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Over 18.5 lakh voters registered in Jamshedpur after voter list revision

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

District Election Officer Ananya Mittal convened a meeting with representatives of various political parties at the Collectorate Auditorium to provide detailed information about the publication of the final voter list following the second special summary revision program. The meeting aimed to ensure transparency and cooperation in the electoral process by involving political parties in updating and verifying the voter list.

During the meeting, Mittal informed that the special summary revision of the photo voter list took

place from July 25, 2024, to August 27, 2024, using July 1 as the eligibility date. The final voter list was officially published on August 27, 2024. According to the revised data, the district now has a total of 1,854,767 registered voters, comprising 927,747 men, 926,883 women, and 137 third-gender individuals. Notably, 77,172 new voters aged 18 to 19 have been added to the list. The Electoral Participation (EP) ratio in the district stands at 64.50, while the sex ratio is 999. During the revision period, 20,748 names were removed from the voter list.

Mittal emphasized the impor-



tance of an accurate and up-to-date voter list, urging political parties to assist in the continuous updating process by ensuring that all eligible voters are included and that any errors are promptly corrected. He highlighted that the updated voter list is accessible at all polling stations, BLOs, AERO, ERO offices, and the District Election Office. Voters are encouraged to verify their registration status through both online and offline channels to ensure their participation in upcoming elections.

Additionally, Mittal introduced the Voter Helpline App and Voter Service Portal (voter.eci.gov.in) as

comprehensive platforms for all election-related services. He also promoted the 1950 toll-free number, which allows voters to verify their names on the voter list and facilitates the inclusion of names for individuals who have relocated through Form 8.

To further promote voter awareness, the District Election Officer also discussed the Jharkhand Election Quiz 2024, organized by the State Election Commission. This initiative aims to engage the local youth in electoral processes and increase awareness about voting rights. Valid voters in Jharkhand can participate in the

quiz through the link provided (<https://jharkhand.indiaelection-squiz.com>), with online registration open until September 26, and the competition scheduled for September 29 from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Prominent attendees at the meeting included Director NEP Ajay Sao, Deputy Election Officer Priyanka Singh, Sub-Divisional Officer Dhalbhum Parul Singh, Sub-Divisional Officer Ghatshila Sachidanand Mahato, District Public Relations Officer Panchanan Oraon, along with district presidents and representatives of all political parties.

Green Festivities: Durga Puja Committees to get plants for eco-friendly celebrations

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

The district administration has called for a united effort with Durga Puja Committees to ensure a successful and harmonious celebration this year. This call to collaboration was made during the general meeting of the Jamshedpur Durga Puja Central Committee, held at Sidhgora Town Hall.

The meeting, presided over by Achintam Das Gupta, President of the Jamshedpur Durga Puja Central Committee, brought together representatives from 310 Durga Puja committees across the city. Gupta emphasized the importance of cooperation among committees and with the district administration to address any potential issues before the festivities begin.

Ananya Mittal, DC, high-



lighted the need for early identification and resolution of challenges to ensure a joyful and trouble-free celebration. "We have ample time to address any issues and ensure that the Durga Puja is celebrated with

joy and harmony," Mittal stated. "Attention to even the smallest details will help us avoid problems during the Puja."

In addition to organizing a smooth celebration, Gupta announced a social welfare ini-

tiative: each Durga Puja committee will distribute clothes and grains to five underprivileged families in their respective areas. "We will ensure a successful Durga Puja festival through mutual cooperation among all committees and by maintaining coordination with the district administration," Gupta said.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kishore Kaushal assured the committees of the police department's support. Kaushal stressed the importance of coordination between the police and the committees to ensure safety and smooth operations. Measures include placing committee members in CCTV control rooms at major pandals, restricting shop setups on roads to prevent traffic jams, and having banners with police and committee contact numbers in key areas.

He also emphasized thorough checks on vehicles used for idol immersion and readiness with backup generators for power outages.

In an environmentally friendly initiative, Vice President Niraj Singh announced that each Durga Puja committee would receive 10 plants to promote sustainability alongside the festivities. Singh's efforts to integrate environmental consciousness with the celebration were warmly received by the Jamshedpur Durga Puja Central Committee.

The collaborative approach between the district administration, police, and Durga Puja committees is expected to enhance the quality and safety of this year's Durga Puja celebrations in Jamshedpur, ensuring a festive and environmentally conscious atmosphere.

Shri Guru Rajan Ji on Naming New Borns



BY GAURA GUPTA

Each discussion with Shri Guru Rajan Ji directs towards a wisdom less known but much prevalent in our ancient texts - the foremost best authentic one - Brihat Prashar Hora Shastra. It was over tea and fritters that we talked about this YouTube video doing rounds, so about the new borns being nomenclatured senselessly, that might be their wrath once they grow up and definitely if relevant sense prevails upon them.

Names carry energies, predominantly of either one or more of the five elements. Besides, if the initial of the name corresponds to the child's natal chart, it shall certainly work in the favour holistically. Shri Guru Rajan ji explained it

easy as he asks us to focus on the first sound of the name...being mindful, must we be able to know that where lies the pronounciative force, the epiglottis, the teeth, the lips, the palette or whichever part of the mouth.

Fire (agni), Water (varuna), Subramanyam (Karthik), Maha Vishnu, Indra, Shachi Devi and Brahma are the presiding deities of the 7 planets in their order.

The deities of the planets may be invoked in order to cure the affliction of a certain celestial body.

Guided by the great sage Vara Mihira (a great astrologer and a spiritual guru), naming kids relevant to their planetary deity brings best cosmic energies to the child.

Sun - Surya
Moon - Shiv and Varuna
Mars - Karthik and Hanuman
Venus - Mahalakshmi
Mercury - Ganpati
Jupiter - Lord Vishnu
Saturn - Shani

Based on the better strength between the natal ascendant Lord and the navamasha ascendant Lord, name of the child can be kept with the

following initials :

Sun
The vowels, 12 in number from A - Au
Moon
Semi Vowels य, र, ल, व, Sibilants श, ष, स
Aspirate ह
Mars
Guttural क, ख, ग, घ, ङ
Venus
Palatals च, छ, ज, झ, ञ
Mercury
Cerebrals ट, ठ, ड, ढ, ण
Jupiter
Dentals त्, थ, द, ध, न
Saturn
Labials प, फ, ब, म, न

For instance, if in the birth chart, Moon is a strong natal ascendant Lord, then names beginning in च, छ, ज, झ, ञ would be auspicious.

Now, to know who between the natal ascendant Lord and the navamasha ascendant Lord is stronger, you need to meet Shri Guru Rajan ji, whose mobile number is +919818648600.

Shri Guru Rajan Ji is a Vedic Scholar and an Astrologer with 35 Years of Experience

XISS celebrates Fresher's Day for new batch of 2024-26

PNS : RANCHI

Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi, organized Fresher's Day for the new batch of 2024-26 for its Financial Management, Rural Management, Marketing Management, and Human Resource Management programmes respectively. The Fresher's Day celebrated on separate days for all programmes was a vibrant celebration aimed at welcoming students as they embarked on their new journey at the Institute. The event was graced by the presence of the Director, Assistant Director, Dean Academics, Heads of all four Programmes (HoPs), Faculty, Staff, and the entire student community of XISS. The events began with the lighting of the lamp and welcome note from Dr Joseph Marianus Kujur, Director, XISS where he emphasized on the institution's core values and vision. He highlighted that XISS is more than just an academic institution-it is a place of values and belongingness. Dr Kujur stressed the importance of "freedom with responsibility" and encouraged students to build trust, strengthen relationships, and lead with

resilience. Recognizing the diverse nature of the student community, he expressed appreciation for their eagerness to learn and grow, and reiterated the institutions commitment to nurture responsible leaders who will positively impact the society.

Meanwhile, Dr Pradeep Kerketta, Assistant Director, XISS, welcomed the students in these events by underscoring the significance of aligning their attitude with the institution's vision and mission. He stated that at XISS, we emphasize serving as a guiding light, shaping the journey of students and helping them portray the values and ethos of the Institute in their professional and personal lives. The celebrations included a series of fun and engaging events where students from both the years displayed an array of talents. Students prepared skits, sang songs and gave dance performances followed by various fun games building a camaraderie amongst everyone. The second-year students of all programs played a crucial role in organizing and executing the Freshers' Day event, ensuring a warm and enjoyable welcome for the new batch.



Herd of elephants amage crops in Medininagar forest division

PNS : DALTONGANJ

A herd of 3 elephants including a tusker has moved out of the tiger reserve Palamu and is causing damages to the maize and paddy fields under the Kundri range of the Medininagar forest division.

There is no elephant calf in this herd. Had there been any calf, the herd could have been far more possessive and aggressive.

Range officer of Kundri Umesh Dubey said the herd has destroyed paddy and maize fields falling at areas like Saalo, Purnadeeh.

There is so far no loss of house or humans. Fear of conflict between humans and elephants has not yet broken out. Binay Pandey of the Kundri range said elephants shy from getting near to such houses where there are lit LED bulbs.

A house in the dark is an easy target for the elephants but where there is a light elephant avoids going near it.

Villagers raise loud sounds and use battery torches to shoo away the elephants.

The herd remains in no hurry. It finishes its food only then it moves on.

Two lady Naxals sentenced to five years in prison for murder in Chaibasa

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

The court of Additional District Judge-II in Chaibasa sentenced two lady Naxals, identified as Jubna Birua and Saraswati Bhumij, to five years of rigorous imprisonment on Tuesday. Both were found guilty in a 2018 murder case registered at the Manjhari police station in West Singhbhum.

According to the prosecution, Jubna Birua, the wife of Damkan Birua, and Saraswati Bhumij, the wife of Durga Bhumij, attacked a man named Sukhlal Birua with sticks due to an old enmity. The attack left Sukhlal, a resident of Nagarkatta village in the Manjhari area, with severe injuries. He was admitted to a government hospital for treatment but



later succumbed to his injuries.

Following Sukhlal's death, the police registered a case against unknown assailants. After conducting an investigation, they discovered that

Jubna Birua and Saraswati Bhumij were responsible for the attack. Both women, who were also residents of Nagarkatta, were subsequently arrested and charged with the relevant sections.

Zoff raises INR 400 Million in Series A Funding from JM Financial Private Equity

PNS : RANCHI

Zoff, a leading spices brand, announced today that it has successfully raised INR 400 million from JM Financial Private Equity through JM Financial India Growth Fund III. The funding will be used to launch new products and expand the business into new segments such as ready-to-cook, condiments, cooking pastes & seasoning kits etc.

Akash Agrawal, Co-Founder of Zoff, said that securing funding from JM Financial Private Equity is a significant milestone for us. Our company has witnessed exponential growth in the last couple of years and this investment will further drive us to scale our operations and expand our reach simultaneously.

Zoff plans to focus on strengthening its offline distribution network through general trade, modern trade channels and other retail outlets.

It also aims to increase its brand presence across the platforms through marketing initiatives and build a strong offline network in the market for enhancing the trade and export of the brand.

Fr Camille Bulcke's birth anniversary celebrated at MGM HS School

PNS : BOKARO

MGM Higher Secondary School commemorated the birth anniversary of Father Camille Bulcke on Monday. Principal Father Dr. Joshi Varghese, Vice Principal Rakhi Banerjee, and Headmistress Sapna Joshi honored his memory by garlanding his portrait.

Father Varghese highlighted Father Bulcke's contributions to Indian culture, including his journey from Belgium to India and his mastery of Hindi, Braj Bhasha, Awadhi,

and Sanskrit. He also served as the Head of the Hindi and Sanskrit Department at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, and was a key figure in promoting Hindi and Sanskrit.

The event featured poem recitations by students and a special song, "Hindi Hai Hum Sab," presented by Arya Ranjan. The program was hosted by Hari Priya and Ayushi Chaudhary, with teachers, staff, and students in attendance.



Finance Minister Dr. Rameshwar Oraon appreciated in Quraysh Conference



VINOD PRASAD : LOHARDAGA

Haryana Pradesh's first session of Qureshi Conference (Regd.) was held on 2 September at Siddiq Madrasa Road, Haryana under the chairmanship of National President Sanobar Ali Qureshi (Advocate Supreme Court). This convention was organized on the topic of

Muslim leadership and the need for political representation of the Quraysh community. National Vice President of Qureshi Conference (Regd.) Haji Afsar Qureshi was present as the chief guest in the convention. In this session of Haryana state, National Vice President Haji Mohd. The appointment of Officer Qureshi as the Ministerial representa-

tive by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Finance Minister of Jharkhand Government, was welcomed by the Qureshi Conference and the national leadership of Congress including the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Honorable Rahul Gandhi was appreciated. Also, on becoming minister representative, Haji Mohd. Officer Qureshi was honored with a shawl, garland and certificate of honour. Among those honored were National General Secretary Mohammad Ashkin Qureshi, National Treasurer CA Tanzeem Qureshi, National Secretary Haji Sarafat Qureshi, Karnataka State President Mohammad Nabi Qureshi, Haryana State President Fakhruddin Qureshi, Delhi State President Nezamuddin Qureshi, Sabir Qureshi and a large number of eminent people were present.

INSPIRATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

Narberham Hansraj English School hosted an inspirational workshop for its teachers, led by the esteemed Param Pujya Divyaji Mahasatiji. The workshop, aimed at enhancing the effectiveness and motivation of educators, focused on three key characteris-

tics necessary for successful teaching.

The event was graced by the presence of Nakul Kamani, President of the School Managing Committee, who served as the Chief Guest. The gathering also included other distinguished members of the Managing Committee and special guests.

The workshop was well-received by all attendees, who found the session both motivating and insightful. The emphasis on essential traits for educators resonated strongly with the participants, contributing to a positive and impactful experience.





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Royal welcome for PM Modi in Brunei



PM receives a ceremonial welcome in Brunei on Tuesday

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WB Government passes anti-rape Aparajita Bill

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

In the backdrop of a Statewide agitation for justice for the Kolkata lady doctor who was raped and murdered early this month while on duty turning fast into a movement for "change of the system that harbours rapists and the corrupt," the Mamata Banerjee Government of Bengal on Tuesday got an anti-rape "Aparajita" Bill passed unanimously. This makes West Bengal first State to bring in amendments to Central laws dealing with such offences. The Opposition parties, however, called it a diversionary tactics in order to contain the Statewide unrest and assuage peoples' anti-Government feelings. Notwithstanding stringent remarks from the Opposition Bench, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee asked Opposition leader Suwendu Adhikari to help get the Bill signed by Governor CV Ananda Bose and President Droupadi Murmu. Apart from prescribing life imprisonment until death, the Bill, christened 'Aparajita Woman and Child Bill (West Bengal Criminal Laws and Amendment) 2024, provides for death penalty for a repeat



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee speaks during a Session of the State Legislative Assembly, in Kolkata, on Tuesday. The Aparajita Woman and Child (West Bengal Criminal Laws and Amendment) Bill 2024 was passed during the Session

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offender in cases of rape and sexual offences that lead to a victim's death or leave her in a vegetative state. The Bill was passed at a time when citizens including medical staff of Kolkata formed a 17-km long human chain from Patuli in South Kolkata to Ultadanga in the North. The Bill was also passed when a separate detachment of junior doctors and members of the civil society staged a joint rally in front of the Lal Bazar police headquarters demanding the resignation of Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal

for failing to act in an impartial manner. Saying that rape was a "curse on the human society and that there was a need for social reforms to stop such crimes, the Chief Minister said that "the Bill seeks to plug the loopholes in the central legislation." She also appealed to the Opposition BJP to get the Governor's assent "instead of politicising the issue," even as Leader of Opposition attacked the Government for supporting a system where rapes and murders had become the order of the day.

"It is your Government and the police that had investigated the infamous Kamduni rape case in such a manner that all the accused save one got acquitted and even the one who was not got his death sentence commuted to life sentence ... if this was not the result of the Government's apathy to such cases then what is ... In Kamduni rape case the Government changed 16 Public Prosecutors to ensure that the rapists who were the members of the TMC get acquitted," Adhikari said.



India's Air Defence gets future ready

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

With a view to sustaining the modernisation drive and operational readiness of the Armed forces, ten proposals worth ₹1,45 lakh crore were given the go-ahead on Tuesday. They include Future Ready Combat Vehicles, Air Defence Fire Control Radars, Dornier-228 aircraft, Next Generation Fast Patrol and Offshore Patrol Vessels. Notably, of the total cost of proposals, 99 per cent is from indigenous sources under Buy (Indian) and Buy (Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured) categories, defence ministry said here. Giving details, officials said Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), under the chairmanship of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for 10 capital acquisition proposals amounting to ₹1,44,716 crore. The DAC is the apex body to clear acquisition proposals of the Armed forces. The final nod is given by Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS).

Nine Naxalites killed in Bastar

PTI ■ DANTEWADA

Nine Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Bastar region of Chhattisgarh on Tuesday, a senior police official said. The gunfight broke out around 10.30 am in the forest along the border of Dantewada and Bijapur districts when a joint team of security forces was out on an anti-Naxal operation, Inspector General of Police,



Bastar Range Sundarraj P told PTI. Personnel belonging to the District Reserve Guard (DRG) and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) were involved in the operation, which was launched based on inputs about the presence of Naxalites belonging to its west Bastar division unit, he said. The intermittent exchange of fire lasted for a long duration, following which the bodies of nine Naxalites clad in 'uniform' were recovered from the spot, he said.

