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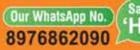


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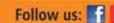
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SC praises Central Governmente's tiger conservation initiatives

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→he Supreme Court praised the Central Government's . fruitful initiatives for tiger conservation, expressing satisfaction that 75% of the world's tigers are in India.

A bench comprising Justices Sanjeev Khanna and P V Sanjay Kumar acknowledged the Central Government's efforts as "good work" last Friday. Notably, the number of tigers in the country has increased from 2,226 in 2014 to 3,682 now, with good numbers in Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Maharashtra. For Madhya Pradesh, the most encouraging is that the tiger population is increasing even outside tiger reserves. The tiger population in Madhya Pradesh has grown from 526 to 785, the highest in the country. In the past four to five years, the number of

MP HAS HIGHEST NUMBER OF TIGERS

tigers has increased by 259. The task of tiger reintroduction

was extremely challenging, but Madhya Pradesh accomplished it with painstaking effort. Tiger counts are conducted every four years. From 2006 to 2010, the tiger population was recorded at 257, necessitating high-level conservation and sensitive measures to boost their numbers.In order to manage human-wildlife conflict, 16 regional rescue squads and district-level rescue squads have been established. For investigating wildlife crimes, 16 specialized canine units have been formed.

The state-level strike force has arrested 550 wildlife criminals from 14 states in the past eight years.Funding has been allocated for wildlife management outside protected areas, and in forests have been developed

revenue from wildlife tourism has been shared with local communities. These efforts have supported tiger conservation

How MP regained Tiger State? Experts underline four main reasons for Madhya Pradesh achieving the Tiger State title. 1. Scientific Relocation of Villages-Between 2010 and 2022, 200 small villages within tiger reserves were relocated, with

Tiger Reserve. 2. Translocation: The relocation of Barasingha, bison, and wild boar from Kanha to other tiger reserves has expanded the food

the highest number of 75 villages

being moved from the Satpura

base for tigers. 3. Habitat Developme Vacant villages and fields withinto grasslands and ponds, increasing the population of herbivores and providing more food for tigers.

4. Improved Security Measures: Unprecedented changes in security, including drone surveys and monitoring at Panna Tiger Reserve, have significantly curtailed illegal poaching. Enhanced technology in crime investigation and patrolling has been effectively implemented, exemplified by Panna Tiger Reserve's own drone squad with a monthly operational plan.

in the state out of a total of 12.852. The leopard population has increased by 80% in Madhya Pradesh compared to the national average of 60%, with the state

accounting for 25% of the coun-

These measures have also helped

Madhya Pradesh lead in leopard

population, with 4,100 leopards

leopards.Improved Management of National ParksMadhya Pradesh has the highest number of tigers at 526, followed by Karnataka with 524, and Uttarakhand with 442. The effective management of national parks has played a crucial role in increasing tiger numbers. Over 50 villages have been relocated with state government support, significantly reducing ecological pressure on large tracts of

Villages in Kanha, Pench, and Kuno Palpur core areas have been relocated, and more than 90% of the core area of Satpura Tiger Reserve has been relieved of ecological pressure. Madhya Pradesh has achieved top rankings in effective management of national parks and protected areas. Satpura Tiger Reserve has been included in UNESCO's tentative list of World Heritage Sites.



Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture Sheoshekhar Shukla and Additional Managing Director MP Tourism Board Bidisha Mukherjee in conversation with Rahul Chakavarty during 39th convention of Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) in

TDR portal to accelerate development schemes

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¬o overcome the difficulties faced in acquiring land for government development projects in the state and to make it transparent, Town and Country Planning has prepared the Transferable Development Rights Portal (TDR Portal). This portal has been prepared through MPSEDC. The purpose of creating this portal is to encourage planned and controlled development. Through the portal, landowners can transfer their land's development potential from one place to another. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav provided convenience to the citizens by launching the TDR portal in a function held on August 12 in

Any government agency in the state, that requires any land to implement its project, can

apply to obtain that land available in TDR portalthrough the TDR portal. After this, any land owner who gives free land for government projects gets the right to develop at least double the area of ??his dedicated land. The land owner can exercise these development rights himself or sell them through TDR Bank. Apart from this, these can also be purchased by common citizens or any manufacturing organization on this portal. Through the TDR portal, both buyers and sellers can connect as per their needs. A list of all distributed development rights will also be available on the TDR portal, which can be

TDR is completely secure and user-friendly. This makes harnessing the development potential of land acquisition beneficial to both the government and the land owner.

Key points of information

Transferable Development Rights Rule 2018 is effective in

Madhya Pradesh. If the land owner surrenders the land ownership free of cost, he will be eligible for development rights of at least double the area of the land surrendered.

Under the rules, 4 routes of Indore city and metro corridor of Bhopal have been notified as production areas.

The entire municipal corporation area of Indore and Bhopal has been notified.

In the development plans of big cities of the state like Indore, Bhopal, Gwalior, Jabalpur and Ujjain, the land falling under the roads of width 24 meters and above has been notified as a production area.

Action is being taken by the implementing organization to issue a development rights certificate for the production area.

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n the second day of the 39th IATO, various sessions were held to deliberate on future prospects, efforts and opportunities in tourism. Delegates shared their views on topics such as increasing the number of tourists in the country and the state, economic growth and promotion of tourist destinations.

Addressing the business session on Resurgent India Inbound -Strategy to re-establish India amidst challenging business environment' in the first session of the second day, Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture Sheo Shekhar Shukla said that 50 new offbeat destinations are being developed in the state to manage the crowded tourist destinations and for tourists seeking peace.

More than 40 thousand women are being trained in the tourism

On the second day of IATO, the future prospects of tourism were discussed sector while making efforts to generate employment in the tourism sector and to connect women of the community with tourism. Special Secretary Tourism Uttar Pradesh Isha Priya, MD of Abercrombie & Kent Vikram Madhok addressed the session. The session was conducted by Secretary (Retired) Government of India Arvind Singh.

Principal Secretary Shukla said that there is a need to set a benchmark for international standards and there should be no compromise from day one. Work is being done to create the right ecosystem for inbound tourism. Resources should be collected through coordination with other departments and they should be used to create infrastructure for tourism devel-

Speaking on the topic of Discovering the Undiscovered in the third session of the convention, Managing Director

State Tourism Development Corporation Ilaiyaraaja T said that more than 90 properties are being operated by Madhya Pradesh Corporation for hospitality of tourists in the state. Madhya Pradesh is the cleanest, greenest and safest tourist destination in the country.

Madhya Pradesh has a wonderful amalgamation of culture, history, archaeology and geology. To promote sustainable tourism, tie-ups have been done with the Eco Tourism Board, so that infrastructure ie resorts and hotels can be built in a sustainable manner.

Along with Mahakal Lok and Ujjain gaining fame in spiritual tourism, the state is also leading in responsible tourism. Taking community participation in tourism a step forward, Hotel Amaltas in Pachmarhi is being run only by women. Chairman ATOAI Padmashree Ajit Bajaj, MD and CEO CGH Earth Mr. Michael Dominic and Chairman Antara Luxury River Cruise Raj Singh also shared their views in the session.

Special session on Madhya PradeshA special session on Madhya Pradesh was organized during the conference. In this, Additional Managing Director of Tourism Board Bidisha Mukherjee invited various stakeholders including travel agents, tour operators who had come to Bhopal for the convention to visit Madhya Pradesh.

She said that the natural beauty, ancient history, protected heritage, wildlife diversity and forest areas of Madhya Pradesh are attracting tourists from all over the world. With the aim of making the state more safe for women tourists, especially single women tourists, participation of women in the tourism sector is being increased. Women are being trained in 48 job roles in 8 sectors of the

tourism sector. She also highlighted various places of cultural and spiritual importance in the state.In another session on Chasing Hotels for Inbound Tourism, representatives of the country's reputed chain hotels ITC, The Leela, Fern, Sarovar and Pride shared their views on the development of the hospitality industry in the country and Madhya Pradesh. Also, in the session based on the topic of Last Mile Connectivity, brainstorming was done on stream-lining the air connectivity in the country and the state as per the demand of tourists. Representatives of the country's reputed institutions Air India, STIC, Lotus Aero and ITTA addressed. In the last session of the day, all IATO members were guided on increasing the publicity of tourism and the use of new means of media on the topic of Marketing and Promotion of Inbound



CME held on Pharmacovigilance for Health Care Professionals

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dhe Department of Pharmacology at AIIMS
Bhopal successfully organized a Continued Medical Education (CME) program on Friday, 30th August 2024, titled "Pharmacovigilance: Role of a Health Care Professional." The program aimed to enhance awareness and competency among healthcare professionals in adverse drug event reporting, thereby promoting patient safe-

Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh, Executive Director, AIIMS Bhopal emphamacovigilance in modern healthcare

"Pharmacovigilance is a fundamental pillar of modern healthcare. It serves as our first line of defense in identifying, understanding, and preventing adverse drug reactions that can compromise patient safety. In an era where new medications and



tinuously being introduced, the role of healthcare professionals in monitoring and reporting these events becomes even more critical. Through vigilant phar macovigilance, we not only safeguard our patients but also contribute to the global knowledge base, enabling the development of safer and more effective therapies. It is imperative that every healthcare provider recognizes the significance of this responsibility and actively participates in fostering a culture of safety

The program witnessed participation from over 130 healthcare professionals, including doctists, and postgraduate students from medical, AYUSH, and pharmacy colleges, as well as NABH-accredited hospitals in Bhopal and Vidisha. The event was supported by the Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI).

Dr. Niket Rai, from LN Medical College, Bhopal, conducted a

hands-on demonstration on using the PvPI ADR mobile app for reporting adverse drug reactions (ADRs). Dr. Ratinder Jhaj, Coordinator of Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centre and Regional Training Center (RTC) for Pharmacovigilance for MP and Chhattisgarh under Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI), provided an overview of the need and functioning of the

of India. Department Dermatology at AIIMS Bhopal was awarded the Patient Safety standing contributions to

Pharmacovigilance Programme

patient safety. The CME program was a significant step forward in reinforcing the importance of pharmacovigilance among healthcare professionals, ensuring better patient outcomes through

vigilant and prompt reporting of

State-level event held on Denotified Tribes Day

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav announced that the people of Denotified, Nomadic, and Semi-nomadic communities in the state will reap all the benefits of welfare schemes. He acknowledged the long history of courage and bravery demonstrated by these communities.

Yadav emphasized that the state government is committed to fully supporting the youth and other talents from nomadic and semi-nomadic castes in their pursuit of education, careerbuilding, and a brighter future. Yadav was addressing the statelevel program of Denotified Tribes Day at Rabindra Bhawan, Bhopal on Saturday. Chief Minister Yadav also saw the exhibition of the Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Department and dedicated the department's portal 'Samarth'. The Chief Minister announced that efforts will be made to officially recognize the original residence of nomadic and seminomadic castes by documenting one place as their permanent address. This will facilitate the preparation of necessary records, ensuring that those currently excluded from welfare schemes will also receive their

benefits. Specific castes such as

Bhaat, Charan, Beldar, Pardhi, and Kuchbandiya will be included in these schemes, while a special plan will be created for groups like Kabutari, Kalbelia, Sikligar, and Banchhra. Housing provisions, including

basic amenities like electricity and water under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, will be arranged for castes like Gadariya, Lohar, and others. The youth from these communities will receive necessary training, including opportunities in the Agniveer and other government schemes, as well as

Additionally, efforts will be made to promote the folk culture of these castes at the divisional level, and they will be integrated with the Geeta Bhawans being established in cities. Manglik buildings will also be constructed, and ongoing dialogues will be held to support their development.

Yadav emphasized the importance of modernizing essential social customs. He stated that the actions of a few individuals involved in crime should not label the entire community as criminals. He noted that, with changing times, the focus has shifted towards punishing the individual offender rather than holding the entire community responsible.

Banjara folk artist Sushri Reena Pawar presented an impressive traditional dance in the programme. Chief Minister Yadav announced an incentive of Rs 21 thousand to her for her effective presentation. Chief Minister Yadav congratulated the department and the organizations for observing Denotifed Tribes Day

in the entire state. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Welfare, Backward Classes, and Minority Welfare, Krishna Gaur, highlighted that on Denotified Tribes Day, a special exhibition was organized to inform about welfare schemes for nomadic and semi-nomadic castes. These communities, once labeled as criminals by the British, were freed from that stigma after independence and are now benefiting from development initiatives. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Chief Minister are committed towards the welfare of these castes. The state has made provisions for hostels, scholarships, and house rent assistance for students from these communities, with increased scholarship amounts and special encouragement for girls' education. The state government remains dedicated to the development of these castes, their villages, and settlements.

Online tool management system inaugurated at BHEL Bhopal

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The online tool management system of TGM department was inaugurated by General Manager -Feeders Rupesh Telang at BHEL, Bhopal on Friday. This system mainly comprises three different online systems, namely 1) Tool Request System 2) YFR Management System and 3) CTX Webpage and Inventory Management System. The development of all these web applications has been possible due to the collective efforts of TGM and DTG. These online systems have been developed to fulfil the tooling requirements of various product groups on priority basis, to get information about the current manufacturing status of TGM products and for overall value addition. Telang emphasized that being a feeder, it is imperative to supply tooling to internal customers on priority basis and the online system plays a very important role in transparency. He drew attention to the important contribution of data management in business decisions and encouraged to identify most of the other systems of the feeder group and bring

them online. He also praised this important achievement of contributing in the "Digital

India" mission. On this occasion, senior BHEL officials VV Khare, N P Sanodia, Sanilal Toppo, Rajesh Toppo, Yogesh Hinge, Ashish Agarwal, Varun Pratap Singh, Anil Kumar Pandey etc were present. The systems have been conceptualized and designed by SN Shrivastava, Satish Asnani, Manoj Chaudhary, Mahesh Kumar Sharma and Pardeep Singh Baloria of DTG

Group. Meanwhile, SM Ramanathan Executive Director BHEL, Bhopal on Saturday inaugurated the largest vertical Kaplan runner manufactured in India for Polavaram Hydro Electrical Plant. On this occasion VS Rao, General Manager (Hydro), Rajesh Kumar Agrawal General Manager (SOM), GP Baghel General Manager (Quality), Alok Sengar General Manager (Fabrication) and Manoj Nilamwar AGM & HOD (WTM) were present. The runner has been manufactured & assembled by Bhopal unit's Water Turbine unit's Water Manufacturing Division using

state-of-the-art technology.

MLB MET GALA organised in the College campus



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⊣he MLB Met Gala took place Saturday in Shankar Dayal Sharma hall at Maharani Lakshmibai PG Girls College, organized by the Debating Society for MLB students. Themed around a fusion of Hollywood, Bollywood, and Disney cartoon characters, the event

featured creative costumes and lively performances. Led by President Shraddha Jain and Treasurer Shivani Dubey, with support from managers Soha Naved Alam and Yumna Usmani the gala was a vibrant celebration of pop culture, bringing together students in a unique and entertaining way. The winners in different

categories were- Nikita (Miss Met Gala) Shraddha Ĵain (Mr Met Gala), Zainab Khan & Daniya Khan (Best Mimicry), Rushda, Shirin & Shivani (Best Dance), Soha Naved (Best Dressed) Anam Khan (Cutest character), Yumna Usmani (Boldest character), Maseerah Aslam (most scary) and Surbhi Khare (Best walk).

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In Memorian + **BOSS KAUN THA?** DR CHANDAN MITRA

By SIDHARTH MISHRA

It has been three years since Chandan Mitra is gone. I left the *Pioneer* in 2012 summer but my phone still has his number saved as Editor. I last met him on January 19, 2019. I presented him a copy of my book Delhi Political 1947-2013 and clicked a picture together. Since we both had French beards and sported similar glass frames, some commented that I was indeed a true disciple, since I did not simply follow him in his writings but also the style of his beard. Covid followed, poor health got the

better of Chandan's physical charm and our interactions got limited to exchange of messages on the phone. My last message to him was on 24 July 2021 on Guru Purnima. Somewhere I had this gut feeling that he may not be there to receive the customary message on Teachers' Day, September the 5th. It turned out

In 1992, I was working as a district correspondent in the Patna edition of the Hindustan Times. I remember reading a front-page review of Mani Ratnam's film Roja sitting in the dingy district bureau office. It was sometime then that somewhere inside me the thought arose, if I were to make a career in journalism.

Chandan Mitra was the writer to follow. Soon after, I came to Delhi and found a job at the newsdesk in The Pioneer. The newspaper then had a good number of feature and theme pages. The newspaper's then Editor, Ashok Bhattacharya, gave me somewhat of a license to write on these pages if it would not compromise with my desk work. I grabbed the opportunity

with both hands. In 1996, Chandan came as the Editor to Link House, the office of *The Pioneer*. In the first meeting with the newsdesk, then officiating editor Ajoy Bose introduced me saying that I was some kind of a specimen, who despite working till late in the night on the desk could still find time to write. Chandan responded, "I am surprised as I

always thought of you to be in someone in the writing departments. Soon he made me jump the fence, and I was part of the City reporting team. In less than two years' time I was heading the City unit. When I took over, my friends told me that the job was jinxed as, since the launch of the paper in Delhi, nobody completed a year as the Chief Reporter

When I completed a year, I wrote a thanksgiving note to the Editor, and Chandan in a hand written reply said I survived not because of his benevolence but because of my work. He said I would have many more years in the office. I worked in *The Pioneer* for 18 years on a trot and of which 16 years were with Chandan. We were ideologically not much aligned. Given my military school background was never much amused by the life of glamour which he enjoyed but still we managed to work together. With time I came to look after the newspaper's editions in Dehradun, Chandinarh and Banchi in addition to the Delhi City unit charge Those were tumultuous years. The Thapars gave up on the newspaper and Chandan brought it back from the brink of closure. In those years many left for better opportunities; sometimes I ask myself what held me back. The charm of attending the evening news meetings with Chandan in the chair, things never got boring. They used to be great gatherings with Swapan Dasgupta and Kanchan

Gupta, all mahapandits of right wing ideology, with poor me fighting to justify my sympathies for the then Sheila Dikshit Government. Chandan would face a lot of heat from Delhi BJP leaders like Madanlal Khurana for having me as the head of the paper's City unit. The majority of the years that Chandan held the reigns of *The Pioneer*, the paper

Not that under the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government, Chandan mortgaged his right to criticise. There was this instance of a border skirmish with Bangladesh in which a BSF officer was killed. His corpse was returned in a most undignified manner. The images made one baulk and at the same time angry even as the Government talked of peace. The front page editorial in the paper said, Bend, don't genuflect. Now this was a startling criticism coming from a newspaper known for its ideological proximity to the Government of the day. This must have required a lot of courage on the part of Chandan, and a real large heart on the part of the Government to take the criticism in the right spirit

During those 16 years, Chandan gave me the freedom to make my team. The team had to be made every sixbmonths as someone who had just started to shine would be poached by bigger media houses. Today these 'freshers' are the strength and backbone of many a media house across the country.

