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India and China grab eyeballs at BRICS

n their first structured bilateral talks in nearly five years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday agreed that India and China can have a "peaceful and stable" relationship by displaying maturity and mutual respect, and endorsed the pact on the resolution of the dragging eastern Ladakh border row.

In the meeting, Modi underscored the importance of properly handling differences and disputes and not allowing them to disturb peace and tranquillity. In a post on 'X', Modi said, "India-China relations are important for the people of our countries, and for regional and global peace and stability.

"Mutual trust, mutual respect and mutual sensitivity will guide bilateral relations," he said.



Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said at a media briefing that the two leaders noted that the special representatives on the India-China boundary question have a critical role to play in the resolution of the issue and for the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in border areas.

Modi and Xi instructed the

special representatives to meet at an early date and continue their efforts, he said.

efforts, he said.
"We hope to schedule the next of Special meeting Representatives at an appropriate date," he said. The foreign secretary said Modi and Xi reviewed the state of bilateral relations from a strategic and long-term perspective and they were of the view that stable ties between the two countries will have a positive impact on regional and global peace and prosperity. Both Modi and Xi stressed that

with maturity and wisdom, and by showing mutual respect, India and China can have a peaceful and stable relationship, Misri said. He said restoration of peace and tranquillity in border areas will create space for returning towards the path of normalisation of ties. Officials will now take the next steps to discuss enhancing strategic communication and stabilising bilateral relations by utilising official dialogue mechanisms, he said. mechanisms, "Welcoming the recent agreement for complete disengagement and resolution of issues that arose in 2020 in the India-China border areas, Prime Minister Modi underscored the importance of properly handling differences and disputes and not allowing them to disturb peace and tranquillity," the Ministry of External Affairs

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(MEA) said in a statement.

Crying over split wood?

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court saying he was unaware of the requirement to take the court's permission for the felling of trees on the road proposed in the Ridge area, which is part of the Aravalli range, for widening the approach to the under-construction Central Armed Police Forces Institute of Medical Sciences (CAPFIMS) during his visit to the site on February 3.

Saxena said he came to know in June 2024 about the cutting of 642 trees in February without the court's nod when it heard a contempt petition against the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and directed its vice chairman Subhasish Panda to apprise the LG about it in his capacity as the chairman of the Capital's land-owning agency. The DDA comes under the Lieutenant Governor.

Saxena called the tree felling an unfortunate event and said there was no act of omission or commission on the part of Panda. He requested Panda be discharged from the contempt proceedings. Saxena said departmental as well as criminal action has been initiated against an executive and two assistant engineers for directing a contractor to fell trees "on their own accord".

The Lt. Gov said, that on February 3, upon reaching the hospital site and pursuant to a visual inspection, he asked the officers present at the spot to expedite the work towards the completion of the project. Continued on

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Yogi-Bhagwat script new strategy developmental needs and

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

In a meeting that could have far-reaching implications for Uttar Pradesh's political political Rashtriya landscape, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath held a two-and-a-half-hour closed-door discussion in Mathura late on Tuesday night. This is their first significant interaction since the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, sparking widespread political speculation as the state prepares for crucial by-elections on nine Assembly seats.

According to sources familiar with the discussions, the meeting was not limited to preparations.



Instead. the extended to strategising for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh assembly elections. Bhagwat reportedly stressed the need for the Bharatiya Janata Party to balance its traditional Hindutva agenda with a renewed focus on

dialogue development. This dual emphasis is seen as an effort to broaden the party's appeal among voters who may have become disillusioned with the BJP's recent performance.

"The message from the RSS is clear: while Hindutva remains a key element, addressing

showcasing tangible progress must become central to the campaign," a source close to the developments revealed. This strategic shift comes as the BJP faces a formidable challenge from the alliance between the Samajwadi Party (SP) and Congress, now operating under the INDIA Bloc coalition banner.

The meeting's timing is significant, considering past speculations about tensions between the RSS and the BJP's top leadership. About four months ago, Bhagwat and Yogi were both present in Gorakhpur for nearly 26 hours, yet they did not meet despite being just 12 kilometres apart.

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Supreme Court raps Centre taking the bite out of CAQM Act: SC

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday pulled up the Centre for making the environment protection law "toothless", and said the provision under the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act of 2021 (CAQM Act) which deals with the penalty for stubble burning was not being implemented. The Bench also made its displeasure known on the nominal fine of Rs.2500 for violators.

The Bench of Justices Abhay S Oka, Ahsanuddin Amanulllah and Augustine George Masih said the CAQM Act was enacted without creating required machinery for implementing the provision to curb

air pollution. The Bench slammed the State of Punjab for collecting a nominal fine of Rs. 2,500 each from errant farmers, which in turn said the amount was fixed by the CAQM. "Giving license to violate by paying such nominal amount. That's incredible. How much less amount? We will tell you very frankly that you are giving a signal to violators that nothing will be done against them. This has been for the past three years," observed the Bench. Time has come to remind the Union of India, and both the States (Punjab, Haryana) that there is a fundamental right subsisting with the citizen to live in a pollution free environment. These are matters of blatant violation of fundamental rights under Article 21. Government has to answer its own self

as to how it is going to protect the citizens' right to live with dignity and

NDMC doubles parking fee

NEW DELHI: In a move to discourage private vehicles amid deteriorating air pollution, the parking charges in Delhi have been doubled by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) on Wednesday. The plan is aimed at controlling vehicular pollution, a significant contributor to the city pollution.

The increased parking fee for off road parking in light of the statutory directions issued by Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP - II) is now ₹40 for cars from ₹20, ₹20 for scooters from ₹10 and ₹300 for buses to ₹150. On the other hand, for indoor sites, the fees include ₹20 for cars from ₹10 and ₹10 for scooters to ₹5. The National Capital's AQI on Wednesday was in the 'very poor' category at 364 according to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) with three areas in Delhi crossing the 400 mark including Jahangirpuri recording an aqi of 416, Anand Vihar recording 413 aqi and Vivek Vihar recording 407 AQI.

pollution free environment. This itigation is not adversarial and is only litigation for us to ensure that citizens rights to live with dignity and clean environment are upheld," said the Court, pointing out a series of lapses in the enforcement and less penalty provisions in the Laws and Rules.

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Odisha braces for cyclone Dana

PNS BHUBANESWAR

s cyclone 'Dana' barrels toward As cyclone Dana Carter State of the Odisha coast, threatening to impact nearly half the state's population, the government is racing against time to execute a massive evacuation plan aimed at relocating around 10 lakh people in 14 districts Meteorological Indian

Department (IMD) on Wednesday

said the cyclone is likely to make landfall between Bhitarkanika National Park and Dhamra port, around 70 km away, early Friday. It said the landfall process will start from the night of October 24 and will continue till the morning of October 25. The maximum speed during the landfall process is likely to be around 120 kmph, IMD DG Mrutyunjay

Mohapatra said. He said landfall is mostly a slow process which usually takes around 5-6 hours. "Therefore, heavy rainfall, wind and storm surge will reach the peak during the landfall time which is between October 24 night and October 25 morning," he added.
According to the latest IMD bulletin,

the cyclone moved northwestwards with a speed of 13 kmph and lay centred about 490 km southeast of Paradip (Odisha), 520 km southsoutheast of Dhamra (Odisha) and 570 km southeast of Sagar Island (West Bengal). During the landfall, a tidal surge of up to two metres is expected, with the cyclone reaching



An Indian Coast Guard official during preparations ahead of the landfall of Cyclone

the coast at a wind velocity of 120 km/h, Umashankar Das, senior the regional scientist at meteorological centre Bhubaneswar, said.

Das warned that low-lying areas in Kendrapara, Bhadrak, and Balasore districts are likely to be inundated and recommended that the government evacuate residents from these regions. To facilitate this, 288 rescue teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF), and Fire Services have been deployed, with additional personnel requested from the NDRF. The government has identified 14 districts at risk, with the coastal areas facing high winds and inland regions expected to receive heavy to extremely heavy rainfall.

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Government blasts X, Meta over threat posts

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

s unabated bomb threat Amessages continued to both omestic and international flights for the past eight days, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has blasted on the social media platform X (formerly known as Twitter) and slammed Meta for their roles in facilitating the spread of these hoaxes. According to sources, the government expressed frustration over the X platforms' lack of control, warning that X's inaction could amount to "abetting crime".

In a virtual meeting chaired by Joint Secretary, IT, Sanket S Bhondve with representatives of airlines and social media platforms such as X and Meta, the IT Ministry officials said the situation amounts to "X abetting crime" and questioned its representatives on the steps taken to stop such alarming rumours from spreading.

In the meeting, ministry officials questioned the representatives of the social media entities and questioned them on the steps taken to stop such alarming rumours from spreading, sources said.

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Priyanka Gandhi debuts in politics, net worth in crores

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN KOCHI

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra commenced her electoral journey on Wednesday from . Wavanad Lok constituency by filing her nomination papers for the by-election necessitated by the resignation of Rahul Gandhi, her brother who is also the Leader of the Opposition. Husband Robert Vadra, son

Rehan Vadra, mother Sonia Gandhi and a host of Congress leaders including the Chief Ministers of party-ruled Karnataka and Telangana were present at Kalpetta Civil Station while Priyanka Vadra Gandhi filed the nomination.

The occasion marked the formal entry of son Rehan Vadra into politics to continue the legacy of the Gandhi clan in the hierarchy of Indian National Congress.

Priyanka has moveable properties worth ₹4.25 crore and immovable properties worth ₹7.74 crore. According to the affidavit submitted by Priyanka Gandhi Vadra to the chief returning officer on Wednesday, the immovable properties owned by her include the palatial house at Shimla in Himachal Pradesh,



Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi with party leader and candidate from Wayanad constituency Priyanka Gandhi Vadra during a roadshow before filing her nomination for the upcoming Lok Sabha bypoll, in Wayanad, Kerala, Wednesday

valued at ₹5.64 crore.

While

In addition to the Shimla property, she owns gold and silver jewellery worth ₹1.16 crore and ₹29 lakh respectively. The Congress leader also owns 3.778 acres of agriculture land at Village Sultanpur in Mehrauli (jointly owned with brother Rahul Gandhi). This land has a market value of ₹7.74 crore. Privanka

agricultural properties and residential property, Robert Vadra has no such properties registered against him. But he has commercial land/buildings which command a market value of ₹27.64 crore. He had invested ₹3.62 crore in these properties

Noida. Robert Vadra also owns shares and investments worth ₹38 crore in companies, mutual investments and LIC policies.. According to Priyanka, the Income Tax Department has initiated proceedings against her for assessment year 2012-13 and passed reassessment order raising demand of ₹15.75 lakh. Currently an appeal is pending before the Commissioner of Income Tax. Assessment Proceedings have been initiated against her husband for assessment years from 2010 to 2021 and appeals are pending with the CIT.

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Ray of hope for Gurugram's groaning traffic

Plan underway to link Dwarka, Delhi-Mumbai expressways via Southern Peripheral Road

BY **PARVESH SHARMA**

Aday after The Pioneer highlighted the traffic crisis in the millennium city of Gurugram, the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) and the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) have shared that they are working on a plan to link the Dwarka and Delhi-Mumbai expressways via Southern Peripheral Road near Vatika Chowk.

The focus of this initiative is to alleviate traffic congestion and facilitate smoother movement across the city including the Delhi-

Jaipur Expressway. The development authority officials are looking for viable solutions to connect the Southern Peripheral Road (SPR) with the Sohna elevated road also known as Highway 248A National

component of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway.

To tackle traffic congestion in the city, the Gurugram district administration has identified 18 spots on the city roads which have reported heavy traffic movement and congestion. The officials have asked traffic police and other departments to take correctional steps in this regard.

The proposal includes the construction of ramps at Vatika Chowk, enabling commuters to transition seamlessly between the elevated road, the SPR, and the Dwarka Expressway.

To resolve the traffic mess several meetings between GMDA and NHAI officials have taken place, with the chairman of NHAI endorsing the proposal. Speaking to The Pioneer GMDA Chief Executive Officer A. Shreeniwas said: "We are working on providing



connectivity between Dwarka and Delhi-Mumbai expressways. We have already had talks with NHAI officials and in-principle approval has already been granted."

While discussions previously considered a cloverleaf-like structure at Vatika Chowk, this idea was shelved due to spatial limitations. An NHAI official confirmed the

ongoing discussions, highlighting that concrete plans are yet to be finalised. "It is still in the initial stage of discussion and nothing concrete has been worked on," the official added.

Presently, the Dwarka Expressway links to SPR via a cloverleaf on NH-48 near Kherki Daula. However, SPR lacks a direct connection with the Sohna elevated corridor.

Commuters from SPR face either left turns at Vatika Chowk with Uturns at Subhash Chowk to access the elevated road or right turns towards Badshahpur Chowk, resulting in congestion and detours. Similarly, those utilising the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway from the Jaipur side exit the elevated road near Bhondsi for SPR access.

Residents have voiced their concerns, emphasising the need for a comprehensive approach during the planning stages.

Apart from this, the development

authority is the plan to construct flyovers at two critical traffic hotspots: Dadi Sati Chowk on Southern Peripheral Road (SPR) near Sector 71/74 and Ambedkar Chowk from Hero Honda Chowk to Umang Bhardwaj Chowk near

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Ramkinkar dedicated his life to | Retired special secy duped of ₹1 cr Ram and Tulsi literature: Yogi

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath participated in the 'Bhavanjali' programme held at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan on Wednesday, celebrating the birth centenary of Padma Bhushan recipient and Ramcharit Manas expert, Pt Ramkinkar Upadhyay.

During the event, the chief minister praised Pt Upadhyay's remarkable legacy and unwavering dedication to Sanatan Dharma. In his speech, Yogi expressed pride in being part of the centenary celebrations for a figure whose life was rooted in the ideals of Sanatan Dharma and Lord Shri Ram. He noted, "Yug Tulsi Pt Ramkinkarji dedicated his life to Shri Ram and Tulsi literature. His unique interpretations will inspire followers of Sanatan Dharma for generations."



Referencing the Yajurveda, CM Yogi highlighted the traits of great individuals, explaining that the scriptures describe two types of men: Prakrit Purush and Vishisht Purush.

Ramkinkarji's life exemplified distinction, showcasing his ability to inspire society by thinking beyond conventional norms. The chief minister also recognised Pt Upadhyay's unique storytelling style in Ram Katha, which resonated with both the general public and prominent figures, includ-ing India's first President Dr Rajendra Prasad.

"For nearly six decades, he served Sanatan Dharma through 'Manas," he remarked. CM Yogi stressed the importance of honouring such great individuals and spreading their teachings. He pointed out that the centenary year is particu-larly meaningful as it coincides with the enthronement of Shri Ramlala in Ayodhya after 500

He called this a profound reflection of faith and devotion, unwavering commitment. Emphasising the role of Pt Upadhyay's stories during the Ramjanmabhoomi movement, he stated, "His narratives awakened the public much like Tulsidasji did against foreign invaders. Tulsidasji initiated Ramlilas in every village, a tradition that continues today without government support, reinforcing the values of

CM Yogi urged the preserva-tion of memories of great individuals, suggesting the compilation of Pt. Ramkinkar Upadhyay's life and work into a commemorative book for future generations.In his remarks about Kishore Tandon, the organizer of the event, CM Yogi noted Tandon's maternal grandfather, Bishan Chandra Sethji, as a devoted follower of Gorakshapeeth.

Sanatan Dharma."

BJP MLC's servant assaulted, house attacked

Some miscreants beat up a servant of Bharatiya Janata Party MLC Ramchandra Pradhan and later pelted stones at the lawmaker's house.

Till late Tuesday night, the police did not confirm the incident. However, on Wednesday, Pradhan shared a post on social media platform X and informed about the incident.

On Tuesday evening, some goons attacked Sunil Kumar, a cook living in the residence of the BJP MLC in Gulistan Colony. Sunil was beaten with sticks and iron rods due to which he suffered injuries on his hands, legs and head.

Sunil has filed a complaint at Gautampalli police station. He said that he had a dispute with a young man on Monday and on Tuesday, he reached the residence with his two other friends and started abusing and beating him.

Pradhan wrote on X that Sunil Kumar, who works as a cook at

Gulistan Colony, had a fight with someone a few days ago, and on Tuesday some antisocial elements came to his residence during his absence and beat up the cook Sunil Kumar. He said information of the incident was given to the police.

A police spokesman said a case under relevant sections of the BNS had been registered and the miscreants were being hunted.

ARRESTED

A youth accused of instigating a girl to commit suicide was arrested by Ghazipur police on Wednesday. The accused, identified as Ashutosh Singh of Ayodhya district, was named in the case of abetment to suicide along with his aides Rahul Nishad of Ayodhya, a girl named as Muskan and two unidentified youths.

The victim Śhivani's mother Bina Singh of Maharajganj, Ayodhya, had filed a complaint at the local police accusing the above named persons of murdering her of daughter his government residence in Shivani, aged 21 years.

STF nabs fraudster

active member of a gang which duped crores of rupees by making people invest in land/plots in Sign City Infra Project Private Limited Company. He was carrying a reward of Rs 50,000.

The miscreant, identified as Rahul Sharma of Rae Bareli district, was arrested on a tip-off from Gomti Nagar area. The team recovered a driving licence, a PAN card, an ATM and Rs 610 in cash.

The STF, Uttar Pradesh was working on the case for a long time and was keeping a tab on the miscreants who had to gone underground or had been abscondwd after their names surfaced in the crime. In this regard, various teams of

STF were directed to collect information and take action. A

Lucknow (PNS): A team of Special Task Force nabbed an members had cheated people by making them invest in land/plot in Sign City Infra Project Private Limited Company and was carrying a reward of Rs 50,000, was to meet some person in the locality. A trap was laid and he was nabbed.

During interrogation, the arrest-ed accused told STF sleuths that he had started working as a computer operator in Sign City Infra Project Pvt. Ltd, Rae Bareli Road and after four months, he was made an authorised signatory to register the allottees on behalf of the company. He alleged that the company's CMD Rashid Naseem and MD Asif Naseem had duped people of crores of rupees by luring them to buy land/plots and making various types of investments, and hundreds of cases team got a tip-off that the accused Rahul Sharma, who tricts of UP, including Lucknow.

 $\begin{array}{c} R^{\text{etired special secretary of}} \\ \text{UP government, Hari} \\ \text{Prasad Singh, was duped of Rs} \end{array}$ 1 crore in Gomti Nagar police station area.

In his complaint, Singh, a resident of Vipul Khand in Gomti Nagar, said he met a person who introduced himself as Rakesh Sharma of Chinhat, in Patrakarpuram, Gomti Nagar, on May 2, 2024. Rakesh Sharma told Singh

that he knew him and introduced himself as a former police officer. He obtained Singh's mobile phone number and left, saying he would visit his house someday.

"But the very next day he called and came to my house with his wife Shakuntala Sharma. During the conversation, Rakesh Sharma said that after leaving the police job, he owned 84 liquor shops in UP," Singh said.

According to Singh, Rakesh Sharma boasted of his links saying he had very good contacts in the Excise department and he also had a FL-2 licence for supply of English liquor in the name of his wife. When Singh asked how so many shops were allotted to one person, Rakesh and his wife told him that they had got these licences issued in differ-

ent names and they could get licenses allotted to Singh also. To gain Singh's confidence, Rakesh told him about his contacts with senior police officers and that he had got shops allotted for the relatives of many senior IAS and IPS officer.

A few days later Rakesh brought an advertisement for a liquor shop and told Singh that he would get three shops allotted to him – two shops on Shahnajaf Road and one in Vrindavan Yojna, Rae Bareli Road. "I fell into his trap and gave Rs.

22,62,000/ through cheque towards application fee and allotment etc. and Rs. 75,50,000 in cash between May 5, 2024 and September 30, 2024. During our meetings, Rakesh came to know about my son Anil's issue and he also took cash in the name of resolving the issue. I told Rakesh Sharma that he had already taken one crore rupees from me and had not done any work and would go to the Excise department to verify the current status of my work, Rakesh and said this would affect my case."

Singh alleged that on September 29, 2024, Rakesh took him to the Excise department. "On being asked by him, I took with me stamp

papers and seven signed cheques. These were kept in a file which I dropped somewhere accidentally and later lodged a lost property report at Wazirganj police station the same day," he said. Singh said he reported the

incident on IGRS on October 10, 2024 and was told to submit an application in UP COP app, to get the FIR registered. During this time, when I exerted pressure on Rakesh to get me a liquor shop allotted, he gave me photocopies of three licences in my name, which turned out to be fake and forged. W when I asked him to return my money back, Rakesh and his wife started threatening me and my family," he alleged, saying Rakesh had duped many people in the past also.

Police have registered a case under relevant sections of the BNS.

Meanwhile, miscreants duped a man and his daughter of Rs 90,000 by changing their ATM card at an ATM booth in Gudamba.

As per reports, Ashok Kumar Asthana of Kursi Road Scorpio Club, along with his daughter, Nivedita, went to withdraw money from Axis Bank ATM located near number 23 crossing on the night of October 20. He withdrew 2,500 rupees

the accused were from an

from the ATM and started counting the notes.

Meanwhile, a youth entered

the ATM booth and told him that his transaction was not complete yet as withdrawal was written on the screen and suggested that he complete the process by inserting his ATM card again.

Ashok told police that as he waited, the miscreant told his daughter to insert the ATM card in the slot again as the transaction was incomplete. The miscreant then took the ATM card from the girl and inserted it in the machine's slot. Then he pressed a button on the ATM machine due to which the ATM PIN appeared on the screen.

Ashok told police that the miscreant asked them to let the debit card remain in the ATM for a while.

"Then the miscreant went away with another youth standing outside. As soon as my daughter took out the ATM card, I discovered that our ATM card had been replaced. Before the ATM could be blocked Rs 90,000 had been withdrawn in nine different transactions," the victim said.

The Gudamba police registered an FIR on the complaint of the victim and are investigating the case.

City bus driver, conductor assaulted

Three miscreants, who created a assaulted a city bus driver and conductor, and broke the glass of the bus and obstructing government work, were arrested by police in Krishna Nagar police station area on Wednesday.

They again reached the Barabirwa crossing where they created ruckus, bullied passengers and auto/cab drivers and were later arrested by traffic cops deployed there.

Those arrested were identified as Dharm Kalia, Sarvesh Kanaujia (Topi) and Harshit, all residents Baikunth Dham Krishnanagar Lucknow. Their conduct triggered panic among

Giving details of the incident, a

spokesman said on October 23., Abrar Ahmed, driver of Dubagga depot bus, and bus conductor Basant Yadav, both employees of City Transport Services Lucknow, lodged a complaint against the above named accused.

It was alleged that the accused assaulted the driver and conductor, abused them and threatened to kill both and broke the glass of the city bus. The accused were arrested by

the traffic police and were brought to the police station where they were taken into custody by the local police," the spokesman said.