Former chief of iconic Atlas Cycles shoots himself to death



SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

Former president of Atlas Cycles Salil Kapoor allegedly committed suicide at his Lutyen's Delhi home on APJ Abdul Kalam Marg on Tuesday afternoon. The 70-year-old man allegedly shot himself with his licensed pistol and was found dead on the ground floor of his three-storey house at around 1 pm. According to a senior police officer, his manager found his body lying in a pool of blood near the puja room of his home. A suicide note was recovered in which Kapoor mentioned the name of about four to five people accusing them of harassing him. The suicide note also mentions him facing some financial difficulties. He

wrote that he had 'financial burden' on him. He was reportedly living separately from his family including his wife and three children, who are currently based in Dubai. Another police officer said that Kapoor's manager and his family stayed with him in the three-storey building. He was rushed to All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) where the doctors declared him brought dead. The local police were informed, and they, along with forensic experts, visited the crime scene to collect the exhibits from the spot. Police said they are verifying and probing the matter from "all possible angles" and will take legal action further as needed. In 2015, he was arrested from Uttarakhand by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Delhi Police in two cases of cheating involving ₹9 crore. The first case involved a man, Satinder Nath Maira, who alleged that he had given ₹13 crore to Salil Kapoor's family friend Prashant Kapoor for investment. Salil had issued seven post-dated cheques when asked to return the money, but all were dishonoured.



Representative Image

Bestial cow vigilantes in Haryana arrested

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI/FARIDABAD

A 19-year-old boy, studying in Class 12 in Haryana's Faridabad, was allegedly chased in a car and shot dead by a group of five cow vigilantes who mistook him for a cattle smuggler. The victim was identified as Aryan Mishra. The members of vigilante group have been identified as Anil Kaushik, Varun, Krishna, Adesh, and Saurabh. A Duster car in which the boy, Aryan, and his friends Harshit and Shanky as well as two other women seated in the back of the vehicle, was chased by the members of cow vigilante group on the night of August 23 for about 30 kilometres near Haryana's Gadhupuri on the Delhi-Agra National Highway. During interrogation, the accused revealed that on the night of August 23, they had received information that some suspected cattle smugglers driving two SUVs were doing recce in the city. They mistook the victim and his friends, Shanky and Harshit, for those cattle smugglers and followed their car, a senior police officer said.

Congress and AAP talk about Haryana Polls

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party have reached an 'in-principle understanding' to fight next month's Haryana Assembly election together against the wishes of its State unit, though nothing has been finalised yet. Sources said two rounds of talks between AAP MP Raghav Chadha and Congress's KC Venugopal have already been held. The third round of meeting can be held on Wednesday. Sources said the AAP is reported to have demanded 10 seats, while the Congress is willing to give between five and seven only. The Congress is reportedly also willing to give one seat to the Samajwadi Party. The deadline for nominations is October 4 with voting on October 5. Against the wishes of its State unit, the Congress on Tuesday said it is in talks with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for an alliance in Haryana though nothing has been finalised yet. According to sources, in its Central Election Committee (CEC) meeting on Monday evening, party leader Rahul Gandhi expressed interest in exploring the possibility of alliance with AAP for Assembly elections in Haryana. Ironically, the State Congress leaders in Haryana have rejected the possibility of any alliance with



Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi with party president Mallikarjun Kharge and party MP KC Venugopal during meeting with party secretaries and joint secretaries, in New Delhi, on Tuesday

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AAP in the State. Recently, senior Congress leader in Haryana, Kumari Selja ruled out the possibility of an alliance with AAP for the Assembly polls, saying her party is strong in the State and will fight the elections on its own. Asked about the possibility of an alliance with AAP, AICC general secretary in-charge of Haryana Deepak Babaria said, "We are in talks with the AAP, but nothing has been finalised yet. As soon as something concrete emerges, we will inform you." Responding to another question, Babaria said, "We have to defeat the BJP, and therefore are against allowing anti-BJP votes to be divided." Meanwhile, AAP leader and Rajya

Sabha MP Sanjay Singh has welcomed reports claiming Rahul has shown interest in an alliance with Arvind Kejriwal-led party in poll-bound Haryana. Polling for 90 Assembly seats in Haryana will be held on October 5 and counting of votes will be undertaken on October 8. The Congress's Central Election Committee had met on Monday and cleared the names of 34 candidates for the Assembly polls in Haryana. "Today, a meeting was held for Haryana by the CEC. A list of 49 names was presented by the State's screening committee, out of which 34 have been approved and decision on 15 is pending," Babaria had said last evening.

Netflix questioned over Hindu code names for IC 814 hijackers

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Under pressure from the Government, Netflix India on Tuesday said it has included the real as well as the code names of the hijackers of the

Indian Airlines aircraft in the web series 'IC814: The Kandahar Hijack'. This comes after Netflix India content head Monika Shergill on Tuesday met Information and Broadcasting Secretary Sanjay Jaju and assured to be

'sensitive' to India's sentiments. Information and Broadcasting Secretary Sanjay Jaju summoned the Netflix India's content head, Monika Shergill, to convey the government's strong disapproval of the depiction of certain elements

in the web series. The web series had triggered a row after a section of viewers objected to the humane projection of terrorists and reference to their Hindu code names, contending that distortion of real identities of

hijackers amounted to misrepresentation of historical events. "For the benefit of audiences unfamiliar with the 1999 hijacking of Indian Airlines Flight 814, the opening disclaimer has been updated to

include the real and code names of the hijackers," Shergill, Vice President, Content at Netflix India, said in a statement after meeting Jaju. She said the code names in the series reflect those used

during the actual event. The real names of the hijackers were Ibrahim Athar, Shahid Akhtar Sayed, Sunny, Ahmad Qazi, Zahoor Mistry and Shakir. However, the series referred to the code names used by terrorists — Bhola,

Shankar, Doctor, Burger and Chief. "India has a rich culture of storytelling and we are committed to showcasing these stories and their authentic representation," Shergill said.

CM Hemant Soren inaugurates New Jharkhand Bhawan in New Delhi

Jharkhand Government's new building built in the heart of National Capital

PNS : RANCHI
Chief Minister Hemant Soren today inaugurated the New Jharkhand Bhawan located at Bangla Sahib Road, which was constructed by the Building Construction Department of Jharkhand Government. Delhi is the capital of the entire country, from here various states, Union territories etc. of the country are implemented. The main center point of Delhi is Connaught Place, which is called the heart of the country since the time of British Raj. It was the initiative of the Jharkhand government that Jharkhand should have its own existence, office or availability at this place. It

is known that the building of Jharkhand Government is already located in Basant Vihar, Delhi. Connaught Place is considered the most popular due to being the center. On this occasion, Soren said that this building was awaited for a long time. Today its inauguration is a matter of pride for us. In our new building, special attention has been given to new state-of-the-art technology, in which special facilities of gym, dining hall, conference hall and parking have been taken care of. Our building is equipped with special technology. In which special attention has also been given to rain water harvesting and energy efficiency. Its location in



Chief Minister Hemant Soren inaugurates New Jharkhand Bhawan in New Delhi on Tuesday. JMM MLA Kalpana Soren is also present on the occasion. PNS

Connaught Place and proximity to railway, bus stop, metro, hospital etc. makes it even more impressive. Its opening will bring convenience to the residents of



Chief Minister Hemant Soren, his wife MLA Kalpana Soren dance with artists during inauguration of New Jharkhand Bhawan in New Delhi on Tuesday. PNS

Jharkhand. This building will in future present a reflection of the Jharkhand government and its efforts in the country's capital.

On this occasion, Ministers Rameshwar Oraon, Satyanand Bhokta, Hafizul Hasan, Ramdas Soren, Deepika Pandey, Mithilesh Kumar Thakur, Irfan Ansari, Baby Devi, Deepak Birwa, MLAs Kalpana Soren, Umashankar Akela, Kalicharan Munda, MP Lok Sabha, Mahua Manjhi, MP Rajya Sabha, Dheeraj Sahu former Rajya Sabha member, Subodhkant Sahay former Union Minister, Chief Secretary L Kiangte, Alka Tiwari Secretary Government of India, Additional Chief Secretary/Chief Resident Commissioner Avinash Kumar, Senior Private Secretary to Chief Minister Sunil Srivastava, Advisor to Chief Minister Vimal Ghosh, Principal Secretary to Jharkhand Government Praveen Kumar Toppo, Principal Secretary to Jharkhand Government Sunil Kumar, Secretary to Jharkhand Government Manoj Kumar, Building Construction Secretary Arwa Rajkamal, Chief Administrative Officer Jharkhand Bhawan Shahenshah Ali Khan and other distinguished people were present. A colourful presentation of Jharkhand's folk dances was also made in the inaugural ceremony, in which the presentation of Oraon tribal dance, Munda tribal dance, Ho tribal dance, Santhali tribal dance enthralled everyone.

Dr Manish Ranjan felicitated in 27th National Award for E-Governance

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Officers selected under the 27th National Award for e-Governance 2024 organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances and the Department of Electronics and Information Technology were honoured today in New Delhi.



Dr. Manish Ranjan, the then Secretary of Drinking Water and Sanitation from Jharkhand, was honoured for implementing the Jhar Jal Yojana. In the program, Dr. Manish Ranjan presented a power point presentation related to the implementation of Jhar Jal Yojana. The Government of India also praised the Jhar Jal system of the Jharkhand government and said that it needs to be adopted in other departments of the Government of India as well. Some of the key features of the Jhar-Jal portal are: It is a real-time web-based GIS

enabled multi-model citizen centric grievance redressal and service delivery system. 1. Real time monitoring of complaints is done. And alerts are immediately sent to the officials. The complainant is also informed about the entire process. 2. All water sources including hand pumps have been mapped on GIS, which helps in efficient asset management with reduced response time and absence of duplication in the planning process. 3. The entire process is paperless to remove bureaucratic hurdles. 4. It has a centralized data base with comprehensive dashboards at all levels at the state, district, sub-division as well as panchayat level. 5. Data-analytics tools generate periodic graphical reports to add to the decision support system. 6. The entire process is designed to provide hassle-free public services to the citizens. 7. Information education and communication are strategically restricted and implemented through Jhar-Jal. 8. Allocation of resources for operation and maintenance and convergence with other departments like rural development, panchayati raj is also done through Jhar Jal. 9. Latest technology Artificial Intelligence (AI) is being used in this. Deputy Secretary, Under Secretary rank officers of the Government of India visit the concerned state without any information and personally see the status of the schemes running there. This visit takes place two-three times a year and is done at different places in the state. Before selecting Jhar Jal Yojana from Jharkhand, the team of Government of India visited Bokaro, Ramgarh, Hazaribagh, Palamu and other areas two to three times and after being fully satisfied with the ground reality there, recommended for selection. On this occasion, Neha Arora, Rajiv Ranjan Kumar and Pashupatinath Mishra were present from Dr. Manish Ranjan's team.

DGP for action against SPs, who ignore careless SHOs

PNS : RANCHI
The Superintendent of Police (SP) who does not take action against careless SHO will be punished. Regarding this, Director General of Police (DGP) Anurag Gupta said that if in any district the SHO is harassing an innocent or releasing a guilty person after taking money. If the SP of that district is not taking any action against the SHO, then action will be taken against him as well, he said. The DGP said that the complaint against the police officers of the district will be looked into by the DIG of that range himself. Gupta said that if any such officer who is not listening to the complaint of the common man and if this matter comes to my notice, then that police officer will be removed from that position. He said that this is my commitment to the general public. Apart from this the DGP action will also be taken against the SHO who does not register FIR and the police officers who procrastinate. He has issued an order regarding this. In the order issued, it has been said that strict disciplinary action will be taken against the policemen who misbehave and misbehave with the general public. Gupta also said that information is being received from various sources that in many districts of Jharkhand, the station in-charge and other police personnel, especially the clerk, do not behave well with the general public. They do not even give receipts in the police station on the complaints of the public. Due to which the victims keep wandering and they do not get proper justice, he added.

CM Soren meets Kharge, Rahul discusses poll strategy

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With the Assembly elections in Jharkhand just a few months away, Chief Minister Hemant Soren met Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi in New Delhi on Tuesday. The Chief Minister was accompanied by his wife, Kalpana Soren. The Chief Minister was in the national capital for the inauguration of a new building of Jharkhand Bhawan.



Chief Minister Hemant Soren with his wife and JMM MLA Kalpana Soren during a meeting with Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and Opposition leader of Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi in New Delhi on Tuesday. PNS

The G+7 (Eight storey) building of the New Jharkhand Bhawan which was inaugurated by Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Tuesday (September 3, 2024), is showcasing a traditional tribal art form-Sohrai. The entire wall of this new Jharkhand Bhawan showcases Sohrai paintings. This art form is created on the front walls so that they will be seen by every visitor. On the sidelines of his visit, Hemant Soren made a visit to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge residence. After meeting Kharge and Rahul Gandhi, Hemant termed the visit as "a courtesy call" and said that both parties will soon start discussions regarding the upcoming Jharkhand assembly elections. "It was a courtesy meeting. We will now eventually have discussions regarding the Jharkhand Assembly Elections. Everything else is fine and peaceful. We will run the government with full strength, and in the future,

we will win the elections too," Hemant said to reporters. Hemant Soren's Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) suffered a blow recently when its senior leader and former chief minister Champai Soren joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Ranchi on August 30. Soren joined the BJP after resigning from the JMM, citing dissatisfaction with the party's current style of functioning and "bitter humiliation." The state is set to witness election to the 81-member Legislative Assembly later this year as the current government's tenure ends in 2024. The Election Commission of India (ECI) is yet to announce the dates. The JMM won 30 seats, and the Congress won 16 in the 2020 Assembly election. In the most recent Lok Sabha election, the Congress won two seats, the JMM won three, and the BJP won the most with eight. The elections are round the corner and there is a need to work out the strategy at the earliest, be it a uniform election campaign of INDIA bloc or seat sharing. In assembly elections, JMM plays the lead role while Congress is the second lead partner besides the RJD, which is a junior but significant partner. Unlike 2019, there is a possibility that the Left could also be inducted in the grand INDIA bloc. Therefore, the consultations have begun on that count," said a senior JMM leader. In 2019 assembly elections, the JMM, Congress and the RJD had contested in a pre-poll alliance. For the House of 81, JMM got the lion's share and contested 43 seats, Congress 31 seats while the RJD was in fray in seven constituencies. The JMM-Congress-RJD combine won a majority of 47, with the three parties winning 30, 16 and one seat, respectively.

Sanitation workers end strike, to resume work today

Due to agitation, garbage from CM residence, Raj Bhawan remains uncollected

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As many as 2300 sanitation workers of Ranchi Municipal Corporation (RMC) ended their indefinite strike on Tuesday and resumed work after a conversation with the City administrator. For the first time, garbage was not collected from the Chief Minister's residence and the Raj Bhawan. Ranchi Municipal Corporation workers collect about 600 tons of garbage on a regular basis from 2.40 lakh houses in the City. Heaps of garbage piled on the roads as residents were compelled to throw trash from their homes in the road side dustbins on Tuesday. About 1800 workers, 80 zonal, transport and ward supervisors and more than 100 small garbage

lifting vehicle drivers were involved in the agitation which started on Monday morning at Naga Baba Khatal in Ranchi. The umbrella body of the protestors- RMC Safai Karamchari Sangh initiated the strike to urge the civic body to accept its five major demands including regularisation of workers who have been working with the body for over a decade, raise and clearance of DA and equal pay for similar category of workers. "Some of us have not received salaries for work done during the pandemic while some other are due to receive their DA. Workers who have completed 10 years with the body should be regularised. Equal pay should be given for equal work. After a meeting with the



Garbage stacks near Kadru Railway station in Ranchi on Tuesday. PNS

administrator, we got it in writing that our demands will be taken up with the senior authorities. With this assurance, our workers will resume work from Wednesday onwards. We went on a strike raising the same concerns about two years ago as well," said Dayanad Yadav, President of the workers outfit. Due to the strike, work like door-to-door garbage collection, cleaning garbage dump from road side, sweeping of roads, water supply from tankers, cleaning of drains, fogging and spraying of chemicals to prevent vector borne diseases during monsoon and many other services came to a halt in all the 53 wards in the City.

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Read-a-thon organised in all schools across State

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Under the Reading Campaign being conducted from August 27 to September 9, a Read-a-thon with the theme 'Drop Everything and Read' was organised in all the schools across the State on Tuesday. During this, school children read for at least 30 minutes in different schools. Along with the children, teachers and community members also participated in it. The Read-a-thon is a major part of the reading campaign

organized by Jharkhand Education Project Council in collaboration with IPEL, UNICEF and Room to Read India. During Read a Thon, thousands of school children of the State studied simultaneously at different places at the same time. This campaign was organised from 11:00 am to 11:30 am during which children read their favorite books. The objective of this campaign is to encourage the habit of reading among school children and the community and motivate them to read regularly.

Congress to hold district presidents' meeting for upcoming polls

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As per the instructions of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee President Keshav Mahato Kamlesh, a meeting of 24 district presidents was called in Congress Bhawan for the upcoming assembly elections, in which Congress Legislature Party leader Dr. Rameshwar Oraon will be present mainly. Giving information about this, Media Chairman Satish Paul Mujni said that State President Keshav Mahato will take detailed information from the District President regarding the organization and will discuss how much work has been done in the booth committee and how much is left. State Media Department Chairman Satish Paul Mujni said that this meeting is to know the sentiments and thoughts of the workers from the lower level to the top of the district organization so that the party can decide the program and policies accordingly so that the voice comes from the lower level of the organization so that if possible, the work of policy formulation for the development of Jharkhand is done in a good way. Munjani said that the electoral battle field is ready and at such a time we need to take the policies and principles of Congress to the people, the benefits of the government's ongoing welfare schemes should be taken to the people at the bottom rung through the organization so that the organization will get the same benefit. The state media in-charge said that Jharkhand is standing at such a time where divisive forces are trying to spread communalism with the help of false propaganda, on the other hand there is our popular Mahagathbandhan government which is writing a new chapter of Jharkhand's development. In this election, we have to defeat these divisive forces by uniting. The program 'Samvad Aapke Saath' has been held in seven districts.

