary panel on Monday. The Joint Committee of

Parliament on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill meeting is scheduled on Monday and Tuesday to hear representatives of Jamiat Ulema-i-Hind, Delhi, and Goa-based Sanatan Sanstha. The panel headed by Bharatiya Janata Party's Jagdambika Pal will also hear Mahant Sudhirdas Maharaj, the head priest of Nashik's Shri Kalaram temple. Advocates Ashwini Upadhyay,

Vishu Shankar Jain and Amita Sachdeva will also share their views on the bill before the panel. Sachdeva represents the Hindu Janjagruti Samiti, Goa. Former chairperson of the Karnataka State Minorities Commission, Manipadi, is also listed to share his opinions on the Draft Bill. The Joint Committee of the

two Houses has received a staggering 1.2 crore email responses amid campaigns launched by rival groups to ratchet up support for their respective viewpoints regarding the draft law.

Ayodhya readies for Diwali



BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

As Ayodhya gears up for Diwali, also known as Deepotsav, the city is undergoing a substantial beautification process. A key part of this effort is the installation of solar-powered smart lights at prominent locations, managed by the Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) with a budget of Rs 300 crore. Upon completion, these solar lights will illuminate the Ayodhya Bypass and the road leading to the Maharshi Valmiki International Airport.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has long envisioned turning Ayodhya into a "solar city." Various solar energy projects, including rooftop solar installations, are already in progress, and many parks and roads in Ayodhya are now lit by solar lights. UPNEDA

is expediting the installation of these

BY RAJESH KUMAR

Tt is now common to come Lacross social media posts by the Delhi Traffic Police urging people to steer clear of certain roads because of jams created by the breakdown of a bus in the National Capital.

However, these reported incidents are a mere fraction of the actual number of daily breakdown of buses. Breakdown of buses and Medium Goods Vehicles (MGVs) has become a major cause of traffic snarls during peak hours in

Sources in the transport department said that dozens of Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and clusters scheme buses stall on the roads every day. The consequences of a bus breakdown are complex. It not only causes inconveniences to commuters who are stranded on the road but it also results in

solar lights, with 60 planned for the area around the airport to attract tourists and

In addition, UPNEDA is installing 58 smart solar lights along both sides of the Ayodhya Bypass and in other strategic spots. Sixteen lights are being placed near the Divisional Commissioner's residence, ten in a park near Dharmapath, and six at Mukti Dham. UPNEDA Project Officer Praveen Kumar Pandey confirmed that the project is moving aiming for comple ensure that key sites are brightly illuminated for the festivities.

Simultaneously, the construction of the 161foot-high spire atop the Ram Temple in Ayodhya is progressing rapidly. The first layer of the spire has been completed, and the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust ha+s shared images of the progress on social media. The temple structure's height from its foundation up to the third floor is 76 feet. The spire will rise above this structure and add considerable grandeur to the temple.

The spire will reach 85 feet in height and consist of 29 layers, each around three feet high. Approximately 300 skilled artisans are working on the project, completing each layer in about a week. After the spire is finished, a 44-foot Dharma Dhwaj (religious flagpole) will be installed atop it, with a six-foot religious

This will bring the total height of the temple, including the spire, to roughly 211 feet. The spire's construction is expected to be completed by February 2025.

driver was racing his car and

They were driving as if they were heavily drunk.



Women apply vermillion on each other as they participate in 'Sindoor Khela' at a 'puja pandal', to mark the end of the Durga Puia festival celebrations

Ola must put consumer first: CCPA

Following

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The Central Consumer Protection Authority Authority (CCPA) has directed ridehailing platform Ola to implement consumerfriendly changes, including offering refund options and providing receipts for auto rides, the regulator said on Sunday.

Commissioner Nidhi Khare, observed that Ola's no-questions-asked refund policy only provided coupon codes for future rides, without giving consumers a choice for bank account refunds.

"This (practice) violates consumer rights," the CCPA said in a statement. "The noquestion-asked refund policy cannot mean that the company incentivises people to simply use this facility for taking another ride." The regulator also mandated

Ola to issue bills or invoices for all auto rides booked through its platform, citing absence of such documentation as an "unfair trade practice" under the Consumer Protection Act,

Ola intervention, implemented several changes, including displaying contact details of grievance and nodal officers on its website, clearly mentioning cancellation policies and fees at the time of booking, adding more options for ride cancellation reasons, and publicizing fare component breakdowns.

implemented were showing address of both pickup and drop locations to drivers and revised payment cycles for drivers for swift payment. The CCPA reported 2,061 complaints against Ola from January to October 2024, with issues including overcharging, refund delays and driver-related problems. "Through its regulatory intervention, the CCPA has been steadfast in ensuring that Ola adheres to the legal framework established to secure the rights of consumers," the regulator stated. The move comes as the CCPA increases scrutiny of digital platforms to protect consumer interests in the rapidly growing e-commerce

When aged buses collapse, traffic jams in mourning

Dozens of large public vehicles stall on the roads regularly, causing jams, diversions

traffic congestion with the slow down and idling vehicles.

Traffic was Najafgarh-Bahadurgarh Road due due to breakdown of a Cluster bus to the breakdown of a Bus near Najafgarh Depot on Sunday. As near Sarita Vihar flyover. This is one of the busiest roads in Delhi per Delhi traffic police social media post, traffic was affected on Bahadurgarh Najafgarh Road due to accident and fire in Hyva Truck near Anaj Mandi, Najafgarh. On Saturday, traffic police posted

two advisories on the breakdown of buses. The first breakdown took place on Najafgarh Road in the carriageway from Dholi Piao towards Dwarka Mor due to breakdown of a bus at Uttam Nagar Chowk, which led to slow down of movement. In the second incident, traffic was affected on Rohtak Road in the carriageway from Tikri border towards Peeragarhi due to breakdown of a

Bus near metro pillar No 530. According to traffic police social media posts on Friday, five incidents of breakdown of vehicles reported in the peak hours. Traffic was affected on hours. Traffic was affected on due to breakdown of an MGV at media posts on Thursday. The Mathura Road in the carriageway Moolchand Underpass. This traffic was affected on Ring Road

affected on from Ashram towards Badarpur that connects Delhi and Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.

In the second instance, traffic is affected on MGM (Ring Road) in the carriageway from AIIMS towards Moti Bagh due to breakdown of a truck at Raj Nagar Flyover. The third stretch was affected on

MGM (Ring Road) near IG Stadium in the carriageway from Rajghat towards Sarai Kale Khan due to breakdown of an MGV at IP Flyover. In the fourth incident, traffic was affected on Mathura Road in the carriageway from Sarita Vihar towards Badarpur due to breakdown of a truck near Aali Village bus stand. In the fifth incident, traffic was

one of the busiest in Delhi. affected on Ring Road in the carriageway from Ashram Chowk reported on traffic police social towards Moolchand Underpass due to breakdown of an MGV at



Similarly, four incidents of breakdown of vehicles was

in the carriageway from Raja Garden towards Delhi Cantt Metro Station due to breakdown of an MGV on Naraina Flyover. The traffic was affected on Mathura Road in the carriageway from Okhla towards CRRI due to

PM's surprise visit

A surprise visit to Bharat Mandapam by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday led to traffic snarls in the heart of the national Capital. Commuters trying to go from Central to South Delhi were inconvenienced, as the arterial roads remained choked for the VIP movement. Security protocols were in place around Bharat Mandapam for hours in the afternoon and evening, and commuters had to wait for long hours in their vehicles, for the

Detailed story on page 5

breakdown of an MGV near CRRI

Red Light. The traffic is affected on Noida link road in the carriageway from Akshardham towards Chilla Border due to the flipped trolley loaded with straw, on the

descending Akshardham flyover. This is one of the busiest roads in Delhi that connects Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. There were among 50 breakdowns that disrupted traffic

and ride-hailing sectors.

since last Friday, going by the Traffic Police's social media posts. There were dozens of incidents of breakdown of buses which were not reported by the transport department and traffic police.

According to a traffic police official, it typically took around one hour to rectify the situation arising from a bus breakdown. In some instances, the resolution time exceeds two-three hours. Removing the broken down bus is a tedious task since they have hydraulic brake setups that can only be opened by expert mechanics. Since buses ply on long routes, the depots are generally at some distance from the breakdown spot and the arrival of the required mechanical personnel also takes time.

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wrongly recorded as Kanif-

nath Gaikwad . As per my

army service documents my

correct name is Kanifnath

Gaikwad W/o Service No.

JC-292059F, Rank NB/SUB,

Kanifnath Gorakshnath Gaik-

wad R/o Tal-Newasa, Talkud-

Ahmadnagar.

gaon, Ahmadnagar, Maharashtra Pin-414604,

India present residing at Tibri

Cantt. Gurdaspur declare

that in school record of my

son Pratik Kanifnath Gaik-

wad my name has been

wrongly recorded as Sangita

Gaikwad . As per my identifi-

cation proof, my correct

name is Sangita Kanifnath

Vinod Kumar Resident of

Vpo Madhopur Cantt Tehsil

Pathankot Distt Pathankot

(PB) declare that in my pass-

port no. JA1065074990820

my surname is not men-

tioned. I want Sabhva as my

first name and Sachin as my

I. Sabhva Sachin S/o Sh.

Gaikwad.

I, Sangita Kanifnath

Gorakshnath Gaikwad.

No.

Gorakshnath

Army Record.

nifnath

I. Service

Public Notice
It is informed to all the General Public and concerned persons that our office has received an application with concerned documents to submit the entry of Shop No. 143, Situated at Anaj Mandi, Bhattu Mandi, Tehsil &

Disti. Fatehabad. That as per the decision of the Hon'ble Court Shri Rajeev Goyal, HCS, Civil Judge, Hisar's case civil suit No. 60 of 2001 Rajesh S/o Sh. Ram Chander S/o Sh. Govind Ram R/o Khabra Kalan, Dist. Chander S/o Sh. Govind Ram R/o Khabra Kalan, Dist. Fatehabad is owner of the shop No. 143, Anaj Mandi Bhattu Mandi Dist. Fatehabad. That Sh. Rajesh S/o Sh. Ram Chander has expired on dated 31-10-2022 and after his death his legal heirs are as under: -1. Smt. Santosh (Mother of Rajesh) W/o Sh. Ram Chander C. Geeta Devi Widow of Sh. Rajesh, Si Was S/o Sh. Rajesh, 4. Vikrant S/o Sh. Rajesh. Now according to the concerned documents the concerned ownership of above shop will be entered in favor of all above 1. Smt. Santosh (Mother of Sajesh) W/o Sh. Pago Chander above shop will be entered in favor of all above 1. Smt. Santosh (Mother of Rajesh) W/o Sh. Ram Chander 2. Geeta Dew Midow of Sh. Rajesh, 3. Vikas 5/o Sh. Rajesh, 4. Vikrant S/o Sh. Rajesh, 5. Oif in this matter any general public and concerned person have anjace objection he/they will submit his/their objections in this office with his/their documentary proofs within 30 days of issue of this notice otherwise the above matter will be decided in favor of above legal heir & no objection will be entered in this regard after the above time in our office. This information is issued with my signature and my office seal. Secretary-cum-E.O., Market Committee, Bhattu Kalan

Office of the Market Committee, Bhattu Kalan (Fatehabad)

I. Keshav Datt Pandev is Father of JC-405543K Sub Manoj Pandey, Serving in unit

Ashish Kumar, Serving in Mil-Hospital Jalandhar Cantt, C/o 56 APO have changed my mother name from Savitri to Savitri Devi vide affidavit notary attested

Concerned Please Note

I, sajan Singh s/O pritam Singh R/O Village Bhatehri Singh to Sajjan Singh

Meenu Nagpal District

Changed My Name To Pawan Kumar Garg.

Name Is Anvi Dahiya. I, Puneet W/o Jatinder Kumar Sahni, H.No. 568-C, Saini Vihar, Phase-2, Baltana, Zirakpur, Tehsil Derabassi (SAS Nagar), have changed my name from Pu-

I, Jatinder Kumar S/o Suraj Parkash Sahni. H.No. 568-C. Saini Vihar, Phase-2, Baltana, Zirakpur, Tehsil Derabassi (SAS Nagar), have changed my name from Jatinder Kumar to Jatinder Kumar Sahni.

Suraj Parkash Sahni, H.No. 568-C, Saini Vihar, Phase-2, Baltana, Zirakpur, Tehsil Der-

ter Niyati to Niyati Garg. I, Amrinder Singh S/o Harkaran Singh R/o Vill: Madho Jhanda Po. Saidowal (Kapurthala) have changed my name from Amrinder Singh to Amrinder Singh Chahal.

R/o Eidgah Road, Muhalla Garib Nagri, Malerkotla (Punjab) have changed my name to Sofiaa. I. Mohammad Ashraf S/o Reham Din R/o Eidgah Road,

I. Safia W/o Reham Din

I. Harish S/o Chamar Dass R/o H.No.164 North Avenue, Bhadson Road, Patiala 147001 Puniab have changed my name to Harish Kumar.

Have Changed My Name To Sandeep Arora. I Ambika W/o Sandeer Arora R/o H.No.66, W.No.09, Preet Nagar Ferozepur City

Ambika Arora. Pattra, Tehsil & District Feroze-

To Preetpal Kaur. I, Parmjeet Kaur W/o Sukhbeer Singh R/o Dashmesh Nagari, Jalalabad, Tehsil Jalalabad, District Fazilka Wish To Change My Name To

derbaha, Have Changed My Name From Sidhant Airen

I, Anita Rani Gupta W/O Parveen Kumar Gupta R/O Near Malwa School, Gidderbaha, Have Changed My Name From Anita Rani Gupta To Anita Gupta. I, Parveen Kumar Gupta

S/O Roshan Lal R/O Near Malwa School, Gidderbaha. Have Changed My Name To Parveen Gupta.

jeet Sinah I, Gurmeet Singh S/o Paramjeet Singh R/o Dhodha Street Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to

name to Navneet Kaur. I, Vicky S/O Sodhi Ram R/O Vpo. Jamalpur Tehsil

R/O Village Balaloan, P.O. Pandori, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala Changed My Name From Suman To Suman Kataria.

ਜਗਿੰਦਰ ਪਾਲ 10. ਕਮਲੇਸ਼ਵਾੜੀ ਮਹੰਤ ਪੱਤਰ ਰਘਨਾਥ ਮਹੰਤ 12. ਪੱਪ ਕਮਾਰ 13. ਰਾਜੀਵ ਕਮਾਰ ਪੱਤਰਾਨ ਹਮਦੇਵ ਯਾਦਵ 14. ਧਰਮਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ 15. ਜਤਿੰਦਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰਾਨ ਬਲਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ 16. ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨ ਾਮ ਚੰਦ 17. ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਲਖਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ 18. ਸਰਿਤਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਚਡੇਲ ਕਮਾਰੀ 19. ਪੰਕਜ 20 ਰੁਖਰਾਜ ਪੁੱਤਰਾਨ ਨਾਗਰਾਜ 21. ਰਣਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਰਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ 22. ਰੇਖਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਤਨੀ ਪਸ਼ੁਪਤੀ 23. ਰਮੇਸ ੀਟਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਹੀਰੋ ਪੀਟਰ 24. ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਪਤਨੀ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ੋਤਮ 25. ਵੰਦਨਾ ਸ਼ਰਮਾ ਪਤਨੀ ਸ਼ਰਮਾ ਰਾਕੇਸ਼ ਕੁਮਾਰ 26 ਚੈਦਰਕਲਾ ਪਤਨੀ ਸਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ 27. ਪਕਾਸ਼ ਗਪਤਾ ਪੱਤਰ ਮੱਘਰ ਸਿੰਘ 28. ਦਿਨੇਸ਼ ਮਹਾਜਨ ਪੱਤਰ ਧਰਮਪਾਨ ਮਹਾਜਨ 29. ਨਵਜੋਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਨਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ 30. ਦਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਮਨਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ 31. ਸਰਬਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸਾਹਬ ਸਿੰਘ 32. ਕਮਲਜੀਤ ਕਯਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸੁਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ 33. ਹੀਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਜੁਗਿੰਦਰ ਪਾਲ 34 ਪਵਨ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਹੀਰੋ ਪੀਟਰ 35. ਸੋਮਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਪਿਆਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ 36. ਪ੍ਰੇਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਪਿਆਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ 37 ਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਲਾਲ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਹੀਰੋ ਪੀਟਰ 38. ਸੁਮਨ ਪਤਨੀ ਨਰੇਸ਼ ਕੁਮਾਰ 39. ਜੋਰਸ ਗਿੱਲ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਜੀਵਨ ਲਾਲ 40. ਸੁਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ 41. ਰਘਬੀਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰੁਲਦਾ ਰਾਮ 42. ਨਰਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ 43 ਰੇਸ਼ਾ ਰਾਣੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਯਸ਼ਪਾਲ 44. ਸਨੀਤਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਨਾਜਰ ਮਸੀਹ 45. ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਰਾਮ ਚੰਦ 46 . ਭਿਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਆਤਮਾ ਸਿੰਘ 47. ਰਛਪਾਲ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਕੁਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ 48. ਸੁਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਜੁਗਿੰਦ ਸੌਘ 49. ਸੰਨੀ ਮਸੀਹ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰਛਪਾਲ ਮਸੀਹ 50. ਭੁਪਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸੂਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ 51. ਮਨੀਸ਼ ਸ਼ਰਮਾ ਪਤਨੀ ਰਾਜੇਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ 52. ਸੁਨੀਤਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਅਸ਼ੋਕ ਕੁਮਾਰ 53. ਕੈਵਲਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ 54. ਭੁਪਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ 55. ਅਮਨਦੀਪ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸਤਨਾਮ 56. ਗੀਟਾ ਰਾਣੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਅਜੇ ਕੁਮਾਰ 57 ਮਨਪੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੱਤਰ ਹਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ 58. ਰੀਟਾ ਕਮਾਰੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਬਲਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ 59. ਸਬਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੱਤਰ ਮਹਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ 60. ਸੇਜੀਵ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸਤਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ 61. ਰਸ਼ਮੀ ਖੁੱਲਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਨਵਨੀਤ ਖੁੱਲਰ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਪਾਹੜਾ ਤਹਿਸੀ।

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Classifieds

151202.have changed my DOB from 24/03/1960 To 01/01/1955 I, Paramjit Kaur M/o Service No. 18007362Y Rank NK. Name Manpreet Singh R/o Maur Patti, Pharwahi, Barnala, Punjab 148101.have changed my

I, Darshan Singh F/o

Service No. 15341402X

Rank Hav , Name Harmel

Singh R/o Rori Kapura, Rori-

kapura.

Faridkot,Punjab

DOB from 10.12.1971 To 01.01.1973 I. Kiran Devi Chauhan W/o Service No. 15348872L Rank Hav Name Pradeep Kumar R/o C 48. Balaii Puram.Mathura. Aurangabad, Khadar, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh 281008.have changed mv DOB from

15/03/1986 To 01/01/1987 I, Kiran Devi Chauhan W/o Service No. 15348872L Rank Hav Name Pradeep Kumar R/o C 48, Balaji Puram.Mathura. Aurangabad, Khadar, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh 281008. have changed my Name from

Kiran Chauhan To Kiran Devi Chauhan I, Tapan Ghosh F/o Service No. 18017350X Rank Spr Name Biki Ghosh R/o Siteshnagar, Jagannathpur, Sagia Murshidabad, West Bengal 742151.have changed my

DOB from 01.01.1960 To 05.03.1969 I Shikha Ghosh M/o Service No. 18017350X Rank Spr Name Biki Ghosh R/o Siteshnagar ,Jagannath-Murshidabad. pur,Sagia West Bengal 742151.have changed my DOB from

01.01.1970 To 02.04.1975. I. Shikha Ghosh M/o Service No. 18017350X Rank Spr. Name Biki Ghosh R/o Siteshnagar, Jagannathpur,Sagia Murshidabad, West Bengal 742151.have changed my Name from Sikha Ghosh To Shikha Ghosh.

I, Sapna W/o Ravi R/o H.No. 169, Gobindpuri, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Sapna to Sapna Rani. In future I shall be known as Sapna Rani. I. Ram Parsad s/o Inder

Ram r/o village Bahri, Tehsil

Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra

have changed my name from

Ram Prasad to Ram Parsad.

In future I should be known

as Ram Parsad. I, Shriyans Jain S/o Late Dev Kumar Jain, R/o 96. Dev Kunj, Street Chhabil Dass, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Shreyans Kumar Jain to Shrivans Jain for future.

4 Guards (1 Rajput) C/o 56 APO have changed my name from Keshav Dutt Pandey to Keshav Datt Pandev I. No 22058476Y Sep/Nk

on 12.10.2024 at Jalandhar. I, Harbans Kaur W/O Ram Asra, R/O H No 522/2, Adampur, Adampur Doaba, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Banso To Harbans Kaur, All

Teh Rajpura district Patiala changed My name from sajan I, Menu Rani W/O Manoj Kumar Ward No 16 Motia Bazar Tehsil Samana Distt

Patiala Have Changed My Name From Menu Rani To I, Pawan Kumar S/O Banarasi Dass R/O Mitwa Street Water Works Road Mansa Mansa Have

I, Navneet Singh Saini S/O Balbir Singh Saini R/O H.No.199, Gali No.5, Ward No.4, Adarsh Nagar Dera Bassi Distt Mohali Declare That My Daughter Correct

neet to Puneet Sahni.

I, Jatinder Kumar S/o

abassi (SAS Nagar), have changed my minor daughter name Yoganshika to Yoganshika Sahni. I, Anuj Garg S/o Raj Kumar R/o Samana Teh-Samana (Patiala) have changed

the name of my minor daugh-

Muhalla Garib Nagri, Malerkotla (Punjab) have changed my name to Mohd Ashraf.