The spokesman further said

organised criminal syndicate and they alone or collectively, used to commit criminal acts. "On 23.10.2024, they abused the driver/conductor of bus operated by Transport department, threatened to kill them and misbehaved with the passengers in the bus, chased the Roadways bus, broke the glass of the bus near VIP Road Baikunth Dham police station area in Krishna Nagar and damaged the bus. They abused, threatened to kill and assaulted the traffic police personnel on duty who came to the spot and fled after seeing the opportunity. After some time,

lic and drivers. To maintain peace and order at the spot, the traffic police force caught the above accused and handed them over to the local police," he said while giving the details of the incident.

FRAUD

A case of fraud in the name of providing manufacture tax free car during a musical concert at the Ekana Stadium in the Sushant Golf City police station area of Lucknow has come to light. The victim, Prasun Kumar Singh, moved the court when his complaint was not heard by police, A case was registered on court's order. He alleged tha he was duped of Rs 10 lakh by the organisers.

Charges framed against Imran Masood over objectionable' remarks against Modi in 2014

Saharanpur (PTI): Charges were framed in a special court here against Congress' Saharanpur MP Imran Masood for allegedly making objectionable comments against Narendra Modi in 2014 when he was chief minister of Guiarat, a lawyer said. Government advocate Gulab Singh said on Wednesday that charges were framed on Tuesday before judge Mohit Sharma of the special MP-MLA court that hears cases involving legislators



NOTICE

This is to inform you that I, Anubhav Chandra son of Varish Chandra have lost my ICSE passing certificate and despite several attempts I have not been able to locate it. Its use will be illegal.

NOTICE

To the council for Indian School Certificate New Delhi, I Mohd Anas, S/o Waseem Akhtar would like to change my father's name and the style of my mother's name respectively which is wrongly written in my 10th and 12th marksheet as Wasim Akhtar and Rana Begum. The correct spelling of my father is Waseem Akhtar and the correct style of my mother's name spelling is Ranabegum.

NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that my daughter's name has been mistakenly recorded as Swati in the discharge book, which is wrong. The correct name is Swati Yadav. Whose date of birth is 1/9/2003 and Aadhaar number is 40 1087 631318. Which needs to be modified and the correct name should be entered. Ex Nayak Kailash Yadav Army Number 1425 36 93 K Village- Salempur, Post and Police Station- Mohammadabad District- Ghazipur.

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NOTICE- It is informed to all the general public that my correct name is Rambabu son of Sri Krishna. Which is recorded in my educational record. By mistake my name has been mentione as Chandika in my Aadhaar Card No 499381170011 which is wrong. Ir future, I should be known by my true name, Rambabu son of Shri Krishna This is certified that all legal formalities regarding the above have been done by me myself. Name- Rambabu Add. C/c Shri Krishna, Garariyan har, Magraya Post-Magrayar, Dist. Unnao-209827

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NOTICE

Inform to all that my pass Certificate of class 10th &12th exam year 2013 & 2015 respectivelly. rool number or unique ID of 10th is 1406915 & 12th is 0963625 pass out from U.P. Board issued school name Montfort Inter college lucknow. Has been actually lost. Azeem Ahmed s/o Mohammad Naseem 628-S/73-G shaktinagar Faizabad road, lucknow.

NOTICE

There is a mistake in my service records, my mother's name is Urmila Devi, date of birth is recorded as 01.07.1961, wife's name is Neelam Singh, date of birth is recorded as 05.01.1984, daughter's name is Soni, date of birth is recorded as 01.09.2008, which is wrong. My mother's correct name is Urmila Patel, date of birth is 04.12.1964. Wife's correct name is Neelam, date of birth is 10.04.1984 and daughter's name is Soni Patel, date of birth is 01.09.2006. It is justifiable to correct it in the records. Sadanand Patel, son of Late Shivpujan Ram, Army No. 13996342, Nayak, Resident of Village and Post-Dinapur, Police Station- Karanda, District- Ghazipur, (U.P.).

Devotees and tourists start flocking to Prayagraj

PNS PRAYAGRAJ

As preparations for the Maha Kumbh 2025 are in full swing in Prayagraj, devotees and tourists from across India and abroad have started flocking to the Sangam city well ahead of the mega religious event.

The Yogi Adityanath government is deploying top officials to the ghats of Prayagraj to ensure the safety of devotees and visitors, providing a smooth experience for all, and positioning Maha Kumbh 2025 as the world's most spectacular cultural event.

The government has issued strict instructions to ensure that the influx of pilgrims encounters no difficulties. Notably, enthusiasm for Maha Kumbh is at an all-time high, and Prayagraj is rapidly solidifying its position as the nation's spiritual hub.
Pandit Mahendra Nath

Sharma, a priest at Sangam ghat said, "The number of people arriving from across the country and abroad has significantly increased even before Maha Kumbh, with many seeking peace for the souls of their ancestors."

He added, "Large groups are performing rituals to liberate seven to eight generations, and the priests at Prayagraj's ghats provide visitors, includ-

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ing those unfamiliar with their extended lineage, with written responsibilities, explains that records and guidance on their visitors perform rituals for the

According to the renowned Prayagwal Subrahmanyam Shastri, also known as Chariji of Prayagraj, the relentless reconstruction efforts led by the Yogi government have ignited immense enthusiasm among both the local population and visitors.

Meanwhile, long queues of people have begun to form at Prayagraj's ghats, eager to meet the Brahmins, priests, and pandas. The priests of Prayagraj are performing rituals daily for thousands of people from states like Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana.

Additionally, Indian expatriates from countries such as the United States, Canada, Mauritius, Australia and Russia have started to arrive to pay homage to the sacred Ganga. Many are also bringing the ashes of their ancestors to perform traditional rites. A coordinated team effort is underway to manage religious activities on the banks of the Sangam efficiently. Pankaj Pandey, who oversees similar peace of their ancestors' souls offering donations to Brahmins, which in turn employs many people in the

According to the mythology, King Bhagirath of the Ikshvaku dynasty brought the Ganga to earth through intense penance, liberating 60,000 sons of King Sagar who had been reduced to ashes by the curse of Kapil Muni. The credit for bringing Maa Ganga to earth goes to Bhagirath, and in his honour, the river is also known as Bhagirathi.

COMPASSIONATE APPROACH

The government is leaving no stone unturned to ensure the success of Maha Kumbh 2025. Aligned with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision, the UP Police are preparing to adopt a peoplecentric approach, setting a new benchmark for public service during this grand religious event. In line with this vision, the state police have launched a comprehensive training programme at the Sankalp Training Pandal, located at the Parade Ground in Prayagraj.

8 fake websites identified

Prayagraj (PNS): While website released by the preparations are being made Tourism department. at a fast pace for the Maha Fake websites Kumbh to be held here in •https://epiclumbhyatra.com Ianuary next year, fraud in its name has also increased. The construction of tent city has not started yet but booking of tents has also started on many fake websites which is harming the faith of the devotees financially. In such a situation, a list of correct websites has also been released by the Prayagraj

Tourism department. Eight fake websites have been identified by the Prayagraj Tourism department and their list has also been released so that tourists can gather information about them before booking.

Regional tourism officer Aparajita Singh said a case of collecting money from people by creating fake websites has come to light and eight such websites have been identified through which online booking is being done in the name of tent colony which is going to be set up during Maha Kumbh. Legal action will be taken against them. She has appealed to the people

to book them only from the

the three accused again came to

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hcottages.com •https://kumbhcanvas.com Crores of people from the country and abroad come to Maha Kumbh. In view of this, the Tourism department has to construct tent city in Arail and Parade Ground.

General public is hereby informed that Mr. Sandeep Kumar Prajapati S/o Mr. Surendra Pal owner of House constructed on Residential Plot, bearing House No. 753, Area Measuring 83,82 Sq. Mtr., at Village Aalu-ThokUttari (A.N.P.), Pargana- Bangar, Tehsil & Distt. Hardol, U.P. vide Gift Deed dated 25,09,2024 executed by Mr. Surendra Pal S/o Mr. Ram Charan, reg. no. 14114, book no. 1, volume no. 14136, page no. 271/286 after death of his wife Dhan Devi and she was owner of vide sale deed dated 18.11.1995 doc no. 5167, and in the property chain Death and SMC of Mrs. Dhan Devi Wo Mr. Surendra Pal not available said property to be financed by SBFC Finance Pvt. Ltd, if anybody has any charge/interest/ titlet/ third party in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present, failing which and I am aware that in case default with the mortgage property that Customer/Borrower is responsible for the same. Sonali Ghosh, Advocate B-220,2nd Floor,Nolda One, Tower-8, Sector62, Nolda, U.P.

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Dalit killed in clash over property row

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A 70-year-old Dalit, identified as Ram Achal, who was injured in a clash between two groups in a land related dispute in Dhauha village of Mirzapur district on Tuesday, died during treatment in the divisional hospital.

His 65-year-old wife, Kishmisha Devi was also injured and she is admitted to BHU Trauma Centre. The leg of the deceased's 50-

year-old son Rambali Bharti was also broken in the attack while Ravichand (45) received head injury, and Archana Devi, Meena Devi, Ajit Kumar of the family also received serious injuries.

From the other side, Pranjal Gupta, Santosh Gupta, Pradeep Chauhan of Bishramgani Chunar were injured and they are being treated at the primary health centre in Chunar.

On the complaint of the deceased's son Ravichand, the police have registered a case of unintentional murder and assault against 11 named and

other unknown persons. Ravichand alleged that Rajkumar Gupta, Kaju Gupta, Golu Gupta, Ujala Gupta, Shubham Gupta of Bishramganj in Chunar, Changur and Panna of Dhauhan and Pappu of Ballipur, BDC, Rajesh of Dhauhan, Bhola came in a Bolero and two-wheelers on Tuesday evening to plough their ancestral land.

He alleged that Rajkumar Gupta and his accomplices entered their house and started beating them with sticks, rods, sickles, spades.

ASP (Operation) OP Singh stated that there is a land dispute between Ramachal and Rajkumar Gupta and there was a fight between the two sides over possession of the land. He said two people had been taken into custody and were being burns while undergoing treatment at the UHM Hospital on into custody and were being questioned. Reacting to the incident, Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati on Wednesday

demanded strict action against

the culprits. In a Hindi post on X, the former chief minister called on the government to take immediate cognisance of the situation, highlighting that a member of a Dalit family was killed and several others were seriously injured. Mayawati also urged the authorities to provide prompt assistance to the affect-

WOMAN SET ABLAZE IN DIS-PUTE OVER PLOT, DIES

ed family.

An elderly woman was allegedly set ablaze by three brothers of her family in Laxmibai Nagar under Bithoor police area of Kanpur district on Tuesday evening. She succumbed to her

Wednesday. Police have lodged a first information report (FIR) against the three brothers and arrested them. Vijay Yadav of Laxmibai Nagar

said he had an ancestral vacant plot of 150 sq yards near his house and it had a boundary wall. On Tuesday evening around 5 pm, three brothers Uma Shanker, Kripa Shanker and Daya Shankar — allegedly started demolishing the boundary wall in a bid to take possession of the plot. When his mother Usha Devi (61) protested they abused her and set her ablaze after sprinkling diesel. On hearing her screams, when brother Ajay Yadav rushed to her rescue, they also beat up him, threatened to kill him and escaped. The kin rescued the woman and admitted her to UHM Hospital where she suc-

cumbed to her burns.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, NANDANKANAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK P.O-BARANG, DIST-KHURDA, PIN-754005 PHONE-(M) 9437022023 Email: deputydirector.kanan@gmail.com





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| 2 | No. of works | : | 1(one) no. |
| 3 | Date of availability of bid document in the portal | : | 19.10.2024 |
| 4 | Class of Contractor | : | 'A' and 'B' Class contractors |
| 5 | Last date for receipt of bids in the portal | : | 28.10.2024 up to 10.00 A.M. |
| 6 | Date of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I) | : | 29.10.2024 at 11.00 A.M. |
| 7 | Name & Address of Officer Inviting Tender | : | Deputy Director, Nandankanan Zoological Park, P.O- Barang, Dist- Khorda, Pin-754005. |

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Yogi: UP's GDP projected to reach ₹32 lakh crore by March 2025

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has said that the gross domestic product (GDP) of Uttar Pradesh is projected to reach Rs 32 lakh crore by March 2025. He made this statement while addressing a round table conference organised by a media organisation here on Wednesday.

The chief minister elaborated on the state's economic accomplishments, enhanced security measures, industrial progress, and stringent actions against the mafia during his speech. He contrasted his government's approach with pre-vious administrations, stating, "Earlier governments operated under a 'One District, One Mafia' policy, whereas we have branded Uttar Pradesh through the 'One District, One Product' (ODOP) initiative." He highlighted the growth in the state's GDP, which stood at Rs 12 lakh crore during previous regimes and has now reached Rs 26 lakh crore in 2023-24, with a target set for Rs 32 lakh crore.

Yogi underscored the firm measures taken against the mafia in the state, asserting that his administration has zero tolerance for criminals. "Our government responds to criminals and mafia with the same severity they used against citizens," he remarked.

He noted the formation of an Anti-Land Mafia Task Force, which has reclaimed 64,000 acres of land from illegal possession. "Unlike past governments that provided support to the mafia, our government is working to eliminate their influence and ensure a mafiafree state by dismantling their protective networks," he asserted.

The chief minister emphasised the strides made in



wrongdoers," he said.

The chief minister added that

police training has been

extended, allowing for the

simultaneous training of 6,000

officers, and collaboration with

paramilitary and military cen-

tres has further enhanced the

state's security infrastructure.

Discussing infrastructure development, Chief Minister

Yogi stated that Uttar Pradesh

now leads the nation in the

number of expressways. "Once known for its pothole-ridden

roads, the state today boasts some of the finest highways in

the country," he remarked. He highlighted key projects,

including the completion of the Purvanchal and

Bundelkhand Expressways,

and ongoing work on the

Ganga Expressway, which is set to have its main carriageway

ready by the end of this year.
"The Gorakhpur-Link

Expressway is now operational, and the nation's first 12-lane

expressway has been launched

between Delhi and Meerut.

Additionally, metro rail pro-

jects are underway in six cities,

and India's first waterway is

when his government took office in 2017, the investment wrongdoers," he said. climate was dismal. However, Uttar Pradesh is now setting new benchmarks for investment. He pointed to the successful organisation of the Global Investors Summit, which attracted investment proposals worth Rs 40 lakh crore, significantly transforming the state's economic land-

"Previously, securing Rs 20,000 crore in investments was considered a major achievement for our officials. Today, we have garnered Rs 40 lakh crore in proposals, paving the way for employment opportunities for 1.5 crore young people," he stated.

Addressing security reforms, Chief Minister Yogi outlined significant improvements in the police force. He informed the audience about the recruitment of 1.54 lakh police personnel and the integration of cutting-edge technologies into law enforcement.

There was a time when criminals operated with the support of the police. Now, the situainvestment and industrial tion has dramatically changed, and India's first waterway is development. He noted that with the UP Police fully now functional between Varanasi and Haldia," he stat-

Chief Minister Yogi detailed the ongoing initiatives to estab-lish Uttar Pradesh as a major logistics hub, noting the construction of a logistics multimodal terminal in Varanasi and plans for a logistics hub in Gautam Buddha Nagar.

He highlighted that the state has secured 75 GI tags across its 75 districts, with Varanasi leading the way. Emphasising achievements in trade and export, Chief Minister Yogi pointed out that Moradabad now exports goods worth Rs 16,000 crore, while Bhadohi's carpet industry has reached Rs 8,000 crore in exports. He also mentioned Firozabad's glass industry and Meerut's sports goods industry, which have gained recognition as promi-nent brands both domestical-

ly and internationally. The chief minister stressed that commerce is integral to the state's economic growth, citing the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita to illustrate that agriculture, cow protection and business are interconnected and must progress together. He added that Uttar Pradesh's micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) sector and skilled workforce are fundamental to attracting large-scale investments. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Vishwakarma Yojana and the ODOP scheme are also generating employment alongside these significant investments, he added. Concluding his speech, Chief Minister Yogi expressed confidence in Uttar Pradesh's rapid economic growth, declaring it the fastest-emerging economy in the country. He envi-sioned the state playing a pivotal role in India's journey toward achieving a \$5 trillion economy and moving swiftly towards becoming the nation's top economic powerhouse

Bypolls: BSP announces candidates on all nine seats

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fter clearance from Bahujan Asamaj Party supremo Mayawati, the names of party candidates have been announced for all the nine seats for the UP assembly where by-elections are to be held. On Tuesday, the candidate from Sisamau assembly seat in Kanpur was changed. Thus, the party has changed candidates on two seats so far. The divisional coordinators have been instructed to ensure that nominations are filed in three to five sets, so that the papers are not rejected as happened in the Lok Sabha elections. The coordinators have been instructed to camp in their respective constituencies till the counting of the assembly by-elections. The BSP supremo has said that there should be no

negligence in this regard. Shivbaran Pasi was earlier given a ticket from Phulpur, but his ticket has been cancelled and given to Jitendra Thakur. Similarly, Ravi Gupta was first given the ticket from Sisamau, but later there was a consensus to give the ticket to his wife. However, on Tuesday Virendra Shukla was given the ticket from Sisamau. The BSP has given its ticket to Deepu Tiwari from Majhawan, Amit alias Jitendra Verma from Katehari, Rafatullah alias Neta Chhidda from Kundarki, Shah Nazar from Meerapur, PN Garg from Ghaziabad and Avnish Kumar Shakva from Karhal. On the instructions of Mayawati, the BSP candidates have started filing their nomination papers in three to five sets from Tuesday. The candidates have been told to file the form only after thorough

scrutiny, so that there is no mistake. BSP state president Vishwanath Pal has been given the responsibility of campaigning on all seats. It is also believed that Mayawati's nephew Akash Anand may also campaign for the byelections so that better results are

achieved.

Poster projects Akhilesh as next CM of UP

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A poster projecting Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav as the next chief minister of Uttar Pradesh in 2027 appeared near the party office on Vikramaditya Marg in the state capital.

The poster carried the photo of the SP chief with the slogan 'Sattaees ka Sattadheesh'. Though Akhilesh Yadav was born on July 1, 1973, the poster was put up to facilitate him on his birthday.

The photo on the poster depicted Akhilesh Yadav as a birthday boy, with the words that "the electorate of Uttar Pradesh have blessed Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and they would do the same in 2027 UP assembly elections".

A Samajwadi Party leader from Sant Kabir Nagar, Jairam Pandey, put up the poster.

Earlier on July I this year, on the occasion of the birthday of Akhilesh Yadav, posters projecting him as the 'future prime minister' of India were put up at the party office.
The enthusiastic Samajwadi

Party leaders put up hoarding to celebrate the occasion after the party registered a significant win in Uttar Pradesh by winning 37 Lok Sabha seats of the state.

The party won 37 out of 80 parliamentary seats in the state and its ally, the Congress, bagged six while the Bharatiya Janata Party won 33 and National Democratic Alliance partner Rashtriya Lok Dal bagged two and Apna Dal (Sonelal) one. Yadav won by a margin of 1,70,922 votes from Kannauj.

SP leader Awadhesh Prasad created a political sensation of sorts by winning the Faizabad Lok Sabha seat in Ayodhya district by defeating two-time BJP MP Lallu Singh.

Eatery worker detained for 'spitting' on rotis

Barabanki (PTI): A hotel worker has been detained in Uttar Pradesh's Barabanki district after a purported video showed him spitting on rotis while baking them, police said on Wednesday. The hotel where the incident occurred has been shut down, they said. Additional Superintendent of Police Chiranjeev Nath Sinha said a video from Sudhiyamau town in the Ramnagar police station area had gone viral, showing the man allegedly preparing rotis by applying saliva. "Based on the video, the police took the accused, identified as Irshad, into custody on Tuesday," he said. "The hotel has been closed, and the rotis have been seized for examination," Sinha said, adding that further action will be taken based on the findings of the probe. The state government has also proposed to make a law that makes such actions a non-bailable offence.

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The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount in full, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guaranto and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him u/s. 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules. The borrower/quarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with property and any dealing with the property will subject to the charge of Union Bank of India, for an Amount and Interest thereon. We also wish to draw kind attention of all concerned towards section 13(8) of the Act in respect of time available to

Name and Address of Borrower/Guarantor & Description of Mortgage Property and O/S Amount as per Demand Notice/Demand & Possession Notice Date

Borrower: Shri Babu Singh Gurjjar S/o Late Badam Singh, R/o: House No. 861/1, Bahar Datia Gate Tehsil & Distt. Jhansi

Demand Notice Date: 02-05-2024 • Date of Constructive Possession: 19.10.2024

Property: Residential Land and Building at House No. 1256, Arazi No. 2296, Situated at Mohalla Thapak Bagh, Bahar Datia Gate, Distt. Jhansi. Owner of Property: Shri Babu Singh Gurjjar S/o Late Badam Singh, Area: 1600 Sq. Ft., Bounded -North: Property of Seller, South: Khet of Sri Kushwaha East: 15 Ft. Wide Way, West: Property of Sri Goswami.

Outstanding Amount as per Demand Notice: Rs. 9,25,452.24 + Intt. + Others Charges

Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India Date: 23-10-2024 Place: Jhansi

Govt targets record with 1,100 Vedic scholars-led Saryu aarti

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A yodhya is set to host the grand Deepotsav celebration from October 28 to 30 under the leadership of Chief Shekhawat will also grace the Minister Yogi Adityanath, A Guinness World Record will be attempted during the event, as 1,100 Vedacharyas perform the Sarvu aarti, stretching from Laxman Kila Ghat to Nava Ghat.

This landmark ceremony will be a key highlight of the cultural and spiritual festivities planned for the occasion.

A total of 25 lakh lamps will illuminate the eighth edition of Deepotsav. The event will begin with a four-kilometre and laser show to be held on procession from Saket, followed by performances of Paidi on the bank of Saryu

troupes. In addition to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Union Tourism and Culture highlight the cultural heritage occasion

Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh announced at a press conference held at the Tourism department on Wednesday that a Guinness World Record will be set with the Saryu aarti, performed by 1,100 Vedacharyas from Laxman Kila Ghat to Naya Ghat, in the presence of the chief minister and other dignitaries. The festivities will also feature a cultural programme

Ramayana episodes by various river, amidst the glow of millions of lamps. The Yogi government will

Minister Gajendra Singh of various countries while promoting local traditions . Deenotsay celebraring the tions. As part of this initiative, artistes from six nations -Cambodia. Thailand, Indonesia, Myanmar, Malaysia, and Nepal — will present Ramlilas during the eighth Deepotsav. The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) will partner in facilitating these international performances.

During Deepotsav 2024, artistes from 16 states, including the host state of Uttar Pradesh, will participate in Ayodhya. This diverse lineup

features performers from Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Maharashtra, Assam, Guiarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Bihar, Chandigarh, Sikkim and Chhattisgarh, who will showcase their cultural programmes.

Additionally, cultural performances by both Indian and international artistes will take place at various locations, including Guptar Ghat, Badi Devkali, Tulsi Udyan, Hanuman Garhi, Ram path, Ramkatha Park, Saryu Ghat and Ram Ki Paadi. The festivities will also include spectacular drone shows and musical laser displays, adding to the grandeur of the event.