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Marandi meets kin of deceased excise constable aspirant

Hands over Rs 1 lakh to family member of Ajay Kumar Mahato

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BJP State President and former Chief Minister Babul Marandi today met the family members of late Ajay Kumar Mahato an excise constable aspirant, who died recently while undergoing physical endurance test for Excise Constable race, at his home in Jirabar village in Ormanjhi block. State General Secretary and MP Aditya Sahu accompanied Marandi. The State Government on Monday halted the excise constable recruitment drive for three days. Marandi expressed deep sorrow over the untimely death. He consoled the family members and prayed for the peace of the soul of the deceased. Marandi also gave a financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh to the family members on behalf of the State BJP. Marandi took a big dig at the state government. He said that this is an insensitive government. Youths are dying and the government is care-



State BJP President Babul Marandi and Rajya Sabha MP Aditya Sahu meet with family members of Ajay Kumar Mahato at Ormanjhi in Ranchi on Tuesday. Ajay Kumar Mahato lost his life in the recruitment race of the Excise Department. Pix by Vinay Murmu

free. The state government does not even have time to take care of the families. Marandi said that the way the Hemant government violated the rules in the Excise Constable race is causing the death of the candidates and young men. He said that no concern was shown for the health of the candidates. The youth reached the centre after a long journey. They lined up after staying awake all night and were made to run in the sun in the morning. He said that this had a direct impact on the health of the youth. In such a situation, it is natural that blood pressure also increases due to lack of sleep. The body's working capacity decreases. Still the candidates were forced to run. He said that as far as the rules are concerned, there is a clear provision in the recruitment rules

RPF arrests two with illegal liquor

RPF arrested two youths with illegal liquor at Ranchi railway station. Both the youths were taking the liquor to Bihar after buying it. RPF Ranchi team took this action under Operation Satark. The cost of the recovered liquor was reported to be Rs 1.52 lakh. The arrested youth include Ravishankar Kumar, resident of Mahuar in Patna district of Bihar and Manish Kumar Singh, resident of Dularpur in Bhojpur district. According to RPF, on the instructions of Divisional Security Commissioner Pawan Kumar, a continuous campaign is going on to catch liquor. In the same sequence, information was received last night that some people were going to take liquor bottles by train at Ranchi station. On the information, Ranchi Post Inspector D Sharma formed his team and searched platform number two of Ranchi railway station. Two suspects were taken into custody. At the same time, 121 bottles of different brands of liquor were also recovered from the trolley bag.

Grandparents' Day celebrated at SCS

Surendranath Centenary School celebrated Grandparents' Day on September 3, 2024, with "RANGOTSAV," a special event featuring Pre-Nursery, Nursery, and KG students. The programme included traditional Shloka and Gayatri mantra recitations, engaging performances like Nanna Munna Rahi Hoon, an Alphabet Parade, and lively group songs and dances. A unique ramp walk, "Colours of Life," showcased the bond between three generations—grandparents, parents, and children. A student recited a heartfelt poem and encouraging words were shared by a grandparent, making the event even more special. Principal Samita Sinha emphasized that the event celebrates the importance of intergenerational relationships and the value of respecting and learning from our elders.



Research should be encouraged in education system: President Murmu

PTI ■ PUNE

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday stressed the need to encourage research in the education system, and said research scholars in India are capable of finding solutions to the problems not only faced by the country but by the world.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 gives impetus to research, she noted while addressing the 21st convocation ceremony at Symbiosis International (Deemed University) in Pune. Murmu also urged students to pursue excellence and not to equate success with material possessions like money, a big house or a car. "I am confident that the young generation is working hard towards the development of the country. People of the country possess a lot of talent and skill."

"I want you to understand the requirements of the society and using your knowledge, come up with solutions that can help in the development of the masses, especially those who are marginalised, and it can encourage sustainability," the President said.

Through the government



schemes, like Start-Up India, Skill India and Stand-Up India, the young generation can achieve its aims, she said. "I would like to tell everyone here that research should be encouraged in the education system. Research scholars from India are capable of finding solutions not only to the problems within the country but from the world. In the National Education Policy, the research has been given impetus," the President added.

The President urged professors, faculty members, and alumni of Symbiosis University to promote research in the education

system. Years of research lead to new inventions and provide new solutions to challenges, the President noted, adding that multi-disciplinary research centres are working in many areas, including water resource management, stem cell, nano-science, and climate change at Symbiosis University. The President advised students to try to achieve excellence in every task. "You must have heard the saying 'Chase excellence and success will follow'. But many times it happens that some people consider having more money, a big house, a big car,

and other things as a sign of success," she said. Murmu expressed confidence that students will understand the true meaning of success and undertake work which will also improve the standard of living of others. Students can bring a positive change in the country and abroad with their personality and knowledge, she said. "Students can make effective contributions in management, healthcare, law, social sciences, and other fields through innovation, artificial intelligence, and machine learning," she said.

The President urged students to understand the culture of different communities and regions in India and their needs. Based on this knowledge of regions and communities, students should create software, healthcare products, and marketing strategies that help in the development of everyone, especially the underprivileged sections, and also promote sustainability, the President said.

Initiatives like Start-up India, Skill India, Make in India and Digital India will also help students in achieving their goals.

BJP aims to enrol two crore primary members in Gujarat

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

The Bharatiya Janata Party aims to enrol 2 crore primary members in Gujarat, the home state of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, a senior leader said on Tuesday. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and state BJP president CR Paatil renewed their party membership at an event in Ahmedabad as part of the party's nationwide membership drive.

The Gujarat BJP unit launched an enrollment drive, a day after PM Modi asked BJP members in Delhi to expand the party during the membership program in a way that a maximum number of its women candidates are elected to Lok Sabha and assemblies when 33 per cent reservation for women in legislatures comes into force.

Paatil, also the union Jal Shakti minister, stressed that the Central leadership had not set any specific target for Gujarat. "However, the state unit will aim to enrol at least 2 crore members and secure top position among other states". Paatil suggested enrolling women and those workers of the BJP who have not renewed



their primary memberships. "The BJP is the only party where you must renew your primary membership every six years. It applies to everyone, irrespective of the position they are holding. This is necessary to avoid stagnancy. Though the Central leadership has not set any target for us, we will try to enrol 2 crore members during this drive in Gujarat. This will be our target," Paatil told the gathering. Prominent BJP leaders from Gujarat, including former chief minister Vijay Rupani, ex-deputy CM Nitin Patel, MPs, MLAs, and several former and incumbent ministers attended the event and renewed their membership.

Paatil said the 2-crore enrolment target is achievable

given that nearly 1.19 crore members were registered with BJP in the previous drive six years ago. He said BJP received 1.88 crore votes in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. "We must ensure Gujarat becomes a number one unit in terms of membership. To achieve this target, you need to enrol those who were with us earlier but didn't renew their memberships for some reason. We can enrol women as party workers during this drive," said Paatil. He acknowledged that the BJP's performance in Lok Sabha elections caused "despair".

"Our tally went down maybe because of some mistakes committed by us. In Gujarat, I accept responsibility for the loss of one seat (Banaskantha). But, we need to emerge out of this atmosphere of despair. A strong organisation is necessary for winning elections," he said.

CM Patel exhorted BJP workers to work unitedly to make India the number one country. "BJP is the only party where a common party worker can become the country's PM. For us, the country always comes first. We all need to work to make our country number one," said Patel.

Manipur Police needs assistance from Central forces: DGP

PTI ■ IMPHAL

Manipur Director General of Police Rajiv Singh on Tuesday said that the police alone cannot deal with the situation in the violence-hit state and continued assistance from central forces was required. More than 200 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and adjoining hills-based Kukis since May last year. The conflict took a new turn recently as militants deployed drones to launch bomb attacks on villages of the rival community. Two persons have been killed and 12 others injured in two drone and gun attacks in Sejam Chirang and nearby Koutruk in Imphal West district in the last two days. Singh, however, asserted that Manipur Police would do everything in its capability to counter the drones.

Speaking to reporters after visiting Koutruk and Kadangband areas, he said, "This is a new thing and things have escalated. We are taking it very seriously." "We have spoken to NSG (National Security Guards), and more experts are coming. We have constituted a committee to critically examine the drones. We will soon search for means to deal with the drone attacks. We have some means to deal with drones and we are trying to deploy those," he said.

"We are conducting operations at the place from where attacks occurred... Operations have been conducted yesterday and today and items have been seized. Further combing operations would be conducted," Singh added. On demands for the removal of central forces for their alleged inability to stem violence, the DGP said state forces alone cannot handle the situation due to manpower issues and assistance of central forces was a necessity.

"The Centre is providing us with all support and they are worried over the situation. We are working together to tackle it. Right now, there is requirement for manpower and state police alone could not provide it as they are deployed in other normal law and order duties. So obviously, we need central forces," he said.

Wild animal attacks claim 68 lives in Odisha this year, says Minister

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

At least 68 people were killed in attacks by elephants and other wild animals in Odisha during the current year, state Forest Minister Ganesh Ram Singkhuntia told the Assembly on Tuesday.

While replying to a written question of BJD legislator Arun Kumar Sahoo, the minister said besides human casualties, 1,087 houses and crops over 2315.79 acres were also damaged in incidents of the human-wildlife conflict in different forest divisions of the state during the current year.

To prevent human habitations located near forest areas from elephant and other wild animal attacks, the government has been taking steps for the roll-out of an artificial intelligence (AI) supported e-surveillance project at Bharatpur area in Chandaka forest division, Hindol of Dhenkanal division and Bantala in Angul division on a pilot basis, he stated. With the help of AI, the forest



officials can monitor the movement of wild animals and accordingly, human habitations can be put on alert in advance, the minister said. A maximum of 14 people were killed in such wild animal attacks in the Dhenkanal forest division, while eight such deaths were reported from the Keonjhar forest division, the minister said.

Similarly, wild animal attacks claimed six human lives in each of the Bonai and Rourkela forest divisions, five people were killed in such attacks in the Angul forest division.

The Athagarh and Baripada divisions reported four human deaths each. Ram Singkhuntia has informed that the government has so far received 9,168 complaints seeking compensation for the loss incurred due to elephants and other wild animals. The government has sanctioned compensation of Rs 51.92 crore, of which Rs 4.19 crore has been distributed to the affected families while Rs 99.58 lakh compensation money is yet to be distributed. In another written statement to the House, the forest minister said there is a provision to provide compensation of Rs 20,000 per acre for damage to standing paddy and other cereal crops. For commercial crops, the compensation amount is Rs 25,000 per acre, he said. According to official sources, the forest department is also providing an ex-gratia of Rs 6 lakh to the next of kin of the person, who died in the wild animal attack in the state.

Accord top priority to reprocess e-waste recycling: Minister

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Karnataka Forest and Environment Minister B Eshwar Khandre said on Tuesday there is a dire need to adopt the practices of regeneration of solid waste, which is posing a grave threat to nature. Speaking at the 5th Re-Commerce Expo, being held here till September 5, he said the need of the hour is to give top priority to regenerate and reprocess e-waste, batteries, and other electronic goods. "This will not only be economically viable but also environmentally friendly," Khandre added.

According to the Minister, the collapse of hills and earth sinking at Shirur in the state and Wayanad in Kerala were a warning for us. "We need to be vigilant and make plans to avoid such tragedies. Pollution is rampant in the atmosphere as well as in water due to increase in electronic goods, batteries as well as industrial pollution. It is our duty to protect mankind from these vagaries of nature that are



posing a grave threat to the world," Khandre added. He emphasised the need to blend the development and production process without damaging ecology and environment. "There are huge opportunities for the younger generation to work on this subject," he added. Venkatreddy D Patil, CEO of Urdhva Management, organisers of Re-Expo, said: "Our main aim is to strengthen processing for which the number of partners should increase. We need to re-process mobile, batteries and laptops and put it to use without harming the ecology and environment."

TN will gain from Mekedatu dam: Karnataka Deputy CM

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Stating that a favourable monsoon system this time has been a solace to both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Tuesday claimed that Tamil Nadu stood to gain from the Mekedatu dam project in his state. Referring to the copious inflows into the Cauvery river, which led to the neighbouring state release the surplus water to Tamil Nadu, he told reporters here that the Mekedatu balancing reservoir project would benefit Tamil Nadu more than Karnataka. Responding to a question from reporters on Tamil Nadu's opposition to the controversial dam project, Shivakumar, who was in the city to study Chennai's model of solid waste management, replied that "the Mekedatu balancing reservoir would benefit Tamil Nadu more."

"But I don't want to discuss the Mekedatu dam issue now. Rain god has helped both the states. (I hope) Good sense will prevail upon Tamil Nadu



people...Mekedatu dam will benefit Tamil Nadu more than Karnataka," he said. Shivakumar was on a visit to Chennai with a team of over 15 officials to inspect the solid waste management and see how CNG is produced. "I am very impressed with the cleaning facility in Chennai. I congratulated the government and the entire team. They have taken a different approach. This visit was a good learning process for all of us," he told reporters after visiting the Srinivasa solid waste management unit here.

In a series of posts on the social media platform X, he said the team visited Mahashakti Bio-Enercon's Biogas manufacturing and supply facility in Madhavaram to understand its operational model and effectiveness.

Goa Govt to review New India Literacy Mission implementation

PTI ■ PANAJI

The Goa government has decided to review the implementation of the New India Literacy Mission (NILM) in the run-up to its ambitious target to achieve 100 per cent literacy in the state by December 19 this year, an official said.

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has directed senior panchayat and municipal officials to provide a list of illiterate people in areas under their jurisdiction or issue a certificate confirming that their ward, locality, village or city is fully literate. Sawant on Monday chaired a meeting of the National Education Policy (NEP) steering committee which discussed its implementation and the NILM, a government spokesman said.

"Reviewing the (status of the implementation of) literacy mission, the chief minister instructed directors of panchayats and municipal administration to direct secretaries and chief officers to provide a list of illiterates in their respective areas or to issue a certificate confirming that the ward, locality, village, or city is literate," he said.

The chief minister also reviewed the implementation of NEP in the school education system, the spokesperson said. "The Education secretary briefed the chief minister on

the current status of NEP 2020 implementation," he said, adding that the state curriculum framework for the foundational and secondary stages has been officially notified. "The curriculum for the first two foundational stages has been developed and distributed to all schools. Art and vocational education teachers have been allocated to all schools to introduce art education as part of the NEP-2020 implementation," he added.

The meeting was told that 80 mathematics and science teachers had undergone training at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. The chief minister was told that the state curriculum development committees for the preparatory and middle stages are developing curricula for NEP implementation, starting from the next academic year. The Centrally-sponsored Scheme namely, "New India Literacy Programme" was launched for implementation during five years from the FYs 2022-23 to 2026-27 which will be implemented with Central and state funds. The scheme aims to cover a target of 5 crore non-literates in the age group of 15 years and above. Kerala is the only state in India with a 100% literacy rate.

Andhra CM directs officials to pull up socks, ensure last mile food delivery for flood victims

PTI ■ AMARAVATI

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday directed all officials in the state to pull up their socks and work efficiently in extending relief and helping flood victims, following the unprecedented rainfall and floods, especially in Vijayawada. The chief minister said he is undertaking surprise inspections in the flood-affected areas and directly eliciting feedback from the people through the Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) mode. "People are undergoing hardships. Snakes and

scorpions are even entering upper floor residences. I am conducting IVRS and receiving information that food is not reaching some places. Rise up to the occasion and work with humanity," said Naidu, addressing a press conference at NTR District Collectorate. Noting that he was sending the messages received through IVRS directly to officials, along with the phone numbers, the CM appealed to people to pass on correct information. He said that sending real-time information would empower him to take action accordingly and observed that IAS officers have been



deployed on the ground. Further, the CM ordered officials to ensure food distribution to the last mile at any cost and said that he would take stern action in case of lapses. People have already suffered

enough for two days and there is no need for them to suffer further, he said. Observing that people were crowding relief vehicles at Ajit Singh Nagar in Vijayawada, the worst affected, Naidu directed officials to stop them

at main centres and fan out to every ward secretariat for efficient last mile distribution of food and other necessities. According to a government release, 2,684 km long roadways were damaged in the recent torrential downpours and over 1.8 lakh agricultural fields suffered crop losses, affecting farmers in 20 districts. As of Tuesday, 323 trains were cancelled in Vijayawada, 170 diverted and 12 partially cancelled. The number of flood-affected people rose to 6.4 lakh across the state and 190 relief camps were set up. As many as 44,041 people were accommodated in the relief

camps. Five choppers, two from the Navy and three from the Air Force, are dropping food items and airlifting people from marooned places. The choppers dropped 4,870 kg of food items and rescued 21 people until now, the release added. Meanwhile, several families have started temporarily vacating their homes in the Ajit Singh Nagar area since Monday in the light of waterlogging and power cuts. An Ajit Singh Nagar resident said their family waded through waist-deep waters for about two kilometres and then travelled further to reach Vijayawada railway station.