I Sandeep Kumar S/o Ram Gopal Arora R/o H.No.66. W.No.09. Preet Nagar, Ferozepur City, Punjab

Have Changed My Name To I, Preet Pal Kaur W/o Sarbjeet Singh R/o Vpo. Dhira pur Have Changed My Name

Paramieet Kaur. I, Sidhant Airen Gupta S/O Parveen Kumar Gupta R/O Near Malwa School, Gid-

Gupta To Sidhant Airen

From Parveen Kumar Gupta I, Paramjit Singh S/o Atma Singh R/o Dhodha Street Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Param-

Gurmeet Singh Madaan. I, Neetu W/o Navpreet Singh R/o Vill: Burj Sidhwan Teh-Malout (Sri Muktsar Sahib) have changed my

Have Changed My Name From Vicky To Vicky Mishal. I, Suman D/O Paramjeet Have

SIMRANDEEP SINGH SOH

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Whereas it has proved to the

proclamation.

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Next Date, Purpose of case on http://ecourts.gov.in RAMAYAN CHAUDHARY Vs.

VILLAGE PO AND PS BAIRIA, DISTT. WEST CHAMPARAN BIHAR.

before the court on 13-12-2024 at 10.00 a.m. or within 30 days from

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10.00 a.m. or within 30 days from the date of publication of this proclamation.

in your absence.

SIMRANDEEP SINGH SOHI

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In above tiled case, the defendant (s)/ respondent (s) could not be

details logon (Bikramdeep Singh)

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Haryana BJP calls meeting of MLAs to elect legislature party leader on Oct 16

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

To elect their legislature party leader, Haryana unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has called a meeting of its newly-elected MLAs in Chandigarh on October 16 (Wednesday). Nayab Singh Saini, the Chief Ministerial face of the saffron party in the recently-concluded Haryana Assembly election, is expected to be chosen as the leader of the legislature party ahead of the swearing-in ceremony on October 17.

For the second time in 10 ears, Panchkula will witness the VVIP-studded swearing-in ceremony of the BJP Government in Haryana on October 17. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, other Union Ministers, and Chief Ministers of the BJPruled states will attend the ceremony. In a press statement, Home Minister Shah and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav have been appointed as the central observers for the Haryana BJP legislature party meeting to elect its leader, who will be the next Haryana Chief Minister.

Sources in BJP said that the date for the oath-taking was "finalized" after Saini met Shah and other senior leaders in New Delhi on Friday night following confirmation of PM Modi's

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Political Observers opined that to give a message to Dalit community, the new BJP Government in the State will take oath on October 17, which is also celebrated as 'Valmiki Javanti'. The Harvana Government has notified October 17 as a public holiday to mark the birth anniversary of the author of the Ramayana. Valmiki Jayanti is celebrated as "Pargat Diwas" by the Valmiki religious community, the observer added.

Newly Elected MLAs Started Lobbying for **Ministerial Berths**

Meanwhile, with the finalization of date for the new BJP Government's oath-taking ceremony on October 17, the newly-elected MLAs have started lobbying for ministerial berths. The Cabinet in Haryana can have up to 14 ministers, including the Chief Minister.

A senior BJP leader said that the party high command may give representation to all parliamentary constituencies and would ensure a balanced caste combination on the new council of ministers. Special focus is likely to be on Jat, Khatri, Brahmin, OBC and SC MLAs for a balanced government, he

After giving 10 out of 11 seats to the BJP in assembly elections, party leaders and workers availability from the Prime of Ahirwal, comprising Rewari,

districts, are now awaiting key posts for their MLAs in State Government for the develop-

ment of the region. According to them, the Ahirwal has yet again played a key role in the formation of the BIP-led State Government third time in a row — hence now it is the responsibility of the party high command to give it its due share in power again. The BIP has made a clean sweep in Rewari and Gurugram districts with clinching all seven seats, while it won three out of four seats of Mahendragarh district, they added.

Moreover, as far as claimants of Cabinet berth are concerned, Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh's daughter Arti Rao, who won from Ateli assembly constituency in Mahendragarh district, Rao Narbir Singh from Badshahpur constituency in Gurugram, Dr Krishan Kumar from Bawal and Laxman Yadav from Rewari (both considered Rao Inderjit's loyalists) are among the front-runners for the posts in Ahirwal.

Another BJP Ahirwal leader said: "First time, the BJP formed the Government in the State on its own in 2014 when Ahirwal put all 11 seats in the party's kitty. In the next polls in 2019, the saffron party again clinched eight and retained power. This time, Ahirwal has given 10 seats to the BJP, so we want posts of Deputy Chief Minister and two for three districts — for holistic development of the region."

Furthermore, except for former State Home Minister Anil Vij, who would be entering the assembly for the seventh time, a number of MLAs, including debutants, have started calling on BJP president JP Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Haryana's former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who was the party in-charge for Haryana elections along with MP Biplab

Two days ago, the party's Haryana core group, including Pradhan, Deb and Khattar, deliberated on the structuring of the Cabinet. Saini, Haryana BJP president Mohan Lal Badoli, and state BJP in-charge Surender Nagar also joined them. Prominent among those who have called on the high command leaders included Rajya Sabha MP Kiran Choudhry and her MLA daughter Shruti Choudhry, Rajya Sabha MP and Israna MLA Krishan Lal Panwar, MLAs Laxman Yadav, Mahipal Dhanda and Mool Chand Sharma.

Panwar and Gangwa are frontrunners for Speaker's

Rajya Sabha MP Krishan Lal Panwar has won the election from Israna assembly constituency, while Ranbir Gangwa both frontrunners for the post of Vidhan Sabha Speaker. Gangwa was the Deputy Speaker in the previous government, while Panwar is a SC face and an experienced legis-

Arora is a three-time MLA while Parmod Vij has won the assembly elections twice. Since Saini comes from OBC category, the party may consider one Yadav and two SC MLAs for ministerial berths.

The BJP on October 8 nificant losses.

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ADGP Sinha urged the

The list of recently booked agencies includes notable names such as One Point Services in SAS Nagar, Mastermind Immigration in Anandpur sures reflect the growing deterfraudulent operations, ensuring

Public Distribution Prahlad Joshi on Monday. The meeting is aimed at discussing the pressing concerns raised by lator as well. Similarly, among the Jat faces, names of Dhanda, Suneel rice millers and arhtiyas (commission agents) in the State, who have been actively protesting against the delays and com-

Sangwan and Rai MLA Krishna Gehlawat are also doing the rounds. Kalka MLA Shakti Rani Sharma, Minister Mool Chand Sharma and Devender Attri, who defeated Brijendra Singh, are also strong contenders for Brahmin slots, while Anil Vij, Ghanshyam Dass Arora and Parmod Vij are in the reckoning from the Punjabi community.

secured a remarkable hat-trick victory in Haryana, overcoming anti-incumbency and shattering Congress' hopes of a comeback. According to the Election Commission, BJP won 48 out of 90 seats in Haryana, crossing the majority mark of 46. The Congress obtained 37, Independents clinched three, and the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) secured two seats. Both the Jannayak Janata Party and the Aam Aadmi Party faced sig-

Government to alleviate the farmers' distress. During the anticipated meeting, Chief Minister Mann is expected to present the various demands of rice millers and arhtiyas, who are calling for an increase in commission rates due to the rising costs of operations. Additionally, mill

MONIKA MALIK CHANDIGARH

To address the ongoing challenges in paddy procurement, Punjab Chief Minister

Bhagwant Mann is set to meet

the Union Minister of

Consumer Affairs, Food and

plications affecting paddy pro-

tiative comes after a review

meeting on paddy procure-

ment was held on Saturday,

where he emphasized the seri-

ousness of the situation facing

farmers in Punjab. Following

the meeting, Mann engaged in

a telephonic conversation with

the Union Minister Joshi,

where he briefed him about the

urgent need for intervention

and support from the Central

The Chief Minister's ini-

curement.

owners have requested that the Central Government to remove the stock of grains from the previous season to free up storage space for the current paddy harvest. The Chief Minister also

planned to discuss the need to review the production ratio standards for the PR-126 variety of paddy, which has become a point of contention in recent

Highlighting the Punjab Government's commitment to ensuring smooth procurement processes, Mann directed the officials to ensure that every single grain of paddy is bought and lifted from the mandis (grain markets). "The State Government is fully dedicated to purchasing and lifting every grain of paddy from the mandis," he stated. As of now, approximately 4.3 lakh metric tons (LMT) of paddy have arrived in the mandis, with payments amounting to Rs 573.55 crore already disbursed to farmers.

To facilitate efficient pro-curement, the Punjab Government has already implemented comprehensive

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when residents of 13,000 pan-

chayats will cast their ballots.

With the challenge of conducting peaceful elections

looming, the DGP stressed the

importance of a visible police

presence in the field, urging the officials to establish check-

points and maintain vigilance.

the Panchayat elections proceed smoothly. Police should be

visible in the community, ready

to respond to any disturbances

or disputes swiftly," said DGP Yadav, who held a high-level

meeting with officials from the

Patiala range to ensure the

integrity and safety of the

upcoming Panchayat elections

which are already marred by

incidents of violence.

"Our priority is to ensure

to Address Paddy Procurement Issues Farmers Chakka Jam Protest in Punjab Over Delayed **Paddy Procurement**

Blocked railways, highways

Punjab CM to Meet Union Minister today

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Farmers across Punjab staged a significant protest on Sunday, squatting on railway tracks and national highways to voice their frustration over the 'tardy' procurement of their paddy crop. The protest, organized on the call given by the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), saw farmers mobilizing from various districts, disrupting transport services and intensifying the pressure on both the Punjab Government and the Centre. The farmers raised slo-

gans against the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government, accusing it of failing to expedite the procurement process. Their agitation coincided with strikes by millers and 'arhtiyas' (commission agents), forcing many farmers to seek markets in neighbouring Haryana, where the procurement system is per-ceived to be more organized and efficient.

Protesting against the AAP Government for delay in paddy procurement, the farmers warned of intensifying protests if purchases don't speed up. Owing to the disruption of train and road networks, passengers experienced inconve-

The protest, which took place from noon to 3 pm, caused significant disruptions, particularly on the Jammu-Amritsar National Highway, where farmers blocked traffic at multiple points. In Jalandhar, protesters halted the highway near Dhanowali Gate, creating long traffic jams for vehicles heading to Ludhiana, Ambala, and Delhi. The blockade extended to routes going to other states, including Jammu via Pathankot, further inconveniencing passengers.

Reacting to the unrest, AAP spokesperson Neel Garg pointed to the Central Government's negligence as the root cause of the problems faced by farmers. He emphasized that the Food Corporation of India (FCI)

arrangements, ensuring that less as soon as the crop arrives the purchasing process is seam-

polls; DGP issues stern directives

was "deliberately" failing to clear its godowns, which has exacerbated the situation. "The FCI has not emptied its warehouses, causing losses to rice millers and halting new paddy purchases," Garg stated, urging the farmers to refrain from halting trains, as such actions could provide an excuse for the

government's slow response. Garg mentioned that the Chief Minister and other ministers had engaged with Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who assured them of a solution, but progress remains unsatisfactory. "While some special trains have been arranged for lifting paddy, the process is still sluggish," he noted, calling for immediate action to alleviate the farmers'

Contrasting AAP's claims, Punjab BJP vice-president Fateh Jung Singh Bajwa asserted that the Central Government had already allocated funds for paddy purchases. "If the Bhagwant Mann Government is unable to manage the procurement process efficiently, the blame lies with the state government, not the Centre," he remarked. The blockade was partic-ularly impactful in Phagwara,

where over 300 farmers and 'arhtiyas' from the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Doaba) gathered to protest. They expressed discontent over the non-lifting of paddy from shellers and criticized the State Government for failing to prepare adequately for the paddy season. Leaders Satnam Singh Sahni and Naresh Bhardwaj threatened intensified protests if the situation does not

The farmers also highlighted the non-payment of arrears to cane growers by the Phagwara Sugar Mill, calling the government's inaction a sign of its failure to prioritize agricultural issues. Sahni and Bhardwaj accused the Punjab Government of being influenced by outsiders and remarked that the Central Government is retaliating against farmers for their protests at Delhi's borders.

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Sunday convened its core

to meet Akal Takht jathedar

committee meeting to address pressing issues affecting the party and its leadership. The meeting culminated in the decision to form an 11-member committee tasked with approaching the Jathedar (head priest) of Akal Takht — Sikhs' highest temporal seat. The committee, led by SAD working president Balwinder Singh Bhundar, will update the Jathedar on crucial developments concerning complaints lodged against SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal and other Akali leaders.

Senior SAD leader Daljit Singh Cheema, shedding light on the complaints filed against party leaders, emphasized that clarifications had already been submitted to the Akali Takht. "We have new facts to present," said Cheema, highlighting the need accountability within the party. The delegation's goal is to establish a constructive dialogue with the Jathedar, fostering an environment where grievances can be addressed effectively

Paddy Procurement

Expressing its discontent regarding the AAP Government's handling of the paddy procurement issues, SAD core committee has issued a stern ultimatum, demanding that the Government procure every grain of paddy within 72 hours. Cheema lamented, "Farmers are suffering due to the government's failure to either procure paddy or facilitate its lifting in coordination with the central government." He asserted that such negligence had not been witnessed in Punjab's history and urged Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to either rectify the situation or resign from

The meeting underscored the plight of farmers, who are

reportedly facing dire economic consequences due to delays in procurement. "Farmers are the backbone of our economy," Cheema remarked, expressing concern for their welfare. SAD pledged to take decisive action, including protests, if the government failed to comply with their demands.

Panchayat Elections

The core committee meeting also scrutinized the ongoing Panchayat elections, condemning the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government for allegedly undermining democratic processes. Cheema highlighted numerous instances of opposition candidates being obstructed from filing nomination papers, asserting that "the Government has crossed all limits". Reports of violence and intimidation during the nomination process were also discussed, prompting the committee to call for accountability.

Commission (SEC) seemingly under pressure, the SAD emphasized the necessity for judicial intervention to restore fairness in the electoral process. Cheema commended the Punjab and Haryana High Court for reinstating 321 petitions related to nomination papers, underscoring the judiciary's role as a guardian of democracy.

Amidst the political discourse, SAD also expressed outrage over the recent attack on journalist Ramesh Behal in Batala, alleging involvement by AAP's local legislator Sharry Kalsi. The core committee called for immediate action against the MLA and others implicated in the incident, emphasizing the need for civil society to stand up for press freedom.

The leaders also paid tributes to notable figures, including former Takht Patna Sahib president Mahinder Singh Romana and Tata Group chairman Ratan Tata, recognizing their contributions to society.

SAD forms 11-member panel | Punjab Police intensifies crackdown on illegal travel agencies: 18 more booked, Total 43 tisements on platforms like

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Punjab Police has intensified its crackdown on illeral its crackdown on illegal travel agencies, booking 18 more for unlawfully advertising overseas employment opportunities. The move comes as part of a concerted effort by the Punjab Police's NRI Affairs Wing and Cyber Crime Wing, in collaboration with the Protectorate of Emigrants, Chandigarh, to protect young aspirants seeking jobs abroad from falling prey to unscrupulous agents. With these new FIRs, the total number of travel agencies booked for illegal practices has now reached 43. The recent action follows

the registration of 20 FIRs against 25 illegal travel agencies in August 2024, as authorities have become increasingly vigilant about such operations. The Protectorate of Emigrants had earlier flagged the illegal adver-

Instagram and Facebook, where unlicensed travel agents were promoting fake job opportunities abroad. ADGP NRI Affairs Praveen

Sinha on Sunday shared that these travel agencies were using social media to lure unsuspecting youth, without having the necessary permissions or licenses under the Emigration Act. "We conducted a thorough investigation by covertly verifying their online profiles and credentials, which led to the filing of these FIRs," he stated. FIRs have been lodged under Sections 24 and 25 of the Emigration Act across multiple police stations, including in Amritsar, SAS Nagar, Ludhiana, and Patiala. Six FIRs were registered in September, and 12 more in October.

Of the 34 accused named in the 26 FIRs filed between August and September 2024, 25 have already been arrested, and furNotices are being sent to the remaining accused individuals.

public to be cautious when dealing with travel agents and to ensure that they are registered under the Emigration Act, 1983. 'Before trusting any agency, always ask for their Recruiting Agent (RA) license. Verification is key to preventing exploitation," he emphasized, adding that the Punjab Police remains committed to safeguarding the interests of the state's youth.

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Himachal to Merge 525 Primary Schools with Low Enrollment in Next Session

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In a significant move to improve the quality of education and optimize resources, the Himachal Pradesh Government has decided to merge 525 primary schools with low enrollment in the upcoming academic session. The decision targeted the schools with five or fewer students that are located over two kilometers from other educational institutions — as a part of a broader effort to consolidate resources and improve the overall educational infrastructure.

The Directorate of Elementary Education has already drafted a proposal for the merger and submitted it to Education Minister Rohit plan receives Cabinet clearance, a formal notification will be issued to initiate the process.

Following this, a similar initiative where 361 primary schools located within a twokilometer radius of other schools were merged to enhance efficiency and access to better facilities.

primary school status. Under this restructuring, both teaching and non-teaching staff, along with students, will be transferred to nearby schools to ensure that learning continues without any disruption.

According to the Education Department, the merging of schools will take effect in the next academic session, ensuring no changes in the current academic year. The state Cabinet will finalize the exact distance requirement for merged schools, with recommendations suggesting a distance of three to four kilometers from the nearest school.

schools with low enrollment struggle to offer quality education. By merging these schools, the Government aimed at pooling resources, including better infrastructure, teaching materials, and qualified staff, to provide students with a more enriched learning experience. The state is also planning to

provide transportation facilities, such as buses, to ensure that students can safely and conveniently travel to their new schools. This transportation initiative is seen as critical to maintain accessibility, particu-

The government's previous efforts to merge 58 middle schools with low enrollment within a three-kilometer radius

were well-received, marking the success of this strategy. Now, by expanding the scope of the initiative, the Himachal Pradesh Government is aiming to further enhance the state's educational framework, ensuring that students in sparsely populated areas receive quality education without being

isolated. This merger is not only a response to declining enrollment but also a forward-looking plan to rationalize the education system, making it more efficient and accessible for all students across the state.

DGP Yadav highlighted the necessity of reserving police forces specifically for election As the election campaign for the panchayat polls duties and effectively planning to tackle smaller crimes, includcomes to a halt on Sunday ing snatching, robbery, extortion evening, all eyes are on the votcalls, and drug-related issues. ing day, set for the October 15,

Campaigning ends for Oct 15

PUNJAB PANCHAYAT POLLS

Emphasizing the urgency of the situation, the state police chief directed the law enforcement personnel to take immediate action against minor crimes and drug trafficking, warning that any negligence in filing FIRs would result in accountability for the concerned officers.

Additionally, the DGP noted that the responsibility for monitoring these incidents would fall on local police offi-cers, including SHOs, DSPs,

ed offenses under the NDPS Act, including the attachment of their properties. In light of rising concerns over misinformation spread via

need for proactive measures

against individuals with repeat-

social media, DGP Yadav insisted that the police must act promptly. He instructed that any viral video depicting illegal drug use should be verified within 20 minutes, and if found misleading, immediate action must be taken to remove it and clarify the situation to the public. Addressing questions regarding the handling of NDPS

cases, the DGP acknowledged that the Punjab Police are intensifying efforts in this area. He reiterated the Government's strict stance on officials failing to appear in court for hearings. Any officer missing two hearings will face departmental action, with SSPs required to conduct district-level meetings to ensure

Baba Siddi ue Murder Case: Key Suspects arrested from Punjab and Haryana

Kaithal's Gurmel is one of the shooters. Jalandhar's Akhtar provided logistic support

PNS CHANDIGARH

In a significant development in the high-profile murder case of NCP leader Baba Siddique, the Punjab police on Sunday arrested the fourth assailant, identified as Mohammad Zeeshan Akhtar, from Punjab. Akhtar, a resident of Shankar village in Jalandhar, was apprehended by rural police while he was previously involved in organized crime, murder, and robbery cases. His role in the murder of Siddique, who was gunned down by three shooters by police investigations. According to sources,

essential link between the shooters and the masterminds behind the murder. While he was imprisoned at Patiala Jail, he reportedly connected with the Lawrence Gang, and after his release on June 7, he traveled to Haryana to meet with one of the shooters, Gurmel Singh, who hails from Kaithal. Akhtar's involvement included providing crucial directions and logistical support to the shooters during

the execution of the crime.

The police revealed that in Mumbai, has been confirmed

once caught using a foreign number to operate his WhatsApp account while in jail. Despite having only completed the tenth grade at a local government school, Akhtar's criminal network was extensive.

also arrested in connection with the murder. The 23-year-old

ambushed and shot by the three assailants on Saturday night. After being rushed to Lilavati Hospital, he was declared dead. The police swiftly arrested two of the shooters — Gurmel Singh from Haryana and Dharmaraj Rajesh Kashyap, who is from Uttar Pradesh. The third shooter, Shiv Kumar, remains at large, with law enforcement intensifying efforts to locate him. Kaithal Superintendent of

including murder and violations of the Arms Act.

HP Governor inaugurates International Kullu Dussehra; Emphasizes 'Dev Culture', drug-free celebrations rich "Dev culture" and main-He also acknowledged the festival's growing international

The International Kullu Dussehra Festival was inaugurated with grandeur by Himachal Pradesh Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Rath Maidan, Kullu, on Sunday. Accompanied by Lady Governor Janaki Shukla, the Governor participated in the sacred Rath Yatra of Lord Raghunath, walking alongside thousands of devotees to pay his respects. This week-long festival, known for its deep cultural and spiritual significance, is a unique celebration in Kullu, attracting participants from across Himachal Pradesh and beyond.