Whenever one gets to meet them, they show gratitude for giving them the break but I could do so because Chandan allowed it. That was Chandan!

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PM Modi assures women of swift action against male predators

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

n the backdrop of the rape and murder of a Kolkata Ldoctor and sexual assault on two kindergarten girls in Maharashtra's Thane region, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday reiterated the need and urgency to ensure safety of women, particularly at the workplace and called for quick disposal of cases of crimes against women. He said, "The faster justice is done in such cases, the greater will be the assurance of safety for half the population."

Speaking at the National District of Conference Judiciary in Delhi, the Prime Minister emphasised that atrocities against women and the safety of children were a serious concern in society today. On this occasion, the Prime Minister also unveiled stamp and coin commemorating 75 years of the establishment of the Supreme Court of India. The conference was organised by the Supreme Court of India to discuss the issues related to the district judiciary such as infrastructure and human resources, inclusive courtrooms for all, judicial security and judicial wellness, case management and judicial



of District Judiciary, in New Delhi, on Saturday

Modi pointed out that many strict laws were enacted to ensure the safety of women in the country. He added that in 2019, the Government had planned to establish fast-track special courts. Explaining further, he said that there was a provision for a deposition center for important witnesses under the fast-track special courts. He further emphasised the important role of district monitoring committees under fast-track special courts, consisting of the district judge, district magistrate and

superintendent of police.
"Judiciary is considered as the

Guardian of our Democracy", said the Prime Minister. Referring to the role of judiciary in protecting the Constitution and the spirit of law, the Prime Minister said the judiciary is considered the guardian of the Constitution, and that the Supreme Court and the judiciary have measured up to this responsibility. He added that the committee's role was important in promoting coordination between various aspects of the criminal justice system. Modi stressed on the need to make these committees more active. He

added that the quicker the decisions in cases related to atrocities against women, the greater will be the assurance of safety for half the population.

The Kolkata incident has also become a flashpoint between the TMC Government in West Bengal and the BJP-led NDA Government at the Centre. On Friday, West Bengal Chief Minister Bengal Mamata Banerjee wrote to Modi, reiterating her request stringent Central legislation and exemplary punishment for heinous crimes like rape and murder.



Anguished women of Kerala cry for help

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN KOCHI

 $R^{\text{adhika Sarathkumar, a highly respected}}_{\text{movie artist in South India, dropped a bombshell on Saturday by accusing some}}$ of the leading stars of the Malayalam film industry of making nude visuals of female artists with hidden cameras and blackmailing them later.

Speaking to the media, Radhika, who is married to Tamil superstar Sarath Kumar and is daughter of the iconic Tamil actor M R Radha, said that she has seen the these film stars videographing nude visuals with hidden cameras in the caravans hired for exclusive use by the female artists.

"It is done while the artists change their costumes or use the washrooms. I saw this with my own eyes and ever since stopped using the caravans. Though I alerted the director and other crew members, nothing happened. Malayalam film industry is not safe for female artists," said Radhika.

The revelations by the actress come in the wake of the #Me Too movement getting intensified after the release of the Justice K Hema Committee report about the murky happenings in Malayalam film industry. The committee was appointed by the CPI (M)-led Government in 2017 following reports of sexual harassment suffered by female film artists.

It may be recalled that a leading actress of Malayalam films was kidnapped by gangsters led by Pulsor Suni and raped as per the directive of reigning superstar Dileep.

Kishtwar

Haryana polls rescheduled

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

reeping in mind a centuries-old Keeping in inna a festival of the Bishnoi community, the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Saturday deferred the polling date for Haryana Assembly elections to October 5. Earlier, voting was scheduled to be held on October 1. There has been no change in the polling date for the third phase of the Kachmir el for October 1. The election results for both Jammu & Kashmir and Haryana will be now declared on October 8 instead of October

The change in the schedule prompted by the decision honour the centuries-old tradition of the Bishnois. The Bishnois, a prominent community in the region, observes the Asoj Amavasya festival, which holds religious importance as it commemorates Guru Jambheshwar. The ECI

recognised the need to ensure that the community could fully participate in this important cultural and religious event without forgoing their voting rights. The poll body cited representations from national and State political parties, as well as the All India Bishnoi Mahasabha in this regard.

BJP leaders hailed the poll body's decision while the Opposition Congress and Aam Party have slammed the move

BJP MP Biplab Kumar Deb who is also the incharge of Haryana BJP said, ...It is the duty of the Election Commission. At that time the main festival of the Bishnoi community takes place, so the Election Commission wants

maximum voting in the elections and we welcome it... We have worked honestly in the State and the people will decide who will win..."

Jammu votes on September 18 in first phase

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

 $W_{ ext{scrutiny}}^{ ext{ith the completion of the}}$ nomination papers for the first phase of the polling on September 18, the electioneering in

Jammu and Kashmir has intensified. Different political parties have stepped up efforts to reach out to the voters to

win their support. Out of 24 Assembly seats going to the polls in the first phase, 16 fall in the Kashmir valley and eight in the Doda erstwhile district of Jammu province.

According to the Election Commission of India, 64 candidates are left in the fray for eight seats in Doda,

districts. They include 27 in Doda district, 22 in Kishtwar and 15 in Ramban district. In 2014, the BJP had won four Assembly segments of Kishtwar, Doda, Bhaderwah and Ramban while two Assembly segments of Inderwal and Banihal were won by the Congress party candidates in the region.

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Remembrance of things past

By KUSHAN MITRA

Three years ago, on the night I of the first of September, 2021, my father, Chandan Mitra, breathed his last. The last few months of his life had been hard for him, and also hard for those around him. Watching the cognitive decline of possibly one of the most intelligent human beings you have ever known is extremely tough and when that person happens to be your own father, it is so so much worse. I write a lot, but I haven't ever written about Baba's passing or my relationship with him. Three years on, I think it is time.

As I rode with his body in an ambulance to the cremation grounds, those 45 minutes gave me a lot of time to contemplate. Well, 45 minutes is nothing when you're trying to think over a 40-year relationship but there was some solitude inside the vehicle. I recall my fathers childhood friend from La Martinere, Paranjoy Guha Thakurta being in the van with me, but I think that we were both lost in thought.

I will be honest, ours was not a simple relationship. Most sons, particularly in India have deeply complicated Chandan Mitra, pursuing his doctorate at Oxford, with son Kushan we were barely on talking



relationships with their fathers, not always around. However, but I would like to think mine was more complex than most. As many know, my parents were divorced and had separated when I was around 13 years old. While that is not something easy for a young teenager to process, as a 45year old man today, I understand how relationships narrow. That said, through my can wither away and die.

But as a result of that, Baba was

my younger brother and I did spend time with him and also stayed nights at his place in Vasant Vihar. I would also like to thank his landlady, the journalist Shymala Shiveshwarkar, who herself passed away earlier this year, for helping him and keeping him on the straight and

later teens and early twenties,

terms, Baba's place was a place I only dropped into to party. Could it have been better or different? I don't know, but I do know that by this time, he had found companionship with the first of his many Labradors, Loin. As I begun my career as a

writer and journalist, Baba was always there to provide advice, and as he went beyond dipping his toes into politics, and started his time as a Member of Parliament, visits to his bungalows at Humayun Road and then Ferozeshah Road were common. He was someone I could always turn to for career advice and also talk about life and love. It was here I decided that I would help him

in The Pioneer. This newspaper was his soul by then, he had revived it from a moribund newspaper, to one of Delhi's most reliable and trusted newspapers, and when the rest of the Indian english media had bent over during the UPA-era, which they have all conveniently forgotten today, The Pioneer,

remained steadfastly right-

wing, despite the newspaper

price for that, although my father maintained strong relationships with many on the other side of the aisle. Many journalists across the media today got their start with

paying a severe commercial

The Pioneer and worked with my father and many of those keep on reaching out to me, from India and abroad to have a proper memorial service for 'Boss' because he passed away while Covid restrictions were on. This December would have been his 70th Birthday, and God willing, if things go right, I, along with many of those who loved him, hope to celebrate his life. A lot of what has happened in

the past few years is water under the bridge, and I hope a decision or resolution that honours the memory of my father is found soon. Unfortunately his trusting nature in some people allowed them to take advantage of him. I wish he was that trusting of me and others who had the best interests of the newspaper in mind, but it is what it is. And it is a damn crying shame, and that is all I will say other than to hope that the stag can jump high again in the near future in

memory of the man who kept

it going.

Family members of deceased youth vandalize City Hospital

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

private hospital was vandalised and hospital staff was attacked and injured after a youth died during treatment. he was injured in an accident at Shanti Niketan in Govindpura area on Friday.

There was a massive protest after the death of a youth identified as Rakesh (20). the accident had taken place on Friday night. After this, people immediately took the youth to the City hospital where the doctors declared him dead. The family and the people gathered with the family at hospital, turned violent. They alleged that there was delay in treatment,

There was vandalism in the hospital and the staff was beaten up. The angry crowd also pelted stones. During this, the son of the hospital director opened fired in the air. The

police have registered a case against the minor driving the car. However, there is no case of hit and run in this. An FIR has also been lodged regarding vandalism in the hospital.

Later on Saturday, the family protested by placing the body outside the City hospital. After this, a memorandum was submitted. The family ended the protest after the assurance of the police and left for Narsinghgarh with the body. They were demanding to seal the hospital.

During the protest, people raised slogans and demanded action.

There was an argument between the senior police officers who reached the spot and the protesters.

According to eyewitnesses, the speed of the car was so high that it dragged the youth for about 10 meters. The injured was immediately taken to the nearby City Hospital, where doctors declared him dead. The police said that after receiv-

ing the news of Rakesh's death in a road accident, his family and the crowd present with them became agitated. The family accused the director of the hospital of collecting money before starting treatment. When the staff opposed this, the uncontrollable crowd started vandalizing the hospital. When the security guard took

the crowd out of the gate, people started pelting stones at the hospital from outside. To protect themselves amid the vandalism and stone pelting in the hospital, the hospital director and staff left their

work station and reached their

house near the hospital. As

soon as they got the informa-

tion that the doctor was not in

the hospital, the crowd started

bers tried to stop the crowd from doing so, the furious crowd beat them up as well. To protect himself and his family from the attack of the uncontrolled crowd that entered the house, the hospital director's son Dr. Ujjwal Gupta started firing with a pistol. According to eyewitnesses, Dr. Ujjwal fired about 6 rounds. Due to this, the crowd ran away from the hospital director's house and in front of the hospital. On receiving the information, Govindpura police reached the spot and chased

away the miscreants standing

on the other side of the road.

pelting stones at the first floor

house of the hospital director.

The angry crowd entered the

house of director Dr. Sabyasachi

Gupta and started breaking

and throwing the things kept in the balcony. When the hospital

director's son and family mem-

Hospital director Dr. Ujjwal Gupta said that firing was done with a Tikli gun (toy gun) to drive away the mob that had entered the house. The bullet was not fired from a pistol. All this was done when the mob had entered the house and was attacking me and my family members.

People said that the hospital does not provide treatment in any emergency situation. The same has been done before. People said that the youth injured in the road accident died due to not getting timely treatment.

Hospital owner Dr. Ojwal Gupta said that in the evening, the councillor of the area Rakesh and the owner of Meena Medical Store, whose name he does not know, brought a person in an accident case. We told them that the young man died.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav addresses during 'Bundeli Samagam' programme at State Tribal Museum in

WELCOM Esteemed Chief Guest Shri Manu Srivastava,L मुख्य अतिर्व भा. प्र. र

Additional Chief Secretary Madhya Pradesh Energy Department Manu Shrivastava giving away certificates of merit to the students during the convocation ceremony of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in Bhopal on Saturday.

Collector convenes meet on women safety

Datia: On the instructions of Chief Secretary, a meeting was held in the hall of New Collectorate under the chairmanship of Collector Sandeep Makin regarding security arrangements in hospitals in the district.

In the meeting, Makin discussed issues like women safety in hospitals, medical arrangements, transportation, parking, cleanliness etc. He said that a Whatsapp group should be created at the district level in which administrative officers, police officers and medical officers and their team should be added, so that if any problem or trouble arised in the hospitals, it will be brought to notice immediately through this group. This way, it can be resolved immediately.
A QRT team will be formed

which will reach within 10 minutes on receiving information about any incident. Makin said

Tawa, Kundalia and other

So far, 33.9 inches of rain

has been recorded in the

state, which is 91% of the

season. As soon as 3.4 inch-

es of rainfall would be

recorded the figure of nor-

mal rainfall in the state will

also be crossed. Mandla

and Seoni are such districts,

fall has been witnessed

while Rewa has received

the least rainfall of only

dams.

that a mock drill of this team will be done in the coming 2-3 days. Taking seriously the increasing security related incidents related to women, Shri Makin instructed the Dean of Medical College, CMHO that a CCTV control room will be established in the district hospital, in which duty will be assigned for five to six hours, if needed, the number of cameras in the hospital should be increased, so that the movement of anti-social elements and unknown persons can be stopped and any incident arising or happening can be monitored.

After the camera installation and the creation of CCTV control room, it will also be audited by the administrative staff within 7 days. Regarding security related arrangements, the government hospitals will be inspected by the Collector, CEO, ADM and private hospitals will be inspected by SDM and Deputy Collectors.

School Education Minister reviews deptt activities

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chool Education Minister and Minister in-charge of Balaghat district Uday Pratap Singh said that strict action will be taken against those coaching institutes which are operating in violation of the rules. Besides, the district administration should ensure the safety of girl students in such coaching institutes where they go to study after 6 pm.

Minister Singh was addressing the review meeting of district officials in Balaghat today. MP Smt. Bharti Pardhi, MLAs Sarvshri Rajkumar Karrahe, Sanjay Uike, Madhubhagat, Vicky Patel, District Panchayat President Shri Samrat Singh Sarswar, Municipal Council President Smt. Bharti Thakur and local public representatives were present in the meeting.

CM Rise School for better education During the review, School

Education Minister Shri Singh apprised himself about the CM Rise Schools operating in the district. He said that CM Rise Schools are being built at every Janpad level in the state. Minister Shri Singh said

that for quality education in schools, BEO, BRC and Jan Shikshak will inspect regularly. Along with this, district level officers will also be assigned the responsibility of monitoring. During the review of the Food and Co-operative Department, he said that number of procurement centres should be increased in the district. He also gave instructions regarding increasing the number of warehouses in the district. Minister Shri Singh has given instructions to start work after the rains in relation to repairable schools and roads.

Mutual interaction with public representatives should be ensured

School Education Minister Shri Singh told all the officers that there should not be a lack of communication at any level. Public representatives should be constantly informed about the progress of the schemes. Collector Shri Mrinal Meena told Minister Shri Singh about achieving better results. Minister Shri Singh also planted saplings in Moti Talab and Waraseoni CM Rise School campus.

BANK OF MAHARASHTRA

Authorised Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

New spell of rains to commence in Madhya Pradesh from today

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strong rain system will be active in ▲ Madhya Pradesh from September 01 and will induce rainfall in the entire state. There is an alert of heavy rain in 35 districts. Before this, heavy rain may occur in 12 districts including Sehore-Dewas. After releasing water from Indore's Yashwant Sagar Dam, Ujjain's dam has become full. On Saturday morning, a gate of Gambhir Dam in Ujjain was opened

up to 25 cm. IMD Bhopal scientist said, a low pressure area system is in the Bay of Bengal On the other hand, the monsoon trough is passing from above. Due to its effect, there will not be heavy rain in most of the districts on Saturday, but from September 1 to 3, a period of heavy rain will start in the entire state. This will happen due to the increasing effect of the low pressure area system.

Meteorological Department has issued an alert of heavy rain in Sehore,

Indore: Review meeting of rural

development programs conclud-

ed in Indore district. Chief

Executive Officer of District

Panchavat Indore Siddharth Jain

reviewed the works of Jal Jeevan

Mission, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, MNREGA .In the meet-

ing held in the District Panchayat

Assembly Room, Chief Executive Officer District Panchayat Shri

Siddharth Jain reviewed the

works of Jal Jeevan Mission,

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana,

Collector Indore Ashish Singh

has given instructions to transfer

the tap water schemes complet-

ed in the district to the Gram

In the meeting, District Panchayat CEO Siddharth Jain

reviewed each pending scheme

work wise with Assistant Engineer of PHE and District

CEO. In the review, it was found that 10 works in Sanwer district,

village Khatrikhedi and

Telyakhedi in Indore district,

Choral and Kamdpur in Mhow

district and Datoda, Harnasa,

Gangajalkhedi and Tajkhedi in

Depalpur district, in this way, the

construction work has been com-

pleted by PHE in a total of 18

Nalial Yojana in the district and

trial run of scheme operation to

the Panchayats has also been

MNREGA etc. schemes.

Panchayats.

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Seoni, Balaghat, Damoh, Dindori districts in the next

Meet to review rural development programs

It rained in 13 districts of the state on Friday, 35 mm i.e., 1.5 inches of rainfall was recorded in Narmadapuram district, 1 inch each rainfall was recorded in Mandla and Umaria, and more than half an inch of rainfall was recorded in Nowgong, Tikamgarh, Khajuraho, Chhindwara and Indore.