Removal of encroachments on lakes to be priority for Govt: Telangana CM

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday said removal of encroachments on lakes and 'nalas' (drains) would be a priority for the state government in view of the damage caused by them. At a review meeting with ministers and officials at Mahabubabad district Collectorate after visiting flood-hit areas, he asked officials across the state to prepare reports on encroachments on waterbodies like lakes. "Let's take concrete measures



to remove the encroachments by following the modalities. The government would take it as a special action plan. We will take the removal of encroachments on lakes and 'nalas' (drains) as a priority," he said. He said it is an inexcusable

crime to build houses, farmhouses or sell off land by encroaching on waterbodies like lakes. Observing that such encroachments are causing bigger damage (by leading to flooding of residential localities) compared to nature's fury, he said the problem of occupying waterbodies illegally should be put to an end. The state government has set up the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRA) to remove encroachments, he said. There would be an adverse

impact if "nature is attacked" for selfish gains, Reddy said, citing the examples of Uttarakhand or even Hyderabad. He said a special drive would be initiated against encroachments on lakes across the state even if the encroachers are public representatives or influential people. "I am giving directives to all district Collectorates in Telangana from here. If any lakes or 'nalas' (drains) are encroached in your area, you list them out. If there are any cases in courts, appoint lawyers to resolve them."

Assam: 28 foreigners shifted to transit camp after tribunal's verdict

PTI ■ BARPETA (ASSAM)

A total of 28 people, including nine women, from Barpeta district of Assam were shifted to a transit camp in Goalpara after they were declared foreigners by a tribunal, police said on Tuesday. It was a heart-wrenching scene for the family members when their dear ones were packed in a bus at the office of the Superintendent of Police on Monday and taken to the dedicated detention centre, now called a transit camp. Barpeta Superintendent of Police Sushanta Biswa Sarma said, "These people were declared foreigners by the Foreigners Tribunal after

proper hearings. As per its order, we carried out the transfer of these foreign nationals to the camp. The Tribunals are quasi-judicial bodies that decide the citizenship status of persons living in Assam who are suspected to be foreigners. Around 100 Foreigners Tribunals functioning in Assam. According to the protocol, these people will be sent back to their country of origin after due process by the Ministry of External Affairs, provided they do not move to the Gauhati High Court. Sarma said that the group, comprising nine women and 19 men, was escorted under heavy security to the transit camp at Matia in Goalpara district.



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PAPER WITH PASSION

A strategic pivot

Amid rising regional tensions, Indo-US defence ties are strengthening, marking a significant strategic shift in South Asia

India has solidified its defence partnership with the United States through two pivotal agreements, signaling a deepening American commitment to South Asia at a time when China's military influence is expanding across the region. The agreements, secured during Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's recent four-day visit to the United States, include a Security of Supply Arrangement (SOSA) and a Memorandum of Agreement on the Assignment of Liaison Officers. These developments underscore a significant shift in the dynamics of Indo-US relations, with both nations moving closer in their defence cooperation. The SOSA, a non-binding bilateral pact, is designed to prioritise support for defence-related goods and services between the two countries. This agreement is particularly crucial in addressing supply chain vulnerabilities that are critical to national security. Under the SOSA, India will receive assurances from Washington's Defence Priorities and Allocations System,



while Indian companies will provide priority support to the United States. India's inclusion in the elite group of 18 SOSA partners, which includes nations like Australia, Canada, and Britain, marks a significant step in defence cooperation.

In effect it means if either of two nations ended up in combat with an adversary, the SOSA could help accelerate the delivery of crucial weapons and materials required for defence, thereby ensuring robust supply chains in times of crisis. India and the United States have already established several key strategic agreements, including the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) signed in 2016

and real-time intelligence sharing since 2018 under the Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA). These agreements, alongside the new SOSA, create a framework for expedited deliveries of contracted goods and services, potentially streamlining defence commerce between the two nations. In 2019, the signing of the Industrial Security Annex marked another significant step, allowing the sharing of classified US information with private Indian defence firms—a departure from previous restrictions. The Reciprocal Defence Procurement Agreement could further streamline defence commerce, enabling private companies in both countries to bid on each other's contracts. Indeed, a technologically advanced Indian military aligns with American interests. The recent Indo-US defence agreements mark a significant milestone in the evolving relationship between the two nations. As China's influence continues to grow across South Asia, particularly in Islamabad and the Maldives, these agreements provide a foundation for enhanced collaboration and a shared commitment to regional stability. With these developments, India and the United States are poised to further deepen their defence ties, building a partnership that could play a crucial role in shaping the future of the region.

PICTALK



Devotees carry an idol of Lord Ganesha ahead of the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, in Mumbai

The US endorses India-Tibet ties



ASHOK K MEHTA

The recent visit of a bipartisan delegation of U S lawmakers to New Delhi and Dharamshala marks a significant moment in the US diplomacy in the region

A Tibet festival started on 3 September at India International Centre New Delhi to celebrate its rich Buddhist heritage, culture and identity. The Sikyong (head) of Central Tibet Administration, Penpa Tshering, will preside over various activities to highlight Tibet's geo-strategic, spiritual and cultural importance for India.

His Holiness Dalai Lama at 89, is in a New York hospital for medical treatment but is considered in good health. US Special Coordinator on Tibet, Uzra Jeyamet him which elicited "immediate (solemn) protest from China". Foreign Affairs spokesperson Mao Ning said: "we don't allow Dalai Lama to engage in political activities in the US". Backchannel talks between the Dalai Lama envoy and China have been going on for an undisclosed period though Beijing does not confirm them. Talks are being pushed by the US House Resolution Resolve Tibet Act July 2024 which calls for restoration of its full autonomy. India needs to add its voice for Tibet's autonomy both internally and externally as part of a broader coalition. India's recognition of full Chinese sovereignty over Tibet was based on Beijing granting and implementing Tibet's autonomy. Instead, China has quashed Tibet's autonomy and trade treaties opening for India to take a more nuanced position.

Two issues require GoI's prompt attention: the Dalai Lama succession; and the border issue including restoration of peace and tranquillity and full disengagement in east Ladakh. The visit of a bipartisan US delegation of lawmakers to Dharamshala and Delhi and being received both by Dalai Lama and Prime Minister Narendra Modi was significant. China bairer Nancy Pelosi had some unpleasant things to say about President Xi Jinping that drew Chinese ire. On the ground, the sinicisation process of Xijiang (Tibet) started in the mid-1960s. The time-tested method of injecting 7.5 mn Han Chinese into Tibet along with neutralization of Tibetan



Buddhism by deploying Chinese monks in Tibetan monasteries was designed to change the heart and soul of Tibet. Soon militarisation and infrastructure construction began which has hurt the environment. USD 5.8bn was spent on the Sichuan to Tibet railways system which is being extended to borders with India, Nepal and Bhutan. A new border law has led to the building of 628 well-off border villages close to or encroached into neighbouring countries. In 1965 Convenience Police Stations were constructed as a key security innovation: Big Brother is Watching. By 2011 Tibet Autonomous Region advertised for 2500 police stations with 458 designated for Lhasa alone. By 2016, this grid-style social management of Tibet had recruited thousands of Han Chinese and some Tibetan policemen. A Chinese Communist Party (CCP) political secretary has always kept a hawk-eye vigil over Tibet which is run by the CCP from Beijing. Internal policing has resulted in fostering a feeling of 'otherness' by the surveillance drive. There are reports that attempts are being made to recruit Tibetans into the PLA including some forcible intake. The day is not far when some Nepalese might opt to join PLA for other than the South West Theatre Command in



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Tibet. This will be the result of the ill-conceived Agniveer policy. The Chinese Renaming Campaign has resulted in what Forum for Non-Violent Alternatives (FNVA) has called "Thread of Beads: an analysis of renaming 62 locations in India's Arunachal Pradesh since 2017: China claims that 90 per cent of Zangnan (Arunachal Pradesh) is illegally occupied by India. Chief Minister Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma, has suggested renaming 62 locations in Tibet. This is not likely to irk the Chinese. The Chinese renaming drive was done in four phases in 2017, 2021, 2023 and 2024.

It had been supplemented by salami-slicing into Nepal and Bhutan by building Xiakong villages (well-off) in contested areas to strengthen their claims to them. While Nepal and Bhutan are pretending this has not happened or happening, India is building some 600 vibrant villages for which funds have been released. Numerous encroachments have taken place in India also. The strategic importance of Tibet for India cannot be overstated. The root of the border problem and the Tibet issue is India's failure to comprehend its significance in time and act. In C Eastern Command, Lt Gen Sir Francis Tucker had foreseen in 1946 in a paper he

wrote that India must prevent China from occupying Tibet and be prepared to occupy it. This did not happen for which we are paying now. The priority for now is to coordinate with Dalai Lama to articulate his succession. The Dalai Lama has been silent on it for some time now but has spoken and written about it in the past.

The Chinese are bound to appoint their own Dalai Lama as they appointed a Panchen Lama (second to Dalai Lama) Gyaltsen Norbu. This must be preempted. The CTA is preparing a new map of Tibet with the help of cartographic experts from Princeton University in the US. The issue of the map and India announcing the contours of its Tibet policy including the border and full disengagement of PLA from its intrusions in east Ladakh have to be coordinated with CTA. A succession policy should also be outlined. With Tibetans migrating to the US and soon the majority of Tibetans residing there than in India, the Tibet issue may vanish leaving Delhi with no potential leverage against Beijing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TIP OF THE ICEBERG

Madam —The Justice Hema Committee report was only the tip of the iceberg against the sexual harassment. What we need is the solution and not confrontation anymore to the ongoing unpalatable issue. The time has changed and we are in the midst of gender equality. The world has become thickly competitive and along with freedom comes the package of jealousy, comparing with each other and at the end taking the pressure of enhancing the social status which is at times caused by giving up their own personal liberty and rights. The ongoing sexual harassment is not just there in one particular industry.

It's a rapid fire spreading across industries and globally. Cinema industry is in the eyes of the public because the glamour attached to celebrities is coming to light quickly. Today our culture has changed and values eroded. The Hon'ble Supreme Court permits living together and there are couples united this way. Some relationship breaks lead to mental turmoil by physical assault. The ratio of hate, love changed overnight, ending up in a divorce. All this is happening only because of economic independence of the once a weaker sex. There's no more weaker sex as we can conclude and in many places women are the stronger sex challenges men in many fields.

Where is the actual problem then? The problem starts with the anticipation by comparison to improve upon the social status. Even the luxuries became needs from wants under the current trend. When the background to the issue is such, how can we fix men alone as the reasons for the harassment? It was surprising to observe that a very senior artist after having acted in more than 200 movies has come out with her grievances that can't be taken at face value. One thing is to be noted that when someone is looking for an opportunity they shouldn't try it out as a chance since the very word 'Chance' dilutes the talents and ends up in a compromise and thereby the merits is taking

Need for the caste census



In the absence of fresh data, government agencies are still formulating policies and allocating subsidies based on the data accrued from the 2011 Census. The government estimated that around 810 million people required food assistance for 5 more years. However, this estimate is based on the 2011 census. Economists pointed out that more than 100 million deserving Indians would not get the benefit of the 5-year

extension of free ration because of the government's failure to conduct the long-due population census. A government cannot function without updating necessary and detailed data on the population of the country every ten years. So, census and caste census should immediately and simultaneously be undertaken. A caste census will not add to the cost of conducting a census. A caste census can be done only by adding a question or two to the questionnaire for the census. Caste hatred and caste nepotism are like fractures in our society. After a suspected fracture, a doctor always takes decisions after doing at least an X-ray. Any action on caste reservation must similarly be taken after collecting necessary data by conducting a caste census.

Sujit De | Kolkata

the back seat.

A P Thiruvadi | Chennai

RAINS WRECK HAVOC IN TELUGU STATES

Madam — The heavy rains have wreaked havoc in both Telugu states. The way Vijayawada has been inundated leaving lakhs of people got vacated to safe places and scores of people dead is unprecedented. The state governments have geared up their relief operations. The centre should come forward with all its might to help out the states in their most trying times. The seasons in India have been acting extreme with a regularity. The hot summer with abnormal levels of temperatures is now followed by rainy season with heavy down pours. There should be proper preparedness to mitigate the fury of nature. Raising green cover and decreasing carbon print will help in long run.

DVG Sankara Rao | Vizianagaram

BREAK ON RELIGIOUS BREAK

Madam — While it may be true that the CM of Assam has not done justice to his

constitutional post on numerous occasions vis-a-vis the Muslims of the state, his move to put a brake on the two-hour break for Friday prayers in the state Assembly can hardly be compared with Hitler's treatment of the Jews. Hitler wanted a total extermination of the Jews and was unapologetic about targeting millions of them. Has Sarma given a similar call to eliminate Muslims from the state of Assam? All that he has done is to put an end to a practice that allowed Muslims to avail of a two-hour break as a matter of right, in order to fulfil their religious obligations.

Imagine the chaos that would ensue if professionals of other denominations were to press for similar breaks in the course of their duties? Is there anything that is more holy and sacred and pleasing to one's Creator than the performance of prescribed duties?

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Citation manipulation is undermining research integrity

As institutions chase rankings, the very foundation of scientific inquiry is at risk, calling for urgent reforms in how research quality is assessed and rewarded

The mushrooming of predatory journals, fake research publications, and manipulated citations compromises the integrity of academic research. In the latest NIRF 2024 rankings, serious concerns were raised regarding the dropping ranking of many prestigious national institutions. Many mediocre institutions climbed to a higher level than institutions of national repute. Though the purpose of accreditations and rankings is to improve the quality of each institution through a competitive spirit, one major point of concern is that many institutions climbed the ladder through a single parameter, the publication metrics. The over-emphasis on publication spoils our country's academic and research environment. Even people who don't know how to write a paper properly publish one paper per month. There was a time when a researcher used to publish one or two papers per year. Even at the international level, people have expressed reservations about citation metrics. In a recent issue of Nature (published on



20th August), a team of researchers led by Yasir Zaki explicitly shows that a citation black market is operating in our society. The citation black market is the unscrupulous act of exchanging citations to enhance research articles' perceived influence unduly. The citation black market functions through the following mechanisms,

1. **Citation Cartels:** Citation cartels are groups of researchers who agree to quote each other's work a lot, even if it has nothing to do with the current topic. These cartels can change citation metrics in a big way, giving the wrong impression of how important and influential the study is.

2. **Paid Citations:** Citations may sometimes be available for purchase by researchers or publications. This phenomenon is especially widespread

in predatory publications, which frequently give primacy to financial gain above academic honesty.

To enhance their citation counts, researchers may compensate these journals to incorporate their work into other publications, therefore artificially inflating their citation metrics. The study published in the journal Nature found that the companies were charging \$300 for 50 citations and \$500 for 100 citations.

3. **Coercive Citation:** Journal editors or reviewers can also manipulate citations by pushing writers to include certain papers, usually their own, to boost the number of citations for specific journals or articles. This can make the peer review process less reliable and tilt the research towards certain people or groups. Many people have been practising this to boost their scientometrics level. The intense pressure on academics to publish frequently and in high-impact journals drives this booming citation black market. The obsession with the impact factor as a factor of academic or scientific excel-

lence has incentivized citation manipulation. The study showed that Google Scholar (and ResearchGate), is manipulable. Despite the conspicuous vulnerabilities, these are used to judge the quality of a researcher. The 'citation black market' has several detrimental effects on the scientific community and society. The government should reconsider its reliance on citation-based metrics, such as the impact factor, as the primary indicators of research quality.

Alternative metrics, such as article-level, open peer reviews, and qualitative research impact assessments, should be explored and adopted. Metrics evaluating the social impact of research—that of policy, industry, or public understanding—should also be considered. This strategy can inspire effort in addressing practical problems and acknowledges the broader benefits of research to society.

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GENERATION Z'S FASHION DILEMMA

Can Gen Z find a sustainable balance between personal style and financial responsibility?



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Fashion has always been a form of self-expression and identity, but for Millennials or Generation Z (Gen Z); Generation Alpha (Gen Alpha) and many more, it has taken on new dimensions. The generation, growing up in the digital age, is deeply influenced by social media, fast fashion and the need for constant reinvention. Moreover, the spending habits of Gen Z on fashion are notable not just for the frequency of purchases but also for the psychological and financial implications. While many in this generation are still students or early in their careers, they tend to spend a substantial portion of their disposable income on clothing and accessories.

The constant bombardment of new trends and must-have items can create a sense of urgency and FOMO, leading to impulsive purchases, driven by the fear of missing out on trends or sales, which is a common behaviour among the current generation. This generation is also more likely to engage in buy now, pay later schemes, which can further lead to debt accumulation if not managed carefully.

The desire to maintain a certain image can result in financial strain, as spending on fashion takes precedence over saving for the future. Algorithms on social media platforms are designed to show users content that aligns with their interests, including fashion. This means that as users scroll, they are often presented with targeted ads and influencer promotions that encourage them to buy more, even if they don't need anything. Social media is a major driver of contemporary fashion, influ-



encing how trends are created, spread and consumed.

While it has democratized fashion, giving individuals more influence and visibility at the same time it has also contributed to the challenges of fast fashion, overconsumption and sustainability issues. Thus, while social media is not solely responsible for fashion, it is undoubtedly one of the most powerful forces shaping the industry today. As a result, fashion has become both a passion and a source of significant expenditure for the generation, driving new consumer behaviours and reshaping the fashion industry. Fashion is not just about clothing rather it is a vital tool for expressing individuality and belonging. In a world where social media plays a dominant role, the clothes one wears are often seen as an extension of one's brand.

Platforms like Instagram, TikTok and Pinterest allow users to curate and showcase their style to a global audience, reinforcing the importance of fashion as a form of self-expression. The desire to create a unique and ever-evolving identity pushes this generation to frequently update their wardrobes. Mindless scrolling for fashion is a double-edged sword. While it provides entertainment and easy access to the latest trends, it can lead to impulsive buying, overconsumption and a detachment from sustainable and ethical practices. Being mindful of how much time is spent on these platforms and making conscious decisions about purchases can help mitigate these effects.