On the occasion, the Governor extended his heartfelt wishes to the people of the State, remarking on the privilege of Lord Raghunath's residence in Kullu. He emphasized the importance of upholding Kullu's

taining the sanctity of the festival. He also highlighted the need to ensure a drug-free environment during the celebrations, encouraging collective efforts toward this cause.

exhibitions organized by government departments, boards,

pride in presiding over the fes-

As part of the festivities, the Governor inaugurated several corporations, and non-govern-ment organizations. Touring the stalls, he lauded the efforts of participants and praised the

tival, a hallmark of Kullu's cultural heritage. He noted that Kullu Dussehra stands apart from other Dussehra celebrations across the country, as it spans an entire week, symbolizing the victory of good over evil and the restoration of dharma.

recognition, highlighting its role in preserving Himachal Pradesh's cultural fabric while strengthening communal bonds.

exhibits on display.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor expressed his peaceful future for the state. He also reiterated the collective responsibility to eradicate drugs

The Governor further called upon the people of Himachal Pradesh to take responsibility for preserving the state's natural beauty by keeping their surroundings clean and protecting natural resources. He expressed hope that the festival would inspire unity, prosperity, and a

from society, ensuring a healthier environment for all. This year's International Kullu Dussehra sees participation from over 300 deities from various parts of the Kullu district, marking a grand celebration of faith, tradition, and comAdditionally, the proposal includes the downgrading of 315 middle schools, each with only 10 students enrolled, to

This consolidation is a part of the state's broader mission to improve educational services, especially in rural areas where

Akhtar, only 21 years old, was an

Akhtar had facilitated the shooters by arranging accommodations and supplying them with necessary information, including the victim's whereabouts. His communication methods were sophisticated, as he was

Meanwhile, the other accused, Gurmel Singh, was

from Narar village in Kaithal, Gurmel has a criminal history that includes a murder case from 2019, for which he received bail. Gurmel's family publicly disowned him 11 years ago, expressing their horror over his actions. His grandmother, Phuli Devi, said: "He is nothing to us now," adding that he should face severe legal consequences for his crimes.The shocking murder occurred in Kher Nagar, Bandra, Mumbai, where Siddique was

Police, Rajesh Kalia, provided insight into Gurmeel's criminal background, detailing his involvement in multiple offenses, including violence and a case of possessing a mobile phone in jail. The police have charged the suspects under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita,

PM GatiShakti revolutionises infrastructure development efforts

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan has emerged as a transformative initiative aimed at revolutionising India's infrastructure and is driving faster and more efficient development across sectors.

PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP) was launched on October 13, 2021 for providing multi-modal connectivity infrastructure to various economic zones. PM GatiShakti is a transformative approach for economic growth and sustainable development which is driven by seven engines - railway, roads, ports, waterways, airports, mass transport and logistics infrastructure.

In a social media post, Modi said, "PM GatiShakti National Master Plan has emerged as a transformative initiative aimed at revolutionizing India's infrastructure. It has significantly enhanced multimodal connectivity, driving faster and more efficient development across The seamless integration of

various stakeholders has led to boosting logistics, reducing delays and creating new opportunities for several people, Modi said. "Thanks to



GatiShakti, India is adding progress, entrepreneurship and speed to fulfil our vision of a Viksit Bharat. It will encourage innovation," the prime minis-

Modi tagged Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal's post in which he had lauded the GatiShakti inihad lauded the GatiShakti initiative on completion of three years. "Today marks 3 years since the launch of the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan for Multimodal Connectivity by PM Narendra Modi ii By etreamlining logic Modi ji. By streamlining logistics and advancing connectivity, this path-breaking initiative ensures faster and more efficient project implementation, Goyal said. It continues to play a pivotal role in developing a modern, interconnected infrastructure network, strengthening the vision of building a

Israel PM mourns passing of Ratan Tata

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has condoled the death of industrialist Ratan Tata and said he was a champion of friendship between Israel and India, Ratan Tata passed away in Mumbai on Wednesday last at the age of 86. In a social media post addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Netanyahu highlighted Ratan Tata's contributions to fostering Israel-India ties.

In the statement, Netanyahu said, "To my friend, Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I and many in Israel mourn the



proud son of India and a champion of the friendship between our two countries. Please convey my condolences to Ratan's

Prime minister Modi praised Ratan Tata in a post mourning his demise, calling Tata "a visionary business leader, a compassionate soul and an extraordinary human being." The final rites of the eminent

with full state honours in Worli crematorium.

On Thursday, Singapore's prime minister Lawrence Wong paid tribute to Ratan Tata, calling him a true friend of the

country. French president Emmanuel Macron also praised Ratan Tata's contributions to innovation and knowledge, adding that "France has lost a dear

friend from India. Microsoft founder Bill Gates also lauded Ratan Tata's achievements and his importance for India and the world. He said, "Ratan Tata was a visionary leader whose dedication to improving lives left an indelible mark on India-and the

Supreme Court to hear Boinpally's bail plea

PTI NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Monday the bail plea of Hyderabad-based business-man Abhishek Boinpally in a money laundering case related to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam.

As per the cause list, a bench of Justices M M Sundresh and Aravind Kumar is likely to take up the matter.

The top court had on August 13 extended the interim bail granted to Boinpally.

On March 20, the top court noted that the businessman had been in custody for 18 months and directed his release on interim bail for five

Since then, Boinpally's interim bail has been extended from time to time by the apex court. While granting him interim bail, the top court had asked Boinpally to surrender his passport and directed him not to leave the National Capital Region except for a visit to Hyderabad. The businessman has challenged a July 3, 2023,



order of the Delhi High Court that dismissed his petition questioning the legality of his arrest in 2022.

The businessman had contested his arrest before the high court on the grounds of non-compliance with section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering (PMLA) which deals with the procedure for

Section 19 of the PMLA empowers authorised officials of the ED to arrest people based on the material in their possession, providing a reasonable basis to suspect that an individual has committed an offence punishable under the law. The Delhi government implemented the excise policy for 2021-22 on November 17, 2021, but scrapped it at the end

of September 2022 amid allegations of corruption.
According to the Central

Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the ED, irregularities were committed while modifying the excise policy and undue favours extended to the licence holders

The money-laundering case stems from a CBI FIR that was lodged after Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena recommended a probe into the alleged irregularities in the implementation of the excise policy.

It has been claimed that Boinpally was part of clandestine meetings and involved in a conspiracy to launder money along with another accused Sameer Mahendru, a businessman dealing in liquor.

BJP is a party of terrorists says Mallikarjun Kharge

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Slamming Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's BJP is a "party of terrorists" remark, former Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi alleged on Sunday that the Congress is selling hatred in its "shop of

Naqvi said the opposition party has become a "multinational distribution centre" of "certificates" labelling nationalists as terrorists and anti-nationals as nationalists.

Kharge alleged on Saturday that the BJP is a "party of terrorists", as he hit back at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his recent remarks that the Congress is being run by a "gang of urban Naxals". Kharge also accused those in the saffron party of "lynching and beating" people, and commit-



ting atrocities against the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs).

Talking to reporters, Naqvi said in its "depression of defeat", the Congress has become "hostage to hopeless-ness" due to its "habit of hate". The "dynasty's animosity and hostility" towards Prime

Minister Narendra Modi is becoming a "political disaster" for the grand old party, the senior BJP leader said.

The Congress is trying to portray the "political danger to dynasty" as a "danger to democracy", which shows its arrogance and not wisdom, he Instead of "introspection", the Congress is still engaged in "smugness" as it blames electronic voting machines (EVMs) for its internal conflict, Naqvi said, adding that it is like "a bad workman blaming his tools". Asked about the Congress criticising a recent statement of RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, the BJP leader accused the opposition party of harbouring a "prejudiced political mindset" and said Bhagwat gave an effective nationalist message of "Constitution, culture, harmony, social security and inclu-

Communal political statements made by some champions of pseudo-secularism even on a message of national unity and integrity is like "empty vessels making noise", he said. The Congress is selling hatred in its "mohabbat ki dukaan", Naqvi alleged.

Two Indian ships arrive at Port of Manama

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With the objective of fur-ther strengthening bilateral defence ties with Bahrain, two Indian ships arrived at Port of Manama there on Saturday while one ship arrived in UAE, navy said here on Sunday.

Giving details, officials said continuing with the long range training deployment in the Persian Gulf, INS Tir and ICGS Veera of First Training Squadron (1TS) arrived at the Port of Manama, Bahrain on

October 12. Aimed at enhancing Naval cooperation and augmenting interoperability, Indian Navy is set to engage with the Royal Bahrain Naval Forces (RBNF) on various domains of maritime ops and best shared prac-

Professional interactions, cross ship visits, joint training sessions, yoga sessions, band concerts, friendly sports fixtures, social interactions and community welfare activities are planned during the port call. The sea trainees of Indian Navy will be visiting various training facilities and estab-

lishments of RBNF. A coordination meeting between the operational teams of both the Navies towards planning and conduct of a Maritime Partnership Exercise is also scheduled. Training interaction with the partners of CMF as part of cooperative engagement and reaffirming maritime security in the region will also feature during the visit. In another port visit, INS Shardul of 1TS entered Port Rashid, Dubai at UAE. The ship was received by the Defence Attaché at the Embassy of India and officials of the UAE Navy. During the visit, the ship will engage with the UAE Navy on multiple training activities and harbour interactions.

The deployment of 1TS to Bahrain and UAE is aimed not only at exposing the sea trainees towards various Naval training activities but also endeavours to further the socio-political, military and maritime linkages.

The visit is indicative of grow ing defence relations of India with Bahrain and UAE while boosting maritime security cooperation and enhanced synergy amongst the Navies.

The report emphasises the urgent need to integrate these vaccines into global AMR

Over 47,000 complaints filed by scheduled caste since 2020

PTI NEW DELHI

Over 47,000 complaints have been received by the National Commission for Scheduled Caste in the last four years, according to official data, with atrocities against Dalits, and disputes related to land and governments jobs being the main issues.

As per information shared by the NCSC in response to an RTI filed by PTI, 11,917 complaints were received in 2020-21, 13,964 complaints registered in 2021-22, 12,402 in 2022-23 and 9,550 complaints so far in 2024.

Speaking to PTI about the data, NCSC chairperson Kishor Makwana said the most common complaints received by the commission are related to atrocities against the Scheduled Castes community, followed by land disputes and issues related to services in the government sector.

"In a bid to address the complaints speedily, from next month, me or my members would be visiting the state offices and looking into the issues faced by the people there," he said.

Makwana added that he is holding hearings four times a week to meet people and listen



to their problems. "Since I have taken charge, I have ensured that my office remains open to meet people," he said.

A senior NCSC official said the highest number of complaints have been filed from Uttar Pradesh among all states. The commission receives 200-300 complaints every day and many of them get resolved within days, so the data seen here is mostly of the complaints that are in the process of getting their resolution, the official

There is not a single complaint that has been left unattended. They all are under considera-

According to the data from the national helpline on atrocities against people from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, 6,02,177 calls were received. Out of these, the total number of grievances stood at 5,843, of which 1,784 have been resolved.

More than half of calls have been received from Uttar Pradesh at 3,10,623. This helpline is monitored by the Justice Empowerment Ministry.

According to the latest government report under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, the majority of atrocities against Scheduled Caste were concentrated in 13 states, which reported 97.7 per cent of all cases in 2022.

Of 51,656 cases registered under the law in 2022, Uttar Pradesh accounted for 23.78 per cent of the total cases with 12,287, followed by Rajasthan at 8,651 (16.75 per cent) and Madhya Pradesh at 7,732 (14.97 per cent).

Other states with a significant number of cases of caste atrocities were Bihar with 6,799 (13.16 per cent), Odisha with 3,576 (6.93 per cent), and Maharashtra with 2,706 (5.24 per cent). These six states accounted for nearly 81 per cent of the total cases.

WITH DER WIN



Devotees carry the palanquin of the deities to participate in the International Kullu Dussehra festival in Kullu on Sunday.

Kharge's son withdraws request for five acre land

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NEW DELHI

The chairperson of Siddhartha Vihar Trust, Rahul M Kharge, has withdrawn his request for the allotment of five acres of civic amenity site in Bengaluru to set up a 'Multi-Skill Development Centre, Training Institutes and Research Centre'.

The move by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's son Rahul Kharge comes close on the heels of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi returning the 14 sites to Mysuru Ürban Development Authority after the Lokayukta police registered a case against Siddaramaiah, his wife and

brother-in-law. Mallikarjun Kharge's younger son Priyank Kharge, who is a minister in the Karnataka government, shared the information with the scanned copies of

the letter on his 'X' handle. In a letter to the Chief Executive Officer of the Karnataka Industrial Development Board (KIADB) on September 20, Rahul Kharge wrote, "Withdrawal of our request for Civic Amenity site to set up Multi Skill Development Centre, Training Institutes and a Research Centre. He said the objective of the

Siddhartha Vihar Trust was to create more employable opportunities through skill development in emerging technologies for students and unemployed

The proposed Muiti-Skill Development Centre aimed primarily to serve youngsters to make them more employable and industry ready with skills and future skills.

It was also designed to help students who were unable to pursue college education," Rahul Kharge said. The trust preferred a site within the

opportunities for young peo-KIADB industrial area because of its proximity to high-growth industries as it would provide invaluable exposure and

and not a private or family-run ple, he said. "Siddhartha Vihar trust. All institutions estab-Trust is a public educational, lished under its aegis are 'Not For Profit'," he explained. cultural, and charitable trust

While sharing the information, Priyank Kharge wrote that the trust was fully eligible to apply for and receive an allotment of a CA site for an educational institution. However, any educational institution cannot function effectively while constantly facing malafide, baseless and politically motivated allegations, he said, adding that the trust did not wish to be drawn into long-drawn controversies which would divert attention and efforts from the primary objective of education and social service. "In light of the circumstances, the Trust wrote to the KIADB to withdraw our proposal and withdraw our request for a CA site for establishing a skill development and research centre," the Minister said.

The Trust had submitted its proposal to the KIADB on February 12, 2024, and a month later, the proposal was approved.

Vaccines could prevent 500,000 deaths from AMR annually control.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Underscoring the critical role vaccines could play in addressing rising antimicrobial resistance (AMR), a WHO report has estimated that 44 vaccines targeting 24 pathogens (19 bacteria, 4 viruses, 1 parasite) could prevent over 500,000 deaths from superbugs' infections annually.

This strategy not only promises significant healthcare cost savings but could also reduce the reliance on antibiotics by 2.5 billion doses per year, said the report released recently. Currently underutilised vac-

cines, such as the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine for Streptococcus pneumoniae, alongside those in development for tuberculosis, E. coli, and Klebsiella pneumoniae, hold potential for future AMR

strategies, as vaccination could drastically reduce infections that necessitate antibiotic use. The analysis highlights that existing vaccines could prevent up to 106,000 AMR-related deaths and yield substantial economic benefits, while newer vaccines in late-stage development could further avert 135,000 deaths if introduced swiftly. "The best infection is the one that doesn't occur," said Yvan Hutin, MD, PhD, director of surveillance, protection and control for the WHO's AMR Division, said in a statement. The report also outlines the potential impact of early-

stage vaccine candidates, which

could prevent up to 408,000

deaths and significantly reduce

healthcare costs and produc-

tivity losses.

MVA flags NCP leader Baba Siddique's murder, alleges collapse of law and order

Upping the ante over the brutal murder of NCP (Ajit Pawar) leader and threetime former MLA Baba Ziauddin Siddique, the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) on Sunday charged that there was a breakdown of law and order in Maharashtra ahead of the State Assembly polls.

In an incident that sent shock waves through the city, Baba Siddique was shot dead by three miscreants outside his MLA-son Zeeshan B. Siddique's office at Nirmal Nagar in Bandra (East) here on Saturday night.

A former minister, 66-yearold Baba Siddique --- who had initially been with the Congress for more than three and a half decades before joining to the Ajit Pawar-led NCP in February this year for

some reasons – suffered three bullet wounds - two in his chest and one in his abdomen - after seven rounds of fire were opened at him by the miscreants. He succumbed to bullet wounds late at the nearby Lilavati Hospital.

Expressing serious concern over Baba Siddique's murder, leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi wrote on "X": "The tragic demise of Baba Siddique ji is shocking and saddening. My thoughts are with his family in this difficult time. This horrifying incident exposes the complete collapse of law and order in Maharashtra. The government must take responsibility, and justice must prevail"

At a joint news conference called later in the afternoon to release a charge-sheet against the ruling BJP-led MahaYuti, leaders of the three con-

stituent parties - Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena (UBT) attacked the Eknath Shindeled government aqnd asked State Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis of the BJP to take responsibility for Baha Siddique's murder

Condemning the incident, NCP chief Sharad Pawar said: "If the Home Minister and the rulers are going to push the cart of the state so mildly, it can be an alarm bell for the common people. There is a need not only to investigate this, but deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, who holds the state Home portfolio, should accept the responsibility and step down from

Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray hit out at BJP-led MahaYuti government for Siddiqui's murder and the earlier encounterdeath of Badlapur children



sexual assault key accused. "Whether it is the arrest of accused in Baba Siddique's murder or the encounter of Akshay Shinde (rape accused), suspicions are being raised on every act of this government and this is not a good thing. We are not sure who these arrested accused are. They (Maharashtra govt)

are keeping tabs on our movements but are not watching the criminals,,"Uddhav said Asking chief minister Eknath Shinde to take responsibility for Siddique's murder, Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Balasaheb Thorat said: "Siddique's murder is unfortunate. The killing of an important person took

order has broken down in the state. The MahaYuti government has lost control over the state. More than the Home Minister, the chief minister should take responsibility for the incident," he said. Shiv Sena's Rajya Sabha mem-

ber Priyanka Ćhaturvedi said: Maharashtra hasn't seen such a state of collapse in its law and order. This death is a grim reminder of the 80s decade of Mumbai. Siddique's is the fourth political murder that has taken place in Mumbai and neighbouring Thane district during the current year.

Listing the four political murders that took place during the current year, Priyanka said: "On February 3, 2024 BJP MLA Ganpat Gaikwad opened fire on Mahesh Gaikwad, the Shinde Sena chief of Kalyan, inside a police

(UBT) leader Abhishek Ghosalkar was shot dead by Mauris Noronha alias Mauris Bhai. In October 2024, Sachin Kurmi, member of the NCP (AP), was fatally stabbed in Byculla (E). On October 12, Baba Siddique , NCP(AP) shot dead in Bandra despite knowing he was receiving death threats and had Y category security

The murder of NCP (AP)leader Baba Siddique is of considerable importance. A Congressman all through his life, he had joined the NCP (Ajit Pawar) in February this

He was a close associate of former Union Minister Sunil Dutt and his daughter Priya Dutt, actors Sanjay Dutt, Salman Khan and Sharukh Khan. A popular figure in politics, Siddique brought about a truce between feuding film stars Shah Rukh Salman Khan at one stage in the distant past. He was elected twice to the

Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporator as a corporator on the Congress ticket. Later on he was elected to the State Assembly for consecutive three terms - 1999, 2004 and 2009. His son Zeeshan is a Congress MLA from Bndra. In 2014 Assembly polls, he had declared assets worth 775 crore. Later in 2017, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted raids on his properties in connection with an alleged money laundering case linked to a slum rehabilitation project. He had reportedly not got approval from the BJP-led MahaŶuti for a few of his development projects, which was said to be one of the reasons for his joining the Ajit Pawar-led NCP in

Not cops, only men can save women, claims TMC MP

SAUGAR SENGUPTA

There is furor over an alleged "sexist" remark made by senior Trinamool Congress leader and MP Kalyan Banerjee who said that only men and none else can save the honour of women. During an interaction with some media men during Durga Puja celebrations, Banerjee said --- in an apparent reference to the ongoing protest against a plethora of recent rape and murder cases including the one of a postgraduate lady doctor inside the RG Kar Medical College and hospital --- "if men cannot honour women then no one can ... even an army of 1000 policemen cannot save women

if the men don't protect and

Praying Mother Goddess



Durga to destroy the evil and inspire good sense in the people he iterated "we the men will provide security and preserve the honour of all the women ... we will offer security to all the women."

Reminding how "Lord Shiva had honoured Goddesses

"without Lord Shiva's show of respect to the Goddesses neither Kali nor Durga could have become what they

Pujas that we will protect and honour the women. There was immediate reaction to Banerjee's statements with

became," he said "let us take a

pledge during these Durga

members of civil society wondering why during the TMC rule the women will have to be protected by men and not by law. "We the women are equal with women in every respect ... even better than them ... at least if we take into consideration the fact that our Chief Minister is a woman ... if that be so why the men will have to protect women and why not the reverse," said Ushashi a

Bengali film actress. Another actor invoked Rudyard Kipling's "White Man's Burden" to take care of the "common things" saying, while the British writer sounded racist here some TMC leaders are "sexist if it be put that

A State BJP leader asked whether Banerjee's statement should be taken as a discredit to the police administration that that it cannot provide ade-

quate protection to its citizens, particularly women. "The way he is telling that the police cannot protect the women means that the State police adminis-tration has literally given up ... it cannot take on the TMC goons anymore," he said reminding how "encounter medicine in Yogi ji's UP had reformed all the aspiring crim-

CPI(M) leader Dipshita Dhar said that the TMC MP should herself be respectful to the women before appealing others to do so.

"Kalyan Babu should walk his talk ... he should himself pay respect to the women first before asking others to do so ... if you refer to his previous remarks about women adversaries you will feel disturbed, Dhar who had contested against Banerjee in the Lok

FeMA asks for PM's intervention in doctors' fast

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

After writing a strong letter last week to Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee asking her to intervene in the ongoing indefinite fast resorted to by the junior doctors demanding justice for their postgraduate colleague who was on August 9 raped and murdered inside the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital the Federation of Medical Associations (FeMA) has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting him to take steps so as to save Bengal which they claimed was "passing through its darkest phase post Independence.'

Requesting the Prime Minister to visit Kolkata where junior doctors' indefinite fast entered its ninth day on Sunday the FeMa wrote that it was only his



intervention that could save the lives of the junior doctors. Earlier the organsiation had written to the Chief Minister saying if the movement was not defused by taking some positive step and if there was a casualty among the protesting doctors then the movement would go beyond control and even the central force would not be able to control it.

"No amount of vote bank or police force will be able to stop the movement. We will make

you are forcing us to take will be supported by every common man and even your own vote bank. It will soon be followed by similar action Pan India. Even central forces will not be sufficient to douse the flames," the FeMa wrote to the Chief Minister. However there was "still no response from the Government," the doctors' organization said.

Meanwhile, out of nine junior fasting doctors --- seven in Kolkata and two in Siliguri --three had been hospitalized as their condition deteriorated. While Dr Aniket was hospitalized on Thursday night two more doctors one from Kolkata and. one from Siliguri were rushed to the hospitals as ketone levels in their blood increased steadily. However in their places two more doctors joined the

Baba Siddique Murder Case | Protein complex playing critical role in connectivity of brain cells and cognitive behaviors identified

Those arrested had humble backgrounds, came to Mumbai in search of work: Cops



The high-profile murder of Baba Siddiqui, a former MLA and a leader of Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) in Maharashtra, has revealed the involvement of two shooters from Uttar Pradesh. The suspects, identified as Dharmraj Kashyap and Shiva Gautam, hail from Gandara village in the Kaiserganj area of Bahraich district. According to police sources, both had migrated to Mumbai in search of work to

support their families. Superintendent of Police (SP) Vrinda Shukla said that both individuals have no prior criminal record and belong to regular families.