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Statement of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2024

| SI. No. | Particulars | 3 months ended | Preceding 3 months ended | Corresponding 3 months ended | Year to date figures for current period ended | Year to date figures for previous period ended | (₹ in million Previous year ended |
|------------|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| | | 30 Sept.2024 | 30 June 2024 | 30 Sept.2023 | 30 Sept.2024 | 30 Sept.2023 | 31 March 2024 |
| | | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| 1 | Total income from operations | 2,874.1 | 4,033.9 | 1,082.6 | 6,908.0 | 3,173.6 | 4,687.5 |
| 2 | Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period (before Tax, Minority | | | | | | |
| | nterest and Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | 337.9 | (224.0) | (163.8) | 113.9 | (643.5) | (3,937.2) |
| 3 | Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period before Tax and Minority | | | | | | |
| | Interest (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | 337.9 | (224.0) | (163.8) | 113.9 | (6,934.2) | (10,227.9) |
| 4 | Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period after Tax and Minority | | | | | | |
| | Interest (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | 242.7 | (282.4) | (182.3) | (39.7) | (6,975.7) | (10,383.5) |
| 5 | Total Comprehensive Income for the year/period | | | | | | |
| | [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the year/period (after tax) and | | | | | | |
| | Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)] | 242.6 | (91.4) | 266.5 | 151.2 | (6,110.7) | (9,072.0) |
| 6 | Paid up Equity Share Capital | 1,271.7 | 1,268.7 | 1,082.2 | 1,271.7 | 1,082.2 | 1,082.2 |
| 7 | Earnings per Share (of ₹ 2/- each) | | | | | | |
| | - Basic (Amount in ₹) | 0.38 | (0.49) | (0.34) | (0.07) | (12.90) | (19.20) |
| | - Diluted (Amount in ₹) | 0.35 | (0.49) | (0.34) | (0.07) | (12.90) | (19.20) |

1. The above consolidated results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 23 October 2024. These financial results have been subjected to limited review by the statutory auditors of the Company.

> Equinox India Developments Limited (formerly Indiabulls Real Estate Limited)

Statement of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2024

| | | | | | | | (₹in million) |
|------------|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------|
| SI. No. | Particulars | 3 months ended | Preceding 3 months ended | Corresponding 3 months ended | Year to date figures for current period ended | Year to date figures for previous period ended | Previous year ended |
| | | 30 Sept.2024 | 30 June 2024 | 30 Sept.2023 | 30 Sept.2024 | 30 Sept.2023 | 31 March 2024 |
| | | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| 1 | Total Income from Operations | 74.7 | 86.7 | 96.7 | 161.4 | 194.7 | 802.1 |
| 2 | Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period | | | | | | |
| | (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | (117.6) | (120.4) | (84.8) | (238.0) | (62.4) | 31.1 |
| 3 | Net (Loss) /Profit for the year/period before Tax | | | | | | |
| | (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | (117.6) | (120.4) | (84.8) | (238.0) | (62.4) | (35,798.3) |
| 4 | Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period after Tax | | | | | | |
| | (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | (110.4) | (121.0) | (85.1) | (231.4) | (62.9) | (35,802.3) |
| 5 | Total Comprehensive Income for the year/period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and | 440.0 | 70.0 | | (40.4) | | (0.4.400.5) |
| 6 | Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)] | (110.4) | 70.0 | 363.9 | (40.4) | 802.3 | (34,482.5) |
| 6 | Earnings per Share (of ₹ 2/- each) - Basic (Amount in ₹) - Diluted (Amount in ₹) | (0.17) | (0.21) | (0.16) | (0.38) | (0.12) (0.12) | (66.17) (66.17) |
| 7 | Paid-up equity share capital | (0.17) | (3.21) | (3.10) | (3.50) | (3.12) | (55.17) |
| | (face value of ₹ 2 per equity share) | 1,271.70 | 1,268.70 | 1,082.20 | 1,271.70 | 1,082.20 | 1,082.20 |
| 8 | Other equity | | | | | | 31,839.90 |

Notes to the standalone financial results:

- 1. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 23 October 2024 These financial results have been subjected to limited review by the statutory auditors of the Company
- 2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (https://equinoxindia.com) and on the website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com).

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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Sachin Shah **Executive Director**

Govt training teachers to transform UP schools into skill development centres

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The Yogi Adityanath government's initiative to transform the schools of Uttar Pradesh into skill development centres is gaining momentum.

As part of a pilot project, 2,402 science and mathematics teachers from upper primary, composite and PM SHRI ry, composite and PM SHRI schools are undergoing specialised training. The programme, rooted in the Learning by Doing' approach, is being conducted with support from Vigyan Ashram and UNICEF and will run until October 25 October 25.

In the ongoing training at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya State Instituté Rural of Development, Lucknow, 1,772 teachers from upper primary and composite schools, 570 from PM SHRI schools, and 60 science and mathematics teachers selected through the pilot project are being trained. These teachers will aim to educate students through vocational skills and practical experiences. This initiative is expected to aid in the academic and personal development of the students.

Under the leadership of Sandeep Singh stated that the Minister of State for Basic Education (Independent Charge) Sandeep Singh, the Basic Education department increase in student attendance in schools, but also brought

conducts this four-day residential training, where teachers are trained in various disciplines.

The objective behind the initiative is to develop these schools into skill centres as per the guidelines of the National Education Policy 2020. The programme aims to help students understand complex subjects like science and mathematics and familiarize them with vocational skills.

Promoting the holistic development of students is also a key goal. The aim of this initiative is not just to shape them as academicians, but to provide them with opportunities to develop their practical life skills as well.

In 2022, the pilot project of this programme was implemented in 60 schools across 15 districts in which students learned skills in more than 60 activities through four major trades (engineering and workshop, energy and environment, agriculture, nursery and gardening and home and health care). This effort resulted in a significant increase in students' practical understanding and interest in these sub-

implementation of this pilot project has not only led to an

about a remarkable improvement in their learning levels in science and mathematics.

'As students acquired vocational and technical skills, they developed a deeper understanding of the subjects, which is now contributing positively to their academic and personal growth," he said. Inaugurating the training programme, Additional Chief Secretary (Transport) L Venkateshwarlu and special guest Ekta Singh (IAS) said that this initiative would prove to be a significant milestone in the skill development of students. According to them, it will not only foster scientific thinking and technical skills among students but also empower them with the vocational abilities necessary for future self-reliance.

This effort to introduce practical education in schools will give a new direction to the state's education system and help provide students with better employment opportunities, they pointed out. On this occasion, mainly

Madhav Tiwari from Samagra Shiksha, B Chaudhary (additional director of the institute), Mohit Yadav (faculty officer, Science Ashram) and UNICEF team, apart from Rajit Singh and Dr Faizan, state advisor community participation were

HC refuses to recall order in Idgah case

Prayagraj (PTI): The Allahabad High Court on Wednesday rejected an application to recall its January 11 order that consolidated all suits of the Hindu side filed in the Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Idgah dis-

pute of Mathura. Counsel Tasneem Ahmadi, who appeared on behalf of the Muslim said, had sought recall of the order contending that the matter is in a premature stage and cases should not be consolidated before framing of issues and collecting evidence.

Opposing the application from the Hindu side, it was submitted that once the court is of the opinion that reliefs are the same, the property is the same and further that the defendants are the same, it is the domain of the court to consolidate the cases and no party has right to challenge the same. It was also alleged that the objective of the application was to delay court proceedings.

The High Court had on August 1, 2024, ordered the framing of issues but no issues have been framed till now and the court is only hearing applications. The counsel from the Hindu side,

Hari Shanker Jain, had submitted that the consolidation of cases did not mean that the right to contest all the cases would be Registered Office: Office No 01-1001, WeWork, Blue One Square.

Date: 23 October 2024

(CIN): L45101HR2006PLC095409



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| 5 AQUEEL AHMED KHAN 6 RUPAM SINGH | XXXXXXXXXXXX8997 Rs. 1,12,714,00 04-05-2024 34,340 32,140 XXXXXXXXXXXXXX865 Rs. 2,80,176,00 08-09-2024 75,980 74,880 B.O.: AGRA [UP] XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX350 Rs. 30,457,00 20-07-2024 11,900 11,000 | B.O.: FIROZABAD [UP] 143 SEEMA XXXXXXXXXXXS975 Rs. 1,71,115.00 08-05-2024 53.700 48.50 | 287 NAHID PARVEZ XXXXXXXXXXX154 Rs. 2,80,982.00 08-05-2024 84.200 78.400 |
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| 10 GUNJAN SAXENA 11 NAUSHAD ALI | XXXXXXXXXXXXX1728 Rs. 1,54,722.00 21-09-2024 48.900 39.500 | B.O.: GARH ROAD, MEERUT [UP] 147 JATIN KUMAR XXXXXXXXXX5545 Rs. 54,835.00 20-07-2024 13.680 13.18 148 SALIM ALI XXXXXXXXXXXXX6113 Rs. 91,520.91 20-07-2024 27.020 25.12 | 290 MITHLESH KUMAR XXXXXXXXXXXX1724 Rs. 69,079.00 07-09-2024 20.000 18.200 291 LILA DEVI XXXXXXXXXXXXXX1621 Rs. 95,287.00 20-07-2024 23.300 21.000 |
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| 9 WASEEM KHAN 0 KM DEEPIKA SARSWAT 11 MOHD ISRAR | XXXXXXXXXXXX5367 Rs. 1,06,532.00 07-06-2024 27.600 26.900 XXXXXXXXXXXXX3097 Rs. 1,24,345.00 20-07-2024 30.100 28.900 XXXXXXXXXXXXXX6398 Rs. 1,42,482.00 20-07-2024 32.500 31.500 | 157 ACHCHHE LAL SINGH KUSHWAHA XXXXXXXXXXX0802 Rs. 1,15,332.00 07-06-2024 35.600 31.60 158 NOOMAN QAMAR XXXXXXXXXXXX8397 Rs. 4,84,741.00 20-07-2024 104.800 104.80 159 NOOMAN QAMAR XXXXXXXXXXX7584 Rs. 4,88,906.00 08-05-2024 128.000 121.50 | 0 300 MOHD SUAIB XXXXXXXXXXX7402 Rs. 1,33,952.29 07-09-2024 46.500 38.800 B.O.: NAUGARH UP |
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| 7 YASH RAJ AGARWAL 8 ASHISSH JAISWAL 9 AZHAR UDDIN KAZMI | XXXXXXXXXXXXX5613 Rs. 1,5,819.00 17-01-2024 13.400 12.900 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX5613 Rs. 1,15,819.00 17-01-2024 34.100 31.700 XXXXXXXXXXXXXX6360 Rs. 1,19,183.59 20-07-2024 33.200 31.900 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX6360 Rs. 1,19,183.59 20-07-2024 33.200 31.900 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX | B.O.: GONDA [UP] 164 MANOJ KUMAR XXXXXXXXXXX4563 Rs. 37,590.92 20-07-2024 9.980 9.680 B.O.: GOPIGANJ SATR UP | 306 SHOBHA DEVI |
| 0 SHREE PRAKASH KESARWANI 11 JAGDISH KUMAR 12 MOHAMMAD FAZIL | XXXXXXXXXXX2657 Rs. 6,22,081.00 26-09-2024 226.300 215.500 B.O.: AMROHA [UP] XXXXXXXXXXX0818 Rs. 61,307.00 15-02-2024 20.000 19.900 XXXXXXXXXXXXXX0018 Rs. 1,25,082.00 20-07-2024 30.600 30.600 | 165 VISNU SHANKAR XXXXXXXXXXX5588 Rs. 1,06,817.00 07-09-2024 27.600 26.50 B.O.: GORAKHPUR [UP] 166 RAMESH XXXXXXXXXXX7605 Rs. 39,702.00 07-06-2024 12.800 10.60 167 SUDHANSHU TIWARI XXXXXXXXXX6072 Rs. 43,955.00 04-08-2024 16.300 15.20 | B.O.: OBRA SONBHADRA UP 310 RIZWAN ALI XXXXXXXXXXXX330 Rs. 46,783.00 20-07-2024 12.100 11.900 |
| 3 PIYUS SINGH | XXXXXXXXXXXXX1264 Rs. 1,05,002.00 20-07-2024 30.600 30.6 | 16/1 SUDHANSHU IWARI XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX | 312 SANISH KUMAR XXXXXXXXXX5943 Rs. 2,85,988.00 20-07-2024 93.000 92.150 B.O.: PADRAUNA [UP] |
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| 7 KRISHAN KUMAR | B.O.: BAGHPAT [UP] XXXXXXXXXXXX4213 Rs. 34,448.00 15-02-2024 10.900 10.600 B.O.: BAHERI [UP] | 174 DILIP KUMAR XXXXXXXXXXXZ574 Rs. 1,07,265.00 08-05-2024 27.000 25.00 175 RAGHVENDRA CHAND XXXXXXXXXXXXX8888 Rs. 1,49,719.00 07-06-2024 64.200 46.20 B.O.: GT ROAD, KANPUR [UP] | 317 RAKESH KUMAR GUPT XXXXXXXXXXXX5312 Rs. 89,155.00 20-07-2024 25.400 24.000 318 VED PRAKASH JAISWAL XXXXXXXXXXX1650 Rs. 89,194.14 07-09-2024 28.300 25.400 319 RAVI KUMAR MISHRA XXXXXXXXXXX5619 Rs. 94,031.00 20-07-2024 31.900 29.300 |
| 8 MOHD HARUN 9 KOUSHIK . | XXXXXXXXXXXXX4727 Rs. 1,95,071.00 08-05-2024 55.300 54.300 | 176 SOORAJ XXXXXXXXXXXX2136 Rs. 30,751.00 08-05-2024 7.400 7.100 177 ASHISH SINGH XXXXXXXXXXX5179 Rs. 56,312.00 08-05-2024 16.300 14.80 178 SONI XXXXXXXXXXXXX8974 Rs. 82,623.00 08-05-2024 31.700 22.20 | 322 SHUBHANSHU KUMAR SHAH XXXXXXXXXXX4365 Rs. 4,52,337.04 20-07-2024 154.000 137.800 |
| 0 PARVEEN KHATOON 1 VIVEK KUMAR 2 VISHAL KUMAR ANCHAL | XXXXXXXXXXX7928 Rs. 40,968.00 28-12-2023 11.850 11.700 XXXXXXXXXXXXX8779 Rs. 53,217.00 20-07-2024 18.800 18.700 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX2917 Rs. 56,070.00 08-05-2024 15.210 15.100 | 179 SHABANA XXXXXXXXXXXX7025 Rs. 97,975.00 20-07-2024 28.100 26.20 B.O.: HARDOI [UP] 180 HARINAM YADAV XXXXXXXXXXXX3933 Rs. 38,574.00 15-02-2024 10.800 10.50 | B.O.: PHULPUR UP 323 SAKIL SAH XXXXXXXXXXXX9730 Rs. 34,902.00 08-05-2024 12.400 12.000 324 MOHAMMAD FAZAL XXXXXXXXXXXXX8721 Rs. 6,68,637.00 26-09-2024 199.300 188.600 |
| 3 SHAHEEN 4 PRAVEEN KUMAR SINGH 5 VINEET KUMAR SHUKLA | XXXXXXXXXXXXX4381 Rs. 63,717.00 07-09-2024 19.860 19.000 XXXXXXXXXXXXXX773 Rs. 71,343.00 20-07-2024 15.980 15.900 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX932 Rs. 72,773.00 20-07-2024 19.190 19.100 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX932 Rs. 72,773.00 20-07-2024 19.190 19.100 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX | 181 VIVEK YADAV XXXXXXXXXXX5976 Rs. 61,578.00 07-09-2024 22.100 15.00 182 SHUBHAM TRIVEDI XXXXXXXXXXX0772 Rs. 1,00,407.00 25-08-2023 41.000 39.50 B.O.: HOLI GATE MATHU MAT UP | 325 ASHISH KUMAR SAXENA |
| 16 DEEPANSHU SRIVASTAVA 17 HASEEB AHMAD 18 OM PATHAK 19 MO ASIF KHAN | XXXXXXXXXXXXX8988 | 183 ANKIT VERMA XXXXXXXXXXXXX4884 Rs. 28,288.33 07-06-2024 14.200 13.70 184 BADAL SHARMA XXXXXXXXXXX8969 Rs. 53,742.00 26-07-2024 14.230 13.83 B.O.: INDIRA NAGAR, LUCKNOW [UP] 185 SACHIN SHARMA XXXXXXXXXXXX29234 Rs. 29,282.00 04.08,2024 8.500 9.00 | 328 MAHESH CHANDRA XXXXXXXXXXX9954 Rs. 1,36,365.00 08-09-2024 37.200 36.800 329 MOHSIN KHAN XXXXXXXXXXXXXX8473 Rs. 4,09,600.00 08-09-2024 111.400 110.900 |
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| 52 SANDEEP KUMAR GUPTA 53 AFATAB ALAM | XXXXXXXXXXX1991 Rs. 1,34,450.00 07-06-2024 35.500 34.100 B.O.: BANGARMAU UP XXXXXXXXXXXX1704 Rs. 40,855.00 08-05-2024 13.000 12.940 | 189 CHANDRESH KUMAR RAY XXXXXXXXXXX51303 Rs. 7.0,001.00 02-04-2024 24-700 22.70 | 333 SANDEEP SINGH |
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| SALEEM KHAN CHANDAMOL . | XXXXXXXXXXX2654 Rs. 1,14,533.00 08-05-2024 31.900 31.840 | 195 AJEET KUMAR YADAV XXXXXXXXXXXX4559 Rs. 1,05,110.00 07-09-2024 28.000 26.10 196 PRAVEEN KUMAR PANDEY XXXXXXXXXXX5104 Rs. 1,18,972.86 07-06-2024 35.000 33.00 197 SUDHA XXXXXXXXXXXX4282 Rs. 1,30,846.00 08-05-2024 35.200 35.20 | B.O.: RAI BARELI [UP] 341 SAURABH KUMAR XXXXXXXXXXX0492 Rs. 40,644.00 29-09-2023 9.000 9.000 B.O.: RAJAJIPURAM LUC UP |
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MP Jagdambika Pal defies opposition allegations, ready to resign if wrong

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Lok Sabha MP Jagdambika Pal, who heads the Parliamentary panel on Waqf bill, on Wednesday rejected the opposition's allegations that he violated norms by going public about TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee smashing a glass bottle and hurling it at the chair during a meeting of the panel. He also asserted he was ready to resign if opposition members say he did not allow them to speak at the meeting.

"I have not revealed any proceedings or deliberations of the committee. I have only made a statement about an incident of violence during the committee meeting by a member and his subsequent suspension," Pal, a BJP MP from Uttar Pradesh, said.

Three BJP MPs have written to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla demanding the filing of an FIR against TMC member Kalyan Banerjee and his immediate suspension from

the House pending investigation for what they "unprecedented violence" during a meeting of the joint parliamentary panel on the Waqf bill.

The letter signed by Nishikant Dubey, Aparajita Sarangi and Abhijit Abhijit Sarangi matter by the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee to rescinding consider

Banerjee's membership from the Lower House.

Amid a heated exchange of

words with Gangopadhyay during the meeting on Tuesday, Banerjee smashed a glass bottle and allegedly threw it towards the panel's chairperson Jagdambika Pal. DMK member A Raja and AAP member Sanjay Singh had alleged that Pal violated Gangopadhyay also sought rules of procedure for an investigation into the conduct of Parliamentary Committee meetings, which are conducted in-camera. "I have always adhered to rules

of parliamentary procedure

and upheld the dignity of the

the Joint Committee on Waaf (Amendment) Bill, he made a statement on the incident of violence during the meeting of the panel on Tuesday involving Banerjee

and the subsequent action

against him.

against him.
The panel's meeting hit the headlines after Banerjee smashed a glass bottle and threw it allegedly towards the Chair following a heated argument with BJP member Abhijit Gangopadhyay. Banerjee ended up cutting his own fingers and was administered first aid. The panel decided to suspend the Trinamool member for one day from the committee proceedings. Pal said he has already

informed the Lok Sabha Speaker about the incident. Sources said Banerjee expressed regret for smashing the bottle and claimed that he never meant to throw it towards Pal, while still accusing him of "biased"

SEBI chairperson to face Parliament's Public Accounts Committee amid controversy

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SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch is scheduled to appear before the Parliament's Public Accounts Committee on Thursday, expected to be a stormy meeting following a senior BJP member's accusation that political motivations are guiding the actions of the panel's chairman and Congress MP KC Venugopal.

The meeting's agenda includes oral evidence of representatives of the Finance Ministry and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) as part of the committee's decision to go for the "performance review of regulatory bodies established by Act of Parliament". While the committee's

decision to include the performance review regulatory bodies established by legislation in its agenda invited no protest, Venugopal's move to call



ruling party members as she has been at the centre of a political row ignited by US firm Hindenburg's allegations against her.

The short-seller company's accusation of conflict of interest against Buch was seized by the Congress to seek her ouster and to attack the rendering government. political dimensions to the panel's missive to her to appear before it. BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, a

member of the panel, wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla against Venugopal, accusing the senior Congress leader of raking up non-existent issues to defame the central government and destabilise country's financial structure and economy. Accusing Venugopal of 'unconstitutional ` and

disdainful" conduct, Dubey claimed that political motivations were guiding the committee's chairperson after the Congress was "compelled"

by voters to sit in the opposition benches following the Lok Sabha polls.

Claiming that unverified allegations by a foreign company like Hindenburg against Buch were part of such a campaign, he alleged that the "India Chapter' of this toolkit has become

This time also, unverified allegations have been levelled against the SEBI Chief by a foreign entity viz., Hindenburg Research, which is notorious for targeting business houses, important functionaries and financial institutions of the country," Dubey told Birla, urging the Speaker Venugopal.

Parliamentarians from the BJP and its allies are in a majority in the committee. and they are likely to vehemently oppose any move by opposition members to raise issues that they believe are outside the panel's remit.

JP Nadda hail renewable of corridor agreement as 'significant step' for Sardar community



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 $B^{\mbox{\scriptsize JP}}_{\mbox{\scriptsize Nadda}}$ national president J P Nadda on Wednesday said the renewal of the agreement between India and Pakistan on the Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor is "significant step"

towards honouring the spiritual aspirations of the Sikh community.

The ministry of external Tuesday announced that India and Pakistan have renewed the agreement on Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor for the next five years.

In view of the continued requests of the pilgrims regarding the removal of USD 20 service charge levied by Pakistan per pilgrim per visit, India has once again urged Pakistan not to levy any fee or charges on the pilgrims, the ministry said in a statement.

In a social media post, Nadda wrote, "In a significant step towards honoring the spiritual aspirations of our

Sikh brothers and sisters, the Modi government has extended the agreement on the Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor for an additional five years.'

"Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Modi, Narendra government has prioritized initiatives that celebrate and promote our nation's vibrant cultural and religious heritage," the Union minister

"extension" agreement not only reflects the Modi government's commitment to enhancing spiritual journeys but also ensures that devotees can visit Sri Kartarpur Sahib "with the dignity deserve", he added.