The need to stand out while simultaneously fitting in with peer groups creates a paradoxical demand for both originality and conformity, leading to increased spending on fashion items. Fast fashion brands, have capitalized on this behaviour by offering affordable, trendy clothing that changes frequently. These brands release new collections at a rapid pace, allowing consumers of every generation to keep up with the latest styles without breaking the bank—at least in the short term. However, the low prices and frequent purchases add up, leading to significant overall spending. As this generation continues to mature, it will be interesting to see how their fashion consumption evolves and whether a balance can be struck between the desire for personal style and the need for ethical, sustainable practices.

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UPA: Addressing employee aspirations

Unified Pension Scheme promises a guaranteed pension for long-serving employees, but at a significant fiscal cost to the exchequer



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The old pension scheme (OPS) has been a big burden on the union and states' budget of the country. In one of the economic reforms, it was shelved for employees joining government services in 2004 and later. The new scheme was called the National Pension Scheme (NPS), where the employee had to contribute 10% of the salary during the entire period of service. Initially, the government too was to make a matching contribution of 10%, which was later increased to 14%. The corpus generated for pension this way was invested in government securities, shares and corporate bonds, which had daily net asset value like mutual funds. At the time of retirement, at least 40% of the corpus is to be used for purchasing an annuity. The NPS scheme does not guarantee a monthly pension equivalent to 50% of the last salary drawn.

This led to resentment among the government employees and opposition parties especially Congress saw an opportunity to keep the BJP-led central government in the dock. Among several freebies, Congress also promised in the election manifesto to revert to OPS in states they came to power. Montek Singh Ahluwalia has gone on record to bring home the point that the economy of the country will be ruined if OPS is revived for employees who joined service in and after 2004. Many experts have also concurred with the views. Congress won the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election on the promise to revert to OPS but did not implement it. Subsequently in the Telangana election and also in the Lok Sabha 2024 election, the revival of OPS was not again brought up in the manifesto.

BJP having disappointed with the Lok Sabha results in Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh had to make a tightrope walk and find a middle ground between OPS and NPS. The central government now proposes a United Pension Scheme (UPS) for employees whose service lasts for 25 years



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or more to get a pension of 50% of the average of the preceding twelve months' salary before the super annulation. The pension amount will be inflation-adjusted in dearness allowance twice a year. It has also a provision for a 60% family pension, for all diseased employees. The scheme does not benefit those who served for less than ten years. However, a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 has been guaranteed for employees who retired after serving for at least ten years. An additional sweetener has also been brought in the provision for the payment of a lump sum amount linking it with the duration of service in the government.

The scheme will come into effect from 1st April 2025 and will benefit 23 lakh employees of the central Government if they opt for it. Further, if all states also opt for the scheme, 90 lakh employees will be benefitted in the country. The Maharashtra government, where the Assembly election is due shortly, has already opted for the scheme. UPS is also a contributory scheme like NPS, where employees' contributions remain unchanged at 10% and the government matching contribution is increased from 14% to 18.5%.

If the monthly salary of the employee is Rs 50,000, the annual increase in the corpus is 3%, equivalent to a compound annual growth of 8%. SBI, LIC and UTI ate three managers of corpus for employees' pensions. SBI offers 9.75% and LIC 9.56% interest on the fund. Currently, in NPS, government employee has three options for investment and 95% of subscribers allow 65% investment in government securities, 15% in equities and the remaining 20% in corporate debt.

Since the corpus is not large enough to earn 50% of the average of the last twelve months' salary, the government's matching contribution has been increased from 14% to 18.5%. Cabinet Secretary TV Somanathan on UPS said, "definitely fiscally more prudent." "It remains within the same architecture of contributory funded scheme.

This is the critical difference. The OPS is unfunded, non-contributory scheme, this is funded, contributory scheme. The only difference in the changes made is to give an assurance and not leave things to the vagaries of market forces.

But otherwise the structure of UPS has best elements of both (OPS and NPS)", he said. Economists think that UPS balances the fiscal cost and the aspiration of the employee. The increased cost of living will be taken care of because the real pension would not change as it is indexed to inflation. In NPS, if inflation goes up real pension comes down. Nevertheless, the scheme would put an extra burden of Rs 6250 crores on the government in the first year.

This has been done to satisfy 23 lakh beneficiaries, who are vocal political constituencies and no political party would easily ignore their demand. It is expected that most states would adopt UPS, without bothering for additional financial burden.

With the announcement of UPS, opposition parties are stepping up their demand for restoration of OPS. Economists have been consistently warning against the restoration; it has the potential to make the growth sluggish and hamper the progress of the nation. It also impacts the lives of the poor. Economic Advisory

Council to the Prime Minister has suggested that reverting to OPS will be catastrophic for poor populations and would crowd out private investments in states that revert to it. Reserve Bank of India in January 2023 had flagged concerns about the government finances for states opting to revert to OPS last year.

RBI had already cautioned that the move would lead to accumulation of liabilities, which can become a major risk in future. RBI had also said that states were expected to incur a 16% rise in pension expenditure at Rs 4,63,436 Crores as against Rs 3,99, 813 crores in the previous year. Pension outgo under NPS is Rs 4 lakh crores, which would be Rs 17 lakh crores if OPS is reverted. At present Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Punjab have reverted to OPS. Since then BJP has come back to power in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh and it is hoped that both governments will continue with NPS and opt for UPS with effect from 1st April 2025. Punjab is governed by AAP and their main agenda is to remain in power and not to be concerned about the state's finances.

UPS itself is causing a financial burden on the Central government of Rs 6250 crores in the first year. If all the states opt for it, the total economic burden on central and all state governments would be of the order of Rs 25,000 crores in the first year. Let there be no politics and political parties be conscious of maintaining fiscal discipline.

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Policy rollbacks: The unseen cost of ignoring stakeholder consultation

There have been a number of high-profile policy rollbacks, underscoring the need for consultation and consensus-building before implementing major reforms

Since the Modi Government 1.0, India has witnessed a series of high-profile policy rollbacks that highlight a critical issue in governance: the need for broader consultation and consensus-building before introducing significant reforms. The latest example is the rollback of the lateral entry scheme, which sought to bring professionals from outside the traditional civil services into government roles.

While the merits and demerits of such a policy can be debated, the rapid reversal following its announcement points to a deeper, more systemic issue—the lack of comprehensive stakeholder engagement. This pattern is not new. The government's



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attempts to implement sweeping reforms have repeatedly stumbled due to insufficient consultation. The Land Acquisition Bill, the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) paired with the National Register of Citizens (NRC), and the Farm Laws all serve as prime examples. In each case, the policies were introduced with minimal input from those most affected—be it farmers, minority

communities, or state governments. The predictable outcome has been an intense public backlash, forcing the government to either backpedal or face prolonged unrest. The trend is concerning. Policymaking in a diverse democracy like India requires not only a vision but also the patience to engage with a wide range of stakeholders. This includes not just the obvious beneficiaries or those directly affected but also civil society, industry experts, and regional representatives. The lack of such engagement has led to a growing distrust between the government and the public, where every new announcement is met with suspicion rather than optimism. Moreover, the need for broader consultation

becomes even more pressing when considering the long-term impact of these policies. Short-term political gains or expedient decision-making may lead to swift policy announcements, but the absence of robust dialogue with stakeholders can result in policies that are unsustainable or unimplementable in the long run. Take, for instance, the recent discussion in the media on potential additional restrictions on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the tobacco sector. While the government may have had reasons for this move, the absence of dialogue with stakeholders—particularly tobacco farmers—has exacerbated concerns. Tobacco provides livelihood



to 36 million people including 6 million farmers and 20 million farm labour engaged in tobacco farming. Since the huge scale of investment of \$4 trillion that the finance minister pointed to at the recent Voice of Global South Summit, it is clear that the FDI is the only way to protect farmers. Similarly, both the ill-conceived Tax Collection at Source (TCS) on foreign travel and now the introduction of the new Tax Clearance

Certificate requirement for Indians travelling abroad are poorly thought through and have virtually no machinery to provide certificates on an emergency basis.

The repeated lack of consensus-building not only undermines the effectiveness of policies but also erodes public trust in governance. It creates an environment where even well-intentioned reforms are viewed with scepticism, and the potential benefits are overshadowed by the immediate backlash. This is particularly damaging in a country as diverse as India, where the success of any policy hinges on its acceptance across different regions, communities, and economic strata. Furthermore, these repeated rollbacks damage India's

international reputation, as global investors and partners begin to view the country as an uncertain policy environment. This uncertainty not only affects domestic stakeholders but also risks deterring foreign investment, which is crucial for driving economic growth and development in a rapidly globalizing world.

Moving forward, the government must adopt a more inclusive approach to policymaking. This means going beyond the corridors of power in New Delhi and engaging with stakeholders at the grassroots level. It means recognizing that the voices of citizens, small business owners, and regional leaders, are not just peripheral—they are central to the success of any

reform. It also means being open to feedback and willing to make adjustments before policies are finalized, rather than being forced into a retreat after the fact. India's growth story is too important to be derailed by avoidable missteps in policy formulation.

By fostering a culture of consultation and consensus, the government can ensure that its reforms not only achieve their intended goals but also enjoy the support and trust of the people. The lesson from recent rollbacks is clear: no matter how well-conceived a policy may be, it cannot succeed without the buy-in of those it is meant to serve.

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Putin challenges arrest warrant during Mongolia visit

11 killed, 13 injured in China bus crash

AP ■ ULAANBAATAR

Russian President Vladimir Putin visited Mongolia on Tuesday with no sign that the host country would bow to calls to arrest him on an international warrant for alleged war crimes stemming from the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The trip is Putin's first to a member country of the International Criminal Court since it issued the warrant about 18 months ago. Ahead of his visit, Ukraine called on Mongolia to hand Putin over to the court in The Hague, and the European Union expressed concern that Mongolia might not execute the warrant.

A spokesperson for Putin said last week that the Kremlin wasn't worried. The warrant puts the Mongolian government in a difficult position. After decades under communism with close ties to the Soviet Union, it transitioned to democracy in the 1990s and has built relations with the United States, Japan and other new partners. But it remains economically dependent on its two much larger and more powerful neighbours, Russia and China. Russia supplies the landlocked country with most of its fuel and a sizeable amount of its electricity. The ICC has accused Putin of being responsible for the abductions of children from Ukraine, where the fighting has raged for 2½ years. Member countries are required by the court's founding treaty, the Rome Statute, to detain suspects if an



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, walks with Mongolian President Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh, left, during welcoming ceremony at Sukhbaatar Square in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Tuesday. AP/PTI

arrest warrant has been issued, but Mongolia needs to maintain good relations with Russia and the court lacks a mechanism to enforce its warrants. The Russian leader was welcomed in the main square in Ulaanbaatar, the capital, by an honour guard dressed in

vivid red and blue uniforms styled on those of the personal guard of 13th century ruler Genghis Khan, the founder of the Mongol Empire. He and Mongolian President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa walked up the red-carpeted steps of the Government Palace and bowed

before a statue of Genghis Khan before entering the building for their meetings. A small group of protesters who tried to unfurl a Ukrainian flag before the welcome ceremony were taken away by police. The two governments signed agreements for a feasibility study and the design of an upgrade to a power plant in Ulaanbaatar and to ensure the continuous supply of aviation fuel to Mongolia. Putin also outlined plans to develop the rail system between the two countries. He invited the Mongolian president to attend a summit of the BRICS nations — a group that includes Russia and China among others — in the Russian city of Kazan in late October. Khurelsukh accepted, according to Russian state news agency RIA Novosti. On Monday, the EU expressed concern that the ICC warrant might not be executed and said it had shared its concern with Mongolian authorities. "Mongolia, like all other countries, has the right to develop its international ties according to its own interests," European Commission spokeswoman Nabila Massrali said. But she added, "Mongolia is a state party to the Rome Statute of the ICC since 2002, with the

legal obligations that it entails." More than 50 Russians outside the country have signed an open letter urging the government of Mongolia to "immediately detain Vladimir Putin upon his arrival". The signers include Vladimir Kara-Murza, who was freed from a Russian prison in August in the biggest East-West prisoner swap since the Cold War. Dmitry Medvedev, the deputy secretary of Russia's Security Council, denounced the warrant against Putin as "illegal" in an online statement Tuesday and those who would try to carry it out as "madmen". Putin, on his first visit to Mongolia in five years, will join a ceremony to mark the 85th anniversary of a joint Soviet and Mongolian victory over Japan's army that controlled Manchuria in northeast China. Thousands of soldiers on both sides died in 1939 in months of fighting over the border's location between Manchuria and Mongolia. "I am very delighted about Putin's visit to Mongolia," said Yansanjav Demdendorj, a retired economist, citing Russia's role against Japan. "If we think of the ... battle, it's Russians who helped free Mongolia." Putin has made a series of overseas trips in recent

months to try to counter the international isolation he faces over the invasion of Ukraine. He visited China in May, made a trip to North Korea and Vietnam in June and went to Kazakhstan in July for a meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. But Kenneth Roth, the former longtime director of Human Rights Watch, described Putin's trip to Mongolia as "a sign of weakness", posting on X that the Russian leader "could manage a trip only to a country with a tiny population of 3.4 million that lives in Russia's shadow". Last year, Putin joined a meeting in Johannesburg by video link after the South African government lobbied against him showing up for the BRICS summit. South Africa, an ICC member, was condemned by activists and its main opposition party in 2015 when it didn't arrest then-Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir during a visit. Enkhgerel Seded, who studies at a university in Moscow, said that historically, countries with friendly relations don't arrest heads-of-state on official visits. "Our country has obligations toward the international community," she said.

Beijing (PTI): At least 11 persons were killed and 13 injured when a bus rrammed into a crowd of students at the gate of a middle school in east China's Shandong province on Tuesday, police said. A rental bus hired for transporting students "lost control" and crashed into pedestrians in Taian city around 7.30 a.m., the police said. Among 13 injured, at least one person remains in critical condition while others are stable, the police said. The bus driver has been detained and an investigation has been initiated into the cause of the accident, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. It is not clear if the incident is an accident or an intentional attack on children. Attacks on kindergarten schools by "disgruntled elements" are common in China. In June, a man launched an attack at a school bus stop in Jiangsu province, killing one person and injuring two others. In March, a man in Dezhou city of Shandong province drove into a crowd outside a local junior school, killing two pedestrians and severely injuring six people.

129 people killed in Congo prison jailbreak attempt

AP ■ KINSHASA

An attempted jailbreak in Congo's main prison left 129 people dead, including some who were shot and others who died in a stampede at the overcrowded facility, authorities said Tuesday. Activists alleged the death toll was higher but did not provide a figure.

A provisional assessment showed that 24 inmates were fatally shot by "warning" shots fired by guards as they tried to escape from the Makala Central Prison in the capital of Kinshasa early on Monday, Congolese Interior Minister Jacquemin Shabani said on the social platform X.

"There are also 59 injured people taken into care by the government, as well as some cases of women raped," he said, adding that order has now been restored at the prison, part of which was burned in the attempted jailbreak. He did not elaborate on the incidents of rape. The prison holds both male and female inmates. It was not known if all 129 fatalities were inmates. Also, it wasn't immediately clear how the stampede occurred as details of the jailbreak remained sparse. Makala, Congo's largest penitentiary with a capacity for 1,500 people, holds over 12,000 inmates, most of whom are awaiting trial, Amnesty International said in its latest country report.

The facility has recorded previous jailbreaks, including in 2017 when members of a religious sect stormed the prison and freed dozens of inmates. Gunfire inside the prison started around midnight on Sunday and lasted into Monday morning, local residents in the area said. "Shots were ringing out everywhere," said Stephane Matondo, who lives nearby, adding that military vehicles arrived shortly after and that the main road to the prison was blocked.

Videos posted online show bodies lying on the ground inside the prison, many of them with visible injuries. Another video shows inmates carrying bodies that appeared to be lifeless onto a vehicle.

There were no signs of forced entry into the prison, which is located in the city center, 5 kilometers from the presidential palace.

The attempted escape was plotted from inside the prison by inmates in one of the wings, Mbemba Kabuya, the deputy justice minister, told the local Top Congo FM radio.

In the hours following the attack, officials visited the prison as authorities convened a panel to investigate the incident. Congolese President Felix Tshisekedi, who is in China on an official visit, has not publicly commented on the incident.

Calling for an independent investigation, rights groups and the opposition accused the government of using excessive force and covering up the true death toll. An earlier statement from a senior government official on Monday said that only two people died.

Martin Fayulu, an opposition leader, compared the death toll to "summary executions" and said it was an "unacceptable crime that cannot go unpunished." Makala — among other prisons in Congo — is so overcrowded that inmates often starve to death, activists say. Scores of prisoners have been released in recent months as part of efforts to reduce the number of inmates. Justice Minister Constant Mutamba called the attempted jailbreak a "premeditated act of sabotage" and promised a "stern response." His deputy, Samuel Mbemba Kabuya, blamed the country's magistrates and judges for the overcrowding in prisons, saying people are quickly jailed at the early stage of their trials.

Yemen Houthi rebels target oil tanker in Red Sea

Dubai (AP): An attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels targeted a Panama-flagged oil tanker in the Red Sea on Monday, authorities said, as a nearby Saudi-flagged tanker ship also allegedly came under fire from the group. The attacks are believed to be the latest in the Iranian-backed rebels' campaign that has disrupted the USD 1 trillion in goods that pass through the Red Sea each year over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip and has halted some aid shipments to conflict-ravaged Sudan and Yemen.