They have maintained contact with their families, and police are currently investigating whether their families have any knowledge related to the incident.

The murder took place on Saturday night outside the office of Baba Siddiqui's son Zeeshan. Reports suggest that the assailants took advantage of the noise from firecrackers being set off during Dussehra celebrations to carry out the attack. Mumbai Police have arrested two suspects in connection with the case, while investigations continue into the possible motives and accomplices.

Following the revelation of a possible UP connection, the Special Task Force (STF) in Uttar Pradesh has been alerted. One of the shooters involved in the attack managed to flee the scene. There are suspicions that the underworld could be linked to the planning and execution of the murder, prompting further investigations by the STF.

ADG (Law and Order) Amitabh Yash mentioned that while Mumbai Police has not yet formally reached out to the STF, they are gathering detailed information about Dharmraj and his accomplice. The authorities suspect that Dharmraj could have ties with an organized gang, which might have assigned him a specific task in Mumbai. The manner in which he used a pistol, firing multiple shots like a professional shooter, has raised suspicions of his connection to a criminal syndicate.

Dharmraj Kashyap and Shiva Gautam come from humble backgrounds in Bahraich. SP Vrinda Shukla revealed that they had gone to Mumbai as laborers and no prior criminal activities have been reported against them.

Shiva Gautam, the youngest of two brothers, is unmarried, and his father, Bal Kishun, sustains the family through farming and labor.

Dharmraj Kashyap, the youngest of six brothers, also remains unmarried. His father and elder brother sell fish, while another brother runs a small cart, and others work as laborers. Most of his elder brothers are married, while Dharmraj and another sibling remain single. The family possesses minimal agricultural land, which made it necessary for them to seek employment elsewhere

As investigations proceed, authorities are piecing together information to understand the motive behind the attack and the possible involvement of organized crime. Meanwhile, the revelation of the UP connection adds another layer to the unfolding narrative of this high-profile case.

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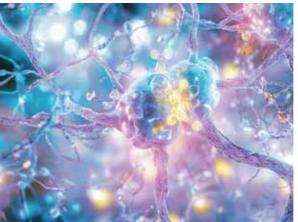
In a significant break-through that could pave the way for more effective treatments for anxiety disorders, scientists at Universite de Montreal and the Montreal Clinical Research Institute (IRCM) have identified a specific protein complex that plays critical roles in the convarious cognitive behaviors. The findings from the global research hold significant relevance in the Indian context where anxiety disorders are increasingly recognised as a major public health concern amidst limited access to mental healthcare.

Led by researcher Hideto Takahashi, the study published in The EMBO Journal

involved collaboration with teams from York University and Tokushima University in Japan. The findings focussed on a specific protein complex that plays critical roles in the connectivity of brain cells and various cognitive behav-

Synapses, the junctions between neurons, are essential for the transmission of signals in the brain. They facilitate rons, allowing for complex functions such as learning, memory, and emotional regulation, said the study. At the same time, excitatory

synapses, in particular, activate signal transmission and are crucial for many brain activities. However, defects in these synapses are linked to several mental illnesses, yet the precise mechanisms that



govern their organization and function have been poorly

understood until now. Takahashi's team previously identified a unique protein complex that exists only in excitatory synapses, with genes associated with anxiety disorders and autism. In the current study they demonstrated that this protein complex is vital for regulating both the structural and functional maturation of excitatory synapses.

It does this by modulating

phosphorylation—a biochemical modification of proteins that can alter their function—of various synaptic proteins, said the study.

When the researchers disrupted this protein complex in their experiments, they observed specific behavioral changes in mice, indicating that the proper functioning of this complex is crucial for normal behavior. High-resothese mutant mice revealed disorganized synapses, suggesting a failure in proper synaptic structure. Further investigations showed an increase in inactive synapses and significant impairments in signal transmission.

Behaviorally, the mutant mice exhibited increased levels of anxiety, particularly in unfamiliar environments, as well

tions. These findings indicate that disruptions in synaptic organization and function may contribute to anxiety and other behavioral issues. By understanding how specific protein complexes regulate synaptic function, scientists may be able to develop targeted therapies aimed at restoring healthy synaptic connections and improving According to various studies, anxiety disorders are prevalent among various demographics in India, affecting

as deficits in social interac-

both urban and rural populations. Around 14% to 30% of the population, particularly young people including students report high levels of anxiety related to academic pressure, job prospects, and social expectations in India.

Punjab: Farmers block roads, squat on rail tracks to protest 'tardy' paddy purchase

HOSHIARPUR/AMRITSAR

Punjab farmers on Sunday blocked roads and squatted on rail tracks at many places in the state as part of their protest against the alleged tardy procurement of paddy in the ongoing Kharif marketing season.

While the Samyukta Kisan Morcha had given a call for a statewide road blockade from 12 to 3 pm, the Bharti Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) had also given a call for 'rail roko' for three hours.

As farmers blocked roads at several places including national highways, commuters faced inconvenience. Police, however, had diverted road traffic through alternative routes. BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) general

secretary Sukhdev Singh Kokrikalan said they held their 'rail roko' protest at 17 places including Batala, (Jalandhar), Shahkot Bathinda, Ajitwal (Moga), Wallah Phatak (Amritsar), Patti (Tarn Taran), Malout (Muktsar), Jalalabad (Fazilka), Kotakpura (Faridkot), Mansa, Dhablan (Patiala), Sunam (Sangrur), Malerkotla, Qila Raipur (Ludhiana) Lalru (Mohali), Talwandi Bhai (Ferozepur) and Mandiala

(Hoshiarpur).



In Ludhiana, farmers disrupted road traffic at several places, including Samrala, Kohara, Khanna, Raikot, Doraha, Payal and Jagraon. Farmer leader Balbir Singh Rajewal said despite assurances by the state government regarding the smooth procurement of paddy, farmers are facing problems in grain markets.

In Hoshiarpur, farmers blocked road traffic near Bijli Ghar Chowk, SDM Chowk

and Adda Bhangala. They also staged 'dharnas' at various points including Adda Dosarka on the Hoshiarpur-Tanda road, Pur Hiran Bypass Chowk near the Bus Stand in Garhshankar, Sarhala crossing in Garhdiwala, Chandigarh Bypass Chowk, Majarra on the Hoshiarpur-Chandigarh road, Bagpur Sataur, Bhunga on the Hoshiarpur-Dasuya road, and village Singhpur Tarkhana on the Hajipur-Dasuya road.

The protesters also squatted on the railway tracks at village Mandiala on the Hoshiarpur-Jalandhar rail section.

The protesting farmers alleged delay in paddy procurement and its lifting in the They also raised slogans

against both the state and central governments, accusing

them of failing to begin paddy procurement and lifting operations at state-run mandis. They demanded immediate commencement of procurement operations, warning that failure to act would lead to an

intensification of their agita-

BKU (Doaba) blocked a road at Sugar mill crossing in

Phagwara. Satnam Singh Sahni, general secretary BKU(D) alleged that there was tardy or virtually no lifting of paddy from 'mandis', resulting in delay of further harvesting of paddy in fields as well as the subsequent preparation for sowing of wheat crop.

He demanded plying of special trains for evacuating rice stored in godowns so that the required space for fresh crop was available. In Amritsar, protesting farm

ers squatted on Wallha railway crossing to protest against the slow purchase of the paddy crop. Parminder Singh Ugrah, a

local farmer leader in Amritsar, said farmers have blocked the Amritsar-Pathankot rail tracks. Farmers have also held road

blockades at places, including Attari, Kukrawal village near Ainala town.

In Sangrur, farmers squatted on the rail tracks at the Sunam railway station. In Moga, some farmers blocked Ferozepur-Ludhiana national highway near Duneke.

In Sunam, a protesting farmer leader accused the state gov-Champaran, Gopalganj, ernment of running away Siwan and Jehanabad in Bihar, from the purchase of the paddy crop. and several parts of

Demand for grant of official language status to Bhojpuri intensifies in Bihar

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The demand for grant of "official language" status to Bhojpuri, arguably the most widely spoken dialect in Bihar, has intensified with opposition Mahagathbandhan strongly coming out in support of it in

Senior leaders of the RJD, Congress and CPI(ML) Liberation, constituents of the Mahagathbandhan, said they would raise the issue in Parliament. The old demand got a fresh impetus after the Union Cabinet's recent decision to accord classical language status to five more lan-

the state.

guages - Marathi, Bengali, Pali, Prakrit and Assamese. The number of such languages now is 11, since Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Odia got the tag earlier.

CPI(ML) Liberation's Lok Sabha MP Sudama Prasad said, "The language is spoken widely in districts such as Bhojpur, Rohtas, Kaimur, Buxar, Saran, Champaran,

Jharkhand. Why is the Centre silent on inclusion of Bhojpuri in the Eighth Schedule of the

Constitution? The 8th Schedule of the Constitution now has 22 languages. Fourteen were initially included in the Constitution, while eight more added later. According to the Ministry of Home Affairs website, there are demands for inclusion of 38 more languages in the Eighth Schedule and one of them is Bhojpuri.

The Nitish Kumar government must send a detailed report to the central government seeking granting of official language status to Bhojpuri. We will raise this issue in the coming session of parliament," Prasad said.

The NDA government in Bihar as well as at the Centre are giving step-motherly treatment to Bhojpuri speaking people, RJD's Buxar MP Sudhakar Singh alleged.

'We (Mahagathbandhan) demand immediate inclusion of Bhojpuri in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution so that it gets official language status. Earlier, we raised this issue in the state assembly, but the Nitish Kumar government has turned a deaf ear towards it," said the RJD MP.

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Peacekeepers' peril

India joins 34 other countries contributing troops to the UNIFIL in condemning Israeli military actions that threaten peacekeepers

he ongoing hostilities in the West Asia have drawn global concern, with recent escalations along the Israel-Lebanon border highlighting the risks faced by United Nations peacekeepers. As Israeli airstrikes target Gaza and tensions spill over to southern Lebanon, the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) finds itself in the line of fire. India, along with 34 other countries that contribute troops to UNIFIL, has endorsed a joint statement condemning actions that jeopardise the safety of peacekeepers and calling for the protection of UN personnel as per existing United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions. The situation along the Israel-Lebanon border has become increasingly volatile, with Israeli military operations intensifying in Lebanon. On October 11, two Sri Lankan UN peacekeepers were wounded in an Israeli airstrike near their watchtower in Nagoura. south Lebanon. This was second attack in 48 hours where UNIFIL's main base in the region was subjected to blasts amid the cross-border conflict. UNIFIL is a peacekeep-

ing mission established in 1978 to monitor the cessation of hostilities in the area. It is the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

In the wake of the attack, India has condemned the threat to peacekeepers' safety. The Indian Permanent Mission to the United Nations reaffirmed that the "safety and security of peacekeepers are of paramount importance and must be ensured in accordance with extant UNSC Resolutions." India's stance underscores its long-standing commitment to UN peacekeeping operations, where it has historically been one of the largest contributors of troops. Of the 9532 troops deployed, 895 happen to be Indian. In fact, India hap-

pens to be the second largest contributor to the peacekeeping mission next to Indonesia. So far UNIFIL has endured 334 casualties. The UN's efforts aim to bring a halt to hostilities that have resulted in significant casualties and infrastructure damage, exacerbating an already dire situation in the region. The UN Security Council has called for restraint from all parties involved and emphasised the importance of allowing humanitarian aid to reach civilians in Gaza. However, the complexity of the conflict, with multiple factions and external players influencing the dynamics, has made the path to a ceasefire fraught with obstacles. India's response to the recent escalation along the Israel-Lebanon border reflects a pragmatic approach. While it has avoided direct condemnation of either side in the broader conflict, its alignment with the UNIFIL countries signals support for international peacekeeping standards. By calling for the protection of peacekeepers and adherence to UNSC resolutions, India is positioning itself as a responsible stakeholder in upholding international law and maintaining regional stability. The path to a sustainable ceasefire remains uncertain, but with global powers like India endorsing diplomatic initiatives and supporting the UN's peacekeeping mandate, there is a stronger impetus for pursuing non-violent solutions to the ongoing crisis



Devotees immerse an idol of Goddess Durga, in Nadia

The steadfast diplomat who crafted India's foreign policy_



As India marks the 50th anniversary of V K Krishna Menon's passing, it is a fitting moment to remember a man whose brilliance shaped the nation's global diplomacy

ifty years since Vengalil Krishnan Krishna Menon's passing, the significance of his contributions to Indian diplomacy and global politics remains evident. Hailed as one of India's most brilliant yet controversial statesmen, Menon's legacy is inextricably linked with the evolution of the country's foreign policy. Born in Kozhikode, Kerala, his journey from a young boy in South India to a pivotal figure on the world stage was marked by intellectual rigor, steadfastness, and an unyielding commitment to India's sovereignty and values. When he passed away on October 6, 1974, then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi described his departure as "a volcano has been extinguished," aptly capturing the intensity he brought to every role he undertook. His contributions, despite the passage of time, continue to influence India's diplomatic posture.

Menon's early life in Kerala and subsequent education in the United Kingdom set the stage for his distinguished career. His association with Jawaharlal Nehru, whom he befriended while in London, was instrumental in shaping his path. Quickly emerging as a prominent voice in the Indian independence movement abroad, Menon's articulate speeches and sharp intellect earned him recognition. During his time in the UK, he co-founded Penguin Books, which revolutionised the publishing industry by making literature affordable and accessible. However, his foray into publishing was merely the precursor to his true calling: crafting India's foreign policy.

It was Menon who proposed the term "Non-Aligned Movement" (NAM), a cornerstone of India's Cold War-era diplomatic stance. He championed neutrality, ensuring that Îndia, as a newly independent nation, did not align itself with either the United States or the Soviet Union. For Menon, non-alignment was more than just a diplomatic position; it was an assertion of India's sovereignand self-respect. He fiercely defended this stance on various international platforms, particularly at the United Nations, where his eloquence and conviction Menon's detractors held him



larly 'Time' magazine, infa-

mously depicted him on its cover as a "snake charmer,"

manipulating Nehru into a dis-

astrous conflict. While

BABA SIDDIQUE ASSASSINATED

Madam — The city of Mumbai has

recorded another high-profile targeted

killing of NCP leader Baba Siddique. The assassination of Siddique by two shooters

at the time he is leaving his son's office and

sitting in the car is purely calibrated

killing attempts. Despite the fact that his

son Zeeshan was an elected MLA from

Bandra, Mumbai, it is a bit surprising that

However, it's too early to claim the killing

was politically motivated before a proper

investigation is to be done by the Mumbai

police. He is known in the entire of India

for the glam glitz Iftar Parties, which attract

Bollywood celebrities every year. The

investigation will shed light on the actual

killing took place in the same areas.



MENON'S EARLY LIFE IN KERALA AND **SUBSEQUENT EDUCATION IN THE** UNITED KINGDOM SET THE STAGE FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER. HIS **ASSOCIATION WITH JAWAHARLAL** NEHRU, WHOM HE BEFRIENDED WHILE IN LONDON, WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN SHAPING HIS PATH

largely responsible for the debacle, such an assessment does not acknowledge his broader contributions to defence and foreign policy. Menon was a proponent of self-reliance in defense, laying the groundwork for indigenising military production—a policy India pursues to this day. Furthermore, his role in the Goa Liberation movement of 1961, which ended Portuguese colonial rule, reinforced his image as a dedicat-

ed patriot. Despite the setback after the Sino-Indian War, Menon's career was not over. In 1971, supported by the left-leaning EMS Namboodiripad, Menon made a comeback to Parliament, representing Thiruvananthapuram. His return was a testament to the enduring respect he commanded among certain segments of Indian society. Even in his later years, Menon remained a formidable presence in politics, unafraid to challenge prevailing norms. Menon's personal life remained relatively private, though his wit and often abrasive style earned him both admirers and detractors. He was viewed by contemporaries such as Bertrand Russell as a man of profound intellect and integrity. Yet, his sharp tongue and uncompromising nature also alienated many, leading to well-publicised rivalries, including with fellow Malayali

diplomats like VP Menon and KPS Menon. These tensions added an element of intrigue to his already controversial career.

Reflecting on the 50th anniversary of Menon's passing invites a reevaluation of his towering legacy. His contributions to Indian foreign policy, particularly his advocacy for nonalignment and his defense of India's stance on Kashmir, remain integral to the country's diplomatic strategies. The fact that his UN speech still holds the record as the longest ever delivered underscores his place in the annals of global diplo-

Menon's influence extended beyond India's borders; his advocacy for global disarmament and his warning, "Either man will abolish war, or war will abolish man," still resonates in international forums. At a time when diplomacy often takes place behind closed doors, Menon's readiness to speak truth to power, regardless of personal cost, set him apart. His passing marked the end of an era, but his ideasparticularly his fierce commitment to Índian sovereignty and global justice—continue to shape the country's foreign policy. The "volcano" that Îndira Gandhi referred to still casts a long shadow over Indian diplomacy—a shadow

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Gandhi's philosophy in the age of Al



DHARAMAPALAN

As we forge ahead into this digital age, embracing Gandhi's philosophy could pave the way for a more humane and equitable future

rtificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly shaping our world, making the relevance of many ancient philosophies seem distant. People may find it difficult to comprehend the hardships our predecessors endured during their lifetimes.

Even people may find it difficult to believe that great philosophers, who have provided us with a wealth of knowledge, once lived on this planet. We will accept only those incidents and individuals whose photographs or videos are accessible. As of now, we are fortunate to have documentary evidence of our nation's father, Mahatma Gandhi. Otherwise, people would have forgotten him. But even in this digital world where AI rules humanity, Gandhiji's philosophy remains profoundly relevant.

The core values that Gandhi stood for-such as nonviolence, truth, selfreliance, simplicity and social justice—offer timeless guidance for managing the challenges humanity faces even today. We can

(Ahimsa) in this digital era as ensuring the ethical and responsible use of AI technologies. Gandhian principles have high relevance today as we start integrating AI into aspects of human life, be it healthcare, economy, agriculture, or warehousing. As we indulge in digital warfare Gandhi's non-violence principle prompts us to develop technologies that prioritise human welfare and minimise harm.

Cyberbullying is on the rise, and many people are victim. Cyberbullying fundamentally involves the use of words, images, or exclusion on the internet as a means of violence. Unfortunately, even political parties sometimes encourage such

behaviour for gain, which

fosters enmity between communities—a divide that can be challenging to

By embracing ahimsa, individuals can practice empathy and kindness online, refraining from harmful or derogatory comments. Promoting non-violence in digital spaces could lead to reduced aggression and a more supportive online environment. Gandhi's emphasis on truth serves as a powerful antidote to the deceit and falsehoods that often fuel cyberbullying. Many online bullies hide behind anonymous pro-

files, spreading rumours, lies, or misinformation. Truthfulness can also empower victims to speak out against bullying, creating a culture of transparency and accountability. In the digital age, where people can react instantly and sometimes impulsively, applying self-discipline is crucial. In a world where major tech companies dominate AI development, Gandhi's philosophy of selfreliance (swadeshi) is highly applicable. It encourages

nations, especially third-

world countries, to build their own AI capabilities and not rely solely on foreign technology. Fostering digital independence and ensuring the use of AI in ways that benefit local economies and cultures is crucial. One of Gandhi's most enduring legacies was his advocacy for the marginalised. In the AI-dominated world, we must ensure that these technologies do not exacerbate inequalities. We should use AI to promote inclusivity, reduce the digital divide, and provide technology access for all, which is in line with Gandhi's vision of social justice. In essence, Gandhian philosophy, with its moral clarity and human-centred approach, serves as a vital guide for shaping the AI-driven future. Even in a world where technology seems to dominate, Gandhi's philosophy has high relevance for building peace and happiness in the world. (The author is a Dean at

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motive of the killer for his targeted killing. Meanwhile, it is extremely sad to note that killing is such an easy task in our country. If politicians and renowned personalities like Baba Siddique are not safe in our country, how could we expect the safety of the The policing mechanism has to be active

all the time to avoid such uncertainties. Also, there must be a rigorous punishment mechanism for the shooters, and harsh penalities to be put in place so that no such miscreants will dare to take such actions on the charm of few money from the actual culprits.

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TACKLE HUNGER CRISIS

Madam— This refers to the article on the paradox of nutritional status. Though the contour of nutritional status has too many curves based on too many factors like urban, rural, poor, rich, middle class, gender and so on, the overall condition is definitely not encouraging. The rank given by the Global Hunger Index needs no suspicion. The country's nutrition-related programmes organised by the Union and State governments need an uprisal to review the improvement or the otherwise.

A national programme with area-specific contents needs to be taken up, involving the youth who can contribute nutrition-

Tennis legend retires



greatest tennis players, Rafael Nadal, has announced his retirement as a professional tennis player. Nadal remains one of the most decorated sportspersons of all time of the 22 Grand Slam titles he has won, the Spaniard clinched a record 14 French Opens. Nadal also has 36 masters titles as well as an Olympic gold medal. Beyond his clay

between Nadal and Dijkovic? Surely Nadal should have inspired millions of children to start playing tennis across the globe. Nadal remained the world's top player for 209 weeks during his peak years, 2005-2023. After Nadal's retirement ,will men's tennis ever have another trio, "Federer, Nadal and Dijokvic," who dominated tennis for 20 years? Certainly Nadal's retirement from tennis is the end of an era

court mastery, Nadal has won US Open

titles four times and the Australian

Open two times. On the grass of

Wimbledon, a surface considered chal-

lenging for him, he secured two cham-

pionships. Who could forget the 2008

Wimbledon final between Nadal and

Federer? Or 2013 Australian Open final

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related knowledge and implement the program with periodical study on the study. There was news in the media about the lack of quality of the distributed stuff also. In slums, poor eating and non-access to nutritional items are issues, and among the rich, overeating of avoidable items is the issue. Unless nutrition is taken up as a priority to implement with all seriousness and with adequate allocation of funds, there may not be a tangible improvement in the status. Expenditure on improving nutritional status is a productive investment as it helps improve the productivity of the individuals as well as the nation, which is immi-

A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

MASTERING POLITICAL GAMES

Madam — There is no specific Noble Prize for politics. However, many politicians received the Noble Peace Prize for their efforts in promoting peace, resolving conflicts and advancing human rights; examples are Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama,

and Mikhail Gorbachev. Political manoeuvring and politics are relat-

ed but distinct. The former involves a variety of tactics aimed at maintaining or gaining power such as politicians changing parties (turn coats), building pre or post poll alliances with other political parties, contesting elections as independent candidate if ticket is denied and after winning getting favours by supporting government forming party or parties, using the fundamental right of freedom of speech to the fullest extent in criticizing the opponents at will, turning from foes to friends and vice versa with ease by being immune to guilt or shame, directing resources for garnering and maintaining vote banks through freebies & unproductive welfare schemes, toppling governments, poaching elected members from opposition parties and defaming own country's government & its policies abroad etc. Indian politicians are Mahirs' in the above activities. So, if a Noble Prize is instituted for "political maneuvering," India will always get it.