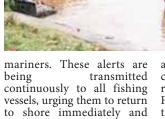
Cyclone Dana alert in West Bengal and Odisha

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 $A^{s\, Cyclone\, Dana\, is\, forecast}_{to\ make\ landfall\ on}$ October 24-25 along the coasts of West Bengal and Odisha, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Region (North-East) has implemented a series of preventive measures to safeguard lives measures to safeguard lives and property at sea, defence ministry said here on Wednesday. Giving details, officials said the ICG is closely monitoring the situation and has taken

proactive steps to ensure preparedness for dealing with any emergency arising from the cyclone's impact.

The ICG has tasked ships, and Remote aircraft Operating Stations at West Bengal and Odisha to broadcast regular weather warnings and safety advisories to fishermen and



seek safe shelter. The ICG has mobilised its and aircraft. positioning them strategically to respond swiftly to any emergency situation at sea. Additionally, ICG personnel are working in coordination with local administrations and disaster management authorities to ensure a coordinated and effective response.

Fishing communities along the coastline have been informed through various channels, including village heads, to avoid venturing into the sea until the cyclone passes. The ICG is on high alert, with its dedicated disaster relief teams and assets ready to provide assistance, rescue and relief operations.

Government to celebrate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150th birth anniversary

The government will com-

I memorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel with a twoyear-long nationwide programme from 2024 to 2026 to honour his monumental contribution to the country. Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced on Wednesday. He said Sardar Patel's enduring legacy as the visionary behind the establishment of one of the most world's robust democracies and his pivotal role in unifying India from Kashmir to Lakshadweep remains indelible.

"To honour his monumental contributions, government of India, under the leadership of PM Shri @narendramodi Ji, will commemorate his 150th birth anniversary with a two-yearlong nationwide celebration from 2024 to 2026," Shah wrote in a social media post. The home minister said this celebration will serve as a testament to his remarkable achievements and the spirit of unity that he epitomised. Patel was born on October 31, 1875, at Nadiad in Gujarat. As part of the celebrations, various programmes are organised across the country,

recalling Sardar Patel's contribution to unify India.

Districts will named after Lord Rama or Krishna if BJP wins assembly election: Assam CM

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ssam Chief Minister Wednesday said Hussainabad sub-division in Jharkhand's Palamu district will be made a district if the BIP comes to power after the assembly elections, and it will be named after Lord Ram or Krishna. Sarma, also the BIP's Jharkhand election co-in-charge, said that driving out

infiltrators from the state



would be the priority of the Hussainabad party. constituency "Hussainabad will be made a Kamlesh Singh.

comes to power in the state. It sole will be named after Lord Ram or Krishna," he said. Sarma said Hussainabad will be designated as a separate district in the first cabinet meeting of the new government.
The Assam Chief Minister

was addressing an election rally at Japla's Karpoori ground seeking votes for

candidate

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) legislator, joined the BJP on October 4.

Designating Hussainabad a separate district has been a demand of Singh for a long time. He withdrew his support from the Hemant Soren-led government on November 1 last year claiming that his demand was not fulfilled. At the poll meeting, Sarma

assembly alleged that Jharkhand's region, while the population of Bangladesh infiltrators is rising. district for sure after BJP Singh, who was Jharkhand's the ruling JMM is silent over the issue since they are its vote

> "Driving out infiltrators is BJP's priority. We will implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) to drive out Bangladesh infiltrators from Jharkhand," he said.

He claimed that the Hindu population is declining in Jharkhand's Santhal Pargana

"They are entering Jharkhand through Santhal spreading across the state. Gradually, Jharkhand will face the same situation what Assam is facing today," Sarma said.

He claimed that the Muslim population in Assam was not even 20 per cent in 1951, which now increased to 45 per cent due to Bangladeshi

Australia named Country of nation' at 55th IFFI in Goa

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The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Wednesday announced that Australia has been nominated as the "Country of Focus" at the 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI)to be held in Goa from November 20 to 28.

The "Country of Focus" segment at IFFI will feature a curated selection of seven Australian films, showcasing the country's rich storytelling traditions as well as indigenous and

contemporary narratives. The announcement follows the recent signing of an Audio Visual Co-production Treaty between the two nations, which aims to boost co-productions by offering incentives to filmmakers from both countries.

Additionally, Australia will participate in the Film Bazaar, the market event held alongside IFFI.

A delegation, including representatives from Screen Australia, State Screen Commissions, and Ausfilm, will showcase opportunities for collaboration, with a special focus on promoting Australia as a filming destination.

Up to six producers will attend Film Bazaar, supported by funding from their government, to co-production explore opportunities.

The event will also host an "Australian Co-production Day" to facilitate networking between filmmakers from both countries.

One of the highlights of the 2024 Film Bazaar will be the Australian project "Home Before Night" that has been selected as an official entry in the Co-Production Market. A dedicated panel discussion

co-production opportunities between India and Australia is also part of the Knowledge Series at the

Ministry of Panchayati Raj launches weather forcast service for Gram Panchayat

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 $T_{\text{Raj will on Thursday}}^{\text{he Ministry of Panchayati}}$ launch a weather forecast service for gram panchayats which will provide them with localised daily weather forecasts for five days and enhance dis-aster preparedness, an official statement said.

Gram Panchayat Level Weather Forecasting, which will be launched in collaboration with the India Meteorological Department (IMD), will also allow gram panchayats to check hourly weather forecasts and directly benefit farmers and villagers across the country, said the statement issued by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj on Wednesday.

Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh Lalan and Minister of State for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences (Independent Charge) Jitendra Singh will be

100 Days Agenda, this initiative strengthens grassroots governance and sustainable promotes agricultural practices, making rural populations more climate-resilient and better



This is the first time that localised weather forecasts will be available at the gram panchayat level, supported by the IMD's expanded sensor coverage.

The forecasts will be disseminated through the ministry's digital platforms: e-GramSwaraj, Meri Panchayat app, and Gram Manchitra. These tools will also strengthen disaster

preparedness planning. infrastructure present at the launch. Furthermore, SMS alerts will be sent to panchayat representatives regarding extreme weather events like cyclones and heavy rainfall, ensuring immediate action to protect lives, crops, and property. This e

endeavour

transformative step toward building climate-resilient communities at the grassroots level," the ministry said.

A training workshop on "Weather Forecasts at the Gram Panchayat Level" will be organised to mark the launch of this initiative. The workshop will be attended by more than 200 participants, including elected representatives of panchayati raj institutions and state

panchayati raj officials, it said. The training session will and equip panchayat representatives and functionaries with the knowledge and skills to effectively utilise weather forecasting tools and forecasting resources at the grassroots level, empowering them to make informed decisions and enhance climate resilience in their communities.

HC seeks action against police officials over Badlapur sexual assault case

PTI MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Wednesday asked the Maharashtra government about action taken against the erring police officials for lapses in lodging an FIR and probing the alleged sexual assault on two minor girls at a school in Badlapur area of Thane dis-A division bench of Justices

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Prithviraj Chavan noted that

departmental inquiry has been set up against the errant Badlapur police officials.

Advocate General Birendra Saraf told the court that as per the departmental inquiry, charges of dereliction of duty have been found against one officer."A report has been to forwarded

forwarded to the commissioner of police for necessary action," Saraf said. Two girls - aged four and five - were sexually abused inside the toilet of the school in Badlapur by a male attendant in August. While the case was being inquired by the Badlapur police, the Maharashtra government set up a Special Investigation

Team (SIT) for a probe into the case following a public outcry over serious lapses in the police investigation. The HC took suo motu (on its own) cognisance of the (sexual assault) incident and has been supervising the probe into it.

The bench on Wednesday

posted the matter for further hearing after six weeks. "On the next date, we shall be informed about the action taken against the erring officers attached to Badlapur police station," the court

"This collaboration will not only promote cultural exchange but also open new avenues for filmmakers in India and Australia to work together on innovative cinematic projects," the ministry said in a statement.

Omar in New Delhi to meet PM Modi, HM Shah J and K CM expected to call on Modi on his arrival from BRICS summit

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rammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Wednesday arrived in New Delhi ahead of his maiden meeting with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union Home Minister Amit Shah after taking

charge. Omar is expected to call on the Prime Minister on his arrival from the BRICS summit in Kazan, Russia while he is expected to call on the Home Minister late Wednesday evening.



During his meeting with the few other central ministers Prime Minister Omar is seeking their support to seeking their support to push the ongoing vital likely to submit a resolution likely to submit a resolution passed by his cabinet seeking restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. Though the office of Chief Minister remained tight lipped over the agenda of Chief Minister's visit to New Delhi but the political grapevine suggested Omar is headed to New Delhi to formally submit a resolution formally submit a resolution seeking restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir in its original

power supply during the peak winter season with the Union minister. Before heading to New Delhi Omar attended a

series of meetings with the

developmental projects in

the region.
Omar is likely to take up the issue of 'uninterrupted'

administrative secretaries of various departments and took stock of the ongoing developmental projects and the availability of power Omar is also likely to meet a supply.

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A diplomatic push for peace

During his visit to Russia for BRICS Summit, Prime Minister Modi once again roots for peace

rime Minister Narendra Modi met President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Kazan to discuss wide ranging issues. The meeting highlighted India's continued advocacy for peaceful resolutions to conflicts, particularly the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. The BRICS summit brought together leaders from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa to discuss global issues and solidify their collective stance on a multipolar world order. During the meeting, PM Modi reaffirmed India's position on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, stressing the importance of dialogue and peaceful solutions. This stance underscores India's diplomatic approach of engaging with both Russia and Ukraine while maintaining its strategic autonomy. PM Modi's message comes at a critical time when Russia is advancing on the battlefield in eastern Ukraine, and global powers are grappling with the conflict's wider implications. Modi's call for peace aligns with India's broader foreign policy, which seeks to mediate and foster dialogue



without aligning explicitly with any one bloc. This Summit marks a significant milestone for BRICS, as the addition of five new members, set to be formalised through the 'Kazan Declaration' at the conclusion of the Summit, reflects the growing importance of the bloc as an alternative forum in the shifting global power structure and a multipolar world order.

No wonder Russia has touted the BRICS Summit as a diplomatic victory, countering Western attempts to isolate Moscow over the Ukraine conflict. For India, this Summit was also an opportunity to reinforce India's pivotal role in BRICS as it continues to advocate for multipolarity and global governance reforms. India and

Russia's relationship has been characterised as a 'special and privileged strategic partnership,' a sentiment echoed by President Putin, who noted that the bilateral ties continue to actively develop. While the Ukraine conflict has strained Russia's relations with the West, India has maintained a pragmatic approach by continuing to engage with Russia on economic and strategic matters. Notably, India has emerged as a significant purchaser of Russian oil, much to the disapproval of Western countries that are attempting to limit Russia's trade capabilities. India's stance has remained clear: its foreign policy decisions, including energy procurement, will prioritise its national interest, particularly in securing affordable resources for its citizens. The United States remains concerned over Russia's diplomatic manoeuvers amid the ongoing Ukraine conflict. Modi's visit to Russia for the BRICS Summit and his meeting with Putin emphasised India's role as a mediator advocating for peaceful conflict resolution. The strengthening of the BRICS bloc and the deepening of the India-Russia partnership signify broader shifts in global dynamics toward a multipolar world. As India navigates this evolving landscape, its policy of non-alignment and focus on strategic autonomy will be crucial in maintaining balanced relations with all major powers, while advocating for peace and stability.



Israel challenges the UN ahead of UN Day



Israel's unprecedented declaration of UN Secretary-General António Guterres as persona non grata has challenged the very foundations of global diplomacy

he United Nations was not created to take mankind to heaven, but to save humanity from hell. These words from Dag Hammarskjöld, the second Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN), resonate with renewed urgency today. As the world observes United Nations Day on October 24, the occasion is marked by an unprecedented diplomatic crisis that raises critical questions about the future of global cooperation. Israel's recent declaration of current UN Secretary-General António Guterres as persona non grata has sent shockwaves through international diplomacy, challenging the very principles the UN was founded to uphold. The persona non grata designation, meaning a foreign official is no longer welcome, effectively bars Guterres from entering Israeli territory.

This decision stems from his comments about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, which were meant to emphasise the need for aid and peace. However, many Israeli officials viewed his remarks as biased against Israel, sparking tensions that led to this extraordinary response. As the world pauses to honour the UN's efforts in fostering peace and multilateral dialogue, this incident serves as a stark reminder of the difficulties faced by diplomacy in an increasingly polarised world. Established in 1945 following the devastation of World War II, the UN was created to maintain peace, promote human rights, and foster global cooperation. United Nations Day is intended to celebrate these ideals and the achievements of the world's largest international organisation. Yet, as we commemorate the UN's 79th anniversary, Israel's declaration of Guterres as persona non grata stands in sharp contrast to the spirit of multilateralism. The move not only represents a significant rebuke of Guterres' leadership but also challenges the UN's ability to act as an impartial mediator in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, one of the world's longest-standing dis-

The UN has often faced criticism ing grievances over perceived



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for its perceived bias or ineffectiveness, especially in conflict zones. Israel's frustrations with the organisation are longstanding, rooted in concerns about what it perceives as an undue focus on its policies while other nations escape similar scrutiny. The exclusion of Guterres from Israel, however, marks a dramatic escalation in this discontent. It signals a rejection not just of the Secretary-General's leadership but of the UN's role in mediating peace, setting a troubling THE CONCEPT OF precedent for the organisa-PERSONA NON tion's future involvement in the region. The concept of per-GRATA HAS BEEN sona non grata has been wielded as a powerful diplo-WIELDED AS A matic tool throughout history. Declaring someone unwelcome goes beyond a person-DIPLOMATIC TOOL al rebuke; it conveys a nation's stance on international rela-THROUGHOUT tions. Past examples include the expulsion of Russian diplomats from various European countries amid political ten-DECLARING sions, or Venezuela's Hugo Chávez being declared per-UNWELCOME sona non grata by Colombia. However, Israel's designation GOES BEYOND A of the UN's top diplomat is an extraordinary and rare occur-PERSONAL REBUKE; rence, symbolising a low point in the relationship between Israel and the international NATION'S STANCE ON community.

For Israel, Guterres' remarks on the Gaza crisis were viewed as an affront to its right to selfdefense, adding to long-standbias at international forums. Israeli officials, including the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, quickly accused Guterres of undermining their security by portraying Israel's military actions as disproportionate.

This stance reflects broader frustrations with international organisations, which some Israelis feel have not adequately acknowledged the complexities of their national security concerns.

While the declaration is a decision made by Israel, its implications extend far beyond its borders. Human rights organisations and diplomatic circles have reacted swiftly to the move. Amnesty International, for instance, condemned the decision, arguing that it undermines the principles of diplomacy and the UN's mission to foster dialogue. Critics assert that Guterres, in his capacity as Secretary-General, was fulfilling his duty by highlighting the humanitarian situation in Gaza, and his exclusion from Israel sets a dangerous prece-

rejecting external criticism. even when it comes from humanitarian or impartial voices. The result could be a world where diplomacy no longer seeks common ground but instead shuts out dissent. The exclusion of Guterres

reflects not only a national stance but a broader global trend of rising nationalism and isolationism.

Across the world, countries are increasingly resistant to international oversight or critique, a shift that threatens the very role of the UN as a mediator and peacekeeper. As we observe UN Day, the importance of this moment cannot be overstated. The UN's mission to save humanity from conflict, as Hammarskjöld envisioned, is more critical than ever.

The exclusion of Guterres exposes a fragile global order where the organisation's ability to mediate and foster peace is increasingly questioned. Israel's actions are not only a national response to perceived bias but also resonate with broader concerns about the fairness and effectiveness of international institutions in addressing security issues. Despite these challenges, the current diplomatic crisis could serve as a turning point for global diplomacy.

As we mark United Nations Day, Guterres' designation as This incident highlights a persona non grata by Israel is growing trend of nations a stark reminder of the challenges facing diplomacy today. Yet, in the midst of this crisis lies an opportunity. This mission remains as vital now as it was when the UN was founded nearly eight decades ago.

(The writer is an associate professor; views are personal)

Kerachakka unpaved road to development



women and adolescent girls.

It is home to 80 tribal families struggling for basic infrastructure. With impassable road access to education, healthcare and essential services remains a distant dream

rerachakka village, located about 50 kilo-metres from the district headquarters of Sarangarh-Bilaigarh in Chhattisgarh, is struggling with a lack of basic infrastructure.

Home to 80 families, primarily from the Khairwar and Bariha tribal communities, the village is accessible only through a broken, unpaved road. During the monsoon, this road becomes nearly impassable, cutting the village off from the outside world. This affects not only transportation but also children's access to education. Sunil Lal Chauhan, the head

teacher of the local government primary school, explains that while 23 children are enrolled, only a few attend school during the rainy season.

The road conditions are simply too poor, making the journey unsafe, especially for adolescent girls whose education suffers the most. Chauhan adds that with only one teacher, who is also burdened with administrative tasks, the school struggles to provide the attention the children need. The broader issue is compounded by the migration of families in search of employment, disrupting children's schooling for extended periods. Resident Badri Prasad highlights another challenge: ineffective local governance.

Though the village falls under Gram Panchayat Gardih, meetings are rarely held, and the Panchayat office is often closed. Essential services like ration distribution happen only once a month, which creates difficulties for the villagers. Badri Prasad emphasises that due to the village's distance from the district headquarters, Kerachakka has been left behind in the development process. Poor road connectivity remains a major barrier, preventing growth and access to opportunities.

Rameshwar Prasad Kurre, a local social worker, points out that the village's rocky terrain limits agricultural opportunities. Most families own small plots of land that barely yield enough to sustain them.

Consequently, many villagers migrate during the off-season in search of work, which has a particularly harsh impact on

Malnutrition is rampant, with women and girls often being the first to suffer when resources are scarce. While pregnant women and young children receive some nutritional support from the Anganwadi centre, this does not extend to other women, leaving them vulnerable. Recent government initiatives, however, offer hope. The Union Cabinet has approved Rs 70,000 crore for rural road development under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for 2024-29, and the Chhattisgarh government has allocated Rs17,529 crore in its 2024-25 budget for village roads. These investments aim to improve infrastructure, create employment opportunities, and reduce migration. Better roads could be the first step in bringing Kerachakka and similar villages into the fold of progress, ensuring they are no longer left behind in the race for development. (The author is a grassroots

worker from Ajmer, Rajasthan; Views expresed are personal)

DEMOCRACY OVER RELIGION Madam —This refers to the editorial

'Path to Democracy'. Growth and stabilitv could be achieved only under a vibrant democracy with liberty for all forces to make their productive contributions and point out the misdeeds and mistakes of the rulers for due corrections. In Bangladesh, things are taking a swing from one extreme to the next. In the name of restoring democracy, rabidly communal fundamentalists are taking centre stage. The people should understand that religion is an innate affair and allowing it to dominate political affairs can cause only hurdles to revive the economy and care for the peo-

History is clear that wherever religion plays a dominant role, liberty and development suffer. Even after 7 decades, Pakistan is still lingering around its basic issues. India, which was developing in many fields, is on a retrograde path with communal forces trying to dominate the affairs, leaving 81 crore poor people to manage their lives with 5 kg of free rice, unemployment reaching its heights, untamed inflation and a miniscule section allowed to amass the wealth of the nation. Therefore, the people of Bangladesh should be careful in keeping religion away from politics and focus on development failing which the country may have to join the band of Afghans and Pakistan.

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Madam— Apropos to the article 'Dastardly Act, October 22. The Ganderbal terror

TERROR STRIKES GANDERBAL

attack, which claimed the lives of a doctor and six labourers at a tunnel construction site, leaves no room for doubt that Pakistan will persist with its nefarious policy of bleeding India and J and K in particular with a thousand cuts. It is no coincidence that the terror attack has taken place in Ganderbal, the constituency of J and K's new CM Omar Abdullah.

Clearly, Pakistan-backed terror groups are sending the unmistakable message after targeting the Jammu region in recent

De-escalating border tensions

¬he efforts of India and China for the purpose of military de-esclation are welcome. At this critical moment, when both the nations have been facing critical tension around the Line of Actual Control and surrounding areas, including Depsang and

months - that the remarkably peaceful polls in the UT could not have taken place without the Pakistani military establishment's tacit agreement. The attempt to disrupt an infrastructure project is aimed not just at stalling development in the valley and scaring away migrant labourers and tourists who have a crucial role in boosting J and K's economy, it is also to demonstrate that no one in Kashmir is fully safe.

Clearly, Pakistan's Army chief, Gen Asim Munir, has a second message to his own government in response to former PM Nawaz Sharif telling visiting Indian journalists last week, "We have lost the last 75 years, and it is important we don't lose the next 75." Which is, that hosting an Indian foreign minister on Pakistani soil is all very well, but the Army cannot be kept out of any conversation with India.

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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Madam — The picture of the freshly-made 'diyas' or 'earthen lamps' ahead of the Deepavali festival, which is just days away, was a visual delight. ("Pic Talk," October

Demchok, such efforts of engagement and de-esclation are worth appreciating. Although the timing is a bit dramatic because PM Modi is in Russia for the purpose of an official visit to attend the BRICS summit, with probable estimation to meet President Xi Jinping with PM Modi on the sidelines of the sum-

The announcement from the side of Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri with respect to military personnel disengagement and patrolling personnel arrangements is particularly welcoming that India's hard efforts are now ripening fruits and cooperation with China will help India to manage the bilateral rivalry and assist in strengthening ties between the two.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

22). The word 'Deepavali' is derived from the Sanskrit fusion word 'Deepavali', which is formed from 'dipa' (light) and 'avali' (series or row). It thus means a 'row or series of lights, which illuminates the country with its brilliance and dazzles all with joy. Illuminating homes with lights is the expression of obeisance to the heavens for the attainment of health, wealth, knowledge, peace, and prosperity. While the electric illumination looks stun-

ning, there is no comparison to the ageold diyas. In fact, the advantage of lighting diya lamps is that they are biodegradable, cost-effective, and a feast to our eyes. The festival of Diwali is a lot more than just bursting firecrackers, which, in fact, pose serious health hazards given the significant relationship between air pollution and respiratory infections. In comparison, diyas serve the purpose of purifying the environment by getting rid of negativity and cre-

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ENCOUNTERINGTHE DIVINE

From answering prayers to reducing life's hardships, the divine remains ever-present



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

Ith the internet and social media, we are constantly being reminded about the wealthiest, the most powerful, very famous, the prettiest, etc. Have you imagined meeting anyone of these personalities except to see them in print or in a video? What about God, who owns everything there is, is omnipotent, is omniscient, is omnipresent and a whole lot more, about which I will write

God is not only omnipresent but available to us 24x7. Yes, God cannot be seen in person except to the very best of devotees like Sant Tulsidas, but can be seen in Deity forms and in nice photos everywhere. God even manifests in His murti forms like He had in His Rama Lalla form in Ayodhya.