The new attacks on oil tankers also come amid efforts to salvage the still-burning Sounion oil tanker earlier hit by the Houthis, seeking to head off the potential ecological disaster posed by its cargo of 1 million barrels of crude oil. In Monday's first assault, two ballistic missiles hit the oil tanker Blue Lagoon I and a third exploded near the ship, the multinational Joint Maritime Information Centre overseen by the US Navy said. "All crew on board are safe (no injury reported)," the centre said. "The vessel sustained minimal damage but does not require assistance."

Houthi military spokesman Brig. Gen. Yahya Saree claimed responsibility for the attack on the Blue Lagoon I late Monday night. The Blue Lagoon I is travelling south through the Red Sea to an unlisted destination. The vessel was coming from Russia's port of Ust-Luga on the Baltic Sea and had been broadcasting that it had Russian-origin cargo on board. In recent months, the Blue Lagoon I travelled to India, which gets more than 40 per cent of its oil imports from Russia despite Moscow's ongoing war on Ukraine and the international sanctions it faces over it. The Greek-based firm operating the ship could not be reached. The Joint Maritime Information Centre said it assessed that the ship "was targeted due to other vessels within its company structure making recent port calls in Israel."

Suspect arrested for alleged Mossad money transfer

Ankara (Turkiye) (AP): Turkish police have arrested a suspect believed to have been transferring money to operatives from Israel's Mossad intelligence agency in Turkiye, the state-run news agency reported on Tuesday.

The suspect, identified as Liridon Rexhepi from Kosovo, entered Turkiye on August 25, and was detained last Friday and formally arrested on Tuesday, the Anadolu Agency said. The report said he had confessed during interrogation that he conducted the money transfers.

Since January, Turkish authorities have detained dozens of people, among them private investigators, on charges of collecting data on individuals, mostly Palestinians residing in Turkiye, for the Israeli intelligence.

Israel has not commented on the arrests in Turkiye.

Since the start of the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been one of the strongest critics of Israel's military actions there and has praised Palestinian Hamas militants as a liberation group.

In May, Turkiye halted all trade with Israel and has also applied to participate in a genocide case against Israel at an international court.

Could mass protests in Israel push Netanyahu towards ceasefire deal?

Tel Aviv (AP): Israelis were plunged into grief and anger this weekend after the military said six hostages were killed by their captors in Gaza just as troops were closing in on their location. The rage sparked massive protests and a general strike — the most intense domestic pressure on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu since the start of the war nearly 11 months ago. Many Israelis blame Netanyahu for the mounting number of dead hostages and are calling for a cease-fire agreement to free the remaining roughly 100 captives — even if that means ending the conflict. Sunday's demonstrations were the largest show of support for a hostage deal since October 7, when Hamas-led militants stormed into Israel and kidnapped 250 people. But Netanyahu has faced fierce pressure to reach a cease-fire agreement before, from key governing partners to top security officials and even Israel's most important international ally, the US. Yet a deal to wind down the war in Gaza remains elusive.

Throughout the war, critics have claimed Netanyahu has put his political survival above all else, including the fate of the hostages. His rule relies on support from two ultranationalist parties that were once at the fringes of Israeli politics but now hold key positions in government. Headed by Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, they oppose any deal that ends the war or sets free Palestinian prisoners convicted of killing Israelis.



Palestinian activist Khairi Hanoon waves the Palestinian flag as a convoy of Israeli military armored vehicles drives by during an army raid in Tulkarem, West Bank, on Tuesday. AP/PTI

They have vowed to topple the government should Netanyahu agree to a cease-fire — a step that would trigger elections that could remove Netanyahu from office. "What he cares about is his political survival," said Reuven Hazan, a political scientist at Jerusalem's Hebrew University. "His political survival with Ben-Gvir and Smotrich doesn't allow him to end the war and bring back the hostages." Netanyahu blames Hamas for the lack of a deal. Looming over the prime minister is also his ongoing trial on corruption charges. If Netanyahu is voted out of power, he will lose his platform to rail against the judicial system, which he accuses of being biased. He also wouldn't be able to move ahead with his government's planned changes to the legal system that critics say could affect the trial and help him avoid a conviction. Netanyahu says he has the country's best interests in mind and insists that the military operation in Gaza is the best way to bring about the hostages' freedom.

China-linked network mimics Americans to influence US politics

Washington (AP): When he first emerged on social media, the user known as Harlan claimed to be a New Yorker and an Army veteran who supported Donald Trump for president. Harlan said he was 29, and his profile picture showed a smiling, handsome young man. A few months later, Harlan underwent a transformation. Now, he claimed to be 31 and from Florida.

New research into Chinese disinformation networks targeting American voters shows Harlan's claims were as fictitious as his profile picture, which analysts think was created using artificial intelligence. As voters prepare to cast their ballots this fall, China has been making its own plans, cultivating networks of fake

social media users designed to mimic Americans. Whoever or wherever he really is, Harlan is a small part of a larger effort by US adversaries to use social media to influence and upend America's political debate.

The account was traced back to Spamouflage, a Chinese disinformation group, by analysts at Graphika, a New York-based firm that tracks online networks. Known to online researchers for several years, Spamouflage earned its moniker through its habit of spreading large amounts of seemingly unrelated content alongside disinformation. "One of the world's largest covert online influence operations — an operation run by Chinese state actors — has become more aggressive in its efforts to infiltrate

and to sway US political conversations ahead of the election," Jack Stubbs, Graphika's chief intelligence officer, told The Associated Press. Intelligence and national security officials have said that Russia, China and Iran have all mounted online influence operations targeting US voters ahead of the November election. Russia remains the top threat, intelligence officials say, even as Iran has become more aggressive in recent months, covertly supporting US protests against the war in Gaza and attempting to hack into the email systems of the two presidential candidates.

China, however, has taken a more cautious, nuanced approach. Beijing sees little advantage in supporting one presi-

dential candidate over the other, intelligence analysts say. Instead, China's disinformation efforts focus on campaign issues particularly important to Beijing — such as American policy toward Taiwan — while seeking to undermine confidence in elections, voting and the US in general. Officials have said it's a longer-term effort that will continue well past Election Day as China and other authoritarian nations try to use the internet to erode support for democracy. A message left with the Chinese Embassy in Washington was not immediately returned. Compared with armed conflict or economic sanctions, online influence operations can be a low-cost, low-risk means of flexing geopolitical power.

Fierce storm blows out of northern Philippines after leaving 14 dead

AP ■ MANILA

A fierce storm was blowing out of the northern Philippines Tuesday after leaving at least 14 people dead in landslides, floods and swollen rivers, disaster-response officials said. Tropical Storm Yagi swept past Paoay town in Ilocos Norte province into the South China Sea with sustained winds of up to 75 kilometers (47 miles) per hour and gusts of up to 125 kph (78 mph), according to the weather bureau.

It was forecast to strengthen into a typhoon as it barrels north-westward over the sea toward southern China. Storm warnings remained in most northern Philippine provinces, where residents were warned of the lingering danger



Volunteers and rescuers pull a rope to move debris during search and rescue operations for missing residents after a landslide caused by Tropical Storm Yagi, locally called Enteng, hit their village at San Luis, Antipolo city, Rizal province, Philippines on Tuesday. AP/PTI

of landslides in rain-soaked mountain villages and floodings in the farming lowlands of

Luzon, the country's most populous region. Locally called Enteng, Yagi

enhanced seasonal monsoon rains and unleashed downpours across Luzon, including in the densely populated capital region, metropolitan Manila, where classes and government work remained suspended Tuesday.

At least 14 people died in landslides, floods and swollen rivers in northern and central provinces, including in Antipolo, a popular Roman Catholic pilgrimage city and tourism destination west of Manila where at least three residents, including a pregnant woman, died in a hillside landslide that buried shanties and four others drowned in creeks and rivers, Antipolo's disaster mitigation officer Enriller Bernardo Jr. told The Associated Press by telephone.

Venezuelan judge issues arrest warrant for opposition's former presidential candidate

Caracas (AP): A Venezuelan judge on Monday issued an arrest warrant for the opposition's former presidential candidate Edmundo González as part of a criminal investigation into the results of a disputed election.

The warrant was issued at the request of authorities who accuse González, a former diplomat, of various crimes including conspiracy, falsifying documents and usurpation of powers. The warrant comes just over a month after election officials declared President Nicolás Maduro the winner of an election that his opponents say he lost. Authorities sought the warrant after González failed to appear three times to answer questions from prosecutors in a criminal investigation stemming from the disputed elec-

tion results. Ruling party-loyal electoral authorities declared Maduro the victor of the July 28 election, hours after polls closed. They did not show any detailed results to back up their claim as they had offered in previous presidential elections. The lack of transparency has drawn international condemnation against Maduro and his allies.

The opposition, however, managed to obtain more than 80% of vote tally sheets, which are printed by every electronic voting machine, and said they show Maduro lost by a wide margin against González. González was summoned to the prosecutor's office as recently as Friday. Attorney General Tarek William Saab opened the investigation against González after he and

opposition leader María Corina Machado revealed what they said were the results shown in the tally sheets and published them online. Maduro's ruling party and the National Electoral Council have refused to publish their copies of tally sheets that the electronic voting machines printed after polls closed. Instead, as international pressure mounts to release a breakdown of results, Maduro asked the country's high court to audit the electoral process. The Supreme Tribunal of Justice, stacked with Maduro loyalists, concluded on Aug. 22 that the vote counts published by the opposition were false and certified Maduro's victory. González, 75, has not made any public appearances since the day after the election. His campaign did not immediate-

ly respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press. González has questioned the prosecutors' actions for lack of due process guarantees and accused Saab, a longtime Maduro ally, of being a "political accuser" who "condemns in advance." He rejected the interview summons arguing, among other issues, that they did not specify the condition under which he was expected to appear. "They have lost all sense of reality," Machado, referring to Maduro's government, wrote on X after the attorney general's office published the warrant request on Instagram. "By threatening the President Elect, they only manage to unite us more and increase the support of Venezuelans and the world for Edmundo González."

Russian missile strike kills 41, wounds 180 in Poltava city

AP ■ KYIV

Two Russian ballistic missiles struck an educational facility and nearby hospital in a central-eastern region of Ukraine, killing at least 41 people and wounding 180 others, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Tuesday.

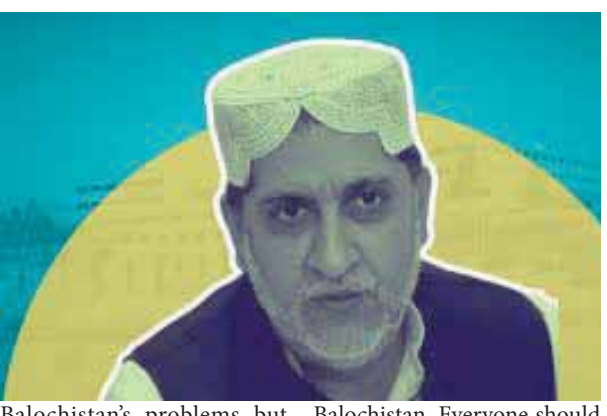


"One of the buildings of the Institute of Communications was partially destroyed. People found themselves under the rubble. Many were saved," Zelenskyy said in a video posted on his Telegram channel.

Senior Balochistan leader resigns

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's veteran politician and Balochistan National Party-Mengal chief Sardar Akhtar Mengal Tuesday resigned from Parliament, complaining that the restive province has consistently been marginalised and ignored by the House.



Balochistan's problems but there is no interest in the restive province's matters," Mengal said.

Balochistan. Everyone should have come together on this issue," he said. Mengal also criticised the lack of an open dialogue on the troubled province.

Kishida to visit S Korea for summit on improving ties

Seoul (AP): Japan's prime minister will arrive on Friday in South Korea for what will likely be the last summit between the two leaders, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's office said on Tuesday.

Pak's veteran politician to hold talks with army to end political stalemate

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's veteran politician Mehmood Khan Achakzai has stunned his foes and friends alike by saying that he is ready to hold talks with the powerful military establishment to end the current political stalemate in the country.

and asked if the Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PkMAP) leader was ready to have a dialogue with the army.

will tell the establishment that you are our establishment. You are dear to us. You are our army, our institution. Please be kind to us and [it's] enough. Sit with us," Achakzai said.

ditioning the talks with 71-year-old Khan's apology for the May 9 violence.

Imran Khan approaches HC to prevent his possible transfer to military for trial

Islamabad (PTI): Jailed former prime minister Imran Khan on Tuesday approached a high court to prevent his possible transfer to the military for trial in the cases concerning the violence on May 9 last year, two days after Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said a military trial of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party founder was "possible".



Khan filed a petition in the Islamabad High Court (IHC) through his lawyer, Uzair Karamat Bhandari, to ensure that he remains under civilian jurisdiction.

Khan fears a similar fate and he has already filed a similar petition on July 25 in the Lahore High Court through the same lawyer.

Bill approved to guarantee burial rights in Sri Lanka

Colombo (PTI): A draft bill that would grant the right to every individual in Sri Lanka to decide whether that person's body should be disposed of by burial or cremation has been approved, a cabinet note said on Tuesday.

vidual to choose between burial and cremation, respecting personal and religious beliefs. Together, we will uphold dignity and justice for all," he added in his post.

Seoul (AP): North Korean leader Kim Jong Un supervised a demonstration of new exploding drones designed to crash into targets, state media said on Monday, as the US and South Korea engage in joint military drills.

N Korea shows new exploding drone crashing into target

drone "as early as possible", KCNA said.

Pakistan witnessed 59 terror attacks in August

Islamabad (PTI): In continued increase in terror attacks, a total of 59 terrorist attacks occurred across Pakistan in August 2024 killing 84 people compared to 38 such attacks in the previous month, a media report said on Tuesday.

of their separate confrontations with the US Kim Jong Un and Russian President Vladimir Putin held summits this June and in September last year.

These incidents include 29 attacks in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 28 in Balochistan and two in Punjab, the PIPS data said, adding, as many as 84 people were killed and 166 others were injured, newspaper The Dawn said.

Pope begins Asia tour, celebrating religious freedom

Jakarta (AP): Pope Francis arrived in Indonesia on Tuesday at the start of the longest trip of his pontificate, hoping to encourage its Catholic community and celebrate the tradition of interfaith harmony in a country with the world's largest Muslim population.

However, the Vatican said the 87-year-old pope met with a group of refugees, migrants and sick people at the Vatican residence in Jakarta.



that "Indonesia and the Vatican have the same commitment to fostering peace and brotherhood, as well as ensuring the welfare of humanity."

so close to each other that the Muslim call to prayer can be heard during Mass.

visit. He's a guest and we will welcome him," said Eldy, a 64-year-old retired government worker who uses one name and was out walking during a car-free day in Jakarta on Sunday.

Even though Catholics make up only 3 per cent of Indonesia's population, the sheer number of Indonesians — 275 million — makes the archipelago home to the third-largest Christian community in Asia, after the Philippines and China.

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Markets settle flat after record rally; Nifty gains for 14th day

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Benchmark equity indices BSE and Nifty took a breather after a record rally and ended on a flat note on Tuesday, with the 50-stock index settling in the green for the 14th straight session. Halting its 10-day rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex dipped 4.40 points or 0.01 per cent to settle at 82,555.44. During the day, it dropped 159.08 points or 0.19 per cent to 82,400.76. The NSE Nifty eked out a marginal gain of 1.15 points to settle at 25,279.85, its highest-ever closing level. Among the 30 Sensex firms, Bajaj Finance, Infosys, Adani Ports, JSW Steel, HCL Tech, Bharti Airtel, IndusInd Bank and Tata Motors were the biggest laggards. ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finserv, Titan, Nestle and HDFC Bank were among the gainers. In Asian markets, Seoul,



Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled lower. European markets were quoting in the negative territory. The US markets were closed on Monday for the Labour Day holiday. "Amid mixed global signals and the absence of significant new catalysts, aside from the

anticipated Fed rate cut, which is already factored in, the domestic market took a breather. Mild caution emerged due to a recent slowdown in manufacturing activities, which indicates a slowdown in demand," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial

Services. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 1,735.46 crore on Monday, according to exchange data. The Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 1.79 per cent to USD 76.13 a barrel. Surging for the 10th straight session on Monday, the BSE benchmark jumped 194.07 points or 0.24 per cent to settle at an all-time closing high of 82,559.84. During the day, it surged 359.51 points or 0.43 per cent to reach a new intra-day record peak of 82,725.28. The Nifty climbed 42.80 points or 0.17 per cent to settle at a lifetime closing high of 25,278.70, taking its winning run to the 13th day in a row. During the day, it soared 97.75 points or 0.38 per cent to hit a fresh all-time intra-day peak of 25,333.65.