Similarly, light rain was also recorded in Betul, Shivpuri, Ujjain, Narsinghpur and Satna districts. Drizzling

was directed that if the Panchayat

does not take over deliberately,

then propose action against the

guilty Panchayat under the Panchayat Raj Act for obstruction

In the meeting, District Panchavat

CEO Siddharth Jain also

reviewed the Adarsh ??Mokshadham development

works in 25 villages by the Gram

Panchayats in the district village

wise. The works of Mokshadham

development in village Talavali,

Rangwasa in Depalpur district,

Kampel and Tillaurkhurd in

Indore district, village Balaria

and Budhi Barlai in Sanwer dis-

trict, village Panda and Jamli in

Mhow district are nearing com-

pletion. District Panchayat CEO

Siddharth Jain directed all the

assistant engineers to ensure that

the ongoing works of Mokshadham development are

Development works are to be

done in the villages related to the

amount collected from the addi-

tional shelter fund in the district.

For the selection of works under

the said head, District Panchayat

CEO Shri Siddharth Jain directed

that the assistant engineer should

personally inspect the site of each

proposed work and the CEO of

the district should certify that

there is no dispute/problem

completed by 30 September.

in the government scheme.

been opened, while 4 out of 8 sluice gates of Kolar Dam near Bhopal have been opened. On Friday also, water is flowing in Bansagar, Kundalia, Bargi, Indira Sagar, Omkareshwar, Johila, Parasdoh, Chandaura,

Dewas, Sagar, Raisen, rain started in Bhopal in the Narmadapuram, Betul, morning, which continued Chhindwara, Pandhurna, at night as well. Due to two hours of heavy rain in Ashoknagar late Friday 24 hours. Light rain and night, houses in Pathakhera thundershowers will con- village were filled with water tinue in Bhopal, Gwalior, up to two feet. Indore, Ujjain, Jabalpur and Houses in Pathakhera village

> with water up to two feet. The Kanhan river is in spate. An elderly man fell while crossing the river on Friday. Department has issued an alert of heavy rain in the state from September 1 to 3 and if this occurs the dams and ponds of the state will overflow once again. The big dams of the state are more than 95 percent full.

e-rickshaw, seized

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Tanumanganj police have nabbed a vehicle

La lifter and recovered a

stolen e-rickshaw worth Rs 2

Police said that August 29 a

complaint was made by Hemant Kumar Sen of LIG

3/15 Vishwakarma Nagar

Housing Board Karond,

reported that on August 28 at

5 pm parked e-rickshaw bear-

ing registration MP04ZH1378,

engine number YCSUM08037,

M22YCESU23D008037 in

front of the main gate of rail-

way station platform number 6

and went to the tyre repair

At around 5.30 pm, some

unknown thief stole e-rick-

shaw. Based on the complaint

a case under section 303 (2)

BNS was registered and inves-

On receiving the information

of the incident, senior officers

were immediately informed about the incident, after receiv-

ing instructions, a team was

During the search, informa-

tion was received regarding

tigation was started.

formed and sent.

number

chassis

shop.

lakh from the accused.

Ashoknagar were filled

22.3 inches. More than 40 inches of Meteorological rainfall has been recorded in 10 districts of the state. Mandla has received the highest rainfall of 46.87 inches. The top 10 districts with the highest rainfall are Mandla, Seoni, Sidhi, Dindori, Sheopur, Bhopal, Chhindwara, Raisen, The sluice gates of all three Narmadapuram and Sagar. dams of Bhopal, Kaliyasot,

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY Notice Inviting e-Tender E-tenders (Two Packet System) ar Kerwa and Bhadbhada have

invited from reputed, experienced, OEM or RDSO approved source of RMPU manufacturer or contractors Qualifies Minimum Eligibility Criteria and having Electrical Contractor icense by Chief Workshop Manager Coach Rehabilitation Workshop West Central Railway Nishatpura Bhopal for and on behalf of President of India for the under mentioned works. Tender Notice No.-WCR/CRWS/BPL/EL/T/ 2024/07 Date: 24.08.2024, Name of work: work of (A)-Comprehensive Maintenance Contract for POH activities (SS2/SS3) of RMPU with control panels fitted in AC coaches(LHB type) for 264 coaches (i.e. 528 RMPU unit) at CRWS Bhopal for one year." & work (B) -"Comprehensive Maintenance Contract for MLR activities of RMPU with control panels fitted in LHB AC coaches for 40 coaches (i.e. 80 RMPU unit) at CRWS Bhopal for one year. Cost of work. - Rs. 11,59,64,521.35, ost of tender form - 0.00. Bi Security -Rs.7,29,800.00, Completion Period of work-13 months, Tender Closing Date and Time-25.09.2024 upto 15.00 Hrs Tender Opening Date and Time 25.09.2024 After 15:00 Hrs. Detailed nformation about tender and tender format is available at Govt. Of India website www.ireps.gov.in. Tender notice is available at notice board of the office of Chief Workshop Manager (Electrical branch) Coach Rehabilitation Workshop, Nishatpura

For Chief Workshop Manager Coach Rehabilitation Workshop Nishatpura, Bhopal 🕯 रवच्छ भारत अभियान, एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

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[Rule-8(1)] **POSSESSION NOTICE** (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Maharashtra under the Securitization and Recursive Control of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-section (2) of Section 13 read with rule 8 of the

ing failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has symbolic of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under section 13(4) of the taken possession symbolic of the properties said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said rules.

S No.	Name & Address of Borrower &	Amount due to the bank	Details of Immovable Property of	Demand Notice Date
	Guarantor	as which possession taken by the		
1.	Borrower - M/S Mahi Earth Movers, Prop. Mr. Arshad Khan	Rs.2064064/-	1. All those pieces and parcel of land situate being and lying at village Mouza Mansakra, Ph no- 06 in the Registration Dist: Jabalpur, Sub dist: Sihora admeasuring 2360 sq.ft and bearing CTS/Survey no. Khasra No. 408/2/1/2 Bounded as - North-property of Arvind Chakrawarty, East - 18" side road, West - Shukla Plot, South - Purchaser land	13/06/2024
		Other Charges		
	Guarantor - Mr.Arshad Khan			
			2. All those pieces and parcel of land situate being and lying at village Mouza Mansakra, Ph no-73/06, in the Registration Dist: Jabalpur, Sub dist: Sihora, admeasuring1800 sq.ft bearing CTS/survey no,Khasra no.408/2/2	
			Bounded as - North- Property of Rafiq Bhaijan East- 18" side road, West- Shukla Plot, South-Plot of Santosh Patel	
			3.All those pieces and parcel of land situate being and lying at village Mouza Mansakra, Ph. no.06, in the Registration Dist: Jabalpur, Sub dist: Sihora, admeasuring 2812.5 sq.ft bearing CTS/survey no,Khasra no.408/2/2	
			Bounded as:- North - Purchaser Land, East- 18" side road, West- Land of Garg ji, South- Plot of Sugriv Patel	
			CERSAIID : 20082709410, 200082710601, 200082710479, 200082743472	

ed not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the ions of sub **CHIEF MANAGER & AUTHORIZED OFFICER** Place: Jabalpur, Date: 01/09/2024

Vehicle lifter nabbed.

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Corporate Office: 167-169, 2nd floor, Near Little Mount Metro Station, Saipet, Chennai - 600015 HOUSING FINANCE Regional Office - 101-B, ist Floor, NRK Business Park, Vijaynagar, Indore(MP) - 452010

Appendix IV: Symbolic Possession NOTICE (for Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice (s) issured by Authorized Officer of the Company to the Borrower(S) / Guarantor(S) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having falled to repay the amount, notice here by given to the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the change of HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. 1 Demand Notice issued Date

Name of Borrower/ Guarantor / Co-Borrower	Demand Notice issued Date Loan Account No, Amount Due as on Notice Date	Description of Secured asset (Immovable Property)	Date of Symbolic Possession	
Lt. Rajesh Kumar Charoliya (Borrower) ALL LEGAL HEIRS OF DECEASED Legal Heirer - Mr. Jamanabai Satyanarayan Charoliya (Co-Borrower) Mrs. Rekha Bai (co-borrower) Mr. Harshit Charoliya (Co-Borrower)	Issuance Date - 30-03-2024 MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000052 Total Amount Due - Rs. 1,32,481/- (Rupees One Lacs thirty two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty One Only)	A House No. 89, Situated At Ward No. 07, Mohalla Vivekanand Colony Tarana District Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456665 Total Area - 62.7004 Sq. Mtr. Boundaries - East - House Of Sharma Ji, West - Road, North - House Of Shyamlal Ji, South - Lane		
Mr. MANGILAL (Borrower) Mrs. CHANDA BAI (Co-Borrower)	I. Issuance Date - 23-03-2024 E. MP/IDR/RTLM/A00000521 Total Amount Due - Rs. 6,15,332/- (Rupees Six Lakh Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Two Only)	Patwari Halka No. 46 Gram Panchayat Register Panji House No. 28, Gram Mundla Parval Tehsil Jaora Dist. Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, India - 457226 Total Area - 1368 Sq. Ft. Boundaries - East - House Of Kana, West - House Of Shankarlal, North - Road, South - House Of Badrilal	29/08/2024	
Mr. NANA LAL DHAKAD (Borrower) Mr. JITENDRA NAGAR (Co-Borrower) Mrs. TULSI BAI DHAKAD (Co-Borrower) Mr. KANVARLAL DHAKAD (Co-Borrower)	I. Issuance Date - 08-04-2024 E. MP/IDR/RTLM/A000000226 & CO/CPC/CPOF/A000001754 Total Amount Due - Rs. 9,21,571/- (Rupees Nine Lacs Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy One Only)	Residential House & Open Land, Situated At Village Palduna, Teh. & Distt. Ratlam, Nai Abadi, Palduna, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, India - 457222 Total Area - 83.64 Sq. Mtr. Boundaries - East - Common Road, West - House Of Bhagwati Lal, North - House Of Ghanshyam, South - House Of Leelaram	29/08/2024	
Mr. DASHRATH PATIDAR (Borrower) Mrs. NIRMALA (Co-Borrower) Mr. NARENDRA PATIDAR (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 08-04-2024 2. MP/RTL/PTLW/A000000041 & CO/CPC/CPOF/A000000649 Total Amount Due - Rs. 5,75,145/- (Rupees Five Lacs Seventy Five Thousand One Hundred Forty Five Only)	P.H. No.27/67, Abadi Area of Survey No.746, Gram Panchayat Register House No.01/20-21, Serial No.940, Village - Kod TahsilBadnawar, Distt Dhar, Madhya Pradesh, India - 454665 Total Area - 102.26 Sq. Mtr. Boundaries - East - Colony 's Boundrywall, West - Road Of Colony, North - Plot No. 83, South - Plot No. 81		

STATUTORY NOTICE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS

Borrower(s)/Guarantor's are hereby put to caution that the property may be sold at any time herein after by way of public aution/tenders and as such this may also be treated as a notice under Rule 6, 8 & 9 of Security (interest) Enforcement Rules, 2002. Authorised Officer Mobile No.- Vaibhav Shrivastav - 7987969803, Rajesh Chakotiya - 84355 71111, Sitaram Prajapat - 95845 67867

Place : Indore, Date : 01/09/2024

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Brazil bans X after disinformation row

AP SAO PAULO

Prazil started blocking Elon Musk's social media platform X early Saturday, making it largely inaccessible on both the web and through its mobile app after the company refused to comply with a judge's

X missed a deadline imposed by Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes to name a legal representative in Brazil, triggering the suspension. It marks an escalation in the monthslong feud between Musk and de Moraes over free speech, far-right accounts

and misinformation.
To block X, Brazil's telecommunications regulator, Anatel, told internet service providers to suspend users' access to the social media platform. As of Saturday after midnight local time, major operators had begun doing so. De Moraes had warned Musk on Wednesday night that X could be blocked in Brazil if he failed to comply with his order to name a representative, and established a 24-hour deadline. The company hasn't had a representative in the country since earlier this month.

"Elon Musk showed his total disrespect for Brazilian sovereignty and, in particular, for the judiciary, setting himself up as a true supranational entity and immune to the laws of each

country," de Moraes wrote in his decision on Friday.

sunday pioneer

The justice said the platform will stay suspended until it complies with his orders, and also set a daily fine of 50,000 reais (\$8,900) for people or companies using VPNs to access it. In a later ruling, he backtracked on his initial decision to establish a 5-day deadline for internet service providers themselves — and not just the telecommunications regulator — to block access to X, as well as his directive for app stores to remove virtual private networks, or VPNs. Brazil is one of the biggest markets for

X, which has struggled with the loss of advertisers since Musk purchased the former Twitter in 2022. Market research group Emarketer says some 40 million Brazilians, roughly onefifth of the population, access X at least once per month. "This is a sad day for X users around the world, especially those in Brazil, who are being denied access to our platform. I wish it did not have to come to this - it breaks my heart," X's CEO Linda Yaccarino said Friday night, adding that Brazil is failing to uphold its constitution's pledge to forbid censorship.

down by de Moraes, "simply because we would not comply with his illegal



orders to censor his political oppo-

"When we attempted to defend ourselves in court, Judge de Moraes threatened our Brazilian legal representative with imprisonment. Even after she resigned, he froze all of her bank accounts," the company wrote. X has clashed with de Moraes over its reluctance to comply with orders to block users

Accounts that the platform previously has shut down on Brazilian orders include lawmakers affiliated with former President Jair Bolsonaro's rightwing party and activists accused of undermining Brazilian democracy. X's lawyers in April sent a document to the Supreme Court in April, saying that since 2019 it had suspended or blocked 226 users.

In his decision Friday, de Moraes' cited Musk's statements as evidence that X's

conduct "clearly intends to continue to encourage posts with extremism, hate speech and anti-democratic discourse, and to try to withdraw them from jurisdictional control.

In April, de Moraes included Musk as a target in an ongoing investigation over the dissemination of fake news and opened a separate investigation into the executive for alleged obstruction. Musk, a self-proclaimed "free speech absolutist," has repeatedly claimed the justice's actions amount to censorship, and his argument has been echoed by Brazil's political right. He has often insulted de Moraes on his platform, characterizing him as a dictator and tyrant.

De Moraes' defenders have said his actions aimed at X have been lawful, supported by most of the court's full bench and have served to protect democracy at a time it is imperiled. He wrote Friday that his ruling is based on Brazilian law requiring internet services companies to have representation in the country so they can be notified when there are relevant court decisions and take requisite action specifying the takedown of illicit content posted by users, and an anticipated churn of misinformation during October municipal elections.

The looming shutdown is not unprecedented in Brazil.

Lone Brazilian judges shut down

Meta's WhatsApp, the nation's most widely used messaging app, several times in 2015 and 2016 due to the company's refusal to comply with police requests for user data. In 2022, de Moraes threatened the messaging app Telegram with a nationwide shutapp Telegram with a nationwide shutdown, arguing it had repeatedly ignored Brazilian authorities requests to block profiles and provide informa-tion. He ordered Telegram to appoint a local representative; the company ultimately complied and stayed online. X and its former incarnation, Twitter, have been banned in several countries mostly authoritarian regimes such as Russia, China, Iran, Myanmar, North Korea, Venezuela and Turkmenistan. Other countries, such

as Pakistan, Turkey and Egypt, have also temporarily suspended X before, usually to quell dissent and unrest. Twitter was banned in Egypt after the Arab Spring uprisings, which some dubbed the "Twitter revolution," but it has since been rectored. it has since been restored.

A search Friday on X showed hundreds of Brazilian users inquiring about VPNs that could potentially enable them to continue using the platform by making it appear they were logging on from outside the country. It was not immediately clear how Brazilian authorities would police this practice and impose fines cited by

Indian embassy in Laos rescues 47 Indians from cyberscam centres

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At least 47 Indians trapped in cyber scam centres in Laos have been rescued from the Bokeo province of the country, the Indian embassy in the Southeast Asian country said on Saturday

Indian authorities have been cautioning its nationals against fake job offers in Laos and urged them to conduct thor-ough due diligence to avoid being deceived. The Indian mission has so far rescued 635 Indians from the country and ensured their safe return to India. In the latest case, the embassy rescued 47 Indians trapped in cyber scam centres at the Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Bokeo province, a statement from the Indian Embassy in

Laos said. "Of these, 29 were handed over to the Embassy by Laos authorities after their crackdown on illegal activities in Golden Triangle SEZ, while other 18 had approached the Embassy in distress, seeking help," the statement, which was posted on X, said.
It said the embassy officials travelled from the capital

Vientiane to Bokeo to liaise with local authorities for their

The statement added that

Prashant Agrawal, the Ambassador of India to Laos, met the group upon their arrival to discuss the challenges they faced and to advise further course of action.

The embassy has undertaken and completed all procedural requirements of Laos authorities for their repatriation to India, the statement said, adding that 30 of those have already safely returned to India or are on their way, while the remaining 17 are only awaiting travel arrangements to be firmed up and would be leav-

ing the country soon. Agrawal emphasised that "ensuring safety and well-being" of Indians was a matter of top priority for the Embassy, the statement said. External Affairs Minister S

Jaishankar last month discussed the issue of trafficking of Indian nationals with Laos Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone during his visit to the Southeast Asian nation. The Indian embassy in Laos last month rescued 13 Indians, who were lured into certain

cyber-scamming centres in the country and sent them back In Saturday's statement, the

Indian Embassy urged the Laos government to take action at their end against unscrupulous

5 killed by Russian strike in Donetsk region

Five people were killed by Russian shelling in the town of Chasiv Yar on Saturday as Moscow's troops continue their push on Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region.

The attack struck a high-rise building and a private home, Filaskhin, who said the victims were men aged between 24 and 38. He urged the last remaining residents to leave the frontline town, which had a pre-war population of 12,000.

'Normal life has been impossible in Chasiv Yar for more than two years," Filaskhin wrote on social media. "Do not become a Russian target —

Meanwhile, Russia's Ministry of tured the town of Pivnichne, also in Ukraine's Donetsk region. The Associated Press could not independently verify the claim.