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EMOJIS SPEAK WHERE TEXTING FALLS SHORT

Emojis transform otherwise bland exchanges into vibrant and meaningful interactions



ASHA IYER KUMAR

am a huge fan of emoticons, or emojis, as I prefer to call them. In a new, technically robust world that chooses to conduct most of its private and professional business digitally, the existence of emojis is a lot more valuable than what they seems primary. Emojis fill the gap between one's feelings [thoughts] and words; they arch over the space where misunderstandings breed unintentionally. The trouble with texting is it, more often than not, conveys meanings not meant. The true import of the statements is often dispensed with an unsavoury blandness. Words, for all the power they have, are restricted in their ability to convey true emotions. There is no tone or tenor in a conversation that happens over a typed chat. It is here that the emojis take charge to let people know the precise sentiment behind the words. It's fascinating how something as simple as a tiny, colourful image can carry the weight of an entire conversation.

Emojis have become the silent saviours of our digital dialogues, transforming what could be a dry exchange into something vibrant, relatable and meaningful. I have always believed that words, despite their richness, sometimes falter in delivering the exact shade of sentiment we wish to express. How many times have we sent a message and then wondered; Will they get what I mean? Will they feel my warmth, my concern, or my light-heartedness? Emojis step in at this point, like little emotional cue cards, guiding the recipient towards the intended feeling behind our words.

A simple smiley can transform a blunt response into a kind reassurance. It acts as a gentle nudge, hinting to the reader, "Take it easy; this is friendly." Emojis allow us to soften the blows of formality, sprinkle humour on otherwise serious subjects, or underline the gravity of



what would otherwise seem trivial. Consider this: You've sent a message that says, "Let's talk later." Now, depending on the mood of the person on the other side, it could be read as indifferent, abrupt, or even ominous. But if you add a little smiley at the end, the vibe changes entirely. Suddenly, it sounds casual, almost warm. This is the magic of emojis — they are the unseen bridges in our communication, preventing misunderstandings. They fill in the emotional blanks that text leaves behind. In this world where we don't always get the luxury of hearing someone's voice or seeing their expressions, emojis have quietly become the body language of our conversations. They provide a way to infuse our cold, typed words with a cozy connection. That's where their real value lies, and why I, as someone deeply in love with words and their power, have come to appreciate the humble emoji. Moreover, in a globally connected world where language barriers can stand between intent and interpretation, emojis offer a universal code. A thumbs-up or a heart means the same whether you're in Dubai or Delhi, making them incredibly effective in fostering inclusivity and under-

As I continue my writing journey, both in traditional and digital spaces, I find myself more often turning to emojis to complement my words, especially when texting or communicating over social media. They are the small, unspoken allies in my digital interactions, helping me stay connected, relatable, and, most importantly, understood. In a time when misunderstandings are as quick as a keystroke, I've come to appreciate emojis as more than just playful symbols. They are, in many ways, the unsung heroes of modern communication, making sure that what we feel and what we say are in sync. And that's a role too important

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The booklet that redefines Mayawati



Mayawati is launching a revival effort to reclaim lost ground; she released a 59-page booklet outlining the party's roadmap, while emphasising her 'Iron Lady' image

acing a steep decline in electoral performance, the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), under the leadership of Mayawati, is now pivoting with a new strategy aimed at regaining its lost political ground. The once-formidable party, which made significant strides in the late 1990s and early 2000s by mobilising Dalit and marginalised communities, has been on the back foot in recent elections. With an eye on the upcoming assembly by-elections and the 2027 general elections, the BSP has taken an important step by releasing a 59-page booklet, designed not only to recount its past achievements but also to chart a new course for the future. The release of this booklet is a key part of the BSP's revitalisation plan. It features several statements from Mayawati, emphasising her leadership and vision for the party's future. One of the key aspects of the booklet is Mayawati's self-identification as the "Iron Lady," a term that echoes the strong and uncompromising leadership style often associated with female leaders in global politics, such as former British Prime Minister

By using this title, Mayawati seeks to project an image of resilience, firmness and determination, drawing on her previous tenure as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, where she exercised considerable political influence. Mayawati's attempt to invoke historical symbolism is another notable feature of the booklet. She compares herself to Emperor Ashoka, an ancient Indian ruler known for his governance and promotion of social justice. The parallel is clear: like Ashoka, Mayawati aspires to usher in a new era of social welfare and justice for the marginalised sections of society, particularly Dalits. Through this comparison, she hopes to solidify her image as a leader capable of bringing about meaningful social change, positioning herself as a saviour of the oppressed and aligning her leadership with India's rich historical tradition of justice. The use of such symbolic language is not merely rhetorical; it is a calculated effort to energise the party's traditional voter base, which largely consists of Dalits, while also appealing to other communities. The invocation of Emperor Ashoka, a figure revered for his contributions to governance, inclusiveness and justice, allows Mayawati to appeal to a wider electorate that values strong leadership based on social equity and

By aligning her vision with that of Ashoka, she is reminding voters that her leadership stands for inclusiveness, fair governance and BSP, WHICH ONCE social justice—values that resonate deeply with her core constituency. One of the most significant components of Mayawati's new political strategy is a renewed focus on social engineering, an electoral strategy that had previously yielded considerable success for the BSP. This approach, which played a crucial role in Mayawati's rise to power in 2007, involves forging electoral alliances across caste lines—specifically between Dalits and Brahmins. By uniting these groups, the BSP was able to create a winning formula that resulted in sweeping electoral victories in the mid-2000s.

The booklet highlights the party's intention to revive this strategy, indicating that the BSP aims to once again bring together a broad-based coalition to strengthen its political position. In the booklet, Mayawati makes a strong appeal to Brahmin voters, asserting that their economic and social upliftment can only be achieved under BSP rule. She takes the opportunity to criticise



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rival political parties, including the Samajwadi Party (SP), Congress, and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), for neglecting the Brahmin community and failing to address their concerns. By making this overture to Brahmins, Mayawati hopes to recreate the Brahmin-Dalit electoral coalition that had been so successful in the past, particularly in 2007, when this formula helped her ascend to the Chief Minister's office in Uttar Pradesh. This strategy signals that Mayawati is determined to reconstruct a broad-based support structure, aiming to gain a foothold among both upper and lower castes. The outreach to Brahmins is not an entirely new tactic for the BSP. The party had previously established strong support among Brahmin voters, particularly in the mid-2000s, by emphasising the importance of social cohesion and inclusive governance. In many ways, Mayawati's return to this formula reflects her understanding of the changing political dynamics in Uttar Pradesh. She recognises the importance of rebuilding alliances that cross caste lines, particularly as the political landscape in the state continues to evolve. However, the new strategy does not stop with Brahmins. The booklet also directs sharp critiques at Mayawati's political rivals, particularly Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. She targets Gandhi's recent visit to a shoe repair shop, characterising it as

"symbolic politics" that does little

to address the real issues faced by

marginalised communities. In her

view, this gesture perpetuates caste-

based stereotypes, reinforcing the

notion that certain communities,

such as Dalits, should be associat-

ed with manual labour, including

shoe-making. This critique is

aimed at resonating with her core voter base—Dalits—by emphasising her stance against caste-based occupations and promoting a broader vision of social justice. Mayawati also uses the booklet to revisit past political alliances, notably the failed partnership between the BSP and the Samajwadi Party (SP) ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The alliance, once seen as a formidable force capable of challenging

the BJP in Uttar Pradesh, ultimately fell apart. In the booklet, Mayawati attributes the breakdown to a lack of communication from Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, who, according to her, stopped answering her calls. This communication breakdown, she claims, forced the BSP to withdraw from the alliance—a move she frames as one made out of self-respect. By bringing up the collapse of the alliance, Mayawati seeks to remind voters of her independence and self-reliance as a leader, further distinguishing herself from her political rivals. Despite Mayawati's efforts to reposition the BSP, the party faces significant challenges. One of the primary obstacles is the erosion of its traditional vote bank. The BSP. which once commanded a substantial base among Dalit voters, has seen a significant portion of these votes shift toward the BJP in recent elections.

In a notable shift in strategy, Mayawati has announced that the BSP will contest the upcoming by-

Historically, the party has refrained from participating in by-polls, preferring to focus its resources on general elections. However, the recent electoral setbacks and the changing political landscape in

reassessment of this approach. By contesting the by-elections, Mayawati hopes to reenergise the party's cadre and send a message to her supporters that the BSP is still in the fight. The by-elections offer the BSP an opportunity to test its new strategies and alliances in a smaller electoral context before the next general elections. By doing so, the party can identify its strengths and weaknesses, allowing it to adjust its tactics in preparation

for larger electoral battles. Additionally, Mayawati's decision to contest the by-elections is about more than just winning seats—it's also about reinvigorating the party's organisational strength. In recent years, the BSP's grassroots machinery has weakened, with many party workers becoming disillusioned after a series of electoral deteats. By throwing the party into the by-election fray, Mayawati aims to revive its organisational structure and prepare it for future contests. Mayawati's messaging, as outlined in the newly released booklet, signals her determination to reclaim the BSP's former electoral strength.

Through a combination of symbolic language, critiques of her rivals, and a recalibrated strategy, she hopes to reposition the BSP as a force to be reckoned with in Uttar Pradesh politics. The upcoming by-elections will serve as a crucial test for the party's new approach and could determine whether Mayawati is successful in her efforts to revitalise her support base and counter growing competition from both established and emerging political players.

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Haryana's election lesson: Why Tejashwi and Akhilesh must shun caste politics

To secure long-term success, they must cater to broader social sentiments as voters increasingly reject traditional caste-based power structures

he recent election results in Haryana have overturned pre-poll predictions and ground reports by YouTubers, sending a clear message for future elections, particularly in key states like Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. For leaders such as Tejashwi Yadav and Akhilesh Yadav, who belong to the dominant Yadav caste, the outcome holds lessons. Their political scenario mirrors the situation of the Jats in Haryana, where social dynamics are shifting away from dominant caste politics. In this evolving landscape, they face the challenge of addressing broader social sentiments and responding to the concerns of marginalised groups who feel overlooked or disadvantaged in the traditional caste power structures.



In Haryana, the Jats, a politically influential community, faced a consolidation of other social groups against them, as seen in the election results. This trend is significant for Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, where the dominant OBC groups, particularly the Yadavs, have held power for decades but are now struggling to maintain their influence. The once-powerful Yadav-led governments lost their grip on power partly because of growing resentment from other communities who felt side-

The political history of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh is marked by the rise of leaders like Lalu Prasad Yadav and Mulayam Singh Yadav, who gained initial popularity by championing anti-Congress sentiment and social justice. Their "M-Y equation" (Muslim-Yadav alliance) was a powerful electoral strategy that secured their dominance, but it also instilled fear in other communities. The consolidation of their caste base came at the cost of alienating non-Yadav OBCs, Dalits, and upper castes, creating a sense of marginalisation. Over time, their politics of exclusion backfired, as disillusioned voters began to seek alternatives, leading to the emergence of leaders like Nitish Kumar in Bihar and the BJP in Uttar Pradesh, who promised clean governance and development for all.

The memories of the 1990s and early 2000s, when the Yadav-led administrations were perceived as using caste power to consolidate authority, still linger. While the Yadavs continue to be an important electoral bloc, the rest of society—especially the non-Yadav OBCs, Dalits, and upper castes—often recalls those years as an era of exclusion. The BJP, with its "subaltern Hindutva" narrative, has effectively capitalised on this sentiment, attracting marginalised groups by offering a sense of inclusion and an alternative to Yadav-centric



coming to power, made efforts to bridge the gap between his caste and others. He distanced himself from the old guard, symbolised by his uncle Shivpal Yadav, who represented the traditional power dynamics of the Samajwadi Party. However, incidents involving unruly behaviour

by some of his caste members toward other communities made it difficult for him to secure a second term. His attempts to modernise and adapt the party's image were undermined by persistent

Similarly, Tejashwi Yadav faces challenges in Bihar, where his efforts to step out of his father Lalu's shadow have been hampered by his own caste groups' oppressive behaviour toward Dalits and upper castes. His political journey involves grappling with the legacy of Yadav dominance, which is often perceived as being dismissive of other communities' aspirations. To succeed in the future, Tejashwi must navigate these entrenched social dynamics with greater inclusivity.

Both Tejashwi and Akhilesh must understand that lasting political success cannot be achieved by relying solely on their traditional caste bases. They need to expand their appeal beyond the Yadavs and The lesson from Haryana is reach out to other communi-

clear: caste dominance can

become a liability if it alienates

other social groups. The Jat

experience shows that when

other communities consolidate

against a dominant caste, it can

significantly alter the political

landscape. For Akhilesh and

Tejashwi, this means urging

their caste members to adopt

a more accommodative stance,

rather than projecting domi-

nance. Effective leadership in

this context involves advocat-

ing for social harmony and cooperation across different

alised. Their strategy should involve building broader alliances that include marginalised communities, addressing their socio-economic needs, and promoting an inclusive vision of governance. The political landscape in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh is undergoing a shift. The BJP's ability to attract non-Yadav OBCs and other marginalised groups has weakened the impact of traditional Yadavcentric politics. Leaders like Геjashwi and Akhilesh must shed the image of their parties as "Yadav-centric" and instead emphasise inclusive governance that addresses the aspirations of all communities.

(The writer is a senior journalist; views are personal)

Harris helps pack aid boxes for North Carolina hurricane victims

Vice President Kamala Harris on Saturday helped pack diapers into boxes of personal care products destined for North Carolina hurricane victims, agreeing with one helper who said "it takes a

"You're exactly right," Harris replied to Greg Hatem, owner of The Pit Authentic Barbecue restaurant as she put two packages of diapers inside each cardboard box that was placed in front of her assembly-line

Harris met with Black leaders at the barbecue restaurant in Raleigh before she joined volunteers who were there to pack bandages, baby formula, baby wipes, pain relief pills and other items for victims of Hurricane Helene, which tore through western North Carolina last month.

The vice president was overnighting in the state, which narrowly backed her rival, Republican Donald Trump, in 2020. Democrats are campaigning hard to flip North Carolina into their column in the presidential election next month. On Sunday, Harris was attending church in Greenville as part of her campaign's "Souls to the Polls" effort to get out the

vote and holding a rally. The weekend trip was her second to the battleground state after it was struck by Hurricane Helene. The Democratic presidential nominee went to North Carolina last Saturday to sur-



and pledged federal assistance for its victims.

plane left Before her Washington, Harris told the natural disaster. reporters accompanying her that she looked forward to talking with residents "first and foremost to see how they're doing in the wake of the hur-

Democrats view North Carolina as swinging their way this year with its base of Black and college-educated voters, as well as women concerned about the loss of abortion protections. But the aftermath of Hurricane Helene has become

mer President Trump and his allies attacking the Biden administration's response to

At The Pit, Harris met with Black elected, faith and community leaders. Her campaign did not release a list of the people she met with.

After church on Sunday, Harris, a Baptist, was set to speak about her economic plans at a rally to generate support for early voting, which starts Thursday in North Carolina. Making landfall on Sept. 26, Hurricane Helene resulted in the deaths of roughly 230 peo-

ple and wiped out roads, electrical power and cell phone service. Just two weeks later, Hurricane Milton hit Florida this week and generated an esti-mated \$50 billion worth of damage and left several people

Harris also visited Georgia after Helene struck there, too, in addition to virtually attending briefings on the federal gov-ernment's response and rejiggering her campaign schedule. She continued to travel for the presidential race with time spent this week in Nevada and Ārizona.

One of her prime messages has

been that there should be no price gouging by companies seeking to take advantage of shortages caused by the hurricanes, an issue she has made central to her campaign as a way to tackle inflation.

"To any company or individual that is using this crisis to jack up prices through illegal fraud or price gouging, whether it be at the gas pump, the airport or the hotel counter, we will be monitoring and there will be a consequence," Harris said at consequence," Harris said at Friday's briefing.

However, Trump and his allies have falsely suggested that disaster relief from the Federal Emergency Management Agency went to immigrants instead of hurricana victims instead of hurricane victims, while also suggesting that people are not getting the full financial support to which they're legally entitled.

At a recent rally in Reading, Pennsylvania, Trump said the response has been worse than during 2005's Hurricane Katrina, which left nearly 1,400 people dead and caused \$200

billion in damages. "North Carolina's been hit very hard and this administration has not done a proper job at all. Terrible, terrible," Trump said at the rally, adding that Harris was "on a fundraising comedy tour while people are stranded and drowning all over some of our greatest states."

President Joe Biden has called Trump's falsehoods about the government's response "un-American" and told his predecessor to "get a life, man."

to uproot us. But we will not

The 24-year-old said Israeli

warplanes and drones struck

many neighboring houses in the past week. He counted 15 relatives and neighbors, includ-ing four women and five chil-

dren as young as 3, killed in

Hamza Sharif, who stays with

neighboring homes.

Donald Trump plans military shift for domestic policy

Washington (AP): During his first term as president, Donald Trump tested the limits of how he could use the military to the co he could use the military to achieve policy goals. If given a second term, the Republican and his allies are preparing to go much further, reimagining the military as an all-powerful

tool to deploy on US soil. He has pledged to recall thousands of American troops from overseas and station them at the US border with Mexico. He has explored using troops for domestic policy priorities such as deportations and confronting civil unrest. He has talked of weeding out military officers who are ideologically opposed to him.

Trump's vision amounts to a potentially dramatic shift in the role of the military in US society, carrying grave implica-tions for both the country's place in the world and the restraints that have traditionally been placed on domestic use of the military.

As Trump's campaign heads into its final stretch against Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris, he is promising forceful action against immigrants who do not have permanent legal status. Speaking in Colorado on Friday, the Republican described the city of Aurora as a "war zone" consafe again.

"I will rescue Aurora and every town that has been invaded and conquered," Trump said at the rally. "We will put these vicious and bloodthirsty criminals in jail or kick them out of our country."

The former president and his advisers are developing plans to shift the military's priorities and resources, even at a time when wars are raging in Europe and the Middle East. Trump's top priority in his platform, known as Agenda 47, is to implement hard-line measures at the US-Mexico border by "moving thousands of troops currently stationed overseas" to that border. He is also pledging to "declare war" on cartels and deploy the Navy in a blockade that would board and inspect

ships for fentanyl.
Trump also has said he will use
the National Guard and possibly the military as part of the operation to deport millions of immigrants who do not have permanent legal status.

While Trump's campaign declined to discuss the details of those plans, including how many troops he would shift from overseas assignments to the border, his allies are not shy about casting the operation as a sweeping mission that would use the most powerful tools of the federal government in new and dramatic ways.

There could be an alliance of the Justice Department, Homeland Security and the Department of Defence. Those three departments have to be coordinated in a way that maybe has never been done before," said Ron Vitiello, who worked as the acting director of Immigrations and Customs Immigrations and Customs Enforcement under Trump. While both Democratic and Republican presidential administrations have long used military resources at the border, the plans would be a striking escalation of the military's involvement in domestic poli-cy. Advocates for human rights and civil liberties have grown alarmed. "They are promising to use the military to do mass raids of American families at a scale that harkens back to some of the worst things our country has done," said Todd Schulte, president of FWD.us, an immigration advocacy organization. In Congress, which has the power to restrict the use

of military force through fund-

ing and other authorisations,

Republicans are largely on board with Trump's plans.

Heavy Israeli bombardment rocks northern Gaza

United Nations peacekeepers in Lebanon hit again

Palestinians in northern Gaza described heavy Israeli bombardment on Saturday in the hours after airstrikes killed at least 22 people, as Israel warned people there and in southern Lebanon to get out of the way of offensives against the Hamas and

Hezbollah militant groups.

In Lebanon, the UN peace-keeping force said its headquarters in Naqoura was hit again, with a peacekeeper struck by gunfire late Friday and in stagunfire late Friday and in stable condition. It wasn't clear who fired. It occurred a day after Israel's military fired on the headquarters for a second straight day. Israel, which has warned peacekeepers to leave their positions, didn't immediately respond to questions.

Hunger warnings emerged idents said they hadn't received aid since the beginning of the month. The UN World Food Program said no food aid had entered the north since October 1. An estimated 400,000 people remain there. Israel's military renewed its offensive in northern Gaza almost a week ago while esca-

lating its air and ground campaign against the Iran-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon. Amid Israel's war with Hezbollah, a top UN official, Carl Skau, told The Associated Press he's concerned that Lebanon's ports and airport might be taken out of service. More than 1 million people have been displaced. Israel's military said Hezbollah fired more than 300 projectiles over Yom Kippur, the holiest and most solemn day on the

Jewish calendar. Hezbollah claimed a series of rocket strikes on Israeli military positions and said fighters engaged an Israeli infantry unit attempting to enter Lebanese territory. Israel's military also said it killed 50 militants in Lebanon. Claims on either side couldn't be verified.

Israeli airstrikes on Saturday hit multiple areas in southern and the Lebanese Health Ministry. Nine were killed in Maisra village in the northeast. Four were killed in an apartment building on the edge of Barja south of Beirut. Rayak and Tal Chiha hospitals in the Bekaa Valley were damaged. In Nabatieh, eight people were wounded.