Domestic saving to remain top net lender in coming decades: RBI Deputy

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Reserve Bank Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra on Tuesday said domestic saving has largely financed the investment needs of the economy and will remain the top net lender in coming decades. In a keynote address at the Financing 3.0 Summit: Preparing for Viksit Bharat organised by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) here, the deputy governor said that recently, the net financial savings of households has almost halved from 2020-21 levels due to behavioural changes in the form of unwinding of prudential savings accumulated during the pandemic and shifting from financial assets to physical assets like housing. "Going forward, boosted by rising incomes, households will likely build back their financial assets. This process has already begun. Households' financial assets have increased from 10.6 per cent of GDP during 2011-17 to 11.5 per cent during 2017-23 (excluding



the pandemic year)," Patra said. Their physical savings have also risen in the post-pandemic years to over 12 per cent of GDP and could rise further, he said, adding they had reached 16 per cent of GDP in 2010-11. "Accordingly, households will remain the top net lenders to the rest of the economy in the coming decades," the senior RBI official said. He further said the private corporate sector has drastically reduced its net borrowings from the rest of the economy, reflecting a combination of rising internal accruals and subdued capacity creation. Looking ahead, Patra said its net borrowing requirement is likely to rise on the back of a revival in the capex cycle. "These financing requirements will largely be

resources expands, the volume of external financing and its composition may undergo fundamental shifts, but in the light of past experiences, external debt sustainability will remain a policy priority," Patra said. During his address, Patra also delved into India's growth story and the fact that the country is riding on the cusp of a distinct demographic advantage. He said a productive workforce is critical for value creation in an economy, while capital would play an important supportive role. CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee, in his welcome address, lauded the performance of India's external sector and underscored the role of the RBI in ensuring that its financing is stable, sustainable, and aligned with the country's economic policies. He said greater investment can be useful to garner more financing in physical infrastructure, components for the digital economy, as well as emerging sectors like renewable energy, warehousing, semiconductor ecosystem, and data centres.

Rupee falls five paise against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI
The rupee declined 5 paise to 83.96 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday, tracking a strong greenback against major currencies overseas and a sluggish trend in domestic equities. However, lower crude oil prices in international markets capped the decline in the local unit, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened 3 paise lower at 83.94 against the American currency and traded in the range of 83.94-83.98 during the day. It finally settled at 83.96 (provisional) against the US dollar, 5 paise lower than its previous close. On Monday, the domestic currency settled at 83.91. "The rupee in tandem with Asian currencies fell to its support zone of 83.97 as the



Reserve Bank of India seemed to present at 83.97 to protect any further weakness in the currency. There was good amount of FPI and oil companies outflow which resulted in the rupee reaching near to the all-time low of 83.97," Anil Kumar Bhasani, Head of Treasury and Executive Director of Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP, said. Meanwhile, Sensex recovered most of its losses to settle at 82,555.44 for the day, 4.40 points below its previous close, while the Nifty inched

up 1.15 points to 25,279.85. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was up 0.15 per cent at 101.80. Brent crude, the international oil benchmark, declined 2.1 per cent to 76.26 in futures trade. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets on Monday, as they purchased shares worth Rs 1,735.46 crore, according to exchange data.

Bajaj Housing Finance IPO to open on Sep 9

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Bajaj Housing Finance on Tuesday said it has fixed a price band of Rs 66-70 per share for its Rs 6,560-crore initial share sale. The initial public offering (IPO) will open for public subscription on September 9 and conclude on September 11 and the bidding for anchor investors will open for a day on September 6, the company announced. The proposed IPO comprises a fresh issue of equity shares of up to Rs 3,560 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of equity shares to the tune of Rs 3,000 crore by parent Bajaj Finance. The share sale is being conducted to comply with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) regulations, which require upper-layer non-banking finance companies to be listed on stock exchanges by September 2025. Proceeds from the fresh issue



will be used to augment the company's capital base to meet future capital requirements. Investors can make a bid for a minimum of 214 equity shares and in multiples of 214 equity shares thereafter. Bajaj Housing Finance is a non-deposit-taking Housing Finance Company registered with the National Housing Bank since September 2015. It offers financial solutions for

purchasing and renovating residential and commercial properties. It has been identified and categorised as an "upper layer" NBFC by the RBI in India and its comprehensive mortgage products include home loans, loans against property, lease rental discounting and developer financing. For the entire financial year 2023-24, the housing lender

posted a net profit of Rs 1,731 crore, marking a growth of 38 per cent from Rs 1,258 crore in FY23. Aadhar Housing Finance and India Shelter Finance are two housing finance companies that have been listed on the stock exchanges in recent months. In June, Bajaj Housing Finance filed preliminary papers with Sebi for a Rs 7,000 crore IPO, comprising fresh shares worth Rs 4,000 crore and an OFS component of Rs 3,000 crore by its parent. The market regulator gave its clearance to the company's maiden public issue earlier this month. Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Ltd, Axis Capital, IIFL Securities, BofA Securities India Ltd, SBI Capital Markets Ltd, Goldman Sachs (India) Securities Private Ltd and JM Financial Ltd are book-running lead managers that will manage the company's public issue.

World Bank projects India to grow at seven per cent in FY25

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
The Indian economy is projected to grow at 7 per cent in the current financial year on the back of recovery in the agriculture sector and rural demand. According to the World Bank Report released on Tuesday, India's growth continues to be strong despite a challenging global environment. The growth rate of India, which accounts for the bulk of the South Asia region, is expected to remain strong at 7 per cent in 2024-25, the World Bank said in the India Development Update. Recovery in agriculture will partially offset a marginal moderation in industry, it said, adding that services will remain robust.

SRM University hosts 4th convocation ceremony

PNS ■ ANDHRA PRADESH
SRM University-AP hosted its prestigious 4th Convocation Ceremony on September 02, 2024, felicitating the graduates with their well-earned degrees for scholastic excellence. The monumental event was graced by the honourable presence of Chief Guest Padma Bhushan Senapathy Kris Gopalakrishnan, Chairman-Axilor Ventures and Co-founder of Infosys; Guest of Honour Mr Rohit Kapoor, Chief Executive Officer, Food Marketplace, Swiggy; Founder Chancellor of SRM Group of Institutions

Dr T R Paarivendhar, Pro-Chancellor of SRM University-AP Dr P Sathyanarayanan; Vice Chancellor Prof. Manoj K Arora, Registrar Dr R Premkumar; Dean-Academic Affairs Dr Vinayak Kalluri; Other dignitaries, Faculty, staff and parents of the graduating batch. 1,018 graduates, including 24 PhD scholars, were conferred their degrees on this momentous occasion, and 18 Gold Medalists, 5 Silver Medalists, and 5 Bronze Medalists were recognised for their outstanding achievements. "We are a multidisciplinary research-



intensive university where education revolves around 5 I's - Integrative curricula, Interdisciplinary Research and Learning, Innovation, Industry and International

Collaborations and Inclusivity," stated Vice Chancellor, Prof. Manoj K Arora, in his welcome address. During his briefing about the annual report, Prof.

Arora also highlighted the university's stellar growth and accomplishments in the past academic year. "In the last academic year, we have relaunched the Liberal Arts

school with 3 new departments, implemented a revamped curricula that is adaptive and responsible to changing needs and expanded our industrial partnerships. Our faculty now consists of 350 in number, contributing to 688 publications, 108 published patents, 24 sponsored research and industry projects, 21 startups, along with students." Chief Guest Padma Bhushan Kris Gopalakrishnan, renowned global business & technology thought leader, delivered the much-anticipated convocation address to the graduating Class of 2024. With an analogy to the Paris

Olympics 2024, Mr Kris Gopalakrishnan ignited the graduating batch with key takeaways to ensure remarkable success in all their future endeavours. He stated, "The knowledge and skillset that you have acquired from your university will equip you to face the problems that the world poses. The strength of the university lies with the alumni. Remember to contribute to the society, your nation and moreover your alma mater." Mr Rohit Kapoor, the esteemed Guest of Honour, applauded the students for their outstanding achievements and expressed

his deep respect for SRM University-AP for establishing a new-age institute and preparing the students for an impactful future. "We must strive towards world-class standards in the case of academics, research, and innovation and deriving nobility in becoming the superior version of yourselves," advised Mr Kapoor. The ceremony also witnessed the auspicious presence of Founder Chancellor Dr T R Paarivendhar, who congratulated the young students for this remarkable achievement and advised, "Knowledge is power."

INBRIEF

- MIXED REALITY TRAINING MODULES FOR ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE OF RAILWAY STAFFS**
MALIGAON: In order to improve the knowledge of railway staffs on safety related aspects, Northeast Frontier Railway has introduced an innovative Virtual Reality & Mixed Reality (VR & MR) training module at its Multi-Disciplinary Zonal Training Institute (MDZTI), Alipurduar.
- GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PATENTED GNDU FACULTY'S 5 INNOVATIVE GADGETS**
AMRITSAR: The Guru Nanak Dev University announces the patenting of five equipment related to the Gym Apparatus- Gym Equipment, Gym Equipment for Shoulder Exercise, Stress Relieving Equipment, Hand Exerciser Resilience Equipment and Shoulder & Arm Wheel Apparatus.
- POWERGRID ACQUIRES 'BHADLA-III & BIKANER-III TRANSMISSION LIMITED' UNDER TBCC**
MAHARASHTRA: Power Grid Corporation of India has acquired "Bhadla-III & Bikaner-III Transmission Limited", for the Transmission System Project for System Strengthening for interconnections of Bhadla-III & Bikaner-III Complex.
- RECPCDL HANDS OVER TUMKUR-II REZ**
GURUGRAM: REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited, handed over a project specific SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle), viz, Tumkur-II REZ Power Transmission Limited to M/s G.R. Infraprojects Limited (GRIL).

Mahindra launches new Jawa 42 FJ motorcycle

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Mahindra Group-owned premium motorcycle firm Classic Legends, which has three premium motorcycle brands under it, is running a marathon and will navigate any challenge in rebuilding the resurrected brands like Jawa, Group Chairman Anand Mahindra has said. Speaking at the launch of all-new Jawa 42 FJ motorcycle here, Mahindra also said that stories build brands and brands are nothing but aggregation of stories. The latest offering from the Classic Legends is priced at Rs 1.99-lakh onwards. In October 2016, Mahindra & Mahindra, through its subsidiary Classic Legends Private Limited (CLPL), signed a licensing deal to launch motorcycles under the Jawa brand name in India and other East Asian countries. The same year, the company acquired British motorcycle brand BSA as well. "Stories build brands. Brands are nothing but aggregations of stories. Why they were formed, how they were formed. How they will be



formed. How they will be formed. How they will rise up," Mahindra stated. Noting that Classic Legends is one of the growth Gems at the Group, Mahindra Group CEO and Managing Director Anish Shah said the company is well positioned at the second spot in the premium motorcycle segment in the country and is looking forward to acquiring the top slot. "The 2024 Jawa 42 embodies our design-led approach to motorcycle engineering. We've taken our time with this bike, pushing the

boundaries of the 'price-performance' matrix. As pioneers of neo-classics in India, the 42 FJ is a testament to our challenger spirit and disruptive approach," said Anupam Thareja, Co-founder of Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles. "We are trying to make an Indian Global two-wheeler company," he added. With the expansion of the '42 Life' series, Jawa has extended the ideal balance of design, price, and performance across motorcycle formats, to appeal to a wide swathe of discerning riders, the company said.



Gold and silver price slip

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Gold prices slipped Rs 50 to Rs 74,050 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday, according to the All India Sarafa Association. The precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity had finished at Rs 74,100 per 10 grams in the previous session on Monday. Silver prices also slumped by Rs 250 to Rs 85,250 per kilogram on Tuesday. It had closed at Rs 85,500 per kg in the previous close. Additionally, gold of 99.5 per cent purity fell by Rs 50 to Rs 73,700 per 10 grams. On the global front, Comex gold is trading at USD 2,531.40 per ounce, up by USD 3.80 per ounce or 0.15 per cent. "Gold fluctuated in a narrow range on Tuesday as traders remained sidelined ahead of US job market data that may

influence the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) interest rate-cutting path," Saamil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. However, silver was quoted 1.81 per cent lower at USD 28.62 per ounce in the international markets. During the week, traders will focus on various job reports, including Jolts job openings, ADP Non-farm employment change, non-farm payrolls and unemployment data, which will impact the Fed's policy decision and could provide direction for gold prices, Gandhi added. Anticipation of an interest rate cut at the upcoming US Fed meeting would likely keep gold prices elevated, according to Angel One's Prathamesh Mallya. DVP-Research of Non-Agri Commodities and Currencies.

'SWEET' SACRIFICE AND SLEEPLESS NIGHTS

PTI ■ PARIS

Carrying a back injury for more than a year, history-making Indian javelin thrower Sumit Antil's path to Paralympic glory was paved with a 'sweet sacrifice' and several sleepless nights. The 26-year-old faced a tough choice in the build-up to the Paralympics — give up his favourite sweets or put his career at risk due to rapid weight gain and a back injury that troubled him before the Asian Para Games in Hangzhou last year where he won a gold. On the advice of his physio, Antil grudgingly gave up sweets, followed a strict training regimen and shed around 12 kilograms in just two months. His sacrifice paid off on Monday when the Sonepat-lad became the first Indian man and only the second Indian overall to defend a Paralympic title, clinching gold in the F64 category with a record throw of 70.59m. This new mark bettered his previous Paralympic best of 68.55m set in Tokyo Paralympics three years ago. "I've reduced around 10-12 kilos. My physio, Vipin Bhai, told me that the weight was putting pressure on my spine. So, I cut out sweets, which are my favourite, and focused on eating right," he revealed in a media interaction here.

Fixing his back by taking adequate rest is the first thing Antil will do after his return to India. "I was not at 100 per cent. I had to take a painkiller before my throw, and even during training, I haven't been at my best. The first priority is to fix my back after we return to India because rest is crucial with the type of injury I have. "With competitions so close, I haven't been able to rest properly and have constantly taken precautions to protect my back. I've been careful with every movement to avoid aggravating it further," he added. He also thanked his coach (Arun Kumar) for always knowing what he needed, staying up nights to plan his schedule, and putting in tremendous effort. He said his coach had worked even harder than him. "I also started doing CrossFit workouts, sprints, and trained hard. It's been two years with my coach, and he's like an elder brother to me. He knows exactly what I need and when I need it. "I've seen him stay up nights to plan my schedule. My team has put in a tremendous effort for me, and I feel truly blessed to have them," he said. "Once you reach a certain level, the responsibility on you increases, and all eyes are on you. Hopefully, after this, I'll finally get some rest. I've been continuously on the field for

SUMIT ANTIL ON DEFENDING PARALYMPIC GOLD DESPITE BACK INJURY



the past two to three years." He said he sustained the injury in 2023 ahead of the Asian Para Games and kept competing in back-to-back tournaments. Antil dreamed of becoming a wrestler and was inspired by Olympic bronze-medallist Yogeshwar Dutt. However, in 2015, his life changed when a tractor accident led to the amputation of his left leg below the knee. Undeterred, Sumit was introduced to para-sports in 2017 by a fellow athlete from his village. Despite the pain and challenges of training with a prosthetic leg, he found his new passion in javelin. Under coach Naval Singh's guidance, Sumit's relentless dedication transformed him into a champion. The F64 category, in which he competes, is designated for athletes with lower limb impairments, including those using prosthetics or dealing with leg length discrepancies. SLEEPLESS NIGHTS: Antil said after struggling with sleep and increased nervousness due to the high expectations of people around him, he was now feeling relaxed. "I think it's been three nights since I've had proper sleep. When you're at a certain level, and people expect things from you, the nervousness increases," he said. "Back in Tokyo, no one knew

me, and I didn't feel that much pressure; I could sleep peacefully. But this time, the last 3-4 days have been extremely stressful," he revealed. However, his throw was short of his own world record of 73.29m and he seemed a tad unhappy with this. "I'm used to a different synthetic track, here (on Mondotrack) I was slipping, I was not able to feel the runway with my legs. "I know my coach is not that happy but will do it in coming competitions," he rued. ONE OF A KIND: SANGWAN: Paralympic Committee of India vice president Satya Prakash Sangwan, who is also the chief de mission for the Indian squad here, said he always knew Antil would script history. "Since 2017, I've seen how hard he works and how down-to-earth he has been from day one. I knew right from the start that he would make history. Athletes like him are rare. You can see how humble he is from winning gold in Tokyo and here as well," he said. "His dedication to his sport and his country is unmatched; he doesn't get distracted by anything else. I've never come across an athlete who remains so humble and down-to-earth, even after achieving so much success. I am truly proud of Sumit," he added.

There is sadness, I aimed for gold in Paris: Paralympic silver medallist shuttler Suhas

PTI ■ PARIS

Indian para-shuttler Suhas Yathiraj is an emotional mess after his second successive Paralympic silver. A part of him is proud of the achievement but then he is also grappling with feelings of "sadness and disappointment" at missing out on gold. The 41-year-old went into the opening Games as world no.1 and was expected to fetch gold in men's singles SL4 category. However, he ended with a silver, going down in straight games to Lucas Mazur of France in the summit clash on Monday evening. "...Coming here as world no.1 and as world champion, there was pressure and expectations on me. I too expected that I will do well here. Ideally I would have liked to win gold medal, which is every player's dream," he said on Tuesday. "Winning the silver is a mixed feeling, there is sadness and disappointment of missing the gold. But when the feeling sinks in then you will realise qualifying for Paralympics and representing your country was a big thing. "And winning the silver is a proud moment and I feel extremely humbled and grateful," added the 2007 batch IAS officer. Suhas looked tentative in the summit clash and was no match for the formidable Frenchman, losing 9-21 13-21. It was the same opponent against whom the Indian had lost in the Tokyo Paralympics final. Asked to compare the two silver medals, Suhas said: "Earlier the country and myself didn't have the belief that we



can win medals in Paralympics badminton. I had no idea what my performance would be. That was a different kind of feeling. "Both the silver medals had their challenges. As I said, the first time people don't take you so seriously until you perform at the highest level. But playing under expectations in itself is a different kind of pressure." Born with a congenital deformity in his left ankle, which significantly affected his mobility, Suhas competes in SL4 category which is meant for athletes competing while standing with less severe impairment than in SL3. The gold might have eluded him again, but Suhas said the journey has been enjoyable. "When I started this Paralympics qualification journey, I had not played for one-two years and was world no. 39. From there to reach

top-12 and then qualify for Level-1 tournaments and from there to win Asian Para Games gold, world championships gold, become world no.1...You need to enjoy this journey," he said. Suhas, an Arjuna awardee, feels Tokyo 2020 was a "watershed moment" for Indian Olympic and Paralympic sports. "There is huge change that para sports has witnessed. Tokyo 2020 was watershed moment for Indian para sports and Indian Olympic sports in general. "Everyone knows cricket is popular in India but in the last many years, the way Olympic sports and Paralympic sports have received support from the society is unimaginable. "In the coming years it will only grow and that will improve our medal tally as well," he signed off.