Russian forces have been driving deeper into the partly occupied eastern region, the total capture of which is one of the Kremlin's primary ambitions. Russia's army is closing in on Pokrovsk, a critical logistics hub for the Ukrainian defence in the area.

the largest incursion onto Russian soil since World War II. The move is partly an effort to force Russia to draw troops away from the Donetsk front. Elsewhere, the number of injured following a Russian attack on the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv on Friday continued to Six people were killed, including a 14-year-old girl, when glide bombs struck five loca-

At the same time, Ukraine has

sent its forces into Russia's

Kursk region in recent weeks in

tions across the city, said regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov. Writing on social media Saturday, he said that the num-ber of injured had risen from

Syniehubov also confirmed that the 12-story apartment strike, setting the building ablaze and trapping at least one person on an upper floor, would be partly demolished. The number of injured also continued to rise in the Russian border region of Belgorod where five people were killed Friday by Ükrainian shelling, said Gov. Vyacheslav Gladkov. He said Sunday that 46 people had been injured, of whom 37 were in the hospital, including seven children.

Helicopter with 22 onboard missing

Moscow (AP): Rescuers are searching for a helicopter that went missing in Russia's far east on Saturday with 22 people on board. The Mi-8 helicopter took off close to the Vachkazhets volcano in the Kamchatka region, but did not arrive at its destination as scheduled, Russia's Federal Air Transport Agency said in a statement. It said it believed that 19 passengers and three crew

Trump continues personal attacks against Harris

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has launched a fresh personal attack on his Po al attack on his Democratic rival Kamala Harris, calling her "defective". His latest attacks come after

Harris sat for her first major interview with CNN as her party's presidential nominee on Thursday Fifty-nine-year-old Harris,

who is of Indian and African descent, is the Democratic Party candidate in the November 5 presidential election in which she will contest against Trump, 78.
"I think she would've been

better off if she just did interviews, even if they weren't great it would have been better ... because now everyone's

watching and now we see, she's defective," Trump said on Friday at the annual gathering of Moms for Liberty, a conser-

vative nonprofit. "She's a defective person." "And we don't need another defective person as president of the United States," Trump

said, likely referring to President Joe Biden who dropped out of the race last month and endorsed Harris. He also said Biden was "sharp as a tack," during the presi-dential debate in June and complained that it was "unfair" he had to spend millions going after the wrong person during the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee (RNC) last month. Trump has unleashed person-

al attacks on Vice President Harris as her political star has

risen since she rose to the top of the Democratic ticket in recent weeks.

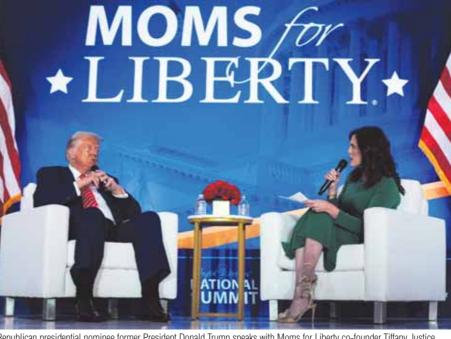
Earlier, Trump disparaged Harris' physical appearance and insisted that he was "much better looking than

Trump earlier this month said he was "entitled" to personally attack Harris because he doesn't "have a lot of respect for her".

He has also questioned her racial identity. Harris in the interview with

CNN on Thursday brushed off Trump's remarks questioning her race.
"Same old, tired playbook.
Next question, please," Harris

responded. During an election campaign in Pennsylvania earlier Friday, Trump briefly commented on



Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump speaks with Moms for Liberty co-founder Tiffany Justice during an event at the group's annual convention in Washington

last night? This is gonna be the president of our country?

I don't think so," he said. "Did you see her on television While the outlet aired the interview in its entirety, Trump and his allies criticised

CNN for pre-taping the interview instead of airing it live as a way to cover up potential Harris slipups.

Polio vaccine campaign begins in Gaza

campaign to inoculate chil-Adren in Gaza against polio and prevent the spread of the virus began on Saturday as Palestinians in both the Hamas-governed coastal enclave and in the occupied West Bank reeled from Israel's ongoing campaigns in both

Children in Gaza began receiving vaccines on Saturday, the Strip's health ministry announced in a news conference, a day before the largescale rollout and planned pause in fighting agreed to by Israel and the United Nations World Health Organisation. Associated Press reporters saw

roughly ten infants receiving doses of vaccine in the Nasser hospital in Khan Younis on Saturday afternoon. Hours earlier, Gaza's Health

Ministry said hospitals received 89 dead on Saturday, including 26 who died in an overnight Israeli bombardment, and 205 wounded — one of the highest daily tallies in months. Meanwhile, parts of the West

Bank remained on edge Saturday as Israel's military continued its largescale military campaign, the deadliest since the Israel-Hamas war began, and two car bombings by Palestinian militants near Israeli settlements left three soldiers injured.

Two car bombs exploded early Saturday in Gush Etzion, a bloc of Israeli settlements in the West Bank. Israel's military killed both Palestinian attackers after the bombs exploded in a compound in Karmei Zur and at a gas station, Israel's military said. Three Israeli soldiers sustained minor injuries.

Palestinian health officials said Israel was holding the bodies of the attackers, naming the men as Muhammad Marqa and Zoodhi Afifeh.

Hamas did not claim the men as its fighters but called the attack a "heroic operation" and a "new slap to the occupation's security system" in a statement early Saturday. The Palestinian militant group said earlier this month after a bombing attack in Tel Aviv that it would continue such attacks. The bombings took place as Israel continued its largescale

raid — which includes destruction of infrastructure, airstrikes and gunbattles — into urban refugee camps in the cities of Jenin and Tulkarem, in the north of the volatile West Bank. About 20 Palestinians have been killed since Israel's incursion started Tuesday, causing alarm among the international community that the war might widen beyond the Gaza Strip. Israel has described the operation as a strategy to prevent attacks on Israeli civilians, which since the start of the war have increased in the West Bank, including near settlements that the international community largely considers illegal. In return, the Palestinian Health Ministry noted a surge in Palestinian deaths by Israeli forces, with 663 killed in the West Bank in the nearly 11 months since the war began. In central Gaza, Israeli airstrikes hit a multi-story building housing displaced people in and around Nuseirat,

Saturday morning. Among the dead were a physician and his family and a child whose right leg had been previously amputated, according to an initial list of casualties from the hospital and footage released on Saturday by civil defense officials who operated under Gaza's Hamas-run gov-

a built-up refugee camp in

central Gaza, further south in

Khan Younis and northward in

Gaza City, officials at hospitals

in the three areas said on

7 US troops hurt in raid with Iraqi forces targeting Islamic State group militants

 $T^{
m he}$ United States military and Iraq launched a joint raid targeting suspected Islamic State group militants in the country's western desert that killed at least 15 people and saw seven American troops hurt, officials said Saturday.

For years after dislodging the militants from their selfdeclared caliphate across Iraq and Syria, US forces have fought the Islamic State group, though the casualties from this raid were higher than in previ-

ous ones The US military's Central Command alleged the militants were armed with "numerous weapons, grenades, and explosive suicide' belts" during the attack Thursday, which Iraqi forces said happened in the country's Anbar Desert.

This operation targeted ISIS leaders to disrupt and degrade ISIS' ability to plan, organise, and conduct attacks against

izens, allies, and partners throughout the region and beyond," Central Command said, using an acronym for the militant group. "Iraqi Security Forces continue to further exploit the locations raided." It added: "There is no indica-

tion of civilian casualties." An Iraqi military statement said "airstrikes targeted the hideouts, followed by an airborne operation.

"Among the dead were key ISIS leaders," Iraq's military said, without identifying them. "All hideouts, weapons and logistical support were destroyed, explosive belts were safely detonated and important documents, identification papers and communication devices were seized."

A US defence official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss details of the operation yet to be made public, told The Associated Press that five American troops were wound-

Iraqi civilians. as well as US cit- ed in the raid, while two oth- targeting then ers suffered injuries from falls during the operation. One who suffered a fall was transported out of the region, while one of the wounded was evacuated for further treatment, the official

> "All personnel are in stable condition," the official said. It wasn't immediately clear

why it took two days for the US to acknowledge it took part in the raid. Iraq did not say the US took part in the operation when initially announcing it, as politicians debate the future of having American troops in the country. There are approximately 2,500 US troops in Iraq. Since the US toppled dictator Saddam Hussein with its 2003 invasion of Iraq, the country has struggled to balance relations between America and neighbouring Iran. Since the Israel-Hamas war broke out, Iraqi militias allied to Iran have targeted US forces there, leading to American airstrikes

At its peak, the Islamic State group ruled an area half the size of the UK. It attempted to enforce its extreme interpretation of Islam, which included attacks on religious minority groups and harsh punishment of Muslims deemed to be apos-

A coalition of more than 80 countries led by the United States was formed to fight the group, which lost its hold on the territory it controlled in Iraq in 2017 and in Syria in

However, the militants have continued to operate in the Anbar Desert in Iraq and Syria, while claiming attacks carried out by others elsewhere in the world inspired by the group. That includes the two suspects in a foiled plot to attack Taylor Swift shows in Vienna. Meanwhile, the IS branch in Afghanistan is known to carry out intense ly bloody assaults.

members were on board.

The Mi-8 is a two-engine helicopter designed in the 1960s. It is widely used in Russia, where crashes have been frequent, as well as in neighbouring countries and many other nations.

British Sikh MP defends record as landlord amid tenant complaints

PTI LONDON

Anewly elected British Sikh Labour Member of Parliament has defended his record as a landlord after UK media reports highlighted anonymous complaints from his tenants of being subjected to poor living conditions in properties owned by him. Jas Athwal, elected to Parliament

in last month's general election from Ilford South constituency in east London, said he was "shocked" and "profoundly sorry" to hear of residents' issues after the BBC reported on mould and ant infestations on Friday. Athwal, 60, is said to own 15 rental flats and says he had not been aware of the issues due to the properties being managed by an agency. He has now promised

that repairs and maintenance will

be completed through immediate action. "I am a renters champion. I'm proud to rent out homes with secure tenancies at below-market rents," Athwal said in a detailed statement. "I want every one of my tenants

to have excellent accommodation; I'm shocked at the reported condition of a number of the properties and have asked the managing agent for an explanation and immediate action to rectify any issues. I know it's my responsibility to have issues addressed as soon as they arise and have met with the property management company to understand failures in communication," he said. "I'm profoundly sorry that tenants have been let down and will be reviewing the property management and how matters are escalated going forward,"

Athwal, previously a local politician as leader of Redbridge Council, is also required to have a selective property licence in order to rent out a block of seven flats – a system he introduced in 2017 when he was in charge of the council. However, the BBC found the council's public licence register indicated that none of the seven properties had a licence. Athwal admitted that he had "recently seen an email" which said the licences were due to expire. He added: "I am in the process of renewing all licences. As council leader I implemented the most rigorous landlord licencing scheme in London in 2017, and expanded the scheme in 2023 and 2024 - the scheme would've been even stronger if Conservative housing secretaries had not repeatedly watered it down. "In 2019, I led a campaign

calling on the government to abolish Section 21 evictions, further protecting tenants' rights, which was again blocked by the Conservatives.

According to the BBC investigation, in one block of seven flats owned by Athwal nearly half the tenants said they had to regularly clean their bathroom ceilings to remove mould.

criminated against".

The news corporation said it also saw evidence of ant infestations in a number of the seven properties. Andrew Boff, Conservative member of the London Assembly who also visited the flats, is calling on the governing Labour Party and local Redbridge Council to investigate as the party's 2024 general election manifesto included a commitment to "prevent private renters being exploited and dis-

Houthi rebels fire missiles at container ship

Two missiles suspected to have been fired by Yemen's Houthi rebels targeted a Liberian-flagged container ship in the Gulf of Aden late Friday, splashing down nearby without causing any damage, authorities said. The attack comes after the

Houthis repeatedly assaulted and then boarded a Greekflagged oil tanker in the nearby Red Sea, planting explosives on it they later detonated. That attack, the worst in weeks, risked a major oil spill as the rebels' campaign disrupts the USD 1 trillion in goods that pass through the Red Sea each vear over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip, as well as halting some aid shipments to conflict-ravaged Sudan and

The attack Friday saw two missiles "exploding in close proximity to the vessel" some 240 kilometres east of Aden, the British military's United

Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations centre said. The ship "reports all crew are safe and proceeding to next port of call," the UKMTO said. "Investigations are ongoing.

Maritime

Joint

Information Centre, a multinational body overseen by the US Navy, on Saturday identified the vessel targeted as the Liberian-flagged container ship Groton. The Groton came under attack August 3 as well in a similar Houthi assault off Aden that included two missiles fired at the vessel, with one

causing minor damage.

PM Modi flags off three new Vande Bharat trains, says nation advancing

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

The railways have made big strides in addressing longstanding issues and will not stop till it becomes a guarantee of comfortable travel for all sections of society, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday.

Flagging off three new Vande Bharat Express trains via video-conferencing, the Prime Minister said the nation was inching towards the goal of Viksit Bharat with modernisation and expansion of Vande Bharat trains. The three trains flagged off by the Prime Minister connect Meerut with Lucknow, Madurai with

Bengaluru, and Chennai with

Through its hard work over the years, the railways have made big strides in addressing long-standing issues and offered new hopes and solutions. We will not stop until the Indian Railways becomes a guarantee of comfortable travel for evervone," Modi said. The Prime Minister said mod-

ern rail infrastructure was a strong pillar of the vision of Viksit Bharat. He said more than Rs 2.5 lakh crore was allocated to the railways in this year's Budget and the Government was connecting Indian Railways with high-tech services to transform its old

He underlined that the rapid development of southern States was imperative to accomplish the goal of Viksit Bharat.

'Southern India is the land of immense talent, resources and opportunities," the Prime Minister said adding that the development of Tamil Nadu, along with the entire southern India, was the Government's priority

He said the development journey of the railways was an example of the Government's commitment.

Modi said more than Rs 6,000 crore was allocated for Tamil Nadu's rail Budget this year, seven times more than in 2014. Similarly, a Budget of more than Rs 7,000 crore was allocated for



Karnataka in this year's Budget, which was nine times higher than in 2014. Eight Vande

Bharat trains are connecting different parts of Karnataka, he The Prime Minister drew parallels from Budgets of the past and said the multiple-fold

A wetter than usual August gets 16 per cent more rain :IMD

increase in allocations further strengthened rail traffic in southern States, including Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. He said railway tracks were being improved, electrification of tracks taking place, and stations modernised. The Meerut City-Lucknow Vande Bharat Express will help passengers save around an hour compared to the current fastest train between the two cities. The Chennai Egmore-Nagercoil Vande Bharat Express and the Madurai-Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express will cut down travel time by more than two hours and around one-and-ahalf hours, respectively.

The Prime Minister said while the Regional Rapid Transit

nect Meerut with New Delhi, the distance to Lucknow has also been reduced with the introduction of the Vande Bharat Express. "The National Capital Region (NCR) is becoming an example of how PM Gatishakti's vision will change the country's infrastructure with modern trains, network of expressways, and expansion of air services," Modi

Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, her Tamil Nadu counterpart RN Ravi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, among others, were virtually present on the occasion.

District judiciary crucial component of rule of law: CJI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud on Saturday said district judiciary is the "backbone of the judiciary" and thus a crucial component of the rule of law and calling it subordinate must be stopped.

Referring to the increasing number of women joining the district judiciary in the past few years, he highlighted that judges, despite being professionals, are affected by their own "brush with reality" and their mental health may suffer as a consequence. Speaking at the 'National Conference of the District Judiciary', which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi here, Justice Chandrachud said district judiciary is the first point of contact for a citizen in search of justice.

"The district judiciary is a crucial component of the rule of law," he said, adding, "Data on the NJDG (National Judicial Data Grid) reveals a basic truth - the district judiciary is not just the first but is also the final point of contact for citizens". The CJI said the reasons may be numerous - many citizens

are unable to afford legal representation, they have a lack of awareness about statutory rights, and there are geographical difficulties in physically accessing Courts.

"The quality of our work and the conditions in which we provide justice to citizens deterfidence in us and is a test of our own accountability to society,"

"The district judiciary is therefore called upon to shoulder tremendous responsibility and is aptly described as the 'backbone of the judiciary," Justice Chandrachud said, adding, "The spine is the core of the nervous system. To sustain the spine of the legal system, we

must stop calling the district judiciary the 'subordinate' judiciary". He said 75 years after independence, the time has come to bury one more relic of the British era - the colonial mindset of subordination.

Referring to the "multifarious

responsibilities" of judges, the CJI said it was difficult for a judge not to be affected by the actual face of suffering that each of us encounters every day a family which has faced a gruesome crime, an undertrial who is languishing for years or the children in a parental

matrimonial dispute. "Judges, despite being professionals, are affected by their own brush with reality. Their mental health may suffer as a

consequence. This aspect is of great consequence but it unfortunately does not receive the attention that it merits," he said.

Justice Chandrachud said as a step towards a more open discussion on the topic, the third session of the conference on Saturday was on judicial wellness, with a focus on holistic

mental health, and quality of

Referring to the aspect of adoption of technology in the legal system, he said in 2023-24, 46.48 crore pages of court records have been scanned or digitised and 714 district court websites have been hosted on the SwaaS of the Government

He said the NJDG is a mine of



data not only for lawyers but also for citizens and it reflects real time data of over four crore cases across the district Courts and the High Courts. The CJI said 970 e-sewa

district Court complexes, besides 27 in the High Court He said e-sewa kendras assist lawyers and litigants with e-

kendras were fully functional in

processes by providing assistance for e-filing, providing information regarding the case status and so on. He said e-Courts project has

been responsible for computerisation of over 3,500 court complexes and more than 22,000 court rooms.

The CJI also spoke about data on the changing demography of judiciary. "An increasing number of women have been joining the district judiciary in

the past few years. Women consisted of 58 per cent of the total recruitment for civil judges in Rajasthan in 2023," he said.