How is Lord helping us by His activities? He listens to all our prayers, and He must respond to them, they being spiritual activities. However, the response will be appropriate at a time chosen by God. Mostly, it won't be as prayed for, because most of the prayers are for material gains, which are undeserved. For example, a student prays for good marks even though he doesn't deserve them. God will give something as God can never be a debtor. Then, God is ever ready to guide us, as He guided Arjuna by preaching the instructions of the Bhagavad-Geeta. Few pray for guidance but those who do really benefit, because direction is all important. It determines where we will end up. God gives intuitions, uses mediums to convey, etc. God even instructs directly His devotees as He instructed Arjuna.



The third important help God provides is to get us out of troubles, we get into due to our past faulty karmaphalas (results of acts). God does not stop them from coming because that will make the 'Karmaphala Principle' ineffective; God only makes them less painful. Continuing about God's bounties, God empowers us in various ways. For example, a scientist is deep into looking for a solution, which will benefit humanity, and he deserves getting credit for it due to past pious karmaphalas. God gives him the intuition, because God is the only source. We cannot invent or create anything new. All big or important acts are done by God only; He makes the deserving among us 'nimitta' (instruments), just as He used Arjuna to kill the biggest warriors of the Kaurava army (11.33)

God is especially partial to welfare workers, because it suits His Creation. He has promised that doers of welfare acts will not end up badly. (6.40) What this means is that such persons will not suffer a painful death. God goes a step further for His advanced devotees: He does miracles for them. Meerabai was given poison to drink because she chose Lord Krishna as her worshipable Deity. What did the Lord do? He made poison ineffective. How did Lord Krishna save Arjuna - His devotee and friend (4.3), who had sworn to enter fire, if he could not kill Jayadrath before sunset? As soon as Jayadrath came out of hiding Arjuna's imminent death, Lord brought the sunlight back. This allowed Arjuna to kill Jayadrath before sunset.

I can go on regarding what all God does and can do for us if we link with Him. And He has made approaching Him very easy. What is so difficult to have 'darshan' of God in His Deity form in a temple? What about chanting God's names? Is it so difficult? It may appear childish but this is the way it has been designed to gain God's favour. Someone may say why is it so easy to get so much cash out of a ATM? Because this is the way it has been designed.

(The writer is a spiritual teacher; views are personal)

AI's impact shines in Nobel Prizes



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David Baker, Demis Hassabis and others have harnessed AI to revolutionise medicine and nanotechnology, ushering in a new era of scientific breakthroughs





his year's Physics and Chemistry both Nobel prizes are linked to Artificial Intelligence. While Physics laureates applied principles and tools of Physics namely atomic spin and Boltzmann's machine to create structures that can store, reconstruct and discover properties in data for artificial neural networks to enable powerful computers to mimic human memory and learning, Chemistry laureates worked on computational protein design that advanced protein structure predictions. In all living creatures, proteins are essential for cell functions. David Baker, a 62-year-old Professor at the University of Washington, Seattle succeeded in building an entirely new kind of Protein, that is known as life's building blocks and comprises 20 different amino acids. Since 2003, he and his research group have created several imaginative proteins that can be used in pharmaceuticals, vaccines, tiny sensors and nanomaterials. He was awarded half the prize money for the 2024 Chemistry Nobel Prize.

In 2020 David Hassabis and Io both Britons aged 49 years and 39 years respectively presented AlphaFold2, an AI model that predicted the structure of Proteins from amino acid sequences. Two Britons were awarded this year's remaining half of the prize. AI model AlphaFold2 has opened ways to predict proteins and has already been used by researchers to predict nearly 200 million proteins. Research has also advanced in understanding antibiotic resistance and creating enzymes that have the potential to decompose plastics. Proteins are molecular machines of our lives making up a significant portion of bodies i.e. muscles, enzymes, hormones, hair, blood and cartilage.

Proteins' shape determines their function. Different shapes can be folded in numerous ways to arrive at the resultant shapes of protein. Incorrectly folded protein may lead to improper functioning and can be the reason for Alzheimer's, cystic fibrosis, and diabetes. As protein's shape is solely based on amino acid sequence, these can manoeuvre into specific shapes duly minimising inter-atomic repulsions among the atoms

In the new era of machine learning laure-



THE SCIENTIFIC AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES HAVE EXPRESSED CONFUSION OVER HOW MACHINE LEARNING AND ARTIFICIAL

NEURAL **NETWORKS CAN** BE ALIGNED WITH THE TRADITIONAL **BOUNDARIES OF** PHYSICS

ates have solved the problem by using a large database of experi-mentally obtained protein structures to train AI and allowed it to learn the principles of folding. The result was AlphaFold2 which predicted three-dimensional structures of proteins. A new nanomaterial was developed in 2016 where up to 120 proteins were spontaneously linked together. In 2021 nanoparticles with protein were developed that were found to imitate the influenza virus which will further help in developing a vaccine for influenza. Vaccines for livestock using the technology have already been successful. Some of the other developments are the proteins that function as molecular rotors and also the geometrically shaped proteins that can change their shape under external influences.

Such geometrically shaped proteins ducing tiny censors. Many new possibilities for the use of protein in nanotechnology are useful to develop new tools for precise control and manipulation of elements at the nanoscale. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of molecules has been studied and researchers have found how specially modified diamond flakes can be used as nanoscale magnetic field detectors. These tiny sensors can elucidate the structure of a single organic mole-

With nanoscale MRI researchers may one day directly image proteins. A 91-year-old Professor at Princeton University, USA John Hopfield and a 76-year-old Professor at University of Toronto, Canada have been awarded this year's Nobel Prize in Physics. Hopfield created associative memory for storing and recreating images.

Like the structure of the brain, the artificial neural network was created where the brain's neurons were

represented by nodes and each of solid, liquid or gas - based on its these nodes having different values. A neural network as a system is inspired by how the human brain works, it does the same with data. It takes in information, processes it and makes decisions, learning from experience. Neural network utilises Physics that describes characteristics of any material due to its atomic spin, which makes each atom a tiny magnet. Hopfield described the network as energy in the spin system as in Physics and is trained by finding values for connections between the nodes such that saved images have low energy. When it is fed with incomplete/ distorted images it works through the nodes and updates the values for each in such a way that the energy of the network falls.

energy is calculated using a formuareas, such as developing new which are impacted by external influences are quite useful in proinfluences are quite useful in probetween them. When the minimum energy is attained, the corresponding saved image is most like the imperfect image fed in the network. Further improvements have made it possible to save more pictures and to differentiate between them even when they are quite sim-

> Using the Hopfield network, Hinton found the Boltzmann machine using tools from statistical Physics – a new network that can learn to recognise a characteristic element in the given data. Researchers use the tool from statistical mechanics to look at the collective behaviour of a large number of particles to determine large-scale microscopic properties like temperature, pressure and magnetisation. There are different energy states in the model and the material is more likely to exist in the lowest energy state. Boltzmann distribution explains how likely the given state is. It describes the probability of a system being in a particular state -

energy and temperature. Hinton used the tool to solve computing problems in neural networks. Hinton added hidden layers to neural networks allowing machines to analyse data in more sophisticated ways.

The machine is trained by feeding it with examples that are most likely to arise when it is run. Boltzmann machine can also classify images or create new examples on the pattern it was trained. A trained Boltzmann machine can recognise a familiar trait in information it has not previously seen. Hinton has further developed this work which led to the current explosive development of machine learning. "The laureates' work has already been of greatest benefit. In Physics we use artificial The overall state of his network i.e. neural networks in vast range of Nobel Committee for Physics.

The scientific and academic communities have expressed confusion over how machine learning and artificial neural networks can be aligned with the traditional boundaries of Physics. Nevertheless, the work of Hopfield and Hinton is having a profound impact on the digital age, even if its classification within the Physics domain remains contested.

The laurites' contribution is the brain behind medical imaging systems that detect cancer faster than doctors. Scientists are inventing more and more applications of machine learning and advanced studies in Physics like processing data to discover Higgs particles, searching for exoplanets, and reducing noise in the measurement of gravitational waves from colliding black holes.

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Nobel Prize snub of Rosalind Lee sparks debate on fairness of the system The exclusion of Rosalind Lee has reignited discussions about the fairness of scientific recognition

ment of the Nobel . Prize snubbing Rosalind Lee of Nobel Prize who was the first author of the paper that was considered for this year's Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, while considering her co-worker and husband, Victor Ambros, the corresponding author of the paper for the coveted prize, has reignited discussions about fairness, recognition, and the implications of such

decisions on science. Traditionally, scientific papers list authors in an order that reflects the perceived contribution to the work. The first author typiand writing the paper. In unacknowledged, ultimately



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contrast, the last author often represents the senior scientist or principal investigator who guided the research. Middle authors usually contribute in specific areas but are not as heavily involved as the first or last author. This system has fostered a hierarchy in academia that rewards

a select few. cally plays a significant role At the same time, many in conducting the research essential team members go

compensation, and visibility in the scientific community. We still follow this flawed authorship order in most recruitments, funding agencies, promotions, awards, and recognitions.

Even for awarding doctoral degrees, our universities follow this order of authorship. It often overlooks a person's intellectual knowledge and technical skills needed for

the study. This bias creates an environment where specific contributors, though not in prominent author positions, have a diminished chance of recognition and growth, potentially leading to a loss of morale and an outflow of valuable talent from academia and research fields.

skewing career advancement, Many talented and skilled youngsters are not getting good positions because of this flawed protocol in research and academic institutions. In today's world, science cannot be done in isolation.

> Most of today's research involves interdisciplinary work collaborating with one or more institutions, and each person involved may contribute to its success. Projects like the Human Genome Project or the Large Hadron Collider involve the contributions of hundreds of scientists from varied institutions across the

> Even in our national institutions, outsourcing certain works has become a norm. In that scenario, even the



company that does the work has to be credited, though they may charge for it.

The importance of each contributor extends beyond the experimenters. Data analysts, statisticians, field researchers, technicians, and other support staff often carry out substantial portions of the work. While their names might not always

appear on a paper, they enable discoveries and innovations by ensuring the research is feasible, accurate and applicable.

In such a framework, reducing credit to a first-author or corresponding author model grossly underestimates the collective effort, leading to unfair career advantages for select individuals over others equally deserving. A system that values equal contribution offers a fairer foundation for hiring, promotions, and awards.

This shift would ensure that positions of responsibility and recognition are not limited to those with the resources or negotiating power to secure lead author positions. Moreover, equal credit distribution could improve diversity in science. This approach could also boost diversity by supporting early-career women, researchers, and marginalised groups who are often in middle-author roles due to limited mentorship and systemic inequities, giving them a better chance at securing resources and opportunities.

Critics may argue that equal

weightage could lead to confusion over who contributed most to a particular study, possibly complicating the

evaluation process. To address this, journals should strictly include only those who actively contributed to the study, ending practices of "gift authorship to the department or the head of the institution. Science thrives on collaboration and equal weightage for all authors in jobs and awards, including consideration for the Nobel Prize, which promotes a culture of inclusivity, fairness, and

shared achievement. (The author is the Dean-Academic affairs, at Garden City University and adjunct faculty at NIÁS, Bangalore;

Views are personal)

After BJP, its allies Shinde Sena, Ajit NCP release list of candidates

T N RAGHUNATHA

Three days after the BJP released its first list of 99 candidates, its allies in the ruling MahaYuti --- Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) and NCP (Ajit Pawar) - on Wednesday released their release lists of 45 and 38 candidates respectively for the Maharashtra Assembly polls.

Not to be outdone, the Opposition Shiv Sena (UBT) released its first list of 65 can-

Sena will contest from Kopri-Pachpakhadi seat in Thane), deeputy Chief Minister Aiit Pawar will contest the Assembly elections in Baramati.

In what looks to be a tough contest, Ajit Pawar will take on his nephew Yugendra Pawar of the NCP (SP) in the second political fight within the Pawar family in less than five months Sitting MLA Sadanand Sarvankar (Mahim-Mumbai), Manisha Ravindra Wayakar (Jogeshwari -East-Mumbai), While Chief minister Eknath Dilip Bhausaheb Lande

Shinde of the Shinde Shiv (Chandivali, Mumbai) Mangesh Anant Kudalkar (Kurla, Mumbai) and Yamini Yashwant Jadhav (Byculla, Mumbai) and Kiran Samrat (Rajapur) are among the can-didates nominated by the Shinde Shiv Sena.

Other prominent leaders nominated in the Shinde Sena's first list are Ram Kadam from Ghatkopar West, Shweta Mahale Patil from Chikli, Sreejaya Ashok Chavan from Bhokar, Nitish Rane from Kankavli, Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil from Shirdi, Chandrakant Patil from Kothrud, Ashish



Shelar from Vandre West, and ex-Union Minister Raosaheb Danve's son Santosh from Bhokardan.

The NCP has re-nominated 26 sitting MLAs, including ministers who were with Ajit Pawar when he split the Sharad Pawar-led, set up his own party and joined the Eknath Shinde-led Sena-BJP alliance government in July

Senior ministers of NCP (AP) Chhagan Bhujbal and Dilip Walse-Pation will contest from Yeola and Ambegaon respec-

Dilip Mohite (Khed Alandi), Atul Benke (Junnar), Anna Bansode (Pimpri), Dattatrata Bharne (Indapur), Sunil Shelke (Maval) and Chetan Tupe (Hadapsar) are prominent faces that figured in the first list of 38 candidates released by the NCP (Ajit Pawar), The NCP (AP) has also fielded sitting legislators Sulbha Khodke (Amravati) and Hiraman Khoskar (Igatpuri)

who switched over from the

Congress recently.
Meanwhile in its first list of candidates, the Shiv Sena (UBT) has nominated its for-

Thackeray from Worli. Kedar Dighe, the nephew of late Shiv Sena leader Anand Dighe, has been pitted against chief minister Eknath Shinde from Thane's Kopri-Panchpakhadi constituency. The Shiv Sena (UBT)'s other prominent candidates are: Kudal: Vaibhay Naik (Kudalo, Rajan Teli (Sawantwadi), Rajan Vichare (Thane), Bhaskar Jadhav (Guhaghar), Dipesh Mhatre (Dombivli), Varun Desai (Bandra East) and Sanjay Raut's younger brother Sunil Raut (Vikhroli).

BJP attacks TMC MP Kalyan for 'unparliamentary' conduct

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

 $T_{\text{attacked}}^{\text{he Bengal BJP has vehemently}}_{\text{attacked senior Trinamool}}$ Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee for his "below par demonour" as a Member of Parliament.

Banerjee got a sliced finger from a broken glass bottle during a reported tiff during a parliamentary committee meeting between him and saffron MP and former Calcutta High Court Iustice Abhijeet Gangopadhyay, sources said.

While Banerjee would not comment on what transpired during the meeting citing parliamentary "rules" Justice Gangopadhyay said, "like always Kalyan has been rude to me today also and broken glass bottle and a cut in his fingers will tell it all ... the abusive language he

demenour and verbal conduct always tells his upbringing and lessons one gets from one's parents."
While the TMC leadership main-

tained a measured silence particularly at a time when it has been on the back foot in the wake of the mass upheaval post Kolkata lady doctor rape and murder case, the BJP lapped up the opportunity to mount a scathing attack on the TMC and Banerjee

We severely condemn Kalvan Banerjee's conduct as a parliamentarian as also his party leadership's silent approval what he has done in the parliamentary committee," said TMC MLA Shankar Ghosh adding when a parliamentary committee member of Banerjee's seniority "does some act it cannot be said that he has done it in a



Kalyan Banerjee's and "his conduct towards people is a proof enough of the fact that his party endorses his behavior and the culture which the TMC expects its men and leaders to uses is unbecoming of a parliamentarian."

fit of rage ... more so because he is a senior advocate."

Earlier he had said that "a persons

fit of rage ... more so because he is a senior advocate."

He said that the words often used by most leadership approves of criminal

activities inside hospitals and educational institutions one can easily understand why Bengal is languishing in every respect today and why the law and order situation in this State is the

worse in the country."
According to sources the tussle ensued when Banerjee allegedly tried to speak out of turn but was stopped from speaking as he had already spo-ken thrice. An enraged MP then picked up a glass bottle, broke it and

hurled it away, sources said. The meeting was o the Centre's new laws on Waqf properties. Reacting on the issue BJP leaders said that the Bengal ruled by the TMC is the one State where maximum has corruption has taken place around the Waqf properties ... and during the elections the same TMC tries to generate a general fear among the Muslims and win the elections despite cheating them of their property.'

Establishment of Australian university campuses in India just the beginning: Pradhan global challenges, and create world who get a university

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The establishment of Australian university campuses in India is just the beginning and the two countries can now advance knowledge and create endless opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship for students, Union Minister Education Dharmendra Pradhan said on Wednesday. Pradhan's statement came during the Australian International Education Conference in Melbourne. "The establishment of Australian university campuses in India is just the beginning, with much more potential to be realised. Together, the countries can advance knowledge, leverage technology for

endless opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship for the students," he said. The minister also said as a 'Vishwa-Bandhu', India is committed to being a trusted partner in human-centric development. The idea is to build and nurture global citizens, contributing to a brighter future for the next generation, he said. The education minister also held a bilateral meeting with his Australian counterpart Jason Clare. Clare in his speech, emphasised the importance of a good education system that can change more than just lives. "It can change nations," he

Commending India's education system, Clare said by 2035, one in four people around the

added.

Priyanka Gandhi debuts in politics...

degree will get it in India. "Australian universities like Deakin had been in India for 30 years and now Wollongong has one campus," he said. The two ministers discussed shared priorities of India and Australia in early childhood care, capacity building of teachers, and the potential for school

twinning initiatives.

"Building on the strong institutional linkages between Indian and Australian higher education institutions, they (both ministers) agreed to further strengthen the partnership in critical and emerging technologies. They also explored the possibility of establishing branch campuses of Australian universities in India," an official statement said.

Government blasts X, Meta over...

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The airlines said that they followed standard operating procedures and the authorities were alerted and security protocols were followed.

The microblogging site X was pulled up after the Delhi Police failed to get the details of the user IDs or domain names of a few X accounts that were found to be involved in posting threat messages to flights.

According to sources, at least 11 fake user profiles on social networking site X have been are now part of the flagged as of now for investigation teams. spreading bomb hoax The online threats created messages about multiple panic among the passengers Indian airlines, which has and set off alarm bells for central security agencies to the edge. past eight days, more than 150 hindered by the use of VPNs the possibility of placing However, with more hoax flights have received fake and the dark web. "The first offenders on a no-fly list. messages coming through bomb threats, leading to case was registered on

social media posts, primarily on X (formerly Twitter), the sources said the number of profiles from which such messages are generated may increase. Sources added that the

messages could have been sent by one person or a gang operating from a highly sophisticated cyber network, said the senior officers involved in the investigation. Multiple central and state teams, including members from the central intelligence gathering units and cybercrime tracking agencies,

security agencies. Over the

widespread security concerns and significant operational disruptions. The affected airlines include Akasa, Air India, IndiGo, and Vistara, which operate flights from Delhi to various domestic and international destinations.

The Delhi Police have registered eight cases related

to these threats, which originated from anonymous posts on X. According to a senior police official, three specific accounts-@adamlanza111, @psychotichuman, and @schizobomer777-have been identified as key sources of these threatening messages. Despite attempts by law enforcement to trace the user IDs linked to these accounts, the investigation has been

October 16 after a bomb threat targeting a Bengaluru-bound Akasa Air

flight was received via X," said the police official, "We suspect the handler used multiple accounts to post these messages."
The agencies have already suspended around ten social

media handles associated with the threats since Monday. These agencies have been identifying common used in the phrases threatening messages, such as "bombs" and "blood will spread everywhere," as part of their investigative efforts. Meanwhile, the government is considering legislative measures to tighten regulations regarding bomb cluding threats to airlines.

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Priyanka is a graduate in psychology with a post diploma graduate Buddhist Studies correspondence course. Her income, according to the affidavit is through rental income, interest from Banks and income from investment and other investments.

Earlier, Priyanka, Rahul and Mallikarjun Kharge, president of the INC, addressed a mammoth crowd which had assembled to hear and greet the leaders. The stars of the show were Priyanka, Rahul, Sonia, Rehan and Robert An interesting Vadra. development was the slogans praising Rehan Vadra raised ongress crowd

'This is the beginning of a new journey by me. You have accepted and loved my

brother as a member of your family. I request you to accept me too as your family member and shower your love and affection on me,' Priyanka while said addressing the thousands who had gathered for the road show and the subsequent public meeting.

Wayanad saw unprecedented turn out by Congressmen as well as Muslim League workers. If the crowd which had gathered for the road rally and public rally is any indication, Priyanka is certain to win by a majority much bigger than what her brother had registered in the May 2014 election.

She said when the whole world had turned against her

Odisha braces

the hilt. 'Though my brother resigned as a member of Wayanad constituency, our association will continue through me and I'll fight for rights vour and requirements. Your resilience is worthy of praise

and should be a role model to the rest of the world,' she said, referring to the natural disaster in July 2024 that devastated many regions in the constituency. Making a passionate plea to the voters of Wayanad to ensure his sister wins the

with Priyanka Vadra joining him in Parliament, the Constituency would have two representatives. 'Priyanaka will be your

race, Rahul Gandhi said that

official representative while I brother, it was the people of would be your unofficial Wayanad who stood with representative. She is the best him and supported him to candidate Wayanad can get

because of her selfless dedication and service. devotion. She was born to serve and love the people. It was she who took care of our mother when our father died in a terrorist attack. She consoled, comforted and cared for our mother though he was just 17,' reminiscence Rahul Gandhi which made the gathering turn sombre for a few moments.

After filing the nomination papers, Priyanka called on some of the disaster-struck villages and interacted with the survivors.

Navva Haridas, a voung IT professional is the Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) candidate while Satyan Mokeri of the Communist Party of India (CPI) a seasoned is the candidate fielded by the Left Democratic Front

Yogi-Bhagwat script new strategy

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dissatisfaction within the election scenario. Sangh regarding the BJP's leadership and strategies in Uttar Pradesh. Reports at the beginning of a new political time suggested that the chapter in Uttar Pradesh, Sangh was unhappy with certain decisions taken by the BJP, especially in the the state. With the RSS context of electoral strategies expected to support the BJP during the Lok Sabha elections.

meeting, there is a sense that meeting could signal a more both sides are realigning their priorities and strategies, with the aim of mending perceived rifts. Political analysts view this Mathura meeting as an attempt to reset their approach to the state's political dynamics, particularly ahead of the by-elections.

reports that suggested the RSS showed a lack of interest during the last Lok Sabha elections, particularly in Uttar Pradesh, which many believe contributed to the BIP's defeat. The SP-Congress alliance secured 43 As out of the 80 seats in the state, marking the BJP's most decade. The RSS's relatively muted presence during that period was seen as a factor that weakened the BJP's grassroots efforts, impacting its voter outreach.

Haryana saw the RSS playing an active role, which was credited BJP's the performance in that state. shape the future of Uttar and smoother route.