Chelsea sells Angelo Gabriel to Saudi club to continue unlikely career arc of Brazilian teen

AP ■ LONDON

The unlikely career arc of Brazilian teenager Angelo Gabriel continued when he completed a move to Saudi team Al Nassr for a reported USD 25 million on Tuesday, a year after joining Chelsea from Santos. In the year he was on Chelsea's books after a USD 17 million move, Gabriel never played for the English club because he went on loan to Strasbourg - one of the teams run by Chelsea's American investors. The 19-year-old Gabriel was part of Chelsea's squad for the preseason tour of the United States but has left on a



permanent deal to Al Nassr - where Cristiano Ronaldo where Cristiano Ronaldo the move was announced a day after the Saudi transfer window shut and will help

Chelsea meet financial rules in the Premier League and UEFA. Another teenage Brazilian, Deivid Washington, joined Chelsea from Santos last year around the same time as Gabriel and reportedly came close to making a permanent move to Strasbourg. "We wish Angelo the very best as he begins the next chapter in his career and thank him for his efforts during his time with Chelsea," the English team said. Gabriel became the youngest player in the history of Brazil's national championship at the time when he made his senior debut for Santos at 15 years, 308 days.



Bopanna-Sutjiadi pair enters US Open mixed doubles semis

PTI ■ NEW YORK

Veteran Indian tennis star Rohan Bopanna and his Indonesian partner Aldila Sutjiadi entered the semifinals of the US Open mixed doubles with a hard-fought win over Australian Matthew Ebden and Barbora Krejickova of the Czech Republic here. The eighth seeded Indian-Indonesian pair registered a 7-6(4) 2-6 10-7 win over fourth seeds Ebden and Krejickova in the quarterfinal that lasted one hour and 33 minutes on Monday night. Bopanna and Sutjiadi had earlier defeated Australian duo of John Pears and Katerina Siniakova of the Czech Republic 0-6 7-6(5) 10-7 in a second-round match. Bopanna and Sutjiadi will play American pair of Donald Young and Taylor Townsend in the semifinals. The 44-year-old Bopanna had already crashed out of the men's doubles competition after he and his partner Ebden, seeded second, lost 1-6 5-7 to the 16th seed Argentine combination of Maximo Gonzalez and Andres Molteni in the third round.

Indian recurve archer Pooja enters quarterfinals

PTI ■ PARIS

World Para Championship silver medallist Pooja Jatyan beat Yagmur Sengul of Turkey in straight sets to storm into the quarterfinals of recurve women's open archery competition at the Paris Paralympics on Tuesday. The 27-year-old, who got a bye into the pre-quarters after finishing inside top-9 in the ranking round, won 6-0 and will face Tokyo Paralympics bronze medallist Wu Chunyan of China in the quarters later in the day. The second-seeded Chunyan defeated Oyuun-Erdene Buyanjargal of Mongolia in her pre-quarterfinal match. Pooja took the first set by hitting three 9s in a row. Continuing her stronghold, she totalled 26 points while her



opponent struggled with a 22 to concede a 2-0 lead to the Indian. The archer from Gurgaon faced some resistance from Sengul in the third set when she hit two 9s and an 8, but Pooja remained calm to edge the Turkey archer by one point and seal the win. In 1997, when Pooja was just two months old, a high fever and a wrong injection due to medical negligence changed

her life forever, resulting in polio in her left leg. Despite these setbacks, Pooja's resilience shone through as she embraced archery in her childhood. Pooja won a silver medal in the Women's Team event at the Asian Para Championship 2023. In 2024, she continued her success by securing a silver medal at the 8th Fazza Para Archery World Ranking Tournament and claiming gold medals in both the Women's Team and Mixed Team events at the Para Archery European Cup 2nd Leg. In the recurve open category, archers shoot from a standing position at a distance of 70m at a 122cm target made up of 10 concentric circles scoring from 10 points down to 1 point from the centre outwards.

No. 1 Jannik Sinner gets past Tommy Paul to set up quarterfinal against Daniil Medvedev

AP ■ NEW YORK

Top-seeded Jannik Sinner reached the U.S. Open quarterfinals by shaking off a slow start and coming through in the clutch at the end of tiebreakers that decided the first two sets, then pulling away to get past No. 14 Tommy Paul 7-6(3) 7-6(5) 6-1. Two weeks removed from being cleared in a doping case stemming from two positive tests in March, Sinner moved into a showdown against 2021 champion Daniil Medvedev, the only past winner at Flushing Meadows still in the men's field. Sinner, a 23-year-old from Italy, claimed his first Grand Slam title at the Australian Open in January by defeating Medvedev in five sets in the final after dropping the first two. They also met in the Wimbledon quarterfinals in July, and Medvedev won that one. "It's going to be a lot of running," Sinner said, "so

hopefully (I'll) be ready physically." Against Paul on Monday night, Sinner was not at his best at the outset, falling behind by a double-break at 4-1 after 20 minutes at Arthur Ashe Stadium. "That's where you want to be. ... It's definitely different than any other setting," Paul said. "It's electric." A loud crowd was backing the American, to no one's surprise. As the match went on, plenty of chants of "U-S-A!" or "Let's go, Tommy! Let's go!" rang out. There also were several moments where spectators clapped after faults by Sinner - considered poor etiquette in tennis, that drew repeated admonishments from the chair umpire, who pleaded for no noise between first and second serves. Sinner finished the initial set with 15 unforced errors on the forehand side alone, but he cleaned that up quickly and closed the match with just six of the rest of the way. "There are some ups and



downs, obviously, in best-of-five. That's normal to have," Sinner said. "But finding my rhythm in the end of the match hopefully helps ... In the next match." Everything hinged on the tiebreakers. The first was tied 3-3, before Sinner grabbed the last four points. Paul led 5-4 in the second, but Sinner took the last three points. That meant Sinner has now won 14 of his past 15 tiebreakers, a stretch that dates

to a tournament in Halle, Germany, in June. The lone exception was one he lost against Medvedev at Wimbledon. Sinner dropped the first set he played at the US Open, but he's won the next 12. Paul was trying to get his third career quarterfinal and first at Flushing Meadows. He also was trying to become the first American to beat a man ranked No. 1 at the US Open since Andre Agassi eliminated

Lleyton Hewitt in 2002. Instead, Paul fell to 0-6 at majors against players ranked in the top 10. Sinner improved to 32-2 with four titles on hard courts in 2024 and he's now reached at least the quarterfinals at all four Slams this year. Earlier on Monday, the No. 5-seeded Medvedev picked up a 6-0 6-1 6-3 victory over Nuno Borges that briefly was interrupted early in the third set when the electronic line-calling system was shut down because of a fire alarm. The other quarterfinal on the top half of the men's bracket will be No. 10 Alex de Minaur vs No. 25 Jack Draper. De Minaur beat Jordan Thompson 6-0 3-6 6-3 7-5 in an all-Australian matchup, while Draper became the first British man in the US Open quarterfinals since Andy Murray in 2016 by defeating Tomas Machac 6-3 6-1 6-2. The men's quarterfinals on Tuesday are No. 4 Alexander Zverev vs No.

Rafael Nadal tells a Spanish TV show he doesn't think Jannik Sinner intended to dope

AP ■ NEW YORK

Rafael Nadal told a Spanish television show that he doesn't think Jannik Sinner intended to use a banned substance and that the current No 1-ranked man didn't receive preferential treatment when he was cleared of doping after testing positive twice in March for trace amounts of an anabolic steroid. "I trust that he wasn't punished because those who judged this case determined quite clearly that there was nothing to punish. ... I don't believe the sentence has anything to do with him being No 1 in the world," 22-time major champion Nadal said in an interview with "El Hormiguero" on Monday. Sinner played Tommy Paul in the fourth round of the US Open on Monday night. The International Tennis Integrity Agency said on August 20 that it was determined the banned performance-enhancer entered Sinner's system unintentionally through a massage from his physiotherapist, and that is why the player was not suspended. Asked about the matter in New York before the



US Open began, Novak Djokovic said he gets why some tennis players question whether there's a double-standard in the sport. Nadal, who sat out the US Open, said: "I believe in someone's good faith. I know Sinner; I don't believe that Sinner wanted to dope." "In the end, justice is justice, and I believe in justice," Nadal said. "I believe in the bodies that have to make decisions and that they do it based on what they believe is right.

IT'S TIME TO MAKE AMENDS: PAT CUMMINS ON TEST SERIES AGAINST INDIA

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Australian captain Pat Cummins is looking at the upcoming five-match rubber against India as a chance to "make amends" for the successive Test series defeats at home against their fierce rivals.

He said the next Border-Gavaskar Trophy, which will start on November 22 in Perth, promises to be a 50-50 affair.

India retained the trophy in the last four series, from 2016-17 to 2022-23. India had defeated Australia in their own backyard in the last two series in 2018-19 and 2020-21.

Cummins said Australia are hoping to draw confidence from their win over India in the World Test Championships Final at London last year.

"The last two series here in Australia, we haven't been successful, so it's been a long time. Hopefully, it's time to make amends," Cummins told Star Sports.

"You know, we've played them (India) plenty of times where they've beaten us, but we've also had plenty of wins against them as well, which we'll draw confidence from. The most recent Test match was, of course, the World Test Championship in neutral conditions, and we came out on top in that match.

"It's always fiercely competitive, and it always feels like it's 50-50. I'm 10 out of 10 excited for the Border-



Gavaskar Trophy," he added. Senior batter Steve Smith agreed with the skipper and said it will be a "big summer" for Australia against a "well-balanced" Indian team. "...You know, it's going to be a great series. You know, India have been playing outstanding cricket. We've been playing really good cricket the last couple of years. You know, we haven't beaten India in the last two times they've come out here," he said. "Obviously got a terrific side, very well-balanced team, all bases covered. So, you know, they've played really good cricket out here. They've played good cricket when we've been over in India as well, where we know they're very, very difficult to beat. So it's going to be a big summer. It's going to be an exciting one." Pacer Mitchell Starc highlighted the importance of the rivalry by keeping it at par with the Ashes.

"For Australian cricket, you've got the Ashes and then you've got the Border Gavaskar Trophy in there. I mean there's a long history in the Ashes but that Border Gavaskar rivalry, if you like, has just grown from strength to strength over each series.

"And now we see it as a five Test match series which is fantastic for not only the rivalry but for the Test series as well. Whether it's the calibre of player, the calibre of matches that we see as fans and as cricketers just continues to grow strength on strength each series," he said.

"Now (with) India obviously winning a number of series in a row, it's created even a bigger rivalry between the two countries. I mean both teams are well known to one another, we play each other very often across the formats, so I'm sure it'll be another exciting series," Starc added.

All-rounder Glenn Maxwell said an India-Australia contest in any format has become a must-watch affair now. "I think over the last few years, definitely, it feels like the two teams sort of swap places in the rankings quite a bit. Whichever format it is, you will always see these two teams at number one at some stage around the world," Maxwell said.

"The different contests we've had in both countries across all formats certainly provide a lot of highlights for the rest of the world. It's always must-watch cricket whenever these two teams are playing."



Bangladesh thump Pakistan by 6 wickets in 2nd Test to complete historic sweep

AP ■ RAWALPINDI (PAKISTAN)

Bangladesh completed a six-wicket victory over here on Tuesday and achieved an historic sweep of their two-Test series.

Needing 143 more runs on the final day with 10 wickets in hand, Bangladesh knocked them off for the loss of four wickets when Shakib Al Hasan hit the winning boundary. Bangladesh recorded only its second bilateral series win of two or more Tests away from home; the last was against the West Indies in 2009.

The tourists won the opening Test by 10 wickets and required just four days in the second after the first day was washed out in Rawalpindi. The visitors' second innings finished on 185-4, and Shakib was 21 not out and Mushfiqur Rahim 22 not out. Bangladesh was 26-6 in the first innings but Litton Das and Mehidy Hasan Miraz led a gallant recovery.

Fast bowlers Hasan Mahmud, Nahid Rana and Taskin Ahmed dismissed Pakistan for 172 in the second innings to leave Bangladesh a victory target of 184 in four sessions.

The Bangladesh top order showed plenty of resilience to flatten Pakistan plans of a dramatic comeback, with meaningful contributions from opener Zakir Hasan (40), captain Najmul Hossain Shanto (38) and Mominul Haque (34).

They extended Pakistan's miserable home record in Tests to 10 matches without a win. Pakistan's last home win was in December 2021 against South Africa at Rawalpindi. Shan Masood has suffered a second consecutive clean sweep since he was elevated to the test skipper last year, having lost to Australia 3-0.

WTC Final to be played at Lord's from June 11-15 next year: ICC

PTI ■ DUBAI

The third World Test Championship (WTC) final will be played at the iconic Lord's between June 11 and 15 next year, announced the International Cricket Council on Tuesday.

The ICC has marked June 16 as the reserve day, if required.

"The ICC World Test Championship Final has quickly become one of the most anticipated events in the cricketing calendar and we are pleased to announce the dates for the 2025 edition," said ICC CEO Geoff Allardice in a statement. The Lord's is hosting the WTC final for the first time as Southampton (2021) and the Oval (2023) were the venues for the two

previous title matches. India featured in those two finals, but lost to New Zealand in the inaugural match and last year they were defeated by Australia. Currently, Rohit Sharma's India are sitting in pole position ahead of reigning champions Australia. India will face the Aussies in an away five-match series later this year in the race to the WTC Final.

However, New Zealand (third), England (fourth), Sri Lanka (fifth), South Africa (sixth) and Bangladesh (seventh) are still in contention for a place in the one-off decider next year. However, Pakistan suffered a huge setback as Bangladesh inflicted a 0-2 defeat on them in the just-concluded two-match home series.

IIM Ranchi Recruitment for Various Positions (Teaching-SRD and Non-teaching) at IIM Ranchi

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- मानसिक बीमारियों का इलाज
- आँख एवं दौंत से संबंधित बीमारियों की जाँच एवं इलाज
- सामान्य बीमारियों का इलाज, फिजीओथेरेपी
- मिर्गी एवं नशा मुक्ति के संबंध में चिकित्सकीय परामर्श एवं इलाज
- वैवाहिक जीवन में उत्पन्न तनाव, उलझनों एवं विविध समस्याओं के लिए परामर्श
- स्त्री रोग से संबंधित महिलाओं का इलाज
- स्त्री रोग विशेषज्ञ के द्वारा किया जाता है
- बाल एवं किशोर परामर्श

रिनपास में मानसिक बीमारियों के एवं नशामुक्ति निःशुल्क उपचार के लिए निम्नलिखित सुविधाएं उपलब्ध है

- तनाव प्रबंधन और मनोदेहिक क्लिनिक
- नशामुक्ति क्लिनिक (दवा और प्रौद्योगिकी)
- मनोसामाजिक मार्गदर्शन क्लिनिक
- वैवाहिक और परिवार परामर्श क्लिनिक
- वृद्धावस्था मानसिक स्वास्थ्य क्लिनिक
- कानूनी सलाहकार केंद्र
- महिला मानसिक स्वास्थ्य क्लिनिक
- बाल और किशोर मार्गदर्शन क्लिनिक
- आत्महत्या रोकथाम सहायता केंद्र

आत्महत्या रोकथाम हेल्पलाइन

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रिनपास में मानसिक रोग से ग्रसित व्यक्तियों को भर्ती कर उनके उपचार करने की सुविधा भी उपलब्ध है।

दिव्यांगजन अधिकार अधिनियम 2016 के तहत बौद्धिक दिव्यांगता (Intellectual Disability), विनिर्दिष्ट विद्या दिव्यांगताओं (Specific Learning Disability), स्वपरायणता स्पेक्ट्रम विकार (Autism), मानसिक रोग (Mental illness) के प्रमाण पत्र के मूल्यांकन की सुविधा रिनपास में उपलब्ध है।

आम जनता से आग्रह है कि रिनपास में उपलब्ध सुविधाओं का लाभ उठाएँ

- **One Stop Crisis Center** (सखी) प्रताड़ित महिलाओं की सेवा में 24 घंटे तत्पर । (महिला, बाल विकास एवं सामाजिक सुरक्षा विभाग द्वारा संचालित)
- विधिक, शारीरिक मनोवैज्ञानिक सहायता निःशुल्क उपलब्ध ।
- संस्थान में आधुनिक सुविधाओं के लिए पेइंग वार्ड की भी व्यवस्था है ।

अति अल्प दर पर रिनपास में जाँच की सुविधाएं

- आम पैथोलॉजी जाँच अत्याधुनिक कम्प्यूटरीकृत यंत्रों द्वारा अति अल्प समय में ।
- विभिन्न तरह के मनोवैज्ञानिक जाँच जैसे बुद्धि परीक्षण व्यवसायिक अभिरुचि परीक्षण, डायग्नोस्टिक परीक्षण इत्यादि ।
- बायोफीडबैक एवं एवर्शन मशीन द्वारा नींद न आना, हमेशा सिर दर्द रहना, मानसिक तनाव, यौन संबंधी बीमारी का इलाज ।

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