He said 66 per cent of judicial officers appointed in Delhi in Uttar Pradesh, 54 per cent of appointments for civil judge (junior division) in the batch of

2022 were women. "In Kerala, 72 per cent of the total number of judicial officers are women in the latest recruitment. These are a few examples which paint the picture of a promising judiciary of the future," Justice Chandrachud

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI In what remains a key factor

In growth of the economy, India received around 16 per cent more rainfall than normal in August, with above normal rains forecast for September as well. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Saturday that in addition to 16 per cent surplus rainfall in August, the Monsoon precipi-tation over Northwest India was recorded at 253.9 mm, the second highest in August since

Addressing a virtual Press conference, IMD Director-General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said the country recorded 287.1 mm of rainfall in August, compared to the normal 248.1 mm. Overall, India has received 749 mm of precipitation against the normal 701 mm since the start of the monsoon season on June 1.

The lifeblood of a nearly \$3.5trillion economy, the annual monsoon brings almost 70 per cent of the rain India needs to water farms and replenish reservoirs and recharge aquifers. Without adequate irrigation facility, nearly half the farmland in the country depends on the rain that is usu-



ally received from June to September.

Several districts in the foothills of the Himalayas and the Northeast experienced belownormal rainfall as most of the low-pressure systems moved south of their usual position, and the monsoon trough also remained south of its typical position, the IMD chief said. Many States in the Northeast along with Kerala and the Vidarbha region Maharashtra, experienced deficient rainfall, he added. The IMD chief said that six lowpressure systems formed in August, two of which intensi-

or deep depression. There were 17 low-pressure system days this August, compared with the normal 16.3 days. From August 10 to August 22, the monsoon trough remained along its nor-

fied into monsoon depression

mal position, resulting in good rainfall over northern and adjacent central India, parts of eastern India, and the extreme southern peninsula, especially Tamil Nadu. From August 23 to August 31, the trough shifted south of its normal position, causing very heavy rainfall over central and western parts of India.

No-break monsoon conditions were observed in August this year despite an increasing trend of break days during the month, Mohapatra said. He said the Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) was very active during the second half of the month, leading to good rainfall across the country. MJO is a large-scale atmospheric disturbance originating in tropical Africa and travelling eastward, typically lasting 30 to 60 days. Monsoon rainfall in September and October could be influenced by La Nina weather conditions, which are likely to develop from the next month, said another IMD official.

In the past, when La Nina develops during the second half of the monsoon season, it has led to a delayed monsoon withdrawal, said the official, adding that "this year, we could see a similar pattern".

Expect more rainy September this year

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After a wetter than normal August, India is likely to experience above normal rainfall in September too, with heavy to very heavy precipitation expected in Northwest India and the surrounding areas.
Addressing a virtual Press
conference, IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said that the country was expected to receive above normal rainfall in September, at 109 per cent of the long-period aver-

Heavy to very heavy rainfall is anticipated in the Northwest region, including Uttarakhand, parts of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, and the adjoining areas of Madhya Pradesh. "Above normal rainfall is

likely over most parts of

India, barring some areas in

the extreme Northwest,

many parts of the southern

age of 167.9 mm.

the Northeast India, where below normal rainfall is expected," the IMD Chief The monsoon trough is expected to remain in its normal position, with the possibility of several lowpressure systems developing in the Bay of Bengal, which

and northeastern Uttar

Pradesh, as well as most of

may travel towards westnorthwest up to Rajasthan. The trough could also shift towards the foothills of the Himalayas, and there is a potential for a western disturbance to affect the region in September, Mohapatra

Government to set up 10 new AYUSH institutes in 5 years

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Government on Saturday said 10 new AYUSH institutes will be set up over the next five years to expand traditional medical improve healthcare access in underserved areas, enhance the doctor-patient ratio, and ensure that more citizens benefit from it in the country. Announcing the Government's plan, Union Minister of Ayush Prataprao Jadhav, noted that "Ayurveda and our traditional medical system suffered significant damage during the



invasions but today, there has been a global shift in perception towards Yoga and Ayurveda, and their acceptance is rapidly increasing. He was at the All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA),

Director, said Minister Jadhav has played a significant role in

at Sarita Vihar here where he reviewed the facilities and the treatments being provided to the patients.

Professor Tanuja Nesari, AIIA

promoting Ayurveda, and "his guidance and support will continue to help in taking Ayurveda to the masses and establishing it on the global

According to AIIA officials, President Droupadi Murmu is highlighting the sector's rising prominence and the Prime Minister's ambitious initiative to make Ayurveda accessible to every household. Minister Jadhav

announced an international conference, titled 'AAROHA-2024, scheduled to be held from October 17-19.

According to a report by Ayurveda tech startup

NirogStreet, India's Avurveda product market is expected to grow to USD 16.27 billion by fiscal 2028, up from the current USD 7 billion. This substantial growth is driven by increasing demand for natural and herbal remedies, a rise supportive Government initiatives, and the emergence of new entrepreneurs in the sec-

As per the Government data, about 12,121 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres (AHWCs), renamed as Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (Áyush), under Ayushman Bharat are functional in the

IMA urges NTF for Central law to protect doctors

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) has once again written to the Supreme Court-appointed National Task Force (NTF), for a central law, seeking protection of healthcare professionals and declaring hospitals as 'Safe Zones' across the States. The NTF is tasked with creating protocols to ensure the safety and security of medical personnel.

The IMA's request comes in response to the suggestions sought by the NTF, which is tasked with creating protocols to ensure the safety and security of medical personnel.

The NTF has been set up following a series of protests by doctors, triggered by the tragic rape and murder of a female trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata.

In their letter to the NTF, the IMA called for a uniform central law arguing that it acts as a deterrent and ensures consistent handling of violence across all states. They provided several documents to support their

case, including a survey of 3,885 doctors, a draft legislation - "The Healthcare Service Personnel and Clinical Establishments (Prohibition of violence and damage to property) Bill, 2019", the Epidemic

September 2020 among others as annexures, and related legislative amendments.

that could be applied across the board and across all the States is deterrent central law in statute. Absence of such law has resulted in half-hearted actions by the police and less than optisionals from across the country contended that the lack of a national law leads to inconsistent enforcement and inadequate protection.

The IMA has proposed that hospitals be designated as safe zones, with enhanced security measures. This designation, they argue, should be incorporated into the proposed central law, ensuring hospitals receive necessary security while maintaining a patient-friendly and culturally sensitive approach. "Declaration as safe zone entitles the hospitals with security entitlements.

with patient friendly nature Association having presence country with 1,800 local branches, 28 State branches and 3,85,000 members...

Diseases (Amendment) Act

'The only preventive strategy mum investigations and prosecution of the incident," it said. The IMA which is the largest body of the medical profes-

These security entitlements however should be tempered and cultural sensitivity," said the in almost all the districts of the

UNICEF issues urgent alert on Mpox risk for children

colonial period and foreign



ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

s the World Health AOrganization (WHO) has called for increased vigilance against Monkeypox (Mpox), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has issued an urgent alert regarding the heightened risk for children, especially those who are mal-nourished or suffering from other illnesses.

The new variant of Mpox (clade Ib) is particularly concerning due to its potential for broader transmission, includof children is not only necessary but urgent. The children's body warned

ing among young children, especially in Africa. The Unicef said that in the fight against the outbreak, prioritising the needs

that children can be exposed to Mpox through close contact with symptomatic individuals, including parents or caregivers. The virus spreads via contact with skin lesions, infectious bodily fluids, contaminated materials, respiratory droplets, and infected animals. Pregnant women can also pass the virus to their unborn babies. Mpox symptoms are similar to

but less severe than smallpox and include skin rash, fever, sore throat, headache, body aches, back pain, low energy, and swollen lymph nodes. The virus poses a significant threat in areas with widespread malnutrition, crowded living conditions, other infectious diseases, and limited healthcare

In India, while there have been no reported cases of Mpox so

far this year, authorities are taking precautionary measures with the AIIMS, RML and LNJP already allocating designated sites for the treatment of the patients in case if any. A 2022 study by Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi, noted the

potential for Mpox resurgence in India due to the discontinuation of the smallpox vaccine, which had historically provided 85% protection. The study was published in the

Indian Journal of Medical Microbiology. In 2022, at least 14 people with the disease were reported in the country out of which 9 were reported in the National Capital.

Dr Chand Wattal, corresponding author and chairperson, ICMI, had said that waning immunity in humans due to the discontinuation of the smallpox vaccine established the scope for the resurgence of Monkeypox, demonstrated by the re-emergence of the outbreak after a break of 30-40 years.

India declared itself smallpoxfree in 1979 while it was offi-cially eradicated all over the world around 1979-80. The study highlighted con-

cerns about waning immunity and the potential for Mpox to re-emerge after a long



IAF jettisons helicopter in Uttarakhand, no casualties

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

An Indian Air Force helicopter airlifting a damaged Kestrel civil helicopter in Uttarakhand on Saturday had to "jettison the load" due to flight safety reasons, the IAF said. It said an inquiry has been ordered into the matter. "An #IAF Mi-17 V5, while airlifting damaged Kestrel civil helicopter in Uttarakhand today, had to jettison the load due to flight safety reasons. The crew safely released the

load over an unpopulated area, ensuring no damage to life or property. An enquiry has been ordered, #AviationSafety," the IAF said in a social media post. The defective helicopter was being airlifted from Kedarnath to Gauchar airstrip, it was

Rahul Gandhi to visit US for first time as LoP, to interact with diaspora

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi will visit the US from September 8-10 during which he will hold numerous interactions in Washington DC and Dallas, including at the University of Texas.

Indian Óverseas Congress Chief Sam Pitorda shared details of Rahul Gandhi's first visit to the US after becoming the leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha in June.

'Since Rahul Gandhi has become the Leader of Opposition, I, as chairman of the Indian Overseas Congress, which has a presence in 32 countries, (have) been bombarded with requests from the Indian diaspora, diplomats, academicians, businesspersons, leaders, international media and many others, for interactions with him," Pitroda said in a video statement.

'Now, he (Gandhi) is coming to the US for a very brief visit. He will be in Dallas on September 8th and Washington DC on September 9th and 10th. In Dallas, we will have interactions with the University of Texas, (with) students, academic institutions and community people. We will have a very large community gathering. We will meet some technocrats and then we will have dinner with Leaders from the Dallas area," he added.

The following day, Gandhi will travel to Washington DC where there is a plan to have similar interactions with a variety of people, including think-tanks, national press club and others, the Indian Overseas Congress chief said.

There are a lot of events planned with a variety of people because we find that people also have a lot of interest in the States we run with a Congress Government," he

"We look forward to a very successful visit," Pitroda added. Rahul Gandhi, who turned 54 in June, has been an MP for five terms and currently represents the Rae Bareli constituency previously held by his mother Sonia Gandhi.

He won from two constituencies in the Lok Sabha polls but resigned from the Wayanad seat in Kerala, from where his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will contest a bypoll. Rahul Gandhi entered the Lok

Sabha for the first time in 2004 following his victory from Amethi in Uttar Pradesh.



Bhambri and Bopanna win with respective partners, Balaji exits

ndia's Yuki Bhambri and Albano Olivetti advanced to the men's doubles third round of the US Open with a hard-fought win over 15th seeds Austin Krajicek and Jean-Julien Roger here. Indo-French

defeated the USA-Dutch team 4-6 6-3 7-5 in the second round that lasted two hours and five minutes on Friday. This is only the second time that Bhambri has reached the

third round at a Grand Slam, having reached the same stage at the Australian Open back in 2014 Second seeds Rohan Bopanna

and Matthew Ebden also moved to third round with a 6-2 6-4 win over Spain's Argentina.

Bopanna also won in the mixed doubles Indonesian partner Aldila Sutjiadi. Seeded eighth, they won 7-6 (7) 7-6 (5) against Germany's Tim Puetz and Dutch player Demi Schuurs in the opening round.

However, another Indian in the fray, N Sriram Balaji and his Argentine partner Guido Andreozzi exited the US Open after losing to Michael Venus of New Zealand and Neal Skupski of Great Britain. The Indo-Argentine pair lost 6-7 (4), 4-6 in the secondround match that featured just one break of serve in the second set.

In total, Venus and Skupski

Roberto Carballes Baena and received seven break points, and converted one, while Balaji and Andreozzi failed to capitalise on their lone opportunity for a service

> "The first step is to consistently play at this level. It's starting from here. Now the next step is to get my ranking higher slowly," Balaji told PTI, reflecting upon his campaign.

> "Game" wise I'm feeling confident and moving in the right direction. I also have to keep working on certain aspects of my game and keep getting better. This year the main difference was a coach/trainer travelling with me almost every other week, thanks to the doubles program," he said.

Defending champion Novak Djokovic is shocked at the US Open one night after Carlos Alcaraz's loss

Tovak Djokovic did not go easy on himself when assessing the listless way he performed from the start of the U.S. Open, pointing to his sloppy serving as the main reason the defense of his 2023 title surprisingly ended in the third round.

"I have played some of the worst tennis I have ever played, honestly," Djokovic said, just after midnight as Friday turned to Saturday. "Serving - by far the worst ever."

With 14 double-faults, raising his tournament total to 32, Djokovic bowed out with a 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 loss to 28th-seeded Alexei Popyrin of Australia, another shocking result at Flushing Meadows one night after Carlos Alcaraz exited.

"It was just an awful match for me," the No. 2-seeded Djokovic said. "I wasn't playing even close to my best. It's not good to be in that kind of state where you feel OK physically, and of course you're motivated because it's a Grand Slam, but you just are not able to find your game. That's it. The game is falling apart, and I guess you have to accept that tournaments like this happen."

Not often for him, though.
After all, Djokovic was trying to become the first player in tennis history with 25 Grand Slam singles titles. Instead, after knee surgery in June, he finishes a year without claiming at least one major championship for the first time since 2017. Before that, it hadn't happened since 2010.

Also of note: 2024 now becomes the first season since 2002 in which none of the Big Three of men's tennis -Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer - earned a Slam trophy.

The third-round exit equals Djokovic's worst showing at Flushing Meadows; the only other occasions he was beaten said. "I spent a lot of energy winning



that early at the U.S. Open came in 2005 and 2006. The man who defeated Djokovic 18 years ago, International Ténnis Hall of Fame member Lleyton Hewitt, is now Australia's Davis Cup captain and was sitting in Popyrin's guest box in Arthur Ashe Stadium. Djokovic, who is 37, has reached the

final in Ashe 10 times, leaving with the title in 2011, 2015, 2018 and 2023. On Friday, though, he was sluggish and emotionally flat, perhaps residual fatigue after collecting his first Olympic gold medal for Serbia by beating Alcaraz in the final at the Paris Games earlier in August.

"Obviously, it had an effect," Djokovic

the gold, and I did arrive to New York just not feeling fresh mentally and physically. But because it's the U.S. Open, I gave it a shot and I tried my best. I mean, I didn't have any physical issues. I just felt out of gas. And you could see that with the way I played." The No. 3-seeded Alcaraz entered the

U.S. Open as the tournament favorite having won the French Open and Wimbledon, and acknowledged his energy was lower than he realized after getting eliminated by 74th-ranked Botic van de Zandschulp 6-1, 7-5, 6-4 on Thursday night.

Djokovic then replaced Alcaraz as the money-line pick to take the men's title, according to BetMGM Sportsbook, but

that status didn't last long at all. For the 25-year-old Popyrin, this represents a real breakthrough: He had been 0-3 against Djokovic and 0-6 in

third-round matches at majors. But the strong-serving Popyrin is playing as well as ever, coming off the biggest title of his career less than three weeks ago at a hard-court tournament in Montreal, where he picked up five

top 20. Everything was working against Djokovic.

wins against opponents ranked in the

Popyrin was terrific at the net, going 10 for 10 on serve-and-volley approaches and 25 for 36 overall on points when he pushed forward. Djokovic, in contrast, only won the point on 19 of his 40 trips to the net, in part because Popyrin kept flipping passing shots by him.

Popyrin took big cuts with his powerful forehand, accumulating 22 of his 50 total winners with that shot.

And he broke Djokovic five times, including for a lead of 3-2 in the fourth. That game felt titanic, lasting more than 10 minutes and including four break chances for Popyrin, who converted the last with an inside-out forehand to close a 22-stroke exchange, then rocked back on his heels, clenched both fists and let out a roar. He took Djokovic's next service game, too, to make it 5-2.

The first time Popyrin served for the match, he faltered, allowing Djokovic to break. The second time, Popyrin finished the deal, holding at love when Djokovic sent a forehand long. Now Popyrin will try to reach his first Grand Slam quarterfinal by getting past

Grand Slam quarterfinal by getting past No. 20 Frances Tiafoe, who advanced Friday with a 4-6, 7-5, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-3 win over No. 13 Ben Shelton in a matchup between two Americans.

"If he serves well, plays well, he can beat anybody," Djokovic said about Popyrin. "Look, Alcaraz is out.

Samit Dravid in India U19 squad to face Australia in multi format series

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Samit Dravid, son of former India captain and head coach Rahul Dravid, was on Saturday drafted into the India under-19 squad for the upcoming multiformat series against Australia The three-match one-day series will be held in Puducherry on September 21, 23 and 26, and India will be led by Uttar Pradesh's Mohammad Amaan. The series will then roll to Chennai for two four-day matches beginning on September 30 and October 7. The India squad for tl the tour will be captained by Soham Patwardhan of Madhya Pradesh.

Samit, a pace-bowling allrounder, is currently playing for Mysore Warriors in the ongoing KSCA Maharaja T20 trophy in Bengaluru.

However, his outings so far have been underwhelming with the bat - 82 runs from seven innings with a highest of 33, and he is yet to bowl in the tourna-But earlier this year, Samit had

a productive time in the Cooch Behar Trophy, playing an important role in Karnataka's maiden title triumph in the event. The 18-year-old made 362 runs

from eight matches and his 98 against Jammu and Kashmir stood out for its quality and flu-

Samit also had a memorable tournament with the ball, where he claimed 16 scalps in eight



final against Mumbai.