The total toll in Lebanon over the past year of conflict between Israel and Hezbollah is now 2,255 killed, according to the Lebanese Health Ministry. More than 1,400 people have been killed since mid-September. It isn't clear how many were fighters.

"We will keep standing with the Lebanese people during these difficult circumstances and also with the Palestinian people," the speaker of Iran's parliament, Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, said Saturday while touring the scene of an Israeli airstrike in Beirut.

SOME GAZA RESIDENTS ARE TRAPPED

In northern Gaza, residents told the AP many were trapped in their homes and shelters with dwindling supplies while seeing bodies uncollected in hampered emergency responders. Those who rushed to the scene of the latest deadly airstrikes in the urban refugee camp of Jabaliya found a hole 20 meters (65 feet) deep where a home once stood.

At least 20 bodies were recovered while others likely were under rubble, emergency service officials said Elsewhere in Jabaliya, a strike

on a home killed two brothers and wounded a woman and newborn baby, the officials said. An afternoon strike on a home killed at least four people, including a woman, said Fares Abu Hamza, an official with the emergency service. Israel's military said it killed

more than 20 militants in the Jabaliya area over the past day. Military spokesperson Avichay Adraee told people in parts of Jabaliya and Gaza City to evacuate south to an Israeli-designated humanitarian zone as Israel plans to use great force "and will continue to do so for

a long time." Israel has repeatedly returned to parts of Gaza as Hamas and other militants regroup. The war has destroyed large areas of Gaza and displaced around million people, often multiple times. Once again, some families moved south on foot, in donkey carts or crowded in vehicles that navigated piles of rubble. Others refused to go. "It's like the first days of the war," said a Jabaliya resident,

Ahmed Abu Goneim. "The

occupation is doing everything

his family in a school-turned-shelter in Jabaliya, described "constant bombings day and night." He said the shelter hasn't received aid since the beginning of the month and that families "will run out of supplies very soon."

FOOD IS RUNNING OUT

The World Food Program said it was unclear how long the limited food supplies it distributed in northern Gaza earlier will last. The UN's independent last month accused Israel of carrying out a "starvation campaign" against Palestinians, which Israel has denied.

Israel's offensive in Gaza started after Hamas' October 7 attack, when militants stormed into Israel, killing about 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting around 250 others.

Israel's offensive has killed more than 42,000 Palestinians, according to local health authorities, who don't specify between combatants and civilians. Gaza's Health Ministry said that hospitals had received the bodies of 49 people killed over the past 24 hours.

The US Secretary of Defense Lloyd J Austin III spoke with Israeli Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant on Saturday to express his "deep concern" about reports that Israeli forces fired on UN peacekeeping positions in Lebanon, as well as the reported death of two Lebanese soldiers, according to a Pentagon statement. Austin said it was important to ensure the safety and security of UNIFIL forces and Lebanese Armed Forces, and "reinforced the need to pivot from military operations in Lebanon to a olomatic nathway as soon as feasible," according to the statement. The US Secretary of Defense also said steps must be taken to address the humanitarian situation in Gaza, and reaffirmed the United States' unwavering, enduring, and ironclad commitment to Israel's security," according to the statement.

India backs statement strongly condemning attacks on UN peacekeepers in Lebanon United Nations (PTI): India Contributing Country, India aligns itself fully with the joint

has backed a joint statement by the UNIFIL-contributing countries that "strongly condemned" the recent attacks on the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon and said such actions must stop immediate-The joint statement, initially

co-signed by 34 countries, came after at least five United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) peacekeepers were wounded in recent days as Israeli troops launched attacks in southern Lebanon as part of its campaign against Hezbollah.

"We consider UNIFIL's role as particularly crucial in light of the escalating situation in the region. We therefore strongly condemn recent attacks on the UNIFIL peacekeepers. diately and should be adequately investigated," said the joint statement posted on X by Poland's mission to the UN on Saturday.

India, initially not mentioned among co-signatories, on Saturday said it aligns itself fully with the joint statement. major Troop

statement issued by the 34 @UNIFIL_ troop-contributing countries. Safety and security of peacekeepers are of paramount importance and must be ensured in accordance with extant UNSC Resolutions," the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations said in a post on X. Earlier in a statement in New Delhi on Friday, the Ministry of External Affairs said India was "concerned" at the "deteriorating" security situation in parts of West Asia. "Inviolability of UN premises

must be respected by all, and appropriate measures taken to ensure the safety of UN peacekeepers and the sanctity of their mandate," the MEA said in its statement.

Bangladesh, Brazil, China, France, Italy, Spain, Sri Lanka, and the UK co-signed the joint statement. On Sunday, the Polish mission to the UN announced that India, Colombia, Germany, Greece, Peru and Uruguay have extended support to the statement.

Train crash in Egypt kills 1, injures over 20

Cairo (AP): A locomotive crashed into the tail of the Cairo-bound passenger train Sunday in southern Egypt killing at least one person and injuring multiple others, authorities said. It is the second train crash in a month in the North African country. The collision occurred in the province of Minya, 270 km (about 168 miles) south of Cairo, the railway authority said in a statement, and two railway carriages fell into an adjacent watercourse. The cause of the crash was being investigated, the statement added.

Footage aired by local media showed the two carriages partially submerged in the watercourse. Along with the fatali-ty, the Health Ministry said in a separate statement at least 21 people were taken to hospitals, of which 19 were later discharged after receiving treatment. Train derailments and crashes are common in Egypt where an aging railway system has also been plagued by mismanagement. In September, two passenger trains collided in a Nile Delta city, killing at least three people. In recent years, the government announced initiatives to improve its railways. President Abdel Fattah el-Śissi said in 2018 some 250 billion Egyptian pounds, or \$8.13 billion, would be needed to properly overhaul the neglected rail network.



the province of Minya, about 168 miles south of Cairo, Sunday

7 killed as storm hits Brazil's Sao Paulo, knocks out power to 1.4 million homes

people were killed after a brief but powerful storm swept through Sao Paulo, Brazil with around 1.4 million households in the South America's largest metropolis left without power on Saturday.

Officials in Sao Paulo state said that record wind gusts Friday night of up to 67 mph (108 kph) knocked down transmission lines and uprooted trees, causing severe damage in some parts. The storm also shut down several airports and interrupted water service in several areas,

Sao Paulo (AP): At least seven according to the state government. One person died when a tree fell on an outdoor stall, authorities said. At least six other people in surrounding Sao Paulo state also died.

Authorities originally expected to restore power within a few hours. But several neighborhoods in the metropolitan area, which is home to 21 million people, were still in the dark on Saturday, and authorities were

urging residents to limit their consumption of water. Most of the disruptions were in the service area of a single util-

ity, Enel-Sao Paulo, which is partly owned by AES Corporation. In May, the Virginia-based power company said it was selling its 47% stake in its Brazil unit for \$640 million. Regulators ordered an inspection of the utility, warning that if it doesn't resolve the outages in a satisfactory and swift manner it will move to terminate the private concession. For its part, Enel said that 17 high voltage transmission lines were affected by the storm. It did not provide a time frame for reestablishing service.

New SL govt orders probe into many cases again

Colombo (PTI): Sri Lanka's new government has ordered the police to reinvestigate some highprofile cases, including the 2019 Easter Sunday terror attacks and the 2005 murder of a Tamil minority community journalist. The ruling National People's Power, which won the presidential election last month, pledged to reinvestigate past cases which had not been resolved. The Ministry of Public Security took action to identify any lapses in investigations. "The ministry has asked the acting police chief that these cases should be reinvestigated," Police spokesman Nihal Thalduwa said on Saturday. The cases to be reinvestigated include the alleged scam in the issue of Central Bank bonds in 2015 blamed on the then government of Ranil Wickremesinghe, the former president, and the 2019 Easter Sunday terror attacks that killed over 270 people, including 11 Indians. The catholic church has been demanding stringent action on what they alleged was a politically motivated cover-up by previous governments on the attacks. Among the other cases that are to be investigated are the 2005 murder of Tamil minority community journalist D Sivaram and the 2006 abduction and disappearance of a Tamil minority academic who headed the

Eastern University at the time.

Netanyahu plans to empty northern Gaza, of civilians, cut off aid to those left inside

There has been no decision by

the government to fully carry out the so-called "Generals'

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is examining a plan to seal off humanitarian aid to northern Gaza in an attempt to starve out Hamas militants, a plan that, if implemented, could trap without food or water hundreds of thousands of Palestinians unwilling or unable to leave their homes.

Israel has issued many evacuation orders for the north throughout the yearlong war, the most recent of which was Sunday. The plan proposed to Netanyahu and the Israeli parliament by a group of retired generals would escalate the pressure, giving Palestinians a week to leave the northern third of the Gaza Strip, including Gaza City, before declaring it a closed military zone. Those who remain would be

considered combatants meaning military regulations would allow troops to kill them and denied food, water, medicine and fuel, according to

a copy of the plan given to the Associated Press by its chief architect, who says the plan is the only way to break Hamas in the north and pressure it to release the remaining hostages. The plan calls for Israel to maintain control over the north for an indefinite period to attempt to create a new administration without Hamas, split-

ting the Gaza Strip in two.

Plan", and it is unclear how strongly it is being considered. One official with knowledge of the matter said parts of the plan are already being implemented, without specifying which parts. A second official, who is Israeli, said Netanyahu "had read and studied" the plan, "like many plans that have reached him through-out the war", but did not say whether any of it had been adopted. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan is not sup-posed to be discussed publicly. On Sunday, Israel launched an offensive against Hamas fighters in the Jabaliya refugee camp north of the city. No trucks of food, water or medicine have entered the north since September 30, according to the UN and the website of the Israeli military agency overseeing humanitarian aid crossings. The State Department spokesperson has said the United States is against any plan that would bring direct Israeli occupation in Gaza.

Human rights groups say the plan would likely starve civilians and that it flies in the face of international law, which prohibits using food as a

weapon and forcible transfers.

Accusations that Israel is inten-

tionally limiting food to Gaza

are central to the genocide

case brought against it at the International Court of Justice, charges Israel denies.

So far, very few Palestinians have heeded the latest evacuation order. Some are elderly, sick or afraid to leave their homes, but many fear there's nowhere safe to go and that they will never be allowed back. Israel has prevented those who fled earlier in the war from returning. "All Gazans are afraid of the

plan," said Jomana Elkhalili, a

26-year-old Palestinian aid

worker for Oxfam living in

Gaza City with her family. Still, they will not flee. They will not make the mistake again ... We know the place there is not safe," she said, referring to southern Gaza, where most of the population is huddled in dismal tent camps and airstrikes often hit shelters. 'That's why people in the north say it's better to die than to leave." The plan has emerged as Hamas has shown enduring strength, firing rockets into Tel Aviv and regrouping in areas after Israeli troops withdraw, bringing repeated offensives. After a year of devastating war with Hamas, Israel has far fewer ground troops in Gaza than it did a few months ago and in recent weeks has

turned its attention to

Hezbollah, launching an inva-

sion of southern Lebanon.

There is no sign of progress on

a cease-fire in either front.

Li Qiang to attend SCO meet in Pakistan | Macao elects first chief exec

hina on Sunday confirmed that Premier Li Qiang will travel to Islamabad to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting this week and also pay a bilateral visit to enhance cooperation between the two countries. The confirmation of Li's attendance at the SCO summit followed speculation about his participation in the wake of the killing of two Chinese workers in a suicide attack in Karachi and the ongoing agitation by the opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party for the release of its jailed leader and former premier Imran Khan

Premier Li will attend the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of Member States of the SCO in Islamabad and pay an official visit to Pakistan from October 14 to 17, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in a brief state-

Pakistan has deployed army troops in Islamabad to main-tain security for the high-level meeting to be attended among others by External Affairs Minister Ś Jaishankar.

The SCO member states included China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Belarus.

During his four-day trip from October 14-17, Premier Li would meet Pakistan's civil and military leadership and attend the SCO meeting, state-run the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported.

He will be accompanied by ministers and senior officials, including from the ministries of foreign affairs and commerce, the National Development and Reform Commission and the China International Development

Cooperation Agency.
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif
and his Chinese counterpart will lead their respective delegations to comprehensively discuss all aspects of Pakistan-China relations, including economic and trade ties and coop eration under the USD 60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The two sides will also discuss regional and global developments.

Premier Li will also call on President Asif Ali Zardari and hold meetings with parliamentary leaders.

His visit to Islamabad is an expression of the importance attached by Pakistan and China to their "All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership", APP

It will be an occasion for the two sides to reaffirm mutual support on issues of core interest, advance the high-quality

Ukraine's human rights envoy urges

The airport was stated to be the

biggest in Pakistan. It also

marks the establishment of

multimodal connectivity to the

port and free zone operated by

China Overseas Ports Holding

(COPH) Company, the Hong

Kong-based South China

Morning Post reported last

In 2013, Pakistan handed over

Ottawa (PTI): A prominent

Canadian MP of Indian origin

has voiced concern over

attacks on journalists who

Canadian MP concerned over

attacks on journos reporting

on Khalistani extremism

development of the CPEC and reinforce regular exchanges on important regional and global developments, the APP added. Prime Minister Sharif on Monday assured the Chinese of personally overseeing the investigation into the Karachi attack, for which the outlawed Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) has claimed responsibility.

Earlier reports from Pakistan the construction and operation said Li may inaugurate the of the Gwadar port in Chinese-built international airport at Gwadar in Balochistan. Balochistan, which connects with China's Xinjiang province. India has protested to China over the CPEC as it is being laid through the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). The CPEC project faced strong

resistance from the militant group the Baloch Liberation Army, which alleges exploita-tion of the rich natural resources of Balochistan by Pakistan and China.

On Friday, China said it dispatched an inter-agency working group to Pakistan to review the security of scores of Chinese personnel working on the CPEC projects. The working on the CPEC projects. The working group met intensively with heads of the Pakistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, and military, police and intelligence departments. China is in a quandary on how to deal with the recurring attacks by the BLA.

The attacks have been taking place despite Pakistan pressing thousands of security personnel to protect the Chinese per-

The working group asked the Pakistani side to properly handle ensuing matters, make every effort to save the injured, conduct thorough investigations, bring all the perpetrators to justice, and step up security measures to ensure the safe ty and security of Chinese personnel, institutions and projects in Pakistan," a Foreign Ministry statement here said

from Mainland China

 $M_{\text{Sam Hou Fai, was chosen}}^{\text{acao's former top judge,}}$ as the Chinese casino hub's next leader in a largely ceremonial election on Sunday, setting him up to become the city's first chief executive born in mainland China.

Almost the entire election committee stacked with Beijing loyalists — 394 of 398 — voted for Sam, the sole candidate, in a departure from the longstanding custom of having chief executives who were born in the former Portuguese colony, typically from influential business families. The remaining four were blank

The shift in the city's leadership to someone from the legal profession is likely to create expectations of a declining influence from business circles, which critics have often accused of colluding with officials, analysts say. They anticipate Beijing's policy agenda for the city will

take priority. Sam, 62, is widely seen to have Beijing's blessings. During the nomination period, he had already secured endorsements from 386 election committee members who voted in batches in a conference hall on Sunday.

Influential figures among the 400-strong committee were Shun Tak Holdings' group executive chairperson Pansy Ho, daughter of late casino tycoon Stanley Ho, lawmaker Angela Leong, one of Ho's widows, and former chief executives Edmund Ho and Fernando Chui.

Sam is expected to meet reporters later Sunday. Most of the territory's 687,000 residents lack voting rights, leading to mixed sentiments about the election. Some hope Sam will heed public opinion and avoid prioritizing business interests, while others feel disconnected from an election process they can't participate in. Still, political observers said many residents are comfortable with Sam's non-local origin in a city that has been home to migrants for decades.

With Sam's victory guaranteed, the real challenges await in the governance hurdles that





The sole candidate for the Macao chief executive post, Sam Hou Fai, the city's former top judge, speaks after declaring his victory in the chief executive election in

Macao is the only place in China where casino gambling is legal. Beijing has called for the city to diversify its gambling-reliant economy.

Sam has promised to accelerate the current government's plan to boost tourism and other sectors such as traditional Chinese medicine, finance, exhibitions and commerce. However, the city will still need to rely on the gambling industry for government revenues to support the city's welfare and accomplish other goals laid out by Beijing, analysts say. China wants Macao to develop into a world-class tourism and leisure center and play a bigger role as a bridge for trade between China Portuguese-speaking countries. Small local businesses have been hurt by residents who spend money in the neighboring mainland city of Zhuhai, which offers a wider selection of items with good value for money. Chinese tourists are also now spending less than

leadership experience, can form a capable cabinet to tackle these pressing issues. Sam was born in neighboring Guangdong province in 1962.

Sam, with a lack of government

He graduated from the prestigious law school of Peking University in Beijing. He also studied the Portuguese language, culture and law at the University of Coimbra in Portugal and once practiced Portugal, and once practiced law in mainland China. When Macao returned to Chinese rule in 1999, Sam was appointed the city's top

judge, a role in which he served for nearly 25 years before resigning in August to participate in the election. He handled some politically sensitive cases, including rejecting an appeal of a police ban on a vigil commemorating China's bloody 1989 military crackdown on the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests. His court also upheld a decision to bar pro-democ-

figures

running in the 2021 legislative

response to alleged killings of POWs Ukraine's Prosecutor General's Ukrainian President Volodymyr Office of Ukraine said Russian Ukraine's human rights ombudsman urged internatroops had killed 16 captured Ukrainian soldiers in the partially occupied Donetsk region. tional organisations Sunday to There was no immediate respond to a claim that several Ukrainian prisoners of war were response from Russian officials. executed in Russia's Kursk region, Meanwhile, the Ukrainian air where Kyiv had launched an force said Sunday that its air defences had shot down 31 of 68

incursion in August. DeepState, a Ukrainian battlefield analysis site close to Ukraine's Defence Ministry, said Russian troops shot and killed nine Ukrainian "drone operators and contractors" on Oct 10 after they had surrendered. Dmytro Lubinets said on Telegram that he sent letters to the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross regarding the claim, calling it "another crime committed by the Russians". Earlier this month,

drones launched at Ukraine by Russia overnight into Sunday in the regions of Kyiv, Poltava, Chernihiv, Sumy and Cherkasy. A further 36 drones were "lost" over various areas, it said, likely having been electronically jammed. The air force added that ballistic missiles struck Odesa and Poltava while Chernihiv and Sumy came under attack by a guided air missile. Local authorities didn't report any casualties or damage

Zelenskyy said Sunday that Russia had launched around 900 guided aerial bombs, more than 40 missiles and 400 drones against Ukraine over the past week. Zelenskyy appealed on social platform X to Ukraine's to hit targets on Russian soil.

report on Khalistani extremism in Canada and asked the allies to "provide the necessary quantity and quality of air defense systems" and "make authorities to deal with the situation with an iron hand "before it is too late". 'I am very concerned by decisions for our sufficient range". Kyiv is still awaiting word from its Western partners on its repeated requests to use the long-range weapons they provide In Russia, the Defence Ministry said 13 Ukrainian drones were

attacks on journalists who report on Khalistani extremism in Canada," Chandra Arya, a Member of Parliament from Nepean in the House of Commons, said while addressing the parliament on Friday. Citing attacks on Rishi Nagar of Red FM Calgary a shot down over three regions of Russia: six each in the Belgorod and Kursk regions, and one in few days, he said that there are the Bryansk region, all of which many more attacks in Greater border Ukraine. Toronto Area and across

Canada by Khalistani extremists. "I call on law enforcement agencies to take notice of Khalistani extremism with all seriousness it deserves. It has to be dealt with an iron hand before it is too late," he said. He recalled that in March 2023, Sameer Kaushal of Radio AM600 was assaulted for covering a Khalistan protest. In February 2022, Brampton radio host Deepak Puni was attacked in his studio for criticising Khalistanrelated violence, he added. He said that anti-terrorism investigative journalist Mocha Bezirgan has received death threats for his fearless reporting on Khalistani

in terms of tax deductions and other incentives. Meanwhile, we can learn from India. We can be a good transponder between Indian production lines to Europe," he said.

tion and tourism sectors in

Albania provide opportunities the right people to come whenfor greater collaboration ever they want to be in between the two nations.

It remains to be seen whether

have a look and to have Albania in its mind, to have Albania in its maps, and to see that maybe a small country like Albania can offer something," he said. He said Albania can be the gateway to Europe for Indian husinesses

"Indian companies can have a base here in Europe and the Balkans," he said, adding that Albania is a very good crosspoint or corridor for India for the passage of goods to Europe. The minister said the first step in bilateral cooperation is that the people of the two countries should start working together. Albania will ease its visa regime and will make it dynamic, he

said. "We need to make it easier for

'Albania can be trustworthy strategic partner for India'

in the Balkan region in Europe, a senior Albanian minister here said, highlighting the need for "wise" friendships and alliances in the current global political landscape.

We are playing a great role in stability in the region...," said Blendi Gonxhja, Albania's Minister of Economy, Culture and Innovation.

He said the Indian government should think more about Albania geo-politically and diplomatically. He highlighted his country's efforts towards European accession.

"We have done a lot of our homework to be a proud partner of any country. Now, it depends on the Indian govern-ment. When they seek good

We are the people that India lbania can be a trustworthy can trust," Gonxhja told PTI in

> "We never betray our friends and partners. The Indian government would be interested in having a strategic partnership in the (Balkan) region, maybe with a small country (like us), but in a very strategic position in Europe," Gonxhja said.

Noting developments across the globe, he said, "It's the time of wise friendships and alliances. So, I believe Albania and India will soon have very strong ties," he said.

He said there is enormous potential for increased collaboration between India and Albania in fields like business, culture and tourism.

"We have enormous opportunities here for businesses that would have the best incentives



Blendi Gonxhja

He said booming construc-

Albania," he said. a potential destination for Indian tourists and filmmakers

suggesting it as an alternative to Switzerland due to its similar terrain and year-round appeal. "We are looking to attract investments related to nature, tourism, and adventure experiences in Albania. The country has the potential to attract millions of tourists despite having a relatively small population," he said. He said Albania is seeking

investors who respect our culture and values.

We also hope to facilitate high-level visits and business interactions between India and Albania to strengthen ties and explore mutual opportunities," Gonxhja said.