The active engagement of the Pradesh's political landscape. Similarly, the planned flyover

Sangh is now expected to be replicated in Uttar Pradesh, This lack of interaction led especially with the BJP to widespread rumours of facing a challenging by-The Yogi-Bhagwat meeting

is seen by many as the with the potential to reshape the BIP's future trajectory in through grassroots campaigns and voter through Now, with this recent outreach efforts, this cohesive and strategic partnership between the two entities. The BJP, having faced a

major setback in the Lok Sabha polls, is now looking to regain its footing against the SP-Congress alliance. The party is yet to announce its candidates for the by-The meeting's importance is elections, but insiders further highlighted by suggest that a robust strategy is being crafted, with inputs from the Sangh's leadership. The aim is to counter the SP's influence, which has already fielded candidates on seven out of the nine seats up

for grabs. the approach, political observers will be closely monitoring significant setback in the last the impact of the Yogi-Bhagwat meeting. With the RSS's backing and a renewed focus on development, the BJP hopes to leverage this mobilisation collaboration to regain lost ground and lay a solid foundation for the 2027 In contrast, the recent Assembly elections. The Assembly elections in outcome of these byelections will likely serve as an indicator of whether this with recalibrated strategy is successful, and how it may

Crying over split wood?

The project related to medical facilities for the paramilitary forces serving the nation and resources to the tune of approximately ₹2200 crore has already stood invested from the public exchequer. He further stated upon

enquiring about the progress of work, he was informed that permission for felling/translocation of trees is awaited from the competent authority, therefore, the work of felling of trees has not been initiated. "On this, the Deponent informed that for the trees falling under DPTA (Delhi Preservation of Trees Act), 1994, the Forest

Department had already taken

These areas have long been

notorious for heavy traffic

jams, especially during rush hours, causing frustration and

At Ambedkar Chowk, the

dense population surrounding

the area exacerbates traffic

woes, leading to long queues and congestion. The absence of

a traffic intersection further

complicates the situation,

making it a daily struggle for

commuters. However, the

proposed flyover here is set to

revolutionise the traffic flow,

easing the journey for those travelling between Hero Honda Chowk and Umang

Additionally, it will significantly reduce travel

times for commuters coming

from Huda City Centre via

Subhash Chowk to Dwarka

Expressway, providing a faster

Bhardwaj Chowk.

delays for commuters.

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approval of the Minister (Environment & Forests) and Chief Minister with my concurring opinion. The Deponent had observed that the concerned officials should expedite the communication of the approval in this regard to the DDA", said the Lt. Gov's affidavit. In the affidavit, he made it

clear that his direction, by no stretch of the imagination, was to bypass the mandate of law. The Lt. Gov said he directed the concerned departments to club all the court cases in connection with land acquisition pertaining to the widening of roads for the purpose of defending them in a coordinated manner. He directed shifting on priority

Ray of hope for Gurgaons...

at Dadi Sati Chowk on SPR is

expected to bring relief to

commuters navigating this congested stretch. Despite previous efforts like the Vatika Chowk underpass and

CPR, traffic jams persisted,

highlighting the urgent need

for further infrastructure improvements. With the

GMDA's focus on addressing

commuters can look forward

to a more seamless travel

experience, especially along

kev routes like SPR leading to

Dwarka Expressway and

Likewise, The GMDA also

plans to install smart traffic

lights at 32 junctions in sectors

58 to 115 of Gurugram. This

initiative aims to alleviate

The project is part of Phase 2 of

the smart traffic signal initiative and will cost ₹7.46

crore. The work is expected to

commence in November and is

scheduled for completion

traffic congestion.

these

bottlenecks,

BSES electric poles, overhead cables, underground cables etc PNG gas pipelines of IGL which caused hindrances in the widening of the road, and removal of surplus excavated earth which was stacked in the CAPFIMS hospital for filling low-lying areas in the vicinity. The SC asked Saxena specific questions about his visit to the felling site on February 3, his knowledge about the cutting of trees, and DDA's subsequent application seeking the court's permission. Saxena cited DDA records and said 642 trees were felled and not 1,100 as per Kapurea. He added that 174 of the trees were in nonforest area and 468 on forest

within six months from the

award date. The installation

management and pedestrian

In addition to improving

vehicular flow, the smart lights

will create green corridors

prioritising emergency vehicles. Pedestrian signal

lights will also be installed to

ensure pedestrian safety and

facilitate seamless movement

Meanwhile, the Gurugram

traffic police officials said that

to curb traffic violations; the

police have also started the

process of an online challan

"Under this project, more than 1500 CCTV cameras have

been installed on the main

roads, square intersections and

red lights in Gurugram, which

are being operated by the Integrated Command and

Control Center (ICCC) of the

Police Headquarters," Virender

Vii, DCP (traffic) said

at busy junctions.

system.

enhance

movement in these areas.

will

Balasore, Mayurbhanj. "The state has identified over 3,000 vulnerable locations (villages) across 14 districts,

10,60,336 people are likely to be evacuated before Cyclone Dana makes landfall," state revenue and disaster management minister Suresh Pujari said. In addition to the evacuation, the state has set up around 6,000 relief camps where evacuees will have access to cooked meals, milk for children, medical care, safe drinking water, and security for women.

for cyclone Dana The IMD cautioned that Cyclone 'Dana' would bring significant rainfall to the

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The districts are Angul, Puri, Khordha, Nayagarh, Jagatsinghpur, Cuttack, Kendrapara, Jajpur, Bhadrak, Keonjhar, Dhenkanal, Ganjam, and

primarily along the coastal belt, and started evacuation procedures. Approximately

state, predicting light to moderate rain at most locations, with heavy rainfall (7-11 cm) in isolated areas over Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, and Khordha starting in the evening of

October 23. On October 24 and 25, heavy to very heavy rainfall is expected in several places, with isolated areas receiving extremely heavy rainfall (over 21 cm) in districts including Balasore, Mayurbhanj, and Jajpur, it added. The IMD has prohibited all marine activities, including fishing, in the Bay of Bengal until the cyclone has passed. "All fishermen returned to the coast by Tuesday evening," said Pujari.

India and **China grab** eyeballs at **BRICS**

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It said the two leaders affirmed that predictable, and amicable bilateral relations between India and China, as two neighbours and the two largest nations on earth, will have a positive impact on regional and global peace and prosperity. "It will also contribute to a multi-polar Asia and a multi-polar world," the MEA said.
"The leaders underlined the

need to progress bilateral relations from a strategic and perspective, long-term enhance communication and explore cooperation to address developmental challenges," it

Supreme Court raps Centre ...

Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Centre, said section 15 of the CAQM Act, which deals with penalty for stubble burning, will be implemented effectively as regulations for it will be issued in 10 days. She submitted that adjudicating officer will be appointed and all necessary actions will be taken to enforce the law effectively. The ASG pointed out that the Commission for Air Management Ouality (CAQM) has issued notices to senior administrative officials of Punjab and Haryana besides officials of

the state pollution control boards and sought their response as to why action should not be taken against them. The Bench asked the CAQM who is taking your notices seriously as the procedure is not provided under the Law.

"Please tell your chairperson of CAQM not to bail out these officials. We know what is happening on the ground," the Bench said. Bhati pointed out that over 1,000 cases of stubble burning have taken place in several districts of Punjab like Amritsar, Ferozepur, Patiala, Sangrur, Taran Taran.

On October 16, the top court had pulled up the Punjab and Haryana Governments

over the non-prosecution of violators found guilty of stubble burning while summoning the State Chief Secretaries to appear before it on October 23 for an explanation. The SC has been upset over Punjab and Haryana Governments not taking any steps to implement the directions issued by the CAQM in the national capital region (NCR) to stop stubble burning. The matter will be heard

next after the Diwali break. On the next hearing date, the Court will look into the issues limited to pollution in Delhi caused by transport vehicles, industries and open burning of garbage.

Israel says it killed Hezbollah official expected to be group's next leader

rsrael said Tuesday that one of its airstrikes outside Beirut earlier in the month killed a Hezbollah official widely expected to have replaced the militant group's longtime leader, who was killed by an Israeli airstrike in September. There was no immediate confirmation from Hezbollah about the fate of Hashem Safieddine, a powerful cleric who was expected to succeed Hassan Nasrallah, one of the

group's founders. Safieddine was killed in early October in a strike that also killed 25 other Hezbollah leaders, according to Israel, whose airstrikes in southern Lebanon in recent months have killed many of Hezbollah's top leaders, leaving the group in disar-

Last week, Israel killed the top leader of Hamas, Yahya Sinwar, during a battle in Gaza.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said during a trip to Israel that leaders there should "capitalize" on Sinwar's death as

an opportunity to end the war Hezbollah news conference in Gaza and secure the release of hostages taken during the deadly Hamas attack that started the war. Blinken also stressed the need for Israel to do more to help increase the flow of humanitarian aid to Palestinians.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office called his meeting with Blinken, which lasted more than two hours, "friendly and productive."

The Beirut suburb where Safieddine was killed was pummelled by fresh airstrikes Tuesday, including one that levelled a building Israel said housed Hezbollah facilities. The collapse sent smoke and debris flying into the air a few hundred meters (yards) from where a spokesperson for Hezbollah had just briefed journalists about a weekend drone attack that damaged Netanyahu's house.

Tuesday's airstrikes came 40 minutes after Israel issued an evacuation warning for two buildings in the area that it said were used by Hezbollah. The

nearby was cut short, and an Associated Press photographer captured an image of an Israeli bomb heading toward the building moments before it was destroyed. There were no immediate reports of casualties. Hezbollah's chief spokesperson, Mohammed Afif, said the group was behind the Saturday drone attack on Netanyahu's

the prime minister nor his wife were home at the time. Blinken's meetings with Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders was part of his 11th visit to the region since the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war. He landed hours after Hezbollah launched a barrage of rockets into central Israel, setting off air raid sirens in populated areas and at its international airport, but causing no apparent dam-

home in the coastal town of

Caesarea. Israel has said neither

age or injuries. Hospitals in Lebanon fear being targeted by Israel

An Israeli airstrike late Monday in Beirut destroyed several buildings across the street from the country's largest public hospital, killing 18 people and wounding at least 60 others. The Israeli military said it struck a Hezbollah target, with-out elaborating, and said that it hadn't targeted the hospital

AP reporters visited the Rafik Hariri University Hospital on Tuesday. They saw broken windows in the hospital's pharmacy and dialysis center, which was full of patients at the time. Staff at another Beirut hospital feared it would be targeted after Israel alleged that Hezbollah had stashed hundreds of millions of dollars in cash and gold in its basement, without providing evidence.

The director of the Sahel General Hospital denied the allegations and invited journalists to visit the hospital and its two underground floors on Tuesday. AP reporters saw no sign of militants or anything out of the ordinary.

The few remaining patients had been evacuated after the Israeli military's announcement the night before.

Sri Lanka east coast on alert for possible anti-Israeli threat

Security has been beefed up in the east-ern coast surfing resort of Arugam Bay following information about a possible attack against foreign tourists, especially Israelies, in the area, police said on Wednesday.

'There has been information on an attack targeting Israelis – a building where they are located," police spokesman deputy inspector general Nihal Thalduwa told

The security net is focused on the Arugam Bay and Pottuvil area. Local media reports said that around 500

Sri Lanka's Muslim minority groups have condemned the wars in Gaza and Lebanon by holding continuous anti-Israel protests.

Bay tourist area.

Several posts have appeared in social media calling for boycott of Israeli businesses in the east coast.
Police action was prompted by a security and a travel alert by the US Embassy

in Colombo. A statement said the embassy had received credible information about an attack targeting the Arugam Bay. "US citizens are strongly urged to avoid the

police officials and Special Task Force personnel have been deployed in the Arugam and Task Force personnel have been deployed and Task Force pe said. The Embassy of Russia too followed suit with a warning to its tourists.

"The embassy asks Russian citizens to remain vigilant and avoid large crowds,"

The police vowed to accord protection to all foreign nationals. "Because of the war in Ukraine and tension in the middle east. the police work in coordination with intelligence services to ensure the safety of tourists," Thalduwa said.

The police have set up a hotline for tourists to alert authorities on any suspicious activ-

Imran's wife granted bail

A Pakistani court on Wednesday granted bail to Bushra Bibi, the wife of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan, in the Toshakhana corruption case involving the alleged illegal sale of state gifts, nearly nine months after she was arrested.

The 50-year-old former first The 50-year-old former first lady's bail plea was accepted against Rs 1 million surety bonds during the hearing conducted by Islamabad High Court judge Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb, Geo News report-

The court's decision provides relief to Bibi, who was arrested after a court on January 31 convicted and sentenced the couple to 14 years in jail in a corruption case.

During the hearing, Justice Aurangzeb questioned the Federal Investigation Agency's (FIA) investigative officer about the necessity of further interrogation of Bibi, who is Khan's third wife and a spiritual healer. The officer confirmed that no additional investigation was required, after which the judge granted bail.

The court further referenced similar practices in other countries, noting that the British Prime Minister had also taken gifts home, citing regulations, The Express Tribune newspaper newspaper reported.

Hungary's Orban claims EU seeks to topple his govt watered down EU efforts to

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban claimed in a speech on Wednesday that the European Union seeks to topple his government and install a puppet regime in the Central European country, an escalation of open hostility toward the bloc by the member considered Russia's closest ally.

Speaking before thousands of supporters in Budapest, Orban was marking Hungary's national holiday commemorating a 1956 armed uprising against Soviet repression that began in the capital and spread across the country before being crushed by the Red Army. Orban has often used the holiday, which looms large in Hungarians' memory as a freedom fight against foreign domination, to draw parallels between past occupying forces like the Soviet Union and

"Independent Hungarian pol-"Independent Hungarian politics are unacceptable to Brussels," Orban told the crowd, referring to the EU headquarters in Belgium. "That is why they announced in Brussels that they will get rid of Hungary's national govern-Hungary's national government. They also announced that they wanted to hang a

Ottoman Empire and the EU of

Brussels puppet government around the country's neck." Orban gave no evidence to support his claims. There was no immediate public reaction from Brussels.

"Do we bow to foreign will, this time to the will of Brussels, or do we resist it?" Orban continued. "I propose that our answer be as clear and unambiguous as



The EU has withheld billions in financial support from Hungary over its alleged breaches of rule of law, while some of the bloc's lawmakers have repeatedly proposed stripping Hungary of its voting rights over democratic backsliding. The EU parliament declared in 2022 that Hungary can no longer be considered a

democracy.
Hungary's leader has clashed
with the bloc especially over the
war in Ukraine. Hungary has
routinely blocked, delayed or

extend assistance to Ukraine and sanction Russia, and taken an adversarial posture toward Kyiv while growing closer to Moscow.

Orban has broken with other EU leaders by arguing for an immediate cease-fire and peace talks in Ukraine, leading critics to suggest that he is advo-cating for Russian interests and turning his back on his EU and NATO partners.
"The Brussels bureaucrats have

led the West into a hopeless war," said Orban, who is widely seen as Russian President Ýladimir Putin's closest ally in the EU. "In their minds, dizzy with the hope of victory, this war is the war of the West against Russia ... Now they want to openly push the entire European Union into the war in Ukraine."

He claimed, without providing evidence, that the EU plans to allow Ukrainian soldiers to station in Hungary after a future victory "to guarantee the security of the whole of Europe." He added: "We Hungarians would wake up one morning to find that Slavic soldiers from the east were again stationed on the territory of Hungary. We do not want that, but the pressure from Brussels is getting stronger every day."

Blinken urges Israel to seek deal after gains as truce efforts remain stalled

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Wednesday that Israel needs to pursue an "enduring strategic success" after its tactical victories against Hamas, urging it to seek a deal that would end the war in the Gaza Strip and bring back dozens of hostages.

He spoke before travelling from Israel to Saudi Arabia on his 11th visit to the region since the outbreak of the war. Air raid sirens sounded in Tel Aviv shortly before his departure as Israel intercepted two projectiles fired from Lebanon, and a puff of smoke could be seen in the sky from Blinken's hotel. "Israel has achieved most of the strategic objectives when it comes to Gaza," Blinken told reporters before boarding his plane. "Now is the time to turn those successes into an enduring strategic success."

There really are two things left to do: Get the hostages home and bring the war to an end with an understanding of what will follow" he said



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken (left) meets Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on Wednesday.

Israeli forces in Gaza last week. But there's no indication that either of the warring parties have modified their demands since talks stalled over the summer.

There was also no immediate sign of a breakthrough after Blinken met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other top Israeli officials on

Israel blamed the failure of the talks on a hard-line stance adopted by Sinwar, but Hamas opportunity to revive cease-fire cease-fire, full Israeli withefforts after the killing of top drawal and the release of a large Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar by number of Palestinian prison-

ers have not changed following his death. Hamas blamed the failure of the talks on Israel's demand for a lasting military presence in parts of Gaza.

Egypt has suggested the possibility of a short pause in fighting in which Hamas would release a handful of hostages and humanitarian aid deliveries would be ramped up, especially in northern Gaza, an Egyptian official told The Associated Press.

The official, wh The United States sees a new says its demands for a lasting authorized to brief media and spoke on condition of back the crucial military supanonymity, said Egypt and fellow mediator Qatar had dis-

States but it was not yet a firm proposal. The official said Israel and Hamas were aware of those discussions.

A senior State Department official confirmed that a proposal for a limited hostage release has been discussed in recent days but that no determination had been made, even after Blinken's meetings with Israeli officials and families of the hostages on Tuesday. There was no immediate com-

ment from Israel or Hamas. The militant group has rejected such ideas in the past, saying it is intent on securing an end to the war. It is still holding around 100 hostages captured in its Oct 7, 2023, attack that triggered the war, around a third of whom are believed to be dead.

Israel has meanwhile dramatically reduced the amount of humanitarian aid allowed into Gaza as it wages another major operation in the hard-hit north of the territory.

Blinken reiterated a warning that hindering humanitaria aid could force the US to scale port it has provided to Israel since the start of the war.

Consulting all on president's removal: B'desh's interim govt Mohammed Shahabuddin Nahid Islam said a decision Bangabhaban, while APBN

Bangladesh's interim government on Wednesday said it is "consulting all stake-holders" to decide the fate of Mohammed President Shahabuddin, as authorities beefed up security around his residence in the wake of protests demanding his removal over comments that raised questions on prime minister Sheikh Hasina's resigna-

Several hundred protesters on Tuesday tried to storm Bangabhaban, the president's official residence, demanding the resignation of Shahabuddin, who in an inter-

view with Bangla daily Manab Zamin last week said that he did not have any documentary evidence of Hasina resigning as prime minister before leaving the country on August 5. "The interim government has

not made any decision regarding the removal of President

from office," Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus' Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam was quoted as saying by the Daily Star newspaper.

The interim cabinet is likely to discuss the issue this week, according to the media reports. "We will inform you of any developments regarding the matter," Shafiqul told reporters following a meeting between Chief Adviser Yunus and a delegation from Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) at the state guesthouse, Jamuna on Wednesday.

Following the attempted breach at the presidential palace late last night and violent clashes with police, authorities imposed a strict security lockdown to prevent further incidents.

"We have increased the security of Bangabhaban," Shafiqul told reporters.

In a separate interaction with reporters, Information Adviser

regarding President Shahabuddin can be reached through political consensus and national unity, rather than following legal or constitutional procedures.

'There is no need to stage a demonstration in front of Bangabhaban and elsewhere. We got the message of the people and a decision has to be taken through discussion," he was quoted as saying by the newspaper. The interim government, Islam

said, "is consulting all stake-holders, and a decision may be forthcoming after discussion in this regard...Whether the pres-ident will remain in office or not is not currently a legal or constitutional question. It is a political decision. To take the decision, we are prioritising stability, security and discipline in

Meanwhile, barbed wire fencing was installed alongside barricades at the main gate of (Armed Police Battalion), BGB (Border Guard Bangladesh), police, and army personnel have been deployed in armed positions around the area. Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs), water cannons, and riot control vehicles have also been readied in case the protests escalate further, the newspaper reported.

However, tensions remained high as protests continued to surge, with various groups demonstrating Bangabhaban since Tuesdav. A robust four-layer security cordon was established along the main road leading to Bangabhaban, bolstered by a three-layer barbed wire fence to deter unauthorised access.

Nobel laureate Yunus, 84, became Bangladesh's interim government's Chief Adviser on August 8 after Prime Minister Hasina fled to India on August 5 amidst student-led mass

21m Americans have already voted in US presidential elections

 $T \hbox{wo weeks before the US presidential elections, as many as } 21 \hbox{ million}$ Americans have already cast their vote in the middle of an intense election campaign between the two candidates: Vice President Kamala Harris from the Democratic Party and the former president Donald Trump from the Republican Party.

According to data from the Election

Lab at the University of Florida, about 7.8 million votes have come in through early in-person methods while the remaining over 13.3 million votes have been cast through mail ballots. Unlike the Indian general elections, wherein campaigning stops 36 hours

before the start of the voting, both campaigning and voting go parallel to each other at least for about four weeks. The US presidential elections are scheduled to be held on November 5. Political pundits say the winner would be decided on the results of the polls in seven battleground States: Arizona, Nevada, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and

Georgia. Early voting is a unique provision for American voters wherein elector cast their vote by either asking for a mailin-ballot, which in some ways could be compared with India's postal ballots, or they go out and vote as designated polling booths which in many States open up a few weeks ahead of the actu-

al polling day. According to the Election Lab at the University of Florida, the early voting percentage is just 1.7 per cent among Asian Americans.

However, in many places, several Indian Americans were seen standing in lines to cast their vote. Chanchal Ihingan, 88, and her daugh-

ter Vandana Jhingan stood up in line on October 21 to exercise their right to



said she voted for someone who can "Make America Great Again."

Jitendra R. Diganvkar encountered a huge line when he went to vote in Texas. This is full parking. People are coming every minute. I recommend every US citizen who re-registers to vote," he

According to The New York Times, more Republicans are doing early voting than expected.

They (the Republicans) have done a better job of turning out their voters to vote early," Sam Almy, a Democratic political strategist who tracks early ballots in Arizona, told the daily.

"I think they realised that early voting is easy and convenient: It turns out your voters quickly, and they don't have to gamble on turning out all their voters on Election Day," he said.
"It's a remarkable turnabout from four

years ago when Trump had thoroughy demonised every method of voting that didn't occur in person on Election Day," the daily reported.

As per, Election Lab, among in-person early voters, 41.3 Republicans have voted so far as against 33.6 per cent by

Hong Kong bars WhatsApp, Google Drive from govt computers

The Hong Kong government is barring most civil servants from using popular apps like WhatsApp, WeChat and Google Drive on their work computers due to potential security risks.
The latest IT security guidelines from the Digitial Policy Office have many civil servants complaining about added inconvenience. Government workers will still be allowed to use the services from personal devices at work, and can get exceptions to the ban with approval from a manager. Information technology experts said companies have adopted similar policies due to increasing risks of data leaks and cybersecurity challenges. Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, said on a radio program Tuesday that the ban is needed as hacking is becoming a more serious problem. He said the governments of the United States and China have also adopted stringent measures for their internal computer systems. A civil servant surnamed Lee, who requested

anonymity because she was not authorised to speak to the media, said her office often uses cloud storage services to exchange large files with vendors outside the government.