INDIA U19 SQUAD FOR ONE-DAY SERIES: Rudra Patel, Sahil Parakh, Kartikeva KP, Mohd Amaan (Captain), Kiran Chormale, Abhigyan Kundu (wk), Harvansh Singh Pangalia (WK), Samit Dravid, Yudhajit Guha, Samarth N, Nikhil Kumar, Chetan Sharma, Hardik Raj, Rohit Rajawat, Mohd Enaan.

INDIA U19 SQUAD FOR FOUR-DAY SERIES: Vaibhav Suryavanshi, Nitya Pandya, Vihan Malhotra, Soham Patwardhan (Captain). Kartikeya KP, Samit Dravid, Abhigyan Kundu (WK), Harvansh Singh Pangalia (WK), Chetan Sharma, Samarth N, Aditya Rawat, Nikhil Kumar, Anmoljeet Singh, Aditya Singh,

Pistol shooter Swaroop finishes 14th, fails to qualify for final at Paralympics

PTI ■ CHATEAUROUX

Tndian shooter Swaroop 🛮 Unhalkar finished a dismal 14th in the men's 10m air rifle standing (SH1) qualification round to miss the eight-player final by quite a distance at the Paralympic Games here on

The 38-year-old Unhalkar, who had missed a bronze medal by a whisker at the Tokyo Paralympics three years ago, was far from impressive in an 18shooter field on Saturday, aggregating 613.4 points.

South Korea's Park Jinho topped the qualification with a score of of Unhalkar.

Unhalkar never rose beyond the 13th rank, and at one point during the contest had slipped to 16th. The Kolhapur marksman. who was diagnosed with polio at an early age that left him paralysed in both the legs, did manage a decent second series of 103.0 but again slipped back into mediocrity.

He had scores of 101.8, 103.0, 101.7, 101.8, 102.4, 102.7 to aggregate 613.4.

The SH1 category is for para shooters who can hold their gun without difficulty and shoot from a standing or sitting position (in a wheelchair or chair). The disappointment comes just a day after women's 10m air rifle shooter Avani Lekhara came up with an extraordinary performance to become the first Indian woman to win two Paralympic gold medals with a record-breaking performance.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

South African cricket legend Junty Rhodes on Saturday called Ravindra Jadeja a "complete all-round" fielder in the world right now, and also spoke highly about former India player Suresh Raina's abilities on the ground. The 55-year-old Rhodes.

regarded as one of the greatest became the first South African cricketer to take 100 ODI played for the catches, national team from 1992 till 2003. Post retirement, Rhodes became associated with several IPL teams, including Mumbai Indians, Punjab Kings and most recently Lucknow Super Giants, as fielding coach.

"I am a big fan of Suresh Raina. I enjoyed his playing days but now he has retired. In the past in India, the cricketing infrastructure wasn't there to support the passion and love for cricket. Suresh Raina was someone who used to throw himself around the field," said Rhodes, who was roped in as the brand ambassador of Hero Pro Corporate League cricket tournament on Saturday. "Unlike Raina, I had a very fortunate upbringing. I played good grounds. So I was very "I think Jadeja is at the next

football, hockey and cricket on

level, he doesn't dive as much but he is so fast to the ball. And his accuracy at throwing down the stumps is somewhat like Ricky Ponting. He fields on the boundary, he fields on the circle. He is a complete allround fielder," added Rhodes.

meaningful insight on what it takes to become a good fielder. "It has nothing to do with the hands; it's actually all about the legs because if you use your legs and be there at the right time, you can get your hands in good position. You can have the best hands in the world and the most magnetic hands but if you don't have the legs you cannot get there.

"It's more about quick body positions. It' all about technique," he added.

Rhodes said that at 55 he still doesn't think twice about diving on the field.

"Flying is not the problem for me right now, the landing is the problem. When I am on the field I am not thinking about 'should I dive or should I not'. I think that's what made me successful on the field," he

"So, if you are thinking about

was my coach, and and a but what matters is perfect school principal used to tell practice. Practice like you play

Jadeja is a complete all-round fielder, Raina too was brilliant: Rhodes

(not) diving you can never me that the saying 'practice stop the ball. My father, who makes perfect 'is not correct

in the match." he added. Former India pacer Chetan Sharma is the commissioner of the league.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) RULE 8 (1)
Whereas, The authorized officer of UCO Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 and in exercise of power conferred under 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued a demand notice dated 11/06/2024 calling upon the below mentioned borrowers & Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and interest thereon with in 60 days from the date receipt of the

The borrowers & / or guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned, being the Authorized officer of Uco Bank has taken **Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Said rules on this 28th day of August of the year 2024.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property will be subject to the charge of the **UCO Bank Gwarighat Branch, Jabalpur** for an amount mentioned below & Interest & other charges thereon. The borrowers & / or guarantors attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of

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Kimi Antonelli named as Lewis Hamilton's replacement at Formula 1's Mercedes

AP ■ MONZA (ITALY)

Teenager Kimi Antonelli has been named as Lewis Hamilton's replacement next year at Mercedes, a day after his Formula One debut ended in the 18-year-old Italian driver hitting the wall.

Antonelli took over for George Russell in the opening practice session for Sunday's Italian Grand Prix at Monza.

But his much-anticipated first appearance lasted fewer than two laps, and only 10 minutes, after he lost control of his Mercedes at the Parabolica, sliding backward through the gravel and into the tire barrier.

Team principal Toto Wolff said Saturday the crash would have no impact on Antonelli's F1 chances, and confirmation of his elevation as a junior driver with the team was confirmed ahead of final practice at his home event. "It is an amazing feeling to be announced as a Mercedes works driver alongside George for 2025," Antonelli

Saturday's

in

a small boy." Antonelli has been with Mercedes since he joined its junior program when he was

announcement. "Reaching F1

is a dream I've had since I was

"I want to thank the team for the support they've given me in my career so far and the faith they've shown in me. I am still learning a lot, but I feel ready for the opportunity," said Antonelli, who only turned 18 last

"I'm also really excited to become George's teammate.

junior program just like myself and is someone I have a huge amount of respect for. After titles in Karting and Formula 4, Antonelli only made the step up to F2 this year, winning two races.

There were promising signs for the limited time he was on the track on Friday, with labelling Wolff "astonishing." But Antonelli

was keen to impress, perhaps too keen, and he crashed after seemingly taking too much speed into the final corner of his second lap. The debutant had just set the

fastest middle sector of the session and was looking to reclaim the fastest time from Hamilton, who had just beaten Antonelli's first lap by 0.6 seconds.

It is Hamilton he is replacing, with the seven-time F1 He came through the team's champion departing for

Ferrari at the end of the

"Our new lineup is perfect to open the next chapter in our story," Wolff said. "It is also a testament to the strength of our junior program and our belief in homegrown talent. "Kimi has consistently shown

the talent and speed needed to compete at the very top of our sport," Wolff added. "We know it will be another big step up, but he has impressed us in his F1 testing this year and we will be supporting him every step of the way in the learning process.'

Excitement had been growing at Monza over the prospect of a first Italian F1 driver in three years.

Italy has had to wait since 2006 for a win in F1 and much longer for the title, as the last Italian champion was Alberto Ascari in 1953.



E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Appendix-IV-A [See provisio to rule 8(6) & 6(2) SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES





E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interes Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bank of Baroda the Secured Creditor the **Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is "basis for recovery of Amount mentioned below plus interest

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ISLANI HOPPING MALDIVES



Traveling within the Maldives proves that the journey can be just as enchanting as the destination itself say

ust a quick 20-minute speedboat ride from the capital, Male, transforms us from weary travellers to relaxed coconut sippers in an instant. That's no small feat, especially when many islands require lengthy boat and seaplane journeys just to begin the island experience. But don't be misled-despite its proximity to the capital, this island captures the enchanting 'island feel' and sets the perfect tone for arriving at this tropical perfect tone for arriving at this tropical paradise resort on its own private island. Four Seasons Kuda Huraa truly embodies the essence of Maldivian luxury. Since opening its doors in 1998, it has set the standard for other hoteliers hoping to offer a taste of paradise to their discerning guests. After undergoing several renovations, it's no surprise that this island boasts a remarkably high rate of returning visitors. Its positioning grants us uninterrupted views of the mesmerizing Indian Ocean, stretching as far as the eye can see. We are delighted by the choice of accommodations, whether overwater or on the beach. For our trip, we opt for a Sunset Overwater Villa with Pool, and it is simply magnificent. If it's your first time in the Maldives, we wholeheartedly recommend staying overwater-it's an experience you won't want to miss. The villa features a cloudlike bed, expansive bathroom, a magnificent bathtub, plus an infinity pool and the spacious terrace boasts an infinity pool and hammocks for relaxing while watching the fish below. Every amenity I could wish for is provided, and we especially appreciate the nightly replenishment of cooling Aloe Vera, which we slather on each evening to soothe my skin after a day in the sun. With so many amazing amenities available, it would be easy to spend your entire stay exploring the island's quartermile stretch. However, just a short 20minute boat ride away, you'll find incredible world-class dive sites and renowned surf breaks waiting to be

LANDAA GIRAVAARU

the Four Seasons Landaa Giraavaru boasts a prime location in Baa Atoll, easily reached via one of the hotel's charming private seaplanes: the delightful yellow-and-black polka-dotted Flying Boxfish or the vibrant Flying Triggerfish. From our window, we are treated to a breath-taking aerial view, gazing down at the atolls from a lofty 5,000 feet. Below me lies the expansive 44-acre Four Seasons Resort on Baa Atoll, nestled within a serene 1.5-mile lagoon. Here, nature takes centre stage, with two stretches of pristine beaches calling me to explore their untouched beauty. As we step off the pier, we are instantly captivated by the ethereal blue waters and sweeping stretches of white sand. Towering 50-foot palm trees line a grand boulevard while mature gardens burst with the vibrant colours of banyan grand boulevard while mature gardens burst with the vibrant colours of banyan trees, lemongrass, frangipani, and orchids. The island feels completely untouched by time, offering plenty of space for leisurely strolls or even a solid 10,000 steps a day. If we ever need a break, we can easily hop on one of the electric bicycles available for everyone, or simply call for a buggy to whisk me or simply call for a buggy to whisk me away in comfort. The 102 thatched beach and water bungalows, more spacious than accommodations found elsewhere in the islands, blend seamlessly into the lush jungle, vibrant gardens, and soft sands. The bungalows, set in private gated enclosures, offer an intimate

This remote island is a sanctuary for conservation, led by the Marine Research Centre's vital efforts to protect marine life. As nature enthusiasts, we truly appreciate this commitment to preserving the Maldives' natural treasures. Upon arrival, guests are greeted by a lively lagoon bustling with marine life, including eagle rays, stingrays, reef sharks, clownfish, and parrotfish-just in the house reef! As part of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, visitors can also experience vast pods of





dolphins, nests of sea turtles (some even lay their eggs on the island), and the spectacular Hanifaru Bay, where massive swarms of manta rays feed the plankton-rich monsoon season from May to November. For those eager to May to November. For those eager to delve into local culture, nearby inhabited islands offer an inviting glimpse into the vibrant tapestry of Maldivian village life, providing an opportunity to immerse myself in the authentic rhythms of this idyllic archipelago. For those eager for adventure, the luxury live-aboard catamaran, The Explorer, is an excellent option for diving and exploring the option for diving and exploring the waters surrounding both Four Seasons resorts. This stay is not only luxurious but also mindful of the environment, making it all the more memorable.

Our last stop is Blu for lunch, and what

an experience it was! The restaurant, beautifully designed, overlooks the main pool and the vast ocean beyond. The food is simply phenomenal-we can easily dine there for a week without getting bored. Twice a year, the renowned Italian chef Gaetano Trovato and his team enhance the culinary journey with their exquisite creations. Dinner at Arnolfo is in a league of its own. Honestly, it is the best steak we have ever had, even surpassing those from Argentina. We would gladly return to Landaa Giraavaru just to savour it once more! The Moroccan-themed Al Barakat is equally exceptional. This resort truly prioritizes wellness in many forms. While the yoga classes and spa services are fantastic, it is the AyurMa Ayurvedic centre that truly captivates me. The consultations are thorough and illuminating; we learn things about ourselves that we have never realized before. Another compelling reason to visit the Maldives-it's a chance for self-discovery! After soaking in the serene beauty of Baa Atoll, we look forward to embrace the richness of Maldivian

MALE CITY BY FOOT

Thile Kuda Huraa feels cosy and inviting, Landaa Giraavaru V strikes us as grand and expansive, like a swinging pendulum. Since both are part of the Four Seasons family and many guests spend time at each resort, it's easy to draw comparisons, but we won't go down that road. Each place is truly a gem in its own right, and I can honestly say we cherished our time at both. Taking a seaplane back to Male offers a stunning view of the azure waters and lush green islands below. Each resort we pass has its own unique charm, showcasing the diverse beauty of this enchanting paradise. Once in Male, we are guided by a knowledgeable local expert as we explore the city's historic landmarks. We text at the barbour and more past the start at the harbour and move past the oldest school, a proud symbol of the Maldives' impressive 98% literacy rate. At the Royal Garden Café, nestled in a nobleman's 'Ganduvaru,' we enjoy a loyaly cup of the currounded by lovely cup of tea surrounded by beautifully carved wooden interiors. The November 3rd Memorial pays tribute to the heroes of 1988, while Sultan Park and the National Museum preserve the rich history of the sultanate era. As we continue our journey, the Grand Friday Mosque and the Islamic Centre impress with their striking architecture, and Independence Square reveals yet another chapter of Male's story. The local markets are alive with colour and energy, showcasing an array of tropical delights. In this enchanting place, time seems to stand still, inviting us to discover more at every corner. It is a journey we won't soon forget!

 Awarded the 'Best food writer in the country' by the Indian culinary forum, WACS and the ministry of Tourism, Rupali Dean writes on food and travel. Bakshish Dean, a 'distinguished chef and writer' with over 25 years of experience, excels in food styling and rraphy while passionatel wildlife, forgotten recipes, and advanced culinary techniques

featuring varied therapies. What

better way to unwind, than the

temperature-controlled outdoor

pool, a perfect de-stress mantra.

IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

¬or those seeking varied activities to engage themselves, the team crafts

special experiences, including both

cultural and adventure immersions.

Niketan Ashram to evening arti at Triveni Ghat on the banks of the

Ganga in Rishikesh is a must for

those spiritually inclined. For trek

Temple. Weather permitting, river

rafting and bungee jumping are adventure sports one could partake in for those seeking thrills. Hike through pristine mountain trails, coak in the bountain.

soak in the beauty of nature, or

the Himalayas. The choice is all

indulge in yoga and mindful meditation amidst the serenity of

lovers there are several trails, the most beautiful being hiking up to the ancient Kunjapuri Devi

A visit to the iconic Parmarth

KINWANI HOUSE: YOUR ABODE THAT SHINES AMIDST HIMALAYAN FOOTHILLS

A peaceful retreat with old world charm and stunning views beckons travelers for a luxe, exclusive vacation, writes SHARMILA CHAND

estled in the foothills of The Himalayas, Kinwani House is a charming retreat that offers guests a rare opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich heritage of Tehri Garhwal. One remarkable aspect of Kinwani House is its geographical significance, with its longitude nearly aligning with 79 degrees east, passing through all twelve Shiva temples from Kedarnath to Kanyakumari, enhancing its spiritual aura, making it a unique destination.

WHERE CULTURAL HERITAGE MEETS NATURAL **SPLENDOR**

bout 40 minutes uphill drive from Rishikesh, took us to The stunning home of the Royal family, 'Kinwani House'. The estate, built in 1954, now stands as an architectural gem, a testament to passionate restoration, regal grandeur and a beacon of warm luxe hospitality. It offers a unique blend of modern comfort, natural beauty, and cultural richness, making it a perfect choice for discerning travellers. From the moment of arrival, the warmth of Marisha Chheda, Resort Manager and her team sets the tone for a truly memorable stay. That exactly is the sentiment as expressed by Aditya Paul Lakhanpal, Chairman, JPL Group, when he tells me, "Our goal is to seamlessly blend the regal charm of the past with modern luxury, offering our guests a stay that is as memorable as it is meaningful. We invite you to explore the spiritual treasures of Rishikesh and experience the tranquil beauty of Kinwani House-a



place where history and luxury meet in harmony. I stepped into my Princess Suite with smiling Aryan escorting me, and was captivated by the aesthetics infused with traditional and contemporary touches, featuring signature Aalia Collection amenities. Spread over two floors, the tastefully re-done House comprises six large suites, each with their own ensuite baths, drawing rooms and private decks. Each suite is a harmonious blend of old world charm and contemporary elegance, offering a unique blend of art deco design



and modern luxury, providing boasts lush gardens, sweeping views of the holy river Ganges, guests with an enriching and tranquil experience. The house also breathtaking panoramic vistas of



the majestic Himalayan foothills, creating a captivating backdrop for moments of serenity and reflection.

beautiful conservatory with a bar and sitting area for an indoor evening under the stars or a special evening of cocktails by candlelight. Every detail, from the room amenities to the dining options, is designed to ensure guests feel truly

I loved my High Tea at the

DINING: CELEBRATION OF

LOCAL FLAVOURS! was happy to see the menu that blends local regional dishes and world cuisine. Be it a hearty breakfast featuring both Indian and international favourites, or meals, the food caters to every palate. Here you celebrate both global flavours and the rich tapestry of Pahari cuisine. No wonder, the star of my meal was 'Pahari Thali' with local ingredients and specialities of the region. Chef Arvind Negi, Aalia Collection pointed out, "Our culinary offerings blend local flavors with global influences, ensuring a delightful gastronomic journey. From fragrant biryanis and robust curries, to succulent kebabs and the authentic Pahadi thali, our menu across celebrates the diverse culinary heritage of India. For our discerning global travelers, we present a thoughtfully curated selection of international dishes. Whether one wishes to experience Oriental, Continental, Italian, or Thai flavours, we love to create exquisite dishes. Our sweet offerings are the perfect finale to your dining experience enhanced by homemade fresh ice creams."