Bangladesh President urges unity, advocates religious values for nation's progress

Dhaka (PTI): President The president said there is no Mohammed Shahabuddin on Sunday urged people of all religions to work together to take Bangladesh forward as the Hindu festival of Durga Puja concluded peacefully with the immersion of Goddess Durga's idols in water bodies across the country.

Emphasising the need for a collective effort to take the country forward, the president said religious values should be used for the welfare of the nation. During an event at the Bangabhaban to mark Durga

Puja celebrations, Shahabuddin urged all citizens, irrespective of caste or religion, to unite and work together towards building a developed and prosperous nation, The Daily Star newspaper reported

"We are all Bangladeshis, connected with each other. There is no place for majority or minority distinctions in our country," he said, exchanging greetings with the members of the Hindu community.

alternative to absolute toler ance, mutual trust and cooperation to make Bangladesh a developed, prosperous and non-discriminatory country in changing circumstances, the state-run BSS news agency reported. 'Bengali traditions and culture

Women hold photographs of Aysenur Halil and Ikbal Uzuner during a protest against violence against women in Istanbul.

Turkey, Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024. Halil and Uzuner were killed by Halil's ex boyfriend Semih Celik on October 4, in Istanbul

Boards read in Turkish: "A woman's resistance is a woman's legacy", "There is no suspicious female death, there is hidden

are mixed with Durga Puja, which is not only a religious festival but also a social festival. The collective participation of all has made this festival universal," he said.

Meanwhile, Durga Puja concluded peacefully on Sunday with the immersion of Goddess Durga's idols in water bodies across the country. In Dhaka, thousands of devotees gathered along the banks of the Buriganga river where idols from temples and neighbourhoods were transported on brightly decorated trucks for immersion. Police had planned extensive security measures for the procession and idol

Engineering feat: Mechanical SpaceX arms catch Starship rocket booster at landing pad sink to the bottom. The entire

AP BOCA CHICA

SpaceX launched its enormous Starship rocket on Sunday on its boldest test flight yet, catching the returning booster back at the pad with mechanical arms.

Towering almost 400 feet (121 metres), the empty Starship blasted off at sunrise from the southern tip of Texas near the Mexican border. It arced over the Gulf of Mexico like the four Starships before it that ended up being destroyed, either soon after liftoff or while ditching into the sea. The last one in June was the most successful yet, completing its flight without exploding.

This time, SpaceX founder and CEO Elon Musk upped the challenge and risk. The company brought the first-stage booster back to land at the pad from which it had soared seven minutes earlier. The launch tower sported monstrous metal arms, dubbed chopsticks, that caught the descending 232-foot (71-metre) booster. "The tower



said via X. Company employees screamed in joy as the booster slowly lowered itself into the launch tower's arms. Even in this day and age, what we just saw is magic, SpaceX's Dan Huot observed from near the launch site. "I am

shaking right now. "Folks, this is a day for the engineering history books," added SpaceX's Kate Tice from SpaceX headquarters in Hawthorne, California.

It was up to the flight director

manual control, whether to attempt the landing. SpaceX said both the booster and launch tower had to be in good, stable condition. Otherwise, it was going to end up in the gulf like the previous ones. Everything was judged to be ready for the catch.

The retro-looking stainless steel spacecraft on top continued around the world once free of the booster, targeting a controlled splashdown in the Indian Ocean, where it would

flight was expected to last just over an hour.

The June flight came up short at the end after pieces came off. SpaceX upgraded the software and reworked the heat shield, improving the thermal tiles. SpaceX has been recovering the first-stage boosters of its smaller Falcon 9 rockets for nine years, after delivering satellites and crews to orbit from Florida or California. But they land on floating ocean platforms or on concrete slabs several miles from their launch pads — not on them.

eventually Mars.

Recycling Falcon boosters has Commander sped up the launch rate and saved SpaceX millions. Musk intends to do the same for Starship, the biggest and most powerful rocket ever built with 33 methane-fuel engines on the booster alone. NASA has ordered two Starships to land in another part of town when the gunfire happened. astronauts on the moon later this decade. SpaceX intends to use Starship to send people and supplies to the moon and,

1 dead, 9 hurt in gunfire at Tennessee university

Nashville (AP): Gunfire broke out among a crowd near a Tennessee university on Saturday afternoon, killing a 24-year-old man and wounding nine people, police said. A crowd that gathered earlier in the day for homecoming events at Tennessee State University was beginning to thin out when the gunfire erupted between two groups around 5 pm, said Metro Nashville Police spokesperson Don Aaron. Shell casings indicate that gunfire was exchanged across a street near campus between the

groups, he said. Metro Nashville Police Anthony McClain said the gunfire didn't appear to be directly related to Tennessee State University events that had included a parade and other festivities earlier in the day. The football game was taking place

"It's unfortunate that a few folks ruined it for everybody," McClain said. "We have to come to a point to stop this violence." A police statement on social media said a 24-year-old man died. The victims included two 12-year-olds and a 14vear-old with non-critical injuries, Aaron said.

Police spokesperson Brooke Reese said that at least some of the wounded appear to have been involved in the exchange of gunfire. Police and firefighters who had been present for the day's activities were able to quickly respond to the shooting, authorities said.

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Government imposes import restrictions on pocket lighters

The government on Sunday imposed import curbs on parts of pocket lighters with immediate effect, a move which would help encourage domestic manufacturing and cut dependence on their dependence on their inbound shipments from

"Import of parts of pocket lighters, gas fuelled, non-refillable or refillable lighters (cigarette lighters)... Is restricted with immediate the directorate general of foreign trade (DGFT) said in a notification.

Imports of cigarette lighters, priced less than Rs 20, are already prohibited. The import ban is also there on pocket lighters, gas-fuelled, non-refillable or refillable.

Last year, the government issued mandatory quality standard norms for lighters flame-producing with a view to contain import of sub-standard goods and domestic

manufacturing. Items under the quality control orders (QCO), produced, sold/traded, imported and stocked unless they bear the



BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards) mark.

During April-July this fiscal, import of lighter parts stood at USD 3.8 million. It was USD 4.86 million in 2023-24. The parts are mainly imported from China. Other sources of lighter imports include

Turkey and the UAE. In September 2022, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin had urged the Centre to ban single use plastic cigarette lighters to help the domestic matchbox industry.

These plastic cigarette lighters, which are legally and illegally imported from countries like China, are available for Rs 10 and can substitute 20 matchboxes. Further, these non-refillable lighters result in immense plastic waste, damaging the environment and also impacting health, he had

matchbox manufacturing industry is a major source of employment in the southern part of Tamil

ndia has been taking a series of measures to cut imports from China, which is India's second largest trading partner after the US. The country's merchandise imports from China has increased to USD 101.73 billion in 2023-24 from USD 98.5 billion in 2022-23. Exports to the neighbouring country, though, have increased at a slower pace and aggregated at USD 16.65 billion in the previous fiscal as against USD 15.3 billion in

Average air fares drop 20-25 per cent around Diwali

Air passengers might have a reason to smile this Diwali season as average airfares on many domestic routes have dropped 20-25 per cent compared to the year-ago period, according to an analysis.

Increased capacity and the recent fall in oil prices are considered to be among the factors for the fall in air ticket

The analysis by travel portal ixigo showed that average airfare on the domestic routes has declined in the range of 20-25 per cent.

The prices are for one-way average fare on a 30 days APD (advanced purchase date)

For 2023, the time period considered is November 10-16 while it is October 28-November 3 for this year. This is the time around Diwali.

The maximum decline of average airfare is 38 per cent for a Bengaluru-Kolkata flight to Rs 6,319 this year from Rs 10,195 last year, as per the

The ticket price on Chennai-Kolkata route has fallen 36 per cent to Rs 5,604 from Rs

The average airfare for Mumbai-Delhi flight has

from Rs 8,788. Similarly, there is a 34 per cent decrease in ticket prices on Delhi-Udaipur route to Rs 7,469 from Rs 11,296.

The decline is 32 per cent on Delhi-Kolkata, Hyderabad-Delhi, and Delhi-Srinagar

"Last year, airfares around Diwali had surged due to limited capacity, primarily driven by the suspension of Go First airline. However, this dropped 34 per cent to Rs year we've seen some relief as

additional capacity has been added since then, leading to a 20-25 per cent YoY (year-ontrajectory geopolitical tensions. year) dip in average airfares across key routes for the last week of October," ixigo Group CEO Aloke Bajpai told

According to him, the decline in oil prices, down 15 per cent this year, may have also contributed to this downward trend, offering travellers more affordable options during the festive season.

Currently, oil prices are slightly on the upward amid

Meanwhile, there has been a hike in airfares of up to 34 per cent on certain routes.

While the ticket price has jumped 34 per cent on Ahmedabad-Delhi route to Rs 8,758 from Rs 6,533, the rise is 33 per cent on Mumbai-Dehradun route to Rs 15,527 from Rs 11,710, the analysis showed.

ONGC explores mini-LNG plants for efficient gas transportation

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 $S_{\hbox{\scriptsize Natural Gas Corporation}}^{\hbox{\scriptsize tate-owned}} \stackrel{\hbox{\scriptsize Oil}}{\hbox{\scriptsize and}} \ \,$ (ONGC) is looking to set up mini-LNG plants to evacuate natural gas from wells located in areas that are not connected with pipelines.

The firm has identified five sites in Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and Gujarat for setting up mini plants at wellhead that will convert the gas pumped out from under the ground into liquefied natural gas (LNG) by supercooling it to minus 160 degrees celsius.

This LNG will be loaded on cryogenic trucks and transported to the nearest pipeline where it will be reconverted into its gaseous state and pumped into the like power plants, fertilizer units or city gas retailers. ONGC has floated a tender

manufacturers/service providers to tap stranded natural gas, according to the tender.

The locations identified for setting up mini-LNG plants in the tender are two sites at Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh and one each at Ankleshwar in Gujarat, Bokaro in Jharkhand and Cambay in Gujarat.

ONGC in the tender document said while the country has an extensive network of pipelines that connect supply and demand centres, there remains a substantial volume of stranded gas (non-connected) that is required to be tapped for enhancing



meeting the needs of nearby demand centres.

range from 5,000 to 50,000 standard cubic meters per day that can be produced for up to 5 years.

distribution grids or supply directly to bulk consumers." India produces over 90 million standard cubic meters per day of natural gas that is used to generate electricity, produce fertilisers or turned into CNG to run automobiles and piped into household kitchens for cooking purposes. But domestic production meets roughly half of the demand. ONGC is India's largest crude oil and natural gas producer and has been investing

billions of dollars to boost

domestic

The stranded volumes, it said, The tender called for bids

from manufacturers and service providers to "set up a BOO (build, own and operate) basis to produce LNG, transport the produced LNG by cascades / tankers to consumption sites located within a distance of around 250 kilometers, depressurize / re-gasify the LNG and then inject the gas into existing gas

supplies and production to cut India's reliance on imports.

Prior to floating of this tender, it had entered into a partnership with nation's largest fuel retailer Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) to set up a small-scale LNG plant near its Hatta gas field in Vindhyan basin in Madhya Pradesh.

> in Batiyagarh tehsil of Damoh district in Madhya Pradesh, approximately 45 km from Damoh town.

The initial LNG plant capacity is planned for 32 to 35 tonnes, with 45,000 standard cubic meters per day of gas coming from the Hatta field.

As per that agreement, IOC, which is conducting a detailed feasibility study of the project, will bear the cost of the small-scale LNG plant. ONGC will sell gas to IOC. The LNG plant will be operated and managed by IOC and it will further sell

the gas to consumers.
Earlier in March this year, state-owned gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd had announced setting up a small-scale LNG plant at its Vijaipur LPG unit in Madhya Pradesh.

SBI to raise threshold limit for MSME instant loan scheme PTI ■ NEW DELHI

To ensure easy and credit availability to the MSME sector, the State Bank of India (SBI) is planning to enhance the threshold under the instant loan scheme from the existing Rs 5 crore. 'MSME Sahaj - End to End

Digital Invoice Financing', provides solutions ranging from applying for the loan, documentation disbursement sanctioned loan within 15 minutes, without any manual

intervention. "We have, last year, introduced a business rule engine based, data based assessment of the credit limits up to Rs 5 core. Anybody walking into our MSME

branch has to give only their

PAN and approval for sourcing GST data, we can give approval in 15-45 minutes," SBI Chairman C S Setty told PTI in an interview. Simplification of the MSME credit is something that the bank is emphasising on and making lending cash flow based backed by the CGTMSE guarantee, he said.

This reduces the need for collateral, which would enable a lot of people to come into the formal MSME borrowing system, he said. "We still have a large number MSME customers

accessing the informal credit. We would like to bring them to the banking fold," he said. As far as network expansion is concerned, Setty said SBI is planning to open 600 branches across the country in the current financial year.



SBI has a network of 22,542 branches across the country as of March 2024.

"We have strong branch expansion plans... This would be mainly focused on

emerging areas. A lot of residential colonies are not covered by us. Around 600 branches is something we are planning in the current year,'

Apart from a vast branch network, SBI reaches its customers through 65,000 ATMs and 85,000 business correspondents. "We serve about 50 crore

customers and we take pride in saying that we are the banker to every Indian, and, more importantly, to every Indian family," he said.

He also said it will be his endeavour to transform SBI into the best and the most valued bank not only from a shareholder point of view but for every stakeholder who deals with the lender.

"It could be my customers, it could be our shareholders, it could be the larger ecosystem - the society, the institutional framework -stakeholders should be saying that this is the best bank to deal with," he added.

Will explore electric vehicle export opportunities: Hyundai

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

IPO-bound Hyundai Motor India Ltd will explore opportunities for exporting its upcoming electric vehicles from the country to other similar markets to enhance its position as a production hub emerging markets, according to company official. a senior

The company is lining up four electric vehicles to be launched in future, including the electric version of its popular SUV Creta by Q4 FY25, in the mass and 'mass premium' segments.

"We are a very strong production hub for emerging markets. We are exporting to 80 plus countries. As far as



course, depend on the demand but we are always open to look at any product, on whether the company will which we introduce in India, export its EVs planned to be for exporting it to the other market as well," Hyundai

EVs are concerned, it will, of Motor India Ltd (HMIL) COO Tarun Garg told PTI. He was responding to a quer launched in India in the

"In terms of EV (exports) it will depend on the infrastructure. It will depend on the demand. But yes, going forward, we will see what are the opportunities which are being presented," Garg said. The four EVs, including Creta EV, will be in both "mass as well as in the mass premium segments", which will be made in India, he added.

"These products are primarily for the Indian market ...The strategy has always been to make products central to the Indian markets to get good economies of scale as well," he said, adding like the company has done in the past, it would look to tap emerging markets that have similar customer preferences like India.

"Normally, all the products which we produce in India are very suitable for emerging markets like Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, Central America, Asia. So, it becomes a very natural fit for us (to look at exporting the EVs from India)," Garg said. He said bringing the Creta EV would be the right entry into the volume segment.

HMIL is not simply launching the EVs but is also developing the entire ecosystem, he said. We are trying to really localise, starting with battery packs. Going forward, we are looking at cell manufacturing with the local Indian partner in terms of LFP cells, and drivetrain power electronics as well," Garg said.

INBRIEF

THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE LAW FESTIVAL-2024

The Maharishi Mahesh Yogi National Law Festival-2024 has come to a close with its Grand Closing Ceremony at Maharishi University of Information Technology, Noida took place recently



ZONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL CONCLUDED



AMRITSAR: Zonal Youth Festival of Education Colleges of the Guru Nanak Dev University was concluded in Khalsa College of Education, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar bagged the position of Overall Champion

AICTE CHAIRMAN ADDRESSES SRMIST CONVOCATION



Kattankulathur: "Skills and knowledge are essential for sustaining a career in today's rapidly changing job market," said Dr. T. G. Sitharam, Chairman of the All India Council for Technical Education, during the 20th Convocation of SRM Institute of Science and Technology in Kattankulathur. A total of 8,438 students from the Faculty of Engineering and Technology received their degrees.

Tara Sutaria shines with her debut performance at Suroskie's sufi night

PNSNEWDELHI

 $S_{\rm glamorous}^{\rm uroskie} \stackrel{hosted}{{\rm Sufi~Night~in}} {\rm a}$ the heart of the capital, with actress Tara Sutaria making her debut appearance as the brand ambassador for the company's hair care range. The event, which showcased Suroskie's products, attracted a mix of celebrities and influencers.

The event also marked an opportunity for Suroskie to highlight its commitment to ethically crafted, cruelty-free, and chemical-free hair care solutions.

Guests were invited to

experience the brand's offerings firsthand,

cater to modern consumer needs while upholding sustainable practices. Deepali Bansal, Founder of

Suroskie, added, "Our commitment to offering cruelty-free and clean luxury products is central to our brand's philosophy. It was a privilege to have

Tara share her haircare tips with our guests, and we look forward to organizing more such exquisite events. "The Sufi Night marks a significant milestone for

Suroskie, as Tara Sutaria's association with the brand reinforces its vision to deliver high-quality, ecofriendly hair care solutions that resonate with today's underscoring its mission to conscientious consumers.

CIL's contribution to government exchequer drops marginally PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $S_{ ext{Ltd's contribution to the}}^{ ext{tate-owned Coal India}}$ government exchequer dropped marginally by 0.6 per cent to Rs 28,930.27 crore in the first half of the ongoing fiscal over the year-

ago period. Coal India Ltd (CIL), which accounts for over 80 per cent of the domestic coal output, paid Rs 29,122.13 crore to the government exchequer in April-September period of FY24, according to provisional figures of the coal ministry.

Total levies paid to the government in September also dropped by 11.1 per cent to Rs 4,335.24 crore from Rs 4,878.84 crore paid in the corresponding month of FY24.

Of the total Rs 28,930.27 crore paid to the government exchequer in April-September FY25, maximum amount of Rs 6,452.30 crore



went to the Jharkhand government, followed by Rs Pradesh, and Rs 2,782.25 6,383.14 crore to the Odisha government, Rs 5,432.02 crore to Chhattisgarh, Rs The coal-producing states

5,177.41 crore to Madhya

earned the revenue from royalty, District Mineral Foundation (DMF) and National Exploration Trust (NMET), among others. The government had earlier

said that coal-producing states earned a revenue of Rs 1.52 lakh crore in the last nine years from royalty, DMF and NMET. The coal mining sector has

proved to be a big booster for the economic growth of the states that produce the fossil

The PSU's coal output in April-September period of the current fiscal year increased 2.5 per cent to 341.5 MT, over 332.9 MT in the year-ago period. Coal India's production rose

10 per cent to 773.6 million tonne in 2023-24 but fell short of its production target of 780 MT for the fiscal year. The company's output was 703.2 MT in the preceding 2022-23 fiscal year.

SIGNIFICANCE OF GETTING

Getting enough sleep is necessary for good mental and physical health says **DR CHIRAG GUPTA**

n today's hectic environment, sleep is frequently taken for granted. People regularly give up sleep due to the continual pressures of job, social commitments, technology, and the desire to remain productive. But getting enough sleep is more than just a luxury—it's necessary for good mental and physical health as well as general well-being.

The body and brain may heal, renew, and reenergise themselves through sleep, which is a natural restorative process. Every night, the body goes through several cycles of sleep, with light, deep, and REM (rapid eye movement) sleep being the stages of each cycle.

The circadian rhythm, the body's internal clock, regulates sleep and is impacted by temperature and light. The body receives the necessary rest thanks to this clock, which indicates when it is time to sleep and wake up. Poor sleep quality and health problems can result from circadian rhythm disruptions, which include inconsistent sleep schedules and exposure to artificial light at night. The ideal quantity of sleep differs depending on one's age, demands, and lifestyle. The National Sleep Foundation recommends that individuals get between seven and nine hours of sleep every night. Due to their unique developmental demands, teenagers and older adults may need significantly less sleep than

infants or older people, but getting good sleep is crucial for everyone. Finding a sleep balance that suits your body is crucial since getting too little or too much sleep can both be

Getting less sleep than your body requires on a regular basis is known as chronic sleep deprivation, and it can have both short- and long-term consequences for your health and wellbeing.

harmful to your health.

Sleep deprivation significantly affects cognitive performance. Lack of sleep impairs concentration, decisionmaking, problem-solving, and creativity. It also diminishes alertness and reaction time, increasing the risk of accidents and errors.

Sleep is essential for memory consolidation. Without enough sleep, it becomes difficult to retain new information and recall it when needed. Poor sleep can make people more emotionally reactive and less capable of handling stress. Over time, chronic sleep deprivation can contribute to mood disorders such as anxiety and depression.

Sleep plays a vital role in maintaining the immune system. When you don't get enough rest, your body becomes more vulnerable to infections and illnesses. Studies have shown that individuals who don't get adequate sleep are more likely to catch colds and recover more slowly.

Long-term sleep deprivation is linked to serious health conditions



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such as heart disease,

diabetes, high blood pressure, and stroke. Insufficient sleep can also lead to weight gain due to the disruption of hunger-regulating hormones.

Athletes and physically active individuals need adequate sleep for muscle recovery, energy restoration, and coordination. Lack of sleep diminishes endurance, strength, and reaction time, directly affecting physical performance.

People who sleep too much may be at a higher risk of obesity and heart disease, similar to those who sleep too little. Long sleep durations can result in physical inactivity, contributing to these issues.

Paradoxically, sleeping too much can leave you feeling groggy and less energized. This phenomenon, known as sleep inertia, can make it difficult to wake up and start your

Tips for achieving better sleep: Go to bed and wake up at the same time every day, even on weekends. Consistency reinforces your body's circadian rhythm, making it easier to fall asleep and wake up naturally. Engage in calming activities before bed, such as reading, meditating, or taking a warm bath. Avoid activities

watching electronic devices, as the blue light emitted by screens can interfere with sleep.

cool. A comfortable mattress and can promote better sleep, but avoid may energise you and make falling balance is key to living a productive and healthy life. Whether it's ensuring you get enough sleep or avoiding understanding your body's needs is enhance your mental, physical, and emotional well-being, ensuring longterm vitality and success.