On Wednesday, the office said in a Facebook post that the policy aims to prevent potentially malicious links and attachments from bypassing security measures through encrypted messages. It suggested affected departments seek substitutes, such as allocating designated computers for using such services but cutting these devices' connections with internal systems. Francis Fong, the honorary president of the Hong Kong Information Technology Federation, said he "somewhat agreed" with the government's blanket approach, saying it could reduce cybersecurity risks. He added that it could also address issues with data breaches. Anthony Lai, director of VX Research Limited, a cybersecurity firm based in Hong Kong and Britain, said the government's approach is appropriate due to low cybersecurity awareness among some staff and a lack of comprehensive internal monitoring sys-

Sikh woman found dead inside walk-in oven in Canada Walmart

19-year-old Sikh woman was found Adead inside a walk-in oven of the Walmart store's bakery department in Canada's Halifax city, according to media

Halifax Regional Police (HRP) said they were called to a sudden death at the Walmart at 6990 Mumford Road around 9:30 pm on Saturday.

According to police, the woman, who has not been identified, was employed at the store. Her body was found in a walk-in oven, police said.

The Maritime Sikh Society confirmed to CTV News that she was a member of their community. "It's very sad for us, for her family as well,

because she came for a better future and she lost her life," said Anmolpreet Singh, with the Maritime Sikh Society. She had recently moved to Canada from India, The Globe and Mail newspaper said. The store has remained closed since



Saturday night while the investigation is

HRP Constable Martin Cromwell said police were aware of online speculation about the woman's cause of death. "The investigation is complex," said

Cromwell. We understand the public is involved, and we just wanted to encourage the public to be patient with our investigation and be mindful that there are family members and coworkers involved."

Cromwell said Halifax police were coordinating with the appropriate agencies to help with the investigation.

"We urge the public to be mindful of sharing speculative information on social media," HRP said in a statement on Tuesday.

A spokeswoman for the province's labour department said a stop-work order has been issued for the bakery and "one piece of equipment" at the Walmart store.

"It is important to note that the investigation has not yet reached a point where the cause and manner of death have been confirmed," HRP said.

Nova Scotia's medical examiner is working to determine the cause of death, and the province's Department of Health and Safety is taking part in the investigation. Walk-in ovens, also referred to as cabinet or batch ovens, allow for curing, drying or baking in batches using wheeled racks or carts. They are often found in large-volume bakeries in places such as supermar-

In a statement, Walmart Canada said the company is heartbroken and their thoughts are with the woman's family.

alcohol, not Centre: SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

In an 8:1 majority ruling, the Supreme Court on Wednesday overturned a seven-judge bench verdict and held that States have regulatory power over production, manufacture and supply of industrial alcohol. In 1997, the seven-judge bench ruled that the Centre had the regulatory power over the production of industrial alcohol. The case was referred to the nine-judge bench in

Chief Justice D Chandrachud, who wrote the latest judgment for himself and seven other judges, said the Centre lacks the regulatory power. Justice B V Nagarathna on the nine-judge SC bench dissented with the majority verdict. Industrial alcohol is not meant for human consumption.

While Entry 8 in the State List under the 7th Schedule of the Constitution gives the states interest". against the power to legislate on the While both parliament and Governments.



manufacture. transport, purchase and sale of "intoxicating liquors", Entry 52 of the Union List and Entry 33 of the Concurrent List mention industries whose control was "declared by Parliament by law to be expedient in public

possession, state legislatures can enact laws on the subjects mentioned in the Concurrent List, a central law will have primacy over the state law. The nine-judge Constitution bench was hearing a batch of petitions after a seven-judge Constitution bench ruled

States should regulate industrial | Indian entertainment industry lost ₹ 22,400 crore to piracy in 2023

PNS NEW DELHI

The Indian entertainment industry suffered a staggering loss of Rs 22,400 crore in 2023 due to piracy, according to a report released on Wednesday, that advocated for stronger advocated for stronger regulations and collaborative efforts to effectively mitigate piracy risks.

According to "The Rob Report" by EY and the and Mobile Internet Association of India (IAMAI), 51 per cent of media consumers in India access content from pirated sources, with streaming services being the most significant contributor at 63

"The size of India's piracy economy was Rs 22,400 crore in 2023, ranking fourth against the segment-wise revenue generated by India's Media and Entertainment industry.

per cent.

"Of this, Rs 13,700 crore was generated from pirated content from movie theatres while Rs 8,700 crore was generated from OTT platforms' content. The potential GST losses of up to

Rs 4,300 crore were estimated to have been incurred," it said.

refers to the Piracv unauthorized copying, distribution, or use of copyrighted material, which can include music, movies, software, and other forms of intellectual property. It is considered a form of theft because it infringes on the rights of the original creators and can lead to significant financial losses for them.

Rohit Jain, Chairman of IAMAI's Entertainment Committee, emphasised the urgent need for collective action among stakeholders.

"The rapid growth of digital entertainment in India is undeniable, with filmed entertainment expected to reach Rs 14,600 crore by 2026. However, this potential is severely threatened by rampant piracy. It is imperative for all stakeholders --government

bodies, industry players, and consumers--to unite in combating this issue," he said. Viewers cited subscription fees, high the unavailability of desired

content, and the hassle of managing subscriptions as multiple primary reasons for indulging in pirated content.

The report said that piracy is particularly prevalent among younger audiences aged 19 to 34, with women favouring OTT shows, while men gravitate towards classic films.

Interestingly, 64 per cent of those who access pirated content expressed willingness to switch to authorised

channels if offered for free, advertisement despite interruptions, revealing the need for content providers to rethink their pricing models and accessibility strategies. Around 70 per cent of pirated content consumers claimed that they did not wish to purchase any OTT subscriptions, the report

Mukul Shrivastava, Partner and Forensic M&E Leader, EY Forensic and Integrity Services, pointed out that

existing measures against piracy have been insufficient, and advocated for stronger regulations and collaborative efforts across the industry to effectively mitigate piracy risks.

"Leveraging technology to combat the creation and distribution of pirated content will also be critical. This will ensure that original creators are able to protect their intellectual property and monetize what is rightfully theirs," Shrivastava

The report also revealed that piracy is more prevalent in Tier II cities compared to Tier I cities.

"Limited means of watching authorised content, easy access to pirated content, a lack of awareness about the perils of piracy, income disparity and inaccessible theatres are some of the reasons for this contrast.

Tier I users typically access pirated content to watch old films while those from Tier II cities watch illegitimate versions of recently launched films, once again showcasing the unwillingness to pay for

India remains world's largest growing economy: IMF

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Tndia remains the largest Igrowing economy in the world, a senior official from the International Monetary Fund said, observing that the country's macroeconomic fundamentals are good.

"India is said to remain the largest growing economy in the world. We project growth at seven per cent in FY24-25, supported by recovery in rural consumption, as there favourable been harvests. Inflation is expected to decline to 4.4 per cent in FY24-25, despite some volatility as food prices know, normalize," Krishna trade, Srinivasan, Director for the IMF Asia Pacific Department, told PTI in an interview on

In terms of other fundamentals, he said, said, "despite elections, the fiscal consolidation remains on track. Reserve position is pretty good. fundamentals, speaking, for India are good". infrastructure or digital He suggested that the infrastructure, and this is a country's reform priorities key achievement, and it a tract of land for big nost-elections need to be in three areas.

"One is, there's an issue about creating jobs in India and so on. In that context, I think implementing the labour codes, which were approved skilling and 2000 are interested. in 2019-2020, are important because they will allow the labour markets to be flexible



while giving social protection to workers," he said.

"The other thing is, if you want to be competitive, you also have to remove some of the trade restrictions you have right now. Because in India what's happening is, you know, when you liberalise trade, you allow the productive firms to survive.

There's greater competitiveness and that by itself can, you know, create jobs. I think it's important that there's more trade restrictions removed," he said. "And finally, I would say continue with the reforms on, Macro you know, beefing up the generally infrastructure, be it physical continues with that. But going beyond that, I would say you have to focus on agriculture and land reforms. You have to think in terms of strengthening education and skilling," he said.

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But I would say that the labour market, you know, the labour codes are still a deterrent. These are the kind

address going forward," he

generate a lot more jobs in the

services sector, having the

right kind of skills is

important. So, investing in

education, skilling the labour

"Strengthening a social safety net is another reform. Finally,

I would say that talking to

people you still have a lot of

red tape and so on. Improving the business environment will

be important aspects. These

are some of the reforms which

I think I would prioritise,"

Srinivasan said in response to

Sharing some examples of red

tape in India, he said, some

investors feel that entering the

Indian market, setting up an

investment some way, getting

investments can be a problem

Some also mentioned that if

you want to shut down and

vou want to exit, that could

a question.

forces is very important".

Observing that the unemployment rate has declined to 4.9 per cent, he said the labour force participation and the employment-to-population ratio has been increasing.
"For instance, from 56.4 per cent for the labour market

of reforms which you need to

participation, employment-to-population (which) is about 53.7 per cent, those have gone up since the 40s. They were there before, he said, adding that most of the improvement has been concentrated in

employed workers. Srinivasan also flagged the recent move of workers in the county "towards the low productivity agriculture sector", saying the trend has emerged because "the kind of which are being generated are not the best of

He also expressed concern over the subdued female participation in the country's labour force as well as on the youth prevailing unemplovn

"There are various numbers out there, but we will all agree that labour force participation of women is on the lower side, and youth unemployment is quite high. So given that, there has to be emphasis on there has to be emphasis on improving the environment for generating jobs," he said.

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Paytm gets NPCI nod to onboard new UPI users

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Payments **I** Corporation of India (NPCI) has granted approval to Paytm to onboard new UPI users, subject to the adherence to all procedural guidelines and circulars, according to the company. The move is expected to come as a relief to Paytm, which had suffered a blow

following the Reserve Bank of India's restrictions earlier this year on associate company Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) in onboarding new UPI users

on the Paytm app.

In March, the NPCI gave approval to Paytm to participate in UPI as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP). The NPCI allowed the company to continue UPI transactions through four banks -- SBI, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank and YES Bank. In a late evening filing on Tuesday, Paytm informed the BSE that it has received approval from the NPCI to onboard new UPI users.

"...We would like to inform rou that vide letter dated October 22, 2024, the National Corporation of India (NPCI) has granted approval to the company to onboard new UPI users, with adherence to all NPCI procedural



attached the NPCI letter granting the nod, said. According to the letter, the approval is subject to adherence to all NPCI procedural guidelines and circulars issued from time to time, including guidelines circulars and issued specifically management, brand guidelines for app and QR, multi-bank guidelines, TPAP market share and customer

data. The company will also need to adhere to the requirements outlined in the tri-partite agreement with NPCI and PSP Banks.

It has also been asked to "...Adhere to all laws and regulatory guidelines as applicable and issued from time to time including Payments and Settlement Act Information Technology Act, 2000, Digital Personal Data Protection Act,

of Payment System Data, 2018," as per the NPCI letter addressed to Vijay Shekhar Sharma, founder and CEO of One97 Communications. One97 Communications is

the parent company of fintech firm Paytm. While permitting One97 Communications (OCL) to

onboard new users on its UPI application, the NPCI noted that it had received a letter from the company on August 1 requesting approval for onboarding new UPI users on the Paytm app, which was stopped as per RBI directions incurred a year ago, as an dated January 31 and February 16.

"Upon examination of your request, we hereby accord our approval and permit One97 Communications Private Limited (OCL) to onboard new users on their UPI application," the Paytm filing said, listing out the various

conditions.

In a major action against Payments Bank Pavtm (PPBL), the RBI had on January 31 directed it to stop accepting deposits or top-ups in any customer accounts, wallets, FASTags and other instruments, as it cited persistent non-compliance and continued material supervisory concerns. Meanwhile,

Communications on Tuesday posted a net profit of Rs 928.3 crore in the quarter ended in September 2024, compared to a Rs 290.5 crore loss it exceptional gain from sale of entertainment ticketing business to Zomato improved the fintech firm's Q2 scorecard.

slumped 34.1 per cent year on year to Rs 1,659.5 crore during the just-concluded

The revenue from operations

to celebrate Lord Dhanvantari Jayanti

PNS NEW DELHI

Integrated Medical Association IMA (Ayus) on Sunday will organise the annual celebration of Lord Dhanvantari Jayanti at NDMC Auditorium, Janpath, Delhi on Sunday, October 27,2024.
Ram Niwas Goyal, Speaker of the Delhi Legislative Assembly will inaugurate the event while Saurabh Bhardwaj, Health Minister of the Delhi Government, will be the chief guest.On this occasion, doctors who have done excellent work in Ayurveda and Unani medicine will be honoured.The Dhanvantari Award, Sushruta Award, and Charak Award will be given for significant contributions to Ayurveda.The Hakim Ajmal Khan Award and Dr. Abdul Hamid Award will be presented for commendable contributions to Unani medicine. In addition, Dr. JS Panwar Memorial and Dr. Hari Shankar Dev Sharma Memorial Awards will be given for the distinguished workers of the institution.

The event will be presided over by Dr. Yogita Munjal, Director, Ayush Directorate of Delhi Government and Krishna Jakhar, Corporation

IMA (Ayus) | AIIMS Delhi hosts workshop to empower medicos with AI skills



PNS NEW DELHI

IIMS New Delhi on AllMS New Delli on Wednesday hosted an intensive workshop on emerging technologies, specifically focusing on Artificial Intelligence (AI). With AI projected to revolutionize the healthcare sector in India, the workshop aimed to equip medicos with the necessary skills and knowledge to leverage AI's transformative power. AIIMS Delhi has been

recognised as a centre of excellence in AI, is at the forefront of this technological evolution, addressing public health challenges and promoting the integration of AI in healthcare practices. Prof. Kanwal Preet Kochhar of AIIMS New Delhi,

expressed her enthusiasm about the initiative, stating, "We are thrilled to have organized this workshop that

brings together leading minds in the field of AI and minds in the field of Al and healthcare. Our goal is to empower our medicos with the skills and knowledge they need to harness Al technologies effectively. By focusing on practical applications and real-world challenges we are preparing challenges, we are preparing our future healthcare leaders to innovate and improve outcomes patient

significantly."
The workshop underscored the need for specialized AI applications in healthcare, such as the development of a Health GPT, which would provide tailored solutions by leveraging healthcare-specific

The participants gained hands-on experience and insights from leading experts, preparing them to contribute significantly to transformation of healthcare

Centre expands 'Bharat' brand to include chana whole and masur dal



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Wednesday expanded its subsidised pulses programme, adding chana whole and masur dal under the 'Bharat' brand in a bid to check rising prices. Food and Consumer Affairs

Minister Prahlad Joshi, who launched Phase II of the initiative, said chana whole will be retailed at Rs 58 per kg and masur dal at Rs 89 per kg through cooperative networks NCCF, NAFED, and Kendriya Bhandar.

"We're offloading our buffer stock maintained under the Price Stabilisation Fund at subsidised rates," Joshi said. The government has allocated 3 lakh tonnes of chana and 68,000 tonnes of moong to the cooperatives.

Ministers of State for Food and Consumers Affairs B L Verma and Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya were present at the launch.
NCCF Managing Director Anice Chandra Joseph said distribution will initially

begin in Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra, with nationwide expansion planned within 10 days.

Chana whole has been added under the subsidised sale programme as there is a huge demand for it. We are in talks with e-commerce platforms and retail outlets to enhance accessibility," she added. The move follows October

2023's Phase I launch, which covered chana dal, moong

covered chana dal, moong dal, and moong sabut, along with rice and wheat flour. Current rates under Phase I stand at Rs 30/kg for wheat flour (up from Rs 27.50), Rs 34/kg for rice (up from Rs 29), Rs 70/kg for chana dal (up from Rs 60), while moong dal and moong sabut remain at Rs 107/kg and Rs 93/kg, respectively. The government is also maintaining price is also maintaining price interventions for onion at Rs 35/kg and tomato at Rs 65/kg. The Union Minister hoped for better pulse output this year as the government hiked the support prices of pulses substantially.

IMF: The fight against high inflation is 'almost won'

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The global war against inflation has largely been won - and at surprisingly little cost to economic growth, the International Monetary Fund declared Tuesday.

In its latest assessment of the global economy, the IMF predicted that worldwide inflation will cool from 6.7% last year to 5.8% this year and to 4.3% in 2025. It estimates that inflation will fall even faster in the world's wealthy countries, from 4.6% last year to 2.6% this year and 2% - the target range for most major central banks - in 2025.

The slowdown in inflation,

after years of crushing price increases in the aftermath of the pandemic, led the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank to cut interest rates this year after they had aggressively raised them to try to tame inflation.

"The battle against inflation is almost won,? Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, the IMF's chief economist, told reporters Tuesday. "In most countries, inflation is hovering close to central bank targets.?
Inflation had accelerated

when the world economy recovered with unexpected speed from the COVID-19 recession, leaving factories, freight yards, ports and businesses overwhelmed with customer orders and creating shortages, delays and higher end of supply chain logjams, brought inflation dramatically down from the four-decade

down from the four-decade highs it hit in mid-2022. And to the surprise of forecasters, the economy -especially the largest, in the United States - continued to grow and employers kept hiring despite higher borrowing costs

borrowing costs.
"The decline in inflation without a global recession is a achievement,' maior Gourinchas wrote in a blog post that accompanied the IMF's latest World Economic Outlook.

The IMF, a 190-nation lending The IMF, a 190-nation lending organization, works to promote economic growth and financial stability and reduce global poverty. On Tuesday, besides sketching a milder inflation outlook, it upgraded its economic expectations for the United States this year, while lowering its estimates for growth in Europe and China. The IMF left its forecast for global left its forecast for global growth unchanged at a relatively lackluster 3.2% for 2024.

The IMF expects the US economy to expand 2.8% this year, down slightly from 2.9% in 2023 but an improvement on the 2.6% it had forecast for 2024 back in July. Growth in the United States has been led by strong consumer spending,

prices. The high borrowing rates engineered by major central banks, along with the fueled by healthy gains in inflation-adjusted wages.

Next year, though, the IMF expects the US economy to decelerate to 2.2% growth. With a new presidential administration and Congress in place, the IMF envisions the nation's job market losing some momentum in 2025 as the government begins seeking to curb huge budget deficits by slowing spending, raising taxes or some combination of both.

The IMF expects China's economic growth to slow

economic growth to slow from 5.2% last year to 4.8% this year and 4.5% in 2025. The world's No. 2 economy has been hobbled by a collapse in its housing market and by weak consumer confidence problems only partly offset by strong exports. The 20 European countries that share the euro currency are collectively expected to eke out 0.8% growth this year, twice the 2023 expansion of 0.4% but a slight downgrade from the 0.9% the IMF had forecast three months ago for 2024. The German economy, hurt by a slump in manufacturing and real estate, isn't expected to grow at all this year.India's economy is expected to 7% this year and 6.5% in 2025. While still strong, that pace would be down from 8.2% growth last year, a result of consumers slowing their spending after a post-pandemic boom.

VERY BAD DECISION TO EXCLUDE BADMINTON FROM CWG: CHIRAG

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Rormer world No.1 doubles shuttler Chirag Shetty termed the exclusion of badminton from world the 2026 Commonwealth Games curriculum a wrong decision, and questioned how the organisers could do away with the most popular sport in the event.

2026 Glasgow The Commonwealth Games on Tuesday unveiled a heavily scaled-down roster, excluding hockey, shooting, cricket, badminton and wrestling from the curriculum, a move which will severely hurt

which will severely hurt India's medal prospects at the quadrennial event.
"I think it's a very bad decision, to be honest. I can say for badminton, I think it's the most watched sport. It's definitely one of the most watched sports in the Commonwealth Games," said Chirag, who along with Chirag, who along with partner Satwiksairaj Rankireddy is the 2022 Birmingham CWG men's doubles champions, besides being the mixed team gold medallist at Gold Coast in

He said the popularity of the sport in CWG could be defini gauged from the fact that for virtually all badminton community in general.



competitions are played in front of a packed house. "I've been part of two editions

at the Gold Coast and at the Birmingham editions. It's very difficult to get a seat for any of the rounds. I think it's definitely a very bad decision for the badminton

"I hope they (CWG organisers) will look into it and probably change it. As a part of the badminton community, we are disappointed. We were definitely looking forward to defend our title."

defend our title." the government and The World Championship bronze medallist added that it has to go at the highest

place. I think the higher national federations and bodies have to be decisive and the government should take up take it up to the higher the issue with the top-most authority in the CWG. authorities.

'Not just for badminton, even hockey, wrestling, I think all the sports which India does "As far as boycotting the event goes, I think it's in the hand of the government and well at are being removed. I think it's definitely important

LeBron and Bronny James make history as the NBA's first father-son duo to play together

LeBron James and Bronny
LJames became the first
father and son to play in the
NBA together Tuesday night
during the Los Angeles
Lakers season opener. Lakers' season opener.
LeBron and Bronny checked

into the game together with four minutes left in the second quarter, prompting a big ovation from a home crowd aware of the enormity of the milestone. The 39-year-old LeBron had already started the game and played 13 minutes before he teamed up with his 20-year-old son to make history. LeBron James is the top scorer

in NBA history, while LeBron James Jr. Was a second-round pick by the Lakers last summer. They are the first father and son to play in the world's top basketball league at the same time, let alone on the same team.

"Y'all ready? You see the intensity, right? Just play carefree, though," father told son on the bench before they checked in, an exchange captured by the TNT cameras and microphones. "Don't worry about mistakes. Just go

worry about mistakes. Just go out and play hard."
LeBron and Bronny played 2 1/2 minutes on court together, and LeBron missed two perimeter shots before making a dunk. Bronny had an early rebound and missed a tip-in. Bronny's first NBA jump shot was a 3-pointer that came up just short. He checked out with 1:19 left in the second quarter, getting another ovation.

another ovation.

Bronny didn't play again in the Lakers' 110-103 victory over Minnesota. LeBron, who scored 16 points, did an on-court interview with Bronny before they headed to the Lakers' locker room together but not before stopping in the tunnel to hug Savannah James, LeBron's wife and

Bronny's mother. Ken Griffey Sr. And Ken Griffey Jr. Were courtside at the Lakers' downtown arena to witness the same history they made in Major League Baseball. The two sluggers played 51 games together for the Seattle Mariners in 1990 and 1991 as baseball's first father-son duo.

The Jameses and the Griffeys met up during pregame warmups for some photos and a warm chat between two remarkable family lines. LeBron, a four-time

champion and a 20-time All-Star, first spoke about his dream to play alongside Bronny a few years ago, while his oldest son was still in high

school. The dream became real after Bronny entered the draft as a teenager following one collegiate season, and the Lakers grabbed him with the 55th overall pick.