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Sunrise Yoga session, followed by an indulgent spa treatment

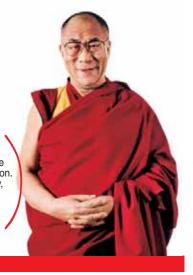
TO CONCLUDE f you looking for a tranquil getaway enveloped in natural splendor, The Kinwani House is the perfect answer. Here is a peaceful retreat away from the touristic crowd with experiences that are both enriching and indulgent. Whether it's enjoying a curated menu under the stars, relaxing in the temperature controlled pool with breathtaking views of the Himalayas, or embarking on a bespoke adventure with Kinwani Concierge, every aspect of Kinwani House is designed to leave a lasting impression.

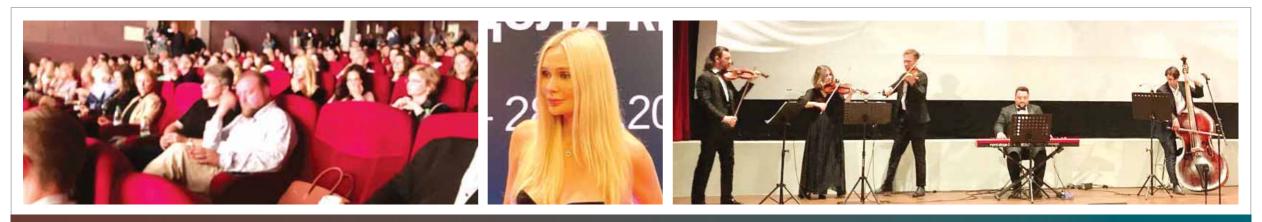
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"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion if you want to be happy, practice compassion"

— Dalai Lama





MOSCOW FILM FESTIVAL KICKS OFF WITH FOCUS ON INDIAN CINENA

Laapata ladies and Kalki resonate with Russian audience, opening up huge possibilities for Indian cinema in Russia, writes GYANESHWAR DAYAL



he Moscow International Films Week, an event that has become a significant cultural bridge between Russia and the world opened up in Moscow with much fanfare at Khudozhestvenny Cinema and with people from film fraternity from around the world in attendance at the gala event. On the first day of the Film Week, screenings of both foreign and domestic films took place, including the nationwide premieres of the Indian sports drama Field and the philosophical-mystical drama Alzheimer from Iran. This year it is an Indian-themed week with focus on Indian cinema and celebrating Indian art of storytelling on celluloid. The film festival is hosting films from more than 40-countries but the flavour of the

was completely
dedicated to Indian
cinema, with Russian
artists performing on
Indian songs and
Indian cuisine being
served at the venue with
Bollywood songs playing in the
background. The Indian segment of
the festival is dedicated to
celebrating the richness and
diversity of Indian cinema, offering
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cinematic brilliance through a curated selection of films. Among the highlights are two remarkable Indian films, Laapata Ladies and Kalki, which have captivated the Russian audience with their unique storytelling and cultural nuances. Indian cinema has long been admired in Russia, with classics from Bollywood making their mark in the past. Ra Kapoor was a household name in Russia and 'mera joota hai Japani, an all-time hit. The Indian-themed week at the Moscow International Films Week is a testament to the enduring connection between the two cultures. This year's selection is not just about showcasing films; it's about highlighting the shared human experiences and emotions that transcend borders. As one Russian filmmaker quipped, "Indian and Russian films are made with heart, the most striking similarity

between Indian and Russian films is that the songs are woven into the storyline." This is despite the fact that much is lost in translation and language barrier remains a significant impediment. But that is about to change as Swapna Dutt, the co-producer of Kalki, told the Pioneer that they would be releasing the

film dubbed in Russian.

"Indian films were once
very popular in Russia, we
want to open that bracket again. I
am sure Indian films have a huge
market here," said Swapna Dutt.

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Laapata Ladies, a film that delves into the complexities of womanhood in contemporary India, has struck a chord with Russian viewers. The film's narrative, which intertwines humor with social commentary, offers a glimpse into the challenges and aspirations of Indian women. The Russian audience, known for its appreciation of nuanced storytelling, has responded positively to the film's portrayal of universal themes such as identity, freedom, and societal expectations.

Kalki, another standout film screened on the second day, explores themes of mythology and modernity, blending them in a way that is both thoughtprovoking and visually stunning. The film's exploration of Indian mythology, set against the backdrop of modern societal issues, has intrigued Russian viewers. The films ability to weave together the old and the new, the mythical and the real, resonates deeply with a culture that values its own rich historical and cultural heritage. The success of Laapata Ladies and Kalki at the Moscow International Films Week highlights the growing appeal of Indian cinema in Russia. These films, while rooted in Indian culture, address universal themes that resonate with audiences across the world. The Russian viewers have found a connection with the characters and their stories, appreciating the films

for their depth, creativity, and the way they tackle complex social issues.

The Indian-themed
week has also opened
doors for cultural
exchange, with
discussions and
workshops that allow
Russian audiences to
engage more deeply with
Indian cinema. This
exchange of ideas and
cultural narratives fosters
a deeper understanding
between the two nations,
reinforcing the importance
of art in bridging cultural

gaps.
As Indian films continue to gain popularity in Russia, the Indianthemed week at the Moscow International Films Week is likely to become a regular feature, showcasing the best of Indian cinema to Russian audiences. The success of *Laapata Ladies* and *Kalki* is not just a win for the filmmakers but also a testament to the universal appeal of Indian stories that, while deeply rooted in their own cultures, speak to the shared human experience.

The Moscow International Films Week's Indian-themed week is more than just a showcase of films; it's a celebration of the cultural connections between India and Russia. The warm reception of films like *Laapata Ladies* and *Kalki* by the Russian audience is a reflection of the power of cinema to transcend borders and bring people together through the shared language of storytelling.





From leading corporate giants to shaping culinary excellence, **PAWAN SONI'S** journey is a celebration of passion and innovation in the food industry, says SAKSHI PRIYA

FROM CORPORATE SUCCESS TO CULINARY STARDOM

A JOURNEY INTO THE WORLD OF FOOD BLOGGING AND AWARDS



commitment to transparency and integrity. Built on the principle of not imposing any financial burden on nominees, these awards have earned a reputation as a fair and respected platform for recognising excellence in the food industry. Over the past decade, they have become synonymous with culinary credibility, highlighting the region's finest dining establishments and championing new talents, including home chefs and bakers who bring fresh flavours and practicity to the fresh flavours and creativity to the

the culinary world, where

flavours tell stories and meals

become cherished memories,

Pawan Soni has forged an

extraordinary path. A former Vice President at global giants like

This year, The Big F Awards embark on an exciting new chapter by expanding their reach to encompass the entire Delhi-NCR region, reinforcing their vision of inclusivity and growth. This grand event will talent, with new categories that reflect the latest trends and celebrate the art of both dining out and home cooking. Attendees can look forward to an immersive experience where innovation, artistry, and passion are celebrated in a truly memorable way. At the heart of this celebration is a distinguished jury, featuring some of India's most renowned culinary experts, such as Chef Kunal Kapur, Chef Nita Mehta, Rocky Singh, and many others. These esteemed judges will rigorously evaluate each nominee, visiting the restaurants and sampling the dishes before casting their votes. This commitment to fairness ensures that the awards remain a beacon of trust and excellence in the food industry.

For Pawan Soni, The Big F Awards are more than just an event, they are a community and a platform for supporting genuine connections and inspiring culinary creativity. As he prepares for the upcoming awards in September, Soni envisions an evening that brings together the best of Delhi NCR's food scene, offering an opportunity to celebrate, connect and elevate the standards of culinary excellence. With a legacy of integrity and innovation, The Big F Awards continue to shine as a cornerstone of the region's vibrant food culture. Founded in 2014, The Big F Awards have become a symbol

of credibility and fairness, consistently upholding the highest standards in the industry. This year's edition promises to build on this legacy, with new surprises, new talents, and new stories to be told. Join Pawan Soni and his esteemed panel in this grand celebration of culinary brilliance, where the finest in food artistry come together to create an unforgettable experience.

A CONVERSATION WITH PAWAN SONI

Pawan Soni shares insights into his transition from corporate life to food blogging, the challenges he faced in the early days and his commitment to transparency and excellence in The Big F Awards. He provides valuable perspectives on the growth of his blog, the influence of his corporate background and what to expect from this year's prestigious

You left a successful career as Vice President at MNCs like HSBC and GE Capital to follow your passion for food. What motivated this career shift, and how did your corporate experience shape your approach to food blogging and awards?

Back in our day, social media wasn't a thing. Like many, I followed the conventional route—completing an MBA and then diving into the world. escape. Traveling the world, I discovered hidden culinary gems and started writing for newspapers and magazines. Eventually, I launched my own blog, Indian Food Freak. Before I knew it, my passion for food had grown into a full-blown

MY CORPORATE **EXPERIENCE WAS THE** YEAST THAT HELPED INDIAN FOOD FREAK RISE. THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IN ORGANISING THE AWARDS WAS SECURING SPONSORS WHO BELIEVED IN THE VISION **BUT DIDN'T INFLUENCE** THE RESULTS.

In foodie terms, my corporate career was a recipe for success, but my love for food was the secret ingredient. I traded PowerPoint for paprika and now, I'm serving up a plate of purpose. Jokes aside, my corporate experience was invaluable. It taught me critical skills in sales, operations, and more, which I still use in my second career. Having worked with ethical companies, I've always prioritized transparency. Even after 11 years of running the food awards, I ensure there's no money exchange involved, whether for nominations, attending the awards or in any other aspect.

When you started Indian Food Freak food blogging was relatively new in India. How did you introduce the concept to an unfamiliar audience, and what strategies did you use to build your initial following?

Introducing food blogging to India was like adding a new spice to a traditional recipe—initially unfamiliar, but now indispensable. I focused on creating content that was relatable, authentic, and sprinkled

with humor. I remained honest and objective in all my reviews, even if it meant ruffling a few feathers among friends in the industry. By avoiding fancy jargon and staying true to my readers, I built trust and loyalty. My guiding principle has always been to write for my readers, not for the restaurants.

How did you address the skepticism or resistance from both the public and industry professionals during the early days of food blogging, especially when it was an emerging

Skeptics are like stale spices - they need to be replaced with fresh perspectives. I proved that food blogging wasn't just a flash in the pan by consistently delivering quality community. Facebook played a significant role in this, as I created a space where food enthusiasts could exchange opinions and learn from

What were some of the biggest challenges you faced in creating content for your blog in the early days, and how did you overcome issues related to resources, technology audience engagement?

The early days were like cooking with limited ingredients-creativity was key. I tackled challenges by infusing my content with storytelling, leveraging social media, and engaging with my audience like a master chef. Content was never an issue because food is something we encounter daily. To improve the visual appeal, I invested in a DSLR. As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words.

Indian Food Freak has grown into one of the largest food and travel blogs in India. What were some of initial challenges you encountered when starting your blog and organising The Big F Awards, and how did your corporate experience help you navigate these obstacles?

My corporate experience was the yeast that helped Indian Food Freak rise. The biggest challenge in organizing the awards was securing sponsors who believed in the vision but didn't influence the results. My sales and marketing skills were crucial here. Convincing people of the brand visibility that our awards could offer was key, and looking back, I'm proud to say that I delivered on those promises.

This year, The Big F Awards has expanded to cover the entire Delhi-NCR region. What motivated this expansion, and what new opportunities and challenges do you anticipate?

Expanding The Big F Awards to Delhi-NCR was like adding a new course to the menu—a natural progression. Since it takes nearly six months to organize the awards, with our jury visiting each restaurant to taste the food before

delivering a verdict, venturing into other cities wasn't feasible. However, Delhi-NCR should be treated as one city, with people frequently traveling for work and pleasure. Including Delhi has given us broader and, in some cases, better choices, helping foodies make informed decisions when they dine out.

The introduction of categories for home bakers and home chefs is a unique and thoughtful addition. What inspired these new categories, and how do they reflect current trends in the food industry?

Home bakers and home chefs are the new spice merchants—they're trends. These categories reflect the democratisation of food and the rise of culinary entrepreneurship. I'm pleased to see that home chefs and bakers are now taken seriously. Not only have their businesses expanded, but many new ventures are focused solely on this segment, helping them grow by organising pop-ups at five-star hotels, developing apps for delivery, and introducing them to wider audiences.

Winning the Best Influencer Award by BBC Good Food in 2018 is a significant achievement. How did this recognition impact your career and the growth of Indian Food Freak and The Big F Awards?

We all seek acknowledgment and appreciation. Winning the award was a validation that I was on the right path. It boosted my morale and increased confidence in the products and content I deliver.

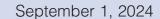
The Big F Awards are known for their transparency and integrity. How are you ensuring these values are upheld in this year's expanded edition, especially with addition of new categories?

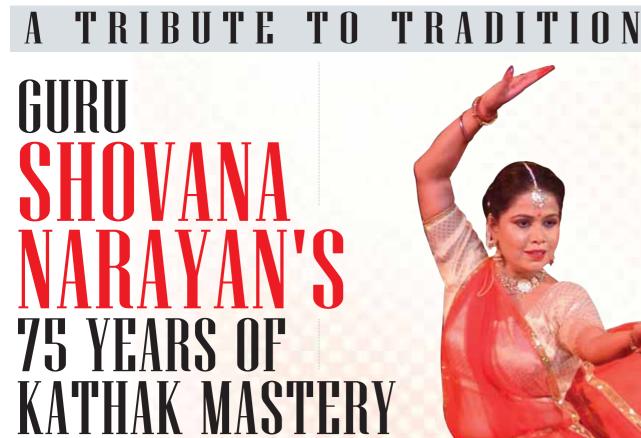
Transparency and integrity are the secret ingredients in The Big F Awards' recipe. We ensure fairness by using a robust judging process, clear criteria, and a commitment to accountability. From selecting the right jury to deliberating each result, we remain steadfast in our dedication to honesty and transparency.

As you prepare for the 11th edition of The Big F Awards, what are your personal goals for the event, and what do you hope attendees and participants will take away from this year's awards?

My personal goal for The Big F Awards is to foster a culinary community that's the icing on the cake. I hope attendees and participants leave inspired, with new connections and a renewed passion for the food industry. People don't mind losing as long as they know they lost to a worthy opponent. Our aim is to be fair and just while building camaraderie among all industry professionals.







Sharanyam, a heartfelt tribute to the legendary Guru SHOVANA NARAYAN on her 75th birthday, beautifully

celebrated her extraordinary journey in Kathak. The evening was a touching tribute to her life's work, showcasing the profound impact she has had on the art form and her disciples, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

n the world of Indian classical dance, few names resonate with as much reverence as Padmashri Guru Shovana Narayan. Her journey is not just a tribute to her unparalleled dedication to Kathak but a living legacy that has inspired generations. As she steps into her 75th year, the Asavari Centre for Kathak honoured this icon with an evening titled "Sharanyam," a celebration as vibrant and profound as Guruji herself.

Padmashri Guru Shovana Narayan is a celebrated icon in Kathak, with a remarkable career spanning over six decades. Her innovative approach and deep understanding of Indian culture have redefined the art form. of Indian culture have redefined the art form. With prestigious awards like the Padma Shri and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, her influence extends beyond performance to visionary choreography, dedicated teaching, and cultural leadership.

On this unforgettable evening, the Stein Auditorium at India Habitat Centre in New Delhi was transformed into a space of dance

Delhi was transformed into a space of dance and devotion. The evening was not just an event; it was a vibrant expression of love, respect and admiration from her disciples just Kathak but the essence of Guru Shovana Narayan - the artist, the mentor and the

From the moment the lights dimmed and the

was a poetic journey that moved everyone present. Similarly, "Malika" seamlessly fused song and dance, creating a blend of beauty that felt almost otherworldly. One of the most memorable moments of the night was "Moonly ight Impressionism," a performance that seemed to slow time itself. The dancers moved with such grace that the stage became a peaceful space, where the silence of captured in every gesture and step. The

elegance, making it feel as though the audience was witnessing a dream first note echoed through the auditorium, it was clear that this evening was extraordinary. The performance of "Taal Pancham Sawari" come to life. was a masterful display of rhythm and precision, perfectly embodying the discipline The evening was a reflection of the profound bond between Guruji and her and expression that Guruji has always disciples, a connection that was evident emphasised. Beyond the technical brilliance, it was the sheer emotion that captivated the audience. "Chaand" was not just a dance; it in every movement and gesture on stage. This wasn't just a series of performances; it was a living reflection of the relationships built through years of passion, shared dedication, and mutual respect. As the presentation video featuring played, heartfelt birthday messages from her students, the in the emotion auditorium was overwhelming. These messageswere more than just soft strains of the piano added an extra layer of

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admiration; they were living proof of the deep, enduring love and gratitude that have grown over the years - a love that extends far beyond the art of Kathak.

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As the evening drew to a close with the powerful performance of "Dhwani-Pratidhwani," the energy in the auditorium reached its zenith. The audience's applause was more than just appreciation; it was a collective outpouring of respect, love, and admiration for a woman who has devoted her life to the pursuit of art and the nurturing of others

In the words of Guruji's first disciple, Shruti Gupta Chandra, "Sharanyam is a small tribute from all of us who have learned so much from Shovana Didi - dance in its purest form and, with it, many life lessons. And the learning continues...." Guruji herself reflected on the evening with emotion, saying, "The air rebounded with the pure love and sublime devotion of all the disciples that touched every heart and left everyone emotional. The programme was meticulously planned and

As her disciples paid tribute through their performances, it was clear that Guru Shovana Narayan's influence extends far beyond the stage. She has touched lives, instilled values, and inspired a generation of dancers who carry For them, she is not just a guru; she is a mother, a confidante, and a guiding star. Guru Shovana Narayan represents both tradition and innovation. She embodies the continuity of creativity, demonstrating that art is not just about preserving the past but about creating a future rooted in tradition yet open to new possibilities.

As we celebrate her 75th year, it's evident that Guru Shovana Narayan is much more than a dancer; she is a visionary whose life has been dedicated to Kathak. Her legacy extends beyond performances to the hearts of her and the countless lives touched. She is not just a mentor and guide but an inspiring figure whose dedication continues to elevate the art form and inspire those who learn from her.