Neurology in Fortis Hospital, Greater

Ensure your bedroom is conducive to sleep by keeping it dark, quiet, and pillows also play a critical role in improving sleep quality. Avoid caffeine, nicotine, and large meals close to bedtime. Physical activity exercising too close to bedtime, as it asleep harder. High stress levels can negatively affect sleep. Practice stress-relieving techniques, such as mindfulness, deep breathing, or yoga, to help calm your mind before bed. Sleep is an integral component of health, and achieving the right oversleeping, crucial. By prioritising quality sleep and adopting healthy habits, you can

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EXPLORING THE BENEFITS OF REGENERATIVE MEDICINE: HEALING FROM WITHIN

BY RISHI TANDULWADKAR

the ever-evolving landscape of healthcare, Lregenerative medicine stands as a beacon of hope and innovation. Unlike traditional treatments that focus on symptom management, regenerative medicine targets the root cause, restoring function by leveraging the body's innate ability to repair itself. This revolutionary approach not only enhances recovery but also improves overall wellbeing and quality of life.

THE SCIENCE BEHIND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

Regenerative medicine encompasses a range of therapies designed to restore and reestablish normal function in diseased or injured tissues. This field integrates multiple disciplines, including biology, chemistry, engineering, and medicine, to develop innovative treatments. The core concept is to harness the body's natural healing processes and amplify them to treat various conditions. Key components of regenerative

medicine include: Stem Cell Therapy: Stem cell therapy involves using undifferentiated cells that have the potential to develop into specialised cell types to repair and regenerate damaged tissues. These cells can be derived from various sources, such as bone marrow, adipose (fat) tissue, or even laboratory-cultured induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs). The therapy has shown promise in treating conditions like joint ensure the consistency and injuries, heart disease, safety of regenerative

diabetes. Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) Therapy: PRP therapy concentrating involves platelets from the patient's blood and injecting them into injured areas. Platelets contain growth factors that promote healing and tissue regeneration. This therapy is commonly used orthopedics, sports medicine, and dermatology to accelerate recovery and reduce inflammation.

Tissue Engineering: Tissue engineering combines scaffolds (natural or synthetic structures) with cells to create biological substitutes that restore, maintain, or improve tissue function. This technique is used for applications such as skin grafts for burns and other complex reconstructive procedures. Gene Therapy: By altering or correcting defective genes within an individual's cells, gene therapy treats genetic disorders at their source. This approach has shown promise in treating conditions like certain

POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS

The potential applications of regenerative medicine are vast, spanning multiple medical fields:

cancers, cystic fibrosis, and muscular dystrophy.

Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine: Regenerative therapies like stem cell therapy and PRP are used to treat injuries degenerative conditions such as osteoarthritis. These therapies accelerate healing and reduce inflammation in tendons, ligaments, and joints.

Cardiology: Stem cell therapy has the potential to regenerate heart tissue

damaged by heart attacks, improving heart function and potentially reducing the need for invasive interventions like heart

transplants. **Neurology:** Regenerative medicine offers hope for treating neurological conditions, Parkinson's disease, stroke, and spinal cord injuries. Stem cells have the potential to replace damaged neural tissues, leading improvements in mobility and function.

•Wound Healing and Dermatology: Tissue-engineered skin grafts and PRP therapy are being used to enhance wound healing, particularly in chronic wounds, burns, and certain skin conditions.

Ophthalmology: Regenerative approaches are being explored to treat eye conditions like macular degeneration and corneal injuries, with the potential to restore vision.

•Diabetes (Type 2): Research is underway to regenerate insulinproducing beta cells in the pancreas using stem cell therapy, offering a potential therapeutic solution for managing diabetes.

THE FUTURE OF REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

Regenerative medicine is a rapidly growing field, with ongoing research and clinical trials focused on refining and expanding applications. Key areas of focus include:

Improving Efficacy and Safety: Refining protocols to neurological disorders, and therapies while minimising risks.

Expanding Sources of Investigating Cells: alternative sources for therapeutic cells, including induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) derived from adult cells, which can be reprogrammed to an embryonic-like state. Other sources, such as umbilical cord blood and donorderived stem cells, are also being explored for their

regenerative potential. •Integrating Technology: Leveraging advancements in biotechnology, such as CRISPR for gene editing and 3D bioprinting for tissue engineering, to develop more sophisticated and effective treatments.

Personalised Medicine:

therapies to individual

regenerative

Tailoring

patients, ensuring more precise and effective outcomes based on unique genetic and health profiles. Regenerative medicine represents a paradigm shift in how we approach health and wellness. By harnessing the body's natural healing capabilities, it is possible to address the root causes of various conditions and promote long-term wellbeing. With its immense potential, regenerative medicine is poised to redefine the future of healthcare, providing solutions that not only alleviate symptoms but cure diseases and repair injuries fundamentally. As research progresses and these therapies become more accessible, we can look forward to a future where the remarkable capabilities of regenerative medicine lead

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the way to healthier lives.

"The Vital Relationship Between Nutrition and Mental Health"

BY **DR WAJIHA MEHTAB**

n recent years, the focus on mental health has **⊥**grown significantly, and for good reason. Mental well-being is vital to living a balanced, fulfilling life. But while therapy and medication are common approaches to treating mental health disorders, one often overlooked factor is nutrition. The food we eat plays a key role in influencing mood, cognitive function, and overall mental well-being.

HOW NUTRITION AFFECTS THE BRAIN

The brain is one of the most metabolically active organs in the body, requiring a constant supply of energy and nutrients to function properly. Nutrients like omega-3 fatty acids, B vitamins, and antioxidants are essential for brain health. These nutrients support neurotransmitter function, protect the brain from oxidative stress, and help regulate mood and cognition. For example, omega-3 fatty acids, found in fish like salmon and walnuts, are critical for maintaining the structural integrity of brain cells. Studies have shown that diets high in omega-3s are associated with lower levels of depression and improved cognitive function. B vitamins, especially B6, B12, and folate, help in the production of neurotransmitters such as serotonin and dopamine, which regulate mood and behavior. A deficiency in

of these essential nutrients.

THE ROLE OF GUT HEALTH

Recent research has highlighted the importance of the gut-brain connection, often referred to as the "gut-brain axis." The gut, often called the "second brain," houses trillions of bacteria that play a significant role in producing neurotransmitters and regulating mood. These bacteria, also known as the gut microbiome, are directly influenced by the food we eat. A diet high in fiber, probiotics, and

prebiotics promotes the growth of healthy gut bacteria, which can positively influence mental health. Fermented foods like yogurt, kefir, and sauerkraut are rich in probiotics, while fiberfoods like fruits, vegetables, and whole grains support a healthy gut environment.

On the other hand, a diet these vitamins can lead to high in processed foods, irritability, fatigue, and feelings of sugar, and unhealthy fats can disrupt the depression. Foods like leafy greens, beans, and eggs are excellent sources balance of gut 🦝 bacteria, contributing

impacting mental health. In fact, research has shown a link between cognitive decline.

SUGAR AND MENTAL HEALTH

One of the most common dietary pitfalls for mental health is the overconsumption of sugar. While sugary foods may provide a quick boost of energy, they are often followed by a crash that can leave individuals feeling fatigued and irritable. These rapid fluctuations in blood sugar can contribute to mood swings and worsen symptoms of anxiety and

depression. Moreover, diets high in added sugars have been linked to inflammation, which is increasingly being recognised as a contributor to mental health disorders. Chronic inflammation in the body can affect brain function and increase the risk of developing depression and other mental health conditions.

THE IMPACT OF NUTRITIONAL DEFICIENCIES ON MENTAL HEALTH

Deficiencies in key nutrients can significantly affect mental wellbeing. Low levels of vitamin D, for instance, have been linked to depression and seasonal affective commonly referred to as the "sunshine vitamin," plays an important role in regulating mood. Spending time in the sun and yolks, and fortified dairy products can help maintain adequate vitamin D levels.

> Iron deficiency, often associated feelings of fatigue, difficulty depression. Foods like organ meats, nuts, oilseeds, leafy healthy, and happy lives.

inflammation and negatively vegetables, oatmeal, and legumes are excellent sources of Magnesium, another critical poor gut health and conditions like nutrient, is involved in stress anxiety, depression, and even regulation and mood stabilisation. Low magnesium levels have been linked to anxiety and depression. Nuts, seeds, and dark leafy greens are rich in this mineral.

FOODS THAT BOOST MENTAL HEALTH

There are several foods known to support brain health and enhance mood. Some of these include:

• Fatty fish: Rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which support cognitive function and mood regulation. Dark chocolate: Contains

antioxidants and compounds that stimulate the release of serotonin, improving mood. Leafy greens: Packed with B

- vitamins that help neurotransmitter production and brain function.
- Berries: Full of antioxidants that protect the brain from oxidative stress and improve cognitive function.
- Nuts and seeds: Provide healthy fats, magnesium, and B vitamins that support mental well-being.
- Fermented foods: Rich in probiotics, which help maintain a healthy gut and improve mood.

disorder (SAD). This vitamin, In conclusion, mental health and nutrition are inextricably linked. The food choices we make can have a profound impact on our mood, brain function, and mental consuming foods like fatty fish, egg resilience. As awareness grows, it is clear that a well-balanced diet is an important part of any mental health care plan, complementing therapy, exercise, and other treatment with anemia, can lead to methods. Prioritising good nutrition is an investment in both physical concentrating, and even and mental health, helping individuals lead more balanced,

their support in hosting and organising the ISSF World Cup Final in New Delhi."

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After Paris high, India look to continue momentum at home

dhe absence of the Paris medallists Olympic notwithstanding, hosts
India will not be short on firepower when they compete in the season-ending World Cup Final, starting here from Tuesday, with Rhythm Sangwan headlining a 23member squad.

The Paris Olympics medallists automatically qualify for the tournament, but Manu Bhaker, Sarabjot Singh and Swapnil Kusale, who won the bronze, have opted to skip the event to be staged at the Dr. Karni Singh Range

Besides Rhythm, rising stars such as Ganemat Sekhon (women's skeet) and Sonam Maskar (women's 10m air rifle) will look to excel in the tournament, having earned their spots based on world

The Indian squad features nine athletes from the 2024 Paris

Babuta (men's 10m air rifle), Anish Bhanwala (men's 25m rapid fire pistol.

the pioneer

Rhythm will compete in both the women's 10m air pistol and 25m pistol events.

The other Olympians in the squad include Mairaj Ahmad Khan (men's skeet), Divyansh Singh Panwar (men's 10m air rifle), and Chain Singh (men's 50m rifle 3 positions).

Also ready to shoot in the World Cup Final are Arjun Singh Cheema (men's 10m air pistol), Vijayveer Sidhu (men's 25m rapid fire pistol), Anantjeet Singh Narukha (men's skeet), Maheshwari Chauhan (women's skeet), Rajeshwari Kumari (women's trap) and Shreyasi Singh (women's trap). All these shooters competed in

the Paris Games. There are four finals lined up on each of the three competition days in this traditional ISSF seasonending showdown between the



best in the world. Due to host country norms, a minimum of two Indian shooters will be in action in each of the 12 individual Olympic events on

Action begins on Tuesday with the 10m air rifle women being the first final on the schedule,

followed by the men's final

The 10m air pistol men and women's finals are also lined up on day one. All the finals will be preceded by qualification

from 37 countries including multiple reigning Olympic champions participate in the competition which will determine the year's best performers in each of the 12 performers in each of the 12 individual Olympic events. The world's top six athletes of the combined six ISSF World Cup stages held throughout year, along with Paris Olympic medallists, defending ISSF World Cup Final champions and reigning world champions have achieved direct qualification in each of the 12 qualification in each of the 12 events. Three events men's 10m air pistol, men's trap and women's 25m pistol will see all three Paris Olympic medallists compete for the top prize of 5000 euros. All reigning champions from

the previous year in Doha will also be there to defend their President of the International

Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), Luciano Rossi, who is

tournament, hailed India's role in the growth of the sport.

"We're excited to be in India for the ISSF World Cup Final, one of the most dedicated shooting sport nations in the world," said Rossi.

"After a successful season for our athletes and a wonderful Olympic Games in Paris, this is the perfect opportunity for all to finish the season on a high," he added

National Rifle Association of India's (NRAI) secretary general K Sultan Singh said, Shooting sport has been witnessing huge rise in popularity and passion amongst the youth, women and specially abled athletes in the country which can be gauged by the laurels which has been achieved at the Olympics, Paralympics and continental championships." "We wish all the participants the very best and immensely thank the ISSF and the

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PETITION UNDER SECTION 372 OF INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT NOTICE TO:- General Public In the above titled petition, the

respondent could not be served. It is ordered that respondent should appear in person or through counsel on 26-11-2024 at 10:00

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Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 30-09-2024. (SUPREET KAUR) Additional Civil Judge

(Senior Division), Amritsar **COURT NOTICE**

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Civil Judge (Junior Division), Hoshiarpur Dated, this day of 09-10-2024

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Jaswinder Pal Civil Judge (Junior Division), Hoshiarpur Canara Bank, a Govt. undertaking under Banking Companies Act 1970 and having its Head Office at 112 J.C. Road, Bangalore, Karnataka (Earlier known as Syndicate Bank, merged with Canara Bank as per Govt. of India Notification w.e.f 01.04.2020) and having one of its Branch Offices at Dosarka, Dasuya Road, District Hoshiarpur, through its Manager

PTI ASTANA (KAZAKHSTAN)

India wrapped up their campaign at the Asian Table

Tennis Championships with

three medals, including a

women's doubles, after Ayhika

Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee's dream run ended

in the semifinals here on

The world No. 15 pair, who

stunned the reigning world champions from China en

route to a bronze at the Asian

Games last year, fell to Japan's

Miwa Harimoto and Miyuu

Kihara, 4-11 9-11 8-11 in

under 30 minutes in their

historic bronze in

Sunday.

last-four clash.

AP BARCELONA

there to put in the rebound after Rafael Leão's shot hit the post in the 37th minute on Saturday. That made it 2-0 following Bernardo Silva's opener in

five appearances at this summer's European Championship - with Portugal exiting in the quarterfinals - Ronaldo has scored in three straight Nations League matches, including in wins over Croatia - his 900th career goal - and Scotland last month.

Portugal coach Roberto Martínez replaced Ronaldo with Diogo Jota with just under half an hour to play.

Prior to that, the Indian duo had defeated South Korea's Nayeong and Lee Eunhye in the quarterfinals to secure India's first-ever women's doubles medal at the Asian meet. The Indian women's team had

Historic women's doubles bronze

India clinches three medals

at Asian TT Championships

earlier clinched a historic bronze in the team event. The trio of Manika Batra,

Ayhika Mukherjee, and Sutirtha Mukherjee secured the country's first-ever medal in the women's team category since the competition began 1972, though they eventually lost 1-3 to Japan in the semifinals.

In the men's category, India secured another bronze, their

straight in the third tournament, after the team of Sharath Kamal, Achanta Manay Thakkar, and Harmeet Desai fell 0-3 to Chinese Taipei in the semifinals.

In men's singles, Manav Thakkar and Manush Shah bowed out in the pre-

quarterfinals. World No. 60 Thakkar, who had earlier shocked world No. 14 Jang Woojin of South Korea, was defeated by Hong Kong's Baldwin Chan, 4-11 4-11 8-11. Meanwhile, Manush put up a tough fight against Lin Yun-Ju of Chinese Taipei and took two games before narrowly losing 8-11 5-11 11-

7 11-6 12-14.

We could have scored more: Farukh Choudhary PTI ■ NAM DINH (VIETNAM) halves, India heaved an

peturning to action after Athree years, midfielder Farukh Choudhary feels they could have scored another goal as India had to settle for a -1 draw against hosts Vietnam in an international friendly here. Manolo Marquez's selection

of Farukh had raised eyebrows but the midfielder, who was sidelined for three years, struck a second-half goal to level things for India after Vi Hao Bui had given the hosts a 38th minute lead. "Personally, I feel great. I've

not been a part of the national team for a long time, but this is where I wanted to be. I worked hard at my clubs and I knew in my heart that I deserved to be here," Farukh



said. The last time Farukh turned out for India, he created an assist against Nepal, in October 2021, in a 1-0 victory in Male. But an unfortunate knee injury meant that he had to start from square one on his way back to the national team. "I'm glad that I could make a

difference for the team, but I feel that we could have scored another," he said.

But everyone played well together as a team. Gurpreet (Singh Saandhu) and Anwar (Ali) also had exceptional games in defence, which is why we got this score."

In what was a game of two

perhaps were a bit disappointed that they could not find the winning goal. However, the head coach remains positive about his side's display as his search of a first win in charge of India continues. "In the first half, it was practically all Vietnam. Then

almighty effort for most parts

of the second half, and

we discussed at half time how we have enough quality to play, and finally, we started executing our plans in the second," said Márquez. "Sure, Vietnam could have

scored in the last minutes when we were tired, but we could have scored too with our last chance. But overall, I am satisfied with this. It was a friendly game, after all."

Djokovic, Sinner reach Shanghai Masters final, Sabalenka rallies over Gauff at Wuhan

Novak Djokovic overcame physical discomfort to beat Taylor Fritz 6-4 7-6 (6) and move closer to a 100th career title and a record-extending fifth at the Shanghai Masters. By also reaching the final on Saturday night, top-ranked Jannik Sinner ensured he will be the ATP year-end No. 1 and the "(I've won) many titles, had great battles and great performances," the 37-year-old Djokovic said. "I did come here definitely with a vision and a desire to get to the final and fight for a 100th title. I get that chance against the best player in the world, and let's see what happens." Fellow great Roger Federer has 103 titles and Jimmy Connors leads men with

109 in the Open era. Top-ranked Jannik Sinner will chase his seventh ATP title of the year after beating Tomas Machac 6-4 7-5. Djokovic improved to 10-0 in career matches against Fritz, who blew a 5-3 lead in the second-set tiebreaker and a set point at 6-5 up. Djokovic was clearly struggling

Ronaldo scores again in Nations League win for Perfect Portugal



for mobility and balance with his left knee heavily strapped. "It always takes it out of me, these kinds of battles, but particularly towards the end of the tournament," Djokovic said. "At this stage of my career, I'm doing my best to recover and I had some issues here and there on the court, physically."

But US Open runner-up Fritz could not take advantage. He lost a long rally at 6-6 and succumbed on the first match point when Djokovic stabbed a volley at the net and the American flicked it just long at

full stretch. Djokovic leads 4-3 overall

against Sinner, who has won the last two - including in the Australian Open semifinals. Earlier, Sinner weathered a near ly two-hour baseline storm from No. 33-ranked Machac, who

quarterfinals. The Italian has a shot at his third Masters title in 2024 following victories in Miami and Cincinnati, to go with his wins at the Australian Open and U.S.

beat No. 2 Carlos Alcaraz in the

'I just tried to stay there every point, to see what was going to happen," Sinner said. Just playing every point with

the maximum intensity I could,

'I'm just looking forward to (the final), to try to find a solution somehow ... And hopefully it's going to win the match." Sinner fired 10 aces and 28 winners, against only seven unforced errors, in a characteristically efficient performance for his 64th match win this year. WUHAN OPEN: Second-

so I'm very happy about that. I'm happy to be back in a final again.

from a slow start to beat an inform Coco Gauff 1-6 6-4 6-4 in the semifinals to advance to her third straight Wuhan final and preserve her perfect record at the tournament.

Sabalenka will face seventh-ranked Zheng Qinwen in the final. The Paris Olympics champion beat No. 51-ranked Wang Xinyu 6-3 6-4. Sabalenka will be bidding for her fourth title of the season, which includes the Australian Open and US Open. The Belarussian's 16th straight victory at Wuhan ended Gauff's own recent win streak at nine including the China Open title last week. But it looked anything but certain for Sabalenka as she crashed 6-1 in the opening set.

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minor injuries. Spain, the defending Nations League champion, has seven

and Serbia has four after beating the pointless Switzerland 2-The Swiss didn't help their cause

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Zubimendi shines in Rodri's

Martín Zubimendi helped Spain crack Denmark's defense as the holding midfielder starred in place of injured Rodri.

The Real Sociedad player unleashed a powerful volley in the 79th to smash a rebound from outside the area past Kasper Schmeichel, who got his hand on the ball but could-

Zubimendi had impressed in the final of Euro 2024 when he replaced Rodri for the second half of Spain's 2-1 win over England.

n't keep it out.

Rodri seriously injured his right knee and required surgery on his ACL while playing for Manchester City last month.

"Martín is a treasure," Spain

the fact that he's got a computer in his brain, means we are privileged to have him at a time when Rodri will be out for a Spain was also missing Nico Williams and Dani Olmo, two more players who excelled at the Euros, who are sidelined with

coach Luis de la Fuente said.

"I suppose with his goal he will get more attention, but his play,

points in Group A4 afer three games. Denmark has six points,

with an own-goal by Nico Elvedi right before the interval. Aleksandar Mitrovic doubled

the lead for Serbia with a solo effort in the 61st, and Serbia goalkeeper Predrag Rajkovic saved a penalty taken by Breel Embolo. Wins for Kosovo, Romania

Kosovo won 2-1 at Lithuania in League C, while Romania thumped Cyprus 3-0, Northern Ireland drew 0-0 at Belarus, and Bulgaria was held 0-0 at home

by Luxembourg.

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ristiano Ronaldo scored his record-extending 133rd international goal to keep Portugal perfect in the Nations League with a 3-1 win over Poland, and Spain struck late to edge Denmark 1-0. The 39-year-old superstar was

Warsaw in the 26th. After failing to find the net in his

Midfielder Piotr Zielinski halved the deficit in the 78th for the hosts, only for Southampton defender Jan Bednarek to score an own-goal with two minutes Barcelona striker Robert Lewandowski started alongside Karol Swiderski but the Polish attacking pair couldn't find their way past the Portuguese defense. 'We worked very hard the last few days, preparing various solutions for this game, and we were able to show it on the pitch. I am really satisfied because we controlled this game," Martínez

"Also, I am satisfied how Renato Veiga and Rúben Dias per-formed against one of the best in the world (in Lewandowski)." Portugal leads Group A1 with nine points from three games. Second-place Croatia has six points after it came back to beat Scotland 2-1 in Zagreb with the visitors having an equalizer deep into second-half stoppage time ruled out by VAR. Poland has three points, and Scotland zero. Scotland's Ryan Christie opened for the Scots and their under-fire manager Steve Clarke in the 33rd. Igor Matanovic leveled three minutes later and Andrej Kramaric completed the fight-

Scotland had the ball in the net right at the end with substitute Che Adams involved but VAR confirmed it was offside

back in the 70th.