"It's been a treat," LeBron said

at Tuesday's morning shootaround. "In preseason, the practices, just every day ... Bringing him up to speed of what this professional life is all about, and how to prepare every day as a professional." LeBron and Bronny joined a small club of father-son professional athletes who played together. The Griffeys

made history 34 years ago, and they even homered in the same game on Sept. 14, 1990. Baseball Hall of Famer Tim Raines and his namesake son also accomplished the feat with the Baltimore Orioles in

In hockey, Gordie Howe played alongside his two sons, Mark and Marty, with the WHA's Houston Aeros and Team Canada before one NHL season together on the Hartford Whalers in 1979-80, when Gordie was 51.

While the other family pairings on this list happened late in the fathers' careers, LeBron shows no signs of slowing down or regressing as he begins his NBA record-

tying 22nd season.

LeBron averaged more than 25 points per game last year for his 20th consecutive season, and he remains the most important player on the Lakers alongside Anthony Davis as they attempt to recapture the form that won a championship in 2020 and got them to the Western Conference finals in 2023. Bronny survived cardiac arrest and open heart surgery in the summer of 2023, and

he went on to play a truncated freshman season at the Southern University of California. He declared for the draft anyway, and the Lakers eagerly used the

fourth-to-last pick in the draft on the 6-foot-2 guard.

LeBron spent the summer in Europe with the gold medalwinning U.S. Team at the Paris Olympics, while Bronny played for the Lakers in summer league. They started practicing together with the Lakers before training camp. The duo first played together in the preseason, logging four minutes during a game against Phoenix just outside Palm Springs earlier this

month. The Lakers were fully aware of the history they would make with this pairing, and coach JJ Redick spoke with the Jameses recently about a plan to make it happen early in the regular season.

The presence of the Griffeys likely made it an inevitability for opening night, even though Redick said the Lakers still wanted it "to happen naturally, in the flow of the game."

The Lakers have declined to speculate on how long Bronny will stay on their NBA roster. Los Angeles also has point guards D'Angelo Russell, Gabe Vincent and Jalen Hood-Schifino, which likely makes minutes scarce for Bronny, who likely needs regular playing time to raise his game to a consistent NBA standard.

Those factors add up to indicate Bronny is likely to end up with the affiliate South Bay Lakers of the G League at some point soon. LeBron and Redick have both spoken positively about the South Bay team, saying that player development is a key part of the Lakers organization.

Miami forward Kevin Love, who knew all the James children - Bronny, Bryce and Zhuri - from his time as LeBron James' teammate in Cleveland, said it was "an unbelievable moment" to see father and son playing together.

Sardar has a major influence on my game: Rajinder Singh

2018.

It all started with a dreamy-eyed teenager Rajinder Singh's desire to own a new hockey stick and train with the legendary former India captain Sardar Singh at the Namdhari Academy in Sirsa.

As Rajinder, now 21, looks set to make his senior India debut in the twomatch series Germany on Wednesday and Thursday at the iconic Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, he is indebted to Sardar for guiding him and giving him quality time at the academy as a 17-year-old, when the world was shut because of the Covid pandemic.
"My cousin used to go to play in the

Namdhari Academy and every new player who came there used to get a new hockey stick. Seeing his stick, I also decided to go and start playing on the grass fields at the academy," said Rajinder in an interview with PTI Bhasha.

'Sardar has he has a great influence on my game. He used to give us tips in the academy, such as how to receive the ball under pressure, how to release it.

'During the Corona epidemic, he was



mostly in the academy, so I spent a lot of time with him and had many sessions. I got to learn a lot there," added Rajinder.

Sardar, one of the best midfielders India has produced, guided India to gold at the 2014 Incheon Asian Games and the Asia Cup title in 2017.

The veteran is also a product of the Namdhari Academy, which has also produced the likes of Gurmel Singh and Didar Singh among others.

Australia and his sister resides in Canada, his only goal is to play for

Rajinder concedes he did not expect he would make it to the senior level so soon and was hoping to be selected in the A team for the Europe tour.

"I did not think that I would chance in this Test series. I thought I would get a chance on the Europe tour. This was a surprise for me. and Didar Singh among others.

While Rajinder's brother has moved to Germany is a very tough team. It will be fun to play with him," he said.

Rajinder scored the most goals in the Rajinder scored the most goals in the Junior Academy National Championship 2021. That success assured him of a place in the junior national camp and he went on to play the Junior World Cup last year.

Rajinder, a fan of Indian cricket

captain Rohit Sharma, said he does not feel that he is a newcomer in the Indian dressing room, adding that the coordination of the team is very good. "There is a very positive atmosphere in the team. Senior players teach a lot, give advice when you make a mistake. They praise you when you play well. The biggest quality of the Indian hockey team is that no matter who makes a mistake, everyone covers it. No one blames anyone. There is a very positive atmosphere," said the youngster.

Rajinder takes inspiration from late NBA star Kobe Bryant's books and is confident that the Indian hockey team can win the gold medal in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, and he is eager to be a part of that side.

"This team can win the gold medal in 2028. I will try my best to make a place in the team. For this, first I have to play the Asian Games, World Cup and perform well," he said.

Marina Machans look to turn tide against FC



An in-form Chennaiyin FC will aim to leverage their home advantage as they look to snap a three-match losing streak against a struggling FC Goa in the Indian Super League here on Thursday. With just one win from five matches, FC Goa under India head coach

ninth in the standings, their poorest start since 2016. Defensively, Goa have struggled, leaking the joint second-most goals (10) alongside NorthEast United FC. Owen Coyle's Chennaiyin FC on the other hand have secured two wins

from four matches to occupy sixth

Manolo Marquez have slipped to

place in the table. They boast of a dynamic frontline, their defence has proven resilient, having conceded only five goals this season as they are chasing their best ever start with a third win in five



matches. However, they will need to be wary of FC Goa's head coach Manolo Marquez, who has an impressive

In their last seven ISL fixtures, the Gaurs have six wins including three

Covle on the other hand has a lower average of 0.9 points per game against Goa than against any other ISL team.

Goa also have the edge in terms of head to head record. The two teams have met 26 times, with Goa winning 15 and scoring 54 goals, making them the most successful side against Chennaiyin in terms of wins and goals.

Chennaiyin on the other hand secured nine victories, with two

matches ending in draws.
Chennaiyin will look to Lukas
Brambilla to lead their attack as he seeks his first goal despite creating 11 goal-scoring chances.

FC Goa's Armando Sadiku has been record against Chennaiyin, with six a force to reckon with, showcasing wins and two draws in nine his pace, linking ability, and

powerful striking. Ahead of the match, Coyle emphasised the club's distinct approach to squad building and praised his team's fighting spirit.
"We have a different model compared to the bigger clubs. We

have shown that we can be competitive, and we are trying to build something here. It's not about a quick fix. It's about having players who can serve the club for years to come," Coyle said.

Marquez is focused on taking it one game at a time, expressing disappointment over their 1-2 loss against Mumbai City FC.

He however encouraged his players to remain confident. "Footballing experience teaches us to tackle any situation. The simple part is to win one game and then start all over again for the next. In my opinion, we shouldn't have lost the last match," Marquez said.

NRAI announces first ever shooting league

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) on Wednesday announced the sport's first ever franchise-based league in the country christened "Shooting League of India". The proposal, mooted by NRAI president Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, has received approval from the national federation's governing body.

A window for the same is being chalked out, post receiving approvals from the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), the sport's global governing body.
The first edition of the league

will be held in March. Deo said, "Shooting, particularly after the performance in the recent Paris Olympics has received a

huge fillip in its popularity

and we thought that this was

organised franchise leagues have not only helped in popularising the sport even further, but most importantly have brought in new

owe it to our athletes to make the sport self-sustainable." At Paris Olympics, Indian shooters won three medals in a single sport for the first time.

league. "We have seen how well

audiences and revenue for

them and their athletes. We

"Shooting in its purest Olympic form and format is not considered television friendly. However, we have all deliberated upon it extensively and feel that we may have arrived at a winning formula," he said.

"Let's keep our fingers crossed as all is in the interest of the sport and its super athletes, who have brought glory to the country on global platforms consistently over the last few the right moment to launch a decades," Deo added.

Three games. One win. No I goals from the forwards.

Judging by Paris SaintGermain's performances so far, the revamped Champions League format could actually prove to be PSG's salvation because it may have struggled to qualify under the previous group format. Tuesday's 1-1 home draw in the league stage against PSV Eindhoven, the Dutch league leader, exposed familiar weaknesses in defense while PSG no longer has galacticos like Kylian Mbappé or Neymar to decide

tight matches. Poor marking led to PSV's goal from left winger Noa Lang and, after right back Achraf Hakimi had equalized early in the second half, PSV

twice threatened a late winner from counterattacks.

"It's the little details that count. PSV managed to make our mistakes count," Hakimi said. "It's difficult when you have to chase the game and come from behind."

PSG lost 2-0 away to Arsenal in its previous game amid poor defending and needed a huge stoppage-time blunder from the visiting goalkeeper to scrape a 1-0 home win against modest Girona in its opening game. PSG's only two goals so far

have been from defenders amid wasteful finishing.
Left back Nuno Mendes netted against Girona but only because his cross became a goal because of the goalie's

The new Champions League

mistake.



PSG struggling to impress in the Champions League has 36 teams, playing eight This match was not a games against eight different disappointment," he said opponents through January, through a translator. "The and gives plenty of scope for qualifying even if not in form. The top eight go direct to the round of 16 in March. Teams ranked ninth to 24th go into the knockout playoffs in February and only the bottom 12 are immediately eliminated. PSG is currently

Hakimi said the players should have taken their chances better, but PSG coach Luis Enrique was satisfied with how his team played. He preferred to highlight that there was nearly a stoppage-time winner after PSV goalkeeper Walter Benitez made a stunning point-blank

"We created opportunities. and away in the semifinals.

only thing is we didn't score one more than them and that's a pity."
But there looks much harder

matches to come against Atletico Madrid, six-time winner Bayern Munich and 2023 champion Manchester City. The previous format with only two teams out of four qualifying from each group may have been difficult for this PSG team - as it was last season.

PSG only qualified for the knockout stage in the last round of group games. After losing at Newcastle and AC Milan, it finished second behind Borussia Dortmund, which then beat PSG home

INDIA EYE RIGHT SELECTION CALLS TO COUNTER NEW ZEALAND

rolted by an unexpected loss on home turf, star-heavy India will look for right balance in the line-up to counter-attack against a spunky New Zealand in the crucial second Test beginning here on Thursday.

After being shot out for an embarrassing 46 in the first innings at Bengaluru, India's resolute show in the second innings could not prevent an eight-wicket pounding which saw the top-ranked team in the World Test Championship table dropping points even though it continues to hold the

Winning the next two Tests will be first priority for Rohit Sharma and his men before they hit the Australian shores for a five-Test affair next

With India in a spot of bother, focus has undeniably been on the nature of the pitch here at the MCA Stadium here. It does not have grass cover and is composed of black soil to negate the bounce which New extracted Bengaluru.

India's free-flowing batters cut a sorry figure when William O'Rourke and the seasoned duo of Matt Henry and Tim Southee served a wake up call which no one saw coming on a pace-friendly track that was admittedly misread by Rohit despite overcast conditions. Preparing a rank turner could

be one way out of the mire but it has backfired on India twice in the past. Australia hammered them by a

monumental 333 runs here eight years ago while the same team handed a nine-wicket defeat to them in Indore last With Shubman Gill priming for a comeback, one among KL Rahul and Sarfaraz Khan will have to make way. Coach Gautam Gambhir has expressed his desire to give the latter a long rope but Sarfaraz has made a strong case with his second innings 150 in Bengaluru.

One could say a big score for each of the two seniors, Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, is around the corner. The latter, especially, would be keen to draw from his 254 not out here in 2019-20, which paved the way for an innings and 137-



run thrashing of South Africa. By his own lofty standards, Yashasvi Jaiswal endured twin failures in the Bengaluru Test and the young batter looked to iron out his flaws when he had multiple stints in the nets.

As much as the Indian camp values Rahul's credentials in Test cricket, the right-handed batter hasn't looked his best and runs haven't come off his bat on a consistent basis.

The Karnataka batter is locked in the fight for a spot against a red-hot Sarfaraz, who followed his 222 not out in the Irani Cup for Mumbai with a superlative 150 in Bengaluru, helping India fight against all odds. Rishabh Pant kept wickets for a short period towards end of India's training session on Tuesday but it remains to be seen if he is 100 per cent fit to endure match workload.

India's perennial problem of plenty also goes along with ensuring their players are adequately rested as well as primed for future challenges, but on these counts it is unlikely that Jasprit Bumrah will get some time off given a will get some time off given a series-levelling win is muchneeded here.

Siraj enduring a "wicketsdrought" as assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate put it, there could be a possibility of Akash Deep coming back into the fold. He too had a long batting stint in the nets here on Tuesday. Ravichandran Ravichandran Ashwin will look to make the most of what will be on offer over the next five days, with Ravindra Jadeja in tow.

The addition of Washington Sundar, who can spin the ball away from New Zealand's southpaws in captain Tom Latham, Devon Conway and the immensely talented Rachin Ravindra, would also bolster India's batting.

On their part, New Zealand have done fairly well given the absence of Kane Williamson from two of the three Tests on this tour. Will Young appeared resolute in the middle-order which features Ravindra's brilliance.

New Zealand will, however, expect more off Daryl Mitchell and Tom Blundell's bats and at the same time want the others to try and emulate Southee's feats in the first innings of the opening Test.



Pakistan retain spin heavy team for third and final Test against England

AP RAWALPINDI PAKISTAN

Pakistan has retained its Pspin-heavy team for Thursday's series-deciding third Test against England as both sides anticipate another dry wicket that will suit the slow bowlers.

The groundsmen have been trying to dry out the track for the last four days, with the help of industrial-sized fans Rehan Ahmed as its third and outdoor heaters, to fulfil specialist slow option to go the wish of Pakistan skipper Shan Masood to nullify England's aggressive batters. Left-arm spinner Noman Ali and off-spinner Sajid Khan claimed all 20 England wickets in the second test, on a recycled wicket in Multan, to level the series at 1-1.

England had won the series opener by an innings after it posted a record-breaking 823-7, with Harry Brook scoring a triple century and Ioe Root making a careerbest 262.

The third specialist slow bowler, leg-spinner Zahid Mahmood, bowled six wicketless overs in England's first innings, and was not even required in the second innings as the visitors folded for 144 against Ali and Khan to lose the second test by 152

"It (the wicket) is very dry with not a lot of grass on it," Pakistan head coach Jason Gillespie said on Wednesday. "We probably expect it to

favor the slower bowlers.'

The toss could again play a vital role, with the spinners expected to dominate the batters as the game goes on. "It (the toss) is a 50-50 call, you always want it to go your way," Gillespie said. "Both teams will have that mindset but, yeah, we'll see."

The wicket has encouraged England to recall leg-spinner with Jack Leach's left-arm s and the off-spin of Shoaib Bashir.

"Who knows what's going to happen?" said captain Ben Stokes after England's last training session at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium. "It looks a very good wicket at the moment (but) with some cricket on it, it might change. We feel the longer it goes, more spin is going to come into play.

Bashir has replaced Matthew Potts in the England team while Gus Atkinson, who was part of the memorable win by an innings and 47 runs in the first test, will replace rested fast bowler Brydon Carse. Reverse swing with the old ball might be ineffective, with a greener square on both sides of the wicket.

"The square is very lush and green," Stokes said. "It's going to be hard to manufacture reverse swing. The longer the games goes on, the more spin is going to come in."

Pant overtakes Kohli in Test rankings

PTI DUBAI

Rishabh Pant on Wednesday overtook his superstar India teammate Virat Kohli to reach the sixth spot in the ICC Test rankings for batters.

Fresh from a counter-attacking 99 in the second innings of the opening Test against New Zealand, Pant gained three spots in the rankings while Kohli, who made a fluent 70 in Bengaluru, dropped a place to be eighth.

Opener Yashasvi Jaiswal India's highest remains ranked batter at four. India captain Rohit Sharma dropped two places to be joint 15th alongside Sri Lanka's Dimuth Karunaratne. England star Joe



maintains a healthy lead at the top of the charts. New Zealand duo of Rachin Ravindra (up 36 places to 18th) and Devon Conway (up 12 spots to 36th) also made good ground on the latest list

for Test batters, while teammate Matt Henry (up two rungs to ninth with a new career-high rating) was the big winner in bowlers'

category. Henry picked up eight after he was adjudged Player of the Match in the same contest. India's pace spearhead remains at the top of the bowlers' rankings followed by teammate R Ashwin. Retaining the seventh sport,

on any given day," Lee told 'Fox Cricket'. Commenting on India's outing in the

felt that they might have got influenced by 'Bazball', leading to playing some

"India just didn't go into their shell. Maybe it's Bazball brushing off on other cricketers around the world," he noted.

"I know that India won't be proud of the way they played. They played some

India's decision to bat first in overcast

conditions raised eyebrows, as the team

was bowled out for 46 in the first innings

of the opening Test, its lowest Test score

Lee said the side needs to "weigh up the

risk factor" and added the Indians

should have judged the conditions

"But, you've got to weigh up the risk factor as well. There are times when

you've got to go, 'Okay, well, maybe the big shots aren't working today'.

'Maybe, just rein it in a little bit. I don't

think they sort of summed up the

loose shots.

at home.

pretty loose shots."

est against the Kiwis Lee

India in Bengaluru, while teammate Will O'Rourke (up

two spots to 39th) was also rewarded for his seven scalps

Pakistan spinner Noman Ali was re-instated at 17th on the rankings following his 11 wickets across two innings

from the same match.

Ravindra Jadeja is another Indian in the top-10.



Mehidy Hasan's 87 not out rescues Bangladesh from innings defeat

AP ■ MIRPUR, DHAKA

Mehidy Hasan's 87 not out helped Bangladesh take lead on 81-run nesday, ending fears of an innings defeat in the opening Test against South Africa. The battling Mehidy led his side to 283-7 at stumps, a comeback from 112-6 during a third day interrupted by rain

was also unbeaten on 16. Mehidy shared a record 138-run stand with debutant Jaker Ali, who made 58 as the hosts wiped out a first-innings

and bad light. Nayeem Hasan

deficit of 202. Bangladesh was bowled out for 106 in its first innings before South Africa replied with 308, thanks to Kyle Verreynne's 114.

Fast bowler Kagiso Rabada (4-35) and left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj (3-105) then shared seven wickets as South Africa put Bangladesh under

even more pressure. Rabada used the early moisture of the pitch expertly after Bangladesh began the day on 101-3. He pegged back the hosts with two wickets in three balls in the fourth over.

Opener Mahmudul Hasan edged to the first slip on 40 after being undone by extra bounce. Mushfiqur Rahim, who

became the first Bangladesh batter to reach 6,000 Test runs on Day 2, paid the price for a lack of foot movement as fuller-length Rabada's delivery skidded through to rattle the stumps when he was on 33.

Maharaj removed Liton Das for 7 and South Africa sensed a chance to wrap up an early victory. But, Mehidy and Jaker then survived a probing spell from Maharaj and Rabada.

Mehidy hit Dane Piedt for a six over his head and drove Maharai to deep mid-off for a single to raise his ninth Test half-century from 94 balls. Maharaj finally broke through by trapping Jaker lbw to end their partnership, which was Bangladesh's highest against South Africa for any wicket. Mehidy, who hit nine fours

and one six in 171 balls, continued to frustrate South Africa with support from Nayeem before bad light brought a premature end to the day's play.

India is a powerhouse that don't want to bow down: Brett Lee



PTI SYDNEY

Australian speedster Brett Lee has described the Indian team as a "powerhouse that don't want to bow down" to anyone, cautioning his compatriots who will take on the Asian giants in an upcoming five-match Test

Lee's remarks came after India's eightwicket defeat to New Zealand in the

Bengaluru Test earlier this week. India, aiming to qualify for their third successive final in the World Test

Championship, will be travelling to Australia next month to defend the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. "This day and age, India is a powerhouse

that don't want to bow down. They know how to win, and they know they can beat Australia; they know they can beat the Kiwis. They know they can beat anyone

conditions as quickly as what they should have done," Lee said. India play two more Tests against New Zealand -- Pune (October 24-28) and Mumbai (November 1-5) -- before leaving for Australia.

On utilising spinners well in second Test against India: Latham

PTI ■ PUNE

Skipper Tom Latham on Wednesday said New Zealand will head into the second Test against India without any preconceived ideas about a spin-friendly bowling utilising their options effectively.

New Zealand hold a vital 1-0 lead after an eight-wicket win in the opening Test in Bengaluru.

The Kiwis bowled India out for their lowest total of 46 on home soil in the Bengaluru Test. Despite a second innings fightback from the hosts, New Zealand held their nerves to record their first win in India tweakers

added.

Whatever we're presented with, for us it's about trying to adapt as quick as we can," Latham told the media ahead of the second Test here.

"If it is going to be a wicket that turns a little bit more, surface, focusing instead on then we've got four spinners in our line-up, that will play into their hands, but it's (also) about to try not to go into the game with too many preconceived ideas," he

> Latham admitted he has given thought to how to utilise the spinners at their disposal. New Zealand have Ish Sodhi, Mitchell Santner and Ajaz among Patel frontline and Rachin

Ravindra and Glenn Phillips also to roll over their arms. "I obviously had a little bit of a think around what that may look like," he said.

'(We will) try to get a little bit

of information from previous

games here and also the practice wickets that we're on, will hopefully be something around, or similar to what we're getting," he said. Latham said New Zealand won't be resting on their laurels of drought-breaking Bengaluru Test win.

"(It is) very special, there is myself, Graham Dowling and John Wright, to be in this position is really special. But for me it was a team effort," he said.



special performance, but our attention (has) turned quickly to this game and we're trying not to rest on what happened

"We celebrated what was a last week, (we are) trying to take the confidence from last week and take that into this game and hopefully hit the ground running."

"The confidence that it can bring into a side is probably the most important thing, that we can come over here and we can compete and we can do well," he added.

The opening batter, who took over captaincy reigns before this tour, said his lack of big scores are not too concerning for him. "For me it's about trying to

contribute as best I can in my role, it's not just myself, it's other guys that are just trying to perform their role as best they can and that may look slightly different throughout the test match," he said.

"I've certainly been working hard behind the scenes to get my game where I want it to be. As a batsman it's a really fine line, you can be hitting the ball really well and get a good one, or vice versa, you may not be hitting it so well and get a bit of luck," he added.

said Latham Rachin Ravindra's approach at different stages of his fabulous 134 in Bengaluru showed the right way to balance the elements of attack and defence in Indian conditions. "The way he played throughout that whole innings was outstanding, (if) you take the situations of some of the partnerships that he was involved in, the way he played was really important," he said.

"He put the foot down a little bit, played a little bit more attacking at certain stages and then obviously sucked up a little bit of pressure at times as well. We saw that in the second innings too," he said. Latham said

Williamson, who has missed the first two of the three Tests on this tour, is working closely with the medical team. "It's a day-by-day thing with Kane, fingers crossed that he will be up and ready. He's obviously working closely with the medical team back he played home," he said.

"It's just a bit of a waiting game, hopefully we'll find out a little bit more after the Test," Latham added.

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