A CELEBRATION OF INDIA'S TIMELESS CRAFTSMANSHIP

Naayaab highlights India's rich craftsmanship through over 100 masterpieces by renowned artisans. This exhibition blends tradition with innovation, presenting a unique cultural celebration, writes SAKSHI PRIYA

aayaab, a groundbreaking exhibition platform, is set to become a beacon of India's rich heritage, showcasing over 100 masterpieces by the nation's most celebrated artisans. Spanning three major cities New Delhi, Hyderabad and Mumbai. This exhibition is more than just an exhibition, it is a profound celebration of India's artistic legacy, bringing together over 40 traditional art forms under one roof.

A SHOWCASE OF INDIA'S ARTISTIC DIVERSITY

Naayaab's significance lies in its ability to bring together an extraordinary collection of art forms, each representing a unique aspect of India's cultural fabric. With works from over 70 master artisans, including several Padma Shri and Shilp Guru awards, this exhibition is a rare opportunity to witness the pinnacle of Indian craftsmanship.

The exhibition highlighted the exceptional craftsmanship of several renowned artisans. Sudarshan Sahoo captivated with his intricate stone carving while Jai Prakash Lakhiawal impressed with his detailed miniature paintings. Khaleel Ahmad showcased his exquisite kilim carpets and Bhuri Bai presented her vibrant Bhil art. Durga Bai Vyam contributed her intricate Gond paintings. The visionary leaders behind Naayaab were Ajay A Singh, Founder Director and Akansha Dixit, Founder & Chief Curator.

One of the most captivating pieces is the Inlay Artistry Chest by

Rupan Matharu, a work that exemplifies the exhibition's ethos of blending tradition with modernity. Crafted from Indian rosewood using traditional Hoshiarpur inlay techniques, Matharu's chest replaces the historically used ivory or bone with acrylic, making it both environmentally conscious and a stunning piece of art. The intricate patterns and meticulous detailing make it a true testament to the mastery of Indian artisans.

Another powerful piece is Durga Bai Vyam's Gond Painting "Climate in Crisis", which uses symbolic imagery to address the resilience of nature in the face of human activity. This painting not only showcases the intricate detailing typical of Gond art but also delivers a poignant message about environmental conservation. Jai Prakash Lakhiawal's Shrinathji in Tanjore and Miniature Fusion painting is another highlight, merging Tanjore and Pichwai styles to create a resplendent depiction of the Hindu deity. The use of gold leaf and natural pigments elevates this piece to a new level of artistic brilliance. The Heritage Red Sozni Shawl by Bashir Ahmed Bhatt is a must-see for those interested in traditional Indian textiles. This exquisite shawl, with its intricate embroidery of 600 stitches per centimeter, took four years to complete and is a tribute to the time-honored skills of Kashmiri Sozni artisans.

MASTERPIECES OF

CRAFTSMANSHIP Among the many remarkable pieces, Shiva Kumar's Tri Panel Mythic Tales stands out as a masterpiece of wood inlay and carving. Spanning six years in the making, this wooden set depicts narratives from the lives of Lord Rama and Lord Krishna across three panels, showcasing scenes like Sri Rama Pattabhishekam,



Vishwaroopa and Krishna Leela. with the use of vibrant enamel The craftsmanship is so intricate colors, reflect the rich tradition of that concealed handles reveal a Meenakari, an art form passed hidden third panel, an down through generations since engineering feat in itself. The use the Mughal era. of different woods and seashells for vibrant hues, along with A PLATFORM FOR PRESERVATION hand-carved Yali motifs on the **AND INNOVATION**

and refined. The intricate

designs on both sides, along

outer frame, make this artwork Naayaab is more than just an a true marvel. exhibition; it is a movement aimed at preserving and reviving India's traditional Another notable piece is Mukesh Kumar Soni's art forms. The long-term Maharaja Brooch Pendant, a stunning vision of making Naayaab example of Meenakari on gold. Inspired by the regal bearing of an annual event, both in India and globally, is commendable. By doing so, the organizers hope to inspire the next generation of artisans Rajput personages, this pendant cum brooch combines and ensure that these uncut diamonds, baroque freshwater invaluable skills continue to thrive. As pearls, glass, spinels, and gold to create a art enthusiast, witnessing Naayaab is both a piece that is both opulent

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of the richness of Indian heritage.



the exceptional talent of Indian artisans but also serves as a platform to elevate these crafts to the global stage, ensuring they are celebrated for generations to come. Naayaab is not just an exhibition, it is a celebration of India's artistic heritage, a platform for master artisans and a beacon of hope for the future of traditional crafts. In an age where digital and massproduced art often takes center stage, Naayaab stands as a beautiful contradiction, a reminder of the beauty of handcrafted excellence and the importance of preserving cultural legacies. For collectors, connoisseurs and art lovers alike, Naayaab offers a rare opportunity to connect with the soul of Indian culture, to witness the legacy of its artistic heritage, and to support the artisans who dedicate their lives to preserving these traditions. It is an

unmissable event that promises to

leave a lasting impact on anyone

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who values the intersection of history, culture and creativity. Naayaab is not just an exhibition but a profound celebration of India's rich artistic heritage. By bringing together over 100 masterpieces from acclaimed artisans across the country, it offers a unique platform that honors and revives traditional crafts. The intricate works displayed, from the innovative Inlay Artistry Chest to the evocative Gond Painting, illustrate the extraordinary skill and creativity of Indian artisans. This event is a tribute to the enduring significance of these art forms and serves as an inspiring reminder of the beauty that emerges when tradition meets innovation. Naayaab stands as a pivotal moment for both art lovers and cultural enthusiasts, marking a significant step in preserving and promoting India's invaluable





























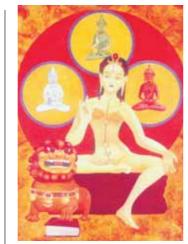
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ARIES March 21-April 19

This week, you'll experience a surge of emotional renewal and inspiration, leading to significant personal growth and the opportunity for meaningful connections. Embrace the new beginnings in your life with confidence and enthusiasm, allowing yourself to be open and vulnerable. This openness will deepen your relationships and enhance your sense of fulfillment. The current energies are encouraging you to explore your emotional needs and desires more deeply, guiding you toward a greater understanding of yourself. Engage in activities that truly resonate with your values and bring you joy. To maintain balance, take time for introspection, ensuring that your excitement and drive are rooted in authentic, meaningful

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Sky Blue Lucky day Friday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week, focus on maintaining fairness, balance, and accountability in your actions and decisions. It's an opportune time to resolve any disputes and strive for harmony in your relationships and projects. Be mindful of the importance of acting with integrity, as this will be crucial in your interactions and endeavors. You may encounter situations that require careful consideration of your options or addressing imbalances. Trust in your ability to advocate for what is right and true. Reflect on how your actions impact others and ensure that you proceed with honesty and clarity. By aligning your goals with a commitment to fairness, you'll navigate any challenges that arise with grace and effectiveness.

Lucky number 15 | Lucky colour Ivory Lucky day Monday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

tasks with flexibility and adaptability. It's a time to harness your enthusiasm and organizational abilities to keep everything moving smoothly. The current cosmic influences emphasize the importance of maintaining equilibrium in your busy schedule. By prioritizing and adjusting as needed, you can handle the demands of the week without becoming overwhelmed. Stay focused on your goals while remaining open to making necessary adjustments. Your resourcefulness and ability to adapt will be key in navigating through the week with efficiency and maintaining a sense of harmony among all your commitments. Keep a steady pace, and you'll find that your efforts align beautifully with your

This week invites you to balance multiple responsibilities

effectively. Embrace the challenge of managing various

Lucky number 12 | Lucky colour Palm Lucky day Saturday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week, you're stepping into a role that demands leadership and ambitious endeavors, making it a perfect time to take charge of your goals with confidence and creativity. You'll find yourself exuding a magnetic energy that draws others to your ideas, giving you the opportunity to inspire and guide those around you. This is a time to harness your inner drive, pushing forward on important projects with a mix of passion and practicality. While your $\label{eq:determination} \mbox{determination is strong, remember to balance your}$ ambitions with a steady, grounded approach. Your natural perseverance will serve you well as you navigate this dynamic period, allowing you to lead with both vision and stability. This is your moment to shine in your pursuits with unwavering determination

Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Wednesday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week highlights a period of recognizing and addressing personal barriers and unhealthy behaviors. You might find yourself grappling with issues of control or repetitive negative patterns that are limiting your growth. The influence of current cosmic energies encourages you to identify and confront these challenges, urging a break from the constraints of fear or excessive desire. This period is crucial for regaining your independence and strength. Reflect on any habits or situations that may be limiting you and make a concerted effort to release them. Though the process might be demanding, it provides a substantial opportunity for personal evolution and development. Seize this moment to free yourself and cultivate a more wholesome and balanced life approach

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Emerald Lucky day Friday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week calls for a period of deep reflection and navigating through areas of uncertainty. It's a time when hidden aspects of your life or underlying emotions may surface, requiring careful exploration. The influences surrounding you are pushing towards relying on your inner instincts and looking beyond obvious appearances. You might face situations filled with ambiguity or even deceptive information, making it crucial to evaluate circumstances with a keen sense of awareness. This phase is ideal for delving into your deeper self, addressing any underlying anxieties or misconceptions. Embrace these moments for self-exploration and foster a connection with your own guiding voice. Although this time may feel unstable, it presents an opportunity to gain significant personal insights and growth. Let your internal compass lead you through less clear paths.

Lucky number 1 | Lucky colour Amber Lucky day Thursday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week, focus on establishing order and discipline in your life. You'll benefit from setting clear boundaries and creating a structured approach to your tasks. The current energies support your efforts to take control and make strategic decisions, allowing you to lead with confidence. This is an opportune time to take charge of projects or situations that require a strong and authoritative presence. Utilize this time to establish long-term objectives and apply practical approaches.By balancing your need for intellectual engagement with a disciplined approach, you can achieve greater stability and success. Trust in your ability to organize and guide others, and you'll find it easier to navigate any challenges that arise.

Lucky number 19 | Lucky colour Coral



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week promises a period of emotional satisfaction, harmony, and strengthened connections. You may find a profound sense of joy and completeness in your personal relationships and household. The current influences are conducive to fostering closer ties with those close to you. It's an ideal time to nurture your family dynamics and cultivate a nurturing atmosphere. Enjoy the benefits of positive exchanges and collective joy. Additionally, this is a favorable moment to pay attention to your emotional health and explore methods to develop enduring happiness. Appreciate the splendor of these experiences and utilize them to enhance the love and delight in your life. These enriching experiences can be a foundation for future stability and joy.

Lucky number 14 | Lucky colour Mint Lucky day Tuesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week ushers in a period marked by intense curiosity and the birth of fresh ideas, presenting an excellent opportunity for intellectual growth. You are poised to make remarkable discoveries due to your heightened analytical abilities. This is the perfect time to immerse yourself in research projects or initiate stimulating intellectual pursuits. The current influences inspire you to look at things from innovative angles and engage in meaningful dialogues. Your ability to think critically will serve you well, but it's important to avoid being overly sharp in your interactions. As you navigate through this period of dynamic thinking, remember to balance your keen enthusiasm with tact and patience. Let your inquisitive nature guide your journey of exploration and

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Turquoise Lucky day Monday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week brings a surge of mental clarity and a strong drive to take swift action. You may find yourself propelled into new ideas or projects with a sense of urgency, feeling a heightened determination to get things done. This is a time to approach tasks with a clear and assertive mindset making the most of the dynamic energy around you. However, it's important to remain mindful of the impact of your words and actions; avoid being overly reactive or impulsive. Strive to balance your focused determination with a sense of emotional awareness. By doing so, you'll be able to navigate this active period effectively, embracing the momentum while staying connected to your inner

Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Pink Lucky day Thursday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week may bring moments of conclusion and opportunities for significant breakthroughs. It's a time when you might encounter challenging situations or harsh truths. These experiences suggest a need to address and let go of elements that no longer contribute positively to your life. While this period can be demanding, it offers a valuable chance for closure and rejuvenation. Take this opportunity to release any old grievances or burdensome circumstances. Confronting these issues directly allows for healing and transformation. Although the process may be intense, it is clearing the way for fresh starts and personal advancement. Use this period to reevaluate your direction and emerge more robust and adaptable

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Silver Lucky day Wednesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week is ripe with opportunities for fresh beginnings and the pursuit of exciting ventures. You are encouraged to embrace your imaginative side and take bold steps toward your goals. You may find yourself inspired by new ideas or projects that ignite your passion. This is an excellent period for launching new endeavors or diving into creative interests. However, it's important to balance your enthusiasm with practical considerations to ensure your plans are well-founded. Embrace this time of exploration and allow your curiosity and creativity to guide you. Trust in your capabilities and remain open to the possibilities that unfold. This approach will help you harness the energy of the moment and channel it into productive and fulfilling

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Saffron

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From the disciplined learning of youth to the ultimate renunciation of worldly attachments, thefour stages enunciated in the scriptures offer a blueprint for balancing our worldly duties with our spiritual aspirations

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School, to my Corporate, to my family has been- hearing You are not thinking' | 'You are not applying yourself' | 'You are not invested enough in what you are doing' phrases we have all grown up listening to and perhaps continue to. Manasa Budhi Chitta Ahankara. - embodied in the quotients - IQ | EQ | SQ.

IQ (**Intelligence Quotient**): A relative measure of the Intelligence of the person expressed in number. Can be seen as the ability to understand complex conceptsand apply it effectively. Aligns with the concept of 'Buddhi' the higher intellect or discrimination (Viveka). It includes intellectual discernment, wisdom (Prajña) through practise

EQ (Emotional Quotient): Relative measure of Emotional intelligence having a heightened sense of emotional and social awareness, including skills like ability to understand, use, manage your own emotions in positive ways, communicate empathetically, selfregulation. Indian ancient texts see it as qualities like emotional balance, compassion (karuna), non-attachment (vairagya), and equanimity (samata). SQ (Spiritual Quotient): Relative measure of Spiritual intelligence. Encompasses placing our actions and our

lives in a wider, richer, meaningful context. mindfulness, self-awareness, and connection to a higher purpose or reality. Indian scriptures describe it as the work towards and capacity for transcending the ego and realizing one's true nature (atman) or universal consciousness (Parabrahman), the aptitude to enter into heightened spiritual states of consciousness, the ability to invest in everyday activities, events, and relationships with a sense of the devotion (bhakti) and non-attachment (aparigraha), to engage in virtuous behavior (forgiveness, gratitude, humility, modesty, compassion). They are distinct concepts - but

inseparable by nature for any holistic development or application. Only a judicious combination of Intellectual clarity + emotional maturity + spiritual insight (SQ) can result in fulfilment. Our scriptures emphasize the need to cultivate and practise these through self-discipline and self-inquiry (Jijñāsā) Ultimately, the goal is defined by us -a comprehensive embracing awakening to the Universe. Krishna teaches us in The Bhagavad Gita that both EQ and SQare integral aspects of a balanced and meaningful life.

कर्मण्येवाधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु कदाचन। मा कर्मफलहेतुर्भूर्मा ते सङ्गोऽस्त्वकर्मणि।। ४७।।

EQ and SQ karmany-evādhikāras te mā phaleshu kadāchana

mā karma-phala-hetur bhārmā te saṇgo 'stvakarmani You have the right to perform your prescribed duties. You are not entitled to the fruits of your actions. Never consider

योगस्थः कुरु कर्माणि सङ्गं त्यक्त्वा धनञ्जय। सिद्धयसिद्धयोः समो भूत्वा समत्वं योग उच्यते।। yoga-sthah kuru karmāni sangam tyaktvā

vourself to be the cause of the results of

your activities, nor be attached to

siddhy-asiddhyoh samo bhūtvā samatvam yoga uchyate Be steadfast in the performance of your duty. Abandon attachment to success and failure. Such equanimity is called Yoga. These2 shlokas are an example of EQ. Applying our emotional balance to our actions and duties with a sense of equanimity

प्रजहाति यदा कामान्सर्वान्पार्थ मनोगतान। आत्मन्येवात्मना तुष्टरू स्थितप्रज्ञस्तदोच्यते।। prajahāti yadā kāmān sarvān pārtha mano-gatān ātmany-evātmanā tuṣhṭaḥ sthita-prajñas

(2.55)

When one discards all selfish desires and cravings of the senses that torment the mind, and becomes satisfied in the realization of the self, such a person is said to be transcendentally situated.

दूरेण ह्यवरं कर्म बुद्धियोगाद्धनञ्जय। बुद्धौ शरणमन्विच्छ कृपणाः फलहेतवः।। dūreṇa hy-avaram karma buddhi-yogād dhanañjaya buddhau sharanam anvichchha kripanāh phala-hetavaḥ (2.49)

The recourse is divine knowledge and insight. Discard reward-seeking actions that are certainly inferior to works performed with the spiritual intellect established in divine knowledge. Miserly are those who seek to enjoy the fruits of their works.

These 2 Shlokas are examples of SQ. When we tune in and nurture our SQ, we move towards happiness, peace and a tranquil state of mind because we do everything in s ate of gratitude and devotion.

None of the 3 - IQ EQ or SQ can be underestimated and under rated. They compliment each other. We need to farm their working together in coherence and balance. IQ helps rational and logical thinking. Emotional stability and maturity help individuals maintain

equanimity amidst life's apparent contradictions or dualities, facilitating focused spiritual practice. The Spiritual quotient is the provides the overarching context and purpose for life. Understanding one's true nature as a spiritual being (atman) and cultivating faith and devotion (shradhha), sensitivity and detachment helps us transcend to lasting inner tranquillity, gratitudeandcontentment. Emotional stability supports spiritual practice by reducing distractions and mental turbulence, while spiritual understanding provides a higher perspective that enriches emotional experiences with depth and meaning. As someone said 'The world is a contradiction and the Universe is Paradox.' To understand, navigate and rise above - Deep Breathe, Soak in, Experience Life!

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